Affleck-Graves on loan company board

Executive vice president made $58,984 in eight months, but says position is not ethical conflict

By KEN FOWLER and KAITLYN RIELY
News Writers

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves became the 12th college official nationwide identified as receiving compensation from a student loan company on the preferred lender list of the official’s college — and while ethical questions have been raised, Affleck-Graves said Sunday his case is different from the cases being investigated by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. Cuomo is investigating whether student loan companies illegally offered bribes or kickbacks to financial aid directors at schools in order to remain on the school’s preferred lender list or to earn a spot on a covered directory.

Affleck-Graves received $58,984 in salary for eight months as a director for Student Loan Corporation, a lender affiliated with Notre Dame-preferred lender Citigroup, according to a report this weekend from Bloomberg News.

Student Loan Corp. sought out Notre Dame and Affleck-Graves for the position, the executive vice president said. He said he communicated with University President Father John Jenkins, Director of Student Financial Strategies Joseph Russo and Vice President for Finance John Seidmij before accepting the position.

“I spoke with Father John about it and went through the Financial Aid office and decided that it would probably be a good thing for us to do,” Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said he is not on the board of corporations and maintained that his situation is different than the positions college administrators under investigation have held.

Unlike financial aid directors at other colleges under investigation, Affleck-Graves is not in the chain-of-command on student loan decisions.

He noted that all decisions about financial aid and student loans are sent through Seidmij’s office.

“The key thing is what interrelated is the chain of command,” he said.

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

There’s a new leprechaun in town.

Senior Kevin Braun, who served as the mascot for the Irish football team this past season, handed over the title to junior Matt Phipps, who on Friday won the competition to become the University’s mascot. Phipps has also served on the varsity cheerleading squad for the past three years.

Seven male students performed stunts, led cheers at mock pep rallies and conducted media interviews in front of more than 100 students and a panel of judges Friday at the Joyce Athletics and Convention Center to compete for the gig of varsity Leprechaun for 2007-08 school year.

The Leprechaun has been the official mascot of Notre Dame since 1965.

Before tryouts began, Phipps said that he was excited but nervous “because of the tough competition.” But he was glad that he at least assured a spot on the cheerleading team for the fall football season.

“Even if it still doesn’t work out,” he said before the competition, “I’ll still be wearing poly­ester on the field.”

He, however, won’t have to worry about that anymore.

Also returning as the Leprechaun on the blue squad next year will be sophomore John Muldoon.

Coincidentally, Phipps and Muldoon attended rival high schools in Dallas and have enjoyed their partnership on the cheerleading squad for the past two years.

Hodges assumes new role

Saint Mary’s president, vice president take on duties as term starts

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Since the Saint Mary’s student government turnover occurred April 1, student body president Kim Hodges and vice president Kelly Payne have smoothly transitioned into their new roles.

Hodges became the first black woman in the school’s 152-year history to hold the position when she took office. She said she anticipates the upcoming year.

“As a leader, I pray that I see HODGES/page 6

Right to Life club hosts collegiate conference

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross and a host of other colleges convened at Notre Dame this weekend for the second annual Pro-Life Collegiate Conference, hosted by the Notre Dame Right to Life club.

Starting on Friday, nationally recognized speakers spoke about “various issues dealing with life from conception to natural death” at venues across campus, said club president Mary Liz Walter, a junior.

Walter said the conference — focused on the theme “I came that they might have life” — is the second of four planned conferences targeted at college students.

Each conference centers around one of four points of Pope John Paul II’s encyclical “Evangelium Vitae.”

“The response was extremely, overwhelmingly positive,” Walter said. “The speakers gave great insights that they hadn’t thought of before.”

Students from Midwestern colleges including Purdue, Loyola (Chicago) and DePaul traveled to campus to join the strong contingent of pro-life students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross. Walter said attendance from students outside the area was greatly improved this year with and overall attendance

LGBTQ awareness week starts

Students will observe national day of silence

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Stand Against Hate, a week designed to spread awareness about issues faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community, continues today with the hope of bringing the issue back to the center of student discussion.

The message against discrimination of members of the LGBTQ community is something that week co-organizer Casey Scott feels is very important, especially for Notre Dame.

“I think it’s important because I think this issue often is overlooked and kind of just pushed to the side,” she said.

Scott said that the issues of hate and discrimination are critical in general, and at Notre Dame they are especially significant for LGBTQ students because of the tension between the Catholic doctrine and homosexuality.

“I think there are a lot of misconceptions between the two groups,” she said.

Fellow co-organizer Andy Magee said shedding light on discrimination is essential because many people do not know about it.

“The best thing we can do to
**Inside Column**

This could get awkward

I don't remember what I was doing on May 5 last year, but some­how I managed to miss National Make Out Day. Never having heard of such a holiday, I was surprised when I scrolled down my Facebook newsfeed the other day to see that 25 or so of my friends plan on attending this event.

Since I haven't been invited yet (my fingers are still crossed), I clicked to find out where I could go to crash the party. Apparently, it is taking place everywhere in the world from midnight on May 5 to noon on May 6, with a break from 2 to 9 in the morning for most partic­i­pants at Notre Dame, of course.

Personally, this holiday could not come at a better time. I have just recovered from mono, which gives me lifelong immunity to the disease. Also, I will be fleeing the country next semester, which could help prevent awkward situations.

However, I can't help but think that National Make Out Day might be a scam created to spread diseases and encourage Notre Dame's infamous book-up culture. Wait, never mind, I was just on the phone with my mom.

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**Question of the Day:** What is your favorite recess activity?

Sandy McShea, freshman, O'Neill

Betsy Dilla, freshman, Lyons

Marissa Villano, freshman, Lyons

Eleanor Huntington, freshman, Cavanaugh

Courtney Ball, freshman, Cavanaugh

Juliana Hoffelder, freshman, Cavanaugh

Photographer

Bridge GillIon

I was a fat kid, so I engaged in minimal physical activity.

"Red rover, endlessly without doubt."

"Gossip on the monkey bars."

"Four-square fo sho."

"Tag, because I liked chasing the boys."

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**In Brief**

The Notre Dame Bands Chamber Ensembles concert will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeLaurolo Performing Arts Center. It is a free event, but tickets are required. The Brass Ensemble explores a wide range of musical genres including Renaissance, Baroque and orchestral tran­scriptions.

There will be cholesterol screenings tomorrow from 7:30 to 10 a.m. in Grace Hall. No appointment neces­sary.

Notre Dame women's soft­ball will play a doubleheader against Western Michigan tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Notre Dame baseball will play Toledo tomorrow at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame women's soft­ball will play Ball State Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host "Merengue with Ramzi Bualan" Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at 205 Rockne. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Beginners are asked to come from 8 to 9, social dance from 9 to 9:30, and advanced from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is $4 for the eight or $35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

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

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publica­tion and server for the highest standards of journal­ism on all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 651-4541 so we can correct our error.
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"I'm thrilled for Phipps. He's a fabulous guy, a great leader for the team and has the energy to do it," Muldoon said. "I'm also really excited about the turnaround; I couldn't be happier. We're both looking forward to working together next year."

The remaining five men who competed included junior Tyler Eison, sophomores Rob Carroll and Brian DeSplinter and freshmen Dan Collins and Craig Bentzen. Each contestant had his own unique reasons for wanting to be elected.

For DeSplinter, the position has been his dream for over a decade. His inspiration came 15 years ago when his brother brought him to his first football game. "I feel like it's all coming together," he said. "Ever since I came here, I've wanted to be the Leprechaun. I was going to try out last year, but my beard wasn't fully grown out."

DeSplinter's passion for the position wasn't ignored by his fans. Like the other contestants, he amassed a base that came out to support his efforts. Students came dressed as Leprechauns, bearing posters and taking pictures of their friends. "I rooted for Brian because he's so enthusiastic and always bouncing off the crowd to see these things," one student said.

For the rest of the men who tried out, Phipps encouraged them to keep trying at the opportunity to address LGBTQ awareness in different ways. The Stand Against Hate campaign is a poster and T-shirt campaign "speared-headed" by student government, Scott said. "Posters will be posted around campus and T-shirts will be distributed on Tuesday over the Fieldhouse Mall. The poster and T-shirt campaign is intended to be "visible" all around campus. "We can put it together over the field next year, and be a little bit more involved in the stunts that cheerleaders do," Phipps said. "It will be a lot more fun for the crowd to see these things."

Still, all seven were aware of the tough competition. At about 6 p.m., head coach of the cheerleading squad, Jo Minton, welcomed fans and introduced the panel of judges.

"We felt that because the Leprechaun is so important, we need to have representatives from all across campus judge for us," she said.

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help change discrimination that is apparent on our campus and in our society is to bring attention to some of the discrimination that does exist," he said. "Because a lot of times, discrimination happens and people aren't aware of it."

Specifically, LGBTQ communities are called silent minorities because people can't look at them and identify them. Magee said many members of the LGBTQ community feel marginalized. "It's easy to think 'we don't discriminate here' or 'I personally don't discriminate,' but sometimes that is in fact not the case," Magee said. "I think it's important to raise awareness that these issues are that still do affect people today.

The week will have three components to address LGBTQ awareness in different ways. The Stand Against Hate campaign is a poster and T-shirt campaign "speared-headed" by student government, Scott said. "Posters will be posted around campus and T-shirts will be distributed on Tuesday over the Fieldhouse Mall. The poster and T-shirt campaign is intended to be "visible" all around campus. "We can put it together to every corner on campus," Magee said.

In order to expand Student Government's plans for the Stand Against Hate campaign into a week-long effort toward awareness, Scott said that the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students added a Holocaust memorial and included the Day of Silence — a nationwide, student-led protest held every April 18 to increase awareness about harassment, discrimination and bullying that LGBTQ students face in schools and the silence that they experience as a result, according to its Web site.

The Day of Silence is an "interesting movement in and of itself in the way that it uses silence to speak very loudly," Magee said. The silence serves as a "symbolic action to represent all of those who are silenced by harassment, specifically lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people and their allies," Scott said. Those who choose to participate in the Day of Silence can carry a card and wear a button to explain why they are not speaking. The items will be distributed today and tomorrow in the Fieldhouse Mall and LaFortune from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Holocaust memorial will be set up on South Quad Tuesday and will display symbols used by Nazis during the Holocaust to label and identify their victims. Scott said.

Since one of the Core Council's goals this year was to "reach out and include as many groups as possible in some of our events," the Holocaust memorial "is a way to bring attention to discrimination against a large number of classes of people all at once," Magee said.

There are various campus groups contributing to the week. The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, AllianceND, the History Department, the Sociology Department, Student Government, the Gender Relations Center, the Jewish Club of Notre Dame, the Graduate Student Union, Feminist Voice and the Progressive Student Alliance are contributing, Scott said.

"So many people are focusing behind this issue and taking up this cause. This isn't something that can be pushed aside," she said.

Ultimately, Scott hopes that the message of awareness of the existence of discrimination reaches people.

"I'm just hoping to bring people's attention to it," Scott said. "I know you can't change people's minds, but it plants a seed. That's a good first step."

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The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting. Etc. Etc.

Please contact Maddie Hanna at 631-4542 or mhanna1@nd.edu if interested.
Affleck-Graves reiterated the University's support for the existence of preferred lender lists. "With these six companies, because we work regularly with them, if a student has a problem, if an issue arises regarding payment, we have a strong relationship with them. I think that's a tremendous service," he said. "Some of our relationships with our preferred lenders guarantee us that we'll have the lowest rate in the country — or at least match it."

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ex-Loans I would have over any decision that got taken, so I basically recused myself from all of those decisions," Affleck-Graves said. "I'll review this with Father John. To the extent that when we went on, we thought that we could influence things in a positive way, as long as we can continue to do that, then, yes, we'll stay on the board."

Affleck-Graves is not the first Notre Dame administrator to sit on the board of a student loan company. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh was a director of the Chase Manhattan Bank prior to and after the creation of Notre Dame's preferred lender list in the early 1980s, Russo said Sunday. Chase was one of the lenders on Notre Dame's original preferred lender list, developed in 1981. Russo, who helped create the list soon after he arrived at Notre Dame in 1978, said he was not aware that Hesburgh was a director at Chase when he was surveying the top lenders for the list. Chase was picked, Russo said, because it offered some of the best services in the country.

A conflict of interest?

Russo said Affleck-Graves has no influence on Notre Dame's preferred lender list. The preferred lender list was created, Russo said, more than 25 years ago, long before Affleck-Graves was at the University. The six lenders Notre Dame lists as its preferred lenders were chosen because they had the best services, he said. The University does not receive any "monetary revenue" from any of the lenders, including Citibank. Russo said Citibank is the "largest" provider of student loans at Notre Dame. "It is our responsibility to find the very best for our students, and Citibank does that," he said.

Affleck-Graves' position since last May has not changed the Financial Aid office's services, "one iota," he said.

But Notre Dame president Father Oliver Williams, who teaches courses in business ethics, said he would advise that Affleck-Graves resign from the board because his status as a member leads to the appearance of wrongdoing, even though he doesn't believe Affleck-Graves is guilty of any unethical behavior.

"John Affleck-Graves, as well as all anyone in the administration, is paid to have the best interest of our students at heart. The conflict of interest is when someone gives you $50,000, you're interested in getting $50,000 next year," he said. "In theory, that's why there is a conflict of interest."

Williams said he advises people in his corporations to avoid not only wrongdoing but also the appearance of it.

"The reason for that is, the problem is you are trying to have an ethic, corporate culture in any organization, particularly an organization like Notre Dame," he said. "So you don't want anyone to even have the idea that there might be wrongdoing."

Affleck-Graves said he does not plan to resign from his position with Student Loan Corp. He will, however, continue to discuss the overall student loan investigation with Jenkins, he said. The two will re-evaluate the position and its benefit to Notre Dame as Comptroller's investigations and Congress considers legislation that would correct — or even abolish — private lending or preferred lender lists.

University spokesman Don Wycliff said senior officers in the administration are required to fill out a conflict of interest statement once a year, detailing "any business associations or other things that they or even their close family members have that may pose a conflict of interest."

Wycliff said the statements go to the Audit and Advisory Services Office, which reports to Jenkins and the audit committee of the Board of Trustees. He said any remediation the Audit and Advisory Services Office suggests is sent to Jenkins and the audit committee.

And while Affleck-Graves said he sees no conflict of interest in his directorship with Student Loan Corp., Wycliff said the considerations led him to prevent a similar relationship with another financial institution.

On March 30, 1st Source Corporation announced that Affleck-Graves removed his name from consideration as one of five candidates for the company's board of directors. 1st Source offers student loans but is not on Notre Dame's list of six preferred lenders.

"That was a completely different situation," Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said the University's "direct banking" with 1st Source — which does not use Student Loan Corp. as its bank for capital — caused his withdrawal from consideration.

He said 1st Source's offering of student loans did not factor into the decision.

Lender relationships

A spokesperson for Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) told Bloomberg News that the senator would introduce legislation barring any employee of a college from participating on the board of a student loan company.

As the debate continues, however, Affleck-Graves said he questioned government intervention in the lending industry.

"I'm a little concerned with where the legislation is going to go because if we deal with 80 or 90 banks, it's very difficult to get any of those banks to give you a preferred rate for your students." Affleck-Graves said. "As long as the students are looked after, I think that's fair."

Affleck-Graves said president on the board allows Notre Dame an influence on the corporation's decision-making process for setting rates, offering new products and structuring loan policies.

"On all of those, I can give them some insight on what students need, what students want," he said.

Affleck-Graves said several employees in the Financial Aid Office serve on advisory board for student loan corporations — but all in non-paying positions.

"If the industry's not allowed to talk to financial aid officers about what students need when they come into a loan office, that seems a little strange to me," he said. "And I trust the people in our Financial Aid office in those advisory council positions that
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ecuador votes for strong executive

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — Leftist President Rafael Correa scored a major victory Sunday as Ecuadorians voted overwhelmingly to support his ambitious plan to remake the nation’s economy and government, and weaken its disgraced Congress, an exit poll showed.

Voters cast ballots or cast blank ones.

An exit poll by ECUATEO-Gallup showed that 78 percent of voters approved the election of a constitutional assembly while 11.5 percent rejected the proposal and 10.4 spoiled their ballots or cast blank ones.

Correa enjoys a 70 percent approval rating and pollsters predicted a majority would vote in favor of the referendum in a country long plagued by political instability and poverty.

Anti-PUTIN protesters routed by police

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — First police beat and detained dozens of anti-Kremlin demonstrators Sunday on a second day of protests to protest the weak opposition’s ability to challenge widely popular President VladimirPutin.

In a sign of the growing public anger, police said they will start using tear gas to disperse protesters.

Putin’s foes said the harsh handling of demonstrators, who included many elderly people, would fuel a growing sense that the leader is strangling democracy.

NEWSPAPERS

Gonzalez claims "nothing to hide"

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, fighting to save his job, said in prepared Senate testimony Sunday he has "nothing to hide" in the firings of eight federal prosecutors but claimed a hazzy memory about his involvement in the firings.

Vice President Dick Cheney reaffirmed Sunday that the president authorized the firings.

In his 25-page statement, Gonzalez apologized for embarrassing the eight U.S. attorneys and their families by letting their ousters erupt into a political firestorm that has engulfed the Justice Department since January. He maintained the firings were improper, but said he remembers having only an indirect role in the plans beyond approving them.

"I am sorry for my mistakes that have helped to fuel the controversy," he said.

Illegal man charged with kids’ deaths

QUINCY, Ill. — A man was charged with setting a house on fire in western Illinois early Sunday and killing five children, police said.

Four other people, including a fire fighter burned on his face, were injured in the blaze.

The bodies of four boys and a girl — ages 8 months to 10 years — were found on the second story and were likely family members, officials said.

LOCAL NEWS

High-speed chase leaves one dead

CHESTERTON — An accident following a high-speed police chase killed a person early Sunday.

Indiana State Police were notified by the Porter County Sheriff’s Department dispatch center of the chase, which was driving eastbound on Interstate 94 from the Burns Harbor exit just after 6:30 a.m., according to an ISP release.

According to a preliminary ISP investigation, a Burns Harbor, Ind., officer had located a person allegedly involved in a disturbance call, and the person took off in their vehicle.

JORDAN

IAEA chief tours Arab countries

Middle East nations pledge to consider peaceful nuclear programs in future

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — The chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency on Sunday wrapped up a tour of the Middle East to offer support for countries interested in developing peaceful atomic energy programs despite the international fallout with Iran over its suspected goal of pursuing nuclear weapons.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and the smaller Arab states around the Persian Gulf all have said they will study the feasibility of building civilian programs for generating electricity with nuclear reactors.

During a meeting Sunday, Jordan’s King Abdullah II told Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, that his kingdom needs to diversify its sources of energy, especially with oil prices rising.

The king promised that Jordan, which exports nearly all of its oil, would be a model in the peaceful development of nuclear energy if it decided to go ahead.

The official Petra news agency quoted ElBaradei as saying his agency was ready to help Jordan to benefit from nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

While none of the Middle East nations expressing an interest in nuclear power has publicly cited Iran’s alleged ambition to acquire atomic weapons — a charge Tehran denies — some analysts think the announcements are intended as a warning to the Iranians about the dangers of a regional arms race.

Energy experts say any significant Arab nuclear program would probably take years, and some are skeptical that cash-strapped countries like Egypt and Jordan have the resources for such facilities.

The U.S. government opposes the spread of nuclear weapons in the region, but officials in Washington have said any country that strictly follows the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is free to develop a civilian power program. The U.S. offered to help Egypt with nuclear technology after it announced plans in September to revive a mothballed nuclear program.

Jordan’s king announced his plan to study a nuclear program in January in an interview with the Israeli newspaper Haaretz. It was assumed he chose an Israeli newspaper to make clear the program was not directed at the Jewish state.

Israel is widely believed to have nuclear weapons of its own, but has never officially confirmed that it does.

“The rules have changed,” Abdullah told Haaretz.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei met with King Abdullah II of Jordan Sunday. Several nations pledged to study peaceful nuclear technologies.

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"Everybody’s going for nuclear programs," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Rieff declined to comment Sunday about the interest expressed by Jordan, Egypt and others in acquiring nuclear programs.

But, he added, "Israel is convinced that Iranian nuclear program is not only a direct threat to regional security, but will also lead to a larger nuclear proliferation in the region, which would be to no one’s benefit.

Key Arab countries such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt also are concerned by Iran’s nuclear ambitions, although Tehran insists its program is peaceful.

IRAQ

Sadr followers threaten withdrawal

BAGHDAD — Cars, minibuses and roadside bombs exploded in Shiite Muslim enclaves across the city Sunday, killing at least 45 people in a Baghdad security crackdown, while a radical anti-U.S. cleric raised a new threat to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s already weak administration without enough support to stay in power.

In a rare gesture of dissent from American partners in Baghdad, dozens of Iraqi political leaders demonstrated in front of their station, accusing U.S. troops of treating them like “animals” and “slaves.”

The U.S. military command announced the combat deaths of three more Americans. Two British service members died when their helicopters crashed in midair north of Baghdad, and hours later a U.S. helicopter was hit by ground fire near Mosul but landed safely with no injuries.

Six powerful bombs, gunfire and artillery blasts enveloped Baghdad in a near-constant din that seemed a setback for the 9-week-old U.S.-Iraqi military campaign to pacify the capital.

U.S. commanders previously cited a slight decrease in violence since the crackdown began Feb. 14, but urged patience for what they warned would be a long, tough fight.

“Although we’re making steady progress … we have a long way to go,” Rear Adm. Mark Fox, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, told reporters Sunday. "We will continue to face attacks from those who attempt to tear down what the Iraqi people have worked so hard to build."
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throughout the weekend was strong.

The event’s first speaker, Father Tom Futenauer, was a favorite. Walter said, “Father Futenauer, a Notre Dame alumnus and current president of Human Life International, recently gained attention after appearing on radio personality Sean Hannity’s conservative talk show. Walter said he was well received by all in attendance.

Another speaker, Daniel McConchie, executive director of Americans United for Life, posed interesting questions about the legalities of abortion. Walter said. He told the audience that the pro-life movement would have significant challenges ahead if it even if there were an overturning Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court case that internationalizing abortion. He said that as a whole, the conference gave partici­pants a stimulating look at pro-life issues and gave audiences new thoughts and perspectives. It was important to bring in these new points of view, especially to Notre Dame, she said. “We don’t know everything,” Walter said.

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Hodges, the conversation was important. She said there was an out­turning Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court case that overturned state laws crim­inalizing abortion. He said the challenge then would be to force all states to pass laws outlawing abortion.

Other speakers included a representative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the director of Students For Life of America, and a local oncologist who spoke to the biocultural issues. “Bella,” a movie about the issues facing a fictional single woman who becomes pregnant, was also screened Saturday evening.

Walter said it is extremely important for Notre Dame to host such a conference as many other colleges see Notre Dame as a leader in pro-life issues.

“I had some friends from Franciscan University passing through the area this weekend on their way to another event,” Walter said. “They couldn’t stay but said, ‘We wish we could.’ We’re so proud that Notre Dame is doing this, because Notre Dame is a great Catholic university.”

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Jury to decide abuse suit

Long Island church sex scandal nearing closure, most settled out of court

Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — The nation’s sixth-largest Roman Catholic diocese is headed to trial this summer in a $1.5 million lawsuit accusing church officials of reck­lessness for employing a youth minister who raped and sodomized teenagers.

But despite its familiar scena­rio of youths abused by relig­ious leaders, this case is unique. It could be one of the few decided by a jury, rather than a quiet, out-of-court settle­ment.

The U.S. Conference of Bishops estimates abuse-related costs from lawsuits have exceed­ed $1.5 billion, the majority out-of-court settlements. Many of the alleged acts took place so long ago their statutes of limita­tions have expired.

Many cases are settled out of court, in part to prevent details of the alleged abuse from going public, said Steve Rubino, a New Jersey lawyer who has handled hundreds of church sex abuse cases.

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Since 2001, the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) at Saint Mary’s College has been promoting transformative intercultural engagement to foster the intercultural competence critical for the next generation of women leaders. This interactive conference will bring together theorists, scholars, professionals, educators, community activists, practitioners, and students.

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Keynote Speaker

Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize-Winning Iranian Activist/Lawyer

An Iranian lawyer and human rights activist, Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her significant and pioneering efforts in democracy and human rights, especially for the rights of women and children.

She is the first Iranian and the first Muslim woman to receive the prize.

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 P.M.

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American volunteering up since 9/11

WASHINGTON — People in this country have been volunteering at record levels in the years following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but that voluntary service dipped slightly in 2006, a study found.

More than a fourth of the population, 26.7 percent, did volunteer work in 2006, down from 28.8 percent the previous year, according to a new report by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"We can't expect every year to be a new high so we're not really concerned moving from '05 to '06 with a small decrease," said Alison Cave, head of the service association, which released the report.

"We would get concerned if that repeated itself year after year," she added.

An increase in volunteerism from 20.4 percent in 1989 to 26.7 percent in 2006 was "a huge pay increase for a close female friend," she said at a news conference winding up the week-long service effort for the bank's board of directors.

"We have to ensure that the bank can effectively carry out its mandate and maintain its credibility and reputation as well as the motivation of its staff," the committee said.

In answering questions from reporters about whether he should resign, Wolfowitz referred several times to the committee's communication and he said he did not want any comments he made in the way of the board's work.

"I believe in the mission of this organization. I intend to carry it out, I have had many expressions of support," he said.

Several times he was asked how he could continue as head of the 185-nation lending organization leading the fight against corruption after acknowledging a direct role in World Bank's decision to vet Wolfowitz for the post.

After a three-minute conference, Allison Cave, head of the World Bank's Staff Association, which represents 7,000 of the bank's Washington employees, said the group believes Wolfowitz should resign.

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Earlier Wolfowitz said misleading information has been circulating about his involvement in the pay hike.

In an e-mail to bank staff Saturday night, some of whom have called for his resignation, Wolfowitz said he had remained largely silent as the bank's board of directors considered his future.

"I feel, however, that this has left a vacuum, which has largely been filled by misleading information" and conceding the 109 pages of documents about the controversy released by the board are "a lot to wade through for significant facts so I would like to call your attention to a number of them."

China cracks down on pirated music

BEIJING — Chinese authorities destroyed 4.2 million pieces of pirated digital videodiscs, compact discs, computer software and illegal publications in the government's latest campaign to curb rampant piracy of intellectual property, state media reported.

The largest campaign so far followed a pair of complaints filed Tuesday by the U.S. against Beijing in the World Trade Organization over product piracy and market access.

Workers across the country set fire to 30 million pieces of smuggled and pirated audio and video materials, software and 11 million copies of pirated and illegally published books and magazines, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday.

"Through the act of destruction, we wish to show to the world the firm determination of the Chinese Government in protecting intellectual property," Long Ximin, chief of the State Press and Publication Administration, was quoted as saying in the report.

Long added the campaign was also meant to "improve the awareness of the general public in fighting against pornography and illegal publications."

Xinhua said a quarter of the contraband material was destroyed in Guangdong, the economically dynamic southern province that abuts Hong Kong.

Law enforcement officers in the provincial capital of Guangzhou used shredding machines to get rid of 10 million pirated discs and 500,000 illegal publications, the report said.

China on Wednesday warned that the U.S. complaints against Beijing in the WTO could damage commercial relations between the two countries. The complaints accuse China of violating its trade commitments by failing to stop product piracy and of blocking market access for U.S.-produced books, movies and music.
I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others

—Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est Encyclical Letter

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
- 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
- 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
- Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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Grand Forks vicinity touts flood recovery

Associated Press

Grand Forks, N.D. Heavy rain and snow still make people nervous along the Red River of the North, which devastated North Dakota's third-largest city 10 years ago and forced thousands to flee in one of the costliest and largest U.S. flood evacuations before Hurricane Katrina.

Eleven people died in three states.

Today, however, a nearly finished $400 million dike system brings some comfort, and people believe they have learned some things to share with other disaster victims around the country.

"We like to call ourselves the poster child of flood recovery because we think we showed how different governments working together could make it happen," said Lynn Staus, the mayor of the neighboring East Grand Forks, Minn., both during the flood and today.

Still, "so many people I talk to yet are still struggling," said Pat Owens, the mayor of Grand Forks during the 1997 flood.

As the record 101 inches of snow delivered by a winter of blizzards began to melt that spring, the Red River rose out of its banks and spread out across the prairie farmland. As the flood crested, it carried the city's way to Canada's Lake Winnipeg, Grand Forks and East Grand Forks were hit the hardest.

Most of the 60,000 residents were forced to flee after a futile fight involving 3.5 million sandbags. Staus recalls the pain of telling an exhausted family that there was no use adding more sandbags around their house to fight the rising water.

"I remember telling them 'I'm sorry, you're going to have to give up. There's no way you're going to be able to save your house. It's done, it's over.'"

Four feet of water in the streets hindered firefighters when flames broke out in downtown Grand Forks on April 19, 1997. Eleven buildings, including 60 apartments, were destroyed.

"There was no downtown left, period," said Sandra Koromos, who lost her advertising business in the downtown Security Building.

Many residents are still only halfway to financial recovery, Staus said.

The National Climatic Data Center rates the 1997 disaster as the nation's second-costliest non-hurricane flood disaster from 1980 to 2006, with the 11 deaths in the Dakotas and Minnesota and damage estimated at $4.1 billion. The costliest was the 1993 flood along the Mississippi that started in the upper Midwest, with damage estimated at more than $56 billion.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency gave nearly $210 million in public assistance to North Dakota and $173 million to Minnesota to repair infrastructure, $8 million for travel trailers and mobile homes, and $10 million in individual and family grants.

The late Joan Kroc, the widow of McDonald's Corp. founder Ray Kroc, gave $15 million to flood victims.

Grand Forks has written a brochure to share with other disaster-stricken areas. It includes advice on planning and leadership. It also says:

"Understand that the new normal will never mirror the pre-disaster image," and "Practice patience. Some things just take time."

The flood invites comparisons to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, where FEMA drew sharp criticism for its efforts, but the agency notes there were significant differences between the two disasters.

"I think the big thing that went right for us was the partnership we had with the state of North Dakota," said Doug Gore, deputy regional director for FEMA, who said his office had worked with North Dakota on several disasters before the flood.

"Katrina was a catastrophic event in every capacity," Gore said. "Even though Grand Forks was a major event and it affected all the individuals, the city was still able to function and deliver certain services."

The National Weather Service took the brunt of the criticism aimed at government, with homeowners outraged over forecasts that started with a prediction of a 49-foot crest. That prediction held for weeks, until the weather service bumped it up to 50 feet on April 14. The river didn't crest until it hit 54 feet.

The weather service says it has changed its forecast methods since then.

"Our science, modeling and communication are better," said Dan Lura, hydrologist in charge at the weather service office in Grand Forks, Minn. "We learned a lot in 1997."

Among other things, meteorologists have learned the uncertainties of their predictions in stronger terms, said Edward Johnson, the weather service's director of strategic planning and policy in Silver Spring, Md.

Downtown has now been rebuilt, and the city is growing past its pre-flood population.

The only obvious sign of the flood at the Sacred Heart Catholic School, as the nation's second-costliest non-hurricane flood disaster from 1980 to 2006, with the 11 deaths in the Dakotas and Minnesota and damage estimated at $4.1 billion. The costliest was the 1993 flood along the Mississippi that started in the upper Midwest, with damage estimated at more than $56 billion.

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Lessons learned from the Enron Scandal

Bethany McLean

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Kurt Vonnegut, a great purveyor of truth about the horrors of human creation, died this past week. So goes, Kurt is up in heaven now, but his stories and witticisms about our humanity, and humanitarians, remain, us relevant now as they were forty years ago. His legendary "Slaughterhouse Five" is partly a recollection of his own experiences as a POW in World War II during the firebombing of Dresden when he was 22 years old. Vernouft’s original, and now alternate, title for the work was "The Children’s Crusade," a commentary on the absurdity of our country’s — and other countries’ — young people being sent to kill and die. Zeimer was eighteen years old when he died in Iraq this past week. He was only a few hours into his first combat post, and he was eighteen years old when he died. So goes, it goes, in Iraq. Major media attention has been brought to his specific case as his unit was one of the first to arrive in Iraq with weapons and ammunition in order to meet the "surge" personnel demands. The possibility that he was killed by friendly fire simply fuels the frustration felt by those who criticized the surge as fully to begin with. As I’m not running for political office anytime soon, I’ll go ahead and say what every single candidate (sans savvy Ragland and market-shopping McCain) is thinking. It was a waste of his life. In addition to Zeimer, Zeimer, 31 other lives of just 18 years have been wasted. One hundred ninety-three 19-year-old lives have been wasted alongside three hundred fifty-four 20-year-olds and four hundred thirty-five 21-year-olds. Wasted. Additionally, over 60,000 Iraq civilians have died as a result of direct military intervention, and countless more have died and will die due to an obliterated infrastructure, devoid of adequate healthcare or sanitation. All these lives, too, wasted. I stopped my American military fatality count well short of the 3,301 total U.S. military fatalities for a reason. You see, this past week, I turned 22, and by doing so, I counted another four hundred thirty-five young American men and women who will never see their 22nd birthday. They signed up to serve the country and got a raw deal. The blame game will go on, but they will never see that 22nd birthday. The children growing up in Iraq have been robbed of their childhood just as the young Americans fighting and dying for a lost cause have been robbed of theirs. They will return with scarification, wounds and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Those who have been physically and psychologically scarred by experiences in Iraq have been robbed of their youth and will likely never fully recover from the paranoia cultivated on the streets of Iraq. As a reader quickly approaches, I’ve been doing lots of reflecting on the past four years. A lot has happened since my 18th birthday. Successes, failures, firsts, lasts, friends and love gained and lost; all have been written in this wonderful chapter of my life. But I’m not content with my life yet and I certainly doubt that the fallen in Iraq were with theirs. I have, we all have, lots of work left to do, and lots of life left to live. Yet, these men and women, younger than I, have no life left to give or live. They signed up to give their lives for our country but, in the end, gave their lives for a myopic, overzealous administration — an abuse that should never be overlooked or forgotten.

Will McClaffee
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rethink ticket deadline

The University’s new ticket policy requires current students to buy tickets before May 3 of this year. This policy also ignores the financial realities of many current students and should be changed. The ticket office needs to realize that students who are not supported by their parents do not have very much money. Many, like myself, rely on summer jobs for their money. Many, like myself, rely on summer jobs for their money. I merely propose that the deadline be extended to the fall for questionable aspects to the University ticket policy more generally. The decision that tickets have been purchased 90 percent since my freshman year (2001), and demanding that students make a commitment this far in advance could create considerable confusion. While I think these are important issues, I recognize the University could have good reasons for dealing with the process in advance, and I conformed my objection to the deadline. I merely propose that the deadline be extended to the fall for this first year, so that students who are low on money can still buy tickets, and in the future they can plan on the expense when budgeting for the semester.

Mike Roadd
Law student
South Bend, Ind.
April 12

QUOTE MISLEADS

A recent quote from Cindy Sheehan appeared on the front page of the South Bend Tribune. The statement was made by Sheehan at a talk given at St. Mary’s College, and it read, “When I started to speak out against George Bush, they started to demonize me. They said, ‘But Cindy, he’s pro-life.’ And I said, ‘If he’s pro-life, how come my son is dead?’” I can only hope that the men and women in attendance, possibly many of them still young and impressionable, are intellectually capable of drawing the distinction between the person who signs up for the military with the full understanding that he is potentially putting his life in harm’s way, and a child in her mother’s womb who has taken the chance to be her mother’s breath. May God bless the 3,222 soldiers killed (as of March 21, 2007) in Iraq since March 20, 1993, and may God also bless the 126,000 babies killed each day, and the 46 million killed each year.

Ginger Krueger
South Bend, Ind.
April 13

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The collection of any taxes which are not beyond reasonable require, which do not beyond reasonable doubt contribute to the public welfare, is only a species of legalized legalized.”

— Calvin Coolidge
Former U.S. president
To my surprise, Notre Dame is considering KEEF-ification for all future campus buildings and debasing the installation of solar panels on the roof of the new engineering hall. If the plans are approved, photovoltaic panels could provide 100,000 kilowatts of power for the building, which is enough energy for three average-sized homes. Moreover, the green campus effort is not just a way to entice incoming freshmen about energy conservation without adding to an already crowded Frosh-O-Schedule. The administration’s Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, which advises Executive Vice President John Feeley, has been discussing the fate of Notre Dame’s sustainability program. Although the proposed changes are not radical, the committee is considering a pilot Campus Calor泊es to the EZ program in a few dorm gyms so that the energy produced by our frangible pedaling can change our community. If Notre Dame sponsors the new Energy Center Student Advisory Board, a new organization which coordinates the student dimension of the University’s energy efficiency and conservation efforts on the web and seek to sponsor tours of the Notre Dame Power Plant and other energy-generating facilities. Unfortunately, these facts are rarely advertised, perhaps because those promoting these efforts feel that most students will not care. By showing interest in their ideas and by advocating for greater transparency and further change, we can prompt the administration to continue efforts to increase Notre Dame’s sustainability. Fortunately, several student groups can help concerned students interact with the administration. Students for Environmental Action will be sponsoring a week of ecological awareness in anticipation of Earth Day, Sunday, April 22. This past Saturday, the group spearheaded Step Right Up!, the first ever National Day of Climate Action. As part of the rally, which called for cuts in air emissions, local environmental groups were speaking and sponsoring fun, educational activities. Other 100-percent-organic events for the week are planned to convince students that the “green” is not just a trend. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Jerome was one of my best friends in grade school. He was a very smart boy, but he had a hard time learning how to read and write. He was always one of the last students in the classroom, and he would often ask me for help. I remember him sitting at his desk, looking out the window, and daydreaming about the future. He told me that he wanted to be an astronaut when he grew up, and I encouraged him to pursue his dream. I was always amazed by his determination and his passion for learning. Jerome was a good influence in my life, and I will always remember him with fondness. I hope that he has found success and happiness in his life and that he has continued to pursue his dreams. If you see Jerome, please give him my regards. I am sure that he would love to hear from me. Jerome will always be my inspiration and my role model.
**CD REVIEW**

**Nicks croons ‘80s best with ‘Crystal Visions’**

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Senior Scene Editor

Self-billed as the most successful woman in rock ‘n’ roll history, Stevie Nicks has roller-coastered through a career with rock legends Fleetwood Mac and ventured out on her own to a very successful solo career. With the recently released "Crystal Visions," Nicks comprises the highs — and lows — of her musical history. She joins with musical greats Tom Petty, Don Henley and former legends Fleetwood Mac and ventured out on her own to a very successful solo career.

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All in all, this album is for any Nicks fan — her career is very well summed up in this good compilation. Eighties rock is still alive and well with the edgy Nicks, and as long as people still remember what “The Breakfast Club” was all about, Nicks will still have a relevant place in the American music scene. Where more music has gone the way of the pop talent eraser, Nicks holds nothing back with her most successful career as a solo artist with a blend of ‘80s rock and ‘70s folk.

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Delusions of Bookstore Basketball grandeur

Preparation is the key to success. So going into this year's Bookstore basketball campaign, myself and the other members of Team 528 (name censored by the Bookstore administration and probably unprintable here) decided to do our homework. We went out and put in the competition for our first-round matchup.

In other words, we did the old thing and invited the opposing team over for a pre-game get-together to get warmed up for the big event in the spirit of friendly competition.

Unfortunately for us, little did we expect that team to arrive with a female captain and friend, but also packing three guys in tow. We had been Trojan horses! Team 528 wounded us into submission.

A patrol car, we eeked out a hard-fought victory. By packing it in and creating an impregnable 2-3 zone defense, which combined with the swirling snow and frostbitten fingers to make outside shooting a virtual impossibility. It wasn't pretty, it wasn't fast, but it was a win and we finally broke through to the vaunted promised land of the second round of Bookstore.

Team morale was high. And then we ran into a brick wall. After checking out the bracket, we noticed that Team 528 was slated to play the 16th-seeded team in the tournament. Needless to say, we got a bad draw. Obviously, this didn't bode well for our chances, but hey, if George Mason could make it to the Final Four of last year's NCAA Tournament, anything's possible right?

Wrong.

From the moment we arrived at the Bookstores courts, things went from bad to worse. Our opponents arrived with a lot of finders, complete with an intimidating cheering section, a team coach, guys dressed in suits, a bunch of hangovers, and even a clown or two. Even worse, they packed a boom box blaring Jack Jamz. Talk about intimidating.

And then there were our opponents themselves, who were approximately eight feet tall each and were decked out in "Western NIKE" jerseys. In other words, they looked like the MostStars from the hit kids film "Space Jam." Unfortunately for us, Michael Jordan didn't arrive to save the day, although the end result was certainly not.

We laid an egg. Literally. As in, when the final buzzer sounded there were zeros across the scoreboard on our side. As in, a complete-game shutout. The game basically consisted of a glorified game of Whack-a-Mole.

We tried every trick, the pick-and-roll, the give-and-go and even a basketball version of "The Flying V." To make things even worse, we all seemed to suffer from a sudden and near-total loss of hand-eye coordination, and we coughed up more turnovers than a baker using unworked dough. But Team Rabbit (as I dubbed our squad) took solace in two things — first, one of my teammates managed to reject one of the MostStars despite his being eight feet tall, and second, none of the MostStars dunked on us, despite being eight feet tall. So all things considered, it didn't go too badly. Actually, that's incorrect. I would say that things could have gone worse, but given that we didn't score any points, that probably isn't true.

Anyways, hope springs eternal and fortunately we have one remaining year left of Bookstore eligibility (we've all decided to stay in school and not leave early to declare for the NBA draft), so with a little practice and a lot of luck, we'll be back. There's always next year (at least until you graduate).

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Best films often dispelled to cinematic obscurity

All careers have peaks and valleys, and even our best movie directors are no exception. There are a lot of movies that we can all agree on — Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" and "Taxi Driver," and The Coen Brothers' "Fargo." But there are also a lot of underrated films in those directors' oeuvre. Here's my take on a few of the top American directors.

**Steven Spielberg**

The under: "Schindler's List" (1993)

I tend to talk about "Schindler's List," but it's important to separate the film as cinema from its content. I have issues with "Schindler’s List" — it's a bit too long and (previously) in English. I understand that Spielberg wanted the film to reach as wide an audience as possible, but I think viewers would have dealt with subtitles for the sake of authenticity. I'm also not crazy about the ending because (like many Spielberg films) it dips into overwritten sentimentality. But if a coherent understanding of the Holocaust would have worked equally well.

The under: "Minority Report" (2002)

"Minority Report" isn't just a great film, it's a rippling good yarn with an entertaining and thought-provoking plot. This is perhaps Spielberg's best marriage of ideas and action, preserving the core of Philip K. Dick's story while attaching it to an incredibly well-made action piece. It's also one of his strangest and quietest films, which makes it an enduring one of his most beloved pieces. Plus, Spielberg milks a surprisingly great performance from Collin Farrell that alone makes it one of the director's most accomplished works.

**Martin Scorsese**

The over: "Taxi Driver" (1976)

I've mentioned before that "Taxi Driver" is overrated. Not to say it's not a great film (it is), but parts of it feel terribly outdated, and the film meanders more than any other Scorsese piece (including "Mean Streets"). Unlike his other films, "Taxi Driver" feels like the time period it's from — the film seems the 1970s, when it was clearly trying to achieve something more timeless. Robert DeNiro's fantastic performance is what holds it all together, but it's almost nostalgically in nature, which hurts it cinematically.

The under: "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988)

For some reason, this film gets left out of conversations about the greatest Scorsese films, but it's his most personal and passion-ate work. The controversy surrounding "Last Temptation" might have hurt its reputation, but anyone who can see through that controversy will see that it's one of Scorsese's most consistently thought-provoking works. It's also filled with incredibly effective performances, especially Willem Dafoe's tortured Christ, which remains one of the strangest and most emotionally effective portrayals of Jesus ever committed to celluloid.

**The Coen Brothers**

The over: "The Big Lebowski" (1998)

The Coen's follow-up to "Fargo" was received with ambivalence upon its original release, but the film's reputation has grown, and it's now considered one of their classics. Unfortunately, it's not quite as good as every one says it is. It's funny, sure, but it meanders badly and it's "cooler-than-cool" post "Pulp Fiction" attitude means that it's a grand statement of style over substance.

The under: "Miller's Crossing" (1994)

What a spectacular and underrated film this is. Stylish to an extreme, "Miller's Crossing" isn't a film about gangsters, it's a gangster film. The Coens aren't interested in authenticity and they come off as guys who saw a bunch of old films and decided to try their hand ... and strangely enough, it works. It's got all the trademarks of the Coens' best work, with quirky characters and oddball dialogue, but attached to a darkly seri-ous undertone. It also has some of their best performances, including a famous seven set in the forest that features some excellent acting from Gabriel Byrne and John Turturro, set against gorgeous cinematography by Barry Sonnenfeld.

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Jeff Bridges, left, and John Goodman star in "The Big Lebowski." While flopping at the box office, it has since become a Coen brothers cult classic.

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com
Detroit uses power-play goals to beat Calgary

Alfredsson scores two-second-period goals to help Senators beat Penguins 4-2, regain control of tight series

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Calgary Flames dug a hole early with penalties and Detroit kept them in it.

Pavel Datsyuk and Nicklas Lidstrom scored within the first 4 minutes Sunday and Detroit went on to beat Calgary 3-1, taking a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

Calgary had five penalties — two of which led to Lidstrom's goal — in the first 8:13 of the game.

"Getting the power plays early let us get momentum," Lidstrom said. "It helped tremendously."

The Flames seemed to unravel in the opening period, getting penalized twice for cross-checking in a two-minute span.

"Our game plan was to be more disciplined and be harder on the puck and not take unnecessary penalties," Calgary coach Jim Playfair said. "Obviously, that was a problem."

Game 3 is Tuesday night at Calgary.

The Flames can only hope returning home — where they won an NHL-high 30 games during the regular season — will help them slow the Western Conference's top-seeded team.

"They're very good in their building," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "We really wanted to take care of our business at home."

Detroit led 2-0 early in the first period for the second straight game, scoring two goals even quicker than the 2 1/2 minutes it took Thursday night.

"Both games off the start, we started them two because of our lack of control," Flames star Jarome Iginla said.

Unlike in the previous game, Detroit didn't add two unanswered goals in the second period en route to a 4-1 victory.

Calgary's Brian Phaneuf scored a power-play goal early in the second period on a shot that was deflected and fluttered past Dominik Hasek's glove.

The Flames went into the third period of a goal behind as that key score and Mikka Kiprusoff's 33 saves through two periods.

Even though Calgary closed in, Hasek wasn't worried.

"We were a better team in the second period," he said.

Senators 4, Penguins 2

The Ottawa Senators could live with giving away one game to Pittsburgh. What they were determined not to do was give away another playoff series.

Daniel Alfredsson scored twice during a second dominating Ottawa second period as many days. The Senators made this lead stand, taking Pittsburgh's stars and its crowd out of the game for a victory Sunday in Game 3 of their first-round series.

The Senators seized back home-ice advantage — they have as many as two home games remaining in the series — by slowing Pittsburgh's stars and getting two key goals from one of their own in Alfredsson.

Ottawa, rebounding from a 4-3 loss at home barely 24 hours before in which it twice squandered third-period leads, takes a 2-1 lead into Game 4 on Tuesday night. Game 5 follows in Ottawa on Thursday.

"We can't afford to get down 1-0, the way the start, we didn't have many turnovers and didn't give up any odd-man rushes and cycled the puck down low. That's our game, that's our strength, and that's what we have to play to," said Jason Spezza, who was well-versed in the lengthy list of Senators playoff failures over the last 10 years.

Ducks 2, Wild 1

All seven games between the Anaheim Ducks and Minnesota Wild this season have been decided by one goal.

The Ducks have the edge, though, after using a dominant, smothering defense and superior special teams to take a 3-0 lead over the Wild in this Western Conference quarterfinal.

Andy McDonald scored early, Rob Niedermayer scored late, and goalie Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 19 shots to lead Anaheim past Minnesota on Sunday night.

"We didn't give them much," said Niedermayer, whose goal was his first since Feb. 6. "We didn't have many turnovers and didn't give up any odd-man rushes and cycled the puck down low. That's our game, that's our strength, and that's what we have to play to."

Game 4 will be played here Tuesday night, giving the Wild one last chance to get their power play going. Frustrated all week by Ducks star defensemen Scott Niedermayer and Chris Pronger and their lesser-known teammates, they went 1-0-1 on the power play and are 0-1-1 in the series.

And that goal, by Petteri Nokelainen, didn't come until 38.2 seconds remained — the only blemish on another strong game by Bryzgalov.

"It's a credit to our guys who have spent a lot of time working on it, studying them and what they do," McDonald said.

"They've been good for us all year, and they showed again tonight we are able to be successful on the penalty kill."

Anaheim just kept clogging the lanes, Minnesota made questionable decisions and rarely found space to make crisp, clean passes — let alone attempt clear shots. But the Wild, who always stress a hard-nosed, tough approach, wished they would have put more pucks on the net.

"Everyone was saying, 'Shoot the puck! Shoot the puck!' on the bench and they went back on the ice and didn't shoot the puck," coach Jacques Lemaire said. "The guys recognized the mistakes we were making and couldn't adjust."
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New Chicago takes on the rest of the world.

The Windy City's bid to host a Summer Games for the first time moved to the international stage Saturday when the U.S. Olympic Committee capped a yearlong search for an American candidate for 2016 by picking Chicago over two-time host Los Angeles.

"It's just beginning," said Patrick Ryan, Chicago's bid committee chairman. "It's a long road."

Having won over the USOC despite lacking venues ready for an Olympics, Chicago's task is to persuade the International Olympic Committee that it deserves to be the host, joining a group of bidders expected to include Madrid, Prague, Rome, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo.

The IOC will award the 2016 Games in October 2009.

This contest ultimately is not about the economics, it's not about the magic that can be created through the Olympic and Paralympic games, and how that by itself can transform a city, can transform a nation, can transform the world," USOC chief executive officer Jim Scherr said.

"And so we look forward to trying to earn that prize."

The USOC had said beforehand it would not release Saturday's vote count and stick to that policy.

"It was a very tough decision," USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said before opening a sealed envelope and revealing the winning city. "If I had all the power — and sometimes people accuse me of that — I would take the map and merge the two cities, because I'll tell you what.

If you could take the mayors of these two communities and have them run our country, we would all be better off."

Chicago, meanwhile, offered a bid that hinges on new facilities, mostly situated around the downtown lakefront and nearby parks. The centerpiece would be an 80,000-seat, $366 million temporary Olympic stadium that would be built in historic Washington Park. Chicago's plan also calls for a $1 billion lakefront village that would be built near the convention center just south of downtown.

**In Brief**

Yebois lose Mussina, Pavana to 15-day DL

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike Mussina and Carl Pavana joined fellow Yankees starter Chien-Ming Wang on the disabled list Sunday, further depleting New York's already taxed pitching staff.

"Nobody wants that," Mussina said after cutting short his throwing session because of pain in his injured left hamstring. "We don't have a choice. You just find a way to get through it and deal with it. It's unfortunate. ... Nobody's having surgery. A couple of muscle pulls, a strain, we'll be fine."

After a pair of extra-innings games Friday and Saturday against Oakland, the Yankees called up right-hander Chris Britton from Triple-A Scranton to give them a fresh arm in the bullpen for Sunday's series finale against the reigning AL West champion.

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**In Brief**

Vikings cornerbacs arrested on disorderly conduct charge

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings cornerbacks Cedric Griffin was freed on $50 bail after being arrested early Sunday in downtown Minneapolis and charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct, authorities said.

Griffin, 24, was released from the Hennepin County jail at 4:45 a.m. Two witnesses told KSTP-TV that the Vikings cornerback was thrown out of the Spin nightclub for not pulling up his pants. The club has a dress code requiring that pants not sag below the waist.

The witnesses said Griffin then had a dustup with bouncers and police before being taken away in handcuffs. A court appearance for Griffin is scheduled Friday.

A Vikings team spokesman declined comment.

**King pushes for undisputed boxing world champ**

STUTTGART, Germany — Promoter Don King wants to restore the magic of heavyweight boxing through a series of fights that will crown one undisputed world champion, and he believes it can be done before the end of 2008.

"I think the title should be unified. To have one undisputed, identifiable world champion would make everything better," King told Reuters in an exclusive interview.

"It would destroy the game," he said. "Within 18 months," he said, when asked how long it would take before one boxer holds the World Boxing Association (WBA), World Boxing Organization (WBO), World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight titles.

Mike Tyson of the United States was the last undisputed heavyweight world champion in 1989-1990.
Cardinals 10, Brewers 2
Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday. Afterward, Albert Pujols says he was never worried about the unsightly numbers next to his name.

- Associated Press

PHOENIX — Tony Clark is a graybeard among all the young stars in the Arizona Diamondbacks' lineup, and he gave the kids a lesson in power hitting on Sunday.

Clark drove in three runs with two homers and the Diamondbacks beat Colorado 6-4 to take two of three from the Rockies.

It was the 22nd multi-homer game for the 34-year-old Clark, one of many major leaguers who wore a No. 42 jersey to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut.

Clark homered twice in the third inning, making his career home run total 4-2, after being hit by a pitch in his previous at-bat.

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Clark leads D'backs over Rockies 6-4

Pujols busts out of slump, Reds shut out Cubs in Chicago

Associated Press

"I don't want to go crazy."

Converted reliever Braden Looper was effective in his third straight start for the Cardinals, who scored four runs during an 0-4 start at Busch Stadium. Their first home victory since beating the Tigers in Game 5 of the World Series came against Brewers ace Ben Sheets (1-2), who fell to 4-14 in 22 career starts against St. Louis.

"I don't think I always struggle," said Sheets, who has a 4.36 career ERA against the Cardinals. "I don't come out on the winning end all the time, but I've had plenty of good games against these guys and I've had plenty of games like today against these guys.

Pujols, who hit a major league-record 14 homers last April, has three this month after hitting a 2-0 Sheets fastball into the Brewers' bullpen to give the Cardinals a 3-2 lead in the first inning and then connecting off Elmer Dessens leading off the eighth.

Pujols entered the game batting .186 with two RBIs and left it with a .186 average after his 17th career multihomer game.

"It's a good day," teammate Preston Wilson said. "Anytime you have a day where the superstar in your lineup kind of starts hitting on the up, it makes the whole team feel good."

Reds 1, Cubs 0
There were runners on first and third with the middle of the order coming up, but Kyle Lohse didn't flinch.

Instead, he struck out Jacque Jones lunging at an outside changeup. He caught Derrek Lee looking. And then, he got Michael Barrett on a fly to right to end the sixth inning.

What could have been a game-turning rally was instead a defining moment for Lohse.

The right-hander struck out a career-high 12 in eight innings, outpitching Ted Lilly to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a victory over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

"That's a big confidence boost when you can face that part of the lineup with men on first and third and no outs and get the two strike outs," Lohse said. "That's what we need right there to come through in that situation."

Lohse (1-0) allowed four hits and one walk. Three of those hits were by Ryan Theriot, but the Cubs couldn't muster much else against Lohse. So Jeff Conine's RBI single in the fourth was enough for the Reds.

Chicago wasted another solid outing by Lilly (1-1), who allowed a run and two hits while striking out 10 and walking one in six innings. It was his ninth game with 10 or more strikeouts and his first since June 10 with Toronto.

David Weatherford got two outs for his fifth save in five chances.

With one out and a man on, Barrett hit Weatherford's 3-2 pitch deep down the left-field line, but it just hooked foul. Barrett flied out to right on the next pitch.

Lilly, who held Cincinnati to a run in seven innings in a win on April 4, walked Brandon Phillips leading off the fourth. And after Phillips stole second and Josh Hamilton struck out, Conine drove Phillips in with a single to left.
Scotaro homers off Rivera to lift A's over Yanks

Towers shuts down Detroit as Jays get win, Vidro whacks two dingers in Mariners' victory

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — With one stunning swing against Mariano Rivera, Marco Scotaro gave the Oakland Athletics their first series victory of the season.

Scotaro hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, sending the A's to their first win over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

Scotaro drove an 0-2 pitch from Rivera off the screen just inside the left-field foul pole for a 5-4 win over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

Scotaro drove an 0-2 pitch from Rivera off the screen just inside the left-field foul pole for the second game-ending homer of his career. The other came on Aug. 25, 2004, against the Blue Jays.

The super-sub was only in the lineup as a last-minute fill-in for the first time in 16 starts, which was the longest current streak among active pitchers.

Harden decided at the last minute to honor Jackie Robinson and wear No. 42 on the 60th anniversary of Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier, then dazzled through six innings with seven strikeouts before leaving with tightness in his throwing shoulder.

Raul Ibanez then lined a shot past pitcher Kameron Loe into center field, scoring two.

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Oakland took two of three from the Yankees after going winless in its first three series.

The first two games went to extra innings, taxing both bullpens.

Petitte overcame a rough first inning to pitch seven innings, outlasting Oakland right-hander Rich Harden.

Jorge Posada hit an RBI double in New York's three-run seventh, when the Yankees also got consecutive sacrifice flies from Robinson Cano and Melky Cabrera.

Alex Rodriguez added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to make it 4-2.

Petitte allowed five hits and two runs — one earned. He struck out four and walked one. He gave up a first-inning run for the first time in 16 starts, which was the longest current streak among active pitchers.

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Cano, named after Robinson, wore No. 42 along with manager Joe Torre and shortstop Derek Jeter.

Rivera wore No. 42 on his jersey.

Blue Jays 2, Tigers 1

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Irish earn qualifying times in seven events

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Seven events at Notre Dame track and field earned seven Irish athletes the opportunity to compete at the NCAA Midwest regional meet.

Two Irish athletes, sophomore pole vaulter Mary Saxer and sophomore high jumper Blair Majcina, earned their first regional berths this weekend. Majcina finished third at Mount SAC, clearing 6 feet, 10.75 inches.

"It's definitely a step toward something else I'm going for, it's nice to at least get to regionals," Majcina said. "My goal is to get to the NCAA's." At the regionals, Majcina has the opportunity to do so. The top four finishers in each of the four regions advance to the NCAA Championships.

That height tied Majcina with her collegiate career best, set in 2006 at the Hillside Gym Relays. Majcina, who had suffered a rare leg muscle affliction called compartment syndrome that required surgery and hampered her for over a year, was happy to be back so quickly and was pleased with her performance in practice.

"I was able to relax because I had done so well in practice," he said. "I could trust my muscles to relax, and it all came together." Saxer won the pole vault at the Spartan Invitational with a cleared height of 12 feet, 5.5 inches.

Senior Molly Huddle ran the second-fastest time in the country this year in the 5,000 meters. Her finish of 15:32.85 was also the second-quickest in school history, behind her own previous record of 15:32.54 set in 2004. Mount SAC Relays, Huddle has won the 5,000 meters at the regionals each of the past three years.

With her time, Huddle also qualified for the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Huddle finished ninth (first among collegiate athletes) at the USA Track and Field Championship in 2005 and seventh (again, best of the collegiate athletes) at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Going into the meet, Huddle was already qualified for both the regional and USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and could focus solely on the race.

"It was nice to have no pressure and just focus on running a fast time and trying to place in the top half of the field, which was my goal going into the race," she said. Despite her experience against top competition, Huddle said this year's Mount SAC was the toughest race of her career.

The competition was the deepest field she's ever raced in my entire life," she said. "I know it would be really fast from the gun. I was just trying not to be intimidated and to not race over my head but still take advantage of the great competition.

Four other Irish athletes improved their regional qualifying positions. Freshmen Balazs Molnar and Maryann Erigha finished fifth and seventh (again, best of the collegiate athletes) at the 2005 and seventh (again, best of the collegiate athletes) at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

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Irish avenge 2006 loss with win over Louisville

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame wrapped up the regular season Saturday by beating No. 58 Louisville 6-1, avenging its loss to the Cardinals in last year's Big East championship. The win brought the Irish record to 21-3, while Louisville dropped to 8-14.

"We never spoke about it, but I think it was on everyone's mind that they had beaten us in the final last year," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. Three matches ago, Bayliss reorganized the Irish doubles pairings—a move that has paid off to the tune of three straight doubles point victories. Notre Dame is 14-0 this year when earning the doubles point. Senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth won the No. 3 doubles match 8-1, improving their record together to 4-0, 3-0 in dual play. Seniors Stephen Bass and Ryan Keckley won their match 8-4, and junior Sheeva Parhoo and sophomore Brett Helgeson won 8-6 at No. 2 doubles.

Singles play followed similarly, with only No. 51 Pavlih losing 6-3, 4-6 (10-8) to Louisville's Damar Johnson. Helgeson defeated Kenneth Nordheim 6-3, 6-1, and King beat Robert Rotaru 6-3, 6-4. Keckley topped David Simon 6-2, 7-5, and both upended James McArthur 6-3, 6-2. At No. 1 singles, Bass started out 4-0, then 6-0, then 6-1, but we had a little discussion at the end of the first set and he really started attacking more and began to control the play and really ran out the rest of the match," Bayliss said.

The Irish wrapped up their regular season and move on toward the postseason, beginning play at the Big East tournament in Tampa, Fla. Friday.

"Our confidence is high, but there are a lot of things that we have left to do and everyone knows that," Bayliss said. "I expect everyone's focus to be on improving our doubles, getting better outdoors and each player trying to improve their weaknesses.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Games rearranged by cold, wet conditions

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Unusually cold temperatures this spring has led to some shakeups in the Saint Mary's schedule. The Belles (14-4) could not face the Tri-State Thunder (19-2) Saturday in Angola, Ind., because of inclement weather conditions. Further, the Belles game against local rival Bethel, to be played at Notre Dame's Ivy Field Monday, was cancelled because the field will not be ready for action.

Because Bethel is not a league opponent, the game will not be rescheduled.

The Belles match up against league No. 3 Tri-State (3-1 MIAA) this week, but have been rescheduled for Thursday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. in Angola, Ind.

The Belles, who are 13-3 in conference play, need a win to crawl out of the bottom of the league standings.

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Irish defeat Hoyas for first time in Big East history 13-8

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame accomplished something never done before in the seven-year history of the Big East Saturday — the Irish defeated Georgetown.

The 13-8 loss for the No. 9 Hoyas (7-6) dropped them to 2-2 in the conference.

For the first game in the series against the Hoyas, the Irish (11-6) set the tone early and never allowed Georgetown to get back into the contest.

The Hoyas scored first, but the Irish scored seven unanswered goals to take a commanding lead, 7-1, heading into the halftime break.

In the second half, the Hoyas were able to score two goals, but the Irish scored five more to secure the victory and maintain their perfect record in the Big East.

Sophomore goalie Erin Greenberg made 11 saves for Notre Dame, while senior Stephanie Brown made three saves for Georgetown.

The game was played in the newly renovatedconfiguration, the Irish were able to dominate the contest from start to finish.

Sophomore Caitlin McKinney scored three goals for the Irish, while junior Heather Hoyles added two.

Notre Dame will look to continue their perfect record in the Big East as they face their next conference opponent.

The Irish have won five straight games in the conference and are looking to extend their streak to six when they take on the Hoyas again later this season.

Men's Golf

Linksters finish 11th out of 16 in Columbus

Team shoots 60-over in rain shortened tournament at OSU

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, Notre Dame saw a tournament shortened due to inclement weather.

The Kepler Intercollegiate at the Scarlet Course of the Ohio State Golf Club in Columbus was originally scheduled to consist of two rounds on Saturday and a third on Sunday, but rain in the area led to a cancellation of Saturday's second round.

The decision to cut the tournament to three holes was made to accommodate travel plans for the 16 teams in the field.

A two-round score of 60-over-par 126 was good enough for an 11th-place finish for the Irish, who finished 16th ahead of 223-over-par 157, the highest score of the tournament.

The third-lowest score of the Irish belonged to senior co-captain Adam Gifford, who posted a 72-over-par 144 in his final collegiate tournament.

Rounding out the team scoring for the Irish was freshman Doug Forner, who finished with a 75-over-par 150, and senior Mike King, who tied for 40th at 15-over-par (257).

The Irish have won the conference event three years in a row, and they will be looking to extend that streak to four.

The Observer was unable to reach team members for comment.

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Irish midfielder Caitlin McKinney fires a shot home during Notre Dame's 15-7 win over Duquesne April 3 at Moose Krause Stadium. The Irish defeated Georgetown 3-8 Saturday.

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Thompson 8-1. "Yeah, they got killed. They just didn't play well. It was pretty ugly," Louderback said. "We were down 4-0 in a short amount of time, and it didn't get any better." Both Buck and Ciobanu were in the doubles lineup against Northwestern back in February, but today the Irish sent out a revised lineup at No. 2 and No. 3. Sophomore Kelcy Tefft and freshman Kali Krisik grabbed the No. 2 doubles match for Notre Dame with an 8-6 win over Lauren Lui and Kerri Throckmorton. Sophomore Samantha Murray and Alexis Gonzl clinched the doubles point for the Wildcats by defeating Irish freshman Colleen Rielly and sophomore Kasia Potts 8-2. "At No. 3 doubles, that made a big difference," Louderback said.

The Thompson's struggles carried over into singles play. At No. 1 singles, No. 11 Rose managed to get a key break against No. 26 with the score tied 3-3 in the first set. Rose then cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 victory. No. 29 Murray made quick work of Christian Thompson at No. 2 with a 6-3, 6-1 victory. No. 113 Liu clinched the match for Northwestern with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Tefft. Nazlie Ghazali made it 3-0 Northwestern by defeating Kristy 6-4, 6-3 over Tefft. Nazlie Ghazali made it 3-0 Northwestern by defeating Kristy 6-4, 6-3 over Tefft. Nazlie Ghazali made it 3-0 Northwestern by defeating Kristy 6-4, 6-3 over Tefft. Nazlie Ghazali made it 3-0 Northwestern by defeating Kristy 6-4, 6-3 over Tefft.

The Irish then stayed off a sweep with a pair of three-set matches and a third-set loss. Buck picked up a 7-6 (4-6), 3-6, 1-0 (11-9) win over Alexis Projas and Potts downed Robichaux 6-4, 1-0 (10-7). Louderback rested Catrina Thompson against DePaul Saturday because she had to sit out one more week in order to play in the Big East and NCAA Tournament and the Blue Demons only carried five singles players. This meant DePaul forfeited at No. 6. "They're No. 1 and 3 players are out. Tore their ACLs early in the year," Louderback said. "I feel bad for them. They're struggling, but they best Marquette the day before, so they're capable of being a good team." Ciobanu returned to the court Sunday against Marquette and competed with Rielly in No. 2 doubles, winning 8-1 over Francina Bonnelly and Margaret Wilson.

In their matches against both Marquette and DePaul, the Irish did not lose a set in singles or double play. The two matches also marked the dual match debut of junior Bailey Louderback, daughter of coach Jay Louderback. Bailey won at No. 3 doubles in both matches with Christina Thomas and No. 2 with junior Katie Potts on Sunday.

"She played really well (Saturday) in the doubles. So, it was fun to see her get her first doubles matches," Louderback said. With dual match play over, the Irish will play in the Big East tournament beginning Friday. Louderback said he hopes his team will be fully recovered by then.

"We're trying to get as healthy as we can for that match on Friday," Louderback said. "We don't play until Friday. We can only turn in eight players for our roster so the eight healthiest kids we got will be on the roster.

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every Irish starter had a hit as the Irish routed Georgetown to take the rubber game of the weekend series at Frank Eck Stadium Sunday.

"Today was a must-win," Schrage said. "If we don't win today, we've got a long haul to go to get back."

With the help of several costly Georgetown errors, the Irish offense took advantage of several misplays by Georgetown's third baseman Konrad Muir to take the lead early. With one out and no runners on base, Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky hit a single to right and took second on an error by Hoyas centerfielder Danny Drressman.

Designated hitter Matt Weglarz then looped a pop-up into short right that Muir mishandled, allowing Brezovsky to take third. A wild pitch by Hoyas starter, Jimmy Saris early, allowed Brezovsky to slide home for the first run.

In the second inning, senior catcher Matt Sallens doubled off a first-pitch single to center. Jeremy Barnes then lined his sixth double of the season down the right field line to knock in Dressman. Barnes scored a second later on a passed ball by Ross Brezovsky on an Irish batter.

In the bottom of the second inning, Hoyas' Ryan Connolly led off with a first-pitch single to left and took second on an error by Sallens. Jay Weiland threw 4.2 innings, giving up three runs on six hits while striking out six.

"We were finally able to string together a big inning in the fourth and get some extra base hits, which we haven't been doing," Schrage said.

Sophomore righthander Kyle Weiland gave up just one unearned run in five innings while striking out six to get the win for Georgetown.

"The offense did a good job against a first-rate staff," Kevin Weiland, who got his first win as a starter, said. "I'm happy to be back and playing baseball."

Kevin Weiland appeared to be1-0 in his first start for the Hoyas and added that he was capable of an Indian- style 'start.'

"It's a little nice being a starter," Weiland said. "It's a little nice to get control over all your pitches."

Georgetown 6, Notre Dame 1

Georgetown pitcher Michael Maggiglione allowed just one run in eight innings and the Hoyas batted four off the winning pitcher Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"This was supposed to be a big weekend for us," Irish coach Bill Corrigan said. "Three out of our five starters were disappointed in our effort today.

The inning was capped when Matt Harrigan blasted a three-run homer to left-center. Junior reliever, Joey Stenson, came in and got right-hand fielder Nate Itoian out to pop up to end the inning.

"Itoian was a great hitter, he was hitting with eleven hits for the season," he said.

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Right-hander Dan Kapala was scheduled to start Saturday, but had to miss the start due to tendinitis.

Notre Dame 10, Georgetown 0

Sophomore David Phelps proved how reliable he is for Notre Dame again, capturing his third straight winning streak Friday against a 10-run shutdown of Georgetown.

The right-hander, who entered the series at 11 in the nation in ERA, lowered his mark from 1.51 to 1.34, adding eight strikeouts in seven innings of work.

The middle of the lineup provided strong support for Phelps and Notre Dame as Brezovsky, Weglarz and Barnes, the three, four, and five batters, each reached base four times. The trio combined to go 7-10 at the plate with five RBIs and seven runs.

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Lilley started the inning on base for Notre Dame after getting hit by a pitch. Georgetown's Erick Chandler proceeded to walk Pollock and Brezovsky to load the bases. Weglarz drove in the first run, sending Lilley home off a sacrifice fly. Dressman advanced the lead to two by reaching first off a throwing error and sending Pollock home.

"You get confidence scoring runs, getting the lead and we just kind of took that," Weglarz said.

Gophers the Hoyas a glimmer of hope in the second as the Irish picked off the two off two failed pick off attempts. Phelps was able to hold on to his shut out as he rounded out the inning with a strikeout to end the game.

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Our three, four and five hitters have been our Achilles heel all year, and they really stepped up," Schrage said.

Weglarz started off the inning for Notre Dame with a single and eventually crossed home on a throwing error. Dressman added an RBI and scored on a dropped fly ball to finish the inning.

The middle of the lineup put up 20 runs in the second inning against the Hoyas in the second inning. The Hoyas were unable to recover after they fell behind by ten and they were eliminated from the tournament.

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Weglarz and Dressman combined for three hits. Dressman's liner drive down the left field line drove in the fifth run for Notre Dame. Weglarz and Dressman scored on their own errors to pick up the last two more runs of the game for Notre Dame.

Weglarz noted that the Irish would have struggled without the combination of strong bats at the middle of the lineup and a strong defensive game.

"Our team puts up ten runs for me, they're going to pick me up nine times ou," he said.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 2 Notre Dame falls short in top-10 battle

By CHRIS HINE

Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu woke up Friday morning as the No. 20 ranked player in the country. As a result, she could not play in No. 2 Notre Dame's match against No. 9 Northwestern.

Without Ciobanu, who holds a 22-2 record and was runner-up in the ITA Northwest Regional and junior Brook Buck, who has been sidelined the last month with an injury, the Irish fell to the Wildcats 2-5 Friday.

"We still had some other chances. We had chance to win some other matches, but we played OK," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. Notre Dame won its other two weekend matches against DePaul and Marquette 7-0 to close out the regular season, but its 16-match winning streak ended at the hands of Northwestern.

The defeat was the first for the No. 2 Irish (23-2) since their 4-2 loss to No. 4 Georgia Tech in the finals of the ITA National Indoor Tournament Feb. 4.

The Irish previously defeated the No. 9 Wildcats 4-3 in the semifinals of the National Indoor Feb. 3.

"I'm sure they were probably on cloud nine," Louderback said. "But this time, the Wildcats pounced out of the gate."

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ND SOFTBALL

Perfect league record gone with loss to Friars

By DAN MURPHY

Notre Dame's perfect Big East record is history.

The Irish received their first blemish of the conference season Saturday when they split a road doubleheader at Providence College.

Notre Dame (20-14, 9-1 Big East) had run off nine straight victories before falling 9-0 to the Friars in the second half of the double

dip this weekend.

After dropping the first game 10-1, the Friars jumped out to an early lead in the second game and never looked back.

Senior catcher Rachel Bartholomew got things started when she clubbed a pitch over the right field wall with runners on first and second. Bartholomew's blast was the first of three home runs given up by the Irish pitching staff in the game.

That (Buck and Ciobanu) weren't going to play. I'm sure that made them even more fired up," Louderback said. "But they just played well. The top of their singles played very, very well this time."

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BASEBALL

Irish take two games from GU

By CHRIS KHOREY, FRAN TOLAN AND DEIRDRE KRASULA

Notre Dame's inconsistency continued this weekend as the Irish recorded two blowout victories sandwiched around an ugly loss in a three-game series against Georgetown at Frank Eck Stadium.

By winning two of three, the Irish ran their record to 17-17 overall and 4-7 in the Big East.

"We needed to win a conference series to get back in the race," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame 11, Georgetown 2

Notre Dame scored 11 runs in the first three innings and 10 in the next two games.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Hoopsters pound asphalt

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Bookstore basketball returned to action Sunday afternoon with a full slate of games across campus. Amid the action, a group of Christian, Gwen Stefani-enthusiasts were able to soundly defeat a squad that would have made Jimmy Buffett proud all the way from Margaritaville. And some distant female relatives of Napoleon Dynamite topped under its opponents.

Freshman David Fairburn puts up a shot during a game held at the Bookstore Courts April 3.