Three halls receive racist letters

Jenkins, Poorman warn students, condemn message: unclear why ND was targeted

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

After every resident of at least three Notre Dame dorms last week received racist letters, University officials have reached out to the student body to condemn the messages and warn that more letters may arrive.

In an e-mail to the student body sent Friday, University President Father John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman dismissed the writer's claims as "blatant paranoia" and Notre Dame's stance on racism.

The writer of the one-page letters — who identified himself in the document as a man from North Dakota — sent a envelope to each room in at least two residence halls, addressing them simply to "Occupant." Jenkins and Poorman said.

The Observer has since learned at least one more dorm received the letter. Though Zahn, Lewind and Knott Halls were the only confirmed recipients of the letter, Jenkins and Poorman said there is a possibility more of these letters may arrive in the next days.

In the letter, the writer claims that "on average, blacks are less intelligent than whites and the reason why is genetic.

He cites various books and newspapers, evidence to support his argument that putting more resources into predominantly African-American schools will not result in "significant improvement" in these communities' levels of education. He further confirms the United States' decision to give aid to African countries.

In April 2007, the same man sent 184 letters to residents in seven different dorms in Ohio State University.

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Sociologist targets urban poverty

Coalitions could ease ethnic tensions, help build community

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The key to combating the racial and economic tensions associated with urban poverty is to work to build coalitions that defy ethnic and socioeconomic barriers, said Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson.

Wilson's speech Sunday evening in DeBartolo Hall encouraged community collaboration and commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Center for Social Concerns.

"The American ideal of integrated neighborhoods is difficult, but not impossible, to achieve, but coalition building would at least have the potential to create interdependence, where groups can come together and recognize they need each other to reach common goals," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, it is an improbable goal to try to make neighborhoods completely ethnically diverse, but that it is possible to ease ethnic tensions to the point where "diverse groups can live side by side in harmony, not in fear."

Building community coalitions is the best method for easing ethnic tensions, Wilson said.

Although he declined to give the names of any specific neighborhoods, Wilson cited the example of what he called the "Dover" community in Chicago, where white and Latino residents created a coalition to bring an end to the busing of students to schools in poorer neighborhoods. The coalition helped build new schools in "Dover" to solve the busing problem and also forged closer relations between whites and Latinos in the area.

In addition, Wilson emphasized that the impact of urban poverty on the middle and working classes extends beyond race. Most city neighborhoods are concerned with "the prevalence of crime and other social dislocations in nearby ghettos and neighborhoods," he said.

Middle-class neighborhoods are worried that incoming residents of a lower socioeconomic status will bring high crime rates with them.

Jenkins, Poorman dismiss letters — who identified him-
Airing of grievances

Recently, I’ve been thinking of things that annoy or frustrate me, things that have been happening to me as I go about my day. I have decided to share these with you, formatted in a trendy-yet-concise top ten list, for your reading pleasure. So, without further ado, I present my own Airing of Grievances.

1) People who have cell phone conversations while “doing their business” in the bathroom. When I go to the porcelain throne, I go there to be alone, to meditate. It is a place of solitude and reflection, and the guy blabbing next to me on how drunk he got last night and who he hooked up with is not something I want to hear when I go into the bathroom. I live in a guys’ dorm after all, so I already hear enough of it.

2) People who do not say “Excuse me” and just shove their way through people. Come on people, this is just common decency. You will expend more energy shaving someone than simply saying “Excuse me.”

3) People who draw phalluses on everything they see. It is a special place in Hell for your kind.

4) People who wear shorts and T-shirts and shorts. Your attempts in kind.

5) People who are tough fail, epically.

6) People who do not silence their phones in movie theatres after seeing 10 different commercials/warnings to silence their phones. There is a special place in Hell for your kind.

7) People who preach tolerance until they bleed and yet practice anti-tolerance in regards to something they do agree with — this one is about respect. Agree to disagree, live and let live, and stop telling me to be so open-minded. My brain might fall out.

8) People who block the aisles in between seats in a classroom. Do I have to go through an obstacle course to get to my seat? Hell, next time I will bring my running shoes and stretch before class.

9) People who wear trendy-yet-concise top ten lists like this. I mean, come on, snow, snow, snow, snow....

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In Brief

School Sector Manager for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Rachel Gutte will deliver a lecture entitled “USGBC and LEED: Building Green on Campus and Beyond” at 4:30 today in 104 Hesburgh. She will discuss USGBC’s National Green School Campaign as well as the LEED for Schools Green Building Rating System.

Prints from the Suite Museum of Arts collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The exhibit, “Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland,” will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

Women’s basketball will play Providence Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center arena.

The film “In July” will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will cost $3 for students, $5 for faculty and staff, and $6 for general admission.

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Men’s hockey will play the U.S. Under-18 Team Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink in an exhibition.

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

BOULDER, Colo. — A Wyoming prison parolee has been arrested in the 1997 rape and beating death of a University of Colorado senior after he was linked to the crime by DNA evidence, police said Sunday.

Diego Olmos-Alcalde, 38, was being held on $5 million bail on charges of first-degree murder and second-degree kidnapping and first-degree assault for the rape and killing of 23-year-old Susannah Chase of Stamford, Conn., police said.

"The department is ecstatic over this," police Chief Mark Beckner said.

Chase's family praised investigators in a statement issued at the Sunday news conference.

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Bush calls for action on economic plan

President says bipartisan agreement on bill is 'important'

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Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., cautioned Saturday, "The White House and House Republicans, and both parties reached agreement on a simply drawn stimulus program, which would provide tax rebate checks to 117 million families and give businesses $50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment. In his weekly radio address, Bush asked Congress to approve the agreement as soon as possible.

"Some in the Senate, which will take up the measure after it goes to the House floor next week, have signaled that they want to broaden the bill. Democrats there want such things as an unemployment benefits extension, an increase in home heating subsidies or higher food stamp benefits. Bush suggested they could derail the whole effort, and he warned against it.

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The original FISA law requires the government to get permission from a special court to listen to phone calls to and from people in the United States. The Protect America Act, adopted in August, eased that restriction. Privacy and civil liberties advocates say it went too far, giving the government far more power to eavesdrop on American communications without court oversight.

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Applications for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should be 12 pages long and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Applications for other editorial positions should be at least five pages.

All applications should be submitted this week to Chris Hine in The Observer office, located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions to Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu
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which translates as "blasphemous." The term is used less in the U.S. than elsewhere, where it is generally defined as "political Islam," Djavann said.

Djavann says that people equate Islam, itself, with political Islam, "because the Muslim people should be more tolerant." While her parents were Muslims, she says, that's "not to say the Quran."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protest leaves seven dead in Lebanon

BEIRUT — Protesters angry about food rationing clashed with Lebanese troops Saturday in Beirut, causing a bloodbath that left seven people dead, hospital and security officials said.

Hundreds of Shiites Muslims opposed to the government rioted and burned tires, blocking some major roads in the Lebanese capital and its southern suburbs.

Lebanese soldiers fired into the air to disperse the crowd, but it was unclear how the deaths occurred and whether the soldiers also intentionally fired on civilians.

Egypt criticizes Gaza's Hamas rulers

CAIRO — The government of Gaza's Hamas rulers on Friday lashed out at Egypt, which has warned that it will not accept Hamas's demand to annex the world's longest highway tunnel, running 19.8 miles between Rafah on the Gaza Strip and the Egyptian border town of Sharm el-Sheik.

"A lot of Hamas members of parliament met at the Statehouse on Sunday with Sen. Maria Queigliani — Women in this Indian village high in the pine-clad mountains of the hills of theU.S. Senate floor, and Delph said it would be more appropriate to start the new 12-hour week this time with women voting.

Town board tears up ballots from women; female mayoral candidate launches national case

On Sunday, and it becomes the annual Krewe parade of Barkus parade. Hundreds of dogs and their owners paraded in the French Quarter. Human and beast, alike: were dressed for occasion. Popular outfits for the four-legged set included frilly collars and tutus, sweaters and hats.

Village women fight for the vote

MEXICO

Women in the Mexican village of Santa Maria Queigliani are not allowed to vote in local elections, but villager Eufrosina Cruz is now challenging that system.

She said the town's all-male town council tore up ballots cast in her favor in the Nov. 4 election, arguing that she wasn't a "citizen" of the town. "That is the custom here, that only the citizens vote, not the women," said Valeriano Lopez, the town's deputy mayor.

Rather than give up, Cruz has launched the first seri­ous, national-level challenge to traditional Indian forms of government, known as "ancestors and customs," which were given legal status in Mexico six years ago in response to Indian rights movements sweeping across Latin America.

"For me, it's more like 'abuse and customs,'" Cruz said as she submitted her complaint to the National Human Rights Commission. "Requiring that we, the women of the missionaries, decide the right to decide our lives, to vote and run for office, because they are the masters or have us is an abuse and customs," Cruz said.

Lopez acknowledged that women do most of the work, but claims they added up to only 35 percent of the town council, with 15 percent of the town council in this largely unpaved village of about 1,500 peo­ple.

Cruz says she was winning — and wants the election to be annulled and held again, this time with women voting.

LOCAL NEWS

Some fear bill may lead to racism

While the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee voted 10-1 last week to forward the proposal to the Senate floor, and Delph said it would be heard there no later than Wednesday. cooking and milling the corn, shaping the flour into flat disks, and collecting the firewood to heat the clay and brick hearths on which most women cook.

During all-important vil­lage festivals, women are expected to cook for all the male guests. But instead of joining them at the table, Cruz says, they are relegated to stare straw mats on the floor. Clothes are washed by hand, and while most homes have some form of running water, it's often only a single spigot.

Cruz decided to escape that life after she saw her 12-year-old sister given to an older man in a marriage arranged by her father. The sister had her first child at 13, and has since borne seven more.

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In conclusion, Wilson said he supports the candidacy of Sen. Barack Obama, and argued that the senator has the ability to "successfully reach out across racially and political spectrums." That will allow him to be "far more likely to get groups together to generate a sense of interdependence to pursue collective goals," he said.

Wilson stressed that urban poverty is not an isolated experience, but rather, is something that affects society as a whole. The problems associated with urban poverty, such as crime, permeate the rest of society in the form of fear and apprehension of those living in poverty.

It is only through working together to "address the needs of lower income urban black residents," Wilson said, that society can alleviate these fears and the poverty that causes them.

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Club 23
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Club 23 is in final negotiations to acquire Club 23. Hussein blamed the holiday season for delaying the sale and causing the buyers to be unable to "get the money together."

"I'm not in a hurry" to sell the club, Hussein said. He said business has been "very good" and has not been affected by talks of the sale.

Although it is not currently a term of sale, the potential buyers say they plan to keep Club 23 a bar. Hussein said. Hussein admits that the winning bidder will have to put additional investments into Club 23 even after they finalize the sale.

"They'll have to put money into remodeling and give it a better look," he said.

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During his tenure, Hine said he hopes "to bring an in-depth look at our campus and get people talking about what goes on at Notre Dame."

Hine will take over as editor-in-chief on Feb. 25.

The News department is looking for new writers. Contact Karen at obsnews@nd.edu

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Obama calls win a 'turning point'

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Democrat Barack Obama said Sunday that his landslide win in South Carolina's presidential primary marks a turn in political history, showing that a black candidate can appeal to voters of all colors and in all regions.

The Illinois senator told a raucous crowd of more than 90,000 who had his big victory Saturday disapproved the old notion that you can't win black votes, you can't get white votes, and vice versa.

"We're going to write a new chapter in the South, we're going to write a new chapter in American history," he said during his 64-minute speech to a crowd of about 60,000 who watched University of Alabama at Birmingham basketball arena.

Obama's victory was the second in the South this month and the first since 1968.

Earlier Sunday he made a similar argument, responding to comments by former President Clinton that some interpreted as an effort to diminish Obama's win Saturday over Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bill Clinton noted that Jesse Jackson won the South presidential primary in 1984 and 1988. Jackson never became the party's presidential nominee.

Obama, speaking during a television interview, said "there's no doubt" that Jackson set a precedent for blacks seeking the presidency. But he noted that was two decades ago.

"I think that what we saw in this election was a shift in South Carolina," he said, with implications "all across the country. I think people want change. I think they want to get beyond some of the racial politics that, you know, has been so dominant in the past." Obama resisted being drawn into a spat with the Clintons, even though he suggested they are part of a political past the country is ready to leave behind.

"I think that Bill Clinton did important work back in the 1990s," he said. "But the question is, now we're in 2008, and how do we move it forward to the next phase?"

"It is true that in the '90s, we got caught up in a slash-and-burn politics that the American people were weary of," Obama said. "Now, that is out the Clintons' fault," he said on ABC's "This Week," "it is out of our faults, in the sense that we've gotten into these bad habits and we can't seem to have disagreements without being disagreeable."

Later, speaking with reporters during a flight from Georgia to Alabama, Obama said, "I think the country wants to look forward, and that has always been the central thesis of our campaign."

He said Hillary Clinton will have an advantage in the upcoming primary on Feb. 5, when Democrats vote in 22 states, because of her near-universal name recognition. "It presents more of a challenge for us," he said, because he needs time for voters to get to know him.

Obama declined to directly confront Clinton for suggesting that Democratic Party officials recognize delegates awarded to

California pounded by heavy rain

Inclement weather forces roads to close, spurs fears of flooding

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fast-mov­ ing thunderstorms brought new waves of rain on Sunday to Southern California, following days of drenching weather and heavy mountain snowfall and raising fears of mudslides and flooding.

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Up to 3 inches of rain had fallen by early afternoon in valley and coastal areas since midnight Saturday, with about 4 inches in the mountains, forecasters said. Wind gusts of 30 to 50 mph were reported in some areas.

Officials said the rain brought a threat of serious slides on hillsides stripped of vegetation by last year's wildfires. Mud and minor rock slides prompted authorities to shut a highway through a burned area near San Diego. Voluntary evacuations were called off Sunday night in heavily burned Modjeska Canyon in Orange County.

The Los Angeles County and Orange County fire departments were on standby for possible flash floods and slides. Flash flood Watch remained in effect through Sunday night for Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

To avoid overflow, the flood gates at the Big Tujunga Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains were opened Sunday, releasing 300 cubic feet of water a second.

Department of Public Works spokesman Gary Bise said the controlled flooding was routine during heavy storms.

In downtown Los Angeles, Sunday's basketball game between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the L.A. Lakers was delayed 12 minutes after wet rain gear left by roofing company workers on a catwalk led to a steady flow of water on to the Staples Center court. The Santa Ana race track in Arcadia, meanwhile, canceled horse races for the sixth day this month because of wet conditions on the synthetic track.

The storm system also soaked parts of Northern California and snow forced the closure of the main artery between Sacramento and Reno, Nev., CalTrans officials said.

Eastbound Interstate 80 was closed Sunday night, about 30 miles northeast of Sacramento. Westbound traffic was being held at the Nevada state line. Highway 92 was reopened Sunday after being shut down for a few hours between Skyline Boulevard and Half Moon Bay south of San Francisco after the storms knocked down trees and power lines.
Associated Press

Former Indonesian President Suharto, a 20th-century political giant whose brutal military regime killed and imprisoned thousands, has died in prison. He was 86.

Suharto, who ruled Indonesia for three decades until he was forced from power in 1998, died of multiple-organ failure and brain damage, according to an East Java provincial government spokesman. He died of additional complications from stroke and illnesses, said the office of the East Java Governor, Mbah Moewahid.

Suharto was declared dead at 2:15 a.m. on Monday, with his family, a small group of friends and followers present.

"I cannot understand why I have to go now," Suharto said as he bowed his head, holding a white flower in his right hand.

Suharto's legacy has been a subject of controversy, with some praising his economic policies and others criticizing his human rights abuses.

Associated Press

NAIVASHA — Gangs of young men armed with machetes and clubs fought running battles with police on Sunday and battled for control of a remote village in their homes in western Kenya, pushing the death toll from a month of escalating ethnic violence to nearly 800.

Sunday marked exactly one month since the Dec. 27 outbreak of the violence that sparked the violence that has transformed this once-stable African country, pitting long-time neighbors against each other and turning towns where tourists used to gather for luxury holidays into no-go zones.

It also complicated the task of former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the latest international envoy to Kenya, who was due this week to visit the East African nation.

"We have moved out to avert the deaths of our brothers and sisters who have been killed," said Anthony Mwangi, a top police official in the town over the weekend.

People flee to safety under police guard during clashes in Naivasha, near Nairobi, Kenya, on Sunday.

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The city outside the Notre Dame bubble

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The St. Joseph River is not the only thing that separates Notre Dame from South Bend. Most of the University has an ephemeral relationship with the more Mehicania area. Most students still consider themselves residents of their hometowns who are just itinerating here for four years or so; many don't bother to change their license plates or register to vote here, and I imagine that there are more than a few whose only knowledge of South Bend, exclusive of Notre Dame, extends to the airport and a handful of fast food or delivery places. Between residence halls, dining halls, football games, Legends, the Debatable Performing Arts Center and LaFortune, it's certainly possible to eat, drink, shop and entertain yourself for all four years and never once set foot off campus. We even have our own police and fire departments, zip code and power station. Notre Dame is, for all intents and purposes, still another very different community, there's nothing really anchoring it to South Bend.

South Bend, on the other hand, could not sever ties with Notre Dame without losing a central part of its identity. The sign at the airport, for starters, would have to go, the College Football Hall of Fame would find it difficult to justify its existence; the "Backer would lose one of its core constituencies. The University itself is the largest single employer in the county and impacts the local economy to the tune of $830 million annually. On home football weekends in particular, it seems like South Bend exists solely to be an extension of the stadium parking lot. Most businesses live and die based on their connections to the University, whether they sell Notre Dame merchandise, because they appeared in Rudy, or because they depend on the business of students. In short, without Notre Dame, South Bend might be just another declining Rust Belt city like Gary, with a stagnating economy, rampant crime, drug problems and the emigration of its affluent population into the suburbs. Because the dependence is not mutu­

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Dueling Pistols
from CLINTON-OBAMA DEBATES

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"To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at one's own mistakes is uncommon."

William Arthur Ward

poet
**Viewpoint**

Monday, January 28, 2008

**U-Wire**

Float like a butterfly, sting like a pacifist

When I was 11 years old, I participated in the first fist fight of my life — exclusively on the receiving end. My antagonist was one of the tougher kids from the working-class neighborhood in which I grew up. And though he doesn’t begin to describe him, as an adult he went to prison for attempted murder.

The forum for our fistfights was the schoolyard at the end of my street. It began like this: The other guy came up to me and demanded money; when I didn’t have any, he said I had to fight him. Stunned by this imperative, I mostly sulked away, momentarily anxious about why I couldn’t just belt someone in the chops, as he might have. All these years later, I still can’t imagine punching someone in the face. Granted, I entertain the idea rhetorically sometimes, as a touch of hyperbole when I’m especially frustrated by behavior with which I take issue.

Now, my answer — inarticulate in the face of what seemed like such a menacing question — should have been, “Because, for the life of me, I can’t imagine closing my fist and striking another person with it.” Instead, I walked away, momentarily anxious about why I couldn’t just belt someone in the chops, as he might have.

Targets of my overstated, completely unserious, “I’d like to punch him/her in the face!” have included Ann Coulter, jerks who cut me off in traffic, Toby Keith, various members of the pitching staff from my beloved Detroit Tigers in the 2006 World Series and a host of others. But this is all ball game really — a bit of hot air when I’m exasperated, in the abstract, in trying to explain my philosophical makeup, I call myself a pacifist. That is, I don’t believe there is any kind of conflict that can’t be resolved through diplomacy, dialogue and mutual compromise. Less ideally, I just don’t think the idea of using my fists — or whatever else — to cause somebody else physical pain ever could seem appealing.

And really, does anybody except for the scraggly, pathological minority think otherwise? Do you, dear reader, like the thought of punching somebody in the face? Do you wish to punch somebody in the face?

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**Well The Dude abides**

Before I begin, I should offer brief disclaimers to those readers who might be quick to judge: First, I am neither easily impressed nor overly sentimental. Second, I am by all accounts critical of most things. And lastly, the theme is about a film. It is not a review, but rather a reflection. I have not seen the movie in question, and I will not discuss the film itself. I simply wish to discuss the thematic matter it raises. I have read the movie’s script, and it is clear that the film’s message is one of peace and nonviolence. What, then, is the message of the film’s script?

The film, “The Big Lebowski,” is about a man who finds himself in the middle of a violent conflict. In response to the inevitable question “What is the film about?” I would like to offer a simple answer: It is about the idea of peace and nonviolence. It is about the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity. It is about the power of love to overcome hate. It is about the power of hope to overcome despair. It is about the power of kindness to overcome cruelty.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PROVIDES SUPERIOR PLAYOFF FORMAT

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

Manchester United's Wayne Rooney battles the ball.

The Champions League is a knockout tournament featuring teams throughout Europe in an effort to crown the best team from a bevy of countries. Before I go too far, let me explain why every entry into such an exclusive competition. Soccer leagues feature teams only from the home country. In other words, teams from England play only teams from England. Through the course of these domestic leagues, standings ("tables") are formed and the strength of the country's competition correlates to the number of entry slots into the Champions League. Well-respected leagues in England, Spain and Italy have more entrants than their counterparts in Ukraine and Belgium. The tournament is divided up into groups of four, and the teams battle it out twice against each group-member. The top two teams proceed into the final 16 in the Champions League, the third-place team gets automatic entry into the UEFA Cup, Europe's consolation prize, and the fourth-place team gets to crawl back to their domestic league with their tails between their legs.

Next begins a series of matches that determine who reaches the final, a match that is played with much fanfare and prestige. The winner of the Champions League not only gets a fancy trophy and medals worthy of an Olympic winner, but it also receives a multi-million Euro purse that can be used to help the club get even better. Therefore, the stakes are raised to a ridiculously high level, and teams always try to put their best foot forward in the Champions League, regardless of their domestic form.

In no other sport does a team truly deserve the title of world champion. I've always found it hilarious that the NFL, NHL, MLR and NBA titleholders are deemed "world champions," even though they only play teams from the United States and Canada. Although one may argue that the level of competition by these other teams would not be even because of the supposedly huge talent disparity, but as Applebaum points out, anything can happen during the heat of battle. The soccer world even gives teams from outside of Europe the chance to compete against these so-called heavyweights through the Club World Cup. The Champions League winner plays in a knockout tournament with the best team from Asia, South America, and South Africa. These regional winners are all determined through tournaments similar to the Champions League in format.

There is no speculation about what would happen if these two teams were to meet. A top team from Germany would know exactly how it matches up with a top team from France—because they will have the opportunity to play each other and determine a winner. And if a team from Scotland manages to win the entire tournament, it will see how it matches up with the finest that Brazil and Australia have to offer.

There are no preseason rankings or advantages placed upon perennial powers; the only way to reach the final is through buying the competition. Turkey's Fenerbahce, the equivalent of Hawaii, has as much a chance at the grand prize as Real Madrid. Maybe our friends over at the BCS could take a couple of pointers from the people who have got it right.

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Kate Nash breaks out with "Made of Bricks."

By JARED WAFER
Observer Graphic

Kate Nash walks a fine line between Brit pop and indie heart. Most albums coming out of the United Kingdom today are infec­
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cures. Her fame came first from her MySpace page, not unlike another self-made songstress, Colbie Caillat. Caillat was as much a chance at the grand prize as Real Madrid. Maybe our friends over at the BCS could take a couple of pointers from the people who have got it right.

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Kate Nash breaks through with her latest CD, "Made of Bricks."
Most will remember him for his Academy Award-nominated performance as Francis "Frank" Del Monte in "The Departed," but I will always remember him as Patrick Verona, the misunderstood high school student in "10 Things I Hate About You." He was always a movie star, a member of Young Hollywood, and his generation had a deep connection to the land of rural America than any old country songs.

**Dirt Farmer**

Levon Helm

*Label: Vanguard Records*

Recommended Tracks: "Dirt Farmer," "Blind Child," and "Single Girl, Married Girl"

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By JIMMY COSTA
Scene/Winter

In 1998, Levon Helm lost a family member and his father died at the hospital. Stricken with grief, he undertook a torturous regimen of treatments, including chemotherapy and surgery, to treat the disease before it could kill him.

He survived, but it was feared that the old leader of The Band would never sing again. Yet last year, the Helm family released a record featuring Levon and daughter Amy singing on one track. This was a welcome surprise to those who thought his career was dead. While the voice was a bit thin and coarser than it'd ever been, it maintained its integral character and affecting depth that defined Helm throughout his career.

"Dirt Farmer" is Levon's first record since being diagnosed with cancer. Mainly comprised of cover songs, the disc is a powerful demonstration of homage to his parents, who taught him how to use music to grasp beauty and solace in life's most difficult and broken experiences.

The record is also a stirring offer of gratitude and appreciation to the music that he grew up with and is now blessed to play again so many decades later. Indeed, the songs seem to come straight from the back porches and roadhouses of the Arkansas soil that Helm knew as a child — with his coarse, old, sweet voice now filling the spaces left for him by the lives of his parents and neighbors many years ago.

A poignant and tender mix of traditional southern backcountry songs including the traditional "Blind Child," the Stanley Brothers standard "False-Hearted Lover Blues" and A.P. Carter's cheeky "Single Girl, Married Girl," the record gives them a deep connection to the land of rural America than any old country songs.

To support the cover songs are a few original songs written by various friends which fit into the overall sound and feel of the disc. If there was ever any doubt about where The Band's Americana roots came from, a listen to this disc will dispel them. The roots of this record run deeper into the soil of rural America than any ever could in the Appalachians.

Helm has always had an incredibly expressive voice, and on "Dirt Farmer" that comes to forefront. While his voice cannot carry the way it did on some of The Band's best songs, Helm uses it more emotively than he ever did in his pre-cancer days.

Maybe it's a compensation for his lack of volume, but he's now trusting it fully swagging renditions of emotionally powerful songs by one of the most distinctive voices in popular music.

There is an inherent honesty to his voice that ensures songs a sense of authenticity that would have likely been lost had anyone but Helm been singing.

For instance, the title track, which features Levon singing of the trials and misfortunes of a sharecropper who cannot harvest anything from the ground except stones and dirt, actually sounds like the singer has shared in the life of the farmer.

Helm's drawing bowl is heavy with the outrage and sorrow of someone with a deep connection to the land and those who live by it and the heartbreak of being unable to find a life in the ground that is meant to nourish and sustain.

The best part of "Dirt Farmer" is that, after a few listens, it is clear that it is not just a good album for a man recovering from throat cancer. Rather, it is a good album — period. He sings his songs with great care, with honesty, and most importantly, with brave love.
Barbosa's fourth quarter leads Suns over Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Shots were flying in all directions. They hit the rim, they hit the backboard. They seemingly hit everything but the bottom of the net until Leandro Barbosa got the ball with 2.3 seconds left in the fourth quarter and buried the Bulls again.

Barbosa led the decisive run, Amar'e Stoudemire scored 24 points and the Phoenix Suns pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Chicago 88-77 Sunday.

"I always like to be aggressive," said Barbosa, who scored 13. "I saw the space for me to go to the basket and I made the shot, so I was happy." 

Last season, he buried a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to lift the Suns to a one-point win at the United Center. This time, he started a 12-0 run in the fourth quarter with a baseline drive and a three-pointer, sending the Suns to their sixth win in seven games.

That allowed Phoenix to exhale after three difficult quarters of trading punches.

The Suns needed a last-second jam by Steven Marion to beat Cleveland on Friday after losing at Minnesota two nights earlier. Back spams kept Grant Hill on the sideline against Chicago, and atrocious shooting made this game closer than it should have been.

"We were able finishing with their second-lowest point total of the season and going 5-of-25 at three-pointers — after hitting 17 against Cleveland," Stoudemire said. "I hit 9 of 10 shots, while Marion added 15 points and 11 rebounds. But they got lucky for most of the game. 

"Some shots finished with 14 points, even though he did not score until he hit a three-pointer and go through the second quarter."

"We played hard," Stoudemire said. "It was a scrappy game. There are going to be a lot of loose balls, a lot of long rebounds. You just got to have the heart to get those type of wins.

"Kirk Hinrich did all he could to keep the Bulls in the game, finishing with 31 points — the second time in less than a week he scored more than 30."

"I'm just trying to be aggressive," Hinrich said. "I'm trying to make a conscious effort to take the ball to the basket, trying to make plays."

The Suns made just enough and finished 3-1 on this trip. "It was a tough trip," Nash said. "We don't match up well with Miami. We had a tough win at Cleveland. It was a big game for us to play early on a Sunday. Overall, we'll take it."

Dombkowski said: "It's definitely a successful trip, even though we lost one. We'll take it. It's definitely a positive for us."

The Bulls held the Bulls to 34.7 percent shooting, and coach Mike D'Antoni believes his team deserves more credit for its defense.

"Nobody will give us credit," he said.

It's easy to overlook, considering the Pacific Division leaders came into the game averaging a league-high 110 points. They were facing a team that was 0-17 when allowing 100 or more, and Chicago was also shooting a league-low 42.3 percent.

"I think we held the Bulls up a fight even without Ben Gordon and Luol Deng, who sat out again because of injuries.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop third straight

By PETE REISENAUER

Saint Mary's was unable to stop the bleeding Friday, falling to nationally ranked Calvin and extending its losing streak to three meets.

Calvin posted victory in each of the first 10 events and recorded a 131-99 win over Saint Mary's. The Belles' record fell to 5-5 in dual meets for the season and 1-4 in MIAA competition, while Calvin improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Despite the loss, Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski was impressed with some of his swimmers' efforts, and said he feels very good about his team's chances for the rest of the year.

"The team swam great on Friday after a hard week of practice that was really looking ahead towards our conference meet with very little rest or focus on anything before then," Dombkowski said.

Some of the Belles posted their best times of the year in the loss. The all-freshman 200-yard medley relay of Reggie Williams, Cameron Nieser, Caroline Arness and Lauren Hartman finished first in the record of 1:55.03, which bested the previous record of 1:55.73, which was posted in 2003 season.

The 200 freestyle relay team not only won the race, but it also posted the Belles' best time in the event in the last five years with a mark of 1:43.70.

Mary Kate Daday and Molly Miller posted personal-best swims in the 1,000 freestyle, and Daday recorded a season-best time in the 500 freestyle.

"People in swimming will understand that doing that during an unrested mid-January dual meet is huge and means some great things when our championship meet comes around in about three weeks," Dombkowski said. The Belles' record has high hopes for the Belles' only home meet of the year, which is this weekend.

"We had a great day of practice Saturday morning, and we are looking forward to our home meet on Friday night at Kalamaazoo," Dombkowski said. "Again, it's not really at this point that we can afford to look much away from our training to focus on a dual meet, but hopefully the motivation of our only home meet of the year will lead to some great performances.

"The Belles have already posted a school record for dual meet wins with 7-0 this season.

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PGA

Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking a birdie putt at the Buick Invitational golf tournament Sunday in San Diego. Sunday's victory gives Woods 62 career PGA Tour wins tying him with Arnold Palmer for fourth all-time.

Woods wins fourth consecutive Buick title

The 71-ended Woods' streak of 14 consecutive rounds in the 60s, dating to the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. He finished no worse than second since the British Open in July, when he tied for 12th at Carnoustie.

In BRIEF

Djokovic beats Tsonga in Open

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Novak Djokovic joined the King, and left everyone else at the Buick Invitational feeling like paupers.

In his most dominant start to a season, Woods built an 11-shot lead Sunday until his game and the fickle weather turned cold on the back nine. A birdie on the last hole gave him a 1-under 71 and an eight-shot victory, giving him 62 for his career to tie Arnold Palmer on the PGA Tour list.

"I'm sure that there are many, many more coming in the future," Palmer said. "There isn't any question about that."

Just like there was no question about the outcome. Woods opened with a 60-foot birdie putt, threw in a 60-foot birdie just to keep a four-deep gallery from falling asleep, and only looked mortal when he made three straight bogeys toward the end of his round.

"All that did affect was the final margin, not the name on the trophy."

Woods finished at 19-under 269 to win the Buick Invitational for the fourth consecutive year, tying a PGA Tour record for consecutive wins in a single tournament. Woods is the only player to own such a streak at two events, having also won four in a row at Bay Hill.

Ryuji Imada matched the best score of the final round with a 67 and was the runner-up.

Woods returns to Torrey Pines in June for the U.S. Open, and if this week was any indication, it could be another long week for his peers. The world's No. 1 player now has won six times as a pro at Torrey Pines, and his comment that the Grand Slam is "easily within reason" looked every bit of that.

"What he's going to do is screw the U.S. Open up for everyone else," Fred Couples said. "If he had shot 10 or 11 under, the USGA would have said, 'Well, maybe we have it in the right spot.' Now, they may have to regroup a little."

Then again, it might not matter.

Woods has won his last two PGA Tour events by eight shots, and this was the ninth time in his career he has won by at least eight.

"I wanted to go out there and make no bogeys and shoot something under par," Woods said. "I get half of it right."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt upsets Irish with late singles surge

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was ahead on the road against No. 16 Vanderbilt and looked as if it would move to 2-0 on the season. But the Commodores fought back Saturday to take the last two singles matches and upset the No. 9 Irish 4-3.

Vanderbilt improved to 5-0 on the season, with each win coming against a ranked opponent. The Commodores are sure to move up in the rankings, and rightfully so in the eyes of Irish head coach Jay Louderback.

"Vandy's a good team," Louderback said. "They belong in the top 10. It was tough for us to go on the road and play them. We had our chances but they played well."

Despite the loss, Louderback saw some positives — specifically in coming from behind to take the competition-opening doubles point.

Vanderbilt evened the match with a straight-set 6-1, 6-4 victory by junior Courtney Ulrey over Irish sophomore Colleen Rielley. Rielley dropped to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in dual matches.

The rollercoaster feel of the match continued as Irish junior Kelcy Tefft upended Commodores senior Taka Bertrand 6-3, 6-1 to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. Tefft improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in dual matches.

The Commodores drew even at 2-2 when Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu dropped her match to Vanderbilt senior Amanda Taylor 6-4, 6-2. Ciobanu now stands at 12-5 overall and 1-1 in dual action.

Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu returns a forearm shot last March in a Notre Dame win over UIC.

Vanderbilt took the final two matches as Commodores senior Caroline Ferrell defeated Irish sophomore Kali Krisik 6-2, 6-4. The result of the match came down to the final singles contest, in which Vanderbilt sophomore Catherine Newman prevailed over Irish senior Brook Buck 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Buck now stands at 4-6 on the year and 0-2 in dual matches.

Louderback said his team struggled in singles play partly because of the performance of some of the Irish veterans.

"We won two of the singles matches," Louderback said. "What we need to do is play better at the top of the lineup. Cosmina lost a tough one at No. 1, while Brook's match was a long and close one at No. 2. Colleen lost a winnable match at No. 3. "If we can play better at the top of the line-up, our chances of winning will be better."

Notre Dame will conclude its three-match season-opening road slate against No. 23 Michigan Thursday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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stretches," Corrigan said. Robert Morris, which is in just its fourth season as a varsity squad, put forth a strong effort but failed to find much success against the Irish. "They're still a growing program," Corrigan said. "I think they tried to force a few things early that didn't help them."

The Irish displayed a balanced offensive attack, and also had many defenders making plays.

"We executed well on a lot of things we had worked on," Corrigan said. "We saw that we did those things pretty good and are ready to take on more."

Notre Dame has a final tune-up Sunday with an exhibition road slate against No. 23 Michigan Thursday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Lopsided win sends seniors out in style

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shelledack Big East rival West Virginia on a day dedicated to sending the team's seniors out of their last home meet against a top-five foe.

The 249-116 Irish victory improved the Irish to 4-7 on the season and put them at 2-1 against Big East foes.

Irish freshmen as well as they did as a good sign for the future.

"West Virginia is very good," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "They have a lot of great underclassmen and should be one of the better teams in the conference.

The seniors soaked in the memories of their final regular season meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center, as did Nixon.

"This was the first class that we all went through the whole journey together." 

The Irish earned the top spot in 17 out of 20 events. Thirteen of the victories came in individual events and four in relays.

West Virginia finished as a final tune-up for the team, as the Irish are looking to peak as possible on their techniques and timing before postseason competition.

Notre Dame clocked in the top-three times in both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

"Surging junior Chrisita Higgins (1:03.36) won the 200 freestyle and was followed closely by fellow Irish freshman Lauren Sylvester and junior Casey Wulff. 

Freshman Sam Maxwell (1:02.61) won the 100 breaststroke for the fourth consecutive meet. Freshmen Amyxwen Miller and Lizzy Cornelius rounded out the top three for the event.

The Irish divers also fared well against the Mountaineers. They earned the first and second spots in both the 1-meter and the 3-meter dives.

Sophomore Natalie Still took first place in both the 1-meter (306.89) and the 3-meter (315.00) dives. She was followed in both events by freshman teammate Heidi Grossman, who earned scores of 276.60 in the 1-meter and 295.21 in the 3-meter.

The Irish now have a long break before the Big East Championships in the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y., from Feb. 20-23. They will be pursuing their 12th consecutive Big East title.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Victory in last event seals a tie against MSU

By ALEX BARKER and ANDY ZICARELLI
Sports Writers

The Irish women's 4x400-meter relay team won the last event of the Notre Dame Invitational Friday at the Loftus Sports Center to clinch an overall tie with Michigan State in the invitational.

Down by three points to the Spartans with one event remaining, Notre Dame needed a win and a Michigan State loss to tie. The Irish relay team triumphed with a season-best time of 3:52.61, and they received help from Marquette, who edged Michigan State for second place — allowing Notre Dame to slip into a tie with the Michigan State. Both squads finished the meet with 118 points.

Notre Dame coach Tim Connelly said the competition did not reflect Notre Dame's capability.

"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and to compete with our full potential," Connelly said.

Junior Deondre Webers' domination of the throwing events was crucial to Notre Dame's success. Weber put it repeat best for the Irish by coming from behind to win the weight throw competition on her final attempt. Her winning toss of 62 feet, 11 inches was not only a career-long, but it also qualified her for the NCAA championship meet.

Weber also finished strong for the Irish, taking the shot put title in the second-to-last event of the meet with a season-long throw of 45 feet 10 inches. Teammate Jaclyn Espinoza also recorded her season-high mark in the shot put, finishing third and earning points that proved critical in the Irish comeback.

Notre Dame's long-jumpers took the top three spots in their events, led by junior Alyssa Hasan, whose jump of 18 feet 9 inches was good for first place in the event. Sophomore Jaime Minor finished second with a leap of 18 feet 6 inches, and junior Mary Saxer came in third with a jump of 18 feet 3 inches.

Connelly said the Irish will not let up anytime soon.

"The big focus for us will be to continue to improve and continue to compete hard," Connelly said. "If we compete well against better competition, our times will continue to drop and we will start to work our way into a position where scoring well at the conference meet becomes realistic.

The Irish will return to action Friday at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Hope bests Belles in clutch

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hung tough with the No. 1 team in Division III for all 60 minutes of Saturday's game.

Unfortunately, hanging tough did not end up being enough, as the Belles lost to No. 1 Hope (17-0, 9-0 MIAA) 82-73 at the Angela Athletic Center.

Through the Belles entered the game 0-21 all-time against the Flying Dutch, the first half looked promising for the home squad. Saint Mary's gained a 10-4 lead early in the game, and after sophomore forward Anna Kammrath's layup put them up 16-14 with 9:04 to go, the Belles rode their lead into the locker room at halftime.

Senior guard Alison Kessler, the reigning MIAA player of the week, scored 16 of her team-high 21 points before the break. Coming into Sunday's game, Kessler said, nerves were not a problem for the Belles.

"We were very excited to play Hope and we knew that we could play with them," she said. "At halftime, we had even more confidence because we were up.

The second half began with a barrage of scoring from the Flying Dutch, who turned a three-point halftime deficit into a 49-40 lead in just under five minutes. Senior guard Jordan Boles, who scored 10 of her game-high 27 points in those five minutes, led Hope's surge.

The lead fluctuated a bit before a trio-three-pointer gave Hope a 10-point cushion with 8:24 to go in the game. But just as quickly as they'd lost the lead to begin the half, the Belles came storming back, with two Kessler free throws, cutting the deficit to three with 6:37 left.

Though the lead eventually reached 10 again, the Belles regrouped once more. Junior forward Erin Newsom's jumper with 2:14 left in the game brought the score to 74-71. Unfortunately for the Belles, this was their last attempt at a comeback. Hope hit a few clutch free throws as the Belles could not get any of their last-ditch three-pointers to fall.

Despite the loss, which was their second in a row, the Belles again showed what they are capable of. Kessler backed up her 21-point outing with seven assists and seven rebounds. Junior guard Katie Rashid netted 13 points, Kammrath finished with 12, and Newsom contributed 11 points and nine rebounds.

Saint Mary's will look to rebound Wednesday night when the Belles head to Olivet.

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Notre Dame beats Mountaineers on senior day

Squad took early lead, dominated afternoon competition; junior Michael Bulfin breaks school record on 3-meter board

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELLYN MICHALAK

Victory never felt so sweet for Notre Dame’s seven seniors. Notre Dame led after the morning session and dominated the afternoon session of the Shamrock Dual Meet Invitational Saturday en route to a 214-150 victory over West Virginia on senior day for the Irish.

The seniors went out on a high note while swimming in front of a home crowd for the last time. "Everybody likes to win," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "But I think probably the most important thing for us yesterday was to swim well and have fun. We like being at home."

The Irish snagged six individual titles along with a record-breaking dive by junior Michael Bulfin in the 3-meter board. Bulfin broke the school-record with a score of 393.37.

The Irish swept the 200-yard freestyle, securing the top six spots. Sophomore John Lytle won, followed by sophomore Patrick Lloyd, senior Rob Seery, freshman Robert Kingery, freshman Steven Brus and freshman Joseph Deters won the 1,650 freestyle in 15:57.12 and took the top spot in the 500 freestyle.

Notre Dame also captured all four point-earning positions in the 200 butterfly, and it dominated the day’s relay races. Notre Dame earned the top two spots in the 800 freestyle and 400 freestyle, and the Irish won the 200 freestyle relay.

In the same diving event in which Bulfin set the school record, senior Sam Stoner came in second, followed by freshman Wesley Villaflor.

On the 1-meter diving boards, Bulfin, Stoner and senior Steven Crowe earned the top three spots, respectively.

Welsh said he was happy to defeat the Mountaineers, who won the Shamrock Invitational last year. "(West Virginia) has a smaller roster than they did last year," Welsh said. "Nevertheless, we wanted to see how we match up with them, and it was good to come out on top."

The Irish are now 4-1 in the series versus the Mountaineers. The Irish will next head to East Meadow, N.Y., on February 20-23 to compete in the Big East Conference Championship. The Irish have finished in top four of the tournament each of the past 10 years. Notre Dame won the title in the 2005-06 season before a second place finish last year.

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Irish fall to rival Ohio State at NYU

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Round 1 goes to Ohio State. The Buckeyes, Notre Dame's bitter rivals, went 13-0 and in the process topped the Irish in both the men's and women's competition. Saturday at the NYU Duals, the most important team event of the regular season.

"What State, it looks at this point as the strongest team in the nation," Notre Dame coach James Bednarski said. "By night, by day, they have a lot of seniors."

The Notre Dame women ranked No. 1 in the first U.S. Fencing Coaches Association poll, lost to the Buckeyes and to Columbia. Filling the competition void with a record of 4-2. The Irish men, ranked No. 3, lost only to Ohio State — and by a single bout.

"This year is still open, but we are not a separation from the competition," Bednarski said. "We are not the strongest at this point, but we are not the weakest."

The Buckeyes topped the Irish women 12-1 and Columbia beat the Notre Dame women by the same score.

The Irish headed without sophomore épéeist Kelley Hurley, who competed in Europe as part of her Olympic commitment third with a record of 4-2. The Buckeyes, Notre Dame's newfound power-play spark continued over the No. 1 national ranking. Columbia, meanwhile, went 4-1 on the women's side and 2-3 in the men's competition.

History indicates that Saturday's result might not predict how the season-ending NCAA Championships in March will turn out. The Irish had great difficulty with the Buckeyes in 2007 but finished fourth in Ohio State's fifth in the title competition.

"It's not final. We will probably have different results in the NCAA competition," Bednarski said. "But, believe me, it's not easy. "We have a lot of work to do. But, you know, it's fence. We'll see.""

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and did not give up any real scoring chances.

"It was good sign for us to run out and play a strong first period," Thang said. "We hadn't been doing that at the beginning of the year."

And Notre Dame didn't stop after the first period. Senior captain Mark Van Guild, freshman Galle Ridderwall, and junior Christian Hansen added goals before the final horn sounded.

With the outcome no longer in doubt in the third period, the play took on a more physical tone. Bowling Green forward Todd McRath took an apparent cheap shot at Irish goalie Jordan Pearce 8:11 into the period. Notre Dame sophomore Brock Sheahan stood up for his teammate, squaring with McRath. Both players received two-minute roughing penalties.

The violence escalated nine minutes later, when Sheahan was whistled for a slash on McRath. Players from both teams exchanged blows in front of Bowling Green's bench. When all was said and done, six players received 10-minute misconduct penalties for their involvement.

"I think that something should have been done after Pearce was run over," Jackson said. "Our team will protect our goalie if the referee doesn't."

Though Jackson expected the emotions to spill over to Saturday night, only two penalties were called in the first period of the second game, neither for excessively violent conduct.

Notre Dame's newfound power-play spark continued as the Irish netted another two goals with the man advantage, both from freshman Ben Ryan. Ryan put the Irish up 1-0 4:33 into the third period after he slammed home a rebound of a Kyle Lawson slap shot.

After freshman Ian Colbey Falcen goalie Jimmy Spratt on his glove side to put the Irish up 2-0, Bowling Green mounted a comeback when forward Dan Sexton beat Pearce on a short-handed breakaway at 11:58 of the second period.

But any Falcon hopes were quickly put to rest by Ryan, who tallied three points total on the night. Ryan received Kissel's pass all alone on Spratt's right side and buried a shot under the crossbar.

An empty net goal from sophomore Kevin Deeth wrapped up the scoring for the Irish, who said they are relieved to have regained their offensive rhythm.

"We're pretty excited," Thang said. "To finally get some goals is a big sigh of relief."

Notre Dame will be in action again Friday when it takes on the U.S. Under-18 National Team in the Joyce Center. The Irish do not have another CCHA game until facing off against Ferris State on Feb. 8.

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court press, which had been Villanovan's late charge, the Irish built the lead behind
leading scorer Kyle McAlarney's sweet shooting.

The whole game," McAlarney said. "I didn't want to turn

not allowing our efforts to go for it.

McAlarney said he enjoyed
playing at Philadelphia's
Wachovia Center, which has an
NBA-length 3-point line as well as a
college line. He made several jumpers from
behind the professional arc.

Not too many other people
can step out that far," McAlarney said.

"It's kind of a 

"I am pleased with the doubles,"
McAlarney said. "I think that's really
what we need down the road.

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Villanova's late charge, the Irish
built the lead behind
McAlarney's sweet shooting.

The junior guard was 10-of-
16 from the field and 5-of-
13 on 3-point attempts.

"We were pressing hard
and they cut it to six when I
got that last dunk so that
was a big play," Harangody said.

"Ryan was able to get
the ball up-court and that
was a big play for us.

The dunk

was one of

several

second-half slams

for the

Sophomore forward,

who had one

over Villanova forward

Daniele Cunningham

three minutes
ea r l i e r.

Harangody

received a
down-low pass from

rob Kurz and put it in
despite being

fouled by Cunningham.

Cunningham fouled out on

the play and the Irish

converted the free throw to

put the Irish ahead 76-62.

"This Irish big part of

the game," Harangody said.

"Rob gave me a great pass

the Irish was able to

finish."

Irish coach Mike Brey said
Harangody's presence
allowed the Irish to spread
out the Wildcats defense.

"We were able to play

inside-out of Harangody," Brey said.

"When we can do

that, we're really pretty good

and can play with just about

anybody,

Harangody finished
with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

But while the big man's

play was the key to holding off

the week, to 13 points on 5-
of-13 shooting.

"I thought we needed a
great job on him," Harangody said.

"Going into the game, that

was probably our main concern.

Kurz scored 12 points and

Ayers chipped in 10 points

off the bench for the Irish.

Sophomore point guard Tory

Jackson added nine points and seven assists while

controlling just two turnovers.

"Everyone did their job

and that's what got these big wins,"

McAlarney said. "Everyone

contributed and that's really

what we need down the road.

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Charles was also able to

work well against Nort

Dame's attempts to double-
team her because of a lack

of success on Notre Dame's part.

"We knew we had to double-
team her to stop her and we

weren't able to get the other

person down there," McGraw said.

McGraw took the

blame for his team's inability to stop

Charles down low, saying she

should have worked more on

preventing the 6-foot-4

sophomore from

getting the ball.

Charles said playing

low was just a big part of

Huskies coach Geno

Auriemma's game plan all

season.

"Coach [Auriemma] always

tells the post players to be

aggressive in the lane and

dominate as much as you can

and that's what I did," she

said.

"I was at this point able
to maintain a healthy lead

throughout most of the second

half."

The biggest scare

Notre Dame received in the

second half came at the 8:28

mark when the Irish were

down by 17. "Coach [Reynolds]

Barlow drove hard to the

basket and attempted a layup,

which was blocked by Huskies

forward Charde Houston.

The Huskies took the ball down

the court on a fast break when

Montgomery pulled up from

behind the 3-point line and

nailed a shot that put

the Irish ahead 71-56.

"I think we see that we're

more of a zone team," McGraw said.

"We had some success

with the zone tonight so I think

we need to look at that

tonight."

Notes

Freshman forward

Devereaux Peters had her first
collegiate double-double

Sunday night, but still thought
that she could have played

better.

"I still have to work on my

fouls," she said. "That's a

major problem for me. I feel

like that's really hurting the
team a lot."

♦ Freshman guard

Maryann Garean jumped to

an early 3-2 lead over

Deveraaw and Huskies the

netherlands double-doubles

team. The Cavaliers

took the match by a score of

8-4.

Virginia continued from page 24
to Cavalier freshmen

Sanam Siddiqui and

Charles Chapman.

Anderson was serving for

the first set at 5-3, but could

hang on for the win.

Virginia's No. 1, sophomore

Sanne Deveraux, clinched the

win for the Cavaliers when

she defeated Irish junior

sophomore

Hedgon 6-4, 6-3.

"Hedgon had a tough match

against Toledo [on Jan. 20] that he

learned from," Baylis said. "Their

effort was on everything down, and

forced Barlow to come in."

Irish senior Andrew Parbhu and

Helgeson jumped out to

an early 3-2 lead over

Deveraw and Huskies the

netherlands double-doubles

team. The Cavaliers

took the match by a score of

8-4.

"I am pleased with the doubles,"
Baylis said. "(No. 3) did doubles
great; they made a lot of balls, and

responsibly well. I am also

pleased with our No. 2 team (both

and senior Parbhu and

Roth and Havens)." The

seniors fell into an early
cut by suffering two early breaks

of serve. They dropped both match

against Britton and sophomore Houston

Barrick.

Virginia's only the 11th time

the Irish have faced the No. 1 ranked

Cavaliers. The Irish hold the

record among Cleveland

Cavaliers for the

Irish fall to 4-0

against No. 1 ranked

teams.

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Irish get first league road win at Villanova

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Junior guard Kyle McAulane scored 30 points and Notre Dame held off a late rally by No. 18 Villanova Saturday for a 90-80 victory, its first Big East road win of the season.

The Irish were blown out in their first two conference road games against Marquette and Georgetown but were in control for most of the contest against the Wildcats.

“I think we’ve learned how to play on the road a little bit the last two games,” McAulane said. “We took those two losses to heart. We didn’t want that to happen to us again.”

Notre Dame led comfortably for most of the second half, but Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds drove to the basket for an easy layup with 49 seconds left to cut Notre Dame’s lead to 84-78.

On the next Irish possession, junior forward Ryan Ayers broke the Wildcats full

Squad breaks out of scoring slump, reaches 20-win mark

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame broke out of its lengthy offensive slump this weekend, beating Bowling Green 6-1 and 4-1 in the Joyce Center. The Fighting Irish are two more than the Irish had scored in their previous six games combined.

“We got some lucky bounces, which we haven’t been getting for the last three weeks,” Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. “It felt good to get a few goals in the net.”

In the process, the Irish (20-9, 13-6-1 CCHA) busted out of a 6-0-39 power-play slump that extended back to a 7-0 thrashing of Princeton on Dec. 8. The two wins give Notre Dame 20 on the season, marking the first time the Irish have had back-to-back 20-win seasons in the program’s 40-year history.

Sophomore Dan Kissel took a shot from the left circle that was saved by Falcon goalie Nick Eno 8:23 into the first period of Friday night’s game. Junior Erik Condra attempted to put home the rebound, but his shot was waived away by Bowling Green defensemen Tim Mushett McGraw a Tomasz Kowalski.

“Those were two games that were really needed to make a run,” McGraw said. “That’s where you just start to find somebody to score and unfortunately we couldn’t find anyone.”

After four Irish free throws brought Notre Dame back to within five points, the Huskies offense found its footing by rallying on Charles in the post.

The Irish eventually fell in the Huskies 81-64 Sunday at the Joyce Center.

The fourth-ranked Huskies took control defensively in the first half and pounded the ball inside to center Tina Charles as part of a 22-6 run heading into the intermission.

Irish forward Luke Harangody pulls down a rebound during the second half of Notre Dame’s 90-80 win over Villanova Saturday at the Wachovia Center. Harangody scored 25 points in the game.

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Hockey

Squad breaks out of scoring slump, reaches 20-win mark

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Assistant Sports Editor

With 11:12 left in the first half, Irish center Melissa D’Amico nailed a baseline fadeaway jump shot to bring the Irish level with No. 1 Connecticut at 21-21. Unfortunately, Notre Dame was unable to keep the lead as the first half ended with both sides tied at 21.

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The fourth-ranked Huskies took control defensively in the first half and pounded the ball inside to center Tina Charles as part of a 22-6 run heading into the intermission.

Irish guard Charol Allen (5-of-14 shooting for 11 points) said the Connecticut defense clamped down during that run, forcing Notre Dame to take bad shots.

“The defense was great. A lot of shots we took I was rushing,” she said. “A lot of them I just didn’t hit, but Irish coach Muffet Mcgraw wanted me to continue to shoot.”

The Irish held strong early in the Connecticut run and managed to stay within seven points for two-and-a-half minutes while Huskies guard Renee Montgomery—who averages 12 points and four assists per game — sat on the bench. But McGraw said her team failed to take advantage of the opportunity.

“That was when — with Montgomery out of the game — that we really needed to make a run,” McGraw said. “And that’s where you just get to find someone to score and unfortunately we couldn’t find anyone.”

After four Irish free throws brought Notre Dame back to within five points, the Huskies offense found its footing by rallying on Charles in the post.

The Irish outshot Bowling Green 16-2 in the first period starting to come in.”

Thang added another power-play goal at 18:58 of the first period to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead. Erik Condra had put the Irish up 2-0 with a laser from the right circle that banged off the crossbar and past Eno’s glove.

The Irish shotout Bowling Green 16-2 in the first period

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Men’s Tennis

Team drops match to top-ranked Cavaliers

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell 5-2 to No. 1 Virginia at home on Sunday, but senior Sheeva Parbhu was a bright spot for the Irish.

Parbhu defeated Cavaliers junior No. 3 German Ifloga (6-1, 6-1), which tied the match at a point apiece after the Irish dropped the doubles point. Parbhu took a 2-0 lead in the first set and continued to roll from there.

“Parbhu was an All-American last year,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “He is one of two players we have that can play number one singles.”

To complement Parbhu’s victory, freshman Steven Hazen added a close match for the second singles win for the Irish.

Hazen 6-4 behind early, but went on to win 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Follow freshman Daniel Sabid had not as much luck against Virginia junior Andy Angiolillo, falling 6-3, 6-3, 6-0. Sabid needed to work on keeping the ball inside of the court, Bayliss said. “Hazen needs to stay in the rallies longer, and use his shots to his advantage.”

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Wednesday, January 30, 2008
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