Jenkins surveys ROTC program at ceremony

Student cadets, midshipmen receive awards, salute officials at Pass In Review

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By LUISA CABRERA

News Writer

Notre Dame graduate Ben Ketchum never imagined that a week after receiving a call from the office of the Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, he would meet President George W. Bush. The secretary’s office had called to ask Ketchum about Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program and invited him to the White House to partake in a conversation with Bush, advocating broader choices for parents selecting a school for their children in the School Choice program.

The ACE program, founded in 1993 by Fr. Timothy Scully and Fr. Sean McGraw, has been nationally recognized for an outstanding achievement in producing committed teachers to serve in under-resourced Catholic schools, according to the program’s Web site. In the meeting, President Bush said, “One thing is
INSIDE COLUMN

Conversion to club enthusiasm

I've never been one to really get involved in groups or teams. Throughout high school and so far in college, I've been involved in groups but have never fully engaged myself. I'm usually hoping to see what the group can do for me, and not the other way around.

I am a French major and am a due-paying member of the French Club, yet I have never once attended a French Club event. I haven't had much motivation to invest myself in the events. Perhaps I had only been expecting to find something that would benefit me, and in not finding it, became disinterested.

I've never really thought about this quirk of mine until this year, when I finally found a group that redesigned my idea of a group. ISI, or Iron Sharpens Iron, feels more like a large extended family to me than a school-sponsored club.

For those of you not familiar with it, ISI is an entirely student-led, inter-denominational Christian group that meets every Thursday evening in Co-Mo.

The night includes singing praise and worship followed by a talk given by a student reflecting on images or themes from the Bible. Smaller prayer groups come next, and most people head over to Beckers afterwards to hang out. It's a very relaxing and rejuvenating time to get to know other people and to grow in relationship with Christ.

Since discovering ISI last fall I've been very eager to attend every week. I've made many wonderful friends through the group and have been very much invested in it. The group is what the club means to me, and not the group can do for me.

Offbeat

Dead alligator found in Indiana drain

BIRUNE, Ind. — Surveyors looking for the source of a clogged drain in southern Adams County found a 7-foot dead alligator. "At first they thought it was a turtle in there, but then they discovered an alligator," Adams County sheriff's Deputy Larry Butler said.

He said the 120-pound alligator, which had been dead for about a week, was put inside the drain after it died. The sheriff's department and the Department of Natural Resources were looking for the owner of the reptile found Monday in Birune, about 30 miles south of Fort Wayne.

It is legal to own alligators in Indiana, but the state requires owners to apply for a permit with the DNR for alligators that are longer than 5 feet, said Greg McGall, assistant director with the department's fish and wildlife division.

Fla. city may discuss duck feeding ban

COOPER CITY, Fla. — A Cooper City commissioner wants to discuss a ban on feeding ducks after learning of a messy dispute between two neighbors, Darlene Goldberg, 50, and her neighbor Beverage Vision. Goldberg feeds about a half-dozen ducks every day, which leads to poop all over her patio furniture.

"Someone has got to do something," Goldberg said. "The stench is in the back in awful. I don't need a awful film in my house."

Dena Scoby, 86, denied feeding the Muscovy ducks but said that the Goldbergers are always free to move. Some cities have laws against feeding wildlife, but Cooper City doesn't, City Commissioner Ski Kleinman said he plans to discuss creating such a law at Wednesday's commission meeting.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Student midshipmen from Notre Dame's Navy ROTC salute their commanding officers at Wednesday's Pass In Review in the Joyce Center.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What would be the first thing you would do as governor of Indiana?

Meg Healy
senior
Off-campus

"Make April 15th the Largen's "Girlfriend" the Indiana State Song."

Dave
senior
Off-campus

"Hey, hey, you. I don't like your girlfriend!"

Danice Brown
senior
Off-campus

"More the capital to the Backer Pole."

Kate Altschaefi
senior
Off-campus

"I don't understand the question, and I won't respond to it."

Josh Moon
senior
Off-campus

"Disband state government, cede all territory to Kramer Properties. Long Live Kramanian."

Katherine Sloan
senior
Off-campus

"I would host an inaugural dinner at the Cedar House followed by a reception at an unnamed tavern at the corner of Edison and 23."
SMC student thanks celebs, organizations for going green

By JENN METZ
News Writer

On the heels of Earth Day, Saint Mary's freshman Jen Fetchko is launching a project that will help raise awareness about the environmental realities of today's society. She is starting a letter-writing campaign to thank the organizations and celebrities that have helped bring the problems of global warming into the public spotlight.

Fetchko, originally from Pennsylvania, said her letters are "universal thank-yous," meant to thank agencies, companies and activists like Whole Foods, Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio and the Environmental Defense Fund that someone at Saint Mary's appreciates their work.

Fetchko said she hopes her example leads "other people [to] hopefully see the importance of living in an environmentally conscious way."

"These people are working to establish the foundations for future generations," Fetchko said. "I don't expect anything back from them... I'm just thanking them for what they've started." Fetchko advises students to see films like "An Inconvenient Truth" and DiCaprio's new documentary, "The 11th Hour," due out later this year.

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"I want to make sure it will be a safe place to live... this is just a start," she said. "It doesn't matter what political view you have, it's about just doing things, small things even in your home, to make a difference."

"The first Earth Day, in 1970, began an annual campaign to combat environmental abuse, according to the Earth Day Web site. The main focus of this year's Earth Day is to start a revolution that will find a solution for global warming, the Web site said."

Fetchko said most people associate Earth Day with planting trees and buying organic food, but the day is also about "getting the message out and being informed and aware."

"It can make people think," she said. "People need to keep in mind this message is about the earth and the future. You don't have to actively plant trees."

"I think there's a direct connection between humanity and the environment, and it's one of love and take. Maintaining that harmony is key," said. "What you take from the earth you must give back, either in how clean technology or something as simple as growing a garden."" Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

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Va tech gun man sent materials to NBC

This video grab frame aired by NBC Wednesday shows Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui. The video was included in the package Cho sent to the NBC studio Monday.

U.S. military deaths in Iraq hit 3,311

As of Wednesday, April 19, 2007, at least 3,311 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven civilian militiamen responsible for violence; and apply new sanctions against the government of Sudan.

Iraq

Deadly blasts in Baghdad kill 183

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Midway through his murderer­ous rampage, the Virginia Tech gunman went to the post office and mailed a package containing photos and videos of himself brandishing guns and delivering a snarling, profanity-laced tirade about their "hodnotic needs."

"You bad a hundred billion chances and ways to have avoided today," 23-year-old Cho Seung-Hui tells a har se mon tome, in an excerpt shown on "Nightly News." "But you decided to spill my blood. You forced me into a corner, the only option."

The decision was yours. Now you have blood on your hands that will never wash off." NBC said the package contained a rumbling and often­incoherent, 1,900-word manifesto that included lists of them showing him aiming handguns and other firearms.

He repeatedly suggested he was picked on or otherwise hurt.

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Some of the pictures show him smiling; others show him frowning and snarling. Some depict him brandishing two weapons at a time, one in each hand. He wears a khaki-colored military-style vest, fingerless gloves, a black T-shirt, a backpack and a backwards black baseball cap.

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He also refers to "martyrs like Eric and Dylan" - a refer­ence to the teenage killers in the Columbine High mas­acre.

NBC News President Steve Burack said that the network received the package around noon and notified the FBI. The FBI said that NBC received the package at around 3:30 p.m.

Burack said it was clear Cho videotaped himself, because he could be seen leaning in to shut off the camera.

Iraqi civilians and United Nations security personnel in a car bomb attack in Baghdad.

A car bomb exploded near a U.S. military convoy in southeastern Baghdad on Wednesday, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding two other people, an officials said.

The explosion occurred as a convoy was passing through a residential neighborhood in the eastern part of the city, according to an Associated Press witness.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - Gangsters with automatic weapons shot it out with police in broad daylight near downtown, forcing their hostages to shield children on their way to school. Passengers on buses stuck in traffic hit the floor as bullet slat shattered windows.

A day after terrorizing gunbattles left 19 criminals lying dead in the streets, Brazil grappled Wednesday with a shocking image of how far Rio de Janeiro has sunk into violence as Brazil prepares for a papal visit next month and the Pan American Games this summer.

"You can't protect yourself," said Jorge Henrique Neto, who was grazed in the head by a stray bullet that tore into a bus. "How can you protect yourself if you get shot just sitting on a bus?"

The worst bloodshed was in the Mira­ria shan­own, where 13 people died. Officials said two were killed by police and the rest died in fight­­ing between rival drug gangs.

Bush said the Sudanese government must stop supporting violent militias and let humani­tarian aid in to stop the bloodshed in Darfur.

"The a rra n g e m e n t does not call for an exchange or a swap of individuals," he said. "It's an "informal agreement" that "does not create legal obligations."

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Associated Press
Harrington, Erin Smith, Castle Sweeney, Karl Kadon, C. Scott Martin and John-Paul Adrian were among the cadets and midshipmen that received decorations Wednesday.

Henebery received two top honors, including the Patrick Haley Award for mastery of the Army Training Management System.

"Essentially, this is the formal system used by the army in the training of its troops," Henebery said. "Army cadets, as future officers, must all be well versed in this system."

He will be commissioned as a lieutenant of Infantry in the spring.

Henebery's fellow cadet, senior Ashley Shelton, received the Noel Duke award "for participation and leadership in the Arnold Air Society, which is the service organization affiliated with Air Force ROTC," she said.

While flattered, Shelton was quick to share the recognition with her peers and teammates.

"Our branch of Arnold Air is full of men and women who are highly dedicated to serving the greater community with their time and talents, and the real honor is to have been able to serve with them these past four years," Shelton said.

Following the presentation of the top ROTC students, Jenkins took the stage to tell the cadets and midshipmen about the marriage their characters as servicemen have with their roles as Notre Dame students.

He said the principles of their military training - service, discipline and selflessness - reflect the principles the University espouses, and he urged them to keep them in their hearts when they serve in the armed forces.

Jenkins said Notre Dame has sought to teach and train the leaders of the country's military to make sure they will judge wisely and act justly when they face difficult decisions that may determine the fate of irreplaceable civilians.

The University, he said, will continue to welcome ROTC students on its campus and praise their determination to serve the country.

In March, a group of Catholic Workers from different cities in the Midwest staged an unauthorized demonstration on campus, questioning Notre Dame's decision to sponsor military programs despite the University's Catholic - and consequently nonviolent - character.

When asked about the Catholic Workers' opposition to the ROTC program, Jenkins cited the rewards of educating future military leaders in Notre Dame's Catholic tradition to guarantee sensible officers at the helm of the armed forces.

"As Catholics, we recognize and respect anybody who may take a position of conscientious pacifism," Jenkins said. "But at the same time we recognize the importance of educating those who will serve conscientiously in the military services."

The Pass In Review ceremony has its roots in medieval Europe, when soldiers would march in front of their lords to let them inspect the units and assess their readiness for battle, Henebery said.

He said he was thrilled about the ceremony because it gives the ROTC branches an opportunity to display precisiondrilling to their classmates.

"The rest of the year, other students see us going to and from class in uniform, but otherwise what we do is a mystery to them. The Pass in Review is the only time where we do something for the public to see."

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WASHINGTON — Nissan Motor Co. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said Wednesday the Japanese automaker would introduce a diesel version of the Nissan Maxima in the United States in 2010. Ghosn, in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations, said the vehicle would comply with emissions standards in all 50 states and provide improved fuel economy and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

"The launch of the Maxima will mark the start of a broader diesel strategy in the United States," Ghosn said, adding the company was studying diesel vehicles in other markets.

Automakers have been turning to diesels amid projections of increased interest in vehicles, which are popular in Europe. J.D. Power and Associates has estimated that diesels will grow from 3.6 percent of the U.S. market to about 9 percent by 2012, Ghosn said, who also serves as chief executive of Nissan's French partner, Renault SA, said the automaker is developing alternative vehicles to be "part of the solution" as industries attempt to reduce emissions.

"It is difficult to say which solutions work best. It would prove to be the most popular among consumers, and preferences vary from one world market to another. As the world market trends emerge, we will be supporting whatever consumers what they want," Ghosn said.

The government has implemented tighter emissions standards for diesel engines, which require new ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. The fuel and clean diesel technology work in tandem to reduce emissions. In 2010, diesel engines will be required to emit about 90 percent less nitrogen oxide.

Ghosn, speaking to reporters, declined to provide a new estimate for when the automaker will meet a key sales target. Nissan said earlier this week that it may need to push back its goal of selling 4.2 million vehicles worldwide for the fiscal year ending March 2009.

Nissan, Japan's third-largest automaker, faced weakened performance last year because of a lack of new models in North America and sluggish sales in Japan.

Asked whether he was interested in seeking an alliance with Daimler Chrysler AG's Chrysler Group, Ghosn said his two companies were focused on their own results.

Ghosn unsuccessfully sought an alliance with General Motors Corp. last year, and a billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who encouraged a Nissan-Renault-GM alliance, is among the potential buyers for Chrysler.

"You don't want to engage in anything like this if any of your stakeholders are worried about your own company. You want to make sure your company is on track for growth and profitability before envisioning something else," he said.

"I still believe in the power of alliances. But it has to happen at the right moment, and I don't think for us it's the right moment," Ghosn said.

BRIEF

H.H. Gregg to offer stocks to public INDIANAPOLIS — H.H. Gregg Appliances, a video product and appliance retailer with stores in several states, has filed plans to raise up to $172.5 million through an initial public offering of common stock.

The Indianapolis-based company said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers are the lead underwriters for the offering. The company intends to list its stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HHG." H.H. Gregg currently operates 77 stores in Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, New York, South Carolina and Alabama.

The company reported a $13 million profit for the nine-month period that ended Dec. 31, down from $18.5 million for the same period a year earlier. However, sales rose from $679 million to $776 million during those same time frames.

The company attributed the increase to the addition of seven stores and a 3 percent increase in same-store sales.

Motorola posts first loss in years CHICAGO — Motorola Inc. posted its first quarterly loss since 2004 on Wednesday as dismal sales continued to vex the struggling cell phone maker.

Worse still, the company said its misfortunes would continue through the second quarter.

Blaming disappointing sales of mobile phones, as well as expenses to cover a legal settlement, restructuring efforts and an acquisition, the telecommunication equipment maker said it lost $181 million, or 8 cents per share, in the first three months of 2007. That compares with a profit of $86 million, or 27 cents per share, during the same period a year earlier.

The results met Wall Street's drastically lowered expectations, which followed a warning last week that sales at the world's No. 2 cell phone maker would fall more than $1 billion short of previous projections.

Overall, first-quarter sales slid 1.8 percent, to $9.43 billion, from $9.61 billion a year ago. Still, that came in ahead of the $9.29 billion expected by Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Financial.

Associated Press

Nissan Motor Co. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn discusses the diesel Maxima set to hit the U.S. in 2010 with the Council of Foreign Nations in Washington Wednesday.

Businesses using eco-friendly products

NEW YORK — The expression "going green" might have a gimmicky sound, but for small businesses, selling environmentally friendly products and services can be very profitable. And even companies whose line of work is more traditional can benefit from using green products and practices.

"Many companies own or use environmentally friendly cars, recycle materials and buy biodegradable office supplies because they care about what happens to the environment. It also makes good business sense, making their companies more competitive and lifting employees' morale," Mark Malkin, a former New York-based real estate company that also has a construction affiliate, has switched its fleet of more than 25 pickup trucks to hybrid Ford Escape cars.

Tony Malkin said of the hybrids, "they pay for themselves in the fuel savings." He noted that most of the company's driving is done on local streets, and called the pickups' mileage "appalling.

"W&M has also implemented recycling programs in the buildings it manages, including ones that handle discarded computers. "It's what you're supposed to do, but people don't do it," Malkin said.

The company also is recycling about half the materials it's removing from a project being done for Pitney Bowes. "You're using less landfill space, and it's product that can be used again in the future," Malkin said.

Malkin said his company is using more green practices because "the current way of doing business is destructible." But, he said, "people want to do business in an environmentally sustainable fashion and we are at a competitive advantage by moving the needle toward green."

There are many ways that companies can go green. Some of them are simple, and basic, such as conserving energy with appliances and equipment that aren't power guzzlers. Recycling is a very common way to go green. So is buying paper and other supplies that are made with recycled material.

There are plenty of resources detailing how to go green on the Internet, in bookstores and in libraries. Environmental groups have information as well.

Mark Malkin, co-owner of Mark Drugs, a Bowelle, Ill., pharmacy, said his business recycles even though the local government doesn't have a recycling program.

"It's an extra effort, but we feel it's important to be conscientious about the environment," he said.
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Security

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hours before opening fire and killing 30 more people in one of the school's academic buildings had been announced.

"Suffice it to say, that plans do exist," University spokesman Dan O'Day said. "They are constantly being reviewed in light of the Virginia Tech experience, and we would be [foolish] if we do not attempt to review those plans."

Wycill said he expects Notre Dame to comment on campus security plans in the future, but he couldn't give an exact date.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NSDP) Director Phil Johnson declined to comment on NSDP's procedures for crisis management plans and referred all questions to University representatives in the office of News and Information.

Wycill declined to comment on what off campus authority to lock down buildings or evacuate people in the event of an emergency. He would not say if the University would consider walking a bomb threat into the campus broadcast system or use it to transmit voice messages to faculty, students and staff.

But Gorden Wishon, the University's chief information officer, said Notre Dame has been looking into the possibility of compiling a database of cellular phone numbers to send text messages to recipients, faculty and students.

The letter also describes several measures the student government intends to hold today and in the near future.

The student government plans to send posters depicting the mascots of each of the 27 dorms, signed by members of the student government, to every dorm.

"Although the miles that separate our campuses, the virginia Tech tragedy is as real to the entire Virginia Tech community, remain at the forefront of all of our prayers," the letter says. "And of course, we will take away the pain and suffering of these events, but we pray that God will take you through this difficult time."

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But Morrissey senator Tom Baskis asked the Senate to consider what the change would mean to the numbers of students attending the University of Notre Dame, and whether the number should be changed.

"It is our role as Catholic students to stand up for forgiveness, and I think we should still pray for people to change or not to change to the number according to the number listed on Notre Dame's Web site, allowing the school to make the decision about how many victims there were."

In other Senate news:

♦ Representatives from USA Today's College Readings Program delivered a one-year assessment of the program to the Senate. The presentation included figures about how many students are paid to read and how many students are consumed by students on a daily basis, with breakdowns according to reading location and newspaper type.

♦ The administration and members of a security planning committee are reviewing a new daily manual.

♦ Senate leaders are looking for as many ways as possible to release a bomb threat, a rapist or a devouring bear on campus. The Senior Senate has begun a discussion on drafting a bomb threat, a rapist or a devouring bear on campus.
Parents are given the opportunity to exercise choice through the use of various school selection tools, such as tax credit and school vouchers, in schools outside their own communities, according to the organization's Web site.

"A parental choice is a very important part of educational excellence. And one way to make sure that's the case is not only to fully fund the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship, but to provide these kinds of scholarships for school systems outside of Washington," Bush said.

The program is especially beneficial for low-income families that don't have the option of moving to neighborhoods with better schools, Fr. Ronald Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, stressed the program's importance in light of the needs of underprivileged families.

"School Choice programs are a legislative attempt to level that playing field and give the poor some options for the education of their children," Nuzzi said. "All of us in ACE believe the poor have special claims on us, because of the example of Jesus in the Gospel and the Old Testament prophets. We will always be great friends of and advocates for school choice."

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for certain. If you're interested in educational excellence, you can look at the Catholic schools in the United States of America, because they provide it — and for that, this country is very grateful," the White House Web site said.

Ketchum told Bush about the benefits Student Choice has in the United States of America. Parents use this tool, and it’s a gift to have Catholic school as a choice," Ketchum said.

**"Many of our students and parents use this tool, and it's a gift to have Catholic school as a choice."

Ben Ketchum
Notre Dame, ACE graduate

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**Spring storms hit East coast, kill 18**

**PORTLAND — Utility crews cut their way through toppled trees Wednesday to restore service to thousands of customers still without power since a huge weekend storm battered the area.**

Communities from New Jersey to Maine were still coping with storm flooding after the storm dumped more than 8 inches of rain in some areas, along with coastal flooding brought on by astronomical high tides and heavy surf.

Eighteen deaths were blamed on the weather system, including a woman whose body was pulled from a New Jersey river on Wednesday.

New Hampshire safety officials made plans Wednesday to breach the 19th-century Hayden Mill Pond dam at Hollis to relieve the pressure of high water from the storm and avoid a failure. A dozen families living near the six-acre reservoir were evacuated Tuesday evening and National Guard troops closed part of a highway as a precaution.

More than 50,000 businesses and homes remained without power in Maine, where Central Maine Power Co. was being helped by repair crews from neighboring New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and as far away as Pennsylvania.

Utility officials warned that some people might be without power until the end of the week.

"It's a huge number of trees that are down, so it's a big job cutting those away," said CMP spokesman John Carroll. "Plus there are 250 broken poles. That's an enormous number of poles."

Utilities in New Hampshire reported nearly 17,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity, down from roughly 90,000 at the peak, and said some might not be reconnect- ed until the weekend.

In many areas, road damage and fallen trees blocked repair crews' access, said New Hampshire Electric Cooperative spokesman Seth Wheeler.

"There are 18 different tree crews we've hired ... just clearing trees first before the live crews can get in there and do construction," Wheeler said.

About 1,400 New Jersey residents were in emergency shelters because of flooding, up slightly from Tuesday, as more residents returned home. A dozen families went house to house by boat in a flooded section of Fairfield, asking if residents of about three dozen homes needed to be evacuated, said State Police Sgt. Stephen Jones.

"The numbers are fluctuating, actually going down in some places as folks go home, but rising in others as people who had been holding out just give in and go to a shelter," Jones said.

Sections of some New Jersey highways were still closed by standing water.

About 40 New Hampshire roads remained closed by high water or damage, Gov. John Lynch said. Most were expected to be reopened soon, but it could take weeks to repair landside damage to Route 101 in Wilton, Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Boynton said.

Lynch had asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to start a preliminary damage assessment in all 10 counties to determine eligibility for federal disaster relief.

"Many New Hampshire communities have been overwhelmed by all the flooding," he said, noting that about 6,000 residents still could not return home.

Swollen rivers in Massachusetts were receding but waves still crashed over sea walls and flooded coastal roads early, authorities said.

Two families were evacuated from oceanfront homes in Duxbury, Mass., late Tuesday but were able to return the next morning, fire Capt. Skip Chandler said. Their homes had knee-deep water on the ground floor, he said. "Thank goodness it wasn't worse," he said.

Most roads had reopened in the suburbs north of New York City, as homeowners in Westchester County piled water-ruined carpets and furniture in heaps outside.

On Fire Island, a barrier island across New York's Long Island, some homes were clippering to narrow breaches in sea walls because the storm's waves had scoured the sand out from beneath them.

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Supreme Court bans partial-birth abortions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday in a 5-4 decision that bans a controversial abortion method nationwide and sets the stage for further restrictions.

Justices said the Constitution permits a nationwide prohibition on the procedure and would allow the procedure to continue. The court's liberal justices, in dissent, said the ruling chipped away at abortion rights.

The 5-4 decision written by Justice Anthony Kennedy said the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act that Congress passed and Bush signed into law in 2003 does not violate a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

Siding with Kennedy were Bush's two appointees, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, along with Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The law is constitutional because it allows the procedure to continue if it would save the life of the mother. The dissenting justices said the procedure was designed to continue the pregnancy.

The justices cited a 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade that guaranteed women the right to an abortion. The opinion in a case of their own creation, the justices wrote, doesn't give them the ability to violate that constitutional right.

The dissenting justices also said the majority made up a new constitutional rule: that a constitutional case doesn't need to involve a woman who seeks an abortion, because the law guarantees that right.

The majority ruled that the law is constitutional and not an overreach into the rights of doctors who perform abortions.

A one-page dissent written by Justice Stephen Breyer said the court has moved far from the Roe v. Wade decision it made nearly 30 years ago.

Breyer said the majority is taking away the right of women to make decisions about their bodies and health care.

The court estimated that 1 percent of all legal abortions are performed using the procedure that opponents call infanticide.

The vote was 5-4, with Roberts writing for the majority, while Breyer and Justices David Souter, Ginsburg and Thomas wrote the dissent.

About 3,000 such abortions were performed in the United States in 2000, according to a Justice Department estimate. The majority said the law would not have a significant effect on the number of abortions performed.

Arguments before the court were heard in January.

President Bush signed the ban into law in 2003.

In 1973, the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade decided that the Constitution gives a woman the right to an abortion as early as the point in which the woman can no longer make the child.
WASHINGTON — Looking pretty is costing John Edwards’ presidential campaign a lot of pennies. The Democrat’s campaign committee picked up the tab for two haircuts at $400 each by celebrity stylist Joseph Torrenueva of Beverly Hills, Calif., according to a financial report filed with the Federal Election Commission.

FEC records show Edwards also availed himself of $250 in services from the Pink Sapphire in Manchester, N.H., which is described on its Web site as “a unique boutique for the mind, body and face” that caters mostly to women. A spokeswoman for Edwards’ campaign did not respond to requests for comment.

Torrenueva — who specializes in men’s haircuts — confirmed in an interview with The Associated Press that Edwards is a longtime client and friend. “I do cut his hair and I have cut it for quite a while,” Torrenueva said. “We’ve been friends a long time.”

Referring to a picture of Edwards published Tuesday in the Los Angeles Times, Torrenueva said: “That’s my cut.”

The stylist said he couldn’t vouch for the source of Edwards’ haircuts in other photos. One reason the cost of the cut was so steep even by Beverly Hills standards is that Torrenueva went to Edwards rather than the candidate coming into the stylist’s salon a block off Rodeo Drive.

“I go to him wherever convenient,” Torrenueva said. He declined to identify where the cuts paid for by the campaign took place. Campaign records also show the former North Carolina senator’s campaign paid $248 on March 1 to the Designworks Salon in Dubuque.

According to Designworks’ Web site, the salon and spa features a wide variety of beauty and health services, including massages, facials, body polishes, self-tanners, and rosemary mint and Caribbean thérapy body wraps.

The salon’s owners did not return a call.

Pink Sapphire co-owner Ariana Franggiono said the two payments last month — $150 on March 7 and $75 on March 20 — were for doing Edwards’ makeup for television appearances. She handles makeup for local television personality and was referred to Edwards through that connection.

“Your phone is going, I promise he’s not in here getting faced and number pools of eyes or anything,” she said.

But Franggiono made alleviating poverty the central theme of candidacy, has been criticized for building a $26,000-square-foot home for $5.3 million near Chapel Hill, N.C., a complex of several buildings on 102 acres includes an indoor basketball court, an indoor pool and a handball court.

Edwards uses campaign funds to pay for haircuts
The Observer
Still waiting for our victory

Anyone old enough to speak coherently at the time still remembers the moment, over forty years ago, when they heard about JFK's assassination. Our grandparents can tell us how they listened to the radio accounts of the event. The Observer is a newspaper serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The Independent, Daily Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Viewpoint: Any one of you who was there that day, any one of you can tell us how we felt on the day of Nov. 22, 1963 — what we were doing, how the horrific tragedy of that morning unfolded for us and our personal feelings on the matter. Any one time someone shares a personal story of that Day, I'm always amazed at the details people recall.

I remember listening to Paul Harvey's show on my radio while driving to school when he announced the first plane crash. I remember talking about it with my friend before the start of first-hour Biology, and I remember the girl who came in and told us the other tower had been hit. I remember conversations that I had that day, things different teachers said and talking with my grandparents in the evening. That was one country away, without a personal connection to the event involved. The mass media of the past century gave rise to a new, shared cultural experience, a common reference point that breaches distance and background the generation-defining event.

When we hear '911' described this way, it is absolutely not an apt term.

This week, we have another national tragedy. News of the massacre at Virginia Tech spread like wildfire through local radio and television stations, through quickly formed Facebook pages, and on internet discussions and forums. Solid first-hand accounts of courage and action during the Virginia shootings. I hesitate to compare this with '911': the numbers, circumstances, impact, source, scope and means are worlds apart. Yet both incidents serve to painfully remind us that these events always seem to be associated with sorrow, tragedy and death.

The events of Monday, though still fresh in my mind, will probably not stick with me as do those of '911'. Sadly, the thousands of students and faculty and staff connected with the university, the thousands of parents worrying about home and the thousands of residents in the surrounding community don't have that luxury of separation. For them, this will become a "where were you when..." event. Monthly will haunt their minds and stay with them for the duration of their lives. Healing can take place, and God willing, can come soon, but memories of all the little details from Monday will stick. Meanwhile, the rest of us are stuck asking ourselves: How many more of these "defining" events can we plan on seeing in the coming years and decades? And when can we expect one judged not by the body count or human toll, but by the rewards and human joy brought about?

Some may say any event that becomes constantly discussed, like '911', does not develop its crystalline clarity in the moments of its occurrence, but rather slowly seeps itself into the constant regurgitation of facts and satellite details in the months and years following. Even if this were the case, we are still left empty-handed trying to think of a ubiquitous positive event. I firmly believe that such events, incredibly wonderful instead of shockingly horrible, are entirely possible. Unfortunately, we are still waiting to see what such an event would look like.

The consistently negative nature of these events can be explained to some degree. "Good events," for one, rarely culminate in one triumphant moment. Tragedy, on the other hand, catches us unaware. In the shock, the horrific facts come slowly and there are a thousand unknowns. With triumphant accomplishments, the event is often merely symbolic and known well in advance. The closest models I can call to mind are the fall of the Berlin Wall, which I and most of my classmates were too young to remember — and the moon landing, decades before we were born.

Our generation, already exposed to so much death and murder and war and evil, still waits for its anti-9/11. We have yet to gather around our televisions and computers to share joy instead of sorrow, fulfill our personal feelings of that morning, our personal story of That Day, I'm always amazed at the details people recall.

James Dechant

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Quote of the Day

"If there is anything that a man can do to help himself, Give him a chance."

Abraham Lincoln

former U.S. president
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Some law students not so discontented**

*Law school faculty praiseworthy*

As recent alumnae of the law school, we feel that we must respond to the April 17 article, "Law Students Show Discontent." We certainly share our former classmates’ concern with NDLS’ recent drop in the rankings, the adequacy of the current building, the planned new building, recent faculty departures and the administration in general. However, we cannot agree with our classmates’ assessment of faculty quality. In our three years as JD students, we had the good fortune of being taught by the most talented, dedicated and intelligent professors we could ever hope for. They may have been harsh on us in our first-year classes, but over three years the overwhelming majority of our professors went above and beyond their classroom duties.

We can recall many, many times when a professor assisted us with our personal research interests, advised us on career opportunities, stayed late at night to assist us with clinical work, gave us a home phone number to call in case we needed help with anything and even hosted us for a meal at his home. We have had professors who shared our political viewpoints, disagreed with us vehemently or who never gave us the slightest hint as to their political leanings, and we can say with certainty that none of our professors ever allowed his political views to influence his treatment of students.

Our education was enhanced by the Catholic atmosphere of the law school as issues of faith, ethics and morality permeated discussions on any subject. Like our classmates, we were often annoyed by our required courses. As public interest lawyers, we were more burdened by required corporate and tax law classes than by classes on ethics and philosophy. But even those tedious subjects are taught by dedicated, enthusiastic faculty who did their best to make their subjects interesting and uncomplicated for their less-than-enthusiastic students. Criticizing a professor because one did not like his class or teaching style is unfair, and we can vouch for the quality of the professors who taught our jurisprudence and ethics classes as well as the quality of the material taught.

We also share our classmates’ concerns about the number of course offerings. There are more classes offered on corporate law than any other subject, and we often struggled to fill up our schedules with courses geared toward public interest work. We hope that the administration will make a real effort to retain the stellar current faculty, including library and clinical faculty, and hire new faculty in all areas of law. Law school was far from the best three years of our lives. We, like the current JD students, were constantly frustrated with an unresponsive and sometimes malicious administration, substandard facilities and limited course offerings. But we credit NDLS’ excellent faculty with making those three years as enjoyable as law school could possibly be and with forming us into the ethical, hardworking and open-minded lawyers we are today. We consider ourselves not only better lawyers but better people for having known and learned from them, and whatever our concerns about the leadership of the law school, we will always lend them the highest praise. They earn it every day.

Kate Leahy
Jessie Tannenbaum
Lenore Vanderzee
Law School seniors
Class of 2006
April 17

**Iraq pullout not logical**

Finish what you start. That’s what my mother always taught me about life. This same motto can be applied to national policy. In the April 18 Letter to the Editor “Lives lost to waste cause in Iraq,” the author claims that “The entire war in [Iraq] is a waste.”

The claim the United States needs to pull out to save human life and honor the lives of soldiers that could die if the war continued.

Pulling out of Iraq is possibly the worst thing the government could do right now. There have been talk of people looking for a gradual withdrawal. That sounds strangely familiar doesn’t it? That’s right, we learned about it in history in reference to the Vietnam War. OK, yeah that’s great; we can put the Iraq war right next to the one for Vietnam while meanwhile leaving another country in ruin.

Out of all the unstable countries in the area Iraq has the best chance of being a stable modern country, and it is because of the billions of U.S. dollars flowing into it to help it rebuild. Yes, that money could be going to other things more self-serving, but take a look at the Marshall Plan. In 1947, 13 billion dollars were given to several countries in Europe to help them recover from WWII. I’m pretty sure that was as huge an amount then as we’re spending now, but those countries are in good shape thanks to us. As for Vietnam, it’s possible we did all we could there, but maybe if we stayed and won there Vietnam it wouldn’t still be considered a developing country. So go ahead, withdraw our troops from Iraq and cut off funding. I’m sure all the soldiers who have died would much rather we build another memorial rather than actually finish what we started, so they will not have died for no reason.

I’m sure that 30 years down the road, I can buy a set of DVDs for a couple of bucks to help some charity organization fight poverty in Iraq.

James Been
Student
Zahn Hall
April 18

**Graphical art exhibit does exactly what it set out to**

You’ll have to forgive my friend Jay. Obviously, he is a philosophy grad student and prone to a sort of theoretical anachronism. But I find it distinctive and theatrical to trot out linguistic sins like “stale objectivity of Kantian aesthetics” and “aboutness” when measuring the work of so many soon-to-be graduates. The heart of his argument — a breathless caricature of modernism’s belief in the virgin purity of capital-A Art — doesn’t square with the BFA/MAF exhibit.

First of all, of the studio art projects could be described as heavy-handed political pieces. Consider the work of the artists he knows personally: Meeg Conroy’s meticulously penciled constellation of family portraits. Mack Russell’s tripich of photographs (the “homosexuality piece?”) is a luminous technical feat. Second of all, many of the projects he refers to — those regarding worker’s rights, Vietnam, etc. — are works of graphic design. The graphic designer has failed if he or she hasn’t unequivocally expressed a message. BFA Carolin Hubscher’s minimal, story-craft.

Laura Geldermann
Law School senior
O’Hara Gym
April 18

**Please recycle**

The Observer.
The sixth annual PEMCO Revue, "Beyond the Curtain," includes 25 acts from more than 20 different musicals, including "Chicago" and "A Chorus Line.

The show's inspiration for the show comes from a song in the musical "Chorus Line" called "What I Did For Love," Fancy said. "The title felt very appropriate because through all of the experiences the people in the show have had with theater, we've all come to realize that we all do whatever we do for the love of theater."

The show's themes are all about people's experiences with musical theater at ND and how those experiences helped make them into the people they are today. "The show's title, "Beyond the Curtain," is also just plain fun. As cast member Erin O'Shea put it, "It's cool because you come in and find out why they do it. Always bring a book to rehearsal and do some homework and watching the other acts. I never read it." Fancy said. "This way, you can really feature people who might otherwise go unnoticed."

The show is structured around different categories and is interspersed with quotes from the actual cast members talking about how theater has impacted their lives beyond the stage. Featuring over 25 acts from more than 20 different musicals, "Beyond the Curtain" features nearly 40 young ladies and gentlemen drawn from all over campus, mostly undergraduate students, but with a few graduate students and some high school seniors also included. "Beyond the Curtain" puts the spotlight on people who might otherwise go unnoticed.

The show is that with so many talented people here at Notre Dame, not everyone gets a chance to be featured onstage," Fancy said. "This way, we can really feature the cream of the crop."

Auditions for "Beyond the Curtain" were held the week before spring break over a two-night span. More than 100 acts auditioned before the final number was whittled down to less than half the original count. With a surplus of talented thespians here at Notre Dame, the show's title, "Beyond the Curtain," puts the spotlight on people who are sometimes overlooked. "One of the reasons we chose to do this show is that with so many talented people here at Notre Dame, not everyone gets a chance to be featured onstage," Fancy said. "This way, we can really feature the cream of the crop."
Love him or hate him for his personal antics, there is no doubt that Mel Gibson has been associated with some of the most spectacular and talked-about movies of the past several decades. His recent scandal has perhaps marred his popularity in regards to his latest film, "Apocalypto," as well as his future movies, but his older films are still a testament to his talent as both an actor and director.

The new DVD release of "Mel Gibson: Ultimate Collection" takes three of these classic films — "Braveheart," "Payback" and "We Were Soldiers" — and groups them in a three-disc collection for fans of the Australian actor to enjoy.

•Braveheart (1995)
This picture, which won Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director (it was also directed by Gibson), is by far the best film in the collection. Gibson stars as William Wallace, a Scottish king who rallies his people to overthrow the oppressive English rule under which they live.

"Braveheart" is at once a historical epic and a moving romance. Superb acting combines with stunning cinematography and well-choreographed fight scenes to make this Gibson’s best film and also one of the top films of all time.

While this DVD itself is no different from the previously released standalone version, it contains good extras such as a commentary from Gibson and a lengthy documentary that details the difficulties in shooting on location in Scotland.

•Payback: Straight Up the Director’s Cut (1999)
The second DVD in the pack is the gem of the three, as it contains the newly released director’s cut of "Payback." Here, Gibson plays Porter, the bad guy — albeit a likable one — for once, a career criminal who is double crossed by his accomplices and left for dead. When Porter does not die, he exacts vengeance on his former compatriots in an unforgettable fashion.

Director Brian Helgoland’s original film, while suspenseful and entertaining, became overly simplified and cheery at the mandate of studio executives who feared the original cut was too sophisticated and dark for audiences. While the result was good, it felt empty and trite in finished form.

The director’s cut is substantially better than the original release and features much more engaging dialogue along with a darker tone that shows a different side of Gibson. Special features include an interesting new documentary about the making of the director’s cut. This disc alone makes the entire set worth purchasing.

•We Were Soldiers (2002)

The classic film "Braveheart" garnered a directorial Oscar for Gibson, who also starred in the movie as the Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace.

Although certainly not a bad film, "We Were Soldiers" is the weakest of the three in this set. Gibson stars as Lt. Col. Hal Moore, a general who must lead his troops into a place called "The Valley of Death" during the Vietnam War. This true story focuses on Moore’s heroism and courage in what was one of the most violent battles in U.S. history.

While this film is epic on the level of "Braveheart" — and well shot at that — it comes off as cold and lacking the heart so aptly included in Gibson’s earlier film. Many critics often term this "Braveheart 3" for its similarities to the predecessor ("The Patriot" is considered "Braveheart 2") and comparisons to any such great film will usually fall short.

As with "Braveheart," the special features are the same as on the regular standalone DVD, the best of which is a behind-the-scenes documentary that shows how many of the film’s complex helicopter scenes were actually filmed. While perhaps not as worthy of inclusion in this three-pack as "The Patriot," "We Were Soldiers" is an adequate war film that showcases Mel Gibson’s talent in acting in epic movies.

It is within this epic genre that Mel Gibson has proven himself one of the most talented actors in recent years, continually churning out thrilling, exciting films. The "Ultimate Collection DVD" showcases these three in all their bloody, gory glory.

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Documenting the first major American battle in the Vietnam war, "We Were Soldiers" tells of the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Gibson) and his men in the Ia Drang Valley.
Brendan Shanahan wiped out one-goal deficits and gave the Rangers their first series win since ousting New Jersey from the second round in 1997.

"You can't really ask for a better series from the guys," said forward Brendan Shanahan, who tied it at 2 in the second period. "We are happy we played the series, but at the same time we are keeping our head on our shoulders.

Sixth-seeded New York earned its first home playoff victory since 1997 on three shutouts, including a shutout in the opener. The Rangers' first sweep since opening round of the 1994 playoffs — the year they last won the Stanley Cup.

"It wasn't our goal just to make the first round," New York captain Jaromir Jagr said. "As long as we stay healthy we have a pretty good chance to go somewhere.

Fresh off a 7-0 victory in Game 3 on Tuesday, the Rangers had a much tougher time with goalie Johan Hedberg than Kari Lehtonen. The Rangers scored 37 shots in a 1-1 loss in Game 2 but Thrashers coach Bob Hartley made the curious decision to go back to Lehtonen, in New York.

Michal Rozsival and Shanahan wiped out one-goal advantages and put Collins in position for the game-winner. Jagr scored into an empty net with 1:33 remaining.

**Devis 4, Lightning 3 (OT)**

Turns out the New Jersey Devils didn't need a stellar performance from Martin Brodeur to climb back into the NHL Eastern Conference finals against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Another big game by Zach Parise and Scott Gomez's over-time goal completed the best-of-seven Eastern Conference match-up Tuesday night.

Game 5 is Friday night at New York.

"It's a big momentum shifter for us. You lose that, you're down 3-1. Now it's 2-2. It's a new ballgame," Brodeur said. "We've got home-ice advantage now, so we're definitely happy about the situation we're in."

Brodeur had 30 saves, but squandered a two-goal lead in the second period. He has allowed 12 goals in four games after entering the post-season with a 1.89 goals-against average in 153 playoff games.

Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin scored for the Lightning, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit. Holmquist stopped 33 shots after making 64 saves in Tampa Bay victories in Games 2 and 3.

**Sabres 4, Islanders 2**

Chris Drury has a knack for scoring big goals.

"For whatever reason, puck seems to find people like Chris," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said after Drury scored twice to help the top-seeded Sabres beat the New York Islanders on Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the first-round series.

Thomas Vanek and Jason Pominville also scored, and Ryan Miller made 24 saves in his second straight victory on Long Island. The win moved the NHL regular-season champions into position to end the series Friday night in Buffalo.

"We have to come out and play a great game Friday night," DiPietro said. "They're a great team and they're smelly blood."

Druy, who also scored twice in Buffalo's Game 1 victory, gave the Sabres a 3-2 lead with a power-play goal 39 seconds into the second period. He scored from the slot off his own rebound after DiPietro and defenseman Tom Poti failed to control the puck.

"Ricky made a great toe save and the rebound just found its way to him" Drury said. "When you get a good ice at the start of the period, you want to take advantage of it."

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

- New York 33-49 22-30 2-8
- Philadelphia 35-47 24-28 6-4
- Boston 24-58 16-36 2-8

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

- Atlanta 39-52 17-35 3-7
- Washington 41-41 27-25 2-8
- Miami 44-38 27-25 5-5

Eastern Conference, Northwest Division

- Houston 52-30 28-24 6-4
- Chicago 49-33 36-16 7-3
- Cleveland 50-32 31-21 7-3

Eastern Conference, Northwest Division

- New Orleans 11-12 5-7 0-3
- San Antonio 18-34 10-18 3-7
- Houston 13-27 8-18 2-6

Western Conference, Pacific Division

- Golden State 42-40 28-24 9-1
- LA Clippers 40-42 23-29 5-5
- Sacramento 33-49 18-34 3-7

Western Conference, Southwest Division

- Portland 30-50 14-31 4-5
- Dallas 24-39 14-27 3-7
- New Orleans 38-38 23-28 7-3
- Memphis 22-50 14-30 4-6

PGA

PGA event returns to New Orleans

Associated Press

AVONDALE — Bill Murray ate a char-broiled Louisiana oyster as he walked toward the 18th green, then hurried the shell into a water hazard, shouting, "Now go and grow other!"

He flexed his biceps after his chip up a steep embankment landed on the green, then pointed at the sky when a two-putt, his typically goofy antics amusing the gallery at a charity pro-am event preceding the PGA Tour's latest stop at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

It was more than a trivial moment of levity for course officials at the TPC Louisiana, where there wasn't much to laugh about after Hurricane Katrina tore through here 19 months ago. This was supposed to be the course that would secure New Orleans' spot on the PGA Tour calendar. Instead, it hosted only one Zurich Classic before Katrina topped about 2,000 trees along the fairways, scattered drain-clogging debris and left numerous fairways underwater.

The public course was closed for 10 months, forcing the PGA to go back to English Turn so a rebuilding New Orleans could keep its economically vital tour dates in 2006. After about $2 million in repairs, even a few improvements, the pros have returned to this distinctive TPC Louisiana, a Pete Dye-designed course carved out of cypress swamp.

"Obviously there was some devastation here and there was a lot of money spent to get this golf course up to speed," David Toms, a Louisiana native and 2001 PGA winner in New Orleans, said after a practice round. "It's very important for the whole country not to forget this city."

A number of players were eager to forget this place after it hosted its first PGA event in the spring of 2005. At about 7,600 yards, the course plays long, yet presents an array of steep "pot" bunkers and other fairway obstacles that leave little margin for error on drives.

"I can remember a couple of drives that I hit that I thought were decent shots ... and getting into spots where all I could do was chip out of the bunker sideways," Toms recalled of his 2003 appearance here, when he missed the cut. At the very least, it's now easier to play a shot out of the woods, which were thinned out by Katrina, and the canopy along the edges of the fairways is less likely to interrupt the flight of the ball.

In Brief

Riley benches Heat superstars for season finale

ORLANDO — Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade were inactive for the Miami Heat's regular-season finale in Orlando on Wednesday night.

"We have to be realistic with their health," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "Other guys need work. We're going to play it out and get ready for this weekend."

Riley made the decision strictly to avoid getting his two stars hurt before the playoffs open this weekend. When Riley was coaching the Los Angeles Lakers in 1983, he lost forward James Worthy to a broken leg in the final week of the season — one of the reasons, he thinks, why those Lakers were unable to defend their title.

He isn't taking any risks with the two most important players for the defending NBA champion Heat.

Indiana Pacers to see changes after disappointing season

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said Wednesday he would meet with players and staff in the coming week regarding the team's direction after the team missed the playoffs for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

"We are very disappointed with the season that concludes tonight," Walsh said in a statement. He said he and president of basketball operations Larry Bird would meet the rest of the week while attending the NBA Board of Governors meeting and would meet with team owners through the weekend.

"As time permits, we will also meet with all players and the basketball staff," Walsh said. The meetings should conclude next week, at which time the team will make announcements regarding its future direction, the statement said.

Ohio State freshman stars to coach annual spring game

COLUMBUS — Talk about having a lame-duck coach.

Basketball point guard Mike Conley Jr. will be an honorary head coach in Ohio State's annual intrasquad Scarlet vs. Gray spring football game on Saturday. Conley, along with high school classmate and friend Greg Oden, led the Buckeyes to a 35-4 record and the national championship game. Now, he, Oden and a third freshman, Daequan Cook, are contemplating jumping to the NBA.

Conley said he was looking forward to being in charge of the Scarlet's offense.

"I play my share of video games," he said Wednesday. "I like to get up and down the field with the passing game. I'll mix in some run plays here and there as well."

Football coach Jim Tressel said he wasn't trying to hide the fact that he wanted to keep Conley and the other freshmen at Ohio State.

around the dial

MLS

New England at Columbus
7 p.m., ESPN2

Penguins at Senators
10 p.m., Versus

ATLANTA — Bill Murray, right, poses in front of New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning after hitting a shot at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans Tuesday. The pro-am event returned to New Orleans for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.
Please join Fr. Jenkins for a discussion of Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical...

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- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

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- 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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MLB

Buehrle pitches a no-hitter during Sox win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle pitched the first no-hitter of the season Wednesday night — and he was nearly perfect, too.

The Chicago White Sox left-hander faced the minimum 27 batters in a 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers, picking off the only hitter he walked and throwing his team’s first no-hitter since 1991.

Working quickly and efficiently in a dominant performance, Buehrle allowed only one baserunner. He walked Sammy Sosa with one out in the fifth inning, then promptly picked him off first base.

“I can’t believe I did it,” Buehrle said. “Perfect game would have been nice, too.”

With the crowd on its feet in the ninth, Buehrle struck out Matt Kata and Nelson Cruz, then got Gerald Laird to hit a slow grounder to third base that Joe Crede picked up and threw to first. As Paul Konerko caught the ball, he pumped his fist, setting off a wild celebration.

Buehrle was mobbed by teammates at the side of the mound, including catcher A.J. Pierzynski, and then got a big hug from manager Ozzie Guillen as he came off the field.

On a chilly 40-degree night, Buehrle threw 105 pitches. His previous low-hit game was a one-hitter against Tampa Bay on Aug. 3, 2001. It was the 16th no-hitter in White Sox history and first since Wilson Alvarez threw one at Baltimore on Aug. 11, 1991.

“It was part of one in high school,” Buehrle said. “To get through a big league lineup three times, I never thought it would happen.”

It was the first no-hitter pitched against the Rangers since June 17, 1995, when Toronto’s Dave Cone threw one for Florida on Sept. 6, ending the longest stretch without a no-no in major league history. His gem against the Arizona Diamondbacks was the first in the majors since Arizona’s Randy Johnson threw a perfect game to beat Atlanta 2-0 on May 18, 2004.

Buehrle, who retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced in his previous start against Oakland, had some stellar defensive plays behind him before a crowd of 25,390 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Three of the closest plays came on grounders. Jerry Hairston hit one to Crede at third in the third inning and was called out at first after a headlong slide. Replays showed Hairston was out, but he was ejected by first base umpire James Hoye for arguing and had to be restrained by first base coach Gary Pettis when he returned to the field.

Tadahito Iguchi made a diving stop of Hank Blalock’s grounder in the hole, got up and threw him out to end the fifth. That came one batter after Sosa spoiled the perfect game bid by drawing the walk.

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The NCAA has recommended a ban on all electronically transmitted correspondence, including text messages, between coaches and recruits. This change, if approved, would take effect in August. NCAA Division I management council has recommended a ban on all electronically transmitted correspondence, including text messages, between coaches and recruits. The ban would be limited by current NCAA guidelines and would not apply to emails and faxes. Unlike restrictions on phone calls and in-person visits, there are no coach limits on text messaging. The Board of Directors must still pass the legislation, and if approved at its April 26 meeting, the ban would take effect in August. Typically, the board passes such recommendations, but if it's delayed or rejected, coaches would revert to their previous policy of no limits. "I think student-athletes wanted to see this eliminated for their own sanity," said Kate Hickey, the management council's chairwoman, whose term is about to expire. "And to get rid of some of these bills." The Student-Athlete Advisory Council, which represents college athletes, complained during this week's meetings that the number of text messages had become intrusive and costly. Hickey, an associate athletic director at Rutgers, expects the proposal to pass next week. "I think it all depends on whether there's communication between coaches and athletic directors and then, ultimately, the board members over the next week," she said.
Millar’s double secures series win for Orioles

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Just as they planned, the Baltimore Orioles got Scott Kazmir’s pitch count up early, and that played a key role in another comeback victory.

Erik Bedard won his third straight start, Kevin Millar hit a tiebreaking double and the Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-4 on Wednesday.

Millar’s fifth-inning double off reliever Gary Glover (0-1) gave Baltimore a 4-3 lead. Millar then scored to make it 5-3 when Jon Knott, who singled, was tagged out in a rundown between first and second.

Kazmir, the Devil Rays’ No. 1 starter, departed after throwing 102 pitches through four innings.

“I thought we did a great job of laying off a lot of pitches, and he didn’t have his good stuff,” Baltimore manager Sam Perlozzo said. “We got his pitch count up there. It was something we looked at. I had an eye on it from the third, fourth inning, hopefully that we could keep getting him up there with pitches and get him out of the ballgame.”

The Orioles won twice — both times coming from behind — in the three-game series. Baltimore is 8-4 since being swept in a season-opening three-game series at Minnesota.

Bedard (3-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three during a 110-pitch outing.

Chad Bradford got out of the sixth before John Parrish and Danys Baez each pitched a hitless inning. Chris Ray struck out all three batters in the ninth for his fifth save in six opportunities.
Joanne P. McCallie was hired as Duke’s women’s basketball coach, leaving Michigan State and following the AP national coach of the year at one of the country’s premier programs.

She guided the Spartans to the 2006 national championship game and succeeds Gallen Goestenkors, who left for Texas. McCallie informed Michigan State’s players of her decision Wednesday and will be introduced at a news conference Friday in Durham, N.C.

“She elevated the Michigan State program to a new level, and we look forward to her continuing the tremendous tradition we have established here in school history.”

—Joanne McCallie Duke coach

McCallie becomes the second Michigan State native who played at Georgia Tech to be named head coach at Duke. McCallie — colloquially known as “Coach P” because of her maiden name, Palombo — has a career record of 316-148 in 15 seasons at Michigan State and Maine. She leaves Michigan State after going 149-75 in seven seasons there, and reaching the past five NCAA tournaments. The Spartans’ season came to an abrupt end with a 70-57 loss to Rutgers in the second round.

“We deeply appreciate the time, energy and effort that Joanne put into building a Big Ten conteder and for placing MSU women’s basketball on the national map.”

—Michigan State athletic director Ron Mason said. “She has built a solid foundation for the program.”

After being rumored as a candidate for several high-profile jobs, McCallie signed a five-year contract worth $500,000 a year plus a possible $143,000 in incentives on March 24, coincidentally, the same day Duke’s season ended with a last-second loss to those same Scarlet Knights in the regional semifinals.

Shortly after that, Texas offered the job to Goestenkors and she deliberated for about a month before accepting it this year contract worth $500,000 a year plus a possible $143,000 in incentives. It was a difficult decision for Goestenkors, who played at Waterford, Mich., native who played at Virginia and Califormia’s Joanne Boyle, a former Duke player, turned Down the job last week and at least two wins in each of the three NCAA to turn a turning point in the 2006 season.

Michigan State won a school-record 33 games in 2005 and capped a memorable season by reaching the national championship game. The run earned McCallie the national coach of the year award from The Associated Press.

“The entire McCallie family is absolutely thrilled about the opportunity to serve at Duke,” McCallie said. “This has been a dream job of mine for many years.”

By ELLYN MICHALAK

Saint Mary’s was able to maintain their second place standing in the MIAA after they defeated Tri-State 81-67 on Wednesday at the road.

The Belles (9-11, 5-2 MIAA) are currently tied for second place with Hope, behind Calvin who is ranked twelfth in the region.

The Belles dominated in singles play, shutting out the Thunder in straight sets in every match. In the first singles spot, McDavitt beat Thunder senior Holly Kimball 6-2, 6-1.

Saint Mary’s will round out its long week of travel this weekend when it heads to Bethel College to face the Pilots.

Though it is a non-conference match, the Belles will hope to defeated the Pilots and better their skills in order to get ready for their next conference match against Albion Saturday.

The last time the Belles faced the Pilots was last season, when Bethel narrowly defeated Saint Mary’s 5-4.

In doubles play, the number-one Belles duo of McDavitt and Gebert battled to a narrow defeat of the Thunder’s Kimball and Amanda Waidley 6-2, 6-1. The Belles only loss of the day came at the second doubles spot where Belles freshman Caitlin O’Brien and Gordon were defeated 8-3 by Thunder players Crosby and Stephanie Waidley. In the final doubles match of the day, the Belles duo of Rubino and Kaplan defeated Steiner and Klein 8-2.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 6 Irish drop match in Nashville

Irish fall 13-9 on road to No. 14 Vanderbilt, Commodores' seniors

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Vanderbilt's seniors played an inspired final home game Wednesday, defeating No. 6 Notre Dame 13-9 in Nashville, Tenn.

In a game that was close throughout, the Commodores and Irish were wrapped up in a 9-9 tie with just 15 minutes remaining. Vanderbilt scored the final four goals in the last few minutes to take the victory.

The No. 14 Commodores, who honored their five graduating seniors before the contest, picked up their second victory over a top-10 opponent with the win over the Irish. Vanderbilt also defeated then-No. 6 Penn State on the road in March.

The Commodores (10-4) held the advantage over the Irish (11-4) from the start, taking a 4-1 lead early in the game. Notre Dame was unfazed however, and came back to tie the game at five apiece late in the first half. Vanderbilt also defeated them-No. 6 Penn State on the road in March.

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Both teams traded goals early in the second half and the lead swayed in both directions. Sophomore Jillian Byers' third goal of the afternoon tied the game at nine before Vanderbilt's run to close out the game.

Four of the Commodores' five graduating seniors scored on the game, and the exception, defender Molly Frew, helped the Vanderbilt back line hold the Irish to 16 shots. Senior Kendall Thrift, the Commodore's all-time assist leader, tallied four points on the game with two goals and two assists. Fellow seniors Jennifer Tapsic, Nicole Paige, and Ali Lemoine each recorded at least two points each.

The Irish were led offensively by Byers, who netted three goals to go along with an assist. Sophomore Jane Stocker also contributed three goals and senior Lena Zentgraf had a goal and two assists in the loss. Vanderbilt out-shot the Irish 34-16, and Notre Dame goalkeeper Erin Goodman recorded 12 saves. Commodores goalie Brooke Shinaberry had five saves.

Two Notre Dame records were set in the game. With her three goals, Byers reached 50 goals on the season for the second time in her career — a first in Irish history. In addition, junior Caitlin McKinney set a record when she extended her point-streak to 37 straight games.

Notre Dame will look to rebound Saturday at home when the Irish face No. 18 Rutgers in the last match of the regular season. The Irish, currently tied with Georgetown and Syracuse for first place in the Big East, can potentially win the Big East regular season championship and the No. 1 seed in the inaugural Big East Tournament with a victory.

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PHOTO: SHANNON BURKE CHARGES DOWN THE FIELD IN NOTRE DAME'S 15-7 WIN AT HOME OVER DUQUESNE APRIL 1.

Sophomore Shannon Burke charges down the field in Notre Dame's 15-7 win at home over Duquesne April 1.
ND SOFTBALL

Bargar, Fuemmeler guide Irish to no-hitter

Irish aces lead team to no-hitter from mound, offense pushes in win

By LORINZO REYES
Sports Writer

The story of the afternoon was the correlation between Notre Dame’s two aces, sophomore Brittany Bargar and senior Kenya Fuemmeler, for a no-hitter against Ball State in a 3-0 win Wednesday.

Following improved Bargar’s record to 15-7 on the season, and marked the 33rd no-hit showing for Notre Dame in school history.

The last no-hit game was delivered by former pitcher Heather Booth over Rutgers last April.

The exciting non-conference win improved the Irish to a 23-14 overall record and was their third win in a row, while Ball State dropped to 15-26 on the season.

Bargar’s only blemishes were two walks through six innings pitched, while she struck out seven. To seal the victory and earn a save, Fuemmeler struck one batter out in the last inning to make history for both pitchers.

They now have each taken part in two no-hiters in their careers.

The Irish bats also would take some credit for the win.

Senior Stephanie Brown added two more runs in the game for a season total of 33. She also went two-for-three and had the first hit of the game, which took place in the opening frame.

After a pair of sacrifices, including a bunt and a fly out, Brown scored the first run of the game on a throwing error by Ball State. Although the Irish would not need another run, they added two more in the third frame.

Junior Brittany Glynn started the third with a single and then moved to second on a bunt single from Brown to the shortstop. After a sacrifice bunt and a throwing error, Glynn crossed the plate and Brown advanced to third. Freshman Christine Lux then drove the senior home with an RBI off a fielder’s choice.

Notre Dame threatened again in the fifth with back-to-back hits, but no runs were scored when Ball State was able to thwart the rally.

Ball State had a walk in the sixth inning, but that was all the thing Irish pitching allowed for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame’s next game is today against Valparaiso in a make-up contest at Ivy Field at 5 pm.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to regain momentum at Goshen

By REBECCA SLINGER
SPORTS WRITER

When Saint Mary’s faces Goshen College this afternoon, the Belles will look to regain momentum from earlier this season, when they went 9-1 during a spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

The numbers haven’t been looking good for Saint Mary’s lately after three straight losses — two of those just over the weekend. That trend has had the Belles looking for improvements, even halfway done with conference play.

Junior batting averages of .433, .425 and .419, respectively, have been a dominant force not only at the plate but also on the mound.

The Belles are facing some of their own struggles with a 1-5 MAIAA conference record.

“We’re taking it one game at a time and we’re going to win our games in preparation...and see what we need to change for our next conference games,” junior captain McKenna Corrigan said.

To take on the Leafs, the Belles will use their combination of power hitting and accurate pitching.

Freshman Ashley Peterson, sophomore Kristin Amram and senior Sarah Miesel lead the Belles with batting averages of .433, .429 and .391, respectively.

Amram has been a dominant force not only at the plate but also on the mound.

The sophomores have pitched consistently to a 1.22 ERA.

12 A Sophomore pitcher Calli Davisson is b e h i n d Amram with a 3.57 ERA, and the Belles are 9-2 in Davisson’s starts.

“They really want to win and we’re not taking any team lightly...”

Maureen Healy Belles senior baseman

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Note: students will be able to register for summer courses or to make schedule changes, but course registration are available at registrar.nd.edu. Course reference numbers (CRN’s) are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session website.

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Elam ran into trouble again when he walked Ingaldson to lead off the sixth. Ingaldson moved to second on a wild pitch then reached third on a sacrifice bunt by Boilermakers right fielder Alex Jaffe. With one out, the Irish pulled the infield in and Elam got Boilermakers designated hitter Ryan White to ground to Barnes, who held the runner at third before recording the out.

"[Elam] had a very live fastball and pitched out of a couple of big jams," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

The next batter, first baseman Jeff Mojzak, walked before he stole second. With men on second and third, Purdue third baseman Dan Black drilled a line drive up the middle that appeared to be headed into centerfield for a two-run single. But Lilloy dived to knock the liner down and fired to first to nab Black by a half-step.

But the Irish were unable to gain any momentum from Lilloy's play. In their half of the inning, the Boilermakers scored two on an error and a sacrifice fly by catcher Matt Weglarz.

After Elam retired the side in the seventh, the scoreboard still displayed all zeroes as the Irish came to bat and looked end Elam's bid for a perfect game.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Irish third baseman A.J. Pollock hit a hard grounder between first and second base. But Bischoff got his 19th straight out on a diving stab by the first baseman Mojzak, who flipped to the pitcher to retire Pollock at first. Bischoff, who was scheduled to work only three innings, then got Irish leftfielder Ross Brezovsky to fly out to left to end the inning.

In the eighth, Bischoff again got a boost from his defense. With one out in the Irish half of the inning, Dury lined a full-count pitch from Bischoff into the left-centerfield gap that hung up long enough for centerfielder Jon Moore to run it down. Bischoff pointed out at his teammate in a gesture of gratitude before retiring Irish centerfielder Danny Dressman to end the inning.

Elam responded by retiring Purdue in order in the ninth. After striking out Boilermakers shortstop John Cummins for the third out, Elam pumped his fist as he ran off the mound.

"I felt like it was our time right there," Elam said. "We didn't do it in the ninth, but we were able to get it done in the tenth and that's all that matters."

Irish junior right-hander Spencer Ingaldson did not give up a hit as he worked the scoreless 10th inning. Elam pumped his first as he ran off the mound.

"I was just trying to get on top of it," Dressman said. "I was able to hit it hard."

The Boilermakers did threaten several times, but Elam was able to get out of each jam. He walked a pair of batters in the first before inducing a groundout to Irish shortstop Brett Lilley to end the inning. He also surrendered a walk before picking off the runner in the fourth.

Elam's only mistake came when he left after the ninth. For the sixth time this season, Elam surrendered a walk before picking off the runner in the fourth, earning the first win of his career. Elam had only pitched three innings.

"I had high expectations for this game, but we just didn't turn around on our hibachi," Munninghoff said. "We had some final words on the team's plan for its next game."

"If you beat the Georgia bulldogs, you're gonna feel that bulldog might," he said.

The Boilermakers sent three runners to the plate in the bottom of the 10th before Elam induced a grounder to Irish first baseman Alex Jaffee.

"It was disappointing because it is a sport we die for," The Dead James Brown said. "We went into this game with a two-game, no-points-allowed winning streak — one was a bye and one was a forfeit. We had high expectations for this game, but we just didn't turn around on our hibachi."
of rest and practice the team can get will be beneficial. "That's really good," Louderback said of the bye. "Getting that bye also gives us an extra day to practice and get ourselves so that's good too."

When the Irish play their second round match Friday at the University of South Florida, they will face either Stetson Hall or Connecticut, depending on who wins today's matchup.

Louderback has not been able to see much of either team so far this season, but after he watches today's match, he hopes to have a good idea of what to expect. "I haven't really had a chance to look at them yet," Louderback said. "We just found out the draw yesterday, and I'll get a chance to see them play today, but we really haven't seen much of them at all this season. We'll know better today."

Practice will be key for the Irish as they prepare for another difficult test Friday. At this point, Louderback said the most important thing his team can do is get plenty of repetitions outdoors, where the championship matches will be played.

"Our big thing now for the next three or four days is to get outside," Louderback said. "Tuesday was beautiful and we had a chance to hit outside. We can get will be beneficial."

"We're kind of rolling guys in and out using a safety at nickel. "If the next best guy is a safety, I want the next best guy to be on nickel," he said. "But if the next best guy is a dime back."" No one is going to make us play."

"The one thing about the NFL is you have four preseason games that are truly practice games to get better," he said. "We don't enjoy that luxury."

At corner, Lambert returns after starting most of last season. He made 40 tackles and was second on the team with three interceptions, including two against Michigan State, one of which he ran back for the winning touchdown.

Opposite him will most likely be Wooden, who appeared in nine games and made 21 tackles during his injury-plagued 2006 campaign. In 2005, Wooden was the full-time starter and was third on the team in tackles with 74. He also had two interceptions.

When the Irish go to five and six defensive backs, Brown and Lewis expect to send out some combination of cornerbacks rising senior Leo Ferrine, rising sophomores Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil and early-entry freshman Gary Gray, if he recovers enough from the injury he sustained earlier this spring.

But the coaches aren't ruling out using a safety at nickel or dime back. "Usually it's a corner," Lewis said. "But if the next best guy is a safety, I want the next best guy to be on nickel."

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FOOTBALL

Brown, secondary determined to bury past ghosts
Safeties, cornerbacks one of most experienced units on young Irish roster, must adjust to 3-4 defensive scheme

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It's a scene that is burned into the memories of Notre Dame. The Boilermakers hitless for 7 straight innings while Purdue's Kregg Keener, with a 2.13 earned run average, scattered just three hits.

But new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Corwin Brown is determined to put those painful memories in the distant past with a secondary that is one of the most experienced units on the 2007 Irish roster.

"Everyone needs to play a little better back there, especially at safety," Brown, a former secondary coach with the New York Jets, said in an interview April 4. "If you make a mistake at safety, the band's going to be playing.

And if the hand plays too many times, somebody's coming off the field.

And players like rising junior safety David Bruton are excited about Brown's new scheme and his no-tolerance approach to failure.

"It's a lot more balanced this year," Bruton said. "There's not a lot of thinking. I have a chance to make a play."


Zbikowski, who is also Notre Dame's punt returner, has six career interceptions and has scored touchdowns three different ways - punt returns, interception returns and fumble returns.

But what really sets him apart, according Brown, is his fiery demeanor, something the coach would like to see more of in the other defensive backs.

"You have to play smart, you have to play error-free, and you have to play with passion and intensity," he said. "And across the board, everyone back there has to do that [more] with the exception of Zibby." See BROWN/page 26

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Eastern domination

No. 2 Irish head to Florida as No. 1 seed in Big East tournament

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

After another remarkable regular season, the Irish will take their 32-2 record into the Big East tournament today as a No. 1 seed for the third straight year.

With determination and intensity, something the coach would like to see more of in the other defensive backs.

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BASEBALL

Elam takes pitchers' duel

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The term "pitcher's duel" would be an understatement when describing Notre Dame's 1-0, 10-inning victory over Purdue at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday.

Notre Dame sophomore left-hander Sam Elam held the Boilermakers hitless for 7-2-3 innings while Purdue starter Matt Bischoff retired Notre Dame in order through eight.

But Elam caught a couple no-hitters in my life, but I've never seen two no-hitters...