Brown, Braun feel confident in new roles

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Sunday was the first day of their term, but student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun are already working hard and feeling confident.

“It’s pretty surreal even just to be sitting in the office right now,” Brown said. “But we’re definitely excited.”

Braun agreed.

“It’s exciting and overwhelming at the same time,” she said.

Although they just took over, Brown and Braun are already working to implement some of the goals on their platform.

“I think one of the biggest things that we’ve already started tackling is the Guest Meal Exchange program,” Brown said. “We met with [Director of Food Services] Ron Tenney last week, he and his business partners are working with him to survey the student body.”

Brown said the surveys for the program — which would allow students to use some of their meals for guests visiting campus — will help determine what meals can be converted for guests and how many students plan to use the program.

Since Brown and Braun want the program to be in place by next year, Brown said it is a “top priority” right now.

Brown said the two have planned meetings about making Domer Dollars usable in the student body.

Law School drops in national rankings

Notre Dame falls in U.S. News and World Report list from 22 to 28, lowest position in 6 years

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame fell six places and out of the top 25 in the annual law school rankings published Friday by U.S. News and World Report.

After placing in a tie for both No. 24 in 2005 and No. 22 in 2006, Notre Dame tied with Boston College and the University of Washington for No. 28 in the most recent standings, which were based on data from the graduating Class of 2005 and incoming Class of 2006. The placement was the lowest for Notre Dame in the past six years. The Law School tied for No. 26 in 2000 and No. 27 in 2001. It was No. 24 in 2002, tied for No. 22 in 2003 and peaked in a tie for No. 20 in 2004.

In an e-mail sent to Law School students Friday, Dean Patricia O’Hara said officials in the Law School would study the data used in the rankings “in an effort to better understand our position relative to our peers.”

According to the rankings, 5.2 percent of 2005 Notre Dame Law School graduates failed to earn legal employment within nine months of graduation.

Online service offers restaurant reviews

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

It may sound too good to be true, but an up-and-coming online service called NDigo.com is promising students free food and a guide to great restaurants in South Bend.

NDigo is "armed with a sixth sense for good deals and a passion for hole-in-the-wall restaurants and little-known bars ... to help students drink and dine better and more cheaply," according to its Web site.

Its three founders — including Notre Dame alumni Rudy Reyes Jr. and DJ DiDonna — decided to introduce South Bend restaurants, bars and eateries to students through its new Web site, NDigo.com, expected to be fully usable later this month, Ian Ranyon, a graduate of DePaul University, is also a cofounder of the company.

"The concept is basically that local South Bend restaurants really want to have their students come into their restaurants, Reyes said. "We are basically trying to bring restaurants into campus through the Internet."

The idea was entered in the McCloskey Business Plan Competition last October through Mendoza’s Gigot Center of Entrepreneurial Studies, Reyes said. While he and his business partners see SITE/page 9

Seniors graduate to seminary

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Most Notre Dame seniors’ plans for life after graduation in May fall into the categories of starting a new job, attending graduate school or participating in volunteer service work.

But a select few will choose a different kind of service when they join a religious order after commencement.

Senior Christian Hoefell is currently applying to the novitiate in the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. This is the first step toward taking the vows of a member of the religious order.

Hoefell said he has felt called to enter the priesthood since second grade.

The St. Edward’s resident said he chose to enter the Jesuit order, even though Notre Dame was founded by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, because the Jesuits seemed a better fit.
INSIDE COLUMN

April Fool’s mediocrity

I woke up Sunday morning (the day after) with every intention of starting my day early, being productive and getting all of my work done in time for my upcoming night of Major League Baseball. Of course, like every other Sunday, it was a roadblock that hindered my goal. This roadblock, however, was more tangible than the others: I opened my door on the way to the bathroom to find what looked like a solid steel wall barricading me into my room.

It turned out to be duct tape, but it contained a typecast sign indicative of just what day it was. The sign simply read, "April Fool's shenanigans. Call it fate if I were Turtle.

I was too busy watching Entourage DVDs and ordering takeout to take any note of whether or not I was going to be allowed into the Hall of Fame. He wasn't. He got she talked to me the night before and for whatever reason I had the fact that next year's RAs are abroad. Regardless.

Poor young man was too busy trying to restart his heartbeat and rearrange his roadblock that... well, that is a story for next year.

ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons once convinced ESPN Radio host Dan Patrick that former player and manager Pete Rose, who received a lifetime ban from baseball for gambling, was going to be the Class of 2008 Hall of Fame inductee. He deceived not only Patrick but also the millions of listeners glued to their radios. This roadblock was good, yes, but it必须要 be a solid steel wall barricading me into my room.

One of the most entertaining days of the year, April Fool’s Day came and went again yesterday without a basic idea of what day it was. The prank simply disappeared. Call it fate if I were Turtle.

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Show takes modern approach to culture

By BRIGID FENLON
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students as well as prospective high school seniors on campus for Spring Visitation weekend experienced an exhibition of Latin culture Friday at La Alianza's annual Latin Expressions event.

The show, a mix of songs, dances and poetry recitations, was held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. The theme for this year's performance was MetroploLatino, a celebration of urban Latino life.

Sophomore Prisma Garcia said she enjoyed the performances that expanded on the theme of urban culture.

"One of the most interesting parts was when the emcee came out after the show and displayed a variety of flags from Hispanic regions around the world as a sign of unity," Garcia said.

Senior Nancy Weaver, who has helped with the show for four consecutive years, said the production describes what it is like to be a Latino and so "enhances the sense of community for Latinos at Notre Dame."

"One of the purposes is to see what the Latino community at Notre Dame is about and to show prospects that there are several different ways to express your culture," Weaver said.

For high school seniors from underrepresented ethnic groups, the show gives them a glimpse into the cultural experiences of students at Notre Dame, Garcia said.

This helps the prospective students to realize despite the fact that they will be a minority on campus, they will not lose their culture upon their arrival," she said.

But Latin Expressions is not just for minority students, Garcia said.

"Latin Expressions is a show that can be universally understood and appreciated. It is open to all cultures, and everyone can find enjoyment," Garcia said.

The acts performed to a full audience who remained impressed and intrigued throughout, Weaver said.

This year's show featured performances from a more diverse variety of cultures in Latin America, sophomore Abby Salazar said.

"This wider range added more variety and engaged more of the audience, as more people were able to identify with the unique traditions of their culture," said Salazar, who performed a Mariachi dance.

The modern take on Latin culture was also a popular change, she said.

"Last year was a cultural look into Latino culture. This year was much more modern which drew a very diverse audience," Salazar said.

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ICPA presents awards to ND student print publications

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana College Newspaper Association awards ceremony Saturday, winning awards in 12 categories.

The Observer staff earned first place in the Stand-Alone Section category for its April 6, 2006 issue, which provided special coverage of University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement on academic freedom and Catholic character. The 2006-07 editorial board also earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Academic Monologues Belong at ND," which reviewed the "Vagina Monologues" controversy. Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Current Editor in Chief Maddie Hanna won first place in the Best News Feature Story category for "ND evacuees return from Lebanon," a profile of the journeys a Notre Dame student and a professor and his family took to the U.S. from Lebanon after Israel invaded the country last summer.

Other first place honors went to current Managing Editor Ken Fowler in the Best Sports News category for "Changing Regulations," an investigation of the Notre Dame athletic department's restrictions on media access to the football program, and to current Assistant Managing Editor Mary Kate Malone and former Assistant News Editor Katie Perry in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for "Administrators question Facebook postings," an examination of Notre Dame's usage of information gathered from Facebook in disciplinary matters.

Second place honors went to former News Editor Kate Antonacci for "ND Senior Killed," for coverage of the November 2006 death of Cathlin Brann. Hanna, Antonacci, and former Photo Editor Claire Kelley won second place for "Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome," a series of stories and pictures on the University Board of Trustees meetings held last February in Rome.

Fowler also won second place for "The Overachievers," a profile of football walk-ons Matt Augustyn and John Lyons. Columnist Joey Falco won second place for "Brokeback Country," a Viewpoint column about the controversy surrounding the 2005 film "Brokeback Mountain." Assistant Scene Editor Cassie Belek won second place in the Best Entertainment column category for "Confessions of a soap opera fan."

Third place awards in the Best Stand-Alone Section category went to The Observer staff for "40 years," published on the paper's 40th anniversary.

Current Sports Editor Chris Khorey also won third place in Best Sports Column for "It's all or nothing for the nation's best squad," a reflection on women's soccer at Notre Dame. Other Notre Dame publications represented at the ICPA convention included Scholastic, named the top news magazine, the Juggler, named the best literary magazine, and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

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"Fit" to him rather than other orders. "I looked into lots of orders, including the Jesuits and Holy Cross, before I made a decision," Hoefel said. "It's like looking for colleges — I didn't want to limit myself, but I think I found my calling with the Jesuits."

Although Hoefel did not choose Holy Cross, he said he found a great source of support for his decision to enter the priesthood since he has been at Notre Dame.

"I've never heard one person here say a bad thing about the Jesuits," Hoefel said. "There's a big world outside Notre Dame, and the overriding issue is, how can we best serve the Church?"

Another Notre Dame senior decided the best answer to that question is through joining the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Dustin VonHansdorf is part of Old College, Notre Dame's undergraduate seminary program.

He got involved in spiritual life at Notre Dame by helping coordinate Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart during his first three years in college before he entered Old College in the fall.

VonHansdorf decided to explore the priesthood after some people he knew encouraged him to consider it during his junior year. He said the first time he visited Moreau Seminary — where prospective Holy Cross priests are trained — his reaction was "I'm home."

For students considering the priesthood, Old College is a way for them to explore their vocation, Old College Assistant Director Father Kevin Russeau said.

"Even if students in Old College don't become priests, they receive formation to be good Catholic men," Russeau said.

Unlike most dorms, Old College doesn't have a football team, resident assistants or 40 freshmen every year, but what it does have in abundance is "community," VonHansdorf said.

"Community here is very different from dorm life," VonHansdorf said. "Everyone wants to be here [at Old College]. No one gets put here randomly."

Old College's staff has a more hands-on role in the spiritual development of residents than most dorms, he said.

"We have weekly formation meetings with the staff, and one of the first things you do is choose a spiritual director," VonHansdorf said.

The spiritual director provides an important benefit to Old College life, VonHansdorf said.

"They're available to ask questions and talk about what's on our mind when we need to," he said.

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Graduating. Of schools ranked in the top 30, only Washington and Lee University had a worse employment rate than Notre Dame, and only four schools in the top 30 were lower than Notre Dame in the category.

U.S. News and World Report's Web site said the employment category was worth 18 percent of the overall ranking.

"The U.S. News formula for determining rankings is subject to a certain amount of vagueness and weights only those variables that the magazine deems important in assessing schools," O'Hara said in her e-mail to students.

"Many legal educators find this approach and the criteria that the magazine uses to be reductionist. At the same time, we live in the real world with market forces. For good or ill, the rankings are a reality with which we live, and of which we are cognizant."

Student reaction varied, with some students attributing the drop to O'Hara's leadership and others thinking it should be viewed as a slight fluctuation with limited insight into the future of the school of orders.

"Initially I guess I was disappointed but not that surprised, and now I guess it's just caused me to think about why it happened," said Melissa Nunez, a third-year law student. "There's a lot of resume the school … but I'm doing my best to be a university law school."

Nunez cited what she called a limited number of academically rigorous courses and a high number of canceled courses as problems that have hurt students' training and, indirectly, the rankings.

Third-year law student Derek Muller, however, said the Law School's problems are noteworthy but not germane to the rankings.

Although VonHansdorf entered as a senior, most Old College residents enter in their freshman, sophomore or junior years, and spend their senior year at Moreau Seminary.

There are 12 men currently enrolled in Old College, Russ WoW said, and while probably only one quarter of the men in formation at Old College in the future will profess vows as priests, there is a rising "interest" in vocations, Russ WoW said.

"It's hard to point out a trend, but interest in exploring vocations in college seems to be increasing lately," Russeau said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquake hits Solomon Islands

BOMARIA, Solomon Islands — A powerful undersea earthquake Monday in the South Pacific sent a tsunami several yards high crashing on the Solomon Islands, visiting damage at least one village, officials and residents said. Police and residents said a wave about 10 feet high struck the western town of Gizo, inundating buildings and causing widespread destruction. A man who answered the telephone at the Gizo police station said there were initial reports that eight people, six of them children, had been killed by the tsunami but they were still unconfirmed. The phone cut out to tinnsions between the two countries, about 200 angry Iranian youths chanting "Death to America" threw rocks and firecrackers at the British Embassy and tried to rush the compound but were held back by police.

Iran airs video of captured Britons

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian state television showed a video Monday of two of 15 captured British sailors pointing to a spot on a map of the Persian Gulf where they were seized and acknowledging it was in Iranian territorial waters.

British Foreign Office denounced the video, saying it was "completely unacceptable for these pictures to be shown on TV."

VATICAN CITY

Church officials announce investigation into late Pope's life

John Paul II moves closer to sainthood

Church officials announce investigation into late Pope’s life is finished

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Catholic Church officials reached a key milestone in the drive to make Pope John Paul II a saint Monday, clearing the investigation into his life and handing over a dossier detailing the purported miraculous cure of a man who prayed to him.

The events come two years after John Paul died — a remarkably fast pace that underscores the church’s keen interest in bestowing John Paul and responding to the calls of “Santo Subito” or “Sainthood immediately that erupted after his death.

Pope Benedict XVI put John Paul on the fast track for possible sainthood just weeks after his April 2, 2005, death, when he waived the customary five-year waiting period that allows the investigation into his predecessor’s virtues to begin immediately.

Such a waiver had only been granted once before, to Mother Teresa.

Benedict will not attend Monday’s ceremony at the St. John Paul basilica to close the investigation into John Paul’s life, a key step in the process of beatification and canonization. He was, however, scheduled to celebrate a Mass later in the day at St. Peter’s Basilica to mark the second anniversary of John Paul’s death.

Monsignor Slavomir Oder, the Polish archbishop who acknowledged recently that the probe was completed unusually quickly, said the process took about seven years to complete.

About 130 people were interviewed, historians gathered books about John Paul from libraries around the globe, and theologians studied his private writings to determine if he ever wrote anything heretical.

Critics also had a voice, although Oder said the vast majority of the criticism was not against John Paul as a person but against some aspect of his teachings or church doctrine. "To tell the truth, this doesn’t weigh heavily on the merit of the process itself," he said.

Such complicated investigations often take decades or centuries, not a matter of months.

"But speed doesn’t mean a lack of seriousness," Oder said. "Aside from the dispensation of the delay to the process, we have not sought any other waiver."

Indeed, he dismissed renewed calls by John Paul’s longtime private secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, archbishop of Krakow, Poland, to proceed to canonization immediately saying the church’s procedures must be respected.

John Paul’s cause has been bolstered by the testimony of a French nun, Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre, who says she was cured of Parkinson’s disease after she and her fellow sisters prayed to the late pope.

The nun, 46, emerged from secrecy last week, telling a news conference in France that she felt reborn when she woke up two months after John Paul died, cured of the disease that the pope himself had lived with.

The Vatican’s complicated saint-making procedures require that a miracle attributed to the candidate’s intercession be confirmed before beatification. A second miracle is necessary for canonization.

Simon-Pierre is expected to attend Monday’s events in Rome and to be on hand as her superiors deliver to the Vatican the documentation supporting her testimony about the purported miracle.

After receiving the documentation, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints will appoint medical experts to determine if there are medical explanations for the cure. Theologians will then determine if the cure came as a result of prayer to John Paul.

IRAQ

U.S. criticizes war media coverage

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After a heavily guarded trip to a Baghdad market, Sen. John McCain insisted Sunday that a U.S. Iraq security crackdown in the capital was working and that Americans lacked a "full picture" of the progress. Six soldiers were killed in roadside bombings southwest of Baghdad.

McCain, a Republican presidential hopeful who was a general in the Vietnam War, acknowledged a difficult task ahead of the U.S. in Iraq, but criticized the media for not giving Americans enough information about the recent drop in execution-style sectarian killings, the establishment of security posts throughout the city and Sunni tribal efforts against al-Qa’ida in the western Anbar province.

"These and other indicators are reason for cautious, very cautious optimism about the effects of the new strategy," said McCain, who was leading a Republican congressional delegation to Iraq that included Sens. Lindsey Graham.

Members of the delegation spoke at a Green Zone news conference after they rode from Baghdad’s airport in armored vehicles and under heavy guard to visit the city’s largest market. They said the trips were proof that security was improving in the capital. Prominent visitors normally make the trip from the airport to the city center by helicopter.

The congressmen, who wore body armor during their four-hour shopping excursion, said they were impressed with the resilience and warmth of the Iraqi people, some of whom would not take money for their souvenirs. They were accompanied by the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus.

While the capital has seen a recent dip in violence as extra U.S. and Iraqi troops have flooded the streets, an Iraqi military spokesman said that militants fleeting the crackdowns have made areas outside the capital “breeding grounds for violence.”
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Notre Dame Stadium. Brown and Braun came into office with experience in former student government. President Lizzi Shappell and Vice President Andrew Andrichik's administration was their chief executive assistants. Brown later explained that she experienced during those screenings to tell stories of Nazi horrors and their liberation.

"We have to step up on our game and prove that the right decision was made in the end."

Liz Brown, student body president

Young's advice and considering security-differentiated zones within the public network, developing more effective firewalls against unauthorized use and revisions and upgrades to the different servers on campus.

OIT Information Security Director Gary Dobbs said there were more than 40 different projects underway designed to reduce the risks of unauthorized access to University Information.

"We are working to improve security for all campus systems, both desktops as well as servers," Dobbs said. "Locating and identifying them all, particularly those which might contain sensitive information, is itself no small challenge."

He said the Ernst & Young audit determined several servers on campus were operating in a vulnerable condition.

Dobbs said OIT representatives contacted the different offices and departments that were responsible to "further steps they can take to reduce those vulnerabilities."

On Jan. 13, 2006, the University detected a breach in a Development Office server, which may have exposed the personal and financial information of several donors.

"Confronting each issue with [experience alone], I think we have the right people behind us."

Brown said they have certain

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classification of sensitive information.

He said sensitive information in the Notre Dame network would include academic records, health services files, Social Security numbers, financial aid documents and University financial and investment information.

Andrichik said OIT placed on its Web site to help the campus community pinpoint sensitive documents and use the OIT Number Finder software, which locates potential Social Security and credit card numbers on the computer's hard drive. External hard drives, USB "thumb" drives and AFIS or NetFile space, said Andrichik.

"I don't really have a huge fear," she said.

"I think I'm pretty confident... I think we have the experience and the vision to handle this." Their experience will be a valuable asset, they said.

"I think the biggest benefit of having experience is that you establish established relationships with administrators on campus," Brown said.

Braun thinks that their experience will make them more effective administrators.

"We think alone...you're more practiced," she said.

"I think people are tinier trying to figure out how to do what you've been there before."

And the fact that they have positions filled for the next year, Braun said, has convinced them to start their term.

"There are great chairs,"

Brown said. "I think we have the right people behind us.

"We have to step up on our game. Since Brown and Braun were elected by a Senate vote due to the failure of any ticket to receive a 50 percent plus one majority in the run-off student election, concerns have arisen that students lack interest in student government. But Braun said she thought the items on their agenda that directly impact students will counter claims about a lack of interest.

"In the fall, when some of our big student life initiatives get passed, I think students will see the benefit of student government more," she said.

Brown said she is "not worried about not receiving 50 percent plus one of the vote," and cited the fact that applications for student Senate commissions doubled this year as evidence that interest in student government is not declining.

For Braun, on the other hand, her ticket's failure to obtain the majority pushes her to work harder.

"Since it was such a close election, that's motivating to me," she said. "We have to step up on our game and prove that the right decision was made in the end."

"Confronting each issue with no holds. While Braun expects challenges, she said she has "no fears" about her and Brown's ability to serve in office.

"There will be tough times, but that's life," she said. But even with any unforeseeable obstacles, Braun and Brown said they have certain objectives they believe they can accomplish over the next year.

"I hope that we can really spark some change that will directly affect the students in a way that they know that student government does things."

Brown. She believes that students sometimes do not realize student government is behind certain changes, like last year's updates to Grab and Go.

"It would be great for students to be able to have a little faith that things can be done," she said.

Braun hopes that their administration will undertake issues that may seem complex or take time to resolve.

"I would rather approach an issue that hasn't been approached before," she said.

"I hope that we're remember confronting each issue with no holds. You know, 100 percent.

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Maine's Holocaust center relocates

August 18, 2006 - With a succession of four curved roof line extensions, the southern sky before end abruptly with walls of glass, the architecture is striking. But inside the new home of Maine's Holocaust Remembrance Day, visitors may find what they hear and hear even more moving.

Images of survivors of the NaziHolocaust - liberators will appear on four screens. Portraits of what they experienced during those dark days. As a backdrop to these stories, the sound of the death camps will fill the air.

Visitors will see a letter from a GI to his sweetheart describing what he saw as he became one of the first Americans to liberate the death camps. Outside, a small plot of ground and Holocaust Remembrance Day.

For the Michael Klahr Center is named in honor of a child Holocaust survivor who eventually settled in Maine.

Klahr was born in Paris in 1937. His mother was deported and probably killed, and his father shot in the Warsaw Ghetto. In 1946, Klahr arrived on an express train to the United States. He became wealthy in New York after investing in all of the most powerful things. He's 72 now.

"I have no idea where I'm going to," he said.

Brown said the timing is right for the $2.8 million, 6,000-square-foot Klahr center to open because survivors and liberators who serve as the backbone of public outreach efforts are now old and dying.
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**IN BRIEF**

**Fund pushes for Lilly shareholder vote**

INDIANAPOLIS — A major U.S. pension fund wants fellow Eli Lilly and Co. shareholders to have more of a voice in amending the bylaws governing the drug maker. The California Public Employees’ Retirement System has proposed allowing shareholders to change bylaws by majority vote. Currently, only board members can change bylaws, which essentially provide a road map for how the company is run.

**South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong participates in free-trade agreement talks with the U.S. Sunday in Seoul. A man set himself on fire protesting the talks.**

**Ethanol boom spurs corn planting**

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — An ethanol-fueled boom in planting corn will prompt American farmers to plant the most corn ever this year, the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

The corn rush was sparked by President Bush’s initiative to support 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. Corn prices were already rising when Bush announced the initiative in Washington on Jan. 23 and there has been growing concern that the corn crop would be stunted in the early summer. On Thursday, Cuban leader Fidel Castro wrote in an editorial for the Communist Party daily newspaper that President Bush’s ethanol plan could deplete corn and other food stocks in developing nations, putting the lives of 3 billion people at risk worldwide.

"You’re in the middle of an emergence of a food versus fuel debate," said Lincoln Ellis, director of asset management for the Linn Group, a Chicago-based privately held financial trading firm. "There’s no evidence at all that the individual defendants had any negative inside information about AES or the prospects of its stock," Hamilton said. "Defendants did not give investment advice themselves.

**White House says trade negotiations are ‘not going well’ after ten months**

The White House said Saturday that the U.S. and South Korea will extend their trade talks beyond their midnight deadline.

**In a letter it sent to 1,600 major shareholders of American Power & Light Co. officials believe the proposal would lead to too much influence from large shareholders. It notes that shareholders can amend the company’s stock.**

**Indianapolis Power suit dismissed**

Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit by some 2,000 former Indianapolis Power & Light Co. employees alleging the utility in a stock swap in 2001. It also alleged defendants had any negative inside information about AES or the prospects of its stock. According to the suit, the defendants had recently sold significant shares of AES stock in the run-up to the stock swap. It alleged the proposed stock swap would dilute shares owned by employees.

**Senator Norton said Sunday there would be no further extension of talks. Any final deal would have to subject approval to both Congress and South Korea’s National Assembly.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 1
5:00 pm (Saturday)  Vigil Mass
9:45 am     Solemn Mass
12:00 noon    Sunday Mass
Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only

Tuesday, April 3
7:00 pm  Campus-wide Stations of the Cross
         (Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm  Opportunity for individual confession follows
         Stations in the Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 5
9:00 am  Morning Prayer
5:00 pm  Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*6:30 pm  Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm  Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am

Good Friday, April 6
9:00 am  Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm  Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm  Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:15 pm  Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7
9:00 am  Morning Prayer
9:00 pm  The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8
8:00 am  Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am  Solemn Mass
12:00 noon  Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm  Solemn Easter Vespers
Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only

Confessions during Holy Week
Monday  11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Tuesday  11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:15 pm
Wednesday  11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday  11:00 am to 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday  11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday  12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
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Many critics have noted that the present
Iraq War is the fist real, long-term war in which the vast majority has not sacrificed anything significant. They say that the .5 percent of the American pop­ulation in the armed forces is bearing the entire cost of the war in Iraq. For the most part, I'm in agreement with their assessment. I don't have to present any ration coupons when purchasing groceries at the store. Gas prices are still incredibly low by international stan­dards, thanks to gratuit­ous subsidies for oil companies by our gov­ernment. I don't face a draft like my father. I'm not staring at a TV screen clutching a number that will determine whether I go off to fight or remain at home. Personally, each of us is quite well off in this conflict, mentally and physically. However, we've sacrificed much as a country.

There are 3,248 U.S. military fatalities that have been confirmed by the Department of Defense and countless casualties. Each one of these deaths has shaken families and friends, and each casualty has altered a life for ever. We're quickly learning that a grow­ing number of soldiers are returning with post-traumatic stress disorder which has, in the history of warfare, been seen in the past underreported, underreported, and insufficiently treated. Thousands more lives have been lost by non-military personnel, civilians working in Iraq in a variety of ways, whether it be driving a truck or working for a private security firm. These fatalities and casualties are mounting on a daily basis, climbing at staggering rates. We've lost the hope of Iraqis. While the flower-throwers that Donald Rumsfeld once was the ultimate symbol of freedom, liberty and justice. Our country

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the sacrifices of previous generations. Habeas corpus, one of the most fundam­ental of American rights, has been suspended for many detainees. Most fundam­entally disagree with our

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Everywhere ventured, nothing gained
The liberation of their country, there was still a great sense of victory and hope for the future of Iraq back in 2003. Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator and had been deposed in a matter of weeks. The words "sectarian violence" had yet to be uttered on the news and pictures of Iraqi carnage smiling at soldiers dominated the airwaves, not the IED explosions and bombed-out marketplaces full of grieving Iraqis we see today. We've lost the hope of Iraqis and therefore we've lost Iraq. According to the latest ABC News poll, 31 percent of Iraqis believe that it is "sacrificial" to accept U.S./coalition forces.

We've lost the respect of the world. The administration has managed to take all the sympathy and support that was thrown at us from around the world on September 11 and those alliances into a relationship of bitter dis­cord. These other countries unanimously agree that terrorism must be stopped but fundamentally disagree with our approach towards bringing peace and stability to the Middle East. They use the war in Iraq as the ill-advised debacle that it is and resent the losses that they, too, have accrued.

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Faith an important part of officer corps

I would like to clear up many misconceptions that some students, faculty and concerned Catholics may hold regarding the Notre Dame ROTC program and the Catholic mission of Notre Dame. I applaud the many righteous causes for which the Catholic Worker movement has stood over the past several decades. However, I do not believe they have a valid reason to protest ROTC at Notre Dame.

While being an active member of the Air Force ROTC unit, I became very confused about the ethics of war during my junior year at Notre Dame. I spoke with Father Warner, the ROTC chaplain, and read up on St. Augustine's "Just War Theory." I came to the conclusion that war is an unfortunate yet necessary evil, because if we do not act, more innocent lives may be lost. We would be committing sins of omission if we were to sit idle and allow aggressors to destroy nations.

Now, I do not want to parallel this idea to our current war overseas. That is opening up a whole new can of worms. However, it is inevitable that this nation will always have a military and therefore a need for military officers. I feel more comfortable that many of these ranks are being filled by ethically sound and theologically-educated Notre Dame graduates who understand the sacredness of life and that war is a last resort, and not always a solution to every problem. Our military is far from perfect, but without Notre Dame's Christian presence in the officer corps, it now becomes much less perfect.

This letter is in response to Bradley Jenkins' Letter to the Editor ("Protests aimed at solidar­ity," March 29) on protesting the presence of ROTC on the Notre Dame campus. I applaud Mr. Jenkins' activism and work to create peace in the world. Nobody wants that more than the military members that serve in harm's way far away from their friends and family.

However, I find objection with his assertion that the ROTC program "systematically trains many of our noblest young men and women to dehumanize the other and surrender their conscience." First of all, our students are taught Just War Theory along with the teachings of St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. They are also taught Divine Law and Natural Law and discuss how all of this fits with the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are put to surrender their conscience but are instead taught to search their conscience and ask if there are conflicts between their moral and religious beliefs and military operations that they might be engaged in. During that discussion they learn what courses of actions are available to them if they find themselves in an irremovable position.

Secondly, ROTC students are also taught the Conduct of War and how honorable people treat enemy combatants. Much of the "moral armor" of the military profession is that we perform our mission not out of emotion or hatred but simply because it is our professional duty.

As the daughter of a Domer, I saw the envy in my father's eyes when he dropped me off at school for the first time. "I'd give anything to go back," he even admitted. While I've heard a fair share of his college stories, his longing was not to relive his craziest nights but rather to regain the freedom he had as a college student. We've all heard that college is the best four years of our lives. In my experience in the past two years, I've learned that this is because in college we have more free time than we'll ever have again and can choose to do whatever we want with it. Never again will I be able to take two-hour naps at whim. Although I shudder at the preceding thought, my real nightmare is others telling me what to do with my free time here, and unfortunately it's becoming a reality.

In my opinion, if someone wants to spend his or her free time drinking alcohol, that's their choice. While I hope that they are safe about it, they shouldn't have to answer anyone's inquiry as to why. If someone doesn't want to spend their free time that way, then they don't have to. All I ask is that they don't condemn others who choose differently.

In regards to our reputation, I think it's safe from tarnish. One is the number of alumni that have expressed their disappointment about alcohol consumption at Notre Dame. I'd say a couple hundred is the number of alumni who have offered me alcohol before football games. And I'm willing to bet over a thousand is the number of alumni that'd be disappointed if Notre Dame took away my choice to say, "Yes."
DVD REVIEWS

'Wild Bunch' bleeds brilliant cinema violence

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Why famed actor Jeff Bridges ever decided to act in the girl-power, gymnastics school after getting in trouble with the law. The dramatic conceit twists when it's revealed she's a former gymnastics star who walked out of the world championships doing the American team to infamy. The problem is worse with a sense of musical history will never be answered. The delinquent-coach who eschews rules in favor of rebellious. Instead, it only comes across as

Jeff Bridges, who has no business being a rough rebel coach who eschews rules in favor of punchy and new routines. Bridges immortal 'The Dude' from "The Big Lebowski" is nowhere to be found here. He performs Vickers well, but it does not come close to the other roles he's played. They say all actors make bad films — "Stick It" most certainly counts as one for Bridges.

Other than the two aforementioned characters, "Stick It" is filled with cookie-cutter high school guys, gymnast girls who seem around guys, dumb blondes, bitchy brunettes and a host of stereotypes who run around the movie like a virus destroying any credibility the film still maintained.

Written by Jessica Braddock, who wrote the uneven 'Aquamarine' and the cheerleading epic 'Bring It On,' "Stick It" marked her directorial debut — and she does both equally ineptly. With too much I-hate-my-parents style quirks from Girl, and too much it's the coach-listen-to-me sagacity from Bridges, the dialogue sounds forced and the direction stilted.

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finest performances), who is the leader of the eponymous group, and along with Dutch (Ernest Borgnine), Angel (Jaime Garcia), and brothers Lyle and Teeter (Warren Oates and Ben Johnson). At the start of the film, the Bunch bunch as the transfer and flies to Mexico. The Bishop starts to realize that their brand of outlaw justice is becoming antiquated, he comes to grips with his aging philosophy and decides to go out in one final confrontation.

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For a long time, "The Wild Bunch" was only available as a two-disc VHS that split up the movie. It has finally been released in a two-disc special edition from Warner Bros. that preserves the original director's cut on a single disc (the second disc houses the special features).

The picture quality, which preserves the original widescreen ratio is very good — the image appears to have been cleaned up from the previous release, and the transfer is noticeably better, with a high contrast that highlights the cinematography.

As with most Warner Bros. releases, the special features are informative and plentiful. There is commentary from Peckinpah biographers/documentarians Nick Redman, Paul Seydor, Garner Simmons and David Weddle. They relay a lot of information to the audience, though they often get sidetracked with unrelated anecdotes and stories about the director.

There are also three documentaries: "Sam Peckinpah's West: Legacy of a Hollywood Renegade," which is a feature-length biography. This is one of the best extras to come around in a while, and it sheds a lot of light on a director known for his outrageously violent films.

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'This isn't to say "Stick It" has no redeeming qualities. The routines the gymnasts (or their stunt doubles) perform really are sights to behold. While not a documentary about gymnastics training, "Stick It" does give a flavor of the grueling training it takes to be a world-class gymnast, and a certain well of appreciation springs up for competitors who represent their countries at athletic competitions.

The DVD is a single-disc edition that includes the film and a little beyond one extra that showcases the gymnasts' stunt doubles in the film. Also, the commentaries on the DVD are somewhat insightful, but a film that was poorly executed will not have much to say. There are deleted scenes and two music videos — hardly anything valuable.

"Stick It" is a not a good film — it is a film that has a positive message and showcases some amazing gymnastic talent. Some of the routines are mind-blowingly good, while almost all of the acting is mind-blowingly bad.

A film like this will never see any more treatment beyond its single-disc barebones DVD. Your little sister might like it, but you should stick it to the movie studios by not buying it and keep them from ever releasing a film like this again.

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Sam Peckinpah's 1969 classic "The Wild Bunch" is one of the defining westerns, a blaze of glory that signaled the end of the genre in a traditional sense. As a reaction against the cold operativeness of Sergio Leone's spaghetti westerns, it demonstrated that Hollywood still understood the genre better than anyone — although by subverting its own conventions, "The Wild Bunch" also brought closure to the genre that would not be closed up until Clint Eastwood's 1992 Best Picture winner "Unforgiven."

"The Wild Bunch" is the story of Pike Bishop (William Holden, in one of his finest performances), who is the leader of the eponymous group, and along with Dutch (Ernest Borgnine), Angel (Jaime Garcia), and brothers Lyle and Teeter (Warren Oates and Ben Johnson). At the start of the film, the Bunch bunch as the transfer and flies to Mexico. The Bishop starts to realize that their brand of outlaw justice is becoming antiquated, he comes to grips with his aging philosophy and decides to go out in one final confrontation.

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**SCENE & HEARD**

Brush up on lingo before Final Four tips off

Shakespeare once wrote, "What's in a name?" Well no offense to William, but when it comes to the wide world of basketball, using the proper terminology when watching and playing the game is crucial, especially when it comes to the week's most anticipated matchups.

For example, you never want to be caught quoting Bill Walton. When watching March Madness, it would be disastrous to yell out "Throw it down, big man!" after a particularly fierce slam dunk. Glances would be cast sideways and you might find people slowly slushing away from you on the sofa. As a result, here's a quick compilation of some of the latest and greatest court comments.

- "Dummies," verb, to block someone's shot. Synonyms: to stuff, to reject. Usage: "Oh man, did you see Oden dumpster that guy?"
- "Hops," noun, the ability to jump high. Synonyms: interchangeable phrases: "to get up," "to rise," "to bounce" Usage: "Wow, Manu Ginobili is just ballsy today!"
- To "break someone's ankles" is to cause a particular player, trip up or fall down over their own feet and perhaps even fall down after juking them with a nasty crossover. Synonym: "Facial." Related term: "Boater." A high-arcing shot usually launched by a shorter player over a taller one which connotes its journey going through the hoop.
- "Kicks," noun, basketball shoes (or just shoes in general). As in, "Oh man, nice kicks! I didn't know you had copped that pair of white-on-white Air Force Ones."
- "Mercin'," verb, to generally inflict pain and destruction; to bring ruin to another's doorway, impose one's will on the game. Usage: "Kobe Bryant is just mercin' right now. No one in the league can contain him."
- To "have game" actually has two definitions: one, the ability to successfully woo a female; or two, the quality of being a good basketball player, as in the hit film "The Game," featuring Denzel Washington and Ray "Jesus Shuttlesworth" Allen. "Moreen," verb, to generally inflict pain and destruction; to bring ruin to another's doorway, impose one's will on the game. Usage: "Kobe Bryant is just mercin' right now. No one in the league can contain him."
- "Rallin'" n. A word that has a lot of meanings (and also inspired the current video game "NBA Jam") is fair game: phrases such as "beem-shaka-laka," "razzle dazzle" and "is it the shoes?" have enduring relevance. Of course, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to contact our very own campus newspaper Webster of basketball terminology, Hudson Sullivan.

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**DVD REVIEW**

*Ghost* DVD remains timeless tale of true love

By ERIN McGINN Assistant Scene Editor

In the canon of so-called "chick flicks," Jerry Zucker's "Ghost" is always ranked near the top. Although it first appeared overseas in 1989, it still remains as romantic and endearing as a movie could be. A special collector's edition of "Ghost" was recently released, and it includes a number of additional extras that make it a very worthy purchase. The film tells the story of a young couple, Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze) and Molly Jensen (Demi Moore), whose love is shattered when Sam is slain in a seemingly senseless event. Although he's dead, Sam's spirit still lingers on earth. He realizes he is stuck as a ghost so he needs to solve his murder. In his quest to find his killer, he teams up with Oda Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg), a psychic and the only person who is able to talk to him. Through Oda Mae, Sam and Molly were able to once more rekindle their love, and along the way they hunt for his killer, discovering a deeper and more vengeful act than what his murder first appeared to be.

"Ghost" won two Academy Awards: one for the screenplay, and the other for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for Whoopi Goldberg. Goldberg's performance as a fake psychic who actually sees the ghost of Sam is definitely top-notch, and that alone is worth a watch. The late Vincent Schiavelli also puts in a surprisingly memorable performance, albeit a short one, as the subway ghost who helps Sam deal with his (literally) spiritual condition. Following suit are performances by both Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze who shine as the film's focus. Interestingly enough, as the documentary "The Making of a Classic" points out, the producers and director had no desire for Patrick Swayze to play the lead. He had just finished the movie "Road House," which was not received well by audiences or critics. Although they did not contact him for the part, Swayze read the script and asked if he could audition. It was only after a reading that the producers and director decided to cast Swayze in the lead. Similarly, Goldberg got involved only after friends showed her the script and urged her to try out. This documentary, as well as the other features, makes the special edition a great purchase, even for fans who already have the original DVD edition. The documentary also intersperses footage of the actors on the set — which is unique and interesting to watch in relation to the characters the actors and actresses play — as well as new interviews from both Goldberg and Swayze. Scene dissection analyzes the making of the well known "pottery scene" between Moore and Swayze and an "inside the Paranormal" featurette showcases interviews from real psychics and mediums who talk about their experiences. The commentary track features Zucker and screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, who focuses on elements of the script as well as the special effects work that was done for the film. "Ghost" is easily one of the best films that deal with paranormal elements in the real world. It manages to be romantic without being sappy and humorous without losing its important and weighty message. While it is nearly two decades old, "Ghost" tells the kind of timeless story that will always have a place in people's hearts.

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**Photo courtesy of geocities.com**

Florida star Joakim Noah hopes to take his Gators to the Final Four in Atlanta. It helps to know basketball jargon when watching with dedicated fans.

**Photo courtesy of geocities.com**

Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze), right, molds pottery with Molly Jensen (Demi Moore) in the most well-known sequence from Jerry Zucker's "Ghost."
PHOENIX — If Phoenix plays the Dallas Mavericks a few weeks from now in the Western Conference finals, confidence should be no problem for the Suns.

Not with the way they bunched the Mavericks on Sunday.

With Leandro Barbosa leading a parade of big scorers with 29 points, the Suns beat the Mavericks for the second time in 18 days, 126-104.

Amare Stoudemire added 24 points and Steve Nash had 23 points and 11 assists as the Suns snapped Dallas’ nine-game winning streak and finished the season series 2-2.

A fourth quarter (13-for-15), is heated the season series 2-2.

on 8-for-10 shooting. He also

"That’s about as good as we

play," Phoenix coach Mike

Stoudemire said. "I’m either going to shoot the

jumper, drive around them or pass it out for a 3. It’s pretty much pick your poise with

myself and also for the team.

Even the hard-to-please Nash seemed satisfied for a change.

"Sometimes to a fault we’ve

played to the level of our com-
tency. When we play well, no

timing to come back as soon as possible.

He entered the game average-

ing 19.1 points and 7.5 rebounds.

"Caron is going to out for a

long time," Wizards coach

Eddie Jordan said. "Everybody

in the league has had some
devastating injuries. Miami with (Dwyane) Wade and even the Lakers with (Lamar) Odom for a while. You can just go down the list. We’ve got a capable bench. We don’t have a Caron Butler-All-Star, but if we can collectively do things at a high level, we should win our share of games and go onto the playoffs.

Bulls 105, Hawks 97

Less than 24 hours after a
tough overtime loss to Chicago, the Bulls could be glad to see the Atlanta Hawks.

"We had some moments where we were sharp, but overall we clearly had some lag from the game yesterday," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said. "That’s why you have to win these types of games.

Luol Deng scored 30 points and Kirk Hinrich had 22 in the Bulls’ 11th straight victory over the Hawks, Sunday,

The Bulls haven’t lost to

Atlanta since April 9, 2004. Overall, they have won five of six and 12 of 16.

"It seems like every time we come down here, it’s on a back-to-back situation," Hinrich said. "Every quarter, we just got a little better. We’re able to do enough to get the win, and we’ll definitely take it. It was just a matter of being able to stop them consistently.

Josh Smith finished with 24 points for the Hawks, who have dropped six straight overall. They never led after Tyrone Lue’s 3-pointer made it 78-75 with 10.52 seconds left.

After Smith’s putback of a missed Butler at the 3:57 mark of the third, the 21-year-old missed his next six shots. He denied that having Ben Wallace and Tyus Thomas block consecutive attempts affected his confidence.

Smith also thought Atlanta held a three-point shot defensively, even though Thomas dunked over him and converted a three-point play early in the fourth.

They started hitting shots," Smith said. "They were hitting tough shots. You can’t do anything about that when you’re playing defense.

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**MBL**

Orioles at Twins

7 p.m., EPSN2

**In Brief**

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Division I National Championship Ohio State vs. Florida

9:18 p.m., CBS

**MLB**

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**Purdue receiver stabbed in late-night bar brawl**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue coach Joe Tiller is considering possible disciplinary measures against a football player who was stabbed in the chest, another who was later arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and any other teammates who might have been at the late-night bar fight near campus.

Receiver Selwyn Lymon, who started 12 games as a sophomore last season, was in fair condition Saturday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Safety Torri Williams, arrested on the alcohol charge less than an hour after Lymon was stabbed early Friday, was identified in police records as having been with Lymon and at least one other player during the fight at Nick's Nightclub, Maj. Charlie Williams of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department said.

**Tennis**

**19-year-old Djokovic wins Ericsson Open**
Scott nails 50-foot putt on final hole to finish 3 strokes ahead of pack

Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas — Adam Scott came to the Houston Open starving for the stress of competition to prepare him for the Masters.

He got what he needed from fellow Australian Stuart Appleby.

Scott held off Appleby with a 6-under 66 on Sunday, saving par with a 50-foot putt on the 72nd hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

Scott finished at 17 under, three strokes ahead of pack leader Bubba Watson.

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"Marginally," Appleby said. The 26-year-old Scott spent four weeks in Europe before returning to Doral. He shot a final-round 80, including a 10 on one hole, and wasn't optimistic before the Houston Open started.

But his swing held up all week and his putting improved with each round, even when his nerves started to fray. "I really needed to be in contention this week and take something out of it," Scott said. "I can feed off that for next week now."

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"I don't know. Water on the left," Scott said. "It's not ideal for me, obviously."

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Scott took his drop, hit his approach safely away from the water, then holed the par-saving putt. He pumped his fist, Tiger Woods-style, after the ball disappeared and the crowd roared.

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Rutgers Women's Basketball

Tigers score fewest points ever in women's Final Four game; Scarlet Knights earn first berth in national championship

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rutgers' improbable run isn't over. The Scarlet Knights earned their first trip to the national championship behind Hall of Fame coach C. Vivian Stringer with another unlikely scenario — dominating the LSU Lady Tigers from the opening tip.

Mate Ajavon scored 16 points and Rutgers (27-8) hounded 6-foot-6 Sylvia Fowles to beat LSU 59-35 in a national semifinal Sunday night. The Scarlet Knights used a swarming defense and hot touch from behind the arc to blow out LSU, which scored the fewest points ever in the Final Four — Louisiana Tech had 44 vs. Tennessee in '87 title game.

Frustrated by Rutgers' relentless defense, Fowles was held to five points and seven rebounds. Rutgers double- and triple-teamed Fowles, with Vaughn getting help from Heather Zurch.

"I tried to keep her as far away from the basket as I could," Vaughn said. "The Lady Tigers (30-8), who were making their fourth straight final four appearance, entered a surprising tournament run behind acting head coach Bob Starkey. He was thrust into the spotlight when coach Pokey Chatman abruptly resigned March 7 amid allegations of improper conduct with one or more former players.

Erica White scored nine points to lead LSU, which also set Final Four lows for field goal percentage (26.4) and fewest field goals (14). The Rutgers crowd chanted Stringer's initials "C-V-S" in the closing minutes. Stringer was hugged by her entire staff as she made her way back to the title game 25 years after she took Cheyney there.

"Wow," Stringer said. "That's the best word to describe what happened here. We talked about believing in what we know. No one expected us to be here, but these players believe in themselves." C. Vivian Stringer Rutgers coach

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Rutgers guard Epiphanny Prince, center, passes through the defense during the Scarlet Knights' 59-35 victory over LSU Sunday.

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Notre Dame qualifies 7 athletes for regionals

Team travels to both Stanford and Purdue, sets 18 Big East times

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame, which this weekend sent athletes to both the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif., and the Mike Poshleth Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., continued to build on its success this outdoor season.

The Irish qualified seven athletes for the NCAA Mideast Regionals and posted 18 Big East qualifying times.

Irish coach Joe Piane was pleased with the team's performance at the Stanford Invitational, where all the Mideast qualifying times were set.

"It was a terrific meet," he said. "On the guys' side, we brought ten fellas, and every one of them ran the best time they'd ever run outdoors. Four of those guys qualified for the NCAA's.

Senior Todd Ptacek finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, placing a personal-best time of 8:57.87 and qualifying for the NCAA regionals. Sophomore Patrick Smyth placed fifth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:48.53. The outdoor track significantly improved Smyth's performance—a personal best that qualified him for the regionals.

"Smyth ran ten seconds faster than he did indoors," Piane said. "He can run faster than that, and he will. Now he's running 13:48. Next step is to run 13:40. You just set the bar at the next level."

Junior Jake Watson finished fifth in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:45.25 and earned his first regional bid in the event.

Junior John Cavanaugh's personal-best time of 15:50.26 earned him a second-place finish and a regional qualifying spot.

Senior Molly Huddle finished fifth in the 5,000 meters, running a time of 15:50.32. Besides qualifying her for the regional meet, that time put her among the country's leaders.

"Molly Huddle ran very, well, probably one of the top three or four times in the country right now," Piane said. Senior Amy Kohlmeyer's time of 16:12.26 in the 5,000 meters was good enough to qualify her for the regionals as well.

"Since we're going to find out how far we're going to go in the field, you're going to find out how far you're going to go in the track," Piane said. "And that's what you need in order to win the Big East conference."

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish extend win streak to 4

Laxers defeat UConn in close contest while breezing by Duquesne

By MIKE BRYAN
Sports Writer

After losing to Syracuse 16-13 March 18, Notre Dame has been unstoppable, extending its winning streak to four games this weekend by upsetting Connecticut 12-11 Friday and Duquesne 15-7 Sunday.

The Irish (9-2, 2-1 Big East) started the weekend with a 12-11 win Friday over Big East opponent Connecticut (5-3, 0-2) in a game that was close throughout.

Sophomore Jane Steeckert got the Irish off to a strong start, scoring two unassisted goals in the first six minutes to give Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. Connecticut quickly recovered, however, putting together a 6-2 run fueled by two Janet Williams goals. Attack Jillian Byers' third goal of the half brought the Irish into halftime trailing only 6-5.

The Irish quickly tied up the game at 7-7 in the second half behind sophomore midfielder Alixa Billings' two goals. Notre Dame and the Huskies then traded goals and remained in a deadlock at 9-9 with just over 10 minutes left.

Goals by midfielder Kaki Orr and attack Caitlin McKinney gave the Irish a two-goal edge, and senior Meghan Murphy scored her first goal of the game to give Notre Dame a 12-10 lead with two minutes left in the final minute of the night.

Senior Laura Trzasko scored for Connecticut in the final minutes, but the Irish escaped with the one-goal victory.

"In late game situations, we have confidence that we're going to find a way to win," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

Neither team held more than a two-goal lead in a tight game that featured five ties and four lead-changes. Notre Dame is now 3-0 in one-goal matches this season.

Nine different Irish players recorded points in a balanced offensive performance. Byers led the team with four goals and an assist, and Billings and Steeckert netted two goals each.

Huskies senior attacker Shannon Burke, the Big East's leading scorer, led Connecticut with nine goals and two assists.

In Notre Dame's second game of the weekend, Duquesne (14-3) proved less of a challenge for the Irish, falling 15-7 at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Irish dominated the early play, taking an 8-0 lead in the first half. Duquesne finally got on the board with six minutes left in the first half on a Sarah Gates goal and went into halftime trailing 8-3.

The Dukes continued their run early in the second half, cutting the Irish lead to 8-5. That would be the closest Duquesne would get, as Notre Dame scored seven of the next nine goals for the 15-7 win.

Byers once again led the Irish with four goals and an assist, and Murphy posted another impressive performance with three goals and two assists.

Sophomore Kathleen McNeill led the Dukes with three points on a goal and two assists.

Notre Dame outshot Duquesne 31-24, and goalie Erin Goodman recorded eight saves for the Irish.

"If we want to win the Big East tournament and a national championship, we'll have to learn how to win games just one day apart like this week-end," Coyne said. "This weekend was a good test of what those kind of games will be like."

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ND shut out in Columbus

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  Sports Writer

Notre Dame almost forgot how to lose, as straight meets and dropping only 14 matches over that stretch. But the Irish were forced to feel themselves off the pavement Friday night, falling 7-0 to Ohio State in Columbus.

"I'm still trying to get the number of the truck that hit us in Columbus," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Ohio State played aggressively and really well. They didn't make many mistakes."

The No. 3 Buckeyes jumped ahead in the match by winning doubles play, the 43rd time in their last 47 matches that they have won the doubles point.

Buckeyes Droy Eberly and Kevin Koniecko defeated Justin Kronauge defeated No. 7 Columbus.

With the doubles point in hand, Ohio State went on to sweep Notre Dame in singles play. No. 10 Monke knocked off No. 8 Bass with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 1 spot. No. 25 Bryan Koniecko then defeated No. 34 Parbhoo, who cruised past Helgeson with a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

Despite falling to Ohio State Friday night, the No. 3 Irish battled back to post a 5-2 win over No. 6 Illinois at home Sunday.

Bayliss said the win over the Fighting Illini somewhat redeemed the loss to the Buckeyes.

"If you lay an egg once a year and you bounce back they way we did today, it's OK," he said.

Illinois jumped ahead to the early 1-0 lead after taking the doubles point. Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe defeated Keckley and Parbhoo 8-4. Marc Spicijaric and G.D. Jones clinched the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Kevin and Helgeson.

Bayliss said he challenged his team to bounce back from the 1-0 deficit and they answered.

"Bryan showed an aggressive-ness that I haven't seen before," Bayliss said. "And to me it's a sign of his maturity and growth in a player as a competitor."

Even with the win in Notre Dame's name, the battle wasn't over on the courts.

No. 8 Bass continued to battle with No. 6 Anderson at No. 1 singles. Bass dropped the first set 4-6 but fought back to take the second set 6-2. Down 3-4 in the third set with Anderson serving for match point, the senior broke serve to eventually take the set 7-5 and win the match.

Helgeson also put up a fight against No. 12 Rowe, but was unable to pull away with a victory as Rowe defeated him 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Despite losing to Ohio State Friday, Bayliss said that he was happy with his team's performance this weekend.

"Barry showed an aggressive-aggressive attitude," said Anderson. "And we wanted to make sure we got at least one of the wins, and today we made that happen."

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Linksters place 17th in loaded Augusta field

By CHRIS DOYEN  Sports Writer

In a battle of 10 teams in the top 50 nationally, Notre Dame could not overcome the bohe-moins in the field of 18 teams in the Administaff Augusta State Invitational, finishing in 17th place.

Notre Dame's final score of a 20-over-par 884 put them 31 strokes behind first-place No. 11 Coastal Carolina. Other national powerhouses in the field included No. 13 East Tennessee State, No. 15 Tennessee, No. 17 North Carolina and No. 23 Georgia State, who all placed in the top six and finished at par or lower.

"We didn't get it together like we had hoped," senior co-captain and All-America candidate Cole Isban said. "You've got to expect those other teams to perform like they did, but we didn't have our best games."

The Irish struggled in the second round especially, scoring a 12-over-par 300 Saturday.

Before the tournament, Isban predicted that putting would be the most important aspect for Notre Dame's success, and it was his personal undoing for the weekend as he finished with a four-over-par 220.

"I couldn't make a putt to save my life," Isban said. "But a couple other guys putted pretty well. I hit about 16 or 17 greens in regulation, but I had a number of three-putts (on Sunday)." The team's performance was good enough, however, to place ahead of one of the participating top-50 programs, No. 28 Minnesota. Irish senior co-cap-tain Adam Gifford, who only recently started traveling with the team, finished tied for eighth with a team-low two-under-par 214.

His three-under-par 69 Sunday helped the Irish finish the day a respectable two-over-par 290. Gifford was the only Irish golfer to finish in the top-40 on the individual leaderboard.

"Gifford played probably the best tournament of his career," Isban said. "His game is really coming around."

The lineup for the weekend also included sophomore Josh Sandman, freshman Doug Fortner and junior Eddie Peckels. Sandman finished with a five-over-par 221, Fortner shot a 13-over-par 229 and Peckels contributed a 25-over-par 241.

Next weekend, the Irish head to the NCAA championship in the Bollinger Invitational.

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Monday, April 2, 2007

Men's Golf

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In the first individual match of
Invitational opener Friday, Wheaton sophomores All-
A merican Jordan Hook defeated Belles captain Kelly McDevitt in
straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0. Belles freshman Camille Gebert did not
have much luck in the No. 2 single
spot, where she was defeated
by freshman Christin Thompson.

In the third match of the day, Thunder senior Karly Olson
defeated Belles freshman Lisa Rhine in two
straight sets, 6-2 and 6-3. In the follow-
ning match, senior Tara O'Brien
failed to win a game against Thunder junior Sharon Hale,
falling in straight 6-0 sets.

Belles singles Brooke Parrish and Josi
senior Grace Gordon with a score of
6-0 in two straight sets.

The Belles put forth a stronger
potential." Rubino played well in the third
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The Belles entered Saturday's
match looking to defeat Olivet Nazarene for the second
straight year, but Olivet Nazarene pro-
duced a different result: Saint Mary's
lost the match 8-1, while Gordon in the
division six singles spot was the only Belle to win.

"We didn't play particularly well
in that match," Stevenson said. "Certainly not up to
our full potential." McDevitt put forth a strong
effort in the No. 3 singles spot, but
lost the match in three close sets.
Rubino played well in the third
spot, battling until the super-
tiebreaker of the third set.

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**SNC SOFTBALL**

**Saint Mary’s sweeps, is swept in doubleheaders**

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Even though Saint Mary’s lost a doubleheader Saturday to Alma 9-1 and 4-0 — only its second and third losses of the season — it got its season back on track immediately by sweeping Manchester 10-2 and 20-0.

The Belles junior pitcher Calvi Davison, however, calmed down after the first inning, allowing only two more hits and one more run.

The Belles failed to score a run until the fifth inning when freshman second baseman Mo Healy scored on an RBI from senior shortstop Sarah Miele. The slaughter rule came into effect after the top of the fifth to give Alma the win.

In their second loss to Alma, the Belles failed to score any runs on seven hits with nine runners left on base. Sophomore pitcher Kristi Amron allowed just four hits, but the Scots managed to capitalize on each.

The two wins put Alma (17-7) in first in the MIAA with a league record of 4-0. The Belles (13-3) are in eighth, 0-2 in the league.

“Tish by the ball really helped in the first inning and jumped out on top. It’s really hard to come back from being down 5-0 in the first inning. I’m proud of our senior captain McKenna Corrigan said. “They did a good job of scoring first.”

For how anemic the Belles were against Alma, Davison were just as effective against Manchester Sunday. Davison allowed seven hits with only two runs. Manchester freshman pitcher Kristi Brown allowed 12 hits in the 10-2 loss.

Healy said the Belles’ dominance in the circle mirrored what they’ve averaged in their earlier losses to Alma.

“It’s a big confidence boost. I think we’ve just a little more nervous about playing out first conference game,” she said.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Makeshift squad still wins**

By CHRISS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite injuries to multiple key players, No. 2 Notre Dame extended its win streak in dual match play to 13 with a 3-2 indoor victory over No. 28 Wichita State and a 5-2 outdoor win over No. 38 Tulsa Sunday.

The Irish (18-1) played without injured junior Brook Buck and freshmen doubles partners. For the second straight week, forcing Irish coach Jay Louderback to move players around in both singles and doubles play. But even those that did play in the two matches this weekend were not completely healthy.

Louderback said, "We have a few of them that are struggling with shoulders that have been playing a lot. We go inside and we get then out a few days," he said. "For us, I think health-wise we need to get where we can consistently get outside and get used to it. It’s a tougher game outside when the wind’s blowing — it’s like you’re hitting a ball that’s heavier. It’s a little more wear on the body.”

In doubles play, the nationally ranked No. 4 team of seniors Katie Catrins and Christian Thompson won both of their matches this weekend, but at the No. 2 and 3 slots, Louderback deployed two teams that have yet to compete together in dual match play — freshman Kalli Krusk with sophomore Keely Telft, and freshman Catrins with sophomore Katie Potts.

“Katie had a couple of tough matches, lost both of hers. Kalli did a good job," Louderback said.

Bielby normally occupies the No. 3 slot. This meant that No. 62 Ciobanu and Tefft each had to move up to a spot in the lineup and battle tougher competition than they would normally face.

Both stepped up to the challenge. Ciobanu and Tefft won all of their matches and played a pivotal part in Notre Dame’s success this weekend by grabbing two points in each match.

Ciobanu is now 19-0 in dual match play, while Tefft improved to 13-3 this season.

“Those two just win. They both compete well. They just win, that’s all you can say. (Tefft) gets a lot of balls,” Louderback said.

“She doesn’t overpower you, but she makes you play a lot of balls. Her forehand, she doesn’t hit really hard, she’ll slice it some. But she has a bit backhand. It’s hard to get into a rhythm against her.

“Ciobanu is solid off the court, both forwards and backcourt and if you give her anything loose at all she’ll step in and hit it. She can hit winners, and just plays a smart game and is good at finishing off points.”

No. 19 Carina Thompson dropped her match from the No. 1 slot against Wichita State’s Madina Rakhim, 7-6, 6-3 Friday, but bounced back Sunday to defeat Tulsa’s Lindsey Grimes 6-2, 6-2. “[Rakhim] is really good. She hadn’t played any ranked kids, so she didn’t have the points to be up there. She’s one of the top 20 kids in the country, I think (from) watching her play, because Catrins played well. She’s very consistent. Christian Thompson also went 1-1 over the weekend. On Friday, Thompson defeated Wichita State’s Florentina Hanisch 6-1, 6-0 but lost to Tulsa’s Saniie Delport 6-2, 6-1 Sunday.

Notre Dame faces Purdue Tuesday. Louderback said he is not sure if Buck and Riely will play against the Boilermakers.

“We’ll know [today],” he said.

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sometimes it’s still too close to call even when you get it down to two and then you have to make a decision. This rotation system was in full effect Saturday for each of the four quarterbacks took turns throwing during the one-on-one drills. The quarterbacks threw to receivers up and down the field chart and against all skill levels in defensive back.

In the one-on-one drills, Weis made it clear that rising junior David Grimes and rising sophomore George West are currently his top two receivers.

Grimes—who Weis called the most consistent receiver this spring—has the most experience in an Irish uniform out of the receivers. Grimes finished last season fifth in yards (136) and receptions (26) and caught two touchdowns, one of which came during Notre Dame’s 41-14 loss to LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

But on a team that lost its top two receivers in Jeff Samardzija (78 catches, 1,017 yards) and Bhamar McKinney (67 catches, 907 yards) along with running back Darius Walker (66, 391), Grimes and West have the most experience to build a core college football offense with as a kid returner last season next to Grimes.

"He isn’t just running with that first group by default," Weis said of West.

With the tying run at bat, the senior infielder Adam Solomon singled and stole second base to set up a suicide squeeze by freshman Brian Samuels, driving in the game-winning run in the 10th inning.

"The game was won by one hit," Weis said. "But the game is really won by the defense and the pitching."}

The Irish turned back a late rally by Pitt to win 14-12.

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Notre Dame and Brown traded goals to begin the game. Notre Dame senior midfielder Lucius Polk scored a man-up goal before Brown’s Alex Buckley answered. The Irish responded by scoring five consecutive goals to break the game open.

Junior Michael Podgajny began the run with an unassisted goal at the 10:03 mark, and subsequent goals by Weis, attack Peter Christman and midfielder Grant Krebs put Notre Dame up 6-1 early in the second period before the Bears Jack Walsh found the ball on the net.

"Lacrosse is a sport of runs, and once you get up on a team, it forces them to come after you," Polk said. "Our team thrives on a fast-paced game, and when we go on a run, it forces teams to play into our hands.

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Irish sophomore Zach Frazer throws during practice Saturday on Cartier Field.

"We are just looking for people to pull ahead or fall behind," Weis said. "But there are too many guys besides David and George that are just in that pack right now.

Regardless of the position or the players, Weis said he tries to remain balanced and objective in deciding the depth chart, and a large part of that depends on his own honesty with his team.

"I think it’s important to never lie to your players and always tell them the truth and where they stand," Weis said. "It isn’t like depth charts never change. Depth charts change eventually and injuries occur on top of that.

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Irish centerfielder Danny Dressman squares for a bunt during Notre Dame’s 9-1 loss to South Florida March 25.

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**FOOTBALL**

On the offensive

Quarterback, receiver battles headline Irish spring practices

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite position battles on both sides of the line of scrimmage, two of the most glorified positions on the field — quarterback and wide receiver — are still catching most people's attention.

The quarterback battle is by far the most closely examined aspect of Notre Dame's spring practices, largely because of its unique nature. Irish coach Charlie Weis has four competing quarterbacks — rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Zach Frazer and Demetrious Jones and incoming freshman Jimmy Clausen — with different styles and abilities, each competing to be the lead signal caller for the Irish.

Weis said although he is willing to change depending on the situation, he is generally against using a platoon system at quarterback — making the competition for the top job even more intense.

"There's been more than two quarterbacks but usually the competition's only been between two people," Weis said. "This one's a little bit unique because to give them equal opportunity, you have a rotation system built in place where guys are lead guys at certain times, and we're halfway through that process."

Weis said he will rotate each quarterback through the first, second, third and fourth strings each week throughout the spring. In this way, each quarterback gets the same opportunities to run plays with the starting receivers and backs.

Weis said this keeps him objective since no one has extra time with the starting offense.

"But really when you just take out the subjectivity and just making it objective analysis, it usually cleans itself up," Weis said. "Even in those cases, we're making it objective analysis, it usually cleans itself up." Weis said. "Even in those cases, there's some consistency between the guys, and hopefully that's a mix that will allow us to continue to improve over the course of the season."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame upends Brown in preparation for Big East

By GREG ARBOGAST
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Notre Dame is finding its stride at just the right time.

With the main part of their conference schedule fast approaching, the Irish won their second game in a row in convincing fashion Saturday by defeating Brown 11-3 in Providence, R.I.

After struggling to find some consistency early this season, Notre Dame has stepped up its performance recently, especially on the defensive end, allowing only eight goals in its last 10 quarters. "I feel like we're starting to develop some consistency and some things to build on," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

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BASEBALL

Panthers sweep ND at Pitt

Inclement weather cuts series from 3 games to 2

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Notre Dame headed to Pittsburgh Friday in hopes of correcting some of the problems it faced last weekend, but it failed to do so.

The Irish dropped both games in what was originally scheduled to be a three-game series — Sunday's game was canceled due to inclement weather in Pittsburgh.

Irish sophomore David Phelps dropped only his second game of the season with a 4-2 loss Friday night, and Paul Nardozzi pitched a two-hit shutout for the Panthers in their 5-0 win over the Irish Saturday.

Irish receiver George West, center, breaks past cornerbacks Leo Ferrine, left, and Darrin Walls, right, during practice Saturday. Coach Charlie Weis said West is currently the No. 2 receiver.

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

Team names highlight this year's tournament

The 36th annual Bookstore Basketball tournament tips off today with 45 first-round contests. No doubt, the Bookstore Committee had its hands full censoring and eliminating the humor from the 652 teams participating in this year's event, but some slightly humorous team names managed to make the final cut.

Though none rises to the level of last year's "We Shoot Like Dick Cheney, You Should Wear Orange," here are some of the best Bookstore names for 2007:

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