ND admits 3,484 from strongest pool ever

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

If statistics on accepted applicants for next year's freshman class are any indicator, the incoming class are any indicator, the incoming freshman class nine years ago, Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said April 4. "In the end, we think this is the academically strongest and ethnically most diverse class we've ever had," he said.

With 12,800 applicants, this year's pool — the largest ever — was up 13 percent from last year, Saracino said. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions sent acceptance letters to 3,484 students, and Saracino said the University hopes to enroll 1,985 students for the fall 2006 freshman class. Notification letters were mailed March 30.

The size of incoming classes must remain static due to the University's physical constraints, so the number of students admitted each year is based on previous years' yields — or the percentage of admitted students who choose to attend. This yield has ranged during the past four years from 36 to 58 percent, Saracino said. If we admit them, there's a good chance they'll come," he said. "That's not the norm across the country."

Saracino said private U.S. colleges have an average yield in the 20 percent range. This year's admitted students — who represent 32 foreign countries — are on average slightly more academically qualified than last year's admitted students. The admitted students' average class rank places them in the top 4.5 percent of their high school classes, and they boast an average SAT score of 1398 out of a possible 1600 and an average ACT score of 32 out of a possible 36.

Last year's admitted students also averaged a top 4.5 percent rank and 32 ACT score, but had a

Room picks present challenges at College, University

SMC students stress over selection process, choices

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

The looming stress of upcoming finals and projects is nothing compared to the anxiety of the room selection process for many Saint Mary's students. "This is the worst part of the year," junior Alison Golubski said. "I'm hot, sweaty, nervous and stressed."

Golubski's sense of stress is familiar amongst most Saint Mary's students who made their final housing decisions in last week's room selection process. Upon paying their $250 housing deposit fee, students in each class are assigned a random lottery number that determines their room selection order. "All students who have paid their housing deposit on time are entered into the computer by class year," Saint Mary's Residence Life said.

Saint Mary's students stand by a board in the LeMans Hall lobby April 6 discussing details of the possible rooms they could live in next year. see ROOMS/page 6

Students rebuild area homes

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students took part in the annual Rebuilding Together project Saturday in a west side South Bend neighborhood in hopes of making individual home improvements. The event, based at the Charles Black Recreation Center, takes place each April and helps low-income homeowners with necessary repairs such as new roofing, electrical wiring and yard work. This year's group spread out among the dozen residences in the area.

A student paints a house in the west side of South Bend Saturday as part of the Rebuilding Together project.
A moment of Zen

FedEx delivered my latest hobby at about 2:15 last Wednesday—an eight or nine-inch tall Chinese Elm tree.

A few weeks ago I got the idea from some movie or TV show—I can't really remember which—to pick up the art of bonsai. A $92 federal tax return later, and I'm surfing the Web. Bonsai, in its modern form, dates back to about two thousand years ago in China. Another two thousand years before that, the Egyptians were using a similar practice.

Now, here I am, a 21st-century American teenager from Louisville, Kentucky, trying my hand at an ancient art.

To craft a bonsai tree is to engage in an incredibly delicate and creative process that requires patience, vision and know-how. Most people probably think that bonsai trees are just "dwarf" trees because of their genetics. This is entirely false. Bonsai come from the same seeds as their "normal" relatives. For example, my little bonsai Cherry tree grew already as planned to grow into a full size, 6-foot tall tree. What keeps a bonsai from growing to its potential is a careful regimen of pruning, which must be maintained for the entire life of the tree. In order to obtain a specific shape, wire is used to bind the trunk and/or branches.

But bonsai is much more than trimming and bending. There is also an almost mystical aesthetic to it. There are three goals which bonsai growers attempt to bring out of the tree: shien, zen and hi, or truth, essence and beauty. No easy task, indeed.

An Japanese cliché says the tree, its shape and the surface of the soil and the selected container come together to express "heaven and earth in one container."

Whether or not I will accomplish that remains to be seen, as well as unlikely. Contrary to what Mrs. Simpson, my grade school art teacher, used to tell me, I've never been very artistic. But then again, maybe I've always sold myself short. I just keep telling myself I have some kind of hidden potential. Maybe you think that this Zen stuff is a bunch of mumbo jumbo. Instead of surfing Facebook in class, check out some pictures of bonsai. Some of them can really take your breath away. One of my favorites is the second one that came up in a Google image search for "bonsai." I recommend you check it out.

I would sell my soul to the devil to be able to create something of beauty. Here I am, seeking to become a master. Dream big, I always say. If nothing else, it will give me something to do this summer.

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IN BRIEF

Professor Wadad Kadi will speak about "The Primordial Covenant and Human History in the Qur'an" today at 4 p.m. in 213 DeBartolo Hall.

Amy Welborn will be giving a lecture entitled "De-Coding Da Vincie: The Fact Behind the Fiction of the Da Vinci Code" today at 7:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

The Swing Club will sponsor "Open Dance Night" tonight at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

James Lardner will give a lecture on "U.S. Economic Inequality and Why It Matters" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 127 of Hayes-Healy Hall.

Myla Leguro will speak about "Women Making Peace: A Philippines Initiative" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in room 102 of the Hesburgh Center.

Notre Dame Softball will take on Ball State at 5 p.m. Tuesday at LaFortune.

A campus-wide stations of the Cross procession will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grotto.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Manchester at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Acaoustic Cafe will take place at 10 p.m. Thursday in LaFortune basement.

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The Observer, staffers garner honors at ICPA conference

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards ceremony Saturday.

The Observer editorial board earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Ordinance a step backward," an editorial describing the amendment to the city's disorderly house ordinance passed by the South Bend Common Council in July 2005 as a step backward for relations between off-campus students and South Bend residents.

The Observer staff earned second place in the Best Single Issue category for its Nov. 18, 2005 issue, which featured several Irish insiders as well as a front-page series on disciplinary procedures at Notre Dame.

The staff also earned third place for Best Stand Alone/Pullout Section for a section on University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy. Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Editor-in-chief Mike Gilloon won first place in the Best Sports Column category for "Strong and Breaking News Reporting category for their coverage of Dave Doeren's resignation from the Board of Trustees.

News writers Eileen Duffy and Nicole Zook won third place in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for their coverage of tuition increases at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Second place honors went to former managing editor Heather Van Hoegarden in the Best Sports Column category for "Navy rivalry more than football," about the relationship between the Naval Academy and Notre Dame.

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Darrell Paulsen, who was responsible for recruiting and coordinating student volunteers, said the project strengthens ties with the local community and gives students the opportunity to give back to the South Bend area.

"I just think it is important that we recognize the fact that the people whose homes are worked on are so appreciative," Paulsen said.

Rebuilding Together is a broad community effort, Paulsen said, which includes city officials, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Each year the police department identifies a specific neighborhood that could benefit from the project. Residents within that area then submit an application to have their home worked on, Paulsen said.

He said skilled laborers such as roofers and electricians worked on the homes April 1. The following Saturday, students were responsible for completing non-skilled labor like scraping, cleaning and painting.

Roughly 430 student volunteers — slightly fewer than the 500 hoped for — worked on more than 20 homes between Linden Street and Sample Street, Paulsen said.

This year, information and registration for Rebuilding Together took place via the Internet for the first time, Paulsen said, making it easier for students to get involved.

"It worked out very well," he said. "Next year it will be even smoother."

Financial sponsorship for the project comes from donations, grants and fundraising, Paulsen said.

"Students' energy and commitment to the event is all that is asked of them," Paulsen said.

Carrie Call, the director for the Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement, averaged for Saint Mary's to sponsor its own house for the first time this year. The project brought a personal connection for the College community, she said, because the owner of the Saint Mary's-sponsored house is the mother of a Building Services worker on campus.

When the woman saw the transformation of her home, Call said, she was deeply appreciative.

"She just sat there smiling the whole time. She said how grateful she was, how thankful," Call said.

Faculty and staff members joined student volunteers as well as mothers in town for Saint Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend, Call said. They weeded yards, planted flowerbeds, cleaned ovens, emptied basements and painted rooms throughout the day. City trucks drove around the various sites to pick up debris, Call said.

"It's an incredibly complex network that works really well," Call said.

Coordinators tried to place 20 volunteers at each house, Call said. While initially the amount people may have made things crowded, Call said she was amazed by how fast the work went.

It is important for volunteers to feel as though they are contributing, Call said, and Rebuilding Together does that.

"I thought it was fantastic. It's a powerful project. You see results right away," Call said.


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THE NINTH ANNUAL GOD'S IMAGE

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slightly lower SAT score of 1392. While the academic profile of accepted students has increased just slightly, the entire applicant pool has grown dramatically more competitive in recent years.

The academic profile of all applicants for the University's freshman class in fall 2006 — average high school class rank of top 11 percent, SAT score of 1390 and ACT score of 29 — makes them academically identical as those admitted to the fall 1997 freshman class, Saracino said.

These statistics indicate that virtually all applicants could succeed academically at Notre Dame, Saracino said.

He stressed the emotions involved in applying to Notre Dame — a school he said draws a "very self-selective group" of applicants who "probably already see themselves at Notre Dame.

"By our saying "no" to those students, that doesn't mean they won't go on to do great things," he said. "It's our loss we can't admit all of them."

Saracino emphasized that students can apply to transfer to the University after their freshman year at another school. His own son was not admitted initially to Notre Dame but transferred to the University a year elsewhere.

The acceptance statistics for the fall 2006 freshman class will not be known until accepted students notify the admissions office of their decision, the office projects the 2006 enrolled class will average a top 5.6 percent class rank with 1380 SAT and 31 ACT scores. The office also projects the incoming class will be 52 percent male and 48 percent female.

Catholic students will likely make up 94 percent of the class, and alumni children will comprise 23 percent of the class, Saracino said. The admissions office does give alumni children "special attention," Saracino said, a privilege explained by the strong allegiance of alumni to the University.

About 10 percent of applicants are children of alumni, and enough of those applicants are accepted that they comprise 17 percent of the accepted student pool. A higher confirmation rate by legacy applicants explains their 23 percent proportion in the projected class, he said.

Despite the admissions office's recognition of alumni loyalty, Saracino said he is committed to keeping Notre Dame "inclusive, not exclusive" and preventing it from becoming a "club.

"I'll always be sympathetic to those students who want to go to Notre Dame but don't have a hook to get them in," he said, noting that many accepted students have no connections to alumni, faculty, athletic teams or benefactors.

The class is also projected to be the most diverse in the University's history, with 23 percent ethnic minorities and four percent international students, Saracino said.

Though high class ranks and test scores are an undeniable factor in admissions decisions, they never guarantee admission, Saracino said. It is the admissions committees chose to only accept 438 of the 849 applicants who were ranked number one in their high school class.

In addition to turning down almost half the valedictorians, admissions also rejected a candidate who had a 1600 SAT score, Saracino said.

All University officers are notified when the admissions office sends decision letters, Saracino said, because alumni, benefactors, parents of current students and current students frequently contact officers on behalf of high school seniors whose applications were denied.

Saracino said about 600 e-mails, faxes and voicemails were received last year, with even more expected this year as 1,400 more rejections were sent out.

Though the admissions office does not compile statistics on accepted students' extracurricular involvement until they agree to attend, Saracino said next year's freshman class — like the rest of the Notre Dame student body — will have resumes built on more than grade point average and test scores.

"These students are just as talented out of class," he said. "I wonder when they sleep.

Saracino said he is currently holding online information sessions for admitted students and is working with alumni clubs across the world in an attempt to ensure alumni contact with every admitted student.

"We're not selling Notre Dame — we're telling the story of Notre Dame," Saracino said. "I don't want to lose a single student because of unanswer questions.

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The RA position is not a popularity contest, but rather a position to ensure the safety of the students.

Margaret Clark resident assistant
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez clashes with diplomat

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said the U.S. ambassador was "provoking the Venezuelan people" and threatened Sunday to expel the American diplomat.

Chavez accused Washington of seeking to escalate tensions and "looking for another incident." The U.S. embassy in Caracas had no immediate response to the president's comments.

The State Department said the incident Friday "clearly was conditioned by the local government and the people who were predisposed to generate provocation." It said Chavez's complaints were "provoking the Venezuelan people in such a way as to provoke a reaction from the people." Chavez said "provoking the Venezuelan people" had "provoked the Venezuelan people." The United States, however, has denied the incident.

President Hugo Chavez said the U.S. ambassador was "provoking the Venezuelan people" and threatened Sunday to expel the ambassador's car.

Chavez said the United States is plotting against him, an accusation American officials deny. The United States, however, has said Chavez is stalling democracy.

Holy Week sparks old memories

CHICAGO — An estimated 20,000 pilgrims in Jerusalem celebrated.

In Jerusalem on Sunday, some 20,000 pilgrims from around the world joyously waved palm fronds and olive branches Sunday in the traditional Palm Sunday procession.

Palm Sunday is a day of celebration for many Roman Catholics, who remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago.

MID-GRADE GAS PRICES:

Gas prices increase 17 cents

CARMEL, Calif. — Retail gas prices across the United States jumped by nearly 17 cents in the past two weeks.

The weighted average for all three grades increased by $2.69 a gallon by Friday, said Truby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations.

Self-serve regular averaged $2.67 a gallon. Mid-grade cost $2.76 a gallon while premium cost $2.91.

Among the stations surveyed, the lowest average price in the country for regular unleaded was in Salt Lake City at $2.28 a gallon. The most expensive was in Honolulu, where drivers paid $2.88 a gallon.

House White intruder jumps fence

WASHINGTON — A screaming intruder made it onto the front lawn of the White House Sunday while President Bush was at home before being apprehended by Secret Service officers.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren described the man as "someone who has come to our attention in the past as a fence jumper."

The bearded man jumped the fence outside the White House and ran across the north lawn while yelling, "I am a victim of terrorism!"

The man eventually knelt on the ground and was taken into custody around 4 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Voters blame technology for error

INDIANAPOLIS — Three central Indiana counties are blaming a Nebraska company that made the voting machines used for the Nov. 4 mid-term elections.

Several people were spotted Friday in 10 Tennessee counties and three in Warren County, where nine people were shot.

It was the second deadly storm system to hit the state in less than a week. Last weekend, thunderstorms spinning out of a derecho killed 21 people in western Tennessee and four others in Missouri and Illinois.

"After the tornadoes in west Tennessee, I said, 'Lord help us if it comes through a more densely populated area,'" Gov. Phil Bredesen said. "And then it did a week later."" The governor announced a statewide emergency and ordered the National Guard to prepare.

The week has been marked by more than 60 tornadoes, about 50 of them in Tennessee.

One tornado chewed up a path about 150 to 200 yards wide and at least 20 miles long, said Jimmy Templeton of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department.

"I'm amazed we didn't have more fatalities," said Sonny Bregence, rescue chief for the Sumner County emergency management agency.

Seven people were killed in Sumner County and three in Warren County, about 60 miles southeast of Nashville.

Two more people died in a Gallatin hospital. Both were hospital employees and had been injured in the storms.

As many as 1,600 homes were damaged or destroyed in Warren and Sumner counties. Several multimillion-dollar homes were pulverized.
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Carroll's room pick ceremony allows residents to receive their lot­tery number through the use of a computer program that assigns numbers electronically. Carroll residents gather in the lounge around a big screen TV to watch what Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis described as "a kind of vertical 'Wheel of Fortune,' replete with sound effects.

While positive sounds — like an Alleluia Chorus — accompany good numbers, Lewis decided those who are down on their luck could do without the sound effects.

"The music was funny, but the one who got a bad number usually doesn't need people laughing at his misfortune,' he said.

Students "floating" between dorms in hopes of living in a single are handled according to individual dorm rules and room availability. Alumni rector Father George Cronin said floaters are placed in the hall's lottery, giving them virtually the same chance as any other resident.

But Badin rector Anne Nagoli said she automatically places floaters at the bottom of her list—hurting revacuation circumstances — while Dillon rector Paul Doyle fills all singles internally and leaves no room for floaters.

Unlike most dorms at Notre Dame, Doyle said Dillon residents have the option to "freeze" their rooms, allowing students to remain in the same dorm room for two consecutive years. Pasquerilla East sophomore Katie Napleton said she lives in a dorm where room dimensions do not vary, she thinks the University's overall room selection process is "pretty fair."

"In my dorm people basically do room picks on their own — not on section preference rather than differences between rooms,' she said.

Kost junior Brooke Wunder said although the process is never error­free, 'there is no perfect way to go about it... but section selection process organized do the best they can.'

"They don't need people laughing at his misfortune,' she said. "but somehow girls always end up fighting and yelling.

This scenario, however, was not the case for freshmen roommates tragedia Kohley and Samantha Gannon, who will room together in McGlinn again next year after developing a close friendship.

"It's pretty keen that we not only got along, but we're actually good friends,' Kohley said. "We have a lot of hobbies and I honestly couldn't imagine rooming with another person next year.'

Even though Kohley's roommate's good lottery number allowed them to have a decent choice of a double, she said she believes the procedure is not perfectly fair.

"I know some girls in forced triples this year who think they should've gotten first pick for next year, which I sort of agree with since they had less space this year,' she said.

Dillon freshman Jason Nowak was not as fortunate, receiving the fourth room pick out of 99 freshmen. He said he believes a completely random lottery is unfair.

"I have last pick and I've done nothing wrong, whereas people who have gotten sanctions from the Office of Residence Life and Housing and are not permitted to live in each of the College's four residence halls.

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Russell said she determined quotas by dividing the number of rooms available in each section for the Academic Year by the percentage of rising juniors and sophomores who will be permitted to live there.

"First year student Meg Freechete said Holy Cross Hall was the most desirable dorm to live in for the 2006-07 school year.

"All our friends are living there and its filling up really fast,' Freechete said.

Sophomore Sobhan Leykezy said she ended up with her sixth room choice overall, deeming it not "ideal, but still good.'

"There was no tear shed this year, so that's a good sign,' Leykezy said. "It's always painful when it gets down to those last five remaining room choices.'

Russell said she sympathizes with the room selection troubles.

"I think the inability to control what is happening is what causes students' frustra­tion,' she said.

"The staff did a good job of making everything run smoothly,' she said. "I thought it went very well and it was pretty quick.'

For students who are unhappy with their future living arrange­ments, a wait list will be available in September, Russell said. She said housing prob­lems would be resolved within the first three weeks of classes.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Burger King CEO Brenneman resigns**

MIAMI — Burger King’s chairman and chief executive resigned Friday after starting a turnaround at the No. 2 hamburger restaurant chain, but his departure raised questions about the company’s impending initial public offering and its continued revolving door for leaders.

Greg Brenneman, 44, is a veteran of fixing troubled companies, such as Continental Airlines Inc. in the 1990s. He joined Burger King in August 2004 amid nearly two years of declining sales. Shareholders say it’s now had eight consecutive quarters of sales growth at stores open at least a year, and profits are small but growing.

**Navistar faces accounting problems**

CHICAGO — Truck and bus maker Navistar International Corp., which has been sorting through accounting problems for months, said Friday it has dismissed its auditors and will restate financial results dating back to 2002.

The restatements will cover fiscal years 2002-04 and the first nine months of fiscal 2005, Navistar said.

As part of accounting overhaul, the parent of International Truck and Engine Corp. said its board of directors has fired Deloitte & Touche as its auditor and hired KPMG.

**Ford CEO accepts 40 percent payout**

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. Chairman and CEO Bill Ford received total compensation of $13.3 million in 2005, or 40 percent less than the previous year after the automaker’s North American division lost more than $1 billion, according to a proxy statement filed Friday with federal regulators.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker also said shareholders will vote on 10 proposals at Ford’s annual meeting on May 11 in Wilmington, Del., including one that would remove sexual orientation from Ford’s nondiscrimination policy and another that would tie executive compensation to progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.

Ford opposes both changes.

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**New drug plans prove successful**

WASHINGTON — It wasn’t easy to sign up, but now that she’s enrolled in the new Medicare drug benefit, Ruth Dike says it’s made a big difference in her finances.

The cost of her medicine ranges from about $10 to $15 a month, she says, versus at least $100 a month before the program.

“It’s just a relief that I can buy the medication I need without having to worry how I’m going to pay for them,” says Dike, 74, of Casper, Wyo.

Congressional supporters of the program worry that the problems that marked its beginnings have now dawned out success stories such as Dike’s.

Dike said the enrollment process was horrendous. Her friends had the same problem.

“None of them could do it themselves,” she said.

She enrolled with the help of the local senior center and now spends between $2 and $5 for each prescription. She takes medicine for high blood pressure, arthritis, an ulcer and her thyroid, and she uses a potassium supplement. By year’s end, she estimates she will have saved about $1,000.

Her story fits the profile that Republican lawmakers and some advocacy groups have stressed in recent weeks.

The parties plan to file their agreement with the bankruptcy court.

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**Court rules on Delphi retirees**

Decision marks beginning of efforts to decrease staff numbers as company falters.

New York auto parts maker Delphi Corp. can offer as many as 13,000 hourly employees lump sum payments of $35,000 to retire, a bankruptcy judge ruled Friday, marking a key milestone in its effort to scale back staff amid falling production.

Troy, Mich.-based Delphi, one of the largest suppliers of auto parts, filed for bankruptcy protection in October and is trying to shed what it says are increasingly unsustainable labor agreements that have left it overstaffed and saddled with costly benefit programs.

Judge Robert Drain, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, said Delphi’s plan to offer eligible employees a $35,000 lump sum payment in exchange for their retirement.

The payments will be funded by former parent General Motors Corp., which agreed to the plan under a broader labor deal.

Delphi, GM and their largest union, the United Auto Workers, announced that deal in March. Under the agreement, some 115,000 GM workers could be eligible for early retirement incentive buyouts of between $35,000 and $140,000, depending on seniority and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits.

At Delphi, GM’s former parts division and now supplier, 13,000 UAW-represented workers could be eligible for the retirement payments of $35,000. In addition, 5,000 salaried workers will be eligible to retire.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana, most of whom work at the company’s Electronics & Safety Division headquarters in Kokomo. It also has about 700 workers at an Anderson plant that’s due to close.

The agreement, which both GM and Delphi say is key to turning around their businesses, hinges on Delphi getting permission from the bankruptcy court.

Delphi has said its operating costs will drop significantly if enough workers opt in to the plan, though it won’t know the full amount of savings or costs of the plan until employees sign up.

Delphi says it now pays workers upward of $75 an hour in wages, benefits and “legacy” costs such as retiree health care and pensions.

The company has blamed its financial struggles in part on union contracts that it inherited in its spinoff from GM back in 1999.

Last week, Delphi filed a request with the bankruptcy court seeking permission to void its labor contracts and retiree benefits.

The UAW, which represents 70 percent of Delphi’s hourly workers, has threatened to strike if the court agrees. A hearing on this issue is set for May 9.

In a separate matter earlier Friday, Drain indicated he would approve a recently reached agreement between GM and unsecured creditors of Delphi that are looking to challenge GM if the auto maker attempts to seize big payouts from a restructured Delphi.

Delphi’s unsecured creditors’ committee, which includes representatives from companies including Electronic Data Systems Corp. and General Electric Co., wants GM to provide it with various documents so that creditors can examine any claims GM has made or makes on Delphi’s assets.

On Friday, attorneys in the case said GM and the unsecured creditors have reached an agreement in which GM will cooperate with the bankruptcy court, long as the parties agree to the scope and other terms of the creditors’ inquiry.

The parties plan to file their agreement with the bankruptcy court.

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**Associated Press**

**Kenneth Craig, left, and Theresa Barber carry signs outside of the meeting where Delphi CEO Robert S. Miller gave a speech in Detroit April 3.**
Eggland’s Best beats regular eggs

CEDAR KNOLLS, N.J. — When Eggland’s Best Inc. launched its low-fat, low-cholesterol eggs in 1992, U.S. egg consumption was at its lowest point in decades as doctors and others spurned cholesterol-rich foods.

But now, the company has a big advantage over generic eggs, and a clear marketing strategy, executed with TV ads depicting mothers and grandmothers happily feeding their families Eggland’s Best eggs.

The ads and the eggs’ health benefits have helped to boost revenues at the tiny Cedar Knolls company by double digits for nine straight years. Retail revenues from Eggland’s eggs — which sell at a premium of up to $1 per dozen over regular eggs — totaled about $200 million last year with about $27 million going to the corporation and the rest to grocery stores and to Eggland’s Best farmers, who hold franchises.

Compared with regular eggs, Eggland’s have 25 percent less saturated fat, 15 percent less cholesterol and several times more vitamin E and omega-3 essential fatty acids, which are believed to reduce risk of heart disease and other disorders. Eggland’s eggs also contain more of the essential mineral iodine and lutien, an antioxidant thought to boost immune system and help prevent cancer and the eye disorder macular degeneration.

"The good things we’re better on and the bad things we’re lower on," said Eggland’s president and chief executive officer, Charlie Lanktree, whose enthusiasm for his wares rivals that of chicken magnate Frank Perdue.

"The perfect food just became even better," he said.

That’s accomplished by feeding hens a carefully controlled vegetarian diet, patented under the unwieldy title, "Egg Compatible With Cholesterol Reducing Diet and Method for Producing the Same."

"This is a really special product and it has science to back it up," added Lanktree, whose company regularly tests Eggland’s eggs collected at franchise farms and from store shelves to make sure they have the nutrient levels claimed on the package.

Plenty of consumers are willing to pay a premium for “speciality eggs” such as Eggland’s, which include nutritionally enhanced, organic and cage-free and free-range varieties.

"The specialty egg segment has grown dramatically in the last eight or nine years," said Alan Andree, director of marketing at Pactiv Corp., the world’s top supplier of egg cartons.

The number of specialty eggs sold jumped from 40 million dozen in 1999 to more than 90 million dozen last year. Roughly 5 percent of the volume of fresh eggs sold and 11 percent of the approximately $3 billion in revenues went for specialty products in 2005, according to data from Pactiv and market researcher AC Nielsen.

While many specialty brands are sold locally, there are a few other regional or national brands toutig lower cholesterol, higher omega-3 levels or other health benefits, said Maria Lax of the Iowa State University extension service. Brands include Organic Valley, Chino Valley Ranchers, Christopher Eggs, Land O Lakes and Egg Beaters, which are nutrition enhanced egg whites.

A bundled-up Alaskan, right, buys pizzas from an Airport Pizza deliverywoman who arrived in a very unusual vehicle earlier this  

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Playboy creator Hugh Hefner turns 80, reflects on life

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LOS ANGELES — Playboy creator Hugh M. Hefner is in the middle of an interview about his 80th birthday when a TV cameraman asks him to move a statue of former girlfriend Barbi Benton from the shelf behind him.

"As much as things change, they stay the same," Hefner remarks, disappointment in his voice. "There is still controversy about, maybe even more than before, not just nudity — a nude statue."

That is Hefner's point — that Playboy with its mission of sexual liberation is as relevant as ever in these days of federal government crackdowns on television content.

"As much as things change, they are as important as ever," Hefner said. "I think that the viewers that are watching the Playboy video channel are the same viewers that I had when I was in my 20s.

He said that the market works in a lot of Asia. He said a planned nationwide broadcast of the concert by Chinese Central Television would not draw new fans.

Despite the relative lack of Chinese faces in the crowd, local audience reaction seemed largely positive, if a little preoccupied with the ages of the band members.

"So old, and yet he can really perform," said one young, referring to Jagger, 62.

Beijing resident Xue Liang said the Stones enjoyed cult status in China.

"They were among the first acts whose music was smuggled in. To see them here in China now is just amazing," Xue said.

Talking to reporters before the show, Cui hailed the concert as a "milestone" for him and all Chinese rock fans.

"It is a big moment. I will never forget this," said Cui, who said he believed rock needed another five years to truly find its audience in China.

The Stones play China — finally

Band unafraid by censorship from government, rocks crowd of thousands

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Mick Jagger strutted, Keith Richards hammered out chords and thousands sang along to classics such as "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." But the song list was censored, high ticket prices kept locals away and the guest star who was a rocker who was temporarily banned after one of his songs became an anthem for pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Western rock and roll productions were made for a crowds of a hit reality show called "The Girls Next Door." The Stones played Shanghai — finally to tie the show to its location, according to the Stones. The Stones enjoyed cult status in China.

The Stones played China — just the way the Stones played in London.

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STUDY ITALIAN THIS SUMMER
It's hard out here for a man

There's a war on men in this country.

Or at least that's what Stephen Colbert announced during a recent interview and academic Harvard professor Harvey Mansfield on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." Mansfield, of course, was on the show promoting his new book, "Mansfield," which delves into a topic that he claims society is ignoring in the wake of the guy and female equalities movements.

Unfortunately for the appropriately named Mansfield, though, he forgot a vital fact while writing his new book: not all men are "men." And that's where Colbert was kind enough to point out on the show: "Real men don't read books."

Still, what exactly does it take to be a real-man in America? According to Mansfield in his 300-page passion to prostates, real men are "often intolerant," "irrational," "prefer times of war, conflict and risk," and most importantly, "they disdain women's work." In fact, during his interview with Colbert, Mansfield pointed out that in an ideal world, men would earn two thirds of the family income while doing no more than one third of the family housework. After all, as he writes in his book, "Women still rather like housework, changing diapers, Jet, J."

Sure they do, Harv. When I think femininity, I think Pamper's and baby poo, too.

But what else makes a man a man? A little over a year ago, one female observer writer pointed out that she was sick and tired of "mesowsexual" guys who spend half the day in front of the mirror and the other half attempting to use the take, the reflecting pool, and toilet bowl water to make sure that their hair is styled correctly. More important than that, she said, real men drink beer. Not girtly mixed drinks with feminine names like "Sex on the Beach" and "F flirtini," but many lagers, ales, stouts, and draughts that fill out your gut, put hair on your chest, and force you to let out many burps that could literally knock down the walls of Club 21.

It probably couldn't hurt to have the occasional bottle-smashing bar fight either, because chicks dig guys with broken shards of Guinness wedged in their cheeks.

Of course, manliness isn't all sunshine and rainbows. So Mansfield and others would make it seem. There is a tragic dark side that comes with along the weight of bagging around a Y chromosome all day. In a recent "Washington Post" column, psychologist Leonard Sax, author of the provocative book, "Boys Adrift: What's Really Behind the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys," explores the recent trend of young males who graduate from college, then spend several years at home with their parents while working menial jobs and playing video games all day. To the Census Bureau, Sax points out, only one third of men aged 22 to 34 are still living at home with their parents — a 100 percent increase in the past 20 years. He adds, "No such change has occurred with regard to young women. Interestingly enough, there are even movies about this bizarre con- connection between manliness and laziness, like the recent Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker comedy, "Failure to Launch" (which, I am happy to say, I was too busy being busy to see).

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As a Saint Mary's alumna who had to make the choice between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, I was somewhat disheartened by the comic that appeared in today's Observer (April 6). It seems that each time a step is taken forward in strengthening the relationship between two outstanding institutions, two steps backwards are taken when a few students attempt to promote their bigotry for humor could submit such a cartoon for publication with no fear of reprimand or community disfay.

In calling Saint Mary's a "parasite" to Notre Dame, it is important to view how that relationship works both ways. While it is true that Saint Mary's students are able to attend football games, classes, and even the dining hall at Notre Dame, it must be kept in mind that Notre Dame students are given equal opportunities. On many occasions I saw Notre Dame students in our dining hall during my four years at Saint Mary's. Even more importantly, as an education major, I had several Notre Dame students in my classes, as this major does not even exist at Notre Dame. Without Saint Mary's, these students would not have had many of the opportunities that they did.

In addition, the use of the term "parasite" implies a negative relationship in which one body is harming another. In posing the comic strip in the fashion the authors chose to do, they are saying that Saint Mary's is in some way threatening to the Notre Dame community. If the ability to take advantage of multi-ple venues is beneficial to the Notre Dame College as "parasites," it gives me to see that such negative attitudes are not merely existent on campus but that they are tolerated to such an extent that the young men who mistook their bigotry for humor could submit such a cartoon for publication with no fear of reprimand or community disfay. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are frequently called "sister schools," and like all sisterly relationships, there are sometimes bumps in the road and friction in the interaction. Like sisters, too, they share some common characteristics and a common heritage, but they are not the same school and should be valued and respected for the diverse gifts that each brings to the community of faith and learning that the Congregation of the Holy Cross planted in South Bend over a hundred and sixty years ago. While Saint Mary's undeniably benefits from its relationship with Notre Dame, the benefits are hardly one-sided - Notre Dame students who wish to become certified in education take the requisite coursework at Saint Mary's, for one example, and the Keenan Revue has been hosted at Moreau Auditorium for years because its audience capacity is greater than any of the performing arts venues at Notre Dame. Alex White and Erik Powers owe a heartfelt apology to the Saint Mary's community for their narrow and uncharitable remarks and to the Notre Dame community for their poor representation of the same.

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Salome (Olga Natividad) dances as part of an agreement with her stepfather, Herod. In return for her dance, she asks for the head of the prophet Iokanaan.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Take a Biblical story adapted for the stage by an Irish writer in a production inspired by Japanese and Filipino performance traditions — and a picture of the production of "Salome" emerges. The wide-ranging influences obvious in the production of Oscar Wilde’s "Salome" made the show a truly unusual theatre experience that was intriguing on a number of levels.

The production, presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, showcased an all-student cast with the exception of Salome, who was played by visiting performer Olga Natividad. Professor Anton Juan, an internationally acclaimed director who has put on productions around the world, directed the show.

It also had an unusually long run — 11 performances ranging from between March 28 and April 9 — for a theatre production.

The influences of Kabuki and Kyogen, both Japanese theatre forms, and Pangalay, a type of Filipino dance based on half-women, half-bird figures, made the production an exceptionally unique experience. The elaborate costumes, the staging and the movements of the characters on stage added a different perspective to a traditional, Christian Bible story.

The Biblical story behind "Salome" tells the story of how John the Baptist was beheaded. The story — found in Mark 6:17-28 — involves Herod’s, ruler of Galilee in Philistiné, marriage to his brother’s former wife Herodias, who is Salome’s mother. Herod asks Salome to dance for him, promising her anything she desires, and she asks for the head of John the Baptist.

In Wilde’s version, which changes the Biblical version slightly, the idea of lust and unattainable desire figures as the central theme. Salome desires the head of John the Baptist — called Iokanaan in the play — because he rejects her amorous advances. Herod offers Salome "up to one half" of his kingdom in exchange for her seductive dance, and he is forced to give her Iokanaan’s head instead. The Syrian, another character in the play, kills himself because of his unrequited desire for Salome as well.

The costumes — which were designed by Richard Donnelly and showed heavy influence from Kabuki theatre — were breathing and made the production visually stunning. The impressive hats and capes of the music playing Nobles (Meghan Hartmann, Megan O'Donoghue and Kathleen Hession) and the boxy bamboo armor of the soldiers (JudeAnne Jasso-Murad and Madison Liddy) were particularly unusual.

The more familiar Samurai armor seen in Herod (Luke Cieslewicz), the Young Syrian (Jonathan Tsipes) and Tegidillus (Lynn Richley) showcased the ability of the costume designers to add diversity to traditional designs.

The Young Syrian’s armor was made of iron material, while Herod’s vivid red and black costume looked slicker and had more detailed patterns. Tegidillus’ costume was one of the most impressive, with a suit of armor made from what appeared to be interlocking black stones and a helmet with antlers on it.

The most beautiful costumes may have been the robes that Salome and her mother Herodias (Krysta Dennis) wore. They intrigue vivid colors and intricate designs of their Japanese robes were particularly stunning. While Salome’s gold-embroidered, white robe was beautiful, it was the intricately detailed red robe worn by Herodias that garnered the most notice. The colors of the costumes also served to highlight the constant references to red and white that occurred throughout the action of "Salome."

The Kabuki make-up was minimal enough to emphasize the impressive costumes, but still added a degree of theatre to the production as a whole. The absence of make-up also served to differentiate certain characters, notably Iokanaan, from other actors on stage.

The music accentuated the half-sung, half-spoken dialogue, which added an interesting twist to what one would expect from traditional theatre. Noises, such as the banging of a stick or the ring of a bell, also served to emphasize certain words or moments during the play.

Without the center of the action, the music’s constant presence in the play, coupled with the not-quite-sung words, gave the performance a unique quality, both inside a musical and a stage play.

Despite the nearly all-student cast of "Salome," the play could have passed as a professional production. Guest artist Natividad made a fantastic Salome, but the entire cast was fantastic. Particularly notable performances included David Tull’s impassioned Iokanaan and Luck Cieslewicz’s gleefully nasty, and later tragic, Herod.

The highlight of "Salome" is the dance Salome gives for Herod, and this production did a masterful job of showcasing its potential. Natividad’s dancing was engaging, and the layered dress that came off in pieces during her performance was an achievement in costume design. The number also showed off the music and set design of the production.

The show’s final moments, which showcased the danger and destructive power of lust, showed Salome’s horrible lust for Iokanaan by having her kiss his decapitated head. The final moments of the play, while somewhat disturbing, were highly engaging and powerfully emphasized the major themes of the play.

Many plays combine different influences and try to place old stories in new perspectives, and "Salome" masterfully balanced the diverse influences it encompassed without distracting from the story itself.

From the costumes to the staging, the music to the performers, "Salome" not only blended different culture elements but also balanced all of the elements of theatre without letting any one overwhelm the others. This combination made "Salome" an exciting and entertaining theatre experience.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Indiana, here we come

Phantom Planet, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Delaney perform for SMC Tostal

By KATIE KOHLER and MOLLY LAMING
Scene Writer

Phantom Planet may be familiar to most people as the band that sings "California," the omnipresent theme song to Fox's television hit "The O.C." The band's concert at Saint Mary's on Thursday night, though, proved that there is more to the group than just one song.

Phantom Planet, along with openers Delaney and Slap Bracelet Suicide, was able to let loose during its concert in O'Laughlin Auditorium for the annual SMC Tostal.

The setting of the small venue and intimate crowd allowed Phantom Planet to put on an effortless concert and promote its new music, as well as play some old favorites. The audience was so relaxed, in fact, that lead singer and guitarist Alex Greenwald talked to the audience between songs and even added a few sing-alongs.

Even though the auditorium was far from full, the audience was very receptive to the Los Angeles natives. It is safe to say that most of the audience came for the "O.C." factor, but many left pleasantly surprised at the stage presence of the band and its unique indie rock sound.

"The song 'California' was great, but they have a lot of other good songs, too," Notre Dame freshman Matt Townsend said. "I thought it was the best concert I've seen on campus this year."

The Thursday night concert was the headlining event of SMC Tostal, an annual spring event for Saint Mary's students. The first band of the evening was Slap Bracelet Suicide, who won Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands. Slap Bracelet Suicide, comprised of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, played a hard rock set.

The second of the two opening bands, Delaney, was also made up of Notre Dame students. The band had a sound that fit more closely with the California rock vibe of Phantom Planet's music, but it was the headliners themselves that finally brought fans to their feet.

As soon as Phantom Planet took the stage, the energy in the room quickly increased and never came back down. The band was constantly impressive throughout its hour-and-a-half long set.

Greenwald showed his immense talent with exciting guitar solos and nearly flawless vocals all night. Greenwald's skill particularly shined when his bandmates left the stage and he entertained audience requests solo, stringing together a total of seven of the band's songs, accompanied only by his acoustic guitar. He also played piano on a few songs, including the popular ballad "Turn Smile Shift Repeat." Audience participation made the concert a lot of fun for those in attendance. Greenwald asked students to sing along on songs such as "California" and "Lonely Day." Another fun and interesting part of the band's set was the final song. The group broke out into a hard rock version of the theme from "Phantom of the Opera."

"It's so great that Saint Mary's sponsored such a big event."

Anna Brennan senior Saint Mary's

Students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, as well as members of the South Bend community came to see the band perform.

"It's so great that Saint Mary's sponsored such a big event," Saint Mary's senior Anna Brennan said. "I wish more people would have come, though."

Phantom Planet has been around since the mid-'90s and has released a total of seven albums for record labels Epic and Geffen. The band has opened for such famous and diverse acts as Sting, Elvis Costello, Incubus, Maroon 5 and Ludacris.

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**MEN'S GOLF**

Freshman leads Irish at Purdue

Sandman shoots 69 in third round at invite

**By JOE QUINN**

Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski hoped that inserting freshman Josh Sandman into the lineup would add a spark to the team this week, Sandman, who shot a four-under 224 (77-74-69), achieved the best finish by an Irish freshman since current senior tri-captain Scott Gustafson finished second at the 2001 Big East Championships.

His final round 69 also exceeded a freshman record set by current sophomore Greg Rogers last spring at the Windsor Memorial Classic.

Kubinski was extremely pleased with the play of his freshman. "I can’t imagine anyone played better than Josh this weekend," Kubinski said. "He just missed a few putts that he could have made, and if he hadn’t, I’d be talking about him shooting a 67." Sandman, however, was not the only Irish player to finish within the top two. He was joined by fellow tri-captain Cole Ishan, who earned a final round 74 to finish eight strokes off the lead.

"Cole and Josh were the two best ball strikers out there this weekend," Kubinski said.

While Isaiah lacked the single round score of Sandman, his consistent play allowed him to finish near the top of the leaderboard. Similar to Sindam, however, Isaiah – who was without a birdie Sunday until the 16th hole – struggled on the greens.

"He was around the hole all day, just never in," Kubinski said. "He was like Jigger Woolley in The Masters Sunday." The shot making was there, but he just needed to make a few of those putts.

As a team, this was Notre Dame’s best finish since placing fifth one year at the Big East Championships last spring.

In addition to placing third, No. 16 Minnesota and No. 23 Northwestern, all of top-25 teams defeated this year. Following the two this weekend, Notre Dame has now beaten six Golfweek top-25 teams this year - three in the last two weeks alone.

More important for the Irish was finishing ahead of new Big East rival Louisville. The Cardinals finished in fourth place - five strokes behind the Irish.

"Beating Louisville was the best part of the weekend," Kubinski said. "They are going to be our top competition the Big East Championship, so it was nice to finish better than them."

Notre Dame will have the Easter break before they begin the defense of the Big East Championship April 23-25.

The two-time defending champions will become the first five league titles they’ve won since joining the conference in 1995.

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**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

Flight cancellation forces withdrawal on Irish post season hopes still unknown

**By FRAN TOLAN**

Notre Dame was forced to withdraw from the James Madison University Invitational this weekend, the Irish’s last chance of making the NCAA tournament.

In order to compensate for the missed event, King said she might explore the possibility of organizing a competition with either the Notre Dame men’s or Saint Mary’s team. King also said that she is not sure how this will affect their team’s bid for a return to the NCAA tournament.

“...We’re going to have to make a lot of calls to see where this puts us,” the Irish head coach said.

The Irish were scheduled to act when they travel to Florida for the Big East Tournament at the Lake Jovita Golf Club.

The three-day event gets underway April 23.

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**ND WOMEN’S CREW**

No. 11 Irish out-row competition in Indiana Crew Classic

Varsity eight boat leads team in Eagle Creek

**By TIM KAISER**

Notre Dame’s varsity eight boat brought the team a win this weekend in the Indiana Crew Classic, held at Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis. The No. 11 Irish defeated defeated squads from Indiana, Purdue, Wisconsin, California and Louisville.

Despite harsh weather and rough waters that forced the cancellation of the afternoon events, the Irish posted impressive results Saturday.

The team won the heat of the varsity eight with a time of 6:11:00, ahead of Indiana and Purdue, who had times of 6:16.70 and 6:59.50, respectively.

The varsity eight boat was manned by coxswain Maria Romano, sophomore Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson and Allison Marsh and seniors Genevietta Pfeifer, Megan Boyle and Sarah Palanade.

The second varsity eight, consisting of junior coxswain Eileen Frankle, freshman Kendra Short, sophomore Aiketa Jeffery, junior Jessica Guzik, Alyssa Clase, Andrea Doud and Sarah Kate Hauter and seniors Pamela Jelenon and Danielle Stealy, also finished first in its first heat with a time of 6:22:44.

Notre Dame’s varsity four boat, led by freshman coxswain Sarah Kaythley, sophomores Madison, Casey Fairbanks and Mary Menamara and junior and freshman coxswain, finished second in the heat. The team will compete this year.

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### Associated Press

**AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson is a Masters champion again, and now he's making it look easy.**

Once known as a lovable loser who went a dozen years and 42 majors before figuring out how to win golf's biggest events, Mickelson captured his second straight major victory Sunday at Augusta National without needing a nail-biting finish. He closed with a 5-under 69 for a two-shot victory over Tim Clark, and his second green jacket in three years. The only surprise was the way he won.

There were no thrills for Phil, rather calculated shots that forced Fred Couples, Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh to try to catch him. Instead, they stumbled along with three-putts and a litany of other missteps that allowed Mickelson to stroll up the 18th fairway with no worries.

He won his first major at Augusta two years ago with an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole. He added the PGA Championship last year at Baltusrol with a flop shot to 2 feet for another decisive birdie on the final hole.

Mickelson's only bogey on a breezy afternoon at Augusta National came when it no longer mattered. He missed the 18th green to the left, chipped to 20 feet and settled for two puts.

This time, he didn't leap with arms thrust into the air, as he did two years ago. Mickelson simply smiled and walked off the green and into the arms of his wife and children.

He finished at 7-under 281 and earned $1.26 million, putting him atop the PGA Tour money list. The victory also moved him up to No. 2 in the world ranking behind Woods.

Mickelson emerged as a major threat to Woods' pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 victories in Grand Slam events. This was the third straight year Mickelson has won a major — Woods is the only other player to have done that in the last 20 years. Only five others have won majors in three straight seasons since the Masters began in 1934.

Clark had a bunkered shot from across the 18th green for birdie that left him alone in second with a 69.

Woods was becoming too easy to twice defend his title at the Masters.

### In Brief

**Nuggets' Hodge in good condition after shooting**

DENVER — Nuggets rookie Julius Hodge's condition was upgraded Sunday to good, a day after shots fired into his car on a highway wounded his legs.

Hodge was resting comfortably in the hospital, team spokeswoman Terri Washington said. No other information was immediately released.

The Nuggets said earlier Hodge was expected to recover and could play in two to three weeks. Coach George Karl said Hodge was hit three times.

Adams County sheriff's deputies said the 22-year-old was shot while driving on Interstate 76 in north Denver at about 2 a.m. Saturday. Investigators said they had no suspects and did not have a motive.

A sheriff's spokesman did not immediately return calls Sunday.

Investigators said Hodge had been at the Paladium nightclub, where he had met with hip-hop artist Juelz Santana, who was performing there. Investigators and the Paladin manager said there had been no fight at the club.

**Dolphins' Williams seeks to overturn suspension**

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams will meet with league officials Monday seeking to overturn a drug suspension that could cost him the entire 2006 season.

League officials will not confirm drug suspensions under league policy that maintains confidentiality for anything, Steinberg said. "Someone made a mistake."

Previous positive tests were for marijuana, which Williams acknowledged using. But the latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

**Indians' Sabathia making progress in recovery**

CLEVELAND — Indians left-hander C.C. Sabathia did some light throwing Sunday for the first time since leaving Cleveland's opener after only two innings.

"I made about 40 throws from 75 feet and felt just fine," he said. "It's not as bad as last year." A year ago, Sabathia missed six weeks of spring training and didn't make his 2005 season debut until April 16 because of a similar ailment. His latest injury occurred against the White Sox on April 2.
ND SOFTBALL

Irish win three on road trip

Ruthrauff leads Notre Dame lineup in sweep

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame bounced back after dropping the first game in a Saturday doubleheader to Syracuse 2-1 with three straight wins — a 7-5 ten-inning win at Syracuse and a sweep of the Pittsburgh Panthers (7-0 and 14-4 Sunday).

The Irish (23-12, 5-1 in the Big East) started the weekend off strong against Syracuse with a 20-5, 8-2 in the Big East, but failed to come out with a win.

Syracuse left fielder Tonye McCookie singled down the left-field line with two outs in the bottom of the second inning. Designated player Cassie Morales scored from third as the go-ahead run in the 2-1 Syracuse win.

Despite the score, the Irish still outplayed Syracuse in the eyes of Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf.

"In our one loss, we definitely played well," Gumpf said. "We out-hit and out-pitched them, but the intensity just wasn't there.

Intensity has been one of the focal points for the Irish this season, and it showed in the night. They lost focus, they couldn't muster much offense — and winning — in the Big East.

"The whole team was on a roll today, and I was just seeing the ball really well," Ruthrauff said about her record-breaking day. "The Irish are ready to continue playing — and winning — in that game."

The Irish began their barrage of runs in the first inning with four runs, including Ruthrauff's first dinger. Notre Dame plated on insurance runs throughout the game, up until the seventh with Ruthrauff's grand slam.

"My swing was intact out there today, and I was just seeing the ball really well," Ruthrauff said about her record-breaking day. "The Irish are ready to continue playing — and winning — in that game."

Behind Ruthrauff's home run and a two-RBI day for senior Heather Booth, the Irish were able to notch up seven runs against the Panthers, starting pitcher Meghan Bostick.

Exactly the biggest game of the day for the Irish came in the second contest against Pittsburgh, a 14-4 Notre Dame victory led by a record-breaking day by Ruthrauff.

Ruthrauff broke the Notre Dame records for home runs and RBIs in a game in the second game, surpassing seven — and total seven RBIs. The Irish as a whole also tied the team record for hits in a game with 23.

The pitching duty for the game was split between the two Irish aces — senior Heather Booth and freshmen Roberta Bargar. Bargar started for Notre Dame and struggled through the first five innings, surrendering four runs on 11 hits.

Booth entered in the sixth and pitched five stellar innings of relief, allowing only two hits for the run.

Booth's performance in relief was crucial to the Notre Dame win, as the Irish failed to muster offense until the Jaquish home run.
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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles beat Scots in doubleheader
SMC split two games with Rockford Sunday

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
SPORTS WRITER

Saint Mary’s put an end to its three-game, regular-season losing streak against Alma Saturday by defeating Alma 9-1 in the first game as Bridget Grall threw a one-hitter to finish the game in five innings.

Alma hadn’t lost a conference doubleheader since Albin swept the Scots in 2002—a history that Saint Mary’s head coach Erin Sullivan said motivated the Belles to win. “Our team is tired of Alma coming in and intimidating people,” Sullivan said. “We wanted to show them they can’t walk all over us.”

Alma jumped ahead early in the first game as center fielder Missy Morecm scored off a wild pitch in the top of the first. Saint Mary’s rebounded in the bottom of the fourth when third baseman Laura Helene singled, driving in a run. Left fielder Kristin Anram followed with a sacrifice ground out to knock in a run. Grall drove in a run to finish off the inning.

Grall maintained the Belles’ lead from the mound in the top of the fifth, allowing no hits. Saint Mary’s driving in six more runs to end the game in the bottom of the fifth.

The Belles carried their energy from the first win into the second game. “We took that win and kept up the excitement,” Grall said. “The excitement carried into the second game.”

Saint Mary’s continued with the momentum of the first game as they defeated Alma 9-1 in the second game of the doubleheader. Pitcher Kristin Anram struck out eight and allowed only four hits.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fifth when the Belles racked up four runs. Saint Mary’s finished the game in six in the seventh, scoring four more runs.

Saint Mary’s hit the road Sunday to take on Rockford College in Rockford, Ill. The Belles split the doubleheader, dropping the first game 3-0 but coming back in the second game to win 7-1.

Rockford didn’t score until the bottom of the third when designated hitter Jessica Starr scored off an error. Starr knocked in another run for Rockford in the bottom of the sixth, and Emily Carlson followed with an additional RBI.

Sullivan said the Belles made mental mistakes in the first game. “With so many games in a row, it’s hard to stay mentally at the top of their game all the time,” Sullivan said.

Saint Mary’s came back in the second game, scoring early. Shortstop Sarah Miesle drove in a run in the top of the first. The Belles followed with two more runs in the top of the second. Saint Mary’s brought the score to 7-0 in the top of the fifth when Helene and Anram both earned an RBI. First baseman McKenzie Corrigan doubled, driving in a pair of runs.

In the bottom of the seventh, Rockford’s third baseman Jamie Prunty doubled, knocking in their only run of the game.

The Belles next face Bethel College today at 5 p.m. as Jeff Byfield on Notre Dame’s campaign. Pilots head coach Ann Walsh was the head coach at Saint Mary’s for close to three years. Walsh led the Belles to their first-ever tournament championship in 2004.

The Belles hope to put this history behind them when they face off against Bethel. “We have had some great wins behind us,” Grall said. “So it’s just a matter of carrying them over.”

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ND TRACK
Irish finish third in tournament
Nolette Dame qualifies five more for Big East

By DAN MURPHY
SPORTS WRITER

Notre Dame is still finding out what it takes to win at the Big East level.

The Irish men’s track team will be sending five athletes to the Big East Championship in April. Among those are Nolette Dame’s three conference qualifiers.

The women’s track team has not been as successful as the men’s team, but they have managed to qualify one athlete for the Big East Championship.

Notre Dame’s five athletes include: Mike Shubert (hammer throw), Jeff Mensch (discus), Lorraine Biscardi (high jump), Kellen Lewis (400 meter dash), and Jeff anchored (4x400 meter relay).

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Irish pole vaulter Mary Saxer competes against Marquette Jan. 27. Saxer qualified for the Big East tournament Saturday.
Karweck, Notre Dame hold off Butler rally

Irish attack scored two late goals to seal win

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior attackman Matt Karweck scored the game-winning goal with 4:16 remaining Saturday against Butler to give the team a 5-4 victory in its Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) opener in Indianapolis.

Karweck assisted on Notre Dame’s first goal to senior midfielder Matt Ryan early in the second quarter to cut the Bulldog’s lead to 2-1. He later scored two of the team’s last three goals, including the game-winner on a rebound from Ryan’s shot that ricocheted off Butler goalie Ryan Kaison.

While Notre Dame (7-2, 1-0 in the GWLL) won the game, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said the team will need to improve its consistency in order to win games as the season progresses.

“We played well at times, but we didn’t relentlessly execute like we needed to,” Corrigan said. “In the end, we were able to gather our poise and play hard down the stretch and pull out a win when we needed to. But I’d like to see us play more consistently than we have been over the full 60 minutes.”

Corrigan said Butler’s game plan was to control the clock and try to limit Irish possessions.

“It was clear from their beginning what they were going to do,” Corrigan said. “Their game plan was to take the ball behind the goal, slow the game down, limit the number of possessions and beat us to it.”

The Bulldogs successfully held the Irish to four first-quarter possessions en route to a 2-0 advantage. After Ryan’s goal, Butler responded a few minutes later. Bulldog Adam Wade beat Notre Dame goalie Joey Kemp to push Butler’s advantage back to two goals.

The Bulldogs appeared to hold the Irish to three late goals, including the game-winner, on a lucky rebound, Karweck said. “If it wasn’t for our face-off play and our defense, we wouldn’t have been in the game at all. We got to give a lot of credit to our defense.”

They played their [balls off].

Notre Dame sophomore midfielder Mendenhall from that could keep it home during the EPL season.

While Indiana continued a slide throughout the NBA playoffs, Ben Wallace, Pistons hurt Pacers’ playoff hopes with big win

The Pistons led 45-35 at halftime and had 20-plus point leads in the third quarter, allowing them to coast the victory.

“They looked a little tired in the second half,” said Prince, diplomatically.

Detroit’s Lindsey Hunter (14), Tony Delk (11) and Antonio McDyess (10) provided a scoring boost off the bench.

Richard Hamilton scored 12 and Chauncey Billups had 11 points. Ben Wallace set a season high with 22 rebounds.

The Pistons outrebounded the Pacers 52-35 and held them to 36 percent shooting.

Wallace, Pistons hurt Pacers’ playoff hopes with big win

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit took another step toward earning home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs, while Indiana continued a slide that could keep it home during the postseason.

In fact, Jermaine O’Neal said the Pacers don’t deserve to make the playoffs.

Tayshaun Prince scored all of his 17 points in the second half to lead six double-digit scorers for the Pistons in a 94-73 victory over Indiana on Sunday.

Detroit (62-15) is a victory away from matching its franchise record for wins and barring a late slide, will likely finish with the top seed in the East and land the two higher seeds in the East.

Multiple franchises are facing the same situation as Detroit.

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The NBA schedule includes games against the Pacers in the first round of the playoffs, starting Tuesday.

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doubles to put the Irish one match away from clinching the point. Irish freshman Brett Halvesson and sophomore Sheeva Parbhaj lost 8-4 at No. 2 to even things out, and junior Stephen Bass and freshman Santiago Montoya lost 9-8 at third doubles to give SMU the opening point.

"Winning the close sets was crucial," Bayliss said. "I think there were four tiebreakers, and we won all of them. The only one we didn't win was in doubles."

SMU extended its lead to 2-0 with a win at No. 6 singles, as Notre Dame senior Patrick Buchan fell 6-4, 6-2 at No. 6 doubles.

The Irish roared off five straight victories to run away with the match.

King started the rally at No. 4, where he topped Southern Methodist senior Henrik Soderberg 6-3, 7-6(5). "Barry dictated — the key there was Barry had to get the first strike in," Bayliss said. "He was able to do that. He did have a little hiccup when he served for the match at 5-4 and again at 6-5 but really played big in the last half of the tiebreaker." Langenkamp tied the score at two aces with a 7-6(7-3), 6-0 win at No. 5.

"He was down 2-1 and won the next six points to win the tiebreaker and did not lose a game in the second set," Bayliss said. "I think he really broke Kuczor's spirit the way he played aggressively in the tiebreaker where it mattered most." No. 16 Bass, playing in the No. 1 spot, topped Southern Methodist sophomore Peter Oredsson (ranked No. 33) 6-4, 6-4 for the only singles victory that didn't go into a tiebreaker.

"Stephen handled Oredsson's wide serve very well," Bayliss said. "He countered awfully well when Oredsson tried to pressure him and applied enough pressure of his own to get the job done at one." Parbhaj put the icing on the cake with a 7-6(9-7), 7-6(7-6) over Soderberg in the No. 2 final match. "Sheeva just kept getting herself out of trouble, he bent but he did not break, and he refused to give in when he was down," Bayliss said. "His willingness to always meet any deficit seemed to be the difference in that match."

The Irish have been able to come together and win close matches after a three-match skid.

"I think the schedule has toughened us and I've seen team go both ways on that," Bayliss said. "You can take hits and after a while your confidence erodes and you're not as good, but if you have the resolve to back it up you will really benefit from the level of competition you're seeing, and I think that's what we've done."

The team dedicated its match to Keckley, and Notre Dame visited him at the health center after the win. He is expected to play on Thursday when the team takes on Louisville in its final match of the regular season.

"To win without Ryan the way we did, I think gives me a lot of optimism about the postseason," Bayliss said.

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Irish sophomore Sheeva Parbhaj prepares to return the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Michigan State Feb. 25.

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The Irish claimed their 23rd consecutive doubles point by sweeping all three matches against the Golden Eagles.

The No. 39 pairing of sopho-
more Brock Buck and freshnessman Kelley Tefft downed Marquette's two-some of sophomore Calbeto and junior lio Francesco Bonnelly 8-2 at No. 1.

Following at No. 2, the senior duo of Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny enjoyed an 8-0 shutout over Golden Eagles junior Dominika Dabrowski and freshman Robin Mezler.

The final win for the Irish came from senior Kelly Nelson and Christian Thompson in their 8-4 win over junior Kathleen Donovan and sophomore Erin Watkins.

"Their team was good because they pushed everything," Christian Thompson said. "They played great, because she hits the ball low and closes the net nicely."

In singles, No. 73 Christian Thompson didn't need much time in defeating Calbeto 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1. Buck topped Marquette's Christian Watkins 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2. Her win was followed by an impressive 6-2, 6-2 shutout by Tefft over Dabrowski at No. 3.

"This team was good because they pushed everything," Christian Thompson Irish player.

"[Tefft] has really proven herself on the team," Potts said. "She has been the deciding factor in many of our close 4-3 wins this season." Playing at No. 4, Stastny downed Bonnelly 6-3, 6-0. Following Stastny at No. 5 was Potts, who collected her 20th win in duals matches this season.

The final victory came from Connelly, who topped Donovan 6-0, 6-1. The Irish return to the courts as they begin the Big East Tournament in Tampa, Fla. on April 21.

No. 2 Notre Dame 7
DePaul 0

The Irish earned their ninth shutout of the season against the Blue Demons.

In doubles, Notre Dame regis-
tered two wins to earn the doubles point, starting with the win at No. 2 from No. 39 Buck and Tefft. The pair topped freshman Dunja Antonovic and sophomore Anja Mihaldine 8-4.

From the second doubles match, the Irish duo of Christian Thompson and junior Petra Mursic clinched the point with an 8-3 victory over sophomores Rijana Duric and junior Petra Rehussua at No. 3.

The one loss for Notre Dame came at No. 1 from the No. 4 duo of Christian and Catrina Thompson, who fell to sophomore Beatrice Cuadra and junior Gergana Guanzea 8-4.

Despite the misstep from the Thompsons, both had little trouble in earning wins in their singles matches. No. 26 Catrina Thompson downed Cuadra 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1. Thompson was followed by Christian Thompson, who defeated Guanzea 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2. Buck played at No. 3 and clinched the victory for the Irish with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Antonovic.

The bottom half of the lineup also won in two-set matches. Tefft defeated Mihaldine 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4, followed by Stastny at No. 5, who topped Mursic 6-3, 6-2.

The final Irish win came from Potts, who topped Rehussua 6-1, 6-0.

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Irish Sophomore Sheeva Parbhaj prepares to return the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Michigan State Feb. 25.

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**SPORTS**

**Blue Barracudas stop Cinderella team's run**

By GREG ARBOGAST and JOE QUINN
Space Wizard

We Always Make it to Oregon Before you've Cinderella run came to a screeching halt Sunday as it fell to the Blue Barracudas 21-3. We Always Make it to Oregon Before You (Oregon) had the look of an out of sorts as the squad appeared to have two pioneer women, one cowgirl and an ox to go along with its own real baseball/football player.

"I think we're like George Mason," Oregon coach Meghan Wheelan and Corinna Viglietta said. "We came out in the first half, but we all con..."

"I like the carnival aspect of it — the African drumline, the cheerleaders, the pirates, the fan activities, even though it was a bit chaotic," Rugby Club captain Andrew Nesi said.

"We did a lot better than I expected," Rugby Club captain Alex Barnes said. "We played real..."

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Wagner responded with two goals to tie the game at 3-3. During the rest of the first half, the Irish held the Blue Devils to one goal, while netting three more of their own. Sophomore attack Heather Ferguson put the Irish in front, beating Duke goalie Megan Huether with just under 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

After Duke's Wagner knot­
ted the score at 4-4 on a free position shot four minutes later, Ferguson struck again, tallying her second goal of the afternoon. The Irish advantage grew to a pair with six minutes remaining in the first half when Irish standout attack Crysti Foote picked up her second of four goals.

The Irish went into halftime con­fident with a 6-4 lead, the first time during the 2006 season that Duke has trailed at halftime. While Notre Dame seemed poised to upset the favored Blue Devils on their own turf, the second half wasn't nearly as kind to the Irish.

Duke didn't waste much time getting back into the contest, as only 10 seconds into the second half, Duke midfielder Carolyn Davis notched a breakaway, unsus­tained goal. Caroline Coyer continued Duke's offensive assault with a goal 34 seconds later.

Notre Dame quickly regained the lead with two goals by freshman midfielder Jill Byers and Foote, respec­tively.

During the latter part of the second half, the Blue Devil defense rose to the challenge presented by the talented Notre Dame attack. For the next 12 minutes, Duke's defenders kept the Irish off the scoreboard. In the meantime, effective offen­sive play on the Blue Devil's part led to a 5-0 run, result­ing in an 11-8 lead.

While Foote and freshman midfielder Byers were able to tally a goal a piece in the closing minutes of the game, the Irish's late-game drive was too late, and the Blue Devils came away with a win.

"Duke just happened to be the team up by one goal when the time run out," Byers said. "I thought we were very well prepared for the game, and it just didn't work out the way we wanted it to." In both of its losses this sea­son, Notre Dame has fallen to a team ranked No. 4 or better. Considering the Irish only won three games last season, the pair of losses to top-ranked opponents through 12 games is a marked improve­ment.

Irish goalie Carol Dixon recorded a career-high 18 saves in the loss. Foote added to her total for the year with four more goals.

Foote's four tallies on Wednesday against Ohio State gave her 182 goals, making her Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer.

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"There are some things I need to correct, but it shouldn't be too hard to fix them."
— Jeff Samardzija, Irish pitcher

Notre Dame 9, South Florida 6

Notre Dame right-hander Jeff Samardzija struggled early Friday, allowing three runs in the bottom of the first, but recovered to pitch 2 and 2/3 innings, allowing six runs on six hits and picking up the win. "I have to go back to funda­mentals during the week," Samardzija said of his performance. "There are some things I need to correct, but it shouldn't be too hard to fix them." Samardzija said he had confidence in Samardzija, who also struggled early in his last start on March 29 against Pittsburgh.

Motheo, a hitter, led the Irish offensively. He went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored, including six runs in five innings and earning the win.

Manship and South Florida left­hander Greg Lopez are all returning players and good infielders," Maimieri said of his decision. "I'm just trying to keep everyone fresh and healthy and give them experience so we do have an injury, it won't hurt us as much as much.

Notre Dame 10, South Florida 5

Notre Dame right-hander Jeff Mansfield and South Florida left­hander Davis Bilardello were locked in a pitchers duel through five innings Sunday when the Irish exploded to take a commanding lead.

Already leading 2-1, the Irish scored five runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh to provide the final margin. Barnes, starting at shortstop with Lopez moved to designated hitter, led the Irish offensively. He went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Manship pitched eight complete innings, allowing one run on four hits for his fourth win of the season.

Notre Dame will play Oakland and Manchester Tuesday and Wednesday at home before three games with St. John's at Frank Eck Stadium over Easter break. The Irish and Red Storm will play a doubleheader Thursday and a game Saturday. "Obviously, we can't overlook our midweek opponents, because they could jump up and bite us in the butt, but St. John's will be a big series," Cooper said. "They're one of the top teams in the Big East.

The Oakland and Manchester games will be at 5:05 p.m. The Thursday doubleheader at St. John's will be at 12:05 p.m., and the Saturday game against the Red Storm will begin at 12:05 p.m.

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**Team shuts out visiting Marquette, DePaul**

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out their regular season the same way they started — with a pair of shutouts.

No. 2 Notre Dame earned its ninth and tenth 7-0 victories with wins over DePaul and Marquette this weekend at the Courtney Tennis Center. Junior Christian Thompson attributed the wins to team members’ dedication to each other.

“Our team is led by a strong tradition and the best friendships,” she said. “We have performed well as a team all season and have not been focusing on personal achievements. Two consecutive shutouts was a great way to finish the regular season [heading into the Big East Tournament].”

In their match against Marquette Sunday, the Irish managed the impressive win without their No. 1 singles and doubles player Catrina Thompson. “She is someone the team greatly admires,” freshman Katie Potts said. “So we had to really focus [against Marquette].”

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**BASEBALL**

Cooper, Lilley spark a series sweep of Bulls

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper and third baseman Brett Lilley keyed an offensive explosion as the Irish swept South Florida 9-6, 10-4 and 11-1 in a three-game series this weekend in Tampa, Florida.

Cooper and Lilley were a combined 9-for-12 at the plate, scoring 11 runs and striking out only once in 31 combined plate appearances.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri also praised Lilley’s strong play in the field.

“Lilley was unbelievable,” Mainieri said. “Obviously he hit well, but he also made three diving catches. I think they would have been on ESPN’s Web Gems.” Cooper, who has batted at the top of the order most of the year, raised his batting average to a team-leading .429 for the season.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Blue Devil’s delight

Foote continues to chase all-time marks, Irish fall to host Duke

By CHRIS WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

In front of a crowd of 217 spectators Sunday, the No. 4 Blue Devils defeated the No. 10 Irish 11-10.

With the loss, the Irish fell to 10-2, while the Blue Devils improved to 11-1 on the season.

The Irish took an early 3-1 lead early in the contest with strong and efficient offensive movement. Duke attacks Leigh Jester and Kristen Cooper, who has batted at the top of the order most of the year, raised his batting average to a team-leading .429 for the season.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

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**MEN’S GOLF**

Irish rally to defeat SMU, 5-2

By KATE GALES  
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Saturday was more of the same for No. 17 Notre Dame as it maintained its perfect home record with a 5-2 win over Southern Methodist University.

Notre Dame took five straight points falling behind 2-0, and improved to 14-7 with the victory.

“We expected a tough match,” Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayless said. “It was a tough match. We were able to win the close matches and that was the difference.”

The team has struggled in doubles this season, and losing Ryan Kerckel — the team’s best doubles player — to illness made it tougher.

“We’ve kind of done a full court press as far as our doubles lately, evaluating where we are, and we’re not worried as much about the combinations,” Bayless said. “It’s about everyone developing better skills.”

Notre Dame junior Barry King and senior Eric Langenkamp won 8-4 at first singles Tuesday.