SMC, HCC not represented at CCAC

Kirsits says colleges were notified; officials there say they never received invitations

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

When the Community Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) met for the first time last Wednesday, both Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College did not join the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) and the City of South Bend in attend ance. Both colleges insist that they did not receive invitations to or notification about the meeting. CCAC Chairman and Counselman-at-large Al "Buddy" Kirsits said that invitations were sent to both institutions. "They did not respond to our letters," Kirsits said.

Tina Holland, the Holy Cross College vice president of student life, disagreed with Kirsits, saying the letters weren't sent to Holy Cross. "Nobody at the College received an invitation for the CCAC," she said. "I received a message from my contact at Saint Mary's, and she said that she did not receive one either."

Furthermore, Holland said that Notre Dame's Liz Brown talks to Mark Kramer at the CCAC meeting last week. SMC and HCC were not represented.

Perfection a problem for GRC
Rakoczy speaks about lifestyle problems

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Heather Rakoczy, the director of the Gender Relations Relations Center, led a dis cussion Wednesday on how competitiveness and perfectionism affect men and women on campus as part of the "Notre Dating" series about relationships at Notre Dame.

"Students sometimes think that partials and single-sex balls are the biggest factors affecting gender relations here, or that if we got rid of the Catholic character of Notre Dame then it would be more like other schools," she said. "But I think the factor is perfectionism and competitiveness. Those create obstacles to friendly relations with the other sex.

One obstacle caused by competitiveness was "compartmentalization, a work hard-play-hard lifestyle where students pull all-nighters from Monday to Thursday and then drink and hookup on the weekends," Rakoczy said. Compartmentalization is dangerous because "it creates unrealistic expectations," she said.

"Even if you could sustain that for four years, you can't run for the rest of your life. And I don't know if you would want to," Rakoczy said.

Senior Sarah Walker said that high-pressure, compart-

Theology on Fire lecture focuses on friends

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Richard Egan, the president of the North America Carmelites Institute in Washington, D.C., quoted classic Beatles song "With a Little Help From My Friends" as he spoke on the importance of friendship during Wednesday's Theology on Fire lecture in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

With biblical allusions and references to ancient philosophers and theologians, Egan stressed the importance of friends in students' lives. Friendship is a sacrament because Christ is a partner in the friendships we form, he said.

Egan said our friends not only help us through hard times, but also teach us goodness and morality. "When we are good friends we are learning about goodness and what God is like and prepares us for our relationship with God," Egan said. "All of life and all of love are a gift." Egan said that it is important to give of oneself as a gift to friends.

"Mutual presence is essential to the quality of life because mutual presence is the only thing that brings about commitment," Egan said. If we cannot commit to each
INSIDE COLUMN

Headlines & deadlines

Early this morning — after the past-due deadline stories trickled in, after an editor checked the headlines one last time, even as the presses ran — my term as news editor ended. So long as an unexpected spring breakورد وارد باللغة العربية غير ممكناً. Wrap up early, not because I haven't slept. It continued to work for them. Maddie Harrs and Mary Kate Mulque just completed their terms as editors-in-chief and Assistant Managing Editor and are head­ed off to internships at top papers. Somewhere between writing my first story about campus MLK Day celebrations and covering the University's response to Hurricane Katrina, I fell for journalism. I should say it's going to give me a chance. Or, given the journalism job market these days, maybe I should say it's going to give me a catalytic deadline. Between covering Father Jenkins' verdict on the Virginia Monuments and reporting on the Commonwealth's attempts to make students register pur­chases, it made me realize there was a lot more to the craft than finding that perfect lede and that defining quote. The adrenaline rush may have drawn me to this craft, but it was in the tension of applying the loftiest ideals of reporting to messy reality that I became committed. As my colleagues in the sports depart­ment often remind me, many of the news stories we cover can seem a bit trivial. But that's OK. The Observer may have a throwaway remarks about campus life, but it was in the tension of applying the loftiest ideals of reporting to messy reality that I became committed.

Karen Langley
News Editor

Bryce Chung and Leigh Hickman, members of the Notre Dame Glass Club, make glass beads at their meet­ing on Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Python eats Australian family dog

BRISBANE, Australia — A 16-foot python stalked a family dog for days before swallowing the pet whole in front of horrified children in the Australian tropics. Animal experts said Wednesday it was a typical attack.

The boy and girl, ages 4 and 7, watched as the python devoured their silvery terrier-Chihuahua cross-breed Monday at their home near Kuranda in Queensland state.

Quinton Douglas, owner of the Australian Venom Zoo in Kuranda, said scrub pythons typically eat wild animals such as wallabies, a smaller relative of the kangaroo, but sometimes turn to pets in urban areas.

"It actively stalked the dog for a number of days," Douglas said.

NYC man pays hundreds for squirrel homes

NEW YORK — What may be the cheapest rooms in Manhattan are made espe­cially for squirrels. A self­appointed protector of squirrels has paid to have soft­paws boxes made for the crit­ters and had them placed in trees at City Hall Park.

Mark Garvin said he paid a "couple hundred dollars" to have each of the boxes made. The Parks Department installed three at the park.

Garvin, a biologist, said he and his wife appointed themselves caretakers of about 60 or so squirrels at the park after 9/11. "That whole park was coated in white dust," he said. "The animals were dying over there, so that's when we really got determin­ed."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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Cassel: Musharraf should resign

Special to The Observer

With Pakistan's recent parliamentary elections swept by opposition candidates, President Pervez Musharraf should resign, according to Douglass Cassel, director of the Notre Dame Law School's Program for Civil and Human Rights.

Sen. Joseph Biden, who recently traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan, said that he thought Musharraf would quit his job peacefully and "go gently into that good night," but Rashid Qureshi, a spokesman for Musharraf, yesterday dismissed Biden's remarks, adding, "It's very clear that the president has been elected for a period of five years by the representative assemblies who had been elected by the Pakistani people and not by any senator from the United States."

The threat of President Musharraf's party in the parliamentary elections is an important first step," Cassel said. "It means that the prime minister and the government will now come from the opposition. We must hope that Mr. Musharraf will now take the next responsible step—to resign from the presidency, which he unlawfully usurped after firing most of the Supreme Court."

Cassel, a specialist in international human rights and international criminal law, has been a consultant to the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the U.S. State Department, and the Ford Foundation. From 1992 to 1993, he served as legal advisor to the U.N. Commission on the Truth for El Salvador, supervising its investigations, and acting as principle editor of its report.

Alumni Association appoints new executive

84 grad appointed associate executive director

Special to The Observer

Elizabeth "Dolly" Duffy, president of Atchison Products and a 1984 gradu­ate of Notre Dame, has been appointed associate vice president for university relations and associate executive director of the Alumni Association.

"I am excited to have a person of Dolly's experience and integrity joining our team," said Charles F. Lennon, associate executive director for public relations, alumni relations and executive director of the Alumni Association.

"Dolly's role in the Alumni Association is very important to Notre Dame and our worldwide alumni base. Her business background and exceptional leadership ability will be invaluable to the Alumni Association, and we are blessed to have her returning to Notre Dame," Duffy earned a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame. She and her husband, Dan Fangman, a 1984 graduate of business administration degree from Notre Dame, purchased Atchison Products in 1990 and grew it substantially in 10 years. The company posted $15 million in sales in 1997 and was acquired by BIC Graphic USA.

Prior to purchasing Atchison Products, Duffy spent five years as an account executive for public relations firms in St. Louis and Kansas City. She began her career as the press secretary for a U.S. congressman and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Bic Graphic USA.

"It will be such a joy to return to Notre Dame as a place to work, work with the University family," Duffy said. Duffy and Fangman will be relocating to the St. Louis area with their two children.

Duffy will assume her role at the Alumni Association in August.
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They're pretty capable of notifying all kinds of developers (about zoning hearings) and the businesses always get those. I would trust our Clerk's Office did a good job with that. Somebody [at Saint Mary's or Holy Cross] just probably looked at it and flipped it aside or something like that.

Al "Buddy" Kiritsis
CCAC chairman

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American history.
Out of 429 students who participated in the survey, 22.4 percent were "very interested," 57.5 percent were "somewhat interested" and 20.0 percent reported they were "not interested at all" in having this area studies course available on campus.

"It's not just how people used to live in the past. It's what we can learn from the traditions and the cultures of these people and how it can shape our future attitudes towards the environment. That's what we're trying to do — not just relive the past."

Gary Belovsky
biology professor

The Senate also presented a resolution on including sexual orientation in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause.

Currently, the clause prohibits discrimination on the basis of "race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age," according to the Office of Institutional Equity's Web site.

The resolution cites the Constitution of the Catholic Church's teachings to accept homosexual persons, as well as examples of other American Catholic colleges that include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination clauses. The Faculty Senate passed similar resolutions in 1998. Revenue from the resolution was to be allocated to the second floor of the college building.

"I know a lot of people were kind of upset with the first floor library renovations, in terms of getting rid of the second floor room cluster, establishing [lower] computers in the first floor area," she said. "Almost always, the computers are at full capacity there."

In other Senate News:

• Student body vice president Marius Braun said the second annual Community Summit will take place on March 28. City officials, business leaders and students will gather to discuss community relations issues.
• Karen Koski, the chair of Notre Dame's Student Senate Committee, discussed a "student service or social action fund." Such a fund would allow students to apply for grants, which they could use to help others or communities, so they can continue to contribute to the community they served.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Beijing suffers low water levels

WASHINGTON — The summer heat and a 20-year drought that depleted the Yellow River, which flows through Beijing, has led to a significant decrease in water levels. This has caused the Olympic venues, which rely on water, to experience difficulties in their operations.

Columbian rebels free four hostages

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Columbia rebel group has freed four hostages who were taken during a raid on a Colombian military base. The hostages were freed after a six-month standoff, during which time they were subjected to harsh conditions and torture.

LOCAL NEWS

Execution date set for murderer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A man convicted of murdering a 15-year-old girl in 2000 is set to be executed on November 15. The man, who is currently on death row, was convicted of raping and murdering the girl, who was found sexually assaulted and strangled.

GAZA STRIP

Israel, Hamas exchange rocket fire

JERUSALEM — Israel and Hamas exchanged rocket fire near the Gaza border, with both sides firing scores of rockets into the other's territory. The exchange has led to increased tensions in the region, with both sides blaming each other for the violations.

Clinton loses key endorsement to Obama

WASHINGTON — Senator John McCain, who was a close ally of Barack Obama during the 2008 campaign, has announced his support for Obama in the current campaign. McCain has backed Obama in the past, but has now switched his allegiance to the Democratic candidate. This is a significant blow to McCain's campaign, which has struggled to gain momentum in recent weeks.
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other, then we are not ful-
filling our duty as a friend, he
said. "[Friends] also constitute a basis for
creating a moral life," Egan said.
And plays a significant role in our friend-
ships, Egan said, but we often view these bonds as
secular. Instead, he argued, just as love is a gift from
God, so is friendship.
"God gives us himself
through the seven sacra-
ments," Egan said. "They are gifts of God's self, and
God manifests himself in our friendships.
A God lives in each person,
so we learn about God's love from our
friends, he said.
"We love the other for some good of
our self, but love is genu-
ine love when I effec-
tively do good to bring
about the good of the other," he
said.
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Dating
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M entalized relationships encourage a "hook-up cul-
ture" on campus.
"Hook-ups are a way to
avoid a spectacle where everyone knows that you're
trying to get married," he said.
P atrick Tighe, the co-chair
of the Gender Issues
Committee of the Student
Senate, said that hook-ups are sometimes expected,
particularly among male stu-
dents.
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"It's a little hard, a bit
dreadful to just hang out with
a girl in the dorm," he said.
"All your guy friends will
wonder what's going on.
I don't have a car to go
off-campus. What are you going to do?"
Senior Gina Torres said
that relationships at Notre
Dame are complicated by
the potential for mispercep-
tion.
"People generally think
that there's something sexu-
ally charged when people
go to dinner together," she
said. "It's just dinner."
Senior Katie Smith said
that the potential for
mis perception worries her.
"How does a question like,
'Would you like to have
dinner tonight?', translate?
I'm not trying to trap
him into marriage. Eating at
the dining hall should
be normal," she said. "It's not
much more loaded to say
more forward things at a
bar."
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Dylan biopic "I'm Not There."
Two other movies playing at DPAC
will be the docu-
mentary "Sharkwater"
and the 1949 classic
"Third Man."
Other perform-
ances at the DPAC
will include a
French program
by the South Bend
Symphony
Orchestra and a
performance by the Hubbard
Street Dance Company of
Chicago.
All DPAC performance and
show tickets are available for
purchase online.
B rian Bower, a sophomore
from Lyons who plans to stay
on campus over the break,
looks forward to relaxing in
her dorm with her roommate
over break.
"I cannot wait for catching
up on sleep and not doing
homework," Bower said.
She said that she and
her room-
mate, aware of the
dining halls' closing,
have been stockpiling
on food for
their room.
"We also plan on ven-
turing out to LaFawn
and Backers," Bower said.
Another student staying on
campus is Sorin senior Danny
Nolan, who looks forward to
not being busy for once.
"I will be staying here doing
a lot of nothing," Nolan said.
"And I plan on eating a lot of
Subway."
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Sales of new homes hit 13-year low

WASHINGTON — In more bad news for the beleaguered housing industry, sales of new homes fell in January for a third straight month, pushing activity down to the slowest pace in nearly 13 years. The median price of a new home dropped to the lowest level in more than three years.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new home sales fell by 2.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 385,000 units, the lowest pace since February 1995.

The median price of a new home dropped to $216,000 in January, down 4.3 percent from the December median sales price, the point where half the homes sold for more and half for less. That was the lowest median price since September 2004 and underscored that the steep slide in housing is still under way.

Analysts believe that housing activity has further to fall as a wave of mortgage foreclosures is dumping more unsold homes on an already glutted market. For January, the inventory of unsold homes dropped but since the pace of sales activity slowed as well, the number of months it would take to exhaust the current inventory rose to 9.3 months, the longest period in more than 26 years.

Court may reduce Exxon Valdez damages

WASHINGTON — Nearly 33,000 Alaskan victims of the Exxon Valdez disaster will see their punitive damages cut by more than half — to about $30,000 each — if the Supreme Court in recent high of $1,005,771 as sentiment increased that the Fed would continue its rate cut campaign. The U.S. currency was mixed against other major currencies.

The dollar's continued slide drove more money into commodities — especially into oil and gold. Oil prices broke through a new intraday high of $102 a barrel in overnight trading, then fell $1.24 to settle at $99.64 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the biggest sources of funding for U.S. home loans — helped give the market some ballast after the government removed restrictions on the size of their portfolios. That offered a chance for the housing market, which is emerging from the shadow of the extremely tight mortgage market that has been battered by the sub-prime loan crisis.

"The government is trying to do their part," said Todd Leone, a managing director of equity trading at Cowen & Co. "Together, this helps put a little more faith in the economy." Major indexes initially moved higher after investors cashed in profits, following a pattern set in recent weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average — now up four straight sessions — rose 9.36, or 0.07 percent, to 12,694.28. Broader indexes were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.27, or 0.09 percent, to 1,380.02, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.79, or 0.37 percent, to 2,323.28. Stocks were somewhat under pressure after the euro climbed to a record high of $1.0577 as sentiment increased that the Fed would continue its rate cut campaign. The U.S. currency was mixed against other major currencies.

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The yield on the benchmark 10-year note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.85 percent from 3.86 percent late Tuesday. It then rose back up to 3.86 percent in after-hours trading.

The moves followed a government report showing business investment in durable goods weakened more than forecast at the start of the year, playing into the nervousness about economic slowing. The Commerce Department reported durable goods orders dropped 5.3 percent in January, exceeding forecasts.

Traders gather on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Wall Street finished mixed after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's comments on the economy.
Navy official testifies against former sailor

**Classified info may have leaked to terrorists**

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Navy official who last week innocently changed plans had it known that details of ship movements had been leaked to suspected terrorism supporters, a former top Navy official testified Wednesday at the trial of a former sailor on terrorism charges.

Hussain Abu-Jihadd, 32, of Phoenix, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges alleging he provided material support to terrorists and disclosed classified national defense information.

If convicted, he faces as many as 25 years in prison.

Abu-Jihadd, an American-born Muslim convert formerly known as Paul R. Hall, is accused of leaking information that could have doomed his own ship. He was a Navy signalman and received an honorable discharge in 2002.

He is accused of leaking details that included the makeup of his Navy battle group, its plans and type of personnel on each ship and the ships’ capabilities and drawing of the group’s formation when it was to pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

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Panel says kids need flu vaccines

Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — All children — not just those under 5 — should get vaccinated against the flu, an advisory panel said Wednesday.

The panel voted to expand an existing recommendation virtually all children except infants younger than 6 months and those with serious egg allergies.

That means about 30 million more children could be vaccinated in the upcoming season, it said. It would be one of the largest expansions in flu vaccination coverage in U.S. history. The flu vaccine has been available since 1947.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices said all children should start getting vaccinated as soon as possible, acknowledging that many doctors have already ordered their vaccine for the 2009-2010 season and may not be able to get the shots until 2009-2010. The flu season usually starts in the fall and continues through spring.

The panel’s advice is routinely adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issues vaccination guidelines to doctors and health officials.

Flu shots were already recommended for those considered to be at highest risk of death or serious illness from the flu, including children ages 6 months to 5 years, adults 50 and older, and people with weakened immune systems.

The panel said that should be expanded to include children ages 6 months to 18.

Children ages 5 to 18 get flu at higher rates than other age groups, but they don’t tend to get as sick. Of the 36,000 estimated annual deaths attributed to the flu, only 25 to 50 occur in children with that age bracket, CDC officials said.

But children who stay home sick from school cause parents to stay home, so reducing the illness in this group should cut down days of lost work, some experts said.

Experts believe giving flu shots to more children may also prevent the illness from spreading to adults and the elderly, although studies haven’t clearly established that will happen.

Shots are not the only option. A nasal spray vaccine, FluMist, is approved for healthy people ages 2 to 49.

While members waffled a bit on whether to make the recommendations kick in immediately, some public health professionals pushed them to make the earliest endorsement possible of the flu vaccine, concerned that the vaccine would be lacking in flu shots because this year’s vaccine was not well matched to circulating viruses.

Indeed, a few argued that the committee should recommend flu shots for every healthy person, rather than adding another set of children now and maybe young adults in a few years.
Ex-cop sentenced to 57 years
Ohio resident murdered pregnant wife, disposed of body in rug in park

Associated Press
CANTON, Ohio — A former police officer was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison with a chance of parole after 37 years for killing his pregnant lover and their unborn child.

Prosecutors argued that Cutts killed Davis and the nearly full-term baby at her home in northeast Ohio to avoid making child support payments.

The couple’s son, Blake, then 2, was found home alone and gave investigators their first clues to his mother’s disappearance when he said, “Mommy’s crying. Mommy broke the table. Mommy’s in the rug,” and later, “Daddy’s mad.”

For more than a week, Cutts denied knowledge of her whereabouts as thousands searched in the area amid blanket national cable TV coverage. He finally led authorities to the body, wrapped in a comforter.

The victim’s mother, Patty Porter, wept as she told the judge she was risking her family’s disapproval in asking for Cutts to be freed at some point to share life with his son, now 3.

“I hope and pray I can raise him to do right,” she told Cutts. “He knows what you did. You would not believe the stories he’s told us.”

“I do forgive you,” she said, drawing tears from members of his family.

Outside the courthouse, Davis’ father, Ned Davis, said he hadn’t forgiven Cutts.

“He violently murdered my daughter and granddaughter. What would you do?” Davis said.

“Mr. and Mrs. Cutts did not raise him to do this, of that I’m sure. Everybody lost today.”

Ned Davis
victim’s father

Please Note: Interviews will be scheduled after April 1.

Attention Seniors!
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How to judge people effectively

Despite being routinely complimented on all facets of my personality, there is still one characteristic of mine that I never tire of hearing lauded. People often tell me that I am one of the nicest people they know, and character they have ever known. I mention the praise of others not because I needed it to recognize my own worth, but because I can see why some among my scant readership might harbor doubt. Doesn’t everyone think they are good judges of character?

However, when I say that I am great at judging character, I do not merely mean, like the majority of claimants, that I can tell whether a person is good or bad, trustworthy or dishonest.

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What you must ask is whether there is any part of your dislike that might be considered unreasonable. It is possible that all of these people deserve to burn in Circle 9 after all, if you dislike them, they must be uncharismatic vectors, not! but if there is any doubt in your mind, then you must allow them to rise to Circles 7 or 8, depending on the magnitude of your doubt.

Don’t fret too much though, once you get more evidence on how bad someone is, you can slide them down without reservation. Imaginary vengeance is always more enjoyable when backed by certitude.

So there you have it, a handy guide to ranking the people you encounter everyday, be they friends, classmates or unwelcoming acquaintances. Now you’ll be ready when that island-owning billionnaire comes to call.

John Everett is a senior English major. He is thought to be somewhere between 21 and 45 years of age. He is armed only with a sharp wit and is considered unapproachable if you have any thermo­regulation regarding his whereabouts, please contact prerecontres.

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Quote of the Day

"You haven’t won the race if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

Paul Elvstrom

Yachtsman
Bandwagon fan's guide to Irish basketball

Strong bodies fight ...

Comic shocks sensibilities
KY Nets: World Series-bound in 2008

SCENE AND HEARD

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Hope springs eternal every February and March, and for the New York Mets, it couldn't come soon enough this year after the disastrous end to last year's season. In the wake of last season's September debacle, in which the Metropolitan Implicit was a two-bit, one-bit, the future once again looks bright for the star-studded team.

The names of the boys in orange and blue go something like this: Pedro Martinez, John Maine, Carlos Delgado, Carlos Beltran, Jose Reyes, David Wright and Moises Alou.

And, after a Feb., 1 trade-and-sign with the Minnesota Twins, we got Santana. As in, Johan Santana, the Venezuelan southpaw and strikeout machine good for over 200 plus strikeouts per season.

As a friend of mine likes to say, the team is stacked area with his boyish good looks and Jose Reyes, who has stolen bases galore (78 swipes last season) and the hearts of fantasy baseball team owners across the nation. He's also good for about a million goofy Soulja Boy-esque celebration dances in and around the dugout steps.

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By KELLY O'SULLIVAN
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Fashionistas all over the world look forward to the twice-yearly shows that make up fashion weeks across the globe. The weeklong festivities are composed of showcases of the newest designs from both up-and-coming and well-established designers.

The shows in the fall of 2008 brought more color and excitement into the lives of fashion followers everywhere, during what would otherwise be a dreary February.

Designers in New York sent their newest creations down the runways Feb. 1-15 during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. Highlights included Marc Jacobs’ Paul Revere-inspired collection, which focused on the blouson and showed a quiet and muted Revolutionary War-esque style against a louder background.

Models walked down the runway in front of a Sonic Youth rock concert and images in a video installation by Timothy Roeloffs that included crashing waves and one blinking eye.

Finalists for the fourth season of Bravo’s “Project Runway” presented their collections at Bryant Park, the results of which will be broadcast on March 5, naming a winner and providing them with the means to start his or her own fashion line. Other designers who presented in New York this year included icons Anna Sui, Radley Mischa, Zac Posen, Ralph Lauren and Bill Blass.

London held its Fall 2008 shows Feb. 10-15, showing off the edgy and individualistic British style. Pollack & Walsh showed a collection that featured the color blocking of chocolate and jewel tones. Emilio de la Morena ended the double feature at London’s Science Museum with innovative tweed looks.

In Milan, the “Fashion Capital” of Italy, shows concluded even more recently. The end of the week’s festivities included a strong show created by Donatella Versace for the Gianni Versace line. The silhouette of the collection were a far cry from flashy looks of past seasons for the designer. Characterized by clean, architectural lines, Versace presented the look of a strong, independent woman. The industrial elements of individual pieces included the concealment of buttons along seams to avoid a cluttered look. The geometric feel was further shown in angular dress straps, pencil-thin pants and metal pin heels on shoes.

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NBA

New Bulls spark team to first win since big trade

Sixers' Miller, Green combine for 52 to drop Magic; Raptors trump Timberwolves for eighth straight time

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Hughes and Drew Gooden seemed to be adapting to their new team just fine.

Hughes had 29 points and Gooden added 10 points and 15 rebounds, helping the Chicago Bulls beat the Indiana Pacers 113-107 on Wednesday night. It was their first victory since the duo was acquired from Cleveland on Feb. 21 as part of a three-team trade.

The Bulls lost their first two games — at Houston and Dallas — following the trade.

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**MLB**

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz poses with President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney during Boston's visit to the White House Wednesday in honor of their 2007 World Series win.

**White House honors champion Red Sox**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They have guys nicknamed Big Papi and Dice-K and Bones. They have a star pitcher who famously danced in his underwear and a left fielder who is such a sublime hitter that he gets away with being loopy.

So when the Boston Red Sox, World Series champions, showed up at the White House on Wednesday, President Bush had a blast.

"I love the fact that you've got some of the game's biggest stars," Bush said, honoring the team on a chilly day on the South Lawn. "I mean, Big Papi, you light up the screen."

That would be David Ortiz, the lumbering left-handed slugger and team leader who proudly held the World Series trophy.

Then, in a line that even surprised the players, Bush sent a zinger toward absent left fielder Manny Ramirez.

"I guess his grandmother died again," Bush said to prolonged laughter. "Just kidding."

Ramirez says his various antics are just a matter of "Manny being Manny." He also missed the Red Sox 2005 World Series ceremony at the White House.

Bush noted the pitching performance of Jonny Papelbon, the relief pitcher who danced in the Fenway Park infield with his World Series trophy.

"His press corps is bigger than mine," Bush said. "And we both have trouble answering questions in English."

Then there was Jonathan Papelbon, the relief pitcher who danced in the Fenway Park infield with his World Series trophy.

"Thanks for wearing pants," Bush told him.

**IN BRIEF**

**Judge refuses request to postpone Simpson trial**

LAS VEGAS — The judge in O.J. Simpson's armed robbery case on Wednesday refused defense lawyers' requests to postpone his trial.

"I'm here to tell you all that the April 7 trial date is going to be preserved," Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass told defense lawyers and prosecutors, noting that lawyers agreed on the date in November.

"There have been months to be able to prepare for this case," the judge said. "This is, despite what you've told me, not a complicated case."

Simpson and co-defendants Clarence "C.J." Stewart of North Las Vegas and Charles Ehrlich of Miami weren't required to be in court for the brief hearing. They are accused of robbing two sports collectibles dealers peddling Simpson memorabilia at a Las Vegas casino hotel in September.

Major League coaches don helmets after 2007 tragedy

KUSHINAMI, Japan — He, Jonnie\textsuperscript{1} Hubbard trooted on the field Wednesday wearing a helmet — and feeling downright ridiculous.

"What that I feel like," Hubbard said, not bothering to hide the disgust in his voice. "A baffo."

Actually, Hubbard is the first base coach of the Braves, a job he's always done with nothing more than a cap on his head. But last year's tragic death of minor league coach Mike Coolbaugh — the victim of a line drive to the neck — prompted the major leagues to take action.

**around the dial**

**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame at Louisville 7 p.m., ESPN

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**NCAA Men's Hockey USCH Poll**

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Kemp key as Memphis runs over Tulsa; Georgetown top's St. John's to take over first place in Big East

Arthur leads No. 7 KU to victory over Iowa State

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Kansas hadn't played very well the past couple of weeks. The Jayhawks knew the problem stemmed from a lack of energy. So they simply found that extra bounce against Iowa State.

Darrell Arthur had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Mario Chalmers and Brandon Rush each added 15 points and Kansas (No. 7 ESPN/USA Today, No. 8 AP) beat Iowa State 64-46 on Wednesday night to snap a two-game road losing streak.

The Jayhawks (25-3, 10-3 Big 12) played with added intensity from the opening tip, jumping ahead by as much as 22 midway through the second half. But Kansas had to hold off the pesky Cyclones (14-14, 4-9) down the stretch. The Jayhawks let a 57-35 lead dwindle to 64-55 with 4:04 to go thanks to a 20-7 run by Iowa State.

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**NHL**

**Sharks ride three-goal second period past Jackets**

Sabres goalie Miller stops 24 shots despite midgame nose injury, leads team to victory over Nashville

**Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brian Campbell couldn't let go of Jackets on Wednesday night.

A day after he was traded by Buffalo to San Jose, Campbell had an assist in the Sharks' 4-2 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday night. Then he packed away his equipment — in his old Sabres bag. "I had fun out there tonight. It was nice. I'm always looking for the puck. I thought we worked it pretty good," Campbell said. "I'm just kind of sitting back a little and reading plays and seeing what I can and can't do in the system here."

Campbell had his first point in a Sharks sweater, Jonathan Cheechoo ran his goal streak to four games, Joe Pavelski had a goal and an assist and Torrey Mitchell and Jeremy Roenick also scored for the Sharks, who won their third in a row and improved to 20-8-3 on the road. Joe Thornton added two assists, and Evgeni Nabokov had 17 saves.

Sharks coach Ron Wilson liked what he saw from Campbell, who put in 16 solid minutes and was on the ice for Cheechoo's power-play goal and assisted on Pavelski's. "He showed that he's a player, that he wants to be on the ice all the time. He's generally always in attack mode," Wilson said. "You can see he's a sneaky hitter, too. He moves pucks really well. You can see his speed. I think he will really help our power play, obviously."

Campbell was playing his first game for San Jose, which solidified its hold on fifth in the Western Conference. He was picked up along with a seventh-round draft pick on Tuesday from Buffalo for forward Steve Bernier and a first-round pick this summer.

Columbus took the ice for the first time since trading captain Adam Foote and center Sergei Fedorov. They were dealt before Tuesday's NHL trade deadline for two draft picks and a college player.

David Vyborny ended a 24-game drought by scoring twice for Columbus, which started the night in 11th place in the West.

"As the game went on, we were devoid of emotion," Blue Jackets coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We're not going to win games playing the way we did tonight."

The teams traded first-period goals. The Sharks scored with a man advantage, Cheechoo redirecting Pavelski's one-timer from the left circle before Vyborny backhanded a rebound past Nabokov.

Vyborny then scored his fifth of the season with an almost identical shot in the second period, backhanding another rebound high and hard past Campbell as he dived to block it.

**Sabres 8, Predators 4**

Steve Bernier can stop worrying. The pressure is off now that he made his Sabres debut memorable.

Bernier scored goals on his first two shots and added an assist in sparking a win over the Nashville Predators on Wednesday night, a day after being acquired in a deal that sent All-Star defenseman Brian Campbell to San Jose.

"When your confidence is not there you want it to be and the first shot you make you score, it helps," said Bernier, labeled an underachiever during three seasons with the Devils, including a 1-11-3 mark in which he went the way I wanted every game, that was a bad start, but nothing is done yet."

Bernier snapped a 12-game drought in the third of his NHL career, and enjoyed his fifth straight game. Toni Lydman had a career high four assists, Ales Kotalik bagged his fifth goal and Derek Roy, Daniel Paille, Jason Pominville, Tim Connolly and aware that Nabokov had sniper, Buffalo snapped an 0-1-1 skid.

Nashville jumped into eighth place in the Eastern Conference, two points ahead of idle Philadelphia.

It was an important statement game for the Sabres, who had the potential of unraveling after losing Campbell, a key player and team leader.

"To have a player step in and have as good night first night, it's almost a dream come true," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said of Bernier.

Jason Arnott scored twice for the Predators, 0-2-1 in their past three games and falling to a 6-3 loss to Dallas on Saturday. David Legwand and Jan Hlavac, making his debut after being acquired Tuesday in a trade with Tampa Bay, also scored for the Predators.

Nashville, which kicked off a season-high, six-game road swing, entered the game in eighth place in the West, but lost ground when San Jose and Minnesota — both ahead of the Predators — won.

"It's quite frustrating because the urgency has got to be there," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "We blew a chance to get points. By the time we get home, we might be out of the playoffs. We might be ninth."

The Sabres broke the game open late in the second period when Pominville and Roy scored three minutes apart to put Buffalo up 6-3.

As blowouts go, it certainly proved entertaining, with Bernier's performance serving as highlight of numerous highlights in a game between teams in different conferences.

It was a game in which all four Sabres lines played well, featured a seven-goal second period and had the Sabres nearly squandering a three-goal lead for the second straight game; featured a chippy third period with numerous fights; and had a penalty shot. Nashville's Scott Nichol missed his second consecutive attempt this season.

The closest moment came three minutes into the second period when Sabres goalie Ryan Miller was knocked woozy and had his nose bloodied after being struck in the mask by Marcus Foligno's shot. The force of the drive knocked Foligno's mitt off and Foligno ran from Miller's forehead to chin, and pushed it back on his own.

With the tip of his nose loose the main metal bar that secured the mask, Miller returned after missing about 8 minutes. He made 24 saves to preserve the victory.

"It was entertaining, no doubt," said Miller, who wasn't aware that Hlavac had converted the rebound.
The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the **Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism**

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

**Belles begin 2008 season over break**

Team will travel to Florida with four new freshman

By **LAURA MYERS**

**Sports Writer**

Several fresh faces will dot the lineup as Saint Mary’s begins its 2008 season next week.

The Belles, who will travel to Florida over spring break, have four freshmen and three sophomores among their ranks.

"The young players have come here to play hard every game," coach Erin Sullivan said, who is in her third year as head coach of the program. "The leadership they have received from our five upperclassmen has been invaluable."

The team does have some experience including returning junior ace pitcher Kristin Amram, who has already given this year’s freshmen something to strive for. In her freshmen year, she struck out 201 batters on her way to becoming MVP of the MIAA conference.

Sullivan points to the team attitude as a reason for the team’s achievements in recent years.

"We don’t have any ‘stars,’" she said. "Each player brings something different to our success."

Saint Mary’s played well in 2007, setting a 28-13 mark that put them third overall in the MIAA. The top four teams in the conference make it to the postseason tournament. The Belles have qualified for the tournament in both of the past two years.

After returning from Florida, the Belles will begin their nonconference schedule. The first MIAA game is against Calvin on March 29.

Saint Mary’s brings a strong offensive attack along with its excellent pitching. Sullivan said practice time has been devoted to making the offense even more explosive in order to start out strong.

The Belles’ biggest goal is to make it back to the postseason tournament. Sullivan is confident about her team’s abilities.

"We have been a successful team in the past," she said. "We have a great idea of what we need to do to get there and succeed."

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A Lecture by **Declan Kiberd**

University College Dublin

Hesburgh Center Auditorium
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**Men's Golf**

Team opens spring season

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to California during spring break to participate in the USC Collegiate Invitational, hosted by the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, Calif.

The Irish will look to improve upon their 15th-place finish at the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational and hope to gain some momentum going into the second half of the spring season. The relatively young team — eight out of 12 players are underclassmen — will gain valuable experience in California. When they return, only three tournaments will remain before the Big East Championship.

The underclassmen combo of sophomore Doug Fortner and freshman standout Tyler Hokc currently lead the team with the lowest scoring averages (72.77 and 73.20, respectively) and will look to continue their recent streak of strong play.

The most important factor this week, however, will be the play of junior Josh Sandman. Sandman had a two shutouts in the young season. He has the talent to garner a second All-Big Ten award. Sandman had a very good.”

Gumpf said her team needs to respond from living up to their potential. "They have some runs to work on. We need to hit the ball well and team speed, the Irish have the potential to be exceptional this year if the bats come around," Gumpf said.

"I think our team speed has been cancelled out by not getting hits," Gumpf said. "If we can get some base-runners, we will score a lot.

Especially important to the Irish will be success will be senior outfielder Sarah Smith.

"Sarah needs to put the ball in play," Gumpf said. "When she hits the ball, she is very hard to get out, and that could give us a spark."

The Irish will face three teams from the Big West Conference, and the Irish expect to face a strong lineup and a solid pitching staff.

"The Big West is known for its hitting," Gumpf said. "But we also expect to see some decent pitching. So we need to hit the ball well one through nine to compete.

After the Worth Invitational, the Irish will take a day off before traveling to Riverside, Calif., to take on UC Riverside (4-9), another Big West team.

The Irish will then take a short one-day break before getting right back on the horse and competing in the five-game Long Beach State Invitational from March 7-9.

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ND faces major road test against No. 9 Illini

Last season's national runner-up, Illinois is just 5-4 this season

BY KATE GRABAREK Staff Writer

Despite No. 12 Notre Dame's recent victories, it will be tested again this weekend on the road by No. 9 Illinois. The Irish are coming off a 7-0 win over Purdue last weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"We played very solid matches top to bottom against Purdue," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I had my apprehensions about some matches, but we met the challenge."

The Illini have a lofty ranking, but they are only 5-4 this season. They lost badly to No. 12 Florida last weekend, 6-1.

"They are the NCAA runner-up and also in the top-10," Bayliss said. "They went to Florida and played a great match. They lost many three-setters."

Four of the Illini's singles matches went three sets, with the Illini dropping all but one of them.

Illinois has two strong players at the top of their lineup, similar to the Irish. The Illini are led at No. 1 singles by national No. 13 senior Ryan Rowe. Rowe boat players at the top of their teams.

"At the National Team Indoors I felt like we hit a wall with the doubles teams," Bayliss said. "We looked at a lot of options. Freshmen David Anderson and Daniel Stahl are a good team."

The change paid off for the Irish, who won the doubles point against the Boilermakers. To accompany the doubles change, Bayliss has continued to rely on the duo of Parbhoo and Bednarski to deliver the brunt of the load at one doubles.

"They have done a great job all year," Bayliss said. "It is important for Brett [Bednarski] to establish himself at the net. He is looking for the ball more up there. Sheeva (Parbhoo) is also serving better."

After facing Illinois, the Irish will return home for a few days and then head west to La Jolla, Calif., for the Pacific Coast doubles tournament, where they will get accustomed to outdoor play.

"We will work on our transition to the outdoors," Bayliss said. "We will use those outdoor practice days to get more adapted and relearn how to develop points."

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FENCING

23 fencers head to Regional

By KEN FOWLER Sports Writer

Notre Dame qualified 23 of a maximum 24 fencers for the crucial March 2 NCAA Midwestern Regional in Detroit. The Irish are expected to be tied with rival Ohio State for the largest number of competitors at the event.

"It's a tough competition, and I think we were successful to qualify that many fencers," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

In fact, 24 Irish fencers accumulated enough points during the season to make the field, but an NCAA rule limiting teams to a maximum of four fencers per event will force sophomore foilist Teddy Hodges to travel to the event alone.

"We played very solid matches top to bottom against Purdue," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I had my apprehensions about some matches, but we met the challenge."

Fencers who do not qualify after the results from the Midwestern Regional are calculated to have one chance to earn a spot at the NCAA Championships to a maximum of two fencers per event and 12 overall. Last season, 11 Notre Dame fencers qualified for nationals, which was held at Drew University in Madison, N.J. "We will try to qualify as many as we can to be on the medal position," Bednarski said. "Below 10, it's hard to get the medal position." Bednarski is optimistic about Notre Dame's chances.

"If they confirm what they did during the whole season," Bednarski said, "then we will have done good."

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No. 10 Irish face Albany

By Griffin Dassatti
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will hope to rekindle some of last week's first-quarter magic when it takes on No. 13 Albany at home Saturday at 1 p.m.

In their first home game of the season, the Irish leapt out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter against Penn State before settling down to a comfortable 15-9 win over the Nittany Lions. Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said he was happy with his team's performance in the first home game of the season. He only hopes they can repeat their early dominance in the coming games.

"We'd like to bottle that and see if we could do it every week," Corrigan said. "We were handling the ball really well and we won a lot of face-offs. I think we were up 3-0 before they had the ball at the offensive end of the field ... and when you're playing make it take it it's a whole lot easier."

Now the Irish, ranked No. 10 in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse rankings, will take on Albany — a team that Corrigan thinks will present a unique challenge for his team, especially coming off a win against the annual foe Penn State.

"Albany is a different team," he said. "They have a very unique style. The challenge isn't just in the level of their talent but also in the style of their play. You don't play a lot of people who play that way."

Corrigan said the Irish will look to defend against Albany's aggressiveness on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field. They will also have to watch out for Great Danes senior goalkeeper Brett Queener, a preseason honorable-mention All-America by Inside Lacrosse, who Corrigan said is prone to a unique style.

"He's all over the field," Corrigan said of Queener. "He carries the ball up the field to set up transitions and will even come out and double-team people."

Still, Corrigan said, the one of the biggest challenges the Irish will face against the Great Danes is not having to be prepared to counter Albany's game plan, but rather being able to implement their own.

"The trick is to [prepare] while not losing your own identity," he said. "It's not just trying to go up against somebody else, it's remembering what you do and dictating what you want to do. If we're doing things right in preparing for people we're trying to understand [them] and what they're good at and we're learning to execute our stuff."

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Irish attack Brian Hubschmann chases a ground ball in Notre Dame's 14-6 win over Denver on April 15, 2007.

Women's Lacrosse

ND hits West Coast for three big contests

Squad will take on Stanford, Oregon, Cal during break

By Matt Gambier
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame won't get much of a break while classes aren't in session next week, but don't feel too sorry for them — the Irish get to take a trip to California.

The Irish (3-0) will play at Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif., on Sunday before flying to San Diego to take on Oregon as a part of the annual East-West Challenge. Notre Dame's spring break action will conclude with a game against California in Pasadena, Calif.

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"There were definitely things in that game exposed some of our weaknesses, and we've been addressing those in practice," Coyne said. "We've been putting some extra pressure on our defenders to bring the ball out of the defensive unit, but I think in preparing for Stanford, because they have one of the best goalies in the country, we're going to have to focus on doing some things differently on the offensive side as well."

The Irish have gotten the production they expected from a pair of preseason All-Big East picks in senior captain Caitlin McKinney, whose 42-game point streak is a school record, and junior attack Jillian Byers, who leads the team with 15 goals through three games.

But what has given Notre Dame the opportunity to achieve its early season success, Coyne said, are the contributions of some of the team's younger players, including freshman Shaylyn Bailey (10 goals, three assists) and Caitlin Keena (four goals, four assists).

"The freshmen have obviously been great, and I think it's our sophomores, too, because we have three in Gina Scioscia, Rachel Guerrera and Maggie Zentgraf who are getting a lot of minutes," Coyne said. "The leadership of the juniors and seniors with a combination of the youth movement is giving us some good looks and some different things we can do."

"Naturally, even in the Ohio State game, we were trying some different things, so it's exciting."

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Saint Mary's opens its 10th season this spring break as it travels to Orlando, Fla., for seven non-conference matches. The Belles, who went 13-13, 5-3 MIAA last spring, finished fourth in the final conference with eight fresh and two seniors, their final standing since placing first in 2004. With the squad this season is head coach Chuck Rubino and eight freshman members, who join the two returning team members, sophomores Camille Gebert and Lisa Rubino.

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RAMBLIN' WRECK TOOK DOWN NOTRE DAME 2 TIMES LAST SEASON

Irish take on No. 2 Jackets

Come this Saturday, No. 16 Notre Dame will know exactly where it stands among the best in the nation. That's because the Irish will host No. 2 Georgia Tech at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Irish twice last year, both times by the score of 4-2. The first loss to the Yellow Jackets came last February in the ITA National Women's Indoor championship game, and the second also ended hopes for some hardware, occurring last May in the NCAA quarterfinals.

Despite the previous losses to the Yellow Jackets, Irish coach Jay Louderback doesn't feel as though there are any hard feelings between the teams — he simply wants his team to play well and come out with a win.

"I don't think there is any bad blood," Louderback said. "They won the NCAA's last year, so they were a very good team. They have great depth all around so we are going to have to be playing our best. We have one player who is the third-best in the nation. They're very good." One aspect that the Irish will need to execute in it is their doubles play. After winning six straight doubles points as in many matches, Notre Dame dropped the crucial point against North Carolina. Coach Louderback is looking to regain the doubles momentum, and stress this in practice all week. "Doubles play is going to be very big against them," he said. "If we can't get the point, winning four singles matches against Georgia Tech is going to be really tough. We've been playing really well in doubles. Against North Carolina we were just playing tired. We had a couple of tough matches before that so we were a little fatigued, but I'm happy where we're at with our doubles."

The No. 3 doubles tandem in the nation of junior Kelsey Tefft and senior Brook Buck has been on a hot streak. With a Tefft-Buck win early on in the match, the Irish could build some momentum and begin a possible upset.

"When Louderback thinks of the pair, he is reminded of another storied Notre Dame duo before them. Catrina and Christian Thompson both graduated in 2007, and twice in their careers held the No. 1 ranking in the nation as a doubles team. "They're excellent for us," he said. "They just understand each other very well. They actually reminded me of when we had the Thompsons. When we had them we felt like they could go out and get us a point any time and Kelsey and Brook are the same. They have stepped it up every time we go out, and the other girls really look to them to get things started."

Tefft has also been impressing in singles, playing an 11-2 overall record in the dual season thus far. Coupled with the notable play of sophomore Kali Kristik, who has 12 dual match wins to lead the Irish, the Yellow Jackets could face some stiff competition this weekend.

After the Georgia Tech match, Notre Dame must shift its focus to Hawaii. The Irish have a long trip ahead of them to face the Rainbow Warriors at the University of Hawaii Tennis Complex on March 6.

The complex is outdoors and will mark the first time the Irish will play outside all season. "Hawaii is big at the top but they don't have the best depth," Louderback said. "We haven't seen them play at all, just their scores. The one thing they do have going for them is that they play outdoors. Since it's our first outdoor match, we're flying in early and getting in five days of outdoor practice."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

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Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — After taking second in two fall tournaments, Saint Mary's will open its spring campaign March 3-4 at the Saint Andrew's Invitational in Pinecrest, N.C.

The tournament, which is hosted by Saint Andrew's Presbyterian College and Woodlake Resort and Golf Club.

In the fall season, Saint Mary's participation was limited to less than the normal six duals, going 13th and 15th in non-conference tournaments at Ferris State and Illinois Wesleyan.

The Belles finished in 2nd in the first two MIAA Jamborees, at Kalamazoo and Transylvania, then finished fourth at the final fall jamboree, held by Alma.

In the MIAA Championship tournament, Saint Mary's took third.

After the Saint Andrew's event, the Belles will be off until March 19, when they will compete in the Northern Kentucky Invitational.

The Belles, who went 13-13, started their squad this year with eight freshmen and two seniors, who join the two returning team members, sophomores Camille Gebert and Lisa Rubino.

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**Bulls**

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Dane (22-6, 10-4 Big East) got its final stretch of three games before the Big East Tournament — and its race for a first-round by — off to a great start.

"I think our team is starting to peak, and I think it's the perfect time with the Big East Tournament coming around, and the NCAA Tournament," Schrader said. "We've got to play two more games really, really hard, and we're sure that we're going to win them."

Schrader had 17 points and 13 rebounds in her second double-double of the season.

Senior guard Charel Allen had 14 points, and three other Irish players had double figures. Allen also shut down the Bulls' offense from her position as the leader of the Irish full-court press.

"She gives us a bigger person at the top, and she really used her length today very well," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "She just smartly play the passing lanes really well, and I think that disrupted them initially."

Senior center Melissa D'Amico, who hasn't played much this season before forward whens Devereaux Peters and Bela Brunowska suffered injuries, had 10 points on four-of-seven shooting from the floor.

"I've been waiting for my opportunity. I've been working for it," D'Amico said. "With Bevra and Devereaux out, we weren't going to get down on ourselves. It gave us an immediate impact. Blocking a shot seconds after she entered the game." Schrader and Allen controlled the Irish offense in the first five minutes. Schrader had eight points in that span, and Allen, who twice rebounded under the basket and made the put-back, had six.

The Irish led 23-6 until Bulls junior guard Shantia Grace hit a 3-pointer with 9:49 remaining. Notre Dame led by 20 soon after, and when the Irish were up 24 with 3:30 remaining, McGraw emptied her bench.

"Notre Dame was able to control the game in the way they displayed at time," Schrader said. "We've gotta play the NCAA Tournament," she added. "We've gotta play this one game at a time."

Irish guard Charel grabbed three rebounds and rejected another in the first half alone.

"We did a really good job of that today," she said. "We got some steals off the press as well."

The Bulls were held to a season-low 1.53 goals-against average in his last 15 starts — one game just twice during that stretch, and he holds an impressive 1.00 goals-against average in his last 15 starts — yet has just five wins to show for it.

"It's a little straining on you knowing going into games that I probably have to stop all the opponent's shots or keep it down to one (goal), and I feel like it is a lot of added pressure," said Pearce, who has increased both his mental and physical preparations to elevate his game. "I think the beginning of the year when we were scoring, I felt really confident in the team in front of me that if I let a goal or two in early that I'd be fine and I could relax because we'd end up putting it up."

"I'm sure our offense will figure out and start scoring some goals, though. I'm not too panicked. I'm not freaking out, but it is nice when you have offensive support."

Notre Dame's scoring woes certainly don't stem from a lack of talent. With Allen averaging 1.937 points per game, she's also three steals away from becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player with 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists and 200 steals.

"I'm so glad that she's going to be here for the end of the season," D'Amico said. "With Becca and Melissa Lechlitner, who artfully worked; Allen had eight, Mallory Hall had seven and Schrader led the Irish with 14 points.

"We're playing for a lot of things," she said. "We're playing for a seed in the NCAA tournament, how high can we get? We've had a great year; we want to keep it going to the Big East Tournament."

**Notes:**

- Allen moved into ninth on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list with 1,437 points. She passed former Irish assistant coach Donna Harkness on 1,271 points.
- Notre Dame also three steals away from becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player with a 1,000-point, 500-rebound, 200-assist and 200-steal season.
- South Florida's 15 points in the first half were its fewest all season.
- "I think we should be proud of them," Schrader said. "They're going to be able to do that every game."

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**Broncos**

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fall. The junior netminder has allowed more than two goals in only twice this season during that stretch, and he holds an impressive 1.00 goals-against average in his last 15 starts — yet has just five wins to show for it.

"I'd like to start a winning streak and get our guys some momentum," said Schrader. "We want to let people know in the Big East that we have a good defence, and we'll have a good season."

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**Pizza**

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season at this point," Schrage said. "But we obviously want to win every weekend." Despite playing their first game outdoors on grass in several months, the Irish made only minor errors in game. The Irish begin play in West Palm Beach on Saturday against Mount St. Mary's, and then play a doubleheader Sunday against Benaventura and Boston College. After a day off Monday, the team concludes the tournament Tuesday and Wednesday with games against Maine and Lehigh.

"This weekend is an excellent opportunity for the team to string together a winning streak and build momentum," sophomore pitcher Eric Moreau said. "I've been talking to specific guys about their physical intensity, and the big thing is we need to make a better job of taking them out of the lineup, but they need to hold each other accountable to play at that level of intensity.

"These guys know what they have to do to go on again in the conference. We need to show our offensive intensity and grit to make improvements."

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Fracas at Freedom Hall

Contest at Louisville has major implications for conference title race

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame has lurked in second or third place for most of the Big East season, but the Irish can take a major step toward finishing in the top spot tonight when they take on No. 13 Louisville at the Cardinals’ Freedom Hall.

Louisville (22-6, 12-3 Big East) is half a game behind Georgetown for first place in the conference, but the Irish (21-5, 11-3) are nipping at the leaders’ heels and can leapfrog the Cardinals with a win tonight.

“It’s gonna be a tough atmosphere down there in Freedom Hall,” Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody said.

“It should be crazy with them there.”

Schrage said the team was disappointed with its results, but there were several good signs there were knocked out of the MIAA tournament last season by the Flying Dutch (25-0, 16-0 MIAA).

Saint Mary’s last faced Hope on Jan. 26, losing 82-73. The Belles are 5-3 since that contest and are coming off a four-game winning streak, including beating Olivet twice in one week.

“Hope is a very solid team,”

Hockey

Irish to finish regular season against Broncos

By MATT GAMBER
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Coming off another disappointing weekend conference series, time is running out for No. 11 Notre Dame (21-11-4, 14-6-4 CCIIA).

The schedule couldn’t have worked out much better for the Irish, who are 5-7-4 in the months of January and February but catch a break by closing out the regular season with a home-and-home against conference basement-dweller Western Michigan (7-24-3, 3-21-2 CCIIA).

That’s no guarantee of success, however, as Notre Dame has managed only one win in its last six games — all against unranked conference foes.

“It just feels like we’re running on a treadmill,” junior goalie Jordan Pearce said.

“We’re working hard, working hard, and we’re just not getting any goals. I think everyone knows they’ll come, so we just need to keep our heads up and remain confident even though we’ve been struggling as of late.”

Notre Dame will honor its five seniors following Saturday night’s 7:05 p.m. game, a day after Friday night’s 7:35 p.m. contest at Western Michigan’s Lawson Arena, recognized as one of college hockey’s loudest sections.

“One of our focuses is to come out and have a strong first period, a strong first 10 minutes, just to weather the storm [of the Broncos’ student section],” Pearce said.

“Especially it being their senior night, we just need to let the game settle down and allow ourselves to take over from there.”

For that to happen, an offense that hasn’t scored more than twice in a game since a 5-3 loss to Ferris State on Feb. 8 needs to pick itself up.

Pearce leads the CCIIA with a 1.82 goals-against average in contests at Western Michigan’s Lawson Arena, recognized as one of college hockey’s loudest sections.

BASEBALL

Team hopes to recover from last week’s losses

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Notre Dame will spend spring break in the warmth of Florida and Texas — but there will be little time for rest and relaxation.

Notre Dame will play eight games in nine days as it participates in the Big John’s Challenge and the Whataburger Classic the next two weekends.

The Irish (11-2) return to the state of Florida for the Papa John’s Challenge hoping for better results than their last visit there. Notre Dame dropped two of three games in the Clearwater Invitational last weekend, beating Iowa but falling in Liberty and Albany.

February but catch a break by closing out the regular season with a home-and-home against conference basement-dweller Western Michigan (7-24-3, 3-21-2 CCIIA).

The Irish opened the season with a 6-2 loss to tournament host Liberty, managing just six hits against Flames right-hander Clarence Nicol.

Notre Dame recovered the next day against Iowa, coming from behind four times in a 13-12, 10-inning win. Senior shortstop Brett Lilley hit a two-out, two-run single in the 10th for a walk-off win.

The Irish finished the weekend with a 12-4 loss to Albany.

Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said the team was disappointed with its results, but there were several good signs in the tournament.

“We played very well defensively, and we’re further along hitting-wise than we were last

ND Women’s Basketball

ND massacres Bulls, 92-49

McGraw’s players call blowout Big East victory ‘fun’

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

On a night when its offense dominated and its defense smothered, Notre Dame was all smiles.

“Basketball is fun. It should be fun, right?” junior guard Lindsay Schrader said after the game. “Why would you play if it isn’t fun?”

It would be hard for the Irish not to enjoy themselves when they’re winning in convincing fashion, like they did Wednesday in a 92-49 victory over South Florida. Notre Dame (19-6, 3-0 Big East) dominated and its defense

ND Women’s Basketball

Bellies face unbeaten, No. 1 Hope

SMC will take on Flying Dutch in MIAA quarterfinals

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a 71-62 victory over Olivet on Tuesday night, Saint Mary’s takes on national No. 1 Hope tonight in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament for the second year in a row.

The Belles (13-12, 8-8 MIAA) were knocked out of the MIAA tournament last season by the Flying Dutch (25-0, 16-0 MIAA).

Saint Mary’s last faced Hope on Jan. 26, losing 82-73. The Belles are 5-3 since that contest and are coming off a four-game winning streak, including beating Olivet twice in one week.

“Hope is a very solid team,”

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