Activist receives written admonition

By MARCELA BERROS

A Notre Dame freshman was threatened with immediate suspension for participating in an unauthorized demonstration

Dorms fill up for next year

Even amount of seniors to stay on campus, off

By AARON STEINER

Residence life is an integral part of the Notre Dame experience, and the abundant applications for on-campus housing confirm that maxim yet again this year.

While the official number of students who applied for on-campus housing will not be available for another few days, it seems the dorms will be filled to their maximum capacities — and beyond next year, even as a growing amount of seniors move off campus.

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New RAs opt to transfer dorms

Several juniors will take up residency in other halls to fill demand

By AARON STEINER

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Weiss and Saucedo are two of the nearly 20 students who applied for the positions as resident assistants next year — a move that Weiss and Saucedo said they are looking forward to, despite the fact that they will be leaving their current residence halls.

According to Sister Mary Lynch, resident of Residence Life, said in a Feb. 27 Observer article that many applicants indicate they wish to be considered for other halls.

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The Michiana Dismas House, located at 521 South St. Joseph Street, is a non-profit organization for transition housing.

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Anti-war activist to speak

Sheehan will discuss experiences on Iraq

By KATIE KOHLER

Cindy Sheehan, the anti-war activist who lost her son in Iraq and generated international attention by protesting outside President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, will speak about the war today at 10:30 a.m. in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

"Sheehan's visit serves to remind us of the events of the war and that we can effect change, even four years later," said Bridget Hahn, president of Peacemakers — a social justice group on campus.

Following the death of her son, Casey, in Iraq, Sheehan demonstrated at a peace camp outside Bush's Texas ranch during his five-week vacation there in August 2005. She created Camp Casey by pitching a tent at the ranch and demanding an audience with the president — a demand ultimately not granted.

Sheehan is also one of the nine founding members of Gold Star Families for Peace, an organization that seeks to end the U.S. occupation in Iraq and provide support for the families of fallen soldiers.

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Paintball
aggression

At Notre Dame, being the Catholic institution that it is, we are taught to seek non-violent ways to solve our problems. But every once in a while you are confronted with a person that all you want to do is be violent towards. Maybe it's the person who gave you a dirty look in class, maybe they spiked their drink on you at the Backer, or maybe it's the person on their cell phone in the bathroom.

So what do you do to unleash all of that pent up aggression caused by stupid people? You might not be able to shoot them, but you can shoot someone else down at the local paintball field.

For those that have never before experienced this wonderful sport, paintball is a thrilling, tension-relieving experience. You don't have to have a particular athletic ability to play — and anyone from a ten-year-old to a forty-year-old can excel at it.

If you’re looking to play around South Bend, Action Park is located 25 minutes away from campus in Osceola, IN and always welcomes Notre Dame students. You don't have to have any of your own equipment — they can rent you everything that you need to play. All you need to bring with you is enthusiasm, some paintballs, and some paint.

The main piece of equipment in paintball is the gun, or marker, which is powered by a small tank of compressed gas. The paintballs themselves are exactly as they sound; they are marble-sized balls with a gelatinous shell and filled with water-soluble paint. Although it sometimes hurts getting shot, it’s no worse than getting punched by a basketball.

The basic premise of the game is simple: shoot others, and don't get shot yourself. If you end up with paint on you, you’re out of the game. If you’re a variety of different games to play, including elimination and capture the flag. Action Park also boasts a castle field where one team defends and the other attacks a fortress, as well as several speedball fields, which also allow for variations on the same games.

During each game, there are referees who monitor the action to make sure that all players are following the rules, as well as to provide “paint checks,” to determine if a player is still in the game.

Although it might seem like an unusual sport, it is a great experience that is hard to replicate through any other activity. So if you’ve been on the weekend or just looking to release some anger, grab some friends and head down to Action Park. After all, nothing brings people together quite like taking shots at each other.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Erin McGinn at emcginl@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD SUM UP THE WEATHER IN ONE WORD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Jimena Dilorio  freshman Breen-Phillips  Erin McGinn  Assistant Scene Editor

“Maneater. It’s so bad, it eats you from the inside out.”

Greg Robinson  freshman Stanford

“Paraguay, because that’s where she wants to be.”

Michelle Weissenhofer  freshman Walsh

“Wet.”

Ryan Smith  freshman Knott

“Abomination, because it keeps teasing you… going from warm to cold.”

Susan Bigelow  sophomore Badin

“Gorgeous. Think happy thoughts. Friends.”

OFFBEAT

Sheriff gives himself a ticket

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brown County Sheriff Dennis Kocken didn’t have to write himself a ticket. But he says it was the right thing to do.

“Although I’m held to the highest standard in law enforcement, how can I hold officers accountable if I don’t hold myself accountable?” he said. “I’m satisfied I’m doing the right thing.”

Kocken issued himself a ticket March 27 for an unsafe lane change, three weeks after he had rear-ended a suspected speeder after that driver slowed to turn. Neither the deputy who completed the accident report nor the Brown County district attorney’s office felt that Kocken deserved a citation.

“But it kept bothering me,” said Kocken. “Finally I decided to write myself a ticket. I felt it was the right thing to do.”

The ticket carries a $160.80 fine that Kocken said he fully intends to pay.

The ticket marks the second citation in seven months that a state law enforcement officer assessed to himself. In September, Chief Dick Knoebel of the Kewaskum police department wrote himself a $235 ticket for passing a stopped school bus.

Moose and reindeer to taste tests

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Moose and reindeer have been invited to a unusual taste panel that will help decide which type of salt should be used to de-ice the county’s roads in winter.

The less they like it, the better.

The National Road Administration plans to introduce a new, sweeter blend of road salt, but wants to make sure it doesn’t attract wildlife to Sweden’s highways.

Information compiled by the Associated Press

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IN BRIEF

Journalist Judy Woodruff will give the Red Smith lecture on “Are Journalists Obsolete?” She will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Pittsburgh Library Auditorium.

The Student Union Board (SUB) will hold Acoustic Cafe tonight from 10 to 12 in the basement of LaFortune. This is a free event.

Owen Smith, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate, will perform his comedy act Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

The Spring Run will take place Saturday. Participants can run either 5-K, 10-K or do the 2-mile walk. The races will start from Legends at 11 a.m. Runners and walkers can sign up at RecSports for $10 prior to the race and for $15 the day of the race.

Opera Notre Dame will present “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” Saturday at 7:30 at Washington Hall. Tickets are $25 for students and $10 adults. For tickets, call the LaFortune Box Office at 631-8128.

Notre Dame men’s freshman baseball will play Georgetown Sunday at 1 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

Notre Dame men’s lacrosse will play Denver Sunday at 1:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Admission is free.

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Students from the University of Chicago, Notre Dame, Northwestern, and other top schools in the Midwest. This fair will feature representatives from 50 to 70 employers.

Another, more easily accessible option for students is the virtual Big East career fair. Students will have access to 180 employers offering up to 600 permanent jobs with the Big East online system.

"It is not too late to find an internship," Svete said. "Students have access to a few schools. As of Wednesday, about 7,000 internships were still available through this database.

Svete also recommended jobcentral.com for its keyword search option, which can help students narrow down their search to their specific area of interest and preferred location. This Web site is updated regularly.

"After their first year, students should start looking for internships. Hometown internships are great options," Svete said.

He said students should use their first and second summers for experimenting and exploring different types of fields, but thesummers after junior and senior years should be dedicated to career growth internships.

The challenge is not finding an internship, but finding a paid internship," Svete said. Currently, the University participates in the Indiana Career Program Fund, which pays for 50 to 60 Notre Dame students' internships in Indiana.

The Career Center has proposed to take this program nationally so that students can receive aid for internships.

Another option for students is an internship with a nonprofit. Anthropology students can get credit for interning at the Field Museum in Chicago. According to Svete, for-credit internships are very popular in the film and television areas.

Svete recommended students start reaching out to alumni and that they "just come in and get started — the earlier the better.

Freshman Eleanor Huntington visited the Career Center Tuesday because she "felt the need to start looking and establishing relationships.

She said her career counselor was very helpful in explaining the center's services and offered advice for constructing her resume.

"I received concrete, direct advice about what I should be doing now and what I should do next," Huntington said.

Svete advises students to be aware of deadlines for some internship programs, which depend on the deadlines for corporate America.

"An early start is a safe start, but there are still tons of opportunities out there for this summer," he said.

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students from other dorms does not tend to affect the dorm environment, something she credits to the application and interview process.

"For Weiss and Saucedo, moving to a new dorm won't be a drawback. In fact, they're excited about the opportunity to meet new people and experience life in a different dorm.

"It's great because you get to experience new people, hall staff, residents, traditions," Weiss said, stating that she's looking forward to the "change in pace.

Weiss also said her desire to become an RA "definitely strengthened us staying, and staying, and staying," and she knew when she applied she would take a position outside of Brennan-Philips Hall if one was offered.

Saucedo said she "mindlessly" checked the box on the application stating she would be willing to transfer to another dorm, and didn't think it would be an issue.

"At first I didn't think I would have to move out of McGlinn," Saucedo said. But since accepting the position at Pangborn Hall, she is pleased to be going there and is happy she made the decision to do so.

"I've been to both Mass and dorm council, and the girls are very welcoming and open," Saucedo said. She doesn't foresee any problems with the transfer.

Weiss also said they will bring new perspectives to the dorm, as well as an unbiased view of all aspects of life in Pangborn Hall.

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**Dismas**

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"...staple-free life," Pike said.

Most residents of the Dismas House were drug offenders and could rarely escape into their abusive habits, Pike said.

"(Drug offenders) have the highest rate of recidivism," Pike said.

She attributed this primarily to "environmental factors" in the offenders' circles. When drug users are isolated from normal people, they are less likely to know anyone who does not do drugs and thus understand how great the need is for real people in real places with real problems," she said.

Dismas House, located at 321 South St. Joseph Street near the Post Office, is currently accepting applications for housing for students. Students can either apply online or come to the house to fill out an application in person, Pike said.

"After filling out the application, students will be interviewed and invited to attend a dinner with the residents of the house. Following the dinner, the student's application is presented to a review committee composed of people who do not live in the house. Despite the multiple steps, Pike said the application process is "pretty easy" and "not terribly strenuous."

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**Activist**

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dent of Residence Life, spoke on behalf of his office and NDSP Wednesday, declining to comment about any exchange that may have occurred between Velazquez and NDSP officers.

University maintains a policy of not commenting on students' disciplinary records.

He said student academic suspensions fall under the jurisdiction of Residence Life as outlined in the student handbook, "d.u. ac.

Once classes resumed after spring break, Residence Life director Jeff Shoup contacted Velazquez for two disciplinary hearings. The freshman eventually received a written admonition for violating the University's demonstration policy.

Velazquez said he did not know with certainty which version of the policy he violated, but he suspected it was his failure to notify Residence Life in writing about his intentions to participate in a demonstration. Shoup declined to comment on Velazquez's case Wednesday.

Velazquez said he joined participants of the Soulforce Equality Ride in their two-day stop at Notre Dame and was "flanked by NDSP officers the whole time."

The Soulforce Equality Ride is a 30-day nationwide bus tour to different Christian colleges to promote tolerance and acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students run by Soulforce Equality, a non-profit organization against homophobia, according to the Soulforce Web site.

The d.u. ac guidelines for demonstrations on campus say, "only members of the University community may organize or lead a demonstration," if they register in writing their intentions at Residence Life.

Moreover, "demonstrators may not impede the freedom of the University community," the rulebook says.

Under the umbrella of the above regulations, NDSP officers handed out trespass notices to six of the Soulforce riders that were leading discussions in the LaFortune lounges and wrote down Velazquez's contact information for an unauthorized demonstration.

"I think the University wanted to spare itself the trouble and the fall-out that would've caused the arrest of one of its own students who just stood up for his own rights on his own campus," Velazquez said. "It saddens me to see the administration act so apprehensively toward LGBTQ students and their efforts to initiate dialogue among the student body. This type of behavior only makes Notre Dame even more non-conducive to students who may be gay and want to come out and say it but are scared they won't be accepted."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. requests help in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — The United States is planning to ask its allies to contribute additional forces, equipment and other resources in Afghanistan for a NATO-led spring offensive against the Taliban.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates planned to meet Monday at the Pentagon with a number of military leaders to discuss the request. He was not expected to offer any additional U.S. troops, according to a senior U.S. defense official.

About a half-dozen defense ministers from Europe and Central Asia will be meeting in the southern sector of Afghanistan will discuss how to "fill those last critical pieces that are needed," the official said, while condition of anonymity.

Among those would be increased flexibility in how some troops can be used. German forces are limited in how or where they can be used, and that could be a problem if the U.S. requests help in the Afghan war.

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the high amount of seniors that have moved off campus has been a concern to some officials who worry about preserving the University's residential climate, Kachmair said.

Notre Dame, however, currently needs more seniors to move off campus, because there is not enough space for them, he said. Residence halls have been filled from 98 to 103 percent of the building capacity in recent years, Kachmair said.

Farley Hall Rector Sister Carrina Etheridge said she believes the number of seniors living in Farley has increased in recent years, something she has been pleased to see.

"I like having seniors in the hall because they give stability," Etheridge said.

Seniors who stay on campus often have a significant impact on the hall environment and the dorm's sense of ongoing tradition, she said.

Of approximately 250 girls living in Farley next year, 53 will be seniors, Etheridge said.

Mark DeMott, rector of Keough Hall, said about half of the current juniors will stay next year. Although he has only been Keough's rector since last fall, DeMott said he senses about 50 percent of juniors regularly stay in Keough their senior year.

"It's really an asset to have upper-class students involved in the hall community," he said. Not only does the hall depend on upperclassmen to serve in the hall staff, but those students also serve as mentors, he said.

For former Fisher Hall vice president and junior Drew Whiting, who plans to live off campus next year, seniors do provide stability in the dorm and help carry on the tradition. Losing some upperclassmen could create a sense of absence in the hall environment and tradition, Whiting said, although he said he hasn't felt that loss in his dorm.

"As long as the underclassmen can understand what a place is all about and embrace it, you don't lose those things," Whiting said.

Kachmair said that maintaining a proportionate representation of each class in the residence halls is a priority.

"We're committed to making sure there's a balance and good mix," Kachmair said. "It tends to naturally balance itself out," he said.

The annual migration of students off campus is a concern for some members of the community, like Whiting, who worry about the safety of students.

"They are venturing off into a community which is not their senior year and unfamiliar," Whiting said. "I hear about muggings and robberies in downtown South Bend."

While there is little room for more seniors on campus now, Whiting said more seniors would stay in the dorms if they were given some of the liberties off-campus students enjoy.

Whiting cited the contract dorm residents must sign to host social gatherings and parties and the restrictions placed on alcohol consumption as primary reasons for moving off campus, in addition to the financial savings associated with the off-campus life.

"A big incentive to move off campus is that it is cheaper," Whiting said. "Room and board costs far more than living off campus."

Whiting said he has seen a decrease in interest in dorm leadership during his three years in Fisher. New rules and restrictions and the rising costs of room and board are enough to lure some students off campus, and when some go, their friends follow, he said.

"The snowball effect of others moving off campus has led many, including myself, to see (moving off campus) as the best option for my last year at this school," Whiting said. "It's made sense. I would live in Fisher for senior year in a heartbeat. It's convenient to live on campus."

In the meantime, Kachmair said that while Residence Life and Housing cannot do anything immediately to reduce the number of seniors moving off campus — due to the lack of space — construction of new dorms like Duncan Hall, scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008, will address this problem.

Kachmair said the additional space would allow more seniors to live on campus senior year if they wanted to stay and would offer more comfortable living conditions to all students.

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Sheehan

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and provide support for the families of fallen soldiers.

Sheehan is presently on a speaking tour of Indiana colleges and universities. The College Democrats, the main sponsors and organizers of the event, were contacted by Sheehan's assistant, Kathy Liggett, and asked to host Sheehan. Liggett is also a member of Americans Against the Escalation in Iraq.

"We saw it as an incredible opportunity and did not want to pass it up," said Angela Rosato, vice president of the College Democrats.

Sheehan is stopping briefly at Saint Mary's before traveling to Indianapolis. Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's Inter-Cultural Leadership (CWL), sees the visit as a monument for Saint Mary's.

"We at CWL are happy to be able to draw attention to the College Democrats to contribute to our students' engagement in dialogue around pressing and timely global issues," she said.

Rosato is hoping for a turnout of more than 200 people.

"This is probably a relatively small crowd for Sheehan, but I understand that she wanted a small crowd. I think to the fact she has been traveling so much recently," she said.

Sheehan's visit is sponsored by the College Democrats, CWL, the Women's Resource Center, Peacemakers and Justice Education.

Jan Pilarski, director of the Justice Education program, said Sheehan's visit is a way to call people's attention to the issue.

"We are now more in the Iran war longer than we were in World War Two," she said. "The four-year mark is time for us to reflect on what we've done in Iraq and what it means for the future."

Sierra Campoli, an active member of the College Democrats and Peacemakers and one of the coordinators of the event, hopes Sheehan's visit changes the opinions of many students about the war.

"I really encourage activism for peace as part of any group that is fighting for the same cause — to end this useless and senseless war," she said.

Campoli also linked Sheehan's visit to the overall mission of the College.

"We, as women of Saint Mary's College, are here to train women who can make a difference in the world," she said. "When we fight for a cause that changes the world, we are making a difference."

Hahn said Sheehan's actions are personal, yet admirable.

"I feel that she did what she felt called to do, and there is nothing wrong with that," she said. "I commend her on turning the devastating event of her son's death into something positive. I support her anti-war efforts."

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Citigroup up to eliminate 17,000 jobs

Executive say plan will lower costs, result in faster service for customers

NEW YORK — Under pressure from investors to contain burgeoning costs, Citigroup Inc., the nation's largest financial institution, announced that it will eliminate about 17,000 jobs, shift 9,500 positions to "lower cost locations" and consolidate some corporate operations.

The steps — which are expected to save more than $2 billion from the bank's operating costs this year alone — also should result in faster service for consumers and businesses, Citigroup's chief operating officer, Robert Druskin, said Wednesday.

"A lot of the initiatives undertaken in the name of expense reduction were designed to unclog our corporate system," he told The Associated Press. "We want to make Citigroup a more nimble, entrepreneurial place. We want decision-making to be quick. We want things to move through the pipelines faster."

The 17,000 job cuts amount to about 5 percent of the bank's 327,000-strong work force.

Druskin led the structural expense review, which was aimed at reduced costs at the New York-headquartered bank and improving profit.

Citigroup executives have been under pressure from analysts and a number of investors, including Saudi Arabia's Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, Citigroup's biggest individual shareholder, to improve performance. The bank's stock was not done as well as its peers, including Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase & Co., which have been more profitable.

The elimination of the jobs won't reduce the bank's work force, benefiting the overall growth, Citigroup executives said.

Druskin told a conference call with Wall Street analysts that they should expect Citigroup's headcount to grow this year because of acquisitions and plans to open new branches, especially overseas.

"But that rate of growth will be at a significantly diminished rate," Druskin said.

Goldman Sachs analysts William F. Taubon and Daniel Harris predicted "a tepid reaction" by investors they should expect Citigroup's er cuts.

They noted that Citigroup, like many of the giant money center banks, was built through a series of mergers and acquisitions and that "it's not totally clear you can make all of this work efficiently together."  

Charles Prince, the bank's chairman and chief executive officer, said that implementation of Druskin's recommendations "will improve business integration as well as our ability to move quickly and seize new growth opportunities."

Prince also emphasized that more expense cutbacks were possible, saying that Citigroup was "a continu­ous approach to improving our efficiency — this is not a one-time effort."

The changes announced Wednesday include eliminat­ing unnecessary layers of management, reducing staff at corporate headquarters and other locations.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge who has tried of seeing people burdened with credit card debt in his courtroom has decided to do more than help them untangle their finances.

Judge John C. Nino­llo of the Southern District of New York has established JumpStart, a nonprofit aimed at education, to help those affected.

"I want to do more and share what we've learned with others in the same situation," said Nino­llo.

Nino­llo, who has presided over hundreds of bankruptcy cases in the court's Southern District, has been a judge in the bankruptcy court since 1988.

"We truly have a national epidemic of financial illiteracy in this country," Nino­llo said in an interview. "We in the trenches of the bankruptcy system see it every day."

The idea behind the bankruptcy professionals' participation in CARE, he said, was "to be proactive to get the word out to people ... instead of being the ones who have to clean up the mess all of the time."
It's been said that in college, you'll learn more outside of the classroom than in it. Huh? What? Even if you aren't interested in photography, or in writing a thesis, the truth is, there's no better laboratory for studying human nature than the plane of the doorway, his fingers are already interlocked with his girlfriend's at the now known as Dharumal stairwell.

There's also the guy who always brings her computer to class, even though the average student is entirely capable of juggling down the stairs of the hallway. The professor supposes that her constant keyboard pecking is copious note-taking, but you know what it really is — instant Messenger repartee.

Then there's your class crush. As your professor announces the pre-assigned teams for your upcoming project, you fidget with your earrings while whispering under your breath, "Be in my group. Be in my group. Be in my group. You figure that this is the only avenue through which you can progress beyond staring at the back of his head. But no such luck — that road's blocked. He's in Group 1, and you're in Group 2.

Then there's the staged class debate between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. In class, you argue with just enough zeal to earn an A for the assignment. Yet when you spot a Constitutional desecrator at Fever that night, you kick up your argumentative fervor a few notches, re-educating your Alexander Hamilton person and arguing for the end of the Articles of Confederation as if you yourself were present at the 1787 convention. But what about when your professor tries to remove the debate to class on Tuesday? Silence.

Everyone's too busy staring at the clock. And with approximately three minutes left in class, a chain reaction commences — you'll cup your pen, prompting the person next to you to fish through her purse for her keys, prompting the person next to her to slam her textbook. And all the while, the professor becomes increasingly uncomfortable as he attempts to call home the last few throes of Invisible Man.

But regardless of whether or not you learned the themes of Invisible Man, class provides the optimal opportunity to learn about one particular woman — yourself. Where does your mind wander when you are not interested in photosynthesis or in writing a thesis, the school? The problem is two statements that in every year the standards increase, so next year's class will be "smarter" than hers, wildly, nobody cares what her GPA is. Also, in your attempt to fight one stereotype, she creates another. She then begins to attack any girl who may be considered "pretty" by societal standards by saying girls at Notre Dame actually think "smart and feel like. Is this to say that "pretty" girls cannot think, feel, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals, and live?

Fighting stereotype with stereotype

After reading the April 11 Letter to the Editor, "McDaniels goes too far," by Katherine Khorey, I could not help but think to myself, "What is she trying to say?" That superior intelligence is the primary quality that men should look for in women? She begins her article by stating that she is part of a class with the highest acceptance standards of any Notre Dame class and announcing her GPA in photosynthesis or in writing a thesis, the school? The problem is two statements that in every year the standards increase, so next year's class will be "smarter" than hers, wildly, nobody cares what her GPA is. Also, in your attempt to fight one stereotype, she creates another. She then begins to attack any girl who may be considered "pretty" by societal standards by saying girls at Notre Dame actually think "smart and feel like. Is this to say that "pretty" girls cannot think, feel, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals, and live?

write thesis statements and boil eggs as if these skills should be Liam Moran's main criteria in seeking his future wife. Although I consider intelligence to be important, the ability to compute integrals or write a thesis statement does not make one a better woman. I would rather my future wife be sweet, loving and someone I can always have fun with — not someone who I can sit down with for an exciting Saturday night of Calculus. The point is that everyone is attracted to beauty. Nobody can deny that. So to complain about human nature is pointless.

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Fearful, yet overjoyed.

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How can fear and joy exist in the human heart at the same time? St. Matthew recalls that, on the first Easter, Mary Magdalene and another woman approached the tomb of Jesus. There they saw a young angel, and their fear was not among the dead. They should return to their homes in Galilee, where they will soon be presenting its first black princess character. While this practice may have generally worked when more girls studied room to a friend or some other type of benefactor for the spring semester, however, my decision to go abroad fall semester has not only deprived me of receiving a lottery number, but in essence is actually forcing me out of my beloved dorm. And, at the same time, there persists a nagging irreducible thing.

"Fearful, yet overjoyed." This week's FaithPoint is written by Father Lou Delfra, from the department of Bible Studies in Campus Ministry. He can be reached at father.lou.delfra@nd.edu. The news expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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One of the things which attracted me to Notre Dame was the system in which students typically live five in the same residence hall for their duration at the University. This week after my Dad and I left to find a safe haven from the noise of the city, we got lost in the woods. This will never be the same. Nor would bread, nor wine, nor oil, nor any thing else. As a Christian, and perhaps as a priest in a particularly humming way, water changes forever. Even as you continue to drink it, you fear that the last drop will be the one you liked it. You mix it with wine, and drink and share it, as Christ's own blood. What was everyday bread becomes the food of people's deepest hunger — you can see in their eyes. Oil becomes the bath water of the sick. To be ordained a priest is to walk to the tombs of the Resurrected Christ — simultaneously in fear and joy, for here the known and the unknown meet. Here the tomb is beyond their wildest imagination. You can't even take it all in, suggests the angel, so for now, just go for now, for now, just go. And so they went — "fearful, yet overjoyed." This Odd memory has always stayed with me. It reminds me that too much, too short, too post-modern, don't change. You wake up Sunday with the same limitations you went to sleep with on Saturday. All your thirsts — a lot of women, a lot of thirst, your thirst for more virile modernity, your thirst to be to part of a family — none of your human thirsts disappear. What we pay for this homemade "community"? The answer, for many of us, is quite simple — difference. Despite (mostly) politically correct and polite efforts here to "accept," or at least "tolerate," people whose backgrounds, "orientations" or attitudes differ from the majority, there is no honest effort to take on these differences, to acknowledge the profound challenges they pose to traditional ways of living and thinking, to make the situation at Notre Dame is anything but diverse.

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Patrick Wall
Guest Columnist

During the first three years of our marriage, we had never been away from the nest for very long. That was mainly because I was so young and there were so many things that I felt I had to learn. As a matter of fact, I don't know if I ever really felt that I had learned anything. My very first memory after being ordained is the odd-sounding "duty" requirement for freshman in Contemporary Topics. I can attest to the pervasiveness of the sentiment among white students that: "Racism just really isn't an issue anymore." What's worse, in my mind, is that this attitude is so hegemonic at Notre Dame that many students of color, who know otherwise, feel impelled to keep quiet about the racist comments and behaviors with which they've been confronted regularly.

One's ability to love and be loved, one's ability to make and accept promises, one's ability to bear the other's emotions without judgment, one's ability to forgive — all of these are ways of expressing (masculine for "men," feminine for "women") the essence, pure and unconditional, is honored, embraced and alive. And so they went — "fearful, yet overjoyed." This Odd memory has always stayed with me. It reminds me that too much, too short, too post-modern, don't change. You wake up Sunday with the same limitations you went to sleep with on Saturday. All your thirsts — a lot of women, a lot of thirst, your thirst for more virile modernity, your thirst to be to part of a family — none of your human thirsts disappear. What we pay for this homemade "community"? The answer, for many of us, is quite simple — difference. Despite (mostly) politically correct and polite efforts here to "accept," or at least "tolerate," people whose backgrounds, "orientations" or attitudes differ from the majority, there is no honest effort to take on these differences, to acknowledge the profound challenges they pose to traditional ways of living and thinking, to make the situation at Notre Dame is anything but diverse.

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**CD Review**

**Jones 'Not Too Late' with another great album**

By MICHELLE FORDICE

Norah Jones latest album, "Not Too Late," preserves her beautiful and subtle sound even as she moved into new territory and composed or helped to compose all the songs on her album for the first time.

Jones doesn't take too many musical chances — choosing instead to embellish and build upon what she has already mastered — but many of her lyrics are appealing and more personal than before.

Jones already has an impressive pedigree. Her debut album "Come Away With Me" won five awards at the 2003 Grammy's, including "Record of the Year," "Album of the Year" and "Song of the Year." The song "Sunrise" on Jones second album, "Feels Like Home," won the Grammy's "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance" in 2003. The same year she won "Record of the Year" and "Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals" for her work on "Sunrise." Norah Jones has won eight Grammy awards since her debut in 2003, and her most recent album, "Not Too Late," should continue to keep her in the award spotlight.

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"Not Too Late" stands apart from previous albums because every included song was either written or co-written by Jones herself. While not all songs maintain a similar feel and sound to those on her previous records, they all contain a little extra personality that is inspired from her own experiences.

As always, the character of Jones music is increased by her use of piano, electric guitar, organ, acoustic guitar and keyboard in addition to her singing. These songs make "Not Too Late" a strong next step in the continuing evolution of her music.

There are several stand-out songs on the album. "Wish I Could," while light and smooth, is a reflective ballad full of longing and bittersweet memory. "Sinkin' Soon" is a swinging, brassy tune that features an excellent trombone part by J. Walter Hawkes. The most energetic song on the album, "Sinkin' Soon" has a refreshingly different sound. "Little Room" has a sweet sound and cheekily romantic lyrics that make it a fun addition. The titular song, "Not Too Late," epitomizes Jones sound and theme beautifully, sweet and strong, with a touch of melancholy and hope. Backed by cello, bass and light electric guitar, Norah Jones vocals on "Broken" are appropriately soft and slightly melancholy for the lyrics. "My Dear Country" is Jones first politically oriented song. She delivers her point simply — a lifting parallel of piano and voice move into a short but beautiful instrumental solo before returning to the piano keys. The message itself is a bit simplistic, but the appeal of the music makes up for it.

The strong and persistent flow of "Rosie's Lullaby" reflects both the waves it illustrates and the yearning it describes. "Thinking About You" is a cheerful, if sedate, song that is pleasant to listen to.

Not every artist can make the transition from performing what they have been handed to what they have composed. But "Not Too Late" effectively blends what has made Norah Jones successful in the first place, her beautiful voice and playing, with her new creative attempts.

There are a few new sounds on "Not Too Late," but most of Jones new expression comes from the use of songs she has composed — an innovation that is something to look forward to from her.

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**SCENE & HEARD**

Poetry readings can be both inspiring and exciting. Sliding skillfully below the radar of most Notre Dame students, the Notre Dame Creative Writing Program is a department that doesn't scream for attention. The program quietly holds gatherings and readings in off-campus locations, and for the lucky and attentive listeners, those who attend know they have found something special. In fact, the literary output of the program is one of hidden gems of this campus.

Wednesday night, two of Notre Dame's finest student writers — Rachael Lee and Silpa Swarnapuri — joined forces to create a coffee shop reading session of poetry and prose that was truly amazing. Lee read poetry, Swarnapuri worked with prose, and both proved to be extremely skilled.

The thing is, I didn't really even want to go to the reading. My roommate was going as a student of one of Lee's classes, and he asked if I wanted to tag along. Reluctantly — and with the image of off-campus Chipotle burritos dancing in my head — I agreed to go. I figured, I'm an English major. I like writing and reading poetry. I like Chipotle. A lot. I had never been to a poetry reading, and figured outside of the cultural hubs of major cities, I should keep my expectations low. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Lee's poetry screamed of talent, polished, unpretentious, and profound, the poems brought ink and paper to life. I had never met Lee before, but like all good writers, Lee's work seemed to contain her. It made me wonder what I had been missing out.

Swarnapuri, originally from India, was equally adept. She wove stories withartonious, whether overt or more hidden, of her Indian background. Her prose propelled leap off the page with action and emotion. She went second in her reading, and I was truly disappointed when her last story ended.

These readings struck me on several levels, but one thing it made me realize was the lack of attention some of these finer program get from the general student body. I know poetry isn't for everyone, but this marginalization goes for so many cultural events on campus. Outside of those with some direct connection to the people putting on the event, it seems attention is minimal. Poor attendance at academic and socially-aware movies, small crowds of the student body at art exhibits and the lack of recognition for outstanding students like the readings at Lulu's cafe, which sits just off Edison Road, right across from the Linebacker.

As fine as an institution as the 'Backer is, I promise you Lulu's is equally amazing, albeit in a different way. Trust me, I'm not chastising anyone for not attending some of these cultural events. They really aren't for everyone. But as a guy who didn't really want to go this reading in the first place, I'm sure glad that I did.

I want to encourage people to maybe step outside of their bubble a little bit and attend some of these events around campus. They are happening all the time.

Of course, there's the possibility that you might hate it, but then again, you might not. And there's only one way to find out.

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Each spring, there comes a series of notable signs that the seasons are chang­ing. The forlorn, hunkered piles of snow (usu­ally) melt, and the Dut,ac-promulgated tulips emerge from their earthen beds, fresh and ready to grace our lawn with their former states of fertilization and burst out under the sunlit quads.

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For those of you who might be freshmen and have yet to experience this lovely pheno­menon, let me enlighten you. Or, rather, let me give you a well-intentioned warn­ing, so as to make sure you avoid killing someone during this process. Because it will, undoubtedly, make you want to shoot/strangulation/poison/other-variation-of-main your friends and neighbors, espe­cially if they take the sweet, sweet room that you desire.

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OAKLAND — Darin Erstad hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the ninth after Jermaine Dye connected for a tying two-run home run, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 Wednesday.

The As scored all of their runs in the first inning, then Chicago's pitchers shut down the struggling Oakland offense the rest of the way — and the defending division champions have yet to win a series through their initial three sets.

Dye, who had a career-best 44 homers last year, hit his first of the year, a drive off Justin Duchscherer after the right-hander had struck out two batters. Erstad hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly after getting 12 total in the game. The White Sox pounded nine hitters in their initial three sets.

Mike Piazza, who is getting this DH thing down, hit a two-run double in the first to stake Joe Kennedy to an early lead. Eric Chavez added and RBI double after Piazza's hit, but that was it for the As.

The 38-year-old Piazza, playing in the American League for the first time after a 13-year catching career that will likely land him in the Hall of Fame, has an eight-game hitting streak and is 14-for-33 (.424) during that span.

White Sox left-hander Mark Buehrle allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings and took the loss.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2

Gary Bennett successfully gambled by running on a short fly ball to score the winning run in the 13th inning. St. Louis Cardinals rallied from two runs down in the ninth to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Bennett singled and Aaron Miles walked with one out in the 12th against John Wasdin (0-1), the fifth Pirates pitcher. Yudier Molina was intentionally walked to load the bases and set up the double-play opportunity. But Skip Schumaker lifted a fly ball to left centerfield Jason Bay, whose throw to the plate beat Bennett only to have catcher Ronnie Paulino drop the ball.

Schumaker was credited with a sacrifice fly, even though it appeared Bennett had been out if Paulino held on the ball.

Brad Thompson (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory before Jason Isringhausen came on for his third save in as many days in Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals did nothing against Tom Gorzelanny, who pitched seven shutdown innings in his second effective start in a row, or reliever Matt Capps in the eighth. But the Pirates could not hold a 2-0 lead in the ninth as Salmonon Torres blew his first save opportunity in five chances.

After David Eckstein singled and Chris Duncan walked, Albert Pujols missed a home run that was deep enough that both runners tagged up, allowing last-minute replacement Scott Spiezio to tie it up on a sacrifice fly to right.

Before he didn't play Monday because of an apparent case of food poisoning, started only because Scott Rolen was held out with back spasms. Rolen, who had five hits in his first two days in the Cardinals' lineup until a few days before his time came.

The left-handed Gorzelanny, who stayed in the Pirates' rotation despite a miserable spring training in which his ERA was above 10.00 for most of March, struck out five, walked none and retired 12 of the last 13 batters he faced. Gorzelanny had to be sharp against Cardinals replacement starter Keisler Kiesinger, who limited the Pirates to two runs over six innings in his first major league start since 2005 with Cincinnati.

Brewers 3, Marlins 2 (13 inn.)

Prince Fielder singled in the go-ahead run in the 13th inning, the seventh time he reached base, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Florida Marlins Wednesday in the completion of their suspended game caused by Major League Baseball's rules change.

The game was suspended with the score 2-2 after 10 innings and three rain delays Tuesday night that totaled 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Before this week, it would have become an official tie game and would have been replayed from the start. But under the rules change made during the offseason, it was picked up where the teams left off.

Fielder finished 4-for-4 with three RBIs, a double and three walks.

Benny Pinto (0-1), who lost in his first major league decision, relieved to start the 13th and walked Rickie Weeks. Weeks broke in for his third save of the year, a drive off Justin Council's sacrifice and J.J. Hardy's groundout, then scored on Fielder's hit to right.

Elmer Dessens (1-0) pitched a scoreless 13th for his first victory for the Marlins. Cody Ross doubled with one out in the bottom half of the 13th against Francisco Cordero, but Alfredo Amezaga lined to shortstop J.J. Hardy, who doubled up Ross for a game-ending double play.

On Tuesday, Hardy tied the score for Miami with a one-run single in the bottom half of the 13th. Jorge Julio, who has blown both of his save chances this year, allowed one hit in three innings. Florida had taken a 2-1 lead on Dan Uggla's sacrifice fly in the first.

Mariners star Rick Vanden Hurk, brought up from the minors earlier in the day, made his major league debut and allowed one run on five hits in four innings without issuing a walk.

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Radio personality Don Imus, shown during an appearance on Al Sharpton's radio show earlier this week, will no longer appear on MSNBC as a result of remarks he made about the Rutgers women's basketball team.

"I take no joy in this. It's not a particularly happy moment, but it needed to happen," he said. "I can't ignore the fact that there is a very long list of inappropriate comments, of inappropriate banter, and it has to stop." 

NBC's decision came at a time when Imus' program on MSNBC was doing better competitively than it ever has been. For the first three months of the year, its audience was nearly identical to CNN's, leading CNN to replace its morning news team last week.

Calls for Imus' firing from the radio portion of the program have intensified during the past week, and remained strong even after MSNBC's announcement. The show originates from WFAN—AM in New York City and is syndicated nationally by Westwood One, both of which are managed by CBS Corp. MSNBC, which had been simulcasting the show, is a unit of General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal.

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- Team: Boston | Record: 38-40 | Pct: 0.481 | GB: 6
- Team: Milwaukee | Record: 33-45 | Pct: 0.431 | GB: 24

**Eastern Conference, Central Division**

- Team: Miami | Record: 43-36 | Pct: 0.536 | GB: 7
- Team: Orlando | Record: 36-41 | Pct: 0.468 | GB: 5.5

**Western Conference, Southwest Division**

- Team: Sacramento | Record: 32-45 | Pct: 0.416 | GB: 24
- Team: LA Clippers | Record: 37-40 | Pct: 0.481 | GB: 20.5

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**

- Team: Portland | Record: 31-46 | Pct: 0.403 | GB: 17
- Team: Minnesota | Record: 32-45 | Pct: 0.416 | GB: 16

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

- Team: Phoenix | Record: 59-19 | Pct: 0.753 | GB: 7
- Team: Golden State | Record: 38-40 | Pct: 0.487 | GB: 19

**Western Conference, Southeast Division**

- Team: Dallas | Record: 66.11 | Pct: 0.634 | GB: 8
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**NCAA Men's Lacrosse Inside Lacrosse Top 20**

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### NCAA Basketball

**Leaderboard**

- Associated Press

**In Brief**

**Robinson remembered at funeral services**

GIAMBI, N.Y.—Van Chancellor was hired as the women's basketball coach at LSU on Wednesday, his first NCAA title next season.

"Most coaches are rated by the players they recruit," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said as he waited for Robinson's funeral to start in the school's new assembly center. "Coach was known for how many players and his players made history.

"It's like coming to your father's funeral," said Robert "Big Bird" Smith, who played for Robinson and was an assistant coach during Robinson's final four years at Grambling. "He was like a father to everyone that ever played for him."

**NASCAR's Waltrip found in overturned vehicle in ditch**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The witness who discovered Michael Waltrip's overturned car initially thought no one survived the accident until the NASCAR driver wiggled out the back window.

The witness, an 18-year-old college student at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, reported the accident on the Nancy Grace radio show Wednesday night.

"I wouldn't have taken this job if Bob Sturkey wasn't wanting to stay here," Chancellor said at a news conference. "Why would I want to change a Final Four team four years in a row?"
Charges dropped in Duke rape case

Associated Press

The Duke lacrosse rape case finally collapsed Wednesday, with North Carolina's top prosecutor saying the three athletes were railroaded by a district attorney who ignored increasingly flimsy evidence in a "tragic rush to accuse."

In a blistering assessment of the case, Attorney General Roy Cooper dropped all charges against the players, all but ensuring that only one person in the whole scandal will be held to account: Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of over-reaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted at a team party found nothing to corroborate her story, and "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

"There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado," Cooper said. "In the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly.

"It's been 395 days since this nightmare began. And finally today it's coming to a closure," said one of the cleared defendants, David Evans, his voice breaking at one point. "We're just as innocent today as we were back then. Nothing has changed. The facts don't change."

Defense attorney Joe Cheshire said: "We're angry, very angry. But we're very relieved."

Nifong was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment. But his lawyer, David Freedman, said: "If further investigation showed the boys were innocent, he would be in agreement with what the attorney general's office decided to do."

Fiance, Rouge Seligmann and Colinn Finnerly were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense. After the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform. The rape charges were dropped months ago, the other charges remained until Wednesday.

The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent students at the private, elite university.

The woman is black and attended nearby North Carolina Central University, a historically black school, all three Duke players are white.

The attorney general said the eyewitness identification procedures were unreliable, no DNA supported the stripper's story, no other witnesses corroborated it, and the woman contradicted herself.

"Based on the significant inconsistencies between the evidence and the various accounts given by the accusing witness, we believe these three individuals are innocent of these charges," Cooper said. He said the charges resulted from a "tragic rush to accuse and a failure to verify serious allegations."

I think a lot of people owe a lot of apologies to a lot of people," Cooper said.

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SMC Tennis

Belles take on Hope after snowed-out match

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Saint Mary's second home conference match of the season, Saint Mary's and Hope last faced off in March 2006 when the Flying Dutch defeated the Belles 6-3.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson hopes to avenge last season's loss.

"We lost to Hope last year, and we certainly hope to improve our play this year," he said.

Amelie Fox, the 2006 MIAA most valuable player, lead Hope to victory against the Irish. Returning this season without Fox, Hope boasts three returning letter winners.

The Flying Dutch will turn to sophomore Samantha Stille, junior Christina Garcia, and senior Ashley Leary to pick up where Fox left off. Though Hope College boasts a 9-7 record overall, the Belles are seeded ahead of them in league play. Hope maintains a 2-1 MIAA record, with a 5-4 loss to Kalamazoo. During last season's match, McDavid fell to Stille at the No. 2 singles spot. This year McDavid will compete in the No. 1 spot, hoping to avenge last year's loss to. The regular duo of McDavid and freshman Camillie Gebert will compete at the No. 1 doubles spot and likely face Stille and Lucy Homes.

Saint Mary's last competition came April 6-7 during a trip to Madison, Wis., for the Midwest Invitational. Though the Belles finished 0-3 in the tournament, senior captain Kelly McDavid said it was an honor just to be invited to play some of the Midwest's top teams.

"The Midwest Invitational was a great opportunity for our team," McDavid said. "From this weekend's matches our team now knows what we need to do to improve our game to win our next conference match and continue our undefeated record."

The Belles first fell to No. 29 University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse 8-1. They went on to compete against the Wisconsin-White Water, and after a tough battle, the Belles eventually lost 5-4. In the final match of the weekend, the Belles were defeated 7-2 by Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Belles captain Kelly McDavitt

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SMC Golf

Golfers set for MIAA play

By KATE ARNOLD

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Junior Katie O'Brien led the Belles in Kentucky as she shot back-to-back rounds of 83 and 84. Meredith Fanton followed in O'Brien's footsteps with rounds of 91 and 87.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton said the long wait between competitive play will not have a positive effect on the team. The Belles not only enter the tournament after two weeks without facing an opponent but also after a three-day break from practice. Hamilton gave the team days off to travel over the Easter weekend.

But, he said, every school has faced similar circumstances and no one team will enter the tournament with a strong advantage. This course will be the easiest the Belles have played all year, and Hamilton is confident that the Belles will place well.

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relative ease. Roth and King were the first off the court for the Irish winning 6-0, 6-2, and 6-4, 6-3, respectively. Keckley clinched the win for the Irish during his 6-3, 6-1 victory over Hodge at the No. 5 spot. With the win secured, No. 51 Parbhia was next off the court as he was up 6-4, 3-1 over Peter Bjork before the match was retired. No. 114 Brett Helgeson defeated Marcus Sundh 7-6 (2), 6-2. No. 9 Buss finished singles play for the Irish with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Agostinelli.

"I thought it was a great effort from our guys because we were on the road yesterday and we did not have a lot of time around time," Bayliss said. "Also, I think it speaks well for the pride that we have in what we're doing that we were able to win in straight sets after we knew we would win, especially since Kentucky is such a dangerous team. Straight up and down I'm happy with everybody."

The Irish will finish off the regular season this Saturday at No. 57 Louisville, looking to avenge their loss to the Cardinals in last year's Big East Championship match. First serve is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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NHL

Ducks win opening contest

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dustin Penner's patience — and positioning — paid off.

Penner scored with 5:20 remaining to lift the Anaheim Ducks to a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday night in the opening game of their first-round playoff series.

Penner pok ed the puck in after Minnesota defensesman Kim Jokhansson crashed into Wild goalie Niklas Backstrom, sending him sprawling backward into the net.

The puck was sitting in the crease, and Corey Perry swept it toward the goal. Penner took a couple of swipes at it and forced it in.

"I saw it coming. That's why I moved over to the side," Penner said. "If the puck didn't go in after the initial shot I wanted to be able to pick up any loose change.

"I was looking for the puck, the ref was right there and he made a great call. Obviously the puck was free. You could see it on the replay. Perry and I just whacked away and it went in."

Backstrom thought the goal should have been disallowed.

"I watched the replay and I was sure it was under me and nobody saw the puck," he said. "Of course, you're going to get the puck out from a goalie if you shish it at with your sticks."

"That's a bad goal and we lose a game on that," added Backstrom, who stopped 32 shots.

Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire wasn't so sure it should've counted, either.

"I don't know if he stopped the puck or whether he was right on top of it or if it was under the pad," Lemaire said. "He waited a bit and they whacked the puck right in."

Teemu Selanne tied it for Anaheim with a second-period goal, just 3:51 after Pavol Demitra scored for Minnesota. Ilya Bryzgalov started in place of Jean-Sebastien Giguere and made 24 saves for Anaheim.

"It's the playoffs and all the marbles are on the floor," Bryzgalov said. "It's very important. It was a very difficult game. Every game is so close."

Giguere has been taking time off to be with his wife and newborn son. Maxime was born April 4 with a condition that could leave him blind in his right eye. Giguere and his wife, Kristen, were worried about the vision in the baby's left eye as well, but a specialist told them on Tuesday that their son will have sight in that one.

Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle explained his decision to keep Giguere on the bench: "We felt that the emotional roller coaster Giguere has been on, it was more beneficial to let him get his feet underneath him."

"With the good news that he received yesterday about his son, we felt it would be best if he backed up tonight. Now we have both goaltenders available."

Giguere was the MVP of the 2003 Stanley Cup playoffs, when the Ducks were beaten in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals by New Jersey.

Bryzgalov played well during the postseason last year when Giguere was injured, helping Anaheim advance to the Western Conference finals, where the Ducks lost in five games to Edmonton.

The 36-year-old Selanne, rejuvenated since his return to Anaheim before the 2005-06 season, took a long pass from Francois Beauchemin, broke behind the defense and into the slot, where he slid the puck between Backstrom's pads at 9:52 of the second period.

Demitra beat Bryzgalov with a 15-foot slap shot down the slot, with the puck sailing into the net high on the goalie's glove side at 14:51 of the second period.
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in Brown's new scheme.

"He thought it would be a struggle for him, but I think he's starting to adjust and like it now, especially because we're starting to do some different things," defensive line coach Jappy Oliver said.

One of the main reasons for Laws' move to the end was to free him up to be more effective in the trenches.

"He's got a good punch, you're not going to move him off the line of scrimmage, and I think he's starting to enjoy it a little more because we're going to do some things with him," Oliver said. "We're going to do some things to free him up."

Although the full playbook will include plays designed to give Laws room to maneuver at defensive end, Oliver said practices so far have been "vanilla" just to get the players acclimated to the new system.

"But now we put some stuff in today and over the next couple of weeks. When we get back, we'll put some more stuff in, and we'll put some stuff in for him also," Oliver said in an April 4 interview.

One difficulty rebuilding the defensive line this year for Oliver is that so many of his players are young or inexperienced.

"Two of the main competitors for the nose guard position - sophomore Chris Stewart and junior Pat Kuntz - have little playing experience at the college level. Kuntz appeared in 12 games last season, but only recorded seven tackles. But with a better chance of cracking the starting lineup this season, Kuntz has stepped up his game this spring.

"Kuntz is doing a nice job. He's a fighter. He's got the temperament to play down inside," Oliver said. "I like him. He's another kid that could put another ten or twenty pounds on him if he could and just anchor it." Stewart has a harder transition to make because he is switching to the other side of the ball from the offensive line.

Stewart suffered an addi-

tional setback earlier this spring after he sprained an ankle.

"Any time a player, no matter who you are, whenever you miss, you don't want guys to miss because inevitably there's going to be something that you have to catch up on, defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said. "When you miss days, it's going to affect you. So he's just going to learn as much as he can and get healthy and come back."

Overall, Brown has been pleased with the performance of his defensive line this spring - especially the more experienced players.

"They're taking to the coaching, and that's encouraging because if you can't hold up there, you are going to have a lot of trouble," he said. "They're taking to the technique. They're understanding things better. There's a lot we still don't have in, but what we're doing, I will say that with the d-line I have been relatively pleased with the older guys."
**Men's Tennis**

**Irish finish perfect home season with win at Eck**

Notre Dame remains undefeated on own courts with 7-0 win over Kentucky, goes unblemished for second straight year

By JAY WADE  
Sports Writer

The Irish cemented a perfect home record of 9-0 on the season with a 7-0 win over Kentucky Wednesday. The win over the Wildcats was the fourth straight match in which the Irish have shut out a team, and the eighth time over-

all this season. The 9-0 home record marks the first time Notre Dame has had back-to-back perfect home records in school history, and it is only the fourth time in history that an Irish team has finished undefeated at home. Notre Dame was 8-0 a season ago.

The Irish are 13-4 this season when winning the doubles point. Notre Dame continued that streak against Kentucky as third doubles Barry King and Andrew Roth defeated Will Ward and Shane Collins 8-6. The duo of Ryan Keckley and Stephen Baas clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-5 win over Bruno Agostinelli and Kenny Hedge at the No. 1 position.

Sheeva Paribhlu and Brett Helgeson, who did not get to finish their match at No. 2 doubles, were paired together by Irish coach Bobby Bayliss for the second time this season in as many matches.

Bayliss said the decision to switch up the doubles combinations was due to the struggles Paribhlu and Keckley were having at No. 1 doubles.

"We were struggling at one doubles and we had plateaued out at two with the combinations we had," Bayliss said. "We felt that it was important enough to the overall picture to make the change and we couldn't do it at one doubles without involving the other combinations so we went for it." 

The singles players fared the same as the doubles, as Notre Dame defeated Kentucky with ease 7-0. Bayliss added that the Irish dominated toward the end of the match with confidence.

**Baseball**

**Matchup against Bowling Green rained out**

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's game with Bowling Green, scheduled for Wednesday night, was cancelled due to inclement weather. No make-up date has been set.

"I'm a little disappointed we couldn't play today because I wanted to continue our momentum," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (15-16, 2-6 Big East) dropped twin 4-3 decisions in the first two games of its conference series with Cincinnati Thursday and Friday, but rebounded to beat the Bearcats 9-5 Saturday.

The Irish then beat PWU 3-2 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium for their second straight win. Notre Dame pitchers threw and position players took swings in the batting cages at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday, but the team was unable to practice fielding.

The Irish have committed 52 errors this season.

The Falcons lost a chance to end their three-game losing streak after they were swept by Central Michigan over the weekend. They jump right back into MAC play Friday with a three-game series against Toledo.

Weather permitting, Notre Dame will host Big East cellar-dweller Georgetown in a three-game series Thursday, Friday, Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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**Football**

**Moving in the trenches**

Adjusted defensive line crucial to success in Brown's scheme

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After graduating three starters on the defensive line this season, Notre Dame has to start building its new 3-4 defense by first rebuilding its defensive line.

The Irish graduate defensive ends Victor Ahmitiri and Chris Frome and defensive tackle Derek Landri, and lost defensive end Ronald Talley — the only Irish backup with any real playing time — as a transfer to Delaware this off-season.

The anchor of the defensive line will be fifth-year senior Trevor Laws, a defensive tackle last season who moved this spring to defensive end.

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**Softball**

**DePaul to test squad in Big East**

Strong pitching from Adix and Hetiennaki to lead Blue Demons

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
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Notre Dame will look to stay undefeated in Big East play today, facing off in a doubleheader against No. 19 DePaul.

The Irish (24-7) are currently tied for first in the conference with the Blue Demons (24-7) with identical 8-0 conference records. The doubleheader is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. in Chicago, weather permitting.

Notre Dame will have to work hard to score runs against DePaul pitchers Tracy Adix and Brett Hetiennaki. The senior Adix has dominated so far this season, posting a 10-1 record with a 0.57 ERA. Hetiennaki, a freshman, has an ERA of 1.13 and 10 wins on the season.

The Blue Demons are led offensively by junior Sandy Vojik, who has seven homers and 17 RBIs on the year. Janitor Marcy Wilus leads the team with 18 RBIs, and Kate Sheaks has 23 runs scored and a .344 batting average on the season.

Although the Irish had their 10-game winning streak snapped at home Tuesday against Eastern Michigan, the Notre Dame players enter Thursday's matchup with confidence in their play of late.

Senior Stephanie Brown earned her first-ever Big East player of the week honors for her performance in the last four games. Brown boasted a .722 batting average (.11-for-16) with two doubles, a triple, four RBIs and five runs scored.

"We are knocking on the door of the Big East at this point," Brown said. "We want to win the Big East, and this is our opportunity to go out and do it."