Prayercasts reach students, alums
By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Campus Ministry has taken prayer at Notre Dame into the 21st century with the launch of the ND Prayercast — a Web site where listeners can hear prayers, homilies and music.

The project, created by Folk Choir Director Steven Warner, uses streaming media technology to allow internet users to listen to a selection of music, Gospel reading and prayer with a Notre Dame flavor.

The Prayercast features musicians from the Folk Choir and homilists like Zahm rector Father Dan Perrech, St. Edward's rector Father Ralph Haag and Campus Ministry director Father Richard Warner.

“All the music is re-recorded for radio, and the Gospel readings are made into homilies,” Warner said.

Members can hear prayers, homilies and music. Prayercast — a Web site where listeners can hear prayers, homilies and music.

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New editors assume roles at The Observer

Observer Staff Report

The Observer’s new department editors take over their 2007-08 General Board positions today, although two of the editors will not begin until August and three positions are not yet filled, Editor in Chief Maddie Hama said Monday.

Three of the 14 positions are being filled by those who have previously served in their posts. Kyle West has served as controller since the fall of 2006 and will continue through this semester before becoming business manager next fall. Joey King will remain as editor of the Viewpoint Department through 2007-08. He has held that post since the spring of 2006.

Dustin Menolla will also serve as photo editor through 2007-08. Menolla was appointed to the position in the spring of 2006.

The nine new General Board appointments are:

♦ Karen Langley, news editor
♦ Chris Khorey and Chris Line, sports editors
♦ Tom Andrews, scene editor
♦ Katie Kohler, Saint Mary's editor
♦ Madeline Nies, graphics editor
♦ Jessica Cortez, ad sales manager
♦ Kelly Grunli, ad design manager

“The all of the editors bring significant talent and experience to their respective positions,” Hama said. “I am confident the
INSIDE COLUMN

Loving the college life

The moment I stepped onto the Notre Dame campus, I fell in love with the school. Ever since, I’ve continued to love the school and the people, but until recently, I wasn’t ready to call it my home. Throughout the year I have been one of those students who got so excited to go home for break. I think, “Wow, I am so excited to go home and see my old friends and family, sleep in my queen-sized bed, shower without sandals, eat food outside the dining halls, etc.”

But this spring break I realized something. I realized that Notre Dame is my new home, my college friends are my true friends, and frankly, I really enjoy (and I am now used to) the freedom of college.

My spring break started out awesomely. I went home to Scottsdale, Arizona. My parents picked me up from the airport Friday afternoon, and then I met up with my best friend, and we all went out to dinner. On Saturday, my mom took me shopping and we got our nails done. I went to a spring training game with my mom and my dog (kind of random I know) on Sunday. Then I went to the airport on Monday to go to lunch and did some more shopping with more friends. But by Tuesday I was already bored. Some friends and family went back to work and back to school while others had already drifted so far apart from me.

I’ve grown so accustomed to the freedom of living on my own (well at least away from my parents). I can do whatever I want, whenever I want, with whomever I want on campus.

At home I’m back under my parents’ constraints. My parents aren’t too strict or anything, but I can’t randomly leave at two o’clock in the morning if I feel like it. And I can’t come home one night without an explanation if I don’t want to give one.

Also, at home my friends aren’t allowed to just intrude walk from my room like they are at school. It takes a little more planning and driving to hang out with anyone at home. All in all, I really enjoy the freedom and convenience of living on campus.

As spring break comes to an end, I’m ready to head back to my home under the Dome. My week off school has been relaxing, but, like my family and friends in Arizona, I’m ready to get back to work and back to life as I now know it. During this break, I realized Notre Dame is my new home, and my friends at school are my true friends. As ironic as it is, I’m excited to sleep in my twin-sized bunk bed, share a room with my amazing roomies, use the community bathrooms, shower with sandals and most of all, wear a sweatshirt again.

The views expressed in this Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Casey Carney at carcay2@nd.edu

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR SPRING BREAK?

Dan McInnis
junior
Sorin

“\"I went to Rome\" with Mr. Bean and Madame TAKA.\""

Dan Rodgers
sophomore
Siegfried

“I went to Rome to chill with my homeboy, Benny XVI.”

Dave Tighe
junior of campus

“I had a day with McDonalds in crocs.”

Elena Brandewie
sophomore
McGlinn

“My amazing roomies, use the com-

Kelsey Young
sophomore
Badin

“Swimming illegally in Mexico.”

Michael Angulo
sophomore
Alumni

“I used your tuition dollars to hang out with President Bush in the beautiful country of Guatemala.”

OFFBEAT

Dead passenger upgraded to first class

LONDON — A first-class passenger on a flight from Delhi to London awoke to find the corpse of a woman who had died in the economy cabin being placed in a seat next to him. British Airways said Monday. The economy section of the flight was full, and the cabin crew needed to move the woman and her grieving family out of that compartment to give them some privacy, the airline said.

The first-class passenger, Paul Trinder, told the Sunday Times newspaper that he was sleeping during a February flight from India and woke up when the crew placed the dead woman in an empty seat near him.

“She didn’t have a clue what was going on. The stewards just poked the body down without saying a thing. I remember looking at this frail, sparrow-like woman and thinking she was very ill,” the newspaper quoted Trinder as saying.

Man chases down stolen truck in underwear

EASTVALE, Calif. — The owner of a stolen pickup truck, wearing only his underwear, used his wife’s van to chase down the thief. The 29-year-old man was sipping coffee in his garage before dawn Sunday when his Ford Ranger suddenly started up and roared off.

The man, whose name was withheld, then jumped into his wife’s van and, wearing only his underwear, gave chase. Inside theBOOST-installer’s truck, he said, “I just couldn’t let my truck go because it’s my livelihood,” said Kirk Durbin of the California Highway Patrol.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame men’s baseball will play Cleveland State at 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

Registration for a Summer Session at Notre Dame begins Wednesday. Students interested in taking classes during the summer can register through insideND.

A screening of the film “Sometimes in April” will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium Wednesday at 7 p.m. The screening is sponsored by BERRA, an organization made up of survivors of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and The Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

The Notre Dame Chamber Players will perform with guest violinist Nokuthula Ngwenyama at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10, $8 for faculty and staff, $5 for seniors and $3 for students.

The Ballroom Dance Club invites dancers of all skill levels to join them in 205 Rockne Memorial for a night of mambo and foxtrot from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost for a night of dancing is $4.

Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost, and William Ramsey, associate professor of philosophy will speak at Theology on Tap Wednesday at 9 p.m. The subject of the Legend’s event will be “To Choose or Not to Cheat? The Academic Honor Code.”

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

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Group co-sponsors Midnight Madness event

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a $3,000 co-sponsorship to the prize committee of the College's annual Midnight Madness event at the group's meeting Monday. The committee will use the money to purchase prizes to give out at the event.

"Our main goal for the event this year is to get more people and class spirit," said Julie DeMaio, co-chair of the prize committee. "Due to this, we need more prizes."

BOG has awarded co-sponsorships to Midnight Madness in the past, although no one at the meeting knew how much was awarded last year.

The prize committee has received donations from the College's Information Technology department and Sodexo Food Services, as well as a class ring from Jostens and various gift certificates from businesses in the community, DeMaio said.

"The problem is that we've gotten five of this and five of that and we'd preferably like to have the same thing for, say, 23 people on the same team," DeMaio said.

Event organizers also hope to feature larger prizes such as a big-screen television. Prize committee co-chair Cassie Gallon said, "The grab of Midnight Madness is to have big prizes so people will want to come."

In other BOG news:

• The Women Honoring Women Dinner will be held on Wednesday. Professors Astrid Henry, Susan Latham and Nancy Turner were nominated for the award, and the recipient will be announced during the dinner.

• The Student Academic Council will host a luncheon Monday at 12 p.m. for students and faculty in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall to discuss possible changes to the general education requirements in the curriculum at Saint Mary’s.

Contact Liz Harter at eharte01@saintmarys.edu

How should Notre Dame contribute?

Global and Environmental Health: A Multidisciplinary Discussion

All Students, Faculty, and Staff interested in international development are welcome to come to all three days!

Day 1: Large projects - Tuesday, March 20th
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Each discussion is from 4:30 - 6:30 in 356 Fitzpatrick Hall

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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a unifying theme of speakers that wouldn't be too serious. "We try to bring people in that change things up a bit," Vassel said. "The SNL idea just came up this semester — there is a lot of diversi-
ty there, and it is a show that everybody knows, so everybody ral-
illed around this idea."

In the past SUB has hosted speakers in entertainment, including "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" drummer Max Weinberg and "Family Guy" writer Mark Henry, but this is the first time that SUB has organized a speaker series — a project Vassel said would not have been possible with-out the help of Student Activities.

"This is a unique project that is largely being made possible by the Student Activities Office," Vassel said. "Normally we wouldn't be able to take this on without Student Activities. We organ-
ized it, and they are helping us out with the financial resources."

Vassel said SUB Ideas and issues committee program-
ners Brian Sarnecki and Kerri Keselovsky "put in a lot of
hours and research" contact-
ning prospective speakers and working with their agents to determine whether the speakers would be within SUB's budget.

"We wanted to have a few of the SNL alums and some of the current members to come to campus and talk about what it's like to be on the shows."

Patrick Vassel
SUB manager

The cost to bring in speak-
ers with name recog-
nition ranges from $10,000 to $30,000 dollars per speaker, Vassel said.

After contact-
ing different agencies, the SUB committee narrowed down the list of speak-
ers it had draft-
ed over winter break to the ones that would fit SUB's budget.

"Once agents give a stan-
dard asking fee, we pass it on to our advisor, and a contract is worked out," Sarnecki said. Sarnecki said SUB plans to make an announcement in the near future indicating when the speaker series will take place. Vassel said SUB also hopes to have one SNL spea-
er at the beginning of April and another during April/ May. Bringing celebrities to cam-
pus is not always an easy task, he said, since many of the speakers that SUB planned to book for the Speaker Series have busy schedules.

"Tim Meadows was one of the people at the top of our list, and we were disappoint-
ed when his agent called and said he wasn't going to be able to make it," Vassel said. "We plan on being a lot more diligent about this in the future to make sure we don't have another situation like this."

Meadows was scheduled to appear Feb. 28 as the first speaker in the series, but can-
celled because he is in the process of filming an upcom-
ing movie.

Despite scheduling conflicts, Vassel said most celebrity speakers are eager to accept the invitation to speak to Notre Dame students about their experiences.

"Generally it doesn't take a lot to get speakers to come to campus. They are generally willing and interested — it just comes down to a matter of their schedules and what they've got going," Vassel said. "In terms of willingness, we receive a very positive response."

Many of the speakers that SUB has hosted in the past have requested campus tours. "Most speakers that come-
tend to want to walk around campus, and see the Dome and the Basilica, but beyond that most of the speakers haven't requested anything too unusual," Vassel said.

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The Core Council is seeking new undergraduate student

members, regardless of sexual orientation.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building)
or on the Core Council web site
http://corecouncil.nd.edu/
Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2007, and can be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

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being on the other end of work-
ing to make money."

The goal of the program is to help students obtain the skills they will eventual-
ly need when they open their own checking accounts, manage a budget, and ident-
ify financial plans, he said.

This grant will be used for instruction pur-
poses and will provide incentives for students to finish the program. Students who stick with the pro-
gram will proceed to the next level of financial education, the entre-
preneurship program, Caponigro said. Some students who are in this program get the chance to go to the National Conference for Teaching Entrepreneurship to get a first-
hand look at finance.

"We hope that, as they leave the program, they're making choices about how to spend their money that are based on how to make money for them..."

Jay Caponigro
Robinson Community Learning Center director

We send up to five students to Wall Street to really understand the world of finance," Caponigro said. "This grant will help with that."

Key Bank awards grants to programs that encourage finan-
cial literacy, Caponigro said. He also credited the Gigot Center in the Mendoza School of Business as a "great partner" in providing financial literacy educa-
tion.

The Robinson Commu-

nity Learning Center was founded in 2001. Located on North Eddy Street, it coordi-

nates the Youth Justice Project, the violence pre-
vention program Take Ten and adult job-training courses. Since its founding, more than 3,700 participants and 2,000 volun-
teers have been involved with the Center.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KidnAPPED Italian journalist freed

ROME — An Italian journalist held for two weeks in Afghanistan said after his release Monday that he saw his captors cut off the head of one of the two Mihang kidnapped with him and thought he would be next to die.

In an interview with Rai TV News, Daniele Mastrogiacomo also recalled a harrowing experience: “I saw him decapitated,” he said.

He said the kidnappers threw the head to his knees and stuffed it in the sand as they cut his head off.

“The pansy on the knife on his clothes. I was shaking. Obviously I thought ‘it’s my turn’ with him and thought he would be next to die.”

Mastrogiacomo said he was shocked in back and head with an AK-47 during his captivity and was not hurt at any other time. “If there was bread to share, they shared it with me, so that was not a problem,” he said.

North Korea nuclear talks continue

BEIJING — International nuclear negotiators closed Monday toward setting a timetable for North Korea’s disarmament after the biggest obstacle hindering discussions was removed — $25 million in frozen North Korean funds.

Envoys from the two Koreas, the United States, Japan, Russia and host China met to review progress made by five working groups established under a hard-won Feb. 13 agreement.

The deal gives the North 60 days to shut down both its nuclear reactors and a plutonium processing plant, and allow U.N. monitors to verify the closures. In return, the regime is to receive energy and economic assistance and a start toward normalizing relations with the U.S. and Japan.

RUSSIA

Gas explosion kills, injures miners

Siberian coal mine blast traps 50; Putin orders Emergency Situation Ministers to act

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A methane gas explosion in a Siberian coal mine killed at least 78 people and left another 299 injured, the second such accident in Russia's worst mining disaster in a decade.

Among the missing were company officials and safety experts who had been inspecting a British-made hazard-monitoring system, said Sergei Cheremnov, a spokesman for the regional government in Kemerovo, where the mine is located about 1,850 miles east of Moscow.

A British man and his interpreter were among those killed, he said. It was unclear what the two were doing in the mine.

Up to 200 workers were in the Ulyanovskaya mine when the explosion occurred about 885 feet underground in the rich southern region known as the Kuzbass, emergency and regional officials said.

At least 75 people were rescued.

Rescuers were checking a large section of the mine for the missing workers, who were in contact with some of the surviving miners, officials said. It was unclear if the survivors were in immediate danger.

Their work is complicated by a great number of obstacles, explained Evgeny Savostov, a spokesman for Yuzhkuzbassugol, the company that operates the mine.

The blast was caused by methane gas, which is routinely detected by monitors but was not detected this time. An electric device that should have warned miners of the gas explosion was not operating when the blast occurred.

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In recent years, conglomerates like Evraz SA have been bought out underpaid coal miners and similar enterprises and consolidated operations, selling raw and processed products to steel smelters, electricity producers and other major industry. Some government officials have accused private companies of cutting corners on safety measures to save money.

Alexander Sergeev, chairman of the Independent Coal Miners’ Union, said the Ulyanovskaya mine operated with new equipment, but he said that human and natural factors always created the potential for accidents. He said miners may have encountered a pocket of methane while working and he called for new safety regulations to help prevent such accidents.

“It is necessary, in my view, to pass legislation forbidding underground coal mining without the required ventilation from the surface for methane,” he told Ekho Moskvy radio.

Sergeev also blamed the blast on quota systems that encourage miners to work faster and harvest more coal, potentially leading to carelessness.

The families of the dead will each receive at least $25,000 in compensation, Kemerovo Gov. Aman Tuleyev was quoted by Interfax news agency.

Nobody answered repeated calls to Yuzkhuzbassgol.

The company, an affiliate of Russian coal and steel company Evraz Group SA, is Russia’s leading producer of coking coal, producing 14 million tons in 2005, according to the Evraz Web-site.

LOCAL NEWS

Body found in Purdue utility room

WEST LAFAYETTE — Authorities expect on Tuesday to identify a body that a Purdue University employee found in an underground utility room, a school spokesman said.

Purdue spokesman Phillip Fiorini said the body was removed Monday afternoon from the high-voltage utility room in Dreeton Hall a few hours after it was discovered.

The coed residence hall, which houses about 700 students, is near the report- ed location of missing Purdue freshman Wade Stiefel, 19, who vanished Jan. 13. Fiorini said the Tippecanoe County coroner’s office expects to identify the body on Tuesday.

Senate debates restricting Gonzales

Associated Press

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the Prayercast,” Steven Warner said. “It’s designed to give the feeling that you’re alone in a room with a few musicians. It’s a very personal feeling, more intimate than a track from a CD.”

The idea came to Warner in November as a way to reach out to the increasingly “tech-savvy” body of Notre Dame students and alumni.

“The Church meets people where they are — people working 60 to 80 hours a week in a business or between classes and tests,” Warner said. “They need time to pray.”

Warner said he is especially concerned with the struggles of alumni facing the working world.

“When people leave here, there’s a spiritual void,” he said.

The use of this type of technology is new at Notre Dame, Steven Warner said. He credited the Office of Information Technologies (ITI) — and lots of hard work — with helping him turn prayer into something downloadable.

“Director of Campus Ministry Father Warner said to get it up and running, so we spent months working with [Information Technology Manager] Vincent Melody at ITI and studying podcast technology,” Steven Warner said.

The Prayercast will soon be available through iTunes and will be downloadable to iPhones — something the developers had always intended, said Campus Ministry intern Josh Stagni.

“Our goal is to have the Prayercast show up on search results when people search for Notre Dame on iTunes,” Stagni said.

The voiceovers in the Prayercast are provided by Emmeline Schoen, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate and current employee of Saint Mary’s Campus Ministry, she became involved with the Prayercast initiative in part because of her participation with the Folk Choir as an undergraduate.

“It’s a new technology, and I think that especially the student population is very attuned to it,” Schoen said. “It makes sense to use another avenue to approach and connect with people spiritually.”

Students like junior Elizabeth Stewart have generally been responsive to the Prayercast — there have been almost 3,000 hits on the Prayercast Web site since the first broadcast on Ash Wednesday.

“I think it is a great tool [to bring] traditional Catholicism into today’s culture,” Stewart said. “Integrating technology and faith holds so much potential for reaching a computer-driven society and making prayer available in a whole new context.”

Steven Warner said the response from Notre Dame students, alumni and friends has been strong.

“I’ve gotten e-mails from all over the country — Boston, Toledo, Chicago, D.C. — and a lot of students at Notre Dame,” Steven Warner said.

The Prayercast can be found at http://www.ndprayercast.org by clicking on “Weekly Prayercast.” It will play in Quicktime format, but the iTunes-playable version should be available soon.

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Search continues for missing Boy Scout

Associated Press

McGRADY, N.C. — Warmer weather raised rescuers’ hopes Monday as they searched for a third day for a 12-year-old Boy Scout who disappeared while camping with his troop in the rugged mountains of western North Carolina.

Michael Auberry vanished in the heavily wooded terrain after lunch Saturday with the other Scouts and troop leaders. Searchers found his mess kit late Saturday within a mile of the camp site, but no other sign of him, authorities said.

“We’re still confident in calling it a search-and-rescue operation,” National Park Service spokeswoman Tina White said.

The boy’s father, Kent Auberry, told the News & Record of Greensboro: “Any sign that he’s still out there, that he’s still fighting, we’re clinging to.”

Temperatures fell to the 20s before dawn Monday, but sunny skies and temperatures in the 50s prevailed during the day. Overnight weather was expected to be milder, with lows in the 40s, but there was a chance of rain Tuesday.

“The temperatures definitely play a factor. It has been very cold at night, but this young man was very well dressed. He had a fleece jacket on and another jacket,” White said.

“We’ve had people who have been out a week or longer and survived.”

About 70 people aided by dogs and a helicopter searched the area’s logging roads and trails and scoured off-road regions.

During the night, searchers planned to fly a plane with heat-sensing equipment and have dog teams out, among other efforts, she said.

Searchers planned to stick to the trails at night to avoid losing anyone else.

The FBI was among the agencies on the scene, “but we still do not have any indication of foul play or that this young man has been abducted,” White said.

The boy’s mother, Debbie Hayes, told the Winston-Salem Journal that Michael had only potato chips to eat and no water. She also said he takes Ritalin to control attention-deficit disorder.

Park rangers worked with the boy’s family to learn about Michael’s wilderness skills and how he might react to the situation, White said.
New superjumbo jet reaches U.S.

Plane’s wingspan as wide as football field; Airbus has yet to sell model to U.S. carriers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The latest jetliner to claim the title of world’s biggest passenger aircraft completed its inaugural flight to the United States on Monday, flying on 10-foot wings and a prayer that it will not shed $300 million to buy the behemoth double-decker jet.

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1999. The recipient of the Laetare Medal is announced each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday in the Catholic Church. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has enabled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity.

The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit," which translates as, "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

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staff assembled will build on the tradition of excellence. The Observer has established:

Langley is a junior English major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor who lived in Farley Hall but is studying in Dublín for the year. Langley, a Short Hills, N.J. native who will take over the news editor position in the fall, is a former associate news editor. She started working at The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman year and has since reported on topics, including the living wage and academic freedom debates at Notre Dame as well as implications of the amended South Bend disorderly house ordinance.

This spring, Ken Fowler will serve as the managing editor for news, and for the next several weeks, former News Editor Kate Antonacci will be an associate in the department.

Khorey is a junior from Siegfried Hall majoring in history and minoriing in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Khorey previously served as an associate sports editor and has worked for The Observer since the fall of his freshman year. He has covered a variety of beats, including men’s basketball, Notre Dame women’s soccer and baseball.

Hine is a sophomore history major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor from Scranton, Penn. Hine, who lives in Fisher Hall, started working at The Observer during the fall semester of his freshman year and has covered beats including men’s basketball, Notre Dame swimming and Notre Dame women’s golf.

Andrews is a junior American Studies major who lives in Stanford Hall. The Niskayuna, N.Y., native started working for The Observer as a Scene writer during the fall semester of his sophomore year.

Kohler, a sophomore political science major who lives in Holy Cross Hall, is a Philadelphia native. She joined The Observer during the fall of her freshman year and has since covered various Saint Mary’s events including administrative changes at the College.

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College alumna discusses human trafficking

Powell describes work with Health and Human Services on international issues to social work majors, additional students

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s 2005 graduate Michelle Powell returned to campus Monday to give a presentation on the role of social workers in human trafficking — a subject she became familiar with through her work with the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The presentation, entitled “Human Trafficking: The Critical Role of Social Workers in Anti-Trafficking Practices,” was attended by about 40 students, faculty and Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The social work majors and minors who attended were informed of the problems that social workers are faced with when they encounter human trafficking cases. Powell described what social workers could do if they encountered victims of human trafficking.

“Social workers play an important role in identifying human trafficking. "Social workers play an important role in identifying human trafficking," Powell said. "It's really hidden, but it's also in plain sight if you know where to look for it.”

Powell works with the Department of Health and Human Services to identify human trafficking victims and put them in touch with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which has outreach services for victims. "Social workers play an important role in identifying human trafficking." Powell said. "It's modern-day slavery," she said. "It's also the fastest growing industry in the world, if you want to call it an industry."

Powell began her presentation by clearing up common misconceptions about human trafficking.

"It doesn't have to be enforced prostitution or someone forced to make videos," she said. "It could be the migrant farm worker who lives in a house of 20 people and is regularly beaten at night."

Powell also informed the audience that another common misconception about trafficking is that it is inherently trans-national.

"The physical movement of the victim is not a requisite," she said. " Trafficking is not only an international problem... It's here too."

Human trafficking is also confused with smuggling, which is always an international problem, Powell said. "The difference between smuggling and trafficking is that trafficking victims don't consent to their treatment, people who are smuggled consent and when they get to the United States they are free," she said.

She acknowledged that while many think trafficking victims fall under the sex trade and forced prostitution, sex trafficking is not the only form of human trafficking that the government recognizes and legislatures against.

"We had the terrible problem in the villages of these nicely dressed business men coming to the village and telling the women that if they came to Amsterdam, they would be able to work in restaurants and nice places and make money to send back to their families, so they did it," she said. "When the women got to Amsterdam, they were put into large warehouse rooms and the sex trade."

The mission with which Wilholt served visited about 600 to 900 villages to try to warn the women that these men could not be trusted, but some were still taken, she said.

She said that if the women were found after being taken to Amsterdam and returned to Ghana, they often were discussed by their families because they had promised to bring money with them, which they did not have.

Safety is also an issue when victims want to return home after being rescued in America, Powell said. "They might want to go home, but it might not be safe for them," she said. " Their families may disown them or their families may be threatened."

Human trafficking legislation has gained momentum in the United States, Powell said. The three main goals that the government is working on: protection, prosecution and prevention.

"Our ultimate goal is self-sufficiency for victims," Powell said.

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She invited Sister Madeline Therese Wilholt, a Holy Cross sister, to speak to the group as well to address the goal of prevention and how the church is involved. Wilholt spent 14 years in Ghana — a country in West Africa — as a missionary and saw a lot of instances of human trafficking involving women in the poor villages taken to Amsterdam.

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Onward to victory

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Thus even though Congress has a mandate to force a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, this would be a disastrous policy not only for the Iraqis but also for the United States. Because General Barry McCaffrey, a correspondent for NBC, expanded on this point when he wrote, "in less than six months they fought their way along strategic withdrawal corridors back to the sea and the safety provided by the Navy. Several million terrified refugees followed, the route of our column marked by the burning pyres of abandoned military supplies demolished by our rear guard. The resulting civil war would probably turn Iraq into a humanitarian disaster and might well draw in the Iranians and Syrians," Conversely, you look at it, withdrawal threatens the security of the Middle East and the people of the United States.

The 2006 elections brought a number of new members to Congress who advocate a withdrawal (from Iraq) and the shift in public opinion against the war has led a number of politicians who initially supported the war to now favor redeployment out of the country. Membership of the 110th Congress, however, cannot do a great deal to the progressive-socialist anti-war constituency who would decide the issue of whether to withdraw. First, some argue that Iraq is in the midst of a civil war, and that Americans should create a timetable for withdrawal to force Iraqis to take care of themselves and to avoid putting American soldiers between two warring factions. Second, some argue that the absence of weapons of mass destruction and the pass of Thermopylae long enough for the Greek city-states to mobilize the column which they ultimately won.

Jonathan Klinger

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The reasonable answer to all three of these questions is no. We would face exactly the same problems in Iraq that we face now even if Saddam’s alleged weapons were found in 2003, and we would have to continue to fight to prevent al-Qaeda or Iran from their ultimate goal of making the war unsuccessful or prolonging the deadlock.

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Going green

For Notre Dame, "going green" may entail more than just its usual flooding of the pristine lawns with overactive sprinklers. The Sustainable Endowments Institute has called attention to Notre Dame’s forgettable commitment to environmental sustainability in the annual College Sustainability Report Card, in which ND received an embarrassing D-minus in sustainable endowment and campus green practices ("Institute gives ND poor grade.") March 11. Unfortunately, it does not appear that the Institute actually communicated with anyone from Notre Dame knowledgeable about the area of sustainability before completing its analysis.

Some of Notre Dame’s top-20 competitors, such as Dartmouth and Stanford, received an A-minus in campus sustainability, the highest grade among all schools considered. A Dartmouth education, while it has about half our student population, has a price tag akin to Notre Dame at $33,341 with a $3,092 billion endowment, nearly matching our $4.4 billion. Given the comparable access to resources, Notre Dame is lagging behind universities like Dartmouth in its commitment to sound environmental practices. I seriously doubt that they remain. What do these schools have that Notre Dame does not? Harvard: 16 full-time professionals and 40 part-time student employees working for a Campus Greening Initiative. Grade received: A-minus.

Undoubtedly, the efforts of the newly recruiting partners, Notre Dame Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, toward the implementation of any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability, Notre Dame has yet to integrate into practice. It has been resistant toward the implementation of, any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability. Notre Dame has yet to integrate into practice. It has been resistant toward the implementation of, any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability. Notre Dame has yet to integrate into practice. It has been resistant toward the implementation of, any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability. Notre Dame has yet to integrate into practice. It has been resistant toward the implementation of, any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability. Notre Dame has yet to integrate into practice. It has been resistant toward the implementation of, any LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exemplary standards in terms of sustainability.

Dartmouth: An energy conservation professional who assesses and reduces fossil fuel usage and researches investments in Green Tag Renewable Energy Credits. Grade received: A-minus.

If Notre Dame had a comparable position, perhaps it could initiate participation in the U.S. EPA Green Power Partnership, which provides universities with the appropriate information and networks necessary for investing in renewable energy. Pennsylvania State and Duke are among the Green Power Partnership’s top-10 college users of clean energy. We may best these schools in football, but not in combating climate change.

Williams College: This school decided to slash an extra 20 cents per person per meal to purchase local, organic foods, resulting in a 30 percent increase in the last few years. Grade received: A-minus. Williams: a small liberal arts college in Massachusetts, has one-fourth our student body but only one-third our endowment. You may have seen a few 

"Locally Grown" signs in the dining halls. But consider how much Notre Dame’s expected 5.5 million pounds of waste in 2006, but where are the outdoor recycling bins on campus? In considering Notre Dame’s extensive environmental shortcomings, it must be said that the report card was not entirely accurate or complete. The University has indeed taken significant strides in promoting responsible environmental practices. For example, Notre Dame students took the load in implementing the campus-wide recycling program. Environmental Protection Agency President John Abraham reconstituted the Environmental and Energy Issues Committee in the presence of The Energy Center on campus, as well as faculty.

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But I’m ashamed of Notre Dame’s stance, given that they claim to offer a non-discriminatory environment amongst Catholic college. All the while, they are being left behind as other schools practice to move towards equality and fairness. The administration does not seem to affect the bottom line, because in the fallout, GLBT students are turned away from attendance. Faculty and staff are turned away from employment and all are barred from full participation in the Notre Dame community. But from my corner of the world, I see that Notre Dame has not only lost out on my donations from this discrimination, but on those of my brother, father, two aunts and a cousin — all Notre Dame grads. Failures, indeed.

When I read that Saint Mary’s students were protesting the selection of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito as their commencement speaker, I was surprised to find that one of the protestors was emotionally shocked and angered by the decision. I felt confident that, upon reading the rest of the article, I would discover what Alito had done that would make him ill-suited for the role of commencement speaker at a Catholic school, even though he is Catholic. However, when I read the article, I only found statements indicating that the protestors were in support of the buzzwords that NOW (National Organization for Women) has been using against him for years.

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Professor Andy Weitzen mentioned the importance of how we view the war in Iraq. There is such a place for students to become involved in the environmental movement at Notre Dame, and it has always welcomed students from a broad range of backgrounds. Notre Dame Students for Environmental Action (SEA) is a vibrant and active part of the Notre Dame community, working on campus, local and national issues. This semester, SEA is focusing on the development of an environmental and conservation fund with the development office, as well as planning a week of action and education leading up to Earth Day in April, with campus and community-wide events. We encourage you to question Notre Dame’s environmental policy, to speak up if you are frustrated, to educate yourself and become involved (sea@nd.edu).

Criticism of commencement speaker choice unfounded

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Scene Critics

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DEPARTED "and Christopher Nolan's first foray into the dangerous world of British superspy James Bond. Other memorable movies. Martin Scorsese's "The Prestige" both offer average DVs in their recent releases. Although it's nice to revisit these films after their theatrical debut -- supported by strong word of mouth and great critical and popular acclaim, it comes on a two-disc set labeled as a "special edition," but there's very little new to celebrate with this release. The first disc houses the movie and little else. Fortunately, the DVD sports a sharp, vivid video transfer and a booming soundtrack to complement the many impressive set pieces in the film. But while Campbell and Bond producer Michael G. Wilson recorded a stellar, always entertaining commentary track for "GoldenEye," they saw no need -- or weren't allowed -- to recapture their efforts here. Given the wealth of material to talk about with this film, it's a shame that Sony Pictures didn't seek out another commentary from the pair.

The second disc is not much better, offering only four bonus features that add up to 90 minutes of footage. Of the three documentaries, "Becoming Bond" is the most interesting one. The 26-minute feature has a misleading title as this feature covers more ground than just the selection of Craig for the role. It's an entertaining glimpse into the project's evolution but feels much shorter than its nearly half-hour running time.

The strongest detriment to this "Royal" DVD is that it falls for short of the exhaustive releases that the rest of Craig's counterparts have received. Even "The Other One," the disastrous 2002 Brosnan film, has hours of material on its second disc, perhaps surprisingly.

Sony Pictures recently reissued all 20 former Bond films on DVD under the banner of "Ultimate Editions." These comprehensive and handsome packaged releases have added luster to an already impressive Bond legacy that stretches from Connery to Craig. Craig himself did his part with "Royal," which is easily the finest Bond film in years, perhaps even decades, largely due to his efforts. After acquiring MGM -- the company that nourished 007 all these years -- it's a shame that Sony hasn't honored Craig's contribution with a lavish treatment it so richly deserves.

Brian: "Casino Royale" was one of the biggest hits of 2006, both critically and commercially. The movie added new life to the Bond franchise and brought a new face to the character in the form of Craig, who's played Bond in five films and announced he'll do a sixth. Craig's success has inspired James Bond producers to promise to push the series in the direction of adult cinema. Arriving on DVD in a two-disc special edition, "Casino Royale" will surely be a hit on home video, though the set itself seems much too brief.

The film follows Bond, a newly minted 00-agent, who is assigned to compete in a high stakes poker game against the French agent Le Chiffre, who is funding terrorists. Along the way, he is introduced to Vesper Lynd, an accountant who introduces herself as "the money." Appropriately enough, "Casino Royale" is based on the first Bond novel, written by British author Ian Fleming. It adheres more closely to its source material in both tone and characterization than any Bond film since "From Russia With Love," which is a welcome development. Bond is still suave and charismatic, but Craig inflects the character with an edginess and aloofness that suggests deep-rooted psychological problems -- these problems manifest themselves in the form of violence, to which Bond seems to take a rather casual approach.

A lot of the trademarks of the franchise -- Q, Moneypenny, etc. -- are MIA, but they aren't really missed all that much. Craig has such commanding presence as Bond that he controls the film without needing much in the way of support. The support he does get, however, is quite good, especially from the always-game Judi Dench, who reprises her role as M, Bond's superior. Bond Films have a tendency to overstay their welcome, with bloated, excessive running times and an action sequence or two too many. A previous Observer review of the theatrical release noted that "Casino Royale" is also too long. But that comment may have been recanted. While the film is indeed quite long (144 minutes), it's also extremely engaging even in its most monotonous moments and the pacing rarely flags.

"Casino Royale" comes to DVD in a widescreen two-disc special edition. There is also a fullscreen edition, which is essentially worthless, since the film makes full use of its long aspect ratio. The picture quality is quite good, with deep and accurate colors. The sound comes in a 5.1 Dolby Digital mix, which is full and immersive -- this is a film that has a complex sound mix, and the audio comes through quite nicely.

The special features are sparse -- there are three documentaries, only two of which are directly related to "Casino Royale." The first is a 26-minute look at the casting of Daniel Craig as Bond, which compares the actor to previous incarnations. The second is a 23-minute feature on the stuntmen and how they were performed. Finally, there's a 50-minute documentary on the Bond girls that has previously aired on AMC.

It's unfortunate that "Casino Royale" didn't get a classic release -- the two-disc edition feels pretty standard, with none of the typical bells and whistles associated with a big-time release. It's likely that a better release is somewhere down the road, perhaps when the next Bond film comes out.

Still, it's difficult not to recommend "Casino Royale" on DVD, simply because it's such a great movie. As a revitalizing next step in the Bond evolution, it stands as one of the great films in the franchise -- no small feat considering the series' longevity.

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Jackson's five

Irish coach collects fifth CCHA title while leading Notre Dame to its first ever...
Senior defenseman Wes O’Neill and Michigan center Andrew Cogliano battle over a loose puck in front of the Wolverines net during Saturday night’s championship in Joe Louis Arena, which the Irish won 2-1.

DETROIT — Notre Dame goaltender Dave Brown lifted the Mason Cup high over his head and then raised his eyes toward the rafters of Joe Louis Arena to give the league championship trophy a kiss. The rest of the Irish clambered to get a closer look and choked back victory sobs in an arena that has seen countless hockey legends weep at the sight of a silver bowl.

Only minutes before, Notre Dame had won its first-ever CCHA championship with a 2-1 game-for-the-ages victory over Michigan and celebrated by engaging Brown — and his net — with a human tsunami that sent players, padding and pipes crashing into the boards. Gloves, helmet and sticks burst so high out of the tidal wave that they might have brushed the stratosphere, sitting high above the ice in Heiney-town (right wing Evan Rankin still can’t find one of his gloves).

And in the middle of it all, crushed under a mob of Notre Dame sweaters, huddled a goalie who had just played his heart out in the biggest game of his life.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after the game that Brown is as good a goaltender as he has ever coached — telling words from a man with two national and five league championships and a tendency to go light his praise.

The Wolverines and their bullet-train fast offense bombarded Brown with 14 shots in the third period alone, which the senior gloved, blocked or smothered as part of his 31 saves in the game. And the Maize and Blue express charged down the tracks with no greater force than in the final two minutes of the game.

Irish defenseman Tom Sawatske was whistled for a cross-check with 1:33 remaining and the Wolverines threw CCHA points leader T.J. Hensick’s line out onto the ice along with the All-conference first-team defensive tandem of Jack Johnson and Matt Hunwick. All five Michigan players lined up for the power play were NHL draft picks.

The Irish don’t have five picks on their entire roster.

Michigan left wing Kevin Porter broke through the Irish penalty kill in the last minute and backhanded a shot on Brown that the goalie squeezed between his pads, but not before he had to check behind him to see if the puck squeaked through. The Irish got away with it, but pressure by defensemen Wes O’Neill and Noah Babin, bumped the puck away from Brown and out of the zone several times as the Michigan-dominated crowd of over 16,000 drowned out the Joe.

But each time the Irish cleared the blue line, Hensick bore back into their zone and zeroed in on Brown. With 34 seconds left, Michigan worked the puck in front of Brown’s crease, where — down in his butterfly stance — he scampered to make several saves from point-blank range. Johnson took one last whack at the loose puck, but Brown smothered it, and the Irish got away with it. Hensick is one of the most skilled players in the nation, but Brown was his equal, if not better, on this night.

Not only in those belter skelter final minutes, but in a majority of the game. Notre Dame was forced for one of the few times this season to throw much of the burden on Brown, expecting him to emerge from the pile with puck in glove. And he did it again and again.

The senior Hoby Baker finalist entered into showdown after showdown with Hensick and the rest of the quick Michigan forwards, who wheeled past Irish defensemen that were left looking at maize-colored numbers.

Wolverines left wing Chris Summers and Hensick each had a big breakthrough in the first period when they burst around the defense on odd-man rushes, but Brown played his angles well and the scoring chances were quickly stuffed. Brown even got a little luck of the Irish — in a game played on St. Patrick’s Day — when Johnson dinged a slap shot off the right post and never saw it until it dropped into the third period in a 1-1 tie.

To be bailed out by Brown was a rule reversal of sorts for a Notre Dame defensive unit that allowed only 22.8 shots per game this season. In contrast, Brown’s 2.92 goals-against average was 0.86 points higher than the next best goalie in the country — New Hampshire’s Kevin Regan — faces 3.7.2 shots per game from the opposition.

Standing on his head, Brown allowed the Irish offense to pound away at Michigan goalie Billy Sauer, who looked nothing like the goaltender that surrendered 11 goals to Notre Dame in two regular season games.

And then nine minutes into the third period, Irish center Jason Porter capitalized on Sauer’s only mistake when the goalie mishandled the puck in front of his own net right onto Porter’s stick for the eventual game-winner. The goal was the capper to an Iron Man weekend for the alternate captain.

Porter broke his nose in the first period against Lake Superior State when his loose helment cage was crushed back into his face — and was back in the game by the third period. The senior center’s mug looked like a bad Impressionist painting for the championship, with two midnight-black eyes and a red gash above the bridge of his nose, but — like Brown and the rest of the Irish — he came up big in arguably the most important Notre Dame hockey game in the program’s history — for the time being.

Brown’s name has been synonymous with Notre Dame hockey this season behind his stellar statistics and fluid style, but in reality, there has practically been a new hero each game for the Irish.

It was fitting that Brown elevated his game in the league championship to take another turn in the spotlight, and proving that after his best game of his collegiate career, the masked face of Irish hockey couldn’t be seen beneath a pile of champion Blue and Gold.

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Coach downs old team to reach championship

Defenders O’Neill, Sheahan both score goals while shutting out Lake Superior State in semifinals

By KYLE CASSILY
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DETROIT — Notre Dame advanced to the CCHA championship game with a 3-0 win over Lake Superior State — the team with which Irish coach Jeff Jackson had five of his coaching credentials — in the Lakers’ semifinals Friday at Joe Louis Arena.

"I’m awful proud of the fact [Lake Superior State] made it here again. I’ll always feel that way," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Because [Lake Superior State] is part of my heritage — my hockey heritage.

The No. 1 and top-seeded Irish (30-6-3) moved on to their second-over league championship after they defeated eighth-seeded Lake Superior State (32-13-8) with a little offense from the defense.

The Irish got a goal apiece from defensemen Wes O’Neill and Brock Sheahan — and an empty net from center Christian Hanson — to defeat a Lakers team that was a week removed from a two-game upset of third-seeded Miami in the second round. Notre Dame’s defense was forced to beat Lake Superior State goalie Jeff Jakaitis (26 saves) from the point, after the Irish offense was limited to scoring chances deep in the Lakers’ zone.

“We’re playing teams that keep a lot of people back, and if you don’t have your defensemen activate, you’re not going to win,” Irish center Ian Jakaitis said. “Everybody has got four guys back in the neutral zone, five guys back. So if your defensemen don’t activate, you’re not scoring.”

On the other end of the ice, the Irish defense limited Lake Superior State’s series against Miami. He made 91 total saves and allowed two goals in the Lakers two-game sweep of the RedHawks, including 44 stops in Lake Superior State’s 2-1 series-clinching win Saturday.

"When you are going up against a good goaltender like Jakaitis, you have to make sure you shut them down, because you may only win one to nothing," Jackson said. "And that is just about what it was.

"The Irish out-muscled a smaller Lake Superior State team and cordonned off the shot in their own zone, forcing the Lakers to make low-percentage shots from the outside.

Notre Dame added to O’Neill’s goal when Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan scored his third goal of the year and the second of the playoffs with a one-timer past Jakaitis at 8:46 of the second period for the 2-0 lead. Sheahan one-timed the shot to Jakaitis’ blocker side from the left point after Condra passed the puck out of a scrum in the left corner to the top of the Lakers’ zone.

"I couldn’t even see where Jakaitis was because of the traffic in front of the net," Sheahan said of his one-timer. "I was trying to shoot blocker side, and it happened to hit that guy off his leg and go blocker side.

The Lakers pulled Jakaitis with three minutes remaining in the game and Hanson pocketed a shot into the empty net at 17:33 to pad the Notre Dame lead to 3-0 and earn his sixth goal of the season.

"The Irish have a lot of good things going for them right now, it’s not going to go down," Lakers coach Jim Hoeg said. "Jeff [Jackson] is going to keep that thing rolling.

Notre Dame reached its first CCHA final in 1982 after it defeated Bowling Green 8-5 in the semis, before falling to Michigan State in the championship.

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Jackson wins second CCHA coach of the year award

Goaltender Dave Brown takes home player of the year honors, becomes Hobey Baker finalist on same night

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DETROIT — Irish goalie Dave Brown and coach Jeff Jackson were named CCHA player and coach of the year at the league awards show Thursday night at the Scotttrade Centre. Jackson also was named the Hobey Baker Award.

It was the second coach of the year award for Jackson, who earned the honor in 1991 with Lake Superior State, and the first of four this year for an Irish player in school history.

The Hobey Baker Committee selected Brown to the group of 10 players under consideration for the highest trophy college hockey has to offer. It will be awarded April 6 at the Provo Four in St. Louis. A selection committee made up of media, National Hockey League scouts and college hockey coaches will decide the three finalists March 28 for the award show at the Scotttrade Center.

Jackson and Brown accepted the league honors back-to-back to close out an awards show that saw Irish freshman Ryan Thang named as the CCHA’s rookie of the year.

Jackson took to the stage and began his acceptance speech with an update of the Michigan State-Marquette basketball game played at the award show — an acknowledgment of his school days spent in East Lansing. He then thanked his entire coaching and support staff before recalling a conversation he had with his “best friend,” associate head coach Paul Pooley, right after he took the Irish job in May of 2005.

Pooley had asked him a simple question — could the two of them win at Notre Dame? Jackson confidently responded, that yes, with the quality of the Notre Dame student-athlete, they could take the program to the top. He then put the award in perspective with the player’s accomplishments, before he called college hockey "the best place to be.

"The infusion of young players that had tremendous seasons, the experience of our coaching staff in the country, gave up the opportunity to build a special season," Jackson said in his speech. "And coach of the year is nothing more than team of the year, in my opinion.

Jackson took the stage as a player of the year was opened and Brown’s name was called, a brief highlight video of Brown’s season preceded his speech. Brown then stepped to the podium and pulled a prepared speech from his tuxedo jacket.

"I would not be here without the great support of my teammates, and I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication, commitment and play that has characterized in the early morning hours of this past June," Brown said. "I would like to personally thank Coach Jackson, who worked so closely with me throughout the past two years, and spent countless hours dissecting the craft of goaltending by my side.

Irish freshman Kevin Deeth, Kyle Lawson and Thang were given trophies for their selection to the league All-rookie team, and Brown was also named goaltender of the year. Prior to Brown’s player of the year selection, only one Irish player had ever been named best in a league in school history, when center Marcus Potley was selected as the WCHA’s most valuable player in 1977.

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ND scores 10 goals in 2 games to advance to semifinals in Detroit

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Notre Dame achieved its pre-season goal of reaching Joe Louis Arena and averaged an opening round loss in last year's playoffs to Alaska with a two-game sweep March 9-10 at the Joyce Center.

The No. 1 Irish advanced to the CCHA semifinals after 7-1 and 3-1 wins over Alaska in the second round of the playoffs, during which Notre Dame never trailed, was not outshot and dominated man-advantage and man-down situations.

"(Notre Dame) was playing at 100 miles per hour, and we were at fifty," Alaska coach Tavis MacMillan said. "It's tough to play against a team going twice as fast as you."

The Irish ensured that the ghosts of last season's 7-4 loss would not reappear when the Nanooks again lumbered into the Joyce Center for a playoff series, scoring five unanswered goals in the opening period of the first game. From there, Alaska managed to close the Irish lead to one goal only once more, when the Nanooks made it a 2-1 game in the second period of the second game.

Irish right wing Erik Condra continued to create scoring chances and set up open teammates for goals — his hallmark in two seasons at Notre Dame — with five assists in two games.

The scoring was spread evenly throughout the rest of the Irish roster. Left wing Garrett Regan had a goal and one assist. Center Jeff Van Heel (one goal, one assist), center Kevin Deeth (one goal, two assists) and left wing Ryan Thang (one goal, two assists) all contributed to the Irish scoreboard.

The — Irish defense stonewalled the Nanooks offense like they have done to the opposition all season, but against Alaska they came alive offensively as well. Defensemen Wes O'Neill, Brock Sheaean and Kyle Lawson each scored at least once on Alaska goalie Wylie Rogers and Chad Johnson in the series.

"It's something we've kind of waited for a lot over the year," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the offensive defensemen. "These guys are the backbone of our team, them and [goalie Dave] Brown. They make the difference."

Brown passed his Hobey Baker stats with 37 saves in two games and surrendered one even-strength goal and one power play goal.

**Notre Dame 7, Alaska 1**
The Irish scored five goals in the opening period to put the Nanooks away before the game began.

O'Neill scored the first goal of the game — and his first of the season — at 3:06 into the first period. O'Neill received a pass in the left side of the high slot and was able to finish off his blocker for the 1-0 lead.

"Everybody joked with me (and) said, 'as soon as the playoffs start you'll start scoring them,'" O'Neill said.

The Irish beat Rogers three more times — on two goals from Regan and one from Sheaean — as the No. 4-0 lead before the Nanooks goalie was pulled from the game and replaced with Johnson at the 14:25 mark. 

Regan then connected on a shot past Johnson only a minute later to welcome the new Alaska goalie to the Irish scoring onslaught and a 5-0 deficit.

"We just wanted to come in and get the forecheck going, and we were lucky to get a couple of bounces there," Regan said. "We were fortunate to get a couple goals early." The Irish scored once in the second period at 16:14 for the 6-0 lead when Lawson broke down the right side of the ice and beat Johnson high on his glove side — yet another goal that began with a Condra pass.

"There was a lot of talk," Condra said of ice communication between the Irish. "That's how I found guys open."

Irish left wing Mark Van Gillander gave Notre Dame the 7-0 lead with his power-play goal 58 seconds into the third period. Notre Dame worked the puck around the Nanooks zone several times before center Justin White found Van Gillander alone on the far post for a wide-open goal.

The Irish power play was 2-for-10 in the first game (4-for-16 on the series), while the penalty kill squashed five Alaska man-advantages in the first matchup and killed 10-of-11 penalties for the series.

Alaska scored its only goal of the game to make it 7-1 at the 4:41 mark of the third period. Nanooks defenseman Nathan Fornataro beat Brown high with a slap shot from the point through traffic.

**Notre Dame 3, Alaska 1**
Alaska came out faster and better able to withstand Notre Dame's attack in the second game, but two late first-period goals were enough to send the Irish to Detroit.

Thang and O'Neill connected on goals 1:23 apart in the last three minutes of the first period to give Notre Dame the 2-0 lead in a physical game played on slow ice.

Thang buried the puck into the open left side of the net after Rogers deflected a Deeth shot right onto his stick in the low slot at 17:19. O'Neill then deflected a slap shot from White on the point for his second period goal of the year and the series.

"In the last month, (O'Neill) has been dominant," Jackson said. "He's been the player that I think I have always expected of him."

Alaska cut the game to 2-1 at the 10:20 mark of the second period with a goal from center Adam Naglich on the power play. Brown made the save on Naglich's wrist shot, but the puck jolted loose from his pads and bounded into the back of the net.

"We were able to create more pressure and not allow them to come through the neutral zone so much," MacMillan said.

The Irish got an insurance goal from Deeth at 14:47 in the second period to put the game at 3-1. Defenseman Tom Sawatski ripped a high shot from the point that Deeth tipped out of the air toward the ice and past Rogers.

Both teams settled down to a paced, physical contest for the remaining period before the buzzer sounded and the Irish clinched a trip to Detroit.

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Irish forward Mark Van Gillander skates during Notre Dame's 3-1 win Dec. 2 over Alaska, one of their six wins over the Nanooks this year.
"Robin Hood" fails to state case for animation excellence

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As the first Disney animated feature to enter production after Walt Disney's 1969 death, "Robin Hood" illustrates perhaps better than any other film where the Disney studio faltered in the wake of its namesake's passing.

Looking back at the company's cartoons, it is rather remarkable to think that the loss of a single man could drain a legacy of magic from output collabo­rated on by hundreds of individuals. But the fact that "Robin Hood" is being released 33 years since it was first in theaters indicates that even if this 1973 feature can't claim the massive follow­ings of either Walt's cherished classics or of the late '80s-era '90s Renaissance musicals, it still is appreciated enough to justify a second DVD release — in its "Most Wanted Edition."

"Robin Hood" wasn't considered good enough by the studios to warrant one of the truly spectacular two-disc editions, and it has instead been given only a single­disc upgrading. Although it is contained on just a single disc, there are enough special features to distinguish its earlier DVD release. Most notably it comes with a deleted animation sequence, as well as the 1933 Mickey Mouse cartoon.

"Robin Hood" is an all-animated version of the much-adapted and well-known tale of a noble Englishman who robs from the rich to give to the poor. But Sir John is a brown bear, Friar Turk is a badger, Prince John is a lion, and so on. Though all the characters are com­pletely anthropomorphized, this produc­tion is still one of Disney's few animated features that avoids human characters altogether.

The minstrel rooster Allan-a-dale, who makes this one of the rare narrated Disney animated features introduces the cast of characters at the start in a melody known as "Tick-Tock theasti­cian." Their opposition is supplied by unquestionably evil authority figures: the tyrant Prince John and his often-tied­up buffer Sir Hiss (as well as the unforgettable Sheriff of Nottingham).

Robin Hood and Little John do assorted disguises to do their business as Sherwood Forest's redressors of wrongs. The story is depicted in a broad and comedic manner and it represents one of several elements calculatedly thrown into the mix. Slapstick-fueled adventure derives from the central arts of accept­able robbery, as does some small-town drama. There is also a group of kid characters and a love story surrounding Maid Marian and Robin Hood. Individually, they all fall short of more inspired treatment seen in other Disney films. Together, the result is reasonably diverting, but mediocre and evidently evidently. One of the major highlights of the film is Peter Ustinov's funny embodiment of the thumb-sucking comic villain Prince John. The character is not just goofy and quirky like your typical cartoon comedy's villain: he's genuinely funny enough to produce laughs in adults. While the antagonist's mannerisms are meant almost purely to amuse, "PJ" emerges as the movie's most defined character and he's just malicious enough to root against.

Although not one of Disney's best, it is still most certainly considered a classic, and is enjoyable especially for fans that grew up loving the movies.

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"Dead Silence" frightens not with horror but horrible dialogue

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"Dead Silence" follows Jamie Ashen, who becomes a widower at the beginning of the film when his wife is mysteriously killed. Jamie is concerned about weird coincidences, which include the arrival of a puppet called Billy, the day of the mur­der and that Jamie's wife seemed to talk to him moments before he discovered her body, despite the fact that her tongue was cut out.

Ignoring the assertion by Detective Jim Lipton (Donnie Wahlberg) that he's the prime suspect, Ashen returns to his hometown to try to search for answers, where he meets a predatarily strange cast of characters — his father Edward (Bob Gunten), who has driven away almost every member of his family; his new stepmother Ella. (Amber Valletta), who seems to be the only one capable of putting up with Edward; and undertaker Heany Walker (Michael Fairman), who seems to know the town's dark secret.

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"Dead Silence" the Anthony Hopkins story...
Lakers go 2-1 over break

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Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame (5-2) went two crucial matches over spring break but dropped its Big East opener Sunday against No. 11 Syracuse (4-3) 16-13. The Irish played four behind early, but had been shut down in the first half.

"It was a must-win game for them and eight-over par 224 at the Camp Tannadon from him," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "The Yale game was just a complete team effort, and our best defensive game all season." They came through at the finish, the Irish played from behind early in the first half. Senior Meghan Murphy helped Notre Dame back into the game, scoring twice on a run that cut the deficit to 5-4. Sophomore Jillian Byers tied the match at six with two goals, but Syracuse countered to take a 7-6 lead into halftime.

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Miami's leading scorer Dwyane Wade dislocated his shoulder on Feb. 21, but delayed surgery in hopes of rejoining the team this season. The Heat have stayed in the playoff race, but Wade is unsure when he will return.

Fate of Wade's season still unknown

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade sat before a bank of microphones on March 5, saying he would need at least two weeks of rehabilitating his dislocated left shoulder before deciding whether to return to the Miami Heat this season.

It's been two weeks. Still no one knows for sure when the NBA Finals MVP will be back. And if it is, it's aistle season. Wade isn't saying just yet.

"Physically, I'm doing good," Wade said Monday on a conference call to announce his plan for upgrading his old high school gym at Richards High in Oak Lawn, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

"I've been working out every day and doing what they're telling me to do. So I'm doing all right." Sometimes surprisingly, so are the Heat — who, even without their leading scorer, have rallied nicely to rise in the Eastern Conference playoff chase.

Miami lost 97-83 to Orlando on Sunday, a defeat that halted winning streaks of nine straight overall and 14 in a row at home — both were the longest current runs in the NBA. But even with that defeat, the Heat have gone 10-3 since Wade got hurt.

"I see him on the court every day," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "He seems to be progressing. They're advancing with their drill work and he's got the heavy ball, how high he can get his arms up and stuff. He feels stronger, but we don't know for a while when, exactly, the day will come when he'll start to play — so we're not even thinking about it right now."

When Wade got hurt, he had two options: Rehab or surgery. He chose rehab, with the hopes of returning sometime this season, but with the caveat that season-ending surgery remains a possibility if the shoulder doesn't get strong enough to allow him to play. And after one of his first workouts after the rehab regimen started, he realized how difficult getting ready again will be.

"It was rough, and right then, I thought surgery might not have been that bad," Wade said. "It's hard work, but I can get back, then it'll be worth it to me to go through it all."

Wade was averaging 28.8 points when he got hurt, and at the time, the Heat were on top of the NBA season on offense. But now they're firmly in the mix for an Eastern Conference postseason spot, plus have climbed within one game of Washington in the Southeast Division race.

And teammates, while acknowledging they don't know when it will happen, still insist they expect Wade back.

"With our No. 1 option out, Pat asked me to use my experience and get everyone involved," Heat center Shaquille O'Neal said. "We've got a lot of veterans who know what to do when it's time to step up, and when we get our No. 1 option back we'll be ready."

In Brief

21 arrested after high school basketball game

NEW YORK — Fights between fans during a championship high school basketball game at Madison Square Garden turned into a melee that spilled into the streets and subways, drawing police on horseback and in riot gear.

Gardine was heard as the crowd went from the arena Sunday night to Times Square, but no injuries were reported, police said.

About 21 people, mostly teenagers, were arrested, police said. Some were charged with disorderly conduct or resisting arrest and one was arrested on a riot charge.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested at a subway station on a charge of possession of a weapon. He may have fired the shots, police said.

A WCBS-TV camera crew inside the arena caught images of fights breaking out, including a girl slapping a boy, who then swung around and hit her. Other boys jumped him, and police broke up the fight.

No criminal charges filed against Simon for on-ice hit

MINNEAPOLIS, N.Y. — New York Islanders Chris Simon, suspended for a league-record 25 games for a vicious on-ice hit, will not face criminal charges.

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Hollweg said she considered "the willingness of the potential victim to support a criminal prosecution" and other factors in reaching its decision.

The N.H.L. suspended Simon for his two-handed stick attack to the face of the New York Rangers' Ryan Hollweg during a March 8 game at the Nassau Coliseum.

Hollweg, who needed a few stitches on the chin but was not seriously hurt, met with prosecutors from Simon's office last week but said reporters afterward that "he didn't think Simon should be arrested."

"They asked me if I wanted to, but I told them I didn't want to press charges," he said. "I'm not happy about what he did, but I want to focus on making the playoffs. I just want to move on."

Best friends Howland and Dixon meet in tournament

PITTSBURGH — Ben Howland and Jamie Dixon promised to never schedule this game, even though they always secretly hoped it would happen.

CCLA vs. Pitt in the NCAA tournament. Head coach vs. former assistant. Best friend vs. best friend. Howard's old team, taking on his current team, and possibly the only school he would have left Pitt to coach.

The matchup divides even the two house-holds — Howland's daughter, Meredith, missed Pittsburgh and her Mends so much after moving to the West Coast in 2003 that she returned six months later, re-enrolled in Pitt's nursing program, moved in with the Howlands and became a cheerleader.

Because of their friendship, Howland and Dixon always insisted this game would never occur in the NCAA tournament, and now it takes place Thursday night in San Jose, Calif., as part of the West Regional semifinals. In Pittsburgh, it's the No. 1 option back we'll be ready.
Irish prepare for start of league play

Team awaits rematch against conference nemesis Bellarmine

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

No. 19 Notre Dame (3-3) kicks off Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) play with a home matchup today at 4 p.m. against league newcomer Bellarmine (1-4). The Irish and the Knights met last season in Louisville when Notre Dame prevailed in an 8-2 match.

But Notre Dame enters having dropped three of its last four contests, including losing handily defeated Drexel before losses, respectively, the Irish prevailed in an 8-2 match.

In the contest against Drexel, sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff tied the Notre Dame record of seven goals in a game. Hoff is second this season in total goals, behind senior attacker Brian Huschmann. Hoff has netted 13, and Huschmann has 15. Freshman attacker Will Yeatman leads the Irish in total points (20) and assists (11).

Junior goalstopper Joey Kemp is credited with all six decisions for the Irish. He holds an 8.39 goals-against average and a .561 save percentage.

Hoff, Yeatman, and senior midfielder Bill Liva were the Irish point leaders in the game against North Carolina. Hoff netted two goals while Yeatman recorded a goal and two assists of his own. Liva scored once and added an assist.

In the loss to Dartmouth, Huschmann p vaed the way for the Irish with three goals and an assist. Yeatman had another solid day with an assist and

goal, senior attacker John Crenney scored his first goal of the season and junior midfield-

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SMC GOLF
Celtics place sixth at Myrtle

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Despite coming off a successful training trip, the Celtics finished this weekend in the Fairfield Invitational in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Celtics finished sixth, with a two-round combined total of 834 strokes, or 258 over par, in their first tournament of the spring season.

Junior Katie O'Brien led the Celtics, finishing 24th overall with a two-round score of 191.

Sophomore Meredith Fantom fin-

ished 26th with a 197.

Mentors may have factored into the sixth-place performance.

"I think if you look at all the scores in general from all of the teams, all of the tees shot to 10 to 15 percent higher than they nor-

mally score," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We were playing a lot of northern teams so it was everybody's first competitive rounds. Weather was an issue, we had to play in some downpour and some cold weather."

The length of the course not only made it more difficult but also changed the course manage-

ment strategies the players employed.

"The course played about 6,000 yards, which is about 200 yards longer than we're normally used to playing," Hamilton said. "And then there were a lot of dogleg holes or hazards in the landing area, so you couldn't hit a driver off the tee. That lent itself to hav-

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FENCING

Team will again send 11 to Championships

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Much as it did two seasons ago on route to a national championship, Notre Dame qualified 11 of the maximum 12 fencers to the NCAA Championships, which begin Thursday in Madison, N.J.

The Irish captured two individual titles at the Midwest Regional March 10, with nine additional fencers finishing well enough to qualify for the four-day competition at Drew University.

Sophomore foilist Adi Nott and freshman epeeist Kelley Harley continued their dominance of their respective weapons, cruising to crowns.

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Junior Adi Nott beat Ohio State’s Leslie Lampman 15-5 in the final, while Nott took an individual crown for the second straight week with an 8-6 win over Northwestern’s Samantha Nemec.

Not credited first-year Irish assistant coach Gia Kvaratskhelia with much of her improvement.

“Since Gia got here, he’s really helped a lot with my footwork,” she said. “He always makes your legs feel strong the whole time.”

Nott will be joined in New Jersey by fellow foilist sophomore Emilie Proctor. After an early-season appendectomy, Prot entered the Midwest Regional as the 3-seed but lost in the quarterfinals. In the bracket for fifth place, she won the first bout before storming back from a 10-7 deficit to defeat Ohio State’s Holly McKibben 15-12.

“This season was really tough because … I had my surgery,” she said. “This was my year to qualify. I had some good bouts, but others were not so nice.”

Irish senior Valerie Proctor finished third in the women’s saber, qualifying her for a spot in New Jersey. Sophomore Ashley Serrette finished sixth but earned a berth to the NCAAs, as Ohio State had three sabrelos in the top five.

On the men’s side, Irish sophomore Bill Thanbourou took second in the men’s saber, followed by his teammate, senior Patrick Ghattas, in third. Irish junior Matt Storms beat fellow senior Ryan Bradley for fifth place, but the two-person limit is only one this year.

The Irish (15-1) took care of Northwestern’s Samantha Nemec.

In men’s epee, Notre Dame qualified sophomore Karol Kostka and junior Greg Howard, who finished third and fourth, respectively.

Irish junior Jakub Bedrowkski, who finished second, and sophomore Mark Kubik, who finished fourth, qualified in men’s foil.

Ohio State also qualified 11, while Columbia, Penn State and Buck’s win over Duke’s Clelia Christian Thompson (1-6, 6-4, 7-5) and Duke freshman Amanda Granson defeated Irish sophomore Kelsey Tefft (6-1, 1- 6, 6-4) to clinch the score at three.

“Dukel stayed in it and all of a sudden it was down to one match,” Louderback said.

Whether they play indoors or outdoors, the results are the same for the Irish.

No. 2 Notre Dame defeated No. 29 BYU 5-2 in an indoor match March 10, then downed No. 23 Duke 4-3 March 15 and No. 19 Tennessee 6-1 March 16 in both of its outdoor matches in San Diego, Calif.

“This was a great trip for us,” Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said. “There were two tough things we knew going into it. One was the altitude (against BYU) and it was good for us to have to handle that.

“The other was to play our first outdoor matches. We hadn’t played any outdoors yet. For us to have to go outdoors for the first time, it was very good for us.”

The Irish (15-1) took care of the No. 29 Cougars despite losing the doubles point for just the third time all season. The No. 5 ranked duo of seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson dropped their match against BYU’s Anastasia Suvorka and Jenny Miccoi 8-3.

The Thompsons also lost at the No. 36 pairing of Daniela Berecek and Melissa Marsicano.

Christian Thompson also lost all three of her singles matches during the week.

“Had a rough week but played OK, especially against Duke,” Louderback said. “She was up and probably should have won.”

But Christian Thompson’s teammates picked up the slack.

Senior Catrina Thompson serves in a 5-2 Irish victory over Texas A&M March 3 at the Eck Center.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
No. 2 Irish continue to roll

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

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**WOMEN’S GOLF**

Irish see mixed set of results

Nakazaki leads the team in two Spring Break tournaments

By LORENZO REYES

Notre Dame stayed active over spring break. The Irish started slowly at the UNLV Spring Invitational on March 12, finishing the first two rounds in 17th place, but they earned a season-best five-over-par 293 to end in 15th with an overall score of 906 (42-over). No. 14 BYU won the tournament with a 17-under par 847.

Wednesday’s team total of 293 matched the program’s third-lowest 18-hole score since the second round of the 2004 Big East Tournament. Senior co-captain Neriko Nakazaki led the Irish with a 44th-place finish with an overall of a score of 224 (75-73-76). Irish freshman Julie Kim matched sophomore Lisa Maunus’ mark of 229 and tied for 65th. Maunus tied freshman Kristin Wetzel with a third-round 72, the team’s best mark. Wetzel ended the tournament in a tie for 85th, shooting a 233 (81-80-72). Freshman Annie Brophy shot her best round of the season on Wednesday with a 1-over par 73, leaving her in a tie for 68th with a total of 230 (76-81-73).

Notre Dame then traveled to Texas for the Bettye Bawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin. The Irish started strong in the first round and eventually placed 8th with a mark of 957 (214-315-308). No. 18 Purdue made a late surge and captured the title in Austin with a tournament-best round of four-over-par 292. The Boilermakers’ final-round performance erased an 8-stroke deficit. Despite the team finish, Nakazaki once again shot well, leading the Irish with a 223 (75-73-75)—good enough for a sixth-place tie. Her three round total marked the fourth time the senior has finished in the top-10 this season.

Brophy finished in a tie for 20th with a 233 (78-79-76), marking her highest overall placing and best 54-hole total of the season. Kim started the tournament with two consecutive rounds of 10-over par 82 but finished with a 77, leaving her with a total of 241 in a tie for 46th.

Wetzel finished the tournament with a score of 242 (80-79-83), placing her in a tie for 54th, while Maunus’ mark of 245 (81-82-82) placed her in a tie for 61st.

Notre Dame’s heads to Indianapolis for the Indiana Invitational hosted by Crooked Stick on April 9-10.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles dominate on way to early 9-1 mark

By REBECCA SINGER

The Belles left no question of their dominance over spring break, beating nine teams and dropping only one game in Ft. Myers over five days. On their opening day on Sunday, the team beat Montclair State 3-1 and piled on Mount Ida 13-4. Sophomore pitcher Kristen Amram gave up only two hits, and sophomore Ashley Fusaro hit a home run on her first pitch in the Belles’ triumph over Montclair. Junior captain McKenna Corrigan and Laura Hert three rounds to total a score of 224 (75-73-75) — good enough for a sixth-place tie.

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Men's Tennis

Team captures title on road

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's win Sunday over No. 14 Alabama marked the third championship title for the Irish in the Blue/Gray Classic since 1993. "I'm really proud of our guys — they played at a very high level over the weekend," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They did a terrific job of making the transition outdoors."

Heading down to Montgomery, Ala., provided Notre Dame with the opportunity to prepare for the rest of its outdoor season. Before the Blue/Gray Classic, the Irish had played a majority of their matches indoors.

Notre Dame adjusted to the differences of playing outside, but the team still faced challenges, especially in doubles play.

The Irish struggled with doubles in their 4-1 win over No. 26 Tulsa Saturday in the semifinals. Notre Dame lost at both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to fall behind by one. The No. 13 doubles team of Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu dropped its match 8-2 at No. 1 doubles to Tulsa's Arnao Brugges and Federico Soriano. Diego Camacho and Ivo Zimnisky clinched the doubles point for Tulsa as they cruised past Barry King and Brett Holgerson 8-3 at No. 2 doubles.

Ireland fell behind in doubles, but the Irish rallied and never looked back. No. 57 Parbhu evened the score by defeating Federico Soriano 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Holgerson was yet far behind as he took the 7-6, 6-3 win over Ricardo Soriano at No. 3 singles for the go-ahead point.

No. 12 Stephen Bass dropped the opening set to No. 5 Brugges, 6-3, at No. 1 singles, but he quickly rallied to win 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 and give Notre Dame the 3-1 lead. "Bass by nature has been a counter-puncher, and he has slowly added some firepower to his game," Bayliss said. "This was a match in which he really needed to be aggressive and he did just that."

King defeated Will Gray 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 to secure Notre Dame's place in the finals.

"We have to focus on becoming better in all positions." — Bobby Bayliss

Irish coach

The Irish struggled again in doubles play against Alabama in the finals Sunday. Keckley and Parbhu dropped their No. 1 singles match 8-2 to Alabama's Dan Buikema and Mattheiu Tabarrouste. The Tide clinched the doubles point when Javier Iles and Sammy Striffler defeated Andrew Roth and Bass 8-4 at No. 3 doubles.

Ireland fell behind in doubles since it hadn’t adjusted to outdoor courts.

"In moving outside our guys have been a little more vulnerable around the net and it's something that we have got to deal with," he said. Despite dropping the doubles point for the second day in a row, the Irish were not fazed. Bass defeated Striffler 6-2, 6-2 and Holgerson defeated Billy Merz 6-0, 6-0. King defeated Iles 6-3, 6-1 and Roth defeated Dan Buellman 6-2, 6-1 to secure Notre Dame's championship title.

Even though the Irish won the Blue/Gray classic, Bayliss said the team hopes to continue to improve in the weeks ahead. Notre Dame faces an onset of matches against high-ranked opponents like Ohio State and Illinois, and Bayliss said he would like to see a more well-rounded team by then.

"We have to focus on becoming better in all positions," he said. "We can't just maintain what we have, we need to really improve our skills."

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ND Softball

Irish struggle behind plate in tournaments

Team drops games at Long Beach tourney and Garman Classic

By LORENZO REYES
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Notre Dame had a loaded plate over spring break when it started off the week with a doubleheader March 11 at the Irish Invitational. The Irish faced the day with a 10-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky, but lost 9-3 to No. 12/16 UCLA in Lakewood, Calif.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead over Eastern Kentucky with three runs in the first inning. The Irish executed small-ball play with two bunts to advance runners in the opening frame. With runners on base, junior Katie Laug drove in the final hits in the inning with a two-run double.

Eastern Kentucky closed the lead to one run, but the Irish offense provided enough run support for senior pitcher Konya Fuemmeler, who improved to 2-4 with four hits allowed, eight strikeouts and one earned run.

Fuemmeler also pitched in the second half of the doubleheader, in which the Irish surrendered an early lead. Both teams traded runs in the first two innings until UCLA put the contest away with insurance runs after the third inning, posting three in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Sophomore Brittany Bargar was given the loss against UCLA, with six innings pitched, 11 hits and six strikeouts.

The Irish traveled to Fullerton, Calif., for the Judi Garman Classic March 15 at the Titan Softball Complex, where they fell 3-0 to No. 24 Arizona State.

Sun Devils pitcher Kati Burkart stole the game with her first-over perfect game. She threw 13 strikeouts in the seven-inning blanking.

Bargar dropped her fifth decision but earned her ninth complete game of the season, allowing six runs, two earned runs and eight strikeouts.

On Friday, Notre Dame earned a 4-2 win over Fresno State in the second game of the Judi Garman Classic. Fresno State jumped out to an early lead, but Irish offense answered, tying the game up in the first inning with senior catcher KC Burkart's double.

Bargar relieved the senior and earned her first save of the season.

The Irish dropped the second half of the doubleheader with a 4-2 loss to No. 17/16 Louisiana-Lafayette. Bargar gave up three runs off her only fourth inning, which proved to be the difference in Louisiana-Lafayette needed to hand the sophomore her sixth loss.

Notre Dame then lost its sixth game in a row, this time to the Tigers on the season with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of No. 8 Texas. Bargar allowed only three runs on eight hits, but Texas pitcher Megan Donny threw a complete-game one-hitter, earning 13 strikeouts.

Notre Dame ended the Judi Garman Classic with a 8-0 loss to Pacific. The Irish pitching suffered a defeat of its fourth inning, allowing six runs and handing pitcher Donny her loss. Once again, the Irish bats were silenced by another opposing pitching gem — this time from Chicago Engle, who allowed four base runners and gave up two hits in five innings.

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minutes or less. But McGraw doesn’t think the extra rest will give North Carolina any real advantage. "I think the way they play they’re in really good shape. I think they run with everyone they play," she said. "I don’t think that conditioning at this point in the season will be a factor.

Regardless of the extra rest, McGraw understands the threat the Tar Heels’ speed creates and understands the danger it poses. "I don’t think you can slow them down," she said. "They’ve got five people that can really run the floor." Latta leads the North Carolina offense. She has been instrumental for the Tar Heels throughout her four years in Chapel Hill, scoring 2,225 points—the most in program history. Latta has continued to improve this season and was named first-team all-ACC and the ACC tournament MVP. On the season, Latta has scored 16.4 points and dished out 4.5 assists.

The Tar Heels are just as strong inside as outside, behind forward Erin Larkins and center LaToya Pringle. Larkins has been effective on the boards, grabbing five offensive rebounds and three defensive boards per game, while scoring 13 points a game. Pringle has led the Tar Heels with 13.3 points and 8.2 blocks per game this season.

Matching up against this strong post presence will be Irish centers Melissa D’Amico and Asia Wilmore. The duo has plateaued at the post this season, averaging a combined 10.1 points and 9.6 rebounds per game.

"One advantage the Irish have inside is size," Larks and forward Rashanda MCants are both only 6-foot-1, while Pringle is 6-foot-3. For the Irish, D’Amico is 6-foot-5, Williams and forward starting Crystal Erwin is 6-foot-2. "They have some big bodies that set a lot of screens for them. They have a lot more bulk than we do," Tar Heels coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

Even though McGraw claims the Tar Heels defensively will not do much up with North Carolina, Williamson remains undeterred.

"As athletic as their players are, it’s just going to be about how much we can get in our own game, our A game, and how much we can get in their heads," she said. "I don’t think we’re gonna be scared of them. We’re gonna make two blocks per game this season.

Williamson is one third of Notre Dame’s freshmen-only bench, joined by guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow. This trio has shined so far this season and Notre Dame has lost its first round win over California was no exception. Williamson provided a defensive spark inside for the Irish, Barlow hustled on the glass to grab 10 boards and Lechlitner showed her experience by sinking crucial free throws at the end of the game.

"I think the more experience we had during this season is going to be more of a factor (than high school experience)," Lechlitner said. "We have played a lot of ranked teams, and we have a lot of experience beating those ranked teams this season.

"When the keys were set for the Irish was Sunday’s first-round game.

With half a second remaining and Notre Dame leading Cal, Tulyah Johnson stepped up to seal the victory by sinking both ends of a one-and-one.

"I knew I had just missed so, I was a little upset with myself but we were gonna make the next two so I wasn’t really worried," the fresh- man said. "I just wanted to step up and knock them out." After Lechlitner’s free throws, there was not enough time for a final desperation shot for the Golden Bears, giving the Irish the win.

Notre Dame was confident down the stretch and nailed key shots to stay ahead of California. Irish guard Tulyah Gaines pushed the Irish ahead with a pair of free throws with 17 seconds remaining to give the Irish a four-point lead. But the Golden Bears fought back when guard Lauren Greif made all three of her free throws to bring her team to within a point with only seven seconds left.

The Irish moved the ball up the court quickly, keeping the ball carrier away from California’s defense and avoiding any fouls. Despite the Golden Bears’ best efforts, they couldn’t stop the Irish who was too late. Despite the close finish, the Irish led for the first three quarters of the game by as many as 11 points, until Golden Bears forward Krista Foster hit one of her two 3-pointers to give California a 46-45 lead.

In the second half, Foster blocked the Golden Bears’ comeback, grabbing six boards and playing tough defense to force.

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conference, are the lowest­ranked in the Eastern Ten Tournament teams. The Golden Gophers—who were placed in a tough Denver bracket—were matched up against Air Force to keep the Falcons close to the South Dakota State Dragon.

Notre Dame has yet to play Alabama-Huntsville, but it did get a close look at them during the Lightning College Hockey Classic in Tampa, Fla. while cleaning up the just 7-5 to Air Force in the first round and then beat Army 2-1 in a consolation game the next day. The only time the two teams will see each other in the regular season is when they face off with Boston College in the Atlantic Hockey Conference. Notre Dame defeated Alabama-Huntsville, they will face off with Boston College in the Atlantic Hockey Conference.

"College hockey is college football except for the weird stuff can happen on any night," said special teams and defense man Noah Babin said. "Everyone is the same threat, so you just have to take people out one by one.

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"We’re learning to play a little bit more consistent on the road."

Jeff Jackson Irish coach

Notre Dame bites back in the third period and the Irish offense is back.

University is also a strong defensive team and has made it this year’s winning formula of the Irish. The Terriers have jockeyed with Notre Dame for the No. 1 position in the country. Senior goalie John Curry in a Hobey Baker finalist like Irish goalie Dave Brown has a goals-against average of 1.92.

The key to any other team, but right now we are looking at the game we will take care of itself," finder said.

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Notre Dame forward Rob Kurz, left, shoots against Winthrop's Phillip Williams in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday.

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It was tough luck when the Irish took off the press and battled back, but it did slow down the Eagles and disrupt the pace of their offense. But the Irish stayed in the press late in the first half — and with Winthrop's increasingly fatigued legs. Maybe the Irish coaching staff feared an onslaught like the one in the second half. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points. Bradshaw had 16-second half points.

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this game, let's make them come back to it," Brey said.
Sixth-seeded Notre Dame stormed back. The Irish switched to a full court press — which had served them well in the first half — and held Winthrop without a field goal for more than eight minutes.

"I guess there was a leprechaun guarding the rim," Marshall said.

Brey said the press focused his team and threw Winthrop of its rhythm.

"Once we switched to the press, we changed the atmosphere a little bit and got our energy back," he said.

During the Eagles drought, Notre Dame went on a 22-3 run to pull within one at 55-56. With 2:20 left in the game, the Irish took a 63-52 lead on a break shot by forward Luke Harangody. But that was the last lead the Irish would see.

This time, the Irish made a run. The Eagles featured three seniors and two juniors in the starting lineup — won out in the end.

"They looked like the men and we looked like a younger group," he said.

Bradshaw had 16-first half points, and made him rush his shot.
ND Women's Basketball

After topping Cal, Irish get Tar Heels in NCAAs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The last time the Irish took the floor, they jumped out to a 12-2 lead over eighth-seeded California and held on for a 62-59 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. This time, it won't be so easy.

Notre Dame (20-11, 10-6 Big East) continues its tournament run today against North Carolina (31-3, 11-3 ACC) — the top seed of the Dallas region — at 9:30 p.m. in the Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh.

The Irish have played one of the toughest schedules in the country this season, facing seven ranked teams and 12 Tournament teams. But even though the Irish have played two other one-seeds this season (a 78-54 loss at Tennessee Dec. 30 and a 64-47 loss at Connecticut Jan. 27), Irish coach Muffet McGraw still feels that they have yet to play to complete a team as North Carolina.

"[Tar Heels senior] Ivory Latta is an outstanding point guard. She's somebody that we haven't really seen anybody like her," McGraw said. "But certainly (earlier Irish opponents) Rutgers and Connecticut both have the type of players that North Carolina has." North Carolina handily won its first round game against 16-seed Prairie View A&M Sunday, taking a 20-point lead in the first four minutes en route to a 95-38 win. The Tar Heels not only won with ease, but also saved their starters' legs for the second round. Every Tar Heel played for 21 minutes.

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Men's Basketball

Quiet exit

Carter, Falls can't complete comeback against Winthrop

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

SPOKANE, Wash. — No. 16 Notre Dame erased a 20-point second half deficit but couldn't finish off the comeback and fell 74-64 to No. 21 Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday at Veterans Memorial Arena in Spokane, Wash.

"It's a big win for our program, for our conference, and for the state of South Carolina," Eagles coach Gregg Marshall said.

The win was Winthrop's first all-time NCAA Tournament victory, and the first for the Big South conference.

After leading 32-28 at halftime, the 11th-seeded Eagles (29-4) exploded out of the locker room, making 10 out of their first 12 shots in the second half and going on a 22-6 run to take a 54-34 lead with 13:15 to go.

"They stepped up on defense," said Irish point guard Tory Jackson, who scored nine points. "We got frustrated and it started to go downhill.

Down by 20, Irish coach Mike Brey called a timeout.

"I told the guys, 'CBS has left the room, it doesn't really matter, but it means Brey approved of the shot selection, but the shot just didn't fall,'" Brey shouted at the sidelines.

A complete comeback was not to be Notre Dame's numbers from the floor, they would have to pick against the Irish and say they would not even be close against the more athletic Winthrop.

But the Eagles had some "tough luck" of their own. In the first half, Winthrop lacked the

Irish forward Rob Kurz, left, is boxed in by Winthrop center Craig Bradsham in the Eagles' 76-64 win over the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday.

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Hockey

Icers sent to Grand Rapids

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The celebration did not last long for Notre Dame.

Less than 24 hours after the Irish raised their championship banner in Detroit, the team was already back in South Bend.

preparing for its first-round opponent in the regionals of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

The Irish, who received an automatic bid to the tournament after winning the College Hockey America Conference Championships, will be joined by Boston University and Michigan State in the region's other first-round game.

"It's one of those situations where at this time of the year it doesn't really matter, but it is nice to be able to stay in the Midwest," senior captain T.J. Jindra said.

The Chargers, who received an automatic bid to the tournament after winning the College Hockey America Conference Championships, will face a team from the Midwest.

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Baseball

Team rallies to finish with four wins in Fla.

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After two frustrating shutout losses in the three-game Clearwater Invitational, Notre Dame used its momentum from a 10-inning, 11-8 victory over Webber International March 12 to win four of its last five spring break contests in the Sunshine State.

"We really tried to build off of that good win against Webber International," Notre Dame Coach Dave Schrager said.

Notre Dame (8-9) put up four runs in the ninth to force the extra inning after three straight Irish batters stayed alive facing two-out, two-strike situations.

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