College alumna braves front lines in Iraq

Class of 2004 graduate felt call to serve her country, landed in desert war zone

By KELLY MEEHAN Senior Staff Writer

When Saint Mary's alumna Jessica Millanes graduated in 2004, she landed an office job that she immediately felt a call to serve her country. "I wanted to be able to put it on and spend the day with them," Millanes said.

Saint Mary's alumna stands in front of an Iraqi landscape during her tour of duty there.

First Lieutenant communications officer Jessica Millanes, a Saint Mary's alumna, stands in front of an Iraqi landscape during her tour of duty there.

Group hosts Spring Fling for local kids

By BECKY HOGAN News Writer

The Silver Wings Club of Notre Dame helped underprivileged children from the South Bend community celebrate the beginning of spring with its annual "Spring Fling" event at Stepan Center Saturday.

The club provided fun and games for more than 150 students and the distinctiveness of the race — 13.1 miles, to be exact — to "do something" to serve her country, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks. "I was in charge of an extremely proficient and loyal group of Marines — they made my job easy," she said.

There were certainly challenges, however.

Runners raise funds for Katrina

By EMMA DRISCOLL News Writer

On Sunday morning, more than 350 runners showed up prepared to run the distance — 13.1 miles, to be exact — to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina in this year's Holy Half Marathon.

The race drew between 360 and 375 participants in its third year — an increase from last year's race that had "just over 300" runners, marathon director Kathleen Goveck said. The past two years have seen a significant swell in the number of participants from the first Holy Half held in 2005, which "had probably 80 people" and made a little over $2500, Goveck said.

Goveck attributed the rise in participation to both talk among interested students and the distinctiveness of the race as a half marathon.

"It just definitely spread through word of mouth," she said. "It's just a pretty unique race in that it's the only half marathon in the area."
Longing for Raftery

Essentially, Ohio State's 93-76 victory over Memphis Saturday was complete. Memphis delayed the inevitable by fudging throughout the final two minutes, but I did not move away from the television or change the channel as I usually do when a game is not close to the end. Why did I do this? Because of Bill Raftery.

For the first time ever, I actually wanted to watch a game because of who was announcing it, more than I wanted to watch it because of who was playing. You will never agree with everything commentator do during a game (though with Raftery I often do), so what you look for in announcers is to bring you the excitement of being there. Raftery's drama of the game and gives you a better viewing experience if the announcers get into the game as much as you do.

Most importantly, you want someone who conveys the element of fun when you are watching. Sports are supposed to be fun. Bill Raftery (and Dick Vitale) match all of the above criteria, Billy Packer (who will be commментat­ing throughout the entire Final Four) does not. Raftery has done every Final Four game on television for the past 32 years and every one I've heard him do, it sounds as though he would rather be somewhere else. In a cruel twist of fate, Raftery and Vitale, who would be excited to announce my brother's fifth-grade league games, have never done one on television.

So when I kept the end of the Ohio State game on Saturday, I treasured the final minutes I had to listen to Raftery until next winter. "Send it in," "Onions" and "With the Kids" will all have to wait for another year. I mean, the guy gets excited when somebody properly boxes out or sets a perfect off the ball screen. How can you not love that in an announcer?

As for Vitale, as much as some people think he is annoying, you have to respect his love for college basketball. Vitale's fifth-grade league games, have never done one on television.

The Saint Mary's cheerleading squad performs during "Midnight Madness" at the Angel Athletic Facility Friday night. In its eighth year, Midnight Madness featured four hours of games, food and prizes.

Offbeat

Mouse absconds with Maine man's dentures

WATERVILLE, Maine — Never underestimate a mouse's determination. There's a mouse in Bill Exner's house that he says he has captured three times. Each time, the mouse escaped, and the last time the rodent made off with his lower dentures.

Exner, 68, said he and his wife Shirley scoured his bedroom after the dentures disappeared from his night stand.

"We moved the bed, moved the dressers and the night stand and tore the closet apart," he said. "I knew that little stinker stole my teeth!"

They found a small opening in a wall where they suspected the mouse was coming and going, and their daughter's fiance, Eric Holt, stepped in to help.

They retrieved the dentures. Holt suggested their future father-in-law bolt them in place and whatever else he could find for to disinfect it.

Sununu named N.H. town's hog wrangler

HAMPTON, N.H. — Former White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu has a new title — hog wrangler.

Sununu and his wife, Nancy, recently were named the honorary post of Hampton Falls' hog reeve, complete with a swearing-in ceremony and a badge. The post, which dates back to the 1700s, means the couple are responsible for rounding up any loose pigs in town.

The title is usually given to an unsuspecting newcomer each year.

He was New Hampshire governor for three terms in the 1980s and chief of staff to President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1991, and now he's taking his new job in stride.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

As part of the Labor History Film Series, the film "Farmingville" will be shown today, at 4:30 p.m., in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium, followed by a lecture from Karen Richman, director ofilder and InterAmerican Affairs.

Dr. Johnson Nkunye, country coordinator for the Millennium Villages Project in Uganda, and Dr. David Siriri, science coordinator for Millennium Villages Project in Uganda, will speak tonight at 7 p.m. about "The Millennium Villages Project: Grassroots Development?" The event will be held in the Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge.

As part of Notre Dame's commemoration of the 27th-anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination, there will be a panel discussion Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103 about "Human Rights in El Salvador Today."

The panel features Victoria Marina de Aviles, Supreme Court Justice, El Salvador; Nestor Gonzales, a Salvadoran Christian church worker; Douglas Chamberlain, director of Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John D. French, associate professor of history at Duke University and visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute.

There will be a Ghana Reggae Coffee House Tuesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns Coffee House. The event features Don Savnie from the department of music and students Francis Issaldoo and Theo Osei-Anto.

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

Question of the Day: Where are you going?

Adam Frisch

senior

St. Ed's

"Lauren."

Bruce Hill

junior

Fisher

"Far."

Greg Bassett

senior

Morrissey

"Iraq."

Jamie Blanke

senior

Keough

"Tipperary. Because it's the long way."

Jim Pearl

freshman

Carroll

"Your Mom's house."
Professor examines abortion ethics

Margaret Hogan, center, speaks about the medical ethics of abortion Friday in the McKenna Hall Auditorium as part of the J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture in Medical Ethics series.

By AMANDA GONZALES
News Writer

Margaret Hogan, a McNerney-Harrison professor of ethics at the University of Portland, took on the hot-button issue of elective abortion during her lecture Friday on "Bioethics Ethics and Its Gordian Knot."

Hogan, who called abortion a "bloody battle that has taken many lives and left many scars," said it is a subject on which "everyone has an opinion." Hogan said she believes by changing the ways in which our society views abortion — primarily by working to change these four ideas — the Gordian knot can be untied.

Hogan also spoke about the ideals of motherhood, and how the relationship of a woman to her unborn child is a human union, both physically and morally. "Because it is such a union, the task of the woman is for her to speak for the unborn and its rights," Hogan said.

She said humans are dependent creatures — not only on God but also on each other — and it is our duty to help those that are helpless, including unborn children.

Hogan said Catholics are not doing enough to stop the practice of abortion. "Catholic intellectuals have sat on the side," she said, stressing the need for greater participation in this heated controversy. Catholics must be willing to take a risk in today's society and can make a change, even though they are small in number, she said.

Hogan was the 18th lecturer to speak at the 22nd-annual J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture in Medical Ethics series and is also a fellow of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture.

The Phillips Clarke Family Lecture, hosted by the Center for Ethics and Culture as well as the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Alumni Continuing Education Office, brings 100 practicing physicians and health care workers from different countries to Notre Dame to speak about the issues currently facing the medical community.

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Roberts said "it is far below that of internet and newspaper listings. Students participating will be provided a link to register, allowing them to view the openings and submit a resume. "Students spend an average of three to four hours on the internet a day," Roberts said. "We are hoping that when they're online, they jump around our site and utilize the program." The career fair is targeted at Saint Mary's students, but Notre Dame undergraduates are also invited to participate. While some positions are in higher demand than others, the Center for Career Opportunities is willing to make arrangements to ensure a strong turnout, according to Roberts. "To fill postings in such 'high need' areas, such as special education teachers or nursing, we may also invite additional guests from select programs at area colleges and universities," Roberts said. Alumni are also invited to participate if they are interested in any of the jobs. "As the fair is designed to feature internships and entry-level professional positions for current students, alumni seeking this level of work are definitely invited as guests," Roberts said.

In the past, Saint Mary's has hosted an annual career fair in the fall called the "Showcase of Careers," which was suspended this year to prepare for the event. The "Showcase of Careers" is undergoing an overhaul and should reappear on our program schedule in the fall, according to Roberts. "Opportunity Knocks" is a new offering to build strong relationships with high quality employers. This new program, however, was not intended to replace "Showcase of Careers."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU leaders call for Sudan sanctions
Britain and Germany called Sunday for tougher actions against Sudan to end four years of bloodshed in Darfur, where the new U.N. humanitarian chief said he fears a possible collapse in the massive effort to aid refugees from the violence.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the current situation in Darfur "unacceptable" and German Chancellor Angela Merkel called it the Darfur region's suffering "unbearable." She and British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned of a possible collapse in the action against Sudan to end four years of bloodshed. French President Jacques Chirac called Sudan's government "unacceptable" and said a strong U.N. peacekeeping force into Darfur. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called to atrocities in Darfur, naming a junior minister at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, linked Sudan's government to atrocities in Darfur, naming a junior minister as a war-crimes suspect.

Britain backs N. Ireland government
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Britain said Sunday it intends to try to bring power immediately to a new Catholic-Protestant administration for Northern Ireland — but is open to naming a junior minister as a war-crimes suspect.

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WASHINGTON — Republican support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales eroded Sunday as three key senators sharply questioned his truthfulness and a Democrat joined the list of lawmakers who want him to resign over the firing of eight federal prosecutors.

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Teen killed at friend's memorial
WEST WARBICK, IL — A teenager was killed by a hit-and-run driver at the same spot where his 14-year-old friend had died in a crash just hours earlier.

Andrew Cott, 18, was hit by a car after 4 a.m. Saturday as he played a guitar at a makeshift memorial to Darian Plais, 14, on West Warbrick's Main Street. Plais died after driving his motorcycle into a utility pole late Friday. Friends of both teenagers told the Providence Journal.

Local News

Rugby coach accused of molestation
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A high school rugby coach faces a preliminary charge of felony sexual misconduct with a minor, according to a complaint filed in an investigation of a relationship with a 15-year-old girl.

Steven Cullen, 25, of Fort Lauderdale, was arrested Wednesday and was being held Friday in the Elkhart County Jail on $100,000 bond, jail records showed.

Formal charges were expected to be filed Monday in the cocaine possession case against the High School principal.

"We need to put that kind of decision in the hands of our commanders who are there on the ground with the men and women," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. "For Congress to impose an artificial date of any kind is totally irresponsible."
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Porrazzo said he thought Notre Dame was at a disad-

vantange when they lined up against the Spartans on Saturday, especially since Michigan State had defeated Boston University 5-1 in the NCAA first round.

"MSU came off a huge advantage after beating BU, and they obviously had the momentum at the beginning of the game to beat us," he said.

Muldown, however said he was very pleased that the fans still showed incredible support for the team.

"The hockey band was incredible, helping everybody stay rowdy even after the [Spartans] had a two-

point lead," he said. "I was scared that the crowd is going to go flat.

Still, Muldown said both he and the hockey band were there to keep that from happen-

ing. "The greatest things are that we have an incred-

ible coach and fan base," he said.

Senior Joe Douch said the high turnout of fans kept the game intense.

"We were expecting to be outnumbered by the Michigan State fans, but when we got that first goal, we were so into the game that it didn't feel that way," he said.

And despite the fact the hockey team came so close to victory, the fact that they had made it that far was still exciting for students like freshman Jordan Carey.

"A 3-2-7-2 record isn't bad," Carey said. "Though I was disappointed, it's always good to see a Notre Dame team exceed expecta-

tions.

And, as Douch pointed out, there's always next year.

"I've been following the hockey team since I was a freshman, and it's pretty exciting to see where the hockey team is going," he said. "And it definitely seems like the program is going in the right direction.

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ize the event, which involved two months of preparation and plan-

ning. Members of the Arnold Air Society and cadets from Air Force ROTC also vol-

tunteered during Saturday's festivities.

"We had a staff of six people and each of them was in charge of a different aspect of the event," Shelton said. The staff mem-

bers were in charge of organizing food, transportation and the egg hunt, as well as contacting various community centers in South Bend.

Spring Fling staff also organized transportation for five of the seven groups attend-

ing the event through charter buses.

The group started contacting the children's groups one month prior to the event.

"Everyone on staff has put in a lot of hard work and time in preparation for the big day —

it's really been a team effort," Shelton said. "We couldn't have done it without each person's contributions.

Silver Wings was able to use the money raised from its con-

cussion stand in the fall as well as an allotment from the Student Activities Organization (SAO) to fund the event.

"We received a collaboration fund from the Club Coordi-

nation Council for $500, which turned out to be cru-

cial as we needed to rent a second bus in order to get all the kids to and from the event," Shelton said.

Silver Wings is a student group that serves as the civilian coun-

terpart to the Arnold Air Society, which focuses its efforts on serv-

ice in the community as well as personal and professional develop-

ment for students.

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Legal Notes

Lawyer in Duke rape case dies

Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died Sunday.

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died early Sunday, a fellow defense attorney in the case said. He was 41.

Osborn had a massive heart attack on Friday and died shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, attorney Joe Chesnutt said.

Osborn represented Reade Seligmann, one of three Duke lacrosse players charged in the case stemming from a dancer's allega-

tion she was sexually assaulted at a team party.

The players were originally indicted on charges of rape, sexual offense and kidnap-

ning, but Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong dropped the rape charges in December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story.

All three have steadfastly maintained their innocence.

"We will never forget Kirk and his sacrifices for Reade and for justice," Seligmann's family said in a statement. "Kirk's fight for the truth and for justice in this case met the highest standards of ethics and professionalism and stand in stark contrast to those who condemned Reade.

He is an example of what a lawyer should be." Actions by Osborn in the case included a motion with phone records and security camera images showing Seligmann would have been nearly a mile away from the Durham house at the time she said he was tak-

ing part in the attack.

Osborn also filed a motion to have Nifong removed from the case, arguing that Nifong went after the lacrosse players 32 times in votes.

In January, Nifong asked the state attorney general's office to take over the inves-

tigation after the state bar charged Nifong with several ethics violations tied to his conduct in the lacrosse case.

If convicted of the ethics viola-

tions, Nifong could be dis-

barred.
Market Recap

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In Brief

Eli Lilly challenged on cancer drug

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Eli Lilly and Co. has launched a patent defense for the osteoporosis drug Evista, which brought in $1 billion last year. "I would say it's critically important that they maintain the intellectual property for (Gemzar)," said Karen Ackerman, a political analyst at the University of California-Berkeley specializing in labor issues. He said there are still significant concentrations of union voters in key electoral states that can swing results.

"Some observers say Democrats were helped more by President Bush's sagging approval ratings, rather discontent with the war in Iraq and congressional scandal such as the lobbyist corruption case that helped oct six-year Rep. Bob Ney, an Ohio Republican. In Ohio, the state that clinched re-election for Bush in 2004, candidates Ted Strickland (governor) and Sherrod Brown (senator) led a Democratic return to prominence with strong labor backing. Exit polls indicated four of the five votes from union households supported them. However, Democrats were also helped by Ohio Republican ethics scandals and by an ineffective GOP gubernatorial campaign."

"But, Asher added, it's become more difficult for organized labor to present a united political front. As its traditional industrial base declines, new members come from the public sector and jobs such as janitors, and a breakaway union coalition includes the Service Employees International Union, which claims 1.8 million members."

Bush to inspect alternative fuel autos

WASHINGTON — President Bush is getting at look at U.S. automakers' latest models of alternative-fuel vehicles at the companies press the case that ethanol and biodiesel blends can help reduce the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

Bush scheduled a White House meeting Monday with General Motors Corp. chairman and chief executive Rick Wagoner, Ford Motor Co. chief executive Alan Mulally and DaimlerChrysler AG head Dieter Zetsche, a key executive of the automakers. The focus is on Bush's support for flexible-fuel vehicles which are capable of using gasoline and ethanol blends, and his administration's plan to cut gas consumption by 20 percent in 10 years.

The three auto leaders have pledged to double their production of flexible fuel vehicles to about 2 million a year by 2010.

Automakers intended to stress that they could make half of their cars and trucks capable of running on alternative fuels by 2012 if there is enough availability and distribution of E85, an ethanol blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. "If the production and distribution of ethanol can match the volumes that we've committed to building, there's an opportunity to significantly reduce gasoline consumption within our grasp," GM spokesman Greg Martin said.

Industry officials note that only 1,100 of the nation's 170,000 fueling stations offer E85 and have argued that the distribution system is critical to getting more vehicles running on alternative fuels. Bush planned to inspect some flex-fuel vehicles on the South Lawn following the meeting: GM's flex-fuel Chevrolet Impala running on E85; Ford's Edge Hybrid, a concept plug-in hydrogen fuel cell; and DaimlerChrysler's Jeep. Grand Cherokee diesel filled with E85, a biodiesel blend.

The president toured a GM plant in Kansas City, Kan., and a Ford plant in Claycomo, Mo., last week, promoting the benefits of hybrid vehicles and other alternatives. Bush has sought higher fuel efficiency standards for cars, but auto industry officials said they did not expect to raise their concerns about the proposal.

Wagoner, Mulally and Zetsche told a House committee this month that raising fuel economy standards by 4 percent a year, under a White House plan, "would be expensive and challenging.

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**Students want longer opening hours and maybe even 24/7 access.**

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- We conduct carrel checks to identify non-checked out or missing material that is then returned to the shelves.
- We have more intensive training, with increased quality control, for our shelvers.

**Students want a relaxation of the library policy on food and drink and/or a special designated place where eating is allowed, such as a café.**

- Renovation plans for the Hesburgh Library include plans for a café.
- The vending area on Level One near the east entrance is available for drink and snack breaks.
- The Library allows a variety of pre-packaged snacks, including chips, granola bars, nuts, pretzels, and cookies.
- Beverages in bottles that can be re-closed or other spill-resistant containers are permitted.

For more results, see: [http://www.library.nd.edu/libqual/](http://www.library.nd.edu/libqual/)
Pizza boxes turned into wanted posters

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Customers at some suburban pizza parlors are getting something extra with their pepperoni and mushrooms — wanted posters for parents accused of failing to pay child support.

The idea came to Cynthia Brown, executive director of the Butler County Child Enforcement Agency, while she was ordering pizza.

"It suddenly dawned on me that most people running from the law don't eat out, they order pizza," said Brown, whose county is north of Cincinnati. Enforcement agencies across the country use a variety of methods to locate support scofflaws and collect past-due payments. Virginia has issued subpoenas to cellular phone companies seeking addresses and phone numbers. California's Kern County seizes and auctions parents' vehicles, with proceeds going to the children, said Kay Cullen, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Child Support Enforcement Association.

State child support agencies collected more than $23 billion in child support for 17.2 million children in 2005, but the cumulative past-due child support since the agencies were first formed more than 30 years ago is $106 billion, Cullen said.

"While we have made progress, putting the wanted posters on pizza boxes is an example of the innovation and commitment that we need," she said.

Other Ohio counties put posters on their Web sites and work with local Crime Stoppers programs, and a few contract with companies that can track people through rental and cell phone records, according to the Ohio Child Support Directors Association. Some include fliers in water and sewer bills.

Butler County has printed posters with mug shots of its 10 most-wanted parents, placing them in post offices and other government buildings and sending them to Ohio's 87 other counties. The lineup, chosen by priorities, is changed twice a year.

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"Getting eggs from women is the bottleneck to cloning," said Maury Beaulier, whose firm is in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Debate on interspecies cloning sees new life

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — It was nearly a decade ago that Japanese scientists had had all their genetic material removed. The hope is that the human DNA will trick the eggs into thinking they're pregnant, beginning development.

After about five days of growth, the cloned embryos would be destroyed and the stem cells extracted. The stem cells would be grown in their labs and the researchers could look for the onset of diseases, study their development and test experimental drugs on the cells.

"You can model Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease in a dish," said Stephen Minger, director of the Stem Cell Laboratory at King's College in London.

Minger's request for a government license to use cow eggs instead of women's eggs to generate human embryonic stem cells stirred significant controversy in the United Kingdom last year. His application with the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority — along with another from Lyn Armstrong of the North East England Stem Cell Institute — is expected to be ruled on later this year.

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Butler County Child Enforcement Association. Some include fliers in water and sewer bills.

Butler County has printed posters with mug shots of its 10 most-wanted parents, placing them in post offices and other government buildings and sending them to Ohio's 87 other counties. The lineup, chosen by priorities, is changed twice a year.

The Butler County sheriff's office served 1,224 nonsupport warrants last year, said sheriff's Sgt. Todd Langmeyer. The county has about 350,000 residents.

Brown approached several restaurants and chains with her idea of affixing the posters to pizza boxes, but so far only three pizzerias are participating.

"Getting eggs from women is the bottleneck to cloning," said Maury Beaulier, whose firm is in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Debate on interspecies cloning sees new life

Associated Press

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Today, I am announcing my future intention to possibly form an exploratory committee which could potentially uncover the chances that I may or may not declare my unicellular candidacy for the nomination of a particular party for the presidency of the United States of America.

(Technically, I have to wait until 1 AM to do this, but if the current primary season has proven anything, it's that it is never too early to start running for president.

Consequently, all of my campaign promises will apply to the 2020 elections.

My fellow Americans, this nation stands at a crossroads. We can merely sit back and allow the numerous problems facing the world to pile up like a stack of greasy dishes that were stolen from the dining hall and now sit in the rancid compost heap that is your off-campus kitchen sink.

Or, we can put down our Nintendo Wii remotes, march into that kitchen, scrub the hell out of those dishes and get to work fixing the rest of America's troubles.

If I were elected president of the United States in 2020, America will begin tackling these problems which have festered in our kitchen sink for far too long. The time has come to act now what you can do for your country, but what your country can knock up and start doing for you. When I am finished with this place, America will be so much more than the shining city on a hill promised by Ronald Reagan — it will at least contain a functioning studio standing as a beacon of hope in the middle of an Indian reservation.

My first act as president (in 2020) will be to secure America's growing dependency on foreign oil. Others have suggested developing new fuels like ethanol, some have advocated building hybrid cars and a few more have encouraged tapping into the oil supplies of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I, however, offer an entirely new possibility: whale oil.

Throughout much of the 18th and 19th centuries, the United States dominated the global market in this most lucrative hunting expeditions. Heroic whales departing from New England sailed the seven seas in the hopes of bringing glory, money and vast supplies of valuable whale oil back to the shores of America.

For much of this era, nearly all of America's oil needs were satisfied by the burning of whale sperm, and we see no reason why this great nation cannot return to those glory days when men were men and whales were merely fat whales of blubber mound to be incinerated into vats of hot oil. It's called manliness destiny, people.

So let's quit whining about saving the whales and start hurling enormous harpoons into their eyes until they helplessly bleed to death for the sake of our V8 engines.

My second act as president (in 2020) will be to eradicate the global warming that Al Gore has recently been so held up as an inconvenience we all with. Sure, we could take the easy way out and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions to Kyoto Protocol standards, but what's the fun in that?

We in America — the land of the free and the home of the Cadillac Escalade. Let's solve global warming the American way.

I hereby propose that we compensate for the dwindling ozone layer by constructing a new atmospheric layer of insulation out of one of this country's greatest heat protectors — asbestos. Yes, my fellow Americans, for decades we insulated our homes, schools and offices with this magnificent substance, and at what risk? A little lung cancer?

Ladies and gentlemen, let me be the first to say that I would much rather protect our polar ice caps and our coastlines while contracting asbestos than have Miami football teams, piranhas and, of course, the Loch Ness Monster.

The only way into America from Mexico will eventually be an enormous wooden drawbridge that spans between San Diego and Tijuana in southwestern California. Unfortunately for all of those illegal immigrants hoping to cross it, I am not going to tell them the password. That's classified... although I'm tentatively considering the phrase "Taco, burrito, what's coming out of your Speedo?"

Yes, my fellow Americans, I know you're thinking that my future candidacy is too good to be true. More importantly, you're probably wondering which political party would support such practical and astute policies.

Well, after unsuccessfully petitioning the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, Green and Knoke-Smith Parties, I was forced to found off and start the Dance Party for the sake of this great nation.

So in 13 years, with these policies at my side, the Dance Party and I will be on as Iowa, up to New Hampshire, on to South Carolina and on to the White House! Yeehaw!

Oh, and God bless the United States of America.

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Quote of the Day

"It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is solved by a simple all-pervading measure that I picked up from some of my favorite medieval knight movies. I'm talking, of course, about leprechauns. In a matter of months, the entire U.S.-Mexican border will be trenched out like a World War I battlefield. We will then fill this ditch with billions of gallons of the mercurial water in the country — derived mostly from Lake Erie and the north Jersey shore. Finally, we will load this mess with the most ferocious animals known to man, including crocodiles, hippopotami, salamanders, the University of Miami football team, piranhas and, of course, the Loch Ness Monster."

John Steinbeck

Author
Logo conflict embarrassing

As a graduate of Cathedral High School and a current student at Notre Dame, I am both fascinated and saddened by the recent events occurring between high schools regarding Cathedral's use of the Leprechaun as its mascot. When Cathedral was founded in 1918 by the Congregation of Holy Cross, the same order as the founding priests of Notre Dame, the school took the nickname of the Fighting Irish. It is interesting to note what Notre Dame's football team was called before Cathedral opened in 1918. Notre Dame was the "Bammers" and Rockne changed the name after hearing about the↓ through the brothers at Holy Cross who ran both institutions at the time. There were strong connections between the two schools, both Irish Catholic, and Cathedral was seen as a sort of stepping stone to Notre Dame. It seems that many do not realize that Cathedral actually designed the Leprechaun logo. When Cathedral developed this logo, Notre Dame liked it and asked to use it, then proceeded to go ahead and trademark the logo. Furthermore, it is not as if Cathedral is stealing from the Notre Dame market by using the Leprechaun. The revenue generated by the use of this logo is minuscule to the amount of money Notre Dame asks to generate. Does Notre Dame truly feel threatened by a high school? It is interesting to note what Notre Dame's football tradition, then you just won't understand, just as someone who has not been part of the Notre Dame tradition will not understand the strong bond we, however, am ashamed to say I am part of a school that turns their back on family. Cathedral's use of the Leprechaun as its mascot. When Cathedral was founded in 1918 by the Congregation of Holy Cross, the same order as the founding priests of Notre Dame, the school took the nickname of the Fighting Irish. It is interesting to note what Notre Dame's football team was called before Cathedral opened in 1918. Notre Dame was the "Bammers" and Rockne changed the name after hearing about the brother at Holy Cross who ran both institutions at the time. There were strong connections between the two schools, both Irish Catholic, and Cathedral was seen as a sort of stepping stone to Notre Dame. It seems that many do not realize that Cathedral actually designed the Leprechaun logo. When Cathedral developed this logo, Notre Dame liked it and asked to use it, then proceeded to go ahead and trademark the logo. Furthermore, it is not as if Cathedral is stealing from the Notre Dame market by using the Leprechaun. The revenue generated by the use of this logo is minuscule to the amount of money Notre Dame asks to generate. Does Notre Dame truly feel threatened by a high school? It is interesting to note what Notre Dame's football tradition, then you just won't understand, just as someone who has not been part of the Notre Dame tradition will not understand the strong bond we, however, am ashamed to say I am part of a school that turns their back on family.

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Facebook not real campaigning

With the future presidential election looming, students normally would have to do research in order to make a good decision regarding who will receive their vote. However, in this election, students won't have to look any further than the Facebook accounts; that is, if they want to know which candidate likes the same kind of music they do. Presidential hopefuls have actually begun to create their own Facebook profiles.

This sort of campaigning, if it can even be called that, has made me question how elections are run. Sure, going on Facebook is a good way to get your name out to your peers, but is it really effective? Could it be that these campaigns are run by one of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney's favorite singers is Roy Orbison, or that Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" is among his favorite books? If these candidates want to use Facebook as a means of reaching out to the younger generations, they should at least be informing them on their political views and positions on issues such as education, health care or the war.

Yet instead of useful information, which citizens should be basing their votes on, we learn that Senator John McCain's wall, while another called him an "insult to true Republicans." Obama has received over 100 gifts, 79 of which are the fans of the candidate saying super on them. Another of his many wall posts is a chain letter in which he is named as one of the movie's 15 prettiest girls on his friends list. This infiltration of Facebook by presidential candidates was a bad idea to begin with. Favorite movies and witty quotes should not factor into anyone's decision on who to vote for in any presidential election. However, now that they are on there, perhaps Facebookers can use their profiles for something a little more constructive than sending the candidates gifts of toilet paper and soap to help them clean up the country.

Social networking sites such as MySpace might seem like an easy way to stay in touch with friends; however, a new study has shown that the use of these sites can seriously impact grades.

A survey of more than 500 students from three universities: Mike Sullivan, Andy Kocab

Thanks for a successful hockey season

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So the study began when Roberto Vaca, a guidance learning special- ialist at Sanger High School, noticed that students with lower grades were spending a lot of time on MySpace. According to the study, 42 percent of students with MySpace accounts frequently have MySpace open while doing homework.

Pierce said many students reported spending an upward of four to five hours a day on MySpace, which would detract from homework time. Even more alarming in Pierce's opinion was the amount of pornography she found on the MySpace accounts of young teenagers. 59 percent of the sites included sexual poses and nine percent included direct links to pornography, she said.

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**Penelope Cruz illuminates Almodóvar’s 'Volver'**

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Senior Staff Writer

No film by writer-director Pedro Almodóvar is ultimately what it seems to be about, and 'Volver,' his latest, is no exception. Plastic surgery, mass murder, and sex surgery are hints of tragedy, and its revelations anchor it emotionally.

The Metropolitan Opera in New York City had barely any walking distance from the Notre Dame campus. The DelBarto Performing Arts Center (DPAC), however, bridged that gap this Saturday in the first of its ongoing series of live broadcast operas from the Met with "Il Barbiere di Seville," or "The Barber of Seville.

In an effort to bring opera to a wider audience than those close to an opera house, the Met will, via satellite, bring its latest operas to movie theaters around the world, including the DPAC's THX-certified Browning Cinema. With its talented performers, ingenious design and Gioachino Rossini's gorgeous music, "Il Barbiere di Seville" was a wonderful start to the series.

The Met, which was the site of the opera's original premiere nearly a century earlier, seemed an appropriate location for capturing the audience's imagination. This production of "The Barber of Seville" featured a cast that included Antonio de la Torre and Lola Dueñas. Roundout the cast were John Del Carlo as Rosina, Solange Alomar as the feisty heroine Rosina and Peter Mattei as the incorrigible barber Figaro. Roundout the cast were John Del Carlo as Rosina, Solange Alomar as the feisty heroine Rosina and Peter Mattei as the incorrigible barber Figaro. Roundout the cast were John Del Carlo as Rosina, Solange Alomar as the feisty heroine Rosina and Peter Mattei as the incorrigible barber Figaro. Roundout the cast were John Del Carlo as Rosina, Solange Alomar as the feisty heroine Rosina and Peter Mattei as the incorrigible barber Figaro.

The Del Carlo as Rosina's luminously guarded, Doctor Bartolo and John Boyle as his sinister assistant Don Basilio. The productions of "The Barber of Seville," neither was in short order. Flores and Mattei were both delightful; each gave their well-known roles a different and personal touch, with Mattei in particular making Figaro his own with flavor and good-natured humor. Other highlights included Claudia Weins as Berta, Bartolo's beleaguered servant, and her performance of "Il vecchiotto cerca moglie," the ingeniously designed set, which featured a number of oversized doors on wheels that gave the set a fluidity and energy, and the effective use of an extended platform in front of the orchestra pit, which allowed for each performer to literally get in touch with their audience.

Penelope Cruz smiles mint leaves to calm her nerves in Almodóvar's "Volver." The film is typical of Almodóvar, able to be both humorous and moving.

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When George Lucas released the "Star Wars: Special Edition" films in the late 1990s, he promised that we could see these epic films "again, for the first time." A new generation was able to see perhaps the most famous trilogy in film history in theaters for the first time. Once more, for the first time, was enough. However, this was only the beginning of Lucas's OCD in regard to the films. With the plethora of DVD releases — each with their own new changes — and the upcoming 3-D theatrical releases, we'll be able to see them again, and again, and again. When is enough enough?

I recently purchased the original trilogy Limited Edition DVDs, which include not only the 2004 re-mastered transfers but also the original theatrical releases from 1977, 1980 and 1983 of "A New Hope," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi." When I first played the discs, I was confused. The original releases — the primary reason I wanted to purchase these editions — are included in the Bonus Features of the second disc. The first disc, containing the version from the 2004 DVD "Star Wars" box set, is the one that has the "definitive" version of the film. I put "definitive" in quotation marks because on each of the three films, Lucas made all of the changes himself. This brings up some very important issues in regards to film authorship and what the roles of the director and the producer are after a film has been released. In other words, who "owns" the movie?

In 1977, Lucas wrote and directed the first installment in the "Star Wars" saga. Called "A New Hope," it quickly became one of the most popular films in history and spawned two sequels, three prequels and a host of books, toys and fanatic fans. No one, including myself, questions the creative force behind both "Empire" and "Jedi" came from different people. The story goes that Lucas showed up on the set of "Empire" one day and was irate over the direction Kershner was taking the film. Kershner had the final say (in 1980) and did what he wanted — in opposition to Lucas at the time. Does Lucas then have the right to go back to these films and make changes to decisions that he never had any part in?

The answer is a resounding no. Consider famed American director Martin Scorsese. What if, 30 years from now, the executive producers from "The Departed" decide that Leonardo DiCaprio's character isn't really needed, and they are going to release a new "definitive" version that fits more in line with their vision of the film — completely disregarding the wishes of Scorsese? Granted, this is an extreme situation that isn't going to happen, and the situation with "Star Wars" is slightly different since Lucas is the imagination behind all of the films. However, the point is that Lucas is hijacking films that are not his and is disrespecting Kershner and Marquand's role in the creation of the "Star Wars" mythos and the influence the creative and technical teams of these two films had on a generation of moviegoers and their children. I am certainly one of those in our generation that grew up with the "Star Wars" movies, and any notion of authorship needed to protect credibility.

I may be a dinosaur, but I'll be reveling in the un-mastered, stereo sound, non-anamorphic widescreen of the original trilogy. Lucas isn't giving us museum relics the first — we get the scraps from the "master's" table. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Hoyas take out top-seeded North Carolina

Ohio State, Florida and UCLA also advance to Final Four

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Twenty-one years after Pat Head Summitt reached the Final Four, when she was the Gators’ turn — against North Carolina, of all teams.

Georgetown overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half, then ripped off 14 straight points in overtime to stun the top-seeded Tar Heels 96-84 in the Midwest Regional final on Sunday afternoon.

"There was no such hate. But we know that what matters is what's going on here," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said.

The Hoyas (30-6) did it this time with coach John Thompson III calling the backdoor plays he learned at Princeton and Patrick Ewing Jr. making key contributions.

They were helped by an amazing collapse from Carolina (31-7), which made only one of 22 three-point attempts, including 0 of 11 in overtime, over a 15-minute span.

The Tar Heels actually had a chance to win in regulation, but freshman Wayne Ellington missed an open jumper from the wing right before the buzzer.

This time, there would be no game-winning shot for the Tar Heels as there was in 1982, when freshman Michael Jordan’s jumper ended one of the most thrilling games in college basketball history and lifted North Carolina past Houston into the national championship.

The Hoyas waited a long time to average that defense. When they did, they celebrated: The Thompsons became the first father-son duo to reach the Final Four, much less at the same time.

Joakim Noah and his buddies are heading back to the Final Four, looking for a second straight national championship that was worth more to them than NBA millions.

"It's so great because we were under a microscope," Noah said after Florida's victory over third-seeded Oregon in the Midwest Regional final on Sunday afternoon.

"There was no such hate. But we know that what matters is what's going on here," Jordan said.

The ultimate goal is to do it again," Chris Richard said. "We're one step away from the championship.

Florida beat UCLA last year in a rout, 73-57, for its first national championship — and the first half of what would turn out to be the Cager Slam. When Florida beat Ohio State for the national football title in January, the Gators became the first school to be champs in both sports at the same time.

UCLA 68, Kansas 55

With good-natured shoes and claps, the UCLA Bruins formed a circle around Artest — the righteous center of attention.

On an exceptional second half that should help erase memories of his past mediocrity in big games. After two of his 15 of his 24 points and the Bruins held off the top-seeded Jayhawks for a victory in the West Regional final Saturday night.

"This would probably be No. 1 on the impact meter," Matta said. "I thought his rebounding, his challenging shots, finishing at the other end was tremendous.

Muttered Memphis coach John Calipari. "He's huge, he's huge.

In only 24 minutes, Oden made 7-of-8 shots and was 3-of-6 from the line with a block that came on the first defensive stand after he returned with three fouls. Two of his dunks were so powerful it looked like he was doing chin-ups on the rim.

Yet his larger-than-life presence was best exhibited on a crucial sequence midway through the second half. Oden was wide open under the basket when caught a pass that arrived at the same time as Memphis' Chris Douglas-Roberts. The defender threw both arms around Oden's waist and showed him for an intentional foul. Oden still made the shot, then one of two free throws, tying the game at 60. Ohio State got to keep the ball and went ahead 62-60.

The Hoyas then followed up with a 19-2 run over the final 4:47.

Mississippi State (31-7) was upset by Maryland (25-10), 74-69, in the second regional final Saturday night in Chicago.

"We were one step away from the championship," Matta said.
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NASCAR

Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup Food City 500 auto race in Bristol Sunday. Busch held off Jeff Burton in the final laps to clinch the victory.

Busch wins thanks to Golden Rule

Associated Press

BRISTOL — As Jeff Burton considered how to beat Kyle Busch in the closing laps at Bristol Motor Speedway, he couldn't shake the lessons his mother taught him as a child.

"My mother always told me to do for other people the way you want them to do for you," Burton remembered. "That's the only thing I know to do. I've always tried to let the guy I'm racing with set the rules ... Kyle drives hard. He drives really hard. But he's always raced me with respect."

And with that, Burton refused to bump Busch out of the way Sunday, instead pulling alongside of him before Busch beat him in a drag race to the finish line to win the first Car of Tomorrow race.

The two have battled in the Busch Series this season, and had a stirring door-to-door duel in Las Vegas two weeks ago that Burton won as Busch spun backward across the finish line.

Burton credited Busch with racing clean that day, and both drivers had it finish in their memories on the final three laps Sunday. "Jeff Burton easily could have dumped me there in three and four, but I think our Vegas finish helped me out a little bit with that," Busch said. "I think I had some brownie points to use up."

Burton took the lead with 16 laps to go on a smooth pass around Derick Hamlin in thick traffic and stayed there through a pair of cautions. He had driven away from the competition when the 15th and final caution set up a three-lap overtime.

With Busch and teammate Jeff Gordon running 1-2 at the restart, the two plotted their own strategy with their respective crew chiefs.

"Well, good job guys," Busch sighed at the final caution. "We'll do what we can. I can't promise you anything."

"He'll be nice," crew chief Alan Gustafson said. "He'll play nice."

But it didn't sound that way on Gordon's channel.

"Tell that 5, if I get a fender underneath him, I better think about the fact that we're teammates," Gordon said. "If I don't get a fender underneath him, I won't move him out of the way.

It never mattered, though, as Burton jumped past Gordon on the restart and quickly pulled onto Busch's rear bumper. Burton looked low and Busch threw a block, then he went high and Busch blocked that, too.

In Brief

Donovan learns to be leader from marriage

TAMPA — Newlywed Landon Donovan thinks he finally understands what it takes to be a leader on the U.S. soccer team.

"I got married this offseason and that's helped me grow up," the 25-year-old forward said Sunday after securing three goals to lead the Americans over Ecuador 3-1 in an exhibition game Sunday.

"I'm now embracing a leadership role, I used to say: 'I'd love to be a leader, I want to be a leader.' But it's not good enough to say it. You have to show it."

And that's exactly what Donovan did in his first game as U.S. captain since last May 28. Following an 18-game, 1-1/2-year scoreless streak in international play, he has five goals in three matches this year, helping the Americans to a 3-0 record.

Petersen benefits from Ochoa's mistakes in tourney

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN — Lorena Ochoa blew a four-stroke lead to Suzann Pettersen, then birdied four of the last five holes for a two-stroke victory in the Safeway International on Sunday.

Ochoa shot a 4-under 68 to rally past Pettersen (66).

Ochoa blew a four-stroke lead in the final round for the second time in three years at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. But this time she survived, overtaking Norway's Pettersen with birdies on the 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes.

Ochoa, the tour's reigning player of the year, earned $221,000 for her 10th LPGA Tour victory. She finished at 18 under.

The Mexican star opened the day with a four-stroke lead. But it disappeared as Pettersen then added another birdie on the seventh.

Youngest Keller makes family proud

MELBOURNE - The baby of the Keller family had bragging rights at the world swimming championships Sunday after big brother Klete surprised family and fans with a gold medal from the 400-meter freestyle.

Kalen Keller, the youngest of three swimming siblings, gave the U.S. its second medal of the meet, earning a silver in the grueling 25-km open water race off St. Kilda Beach.

Back at Rod Laver Arena, Klete Keller faced much worse.

He finished 10th, missing the final by 0.31 seconds in a swim about 5 seconds off his best time.

"I don't know what the heck happened," Keller said.

"Maybe that's what's wrong. I didn't think about it enough." his sister's race finished 24 hours after it began in the treacherous waters of Port Phillip Bay.
Lakers earn first conference victory

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame picked up its first Big East win of the season Sunday, defeating Loyola 11-1 in Baltimore. In giving up only one score, goalkeeper Erin Goodman and the Irish defense set a Notre Dame record for fewest goals allowed in a game. Goodman, a sophomore, recorded 14 saves on the game and allowed the only goal on a free-position shot in the second half.

The Irish took a 7-0 lead over the Greyhounds heading into halftime, led offensively by junior Caitlin McKinney’s three early goals. After Notre Dame picked up a Lena Zentgraf goal, 55 seconds into the second half, Loyola finally got on the board with the free-position goal from Kate McHarg.

Goodman and the Notre Dame defense stifled the Greyhounds the rest of the game, however, and piled on three more second-half goals for the victory.

The second varsity eight, however, did not perform as well as Goodman, who finished with four goals on the game. Sophomore Jillian Byers also contributed two goals and an assist, and the senior Zentgraf also turned in a strong performance with two goals and two assists.

With the goals, Byers and McKinney went over the 30-goal mark on the season—the second year in a row both players have reached that mark.

Both teams had 23 shots on goal for the game. Loyola goalkeeper Karen Nicolas had six saves to Goodman’s 14.

Goodman, in her first season as starting goalkeeper, has elevated her play since giving up 18 goals to defending NCAA champion Northwestern March 1. Since that loss, the sophomore is 5-1 with an 8.33 goals against average and a .550 save percentage.

With the win, Notre Dame improved to 7-2 overall, 1-1 in Big East play. Loyola fell to 1-6 and 0-2 in conference.

The 10-goal margin of victory tied for the largest Notre Dame win of the season. The Irish drubbed Canisius 18-8 in Buffalo earlier in the season.

Looking ahead, the Irish play three more of their last five regular season games at home before facing the inaugural Big East championship, beginning next weekend with games Friday against Connecticut and Sunday against Duquesne.

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Novice eight squad remains undefeated

By DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame performed impressively Saturday’s regatta in Belleville, Mich. The Irish won both the varsity four and novice eight races, while the varsity eight and second novice eight boats both finished in second place.

Saturday’s regatta against No. 13 Michigan No. 14 Michigan State and Clemson was the third outing of the season. The Irish opened their season with two regattas in Tennessee last weekend.

The novice eight boat, consisting of coxswain AZ Tice, Lisa Bun, Casey Sullivan, Emily Barker, Melissa Miller, Kathleen Donahue, Dana Gates, Casey Robinson and Kellin Nelson, evened their record, winning all five of their races this season.

This weekend, they throttled their competition with a time of 7:59-57, nine seconds ahead of second-place Michigan and over a minute and a half over third-place Michigan State.

The varsity four of coxswain Sharon Keithly, Laura Petruich, Anni Nowhitney, Shannon Cassel and Mary Kate Mcnamara won its race, leading second-place Michigan State by nearly 10 seconds.

The second varsity eight finished fourth in its race and the second varsity four crew finished third in its four-boati race.

Tice said that the Irish’s performance was expected.

“We’re weak in some areas and strong in others. Now we know what areas to work harder on.”

AZ Tice
Rower

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Notes:
• The US Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association will release their first poll of the regular season Wednesday.

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Course schedule information is available online at nd.edu/summer or in the Summer Session Bulletin (available at the Summer Session Office, 1114 Warren Science Building). Summer courses—up to 16 in science and languages—will begin and end before or after the dates indicated above.

Notre Dame continuing students who are eligible to return in the fall must use Web Registration to register for summer courses or to make schedule changes.

The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on PTable for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration are available at registrar.nd.edu. Course reference numbers (CRNs) are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session website.

Summer Web registration will be available from Wednesday, March 21, through the add and drop dates specific to each course. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period. No appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and optional summer meal plans will be available. Forms for meal plans may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester. Students may apply for summer housing online at onh.nd.edu.

Tuition for the summer session of 2007 will be $180 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $190 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $50 general fee.

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Belles slaughter Rose-Hulman 10-1

The slaughter rule may have ended the first game early, but it didn’t end the Belles’ slaughter of Rose-Hulman Sunday afternoon.

The Belles took the first game 10-1 in five innings and the second 5-0, improving their record to 11-1 — 2-0 at home — and dropping the Engineers to 7-9.

“[Rose-Hulman] played pret­tymuch as ex­pect­ed,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “They hit the ball well, made some good ad­ju­st­ments, good improvements throughout the game. The pitchers were great as always.”

Sophomore Calli Davison pitched the first game, shut­ting down the Engineers’ best hitters and allowing just one run.

In an action-packed third inning, the Belles broke the game open with six hits and five home runs, including a grand slam by sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro.

After the offensive outburst, the Belles closed out the game quickly with the mercy rule. In Rose-Hulman’s last chance to keep the game going, Davison got an out on a pop-up to freshman second baseman Mo Healy and struck out the next two hitters to end the game.

In the second contest of the doubleheader, Kristen Amram blew away the Engineer hitters, giving up no runs on three hits and lowering her ERA from an already miniscule 0.44 to 0.33.

Shortstop Sarah Miesle drove in four of Saint Mary’s five runs on a grand slam in the bottom of the first inning.

“She did an all-around amazing job,” Sullivan said of Miesle. “She just hit the ball great.”

Miesle was more humble.

“I just played like I normally play,” Miesle said. “I try and play hard every pitch. I just happened to have a good day today.”

Last season, Saint Mary’s set a school record with 28 wins and was 9-3 after 12 games. This year, the team is already two games ahead of that pace.

The Belles will travel this weekend to face Alma College at 2 p.m. Saturday and Manchester at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Irish athletes post 19 Big East qualifying marks

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame posted Midwest regional qualifying times in seven events this weekend, including the Arizona State Cliff Bar Invitational in Tempe, Ariz.

In addition, the team posted 19 Big East qualifying marks in both the relay events and the individual events.

Leading the Irish was senior Maryann Eriga, who qualified for the region in three events. Eriga won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.91 seconds and qualified for the event for the fourth year in a row.

She also ran in the 4x100-meter relay with senior Okiebi Oqbuokiri, freshman Joanna Schultz and junior Niemann Mauing. The team won the race with a time of 45.46 seconds. Finally, she ran the anchor leg of the 4x400-meter relay along with Oqbuokiri, Schultz and senior Krysta Swayzer. The team finished fourth in 3:45.12.

Freshman Baalax Molnar had a strong meet, finishing fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.26 seconds. That mark gave Molnar the third-fastest time in school history.

The meet was Molnar's first of the year since the 400-meter hurdles is not run during the indoor season. Molnar also ran in the 4x400-meter relay with senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordan Powell and junior Austin Wechter. The team ran the second-fastest time in school history, finishing in 3:09.38, and finished in second place.

Postel, in addition to the relay, won the 400-meter dash outright in 47.20 seconds. He has qualified for the Midwest regionals in the 400-meter dash in three of the last four years.

Junior hammer thrower Kyle Annen posted a throw of 57.36 meters, setting the eighth-highest mark in school history and qualifying in the event for the third year in a row.

Eriga also won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.77 seconds. That put her two-hundredths of a second away from a fourth regional qualifying time. Schultz and Oqbuokiri finished second and third, respectively, behind Eriga in the 200-meter dash. Schultz had a time of 24.51 seconds; Oqbuokiri crossed the line in 24.50 seconds.

Senior Christopher Jacques placed third in the long jump, leaping 7.00 meters. Sophomore Lauren Biscardi and senior Cassie Gulickson both finished in the top five in the high jump. Biscardi placed second, clearing 1.70 meters, and Gulickson cleared 1.65 meters to finish fifth. She also placed fifth in the triple jump, finishing with a distance of 11.63 meters.

The Irish also had a top-five finisher in the men's high jump. Sophomore Blair Majesna cleared 2.05 meters and finished third.

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PGA TOUR

Tiger wins his last event before Masters

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Still 5-4 on the season, Saint Mary's was unable to add another win to its record this weekend due to unfortunate weather circumstances.

The Belles' match Saturday against Indiana Wesleyan University was cancelled because of forecasted rain and a lack of indoor tennis courts.

Today, the Belles will hit the road again to face a tough conference opponent — the Knights of Calvin College.

Last year, the Belles lost 8-1 to Calvin.

Despite last year's defeat, Belles' coach Dee Stevenson still has faith in his team, which is currently 1-0 in the MIAA conference. "Calvin College is not as strong this year," Stevenson said. "And we are a bit stronger than we were last year. It should definitely be an interesting match."

The Belles' regular lineup will be ready to take on Calvin College with senior captain Kelly McBeth playing number-one singles and standout freshman Camille Gebert taking the number-two spot. Together the duo will also compete in the number-one doubles spot.

The match will take place today in Grand Rapids, Mich., at 3 p.m.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles rained out, remain 5-4 on season

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

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on a bases loaded walk, sophomore Beth Northway smacked a line drive to right field for two more runs.

Notre Dame scored two more in the sixth inning, but the early offensive production was more than enough for Bargar to claim another victory.

**Notre Dame 3, St. John's 0**

The second game of the doubleheader featured less offense than the first and turned into a pitcher's duel.

After freshman Heather Johnson started the fourth inning with a single, a series of pinch running and small ball ensued, including a sacrifice bunt. It led to an RBI sacrifice fly from Lux, giving Notre Dame a one-run lead.

The fifth inning saw sophomore Linda Kohan hit a sacrifice fly to bring senior Stephanie Brown home.

In the sixth, the Irish added another run, which was more than enough support for Faemmler as the Irish bats came through again.

**Notre Dame 2, Seton Hall 1**

On Sunday, Notre Dame faced off in another doubleheader against Big East rival Seton Hall.

In the first game, Bargar continued her impressive play with a complete-game one-hitter, allowing one unearned run. Faemmler started the second game of the day, giving up four hits and one run with four strikeouts.

In the second inning, Laing doubled and then stole third, before advancing home on a throwing error for the first run of the game. In the fourth inning, the Irish retired the first two batters, but after a walk and a single, Seton Hall was on the board.

For the second time in the game, Laing started a rally with a double, breaking the tie in the bottom of the fourth with a two-out RBI single from Lux. Although the Irish threatened to score another insurance run in the sixth, Bargar had enough support to close out the game, improving to 9-7 on the season.

**Notre Dame 9, Seton Hall 1**

The Irish bats came out strong again on the way to a 9-1 win, sealing the sweep on the day and their fifth win in a row. Faemmler improved to 5-5 on the season with her complete-game four-hit gem.

After Kohan got on base with a hit, a wild pitch advanced her, before she scored on a double from Johnson.

Seton Hall quickly tied the game up in the second inning, making things interesting. The statesmen, however, did not last when Notre Dame made another two-out rally in the third inning — this time for runs. The Irish then dropped a four-spot in the fourth frame, but in the end, it was Irish pitching and consistency from the plate that gave Notre Dame the edge.

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**Irish junior shortstop Katie Laing throws to first in Notre Dame's 9-1 victory Sunday over Seton Hall at Ivy Field.**

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

**ND beats Boilermakers, keeps streak alive**

By JAY WADE

Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame, enjoying its highest rank since 2002, flexed its muscles in a dominant win over Purdue Monday night, 7-0.

The win over the Boilermakers Sunday was the 13th in a row, which extends the streak to 10 matches and a school-record streak of 23.

"We're excited to get the second set over with," said senior Kevyn Clancy. "Our team has a lot of depth, and those two wins were huge.

In singles play, Brett Helgeson defeated Eric Hodgman 6-1, 6-4. Barry King defeated Kurt Zaske 6-4, 6-2. Androw Roth defeated Scott Warner 6-1, 6-2, and Ryan Keckley defeated Paul Foley 6-1, 6-2.

Keckley, who clinched the victory for Notre Dame, got his 60th career win.

Baylis was particularly impressed with both King's and Roth's performances.

"They both beat strong players with their physical and aggressive ground strokes," he said.

In doubles, Keckley and Parbhoo defeated Kuzmanovic and Rose 8-4, 6-3, and Helgeson and Zaske 8-2, and Bass and Roth defeated Foley and Griffin Seimberg 8-5.

"I thought the two singles and the doubles were the best we played this weekend," Baylis said.

"Once we got a couple on the board quickly, it put a lot of pressure on the Purdue boys.

By JAY WADE

Sports Writer

Belles improve scores in Kentucky tourney

By BILL BRINK

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Big East opener. Phelps scattered three hits, struck out five and walked four as the Bulls base runners to earn the win and improve his record to 4-1. "David pitched exactly how we scripted it and hit his spots," Irish head coach Dave Schrage said. The outing was Phelps' first career complete game.

"It's a little surreal," he said. South Florida starter Danny Giers gave up just one run on seven hits in seven and two-thirds innings, but took the loss and fell to 0-4-4. The Irish threatened in the first, putting shortstop Brett Liley on third and third baseman A.J. Pollock on first with nobody out, but centerfielder Danny Dressman hit a tailor-made double-play ball to third. After the Bulls got the out at second, second baseman Dexter Butler threw the ball home, catching Liley for the second out of the inning.

Dressman, thinking the inning was over, ran to first base and was tagged out to retire the side. The next inning, Notre Dame didn't bother with base running, as first baseman Mike Dury blasted his fifth home run of the season over the right field fence to give the Irish a 1-0 lead. South Florida threatened to tie the game in the ninth, getting a single from shortstop Walter Diaz to open the inning. After a strike-out, a blooper by third baseman Andrew Stewart and Pollock on first with nobody out, a ground out by third baseman A.J. Pollock to force in a run, Maruszak led off his left hand and made a diving catch to retire the side.

Stewart — and allow a combined one run in 2002.

"It's tough to shut any team out," Schrage said. "Every scoreless inning, the Irish gave up eight walks, two hit batters, four passed balls and three errors in their 13-10 loss to the Bulls. Notre Dame's starting pitcher, junior left-hander Wade Korpi, left the mound in the top of the sixth with a 5-2 lead and two runners on base. Two Irish pitchers would come to the mound — junior Joey Williamson and senior Jcest Stewart — and allow a combined five runs off four hits in the rest of the sixth inning.

"The bullpen has done a good job all year," Schrage said. "Stewart and Williamson have been solid for us all season and today they weren't. I would do that to those guys if they pitched well for us all year, and we thought they'd come in to do a good job, but they didn't." Notre Dame took the 5-2 lead in the bottom of the second. Jeremy Barnes started off a four-run burst for the Irish with a double and Tieddy Pollock with a sacrifice fly to give the Irish a 1-0 lead. The best chance to score for the Irish came in the ninth, with Maruszak knocking in right fielder Jesh Lefly, Taborelli scoring Diaz with a sacrifice fly, and Butler getting an RBI single to drive in Maruszak.

All in all, the Notre Dame bullpen of Weldem, sophomore Brett Gruffy and freshman Eric Muast allowed seven runs on five hits in four innings relieving Kapala.

"Every time we made a move to the bullpen, nobody did the job," Schrage said. "That's frustrating because that was one of our strengths coming into this week-end."

Bulls junior Chris Delaney allowed just one run in six innings to earn the win and improve to 5-0 this season. Freshman Shawn Sanford recorded his fifth save of the season. Kapala took the loss to fall to 0-2.

The next batter, designated hitter Nick Cardieri, knocked in two more with a double.

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In all, the Notre Dame bullpen of Weldem, sophomore Brett Gruffy and freshman Eric Muast allowed seven runs on five hits in four innings relieving Kapala.

The Irish banged out 13 hits, but only mustered one run. In contrast, South Florida needed just nine hits to knock in its nine runs.

Notre Dame got a hit in every inning and put at least two runners on base every inning through the eighth frames, but couldn't drive any of them in. The only Irish run came on a lead-off home run by shortstop Brett Liley in the first.

"It was one of the most frustrating games I've experienced," Schrage said. "People were getting hits with no one on base, but then they'd come up with a chance to knock some in, and they wouldn't do it." The best chance to score for the Irish came in the third, when Liley and Pollock got back-to-back hits. With two outs, a line drive by Dury seemed about to score them, but Maruszak leaped to his left and made a diving catch to retire the side.

The Bulls put two runs on the board in the first without getting a hit. Shortstop Walter Diaz walked, advanced to second on an error by Pollock, took third on a sacrifice by left fielder T. Taborelli and scored on a wild pitch. Maruszak, who reached on the error, scored one batter later on a ground out to third by Butler.

The next inning, South Florida put three runs on the board in the first with a sacrifice fly, and Butler getting an RBI single to drive in Maruszak.

The next batter, designated hitter Nick Cardieri, knocked in two more with a double.

South Florida scored three more in the ninth, with Maruszak scoring with a sacrifice fly, and Butler getting an RBI single to drive in Maruszak.

In all, the Notre Dame bullpen of Weldem, sophomore Brett Gruffy and freshman Eric Muast allowed seven runs on five hits in four innings relieving Kapala.

"Every time we made a move to the bullpen, nobody did the job," Schrage said. "That's frustrating because that was one of our strengths coming into this week-end."

Bulls junior Chris Delaney allowed just one run in six innings to earn the win and improve to 5-0 this season. Freshman Shawn Sanford recorded his fifth save of the season. Kapala took the loss to fall to 0-2.

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**SOUTH FLORIDA 13, NOTRE DAME 10**

South Florida capitalized off Notre Dame's loss last Saturday, and there were a lot of them.

The Irish gave up eight walks, two hit batters, four passed balls and three errors in their 13-10 loss to the Bulls.

Notre Dame's starting pitcher, junior left-hander Wade Korpi, left the mound in the top of the sixth with a 5-2 lead and two runners on base. Two Irish pitchers would come to the mound — junior Joey Williamson and senior Jcest Stewart — and allow a combined five runs off four hits in the rest of the sixth inning.

"The bullpen has done a good job all year," Schrage said. "Stewart and Williamson have been solid for us all season and today they weren't. I would do that to those guys if they pitched well for us all year, and we thought they'd come in to do a good job, but they didn't." Notre Dame took the 5-2 lead in the bottom of the second. Jeremy Barnes started off a four-run burst for the Irish with a double and Tieddy Pollock with a sacrifice fly to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.
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“They’ve all be there crying,” he said. “A year ago, some [try], but probably a lot of the same ones. It’s a lot more to play for Notre Dame now.”

The No. 1 Irish, two years removed from a five-win season, came up one victory short of a berth into the Frozen Four when the third-seeded Spartans scored two power-play goals and surrendered only 30 shots to capture the Midwest regional championship. The Irish lost game three of their six-game series when they took a 3-2 double-overtime victory Friday night in East Lansing.

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The Spartans defeated the Irish 3-2 on goals by the Irish.

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“We took a few extra penalties than we usually take that might not be characteristic,” Brown said. “But you know, that’s just how the games go. We fought hard Friday night (against Alabama-Huntsville) for five periods, and if there were any side effects, I was not using that as an excuse.”

The Spartans scored their first goal 6:43 into the second period when center Chris Mueller bunged home an open rebound past Brown on the power play. The goal came less than two minutes after the Irish gave them their first lead of the game at 2-0.

The Irish left wing Garrett Lerg, getting a shot off at the same time Brown made the save, was pulled from the net for the tying goal off his rebound — a nifty post-shot goal past Lerg.

“The lack of steam was most evident in the third period when we finally scored a point from the point of the game from the Irish (32-7-3) encountered a Michigan State team that was a day removed from a 5-1 crushing of second-seeded Boston University in a two-game Tournament game.

Notre Dame did not score until 14:32 into the third period when Michigan State left wing Tim Kennedy flipped a shot from the point into the net from the left point. The Irish (32-7-3) corresponded with the Spartans 2-1.

From there, the Irish began to generate consecutive scoring chances for nearly the first time all season, and allowing several short-handed goals. One led to Michigan State’s eventual game-winner.

Left wing Jim McKenzie beat Brown on his blocker side from the slot, but it was recalled after a video review determined that center Justin Abdelkader was in the crease when the goal was scored, interfering with Brown. Less than 15 seconds later, the Irish were whistled for tripping on Rinkin and Michigan State was able to take the lead on the power play.

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Spartans will now play Maine in the Midwest regional championship game at two apiece with less than two minutes left in regulation.

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FENCING

Irish finish fourth at NCAA Championships

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

MADISON, N.J. — It just wasn’t Notre Dame’s year.

But this weekend’s NCAA Championships at Drew University might be a sign of better things to come for the Irish.

Notre Dame finished fourth in the team competition to conclude a season that included a surgery and lengthy absence for head coach Janusz Bednarski, the hiring of a new assistant coach for the fencers and the departure of Olympic gold medalist Mariel Zagunis.

The Irish lost the regional rival Ohio State but fell short of St. John’s, Columbia and champion Penn State. Notre Dame also finished fourth last year.

Still, four Irish fencers garnered first-team All-American status with four four showings — freshman epeeist Kelley Harley, sophomore foilist Adi Nott and senior sabreists Patrzik Chhatas and Valerie Providence.

In all, nine of Notre Dame’s 11 qualifiers earned at least honorable mention All-American status with top-12 finishes in their weapon, and seven of those nine will return to the squad next season.

“Happy — we are not. We always want more,” Bednarski said as the Championships closed inside the Simons Forum and Athletic Center. “(But) I am very proud of the kids, who kept going. We have new fencers who are showing good skill.”

Chhatas became the 25th three-time first-team All-American in Notre Dame history.

BASEBALL

Bulls take conference series

By CHRIS KHOREY and DEBREDO KRASULA
Sports Writers

Notre Dame dropped two of three games to South Florida over the weekend at Frank Eck Stadium in its opening Big East series.

The games were the first outside of Florida for the Bulls (18-8, 4-2 Big East), who looked cold in side of Florida for the Bulls (18-8, 4-2 Big East), having heated up once the weather got a 1-0 loss in the rain Friday, but a doubleheader sweep Saturday of St. John’s and another twin-killing, this time Sunday over Seton Hall.

The Irish also exploded with three runs in the first inning and 11 hits in the second to give manager Andy Baylock a complete-game gem, conceding four hits and striking out seven.

ND SOFTBALL

Team sweeps Big East foes Red Storm, Pirates

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame started Big East play with a perfect record after a doubleheader sweep Saturday of St. John’s and another twin-killing, this time Sunday over Seton Hall.

The Irish were carried by hot hitting, most notably from freshman Christina Lux, who had three hits and four RBIs over the weekend.

Notre Dame pitchers threw two shutouts — the first two of the season. Sophomore Brittany Bargar allowed only two hits with eight strikeouts for an 8-0 victory in the first game. Senior Kenya Fuemmeler also pitched a complete-game gem, conceding four hits and striking out seven.

Baseball sweeps Big East, 8, St. John’s 0

The third inning saw Notre Dame make a three-run rally with two retired already in the frame. Junior Katie Luising produced some offense with a two-run double. After advancing to third base on an attempted throw home, Luising crossed the plate on a single to right field by Lux.

The Irish also exploded with a three-run fifth inning. After Lux was credited with an RBI