Male close to earning SMC degree

By LIZ HARter
St. Mary's Edition

Building attendant Lou Morales has been taking advantage of a Saint Mary's College policy that allows all college employees to take one class per semester for the past five semesters. Now, he claims that he is the first male student enrolled at Saint Mary's.

"I've taken everything for credit," Morales said. "Basically, I'm working toward a degree."

Morales cited the fact that he was listed as a student and not a staff member in the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College telephone directory. "If you look under staff [in the directory] you won't find my name, but if you look under students you will find me," he said.

However, Lorraine Kitchener, the college registrar, said that Morales is not able to earn a degree from the College due to Saint Mary's policy of not allowing men to graduate but he can earn grades and credits that may be transferable to another institution.

Kitchener said Morales is no different than any of the other male close to earning SMC degree. He was listed as a student for the past five semesters.

Lou Morales and freshman Julie Hagopian discuss Arthurian literature in a SMC English class.

Students hold St. Patrick's Day festivities

Irish holiday celebrated on campus, event not during spring break for first time in three years

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Juniors Matthew Zell, left, and Brian Simpson celebrate at the Legends St. Patrick's Day Nightclub Saturday night.

College to increase tuition 5 percent

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees approved a 5 percent tuition increase for the 2008-2009 academic year that will raise tuition to $27,600. Room and board will increase three percent to $8,195.

College Vice President for Finance and Administration for the College Laurie Stickelmaier said the increase in tuition will cover most of a proposed 6.5 percent average increase in faculty salaries.

"The reason for the higher increase in faculty salaries for the fiscal year is to bring our faculty salaries more in line with comparable small liberal arts institutions," she said. "The increase in tuition will allow us to keep pace with market faculty salaries."

According to Stickelmaier, Saint Mary's has maintained low costs compared to other smaller liberal arts colleges, who will increase costs an average of 6.5 percent.

"For the last four years we've had 4 or 5 percent tuition increases compared to other institutions that have had 6 to 7 percent increases," she said. "We've been able to do this by using improved efficiency, productivity, and performance salaries.

Friar discusses health, spirituality

Sulmasy supports views on healing with cancer patient's story

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Franciscan friar Daniel Sulmasy spoke about the similarities between administering health care and living a spiritual life Friday at McKeenna Hall.

Sulmasy said that, while he expects most people to disagree that medicine is a spiritual practice, he finds an "infinite space that exists between [physician's] hands and the bodies of the patients that they touch" and that there is a "transcendent healing presence in that space."

Sulmasy said that the distinction between spirituality and religion is important in understanding the role of spirituality in health care. "In one sense, spirituality is broader...it is the character and qualities of one's relationship with transcendence," he said. "By contrast, a religion is a specific set of beliefs about transcendence...obviously not every body has a religion."

Sulmasy said that to heal individuals wholly, it is important to look at how disease affects them spiritually in addition to physically. He related the story of a patient diagnosed with lung cancer last fall to support his view on the connection.

The patient had met Sulmasy previously at a conference and had been impressed by his lecture. "I know I can't be cured, I want a doctor for when things get bad," the patient said to Sulmasy.

Sulmasy began treating the patient and making house calls that something that he had not done in a long time — once the patient was too sick to come to the hospital. He continued to treat the patient despite his personal dislike of the man and his neediness.

"What did he want from me?" Sulmasy asked his audi ence. "After all, I have to tell you, I really didn't like him."
Happy Saint Patrick’s Day

As we all celebrate our Irish heritage today, the feast day of St. Patrick and the anniversary of his death, I think many of us forget what we are celebrating and how it is celebrated outside the traditional festivities on many college campuses.

St. Patrick wasn’t Irish at all. He was born in Britian to a wealthy family around 387, and his real name was Maewyn Succat. At sixteen, he was captured by Irish raiders attacking his family’s estate. Maewyn spent six years in captivity as a shepherd away from people, deepening in his Christian faith.

After more than six years, he had a dream in which a voice he believed was God told him to leave Ireland.

He walked over 200 miles to the Irish coast before escaping back home. Once back home, he experienced a second revelation in a dream where an angel told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He started religious training, was ordained a priest, took the name of Patrick, and was sent to Ireland to minister the already living there and to convert the Irishmen from their native paganism.

March 17 has been observed as a religious holiday by the Irish for hundreds of years but has moved on to become much more. Since it usually falls in Lent, Irish families would traditionally go to church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. The Lenten ban against eating meat was waived and people would drink, feast on Irish bacon and cabbage, and dance.

The first St. Patrick’s Day parade took place in New York City, not in Ireland. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the city on March 17, 1762. In 1848, a number of New York Irish aid societies decided to unite their parades and formed one New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Today it is the largest parade in the U.S., with more than 150,000 people involved.

One of the most important figures of St. Patrick’s Day and the Irish in general is the leprechaun. The Irish originally called these little figures “lobaircin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.” In Celtic folklore, these little figures were often cranky boars protecting their legendary treasure. The inclusion of these figures in the celebration of Saint Patrick’s Day is actually credited to the film Darby O’Gill and the Little People, released by Walt Disney in 1959. Giving a view of the leprechaun as a cheerful, friendly figure is an American invention which then spread to become a symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick’s Day.

In the end, you may just view today as a reason to go to class drunk, or go out and celebrate with your friends. But in case you did read all of this, I hope you learned a little more about today, and happy St. Patrick’s Day!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets any errors it may have committed in the previous edition. They are human errors and we believe the information is accurate as of our last update. If you find any errors, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: Do you care that they moved St. Patrick’s Day to last Saturday?

Mike Westrate

grad student
off-campus

"It’s just another day for work."

Susan Seago

senior
off-campus

"Who moved St. Patrick’s Day?"

Sean Mallin

junior
Keough

"I’m not Irish enough to care."

Zachary Przystup

senior
off-campus

"I’m raging both days, so it doesn’t matter to me."

Caitlin O’Neill

junior
Levis

"No, I’m enraged."

Anthony Salpino

senior
off-campus

"It’s a plot by Pr. Poorman to keep students from drinking on a Monday."

Offbeat

Student punished despite saving school bus

MEASIB, Calif. — A 15-year-old girl who stopped an out-of-control school bus she was riding on was handed a Saturday detention instead because she was skipping school.

Marina High School student Amanda Roque was on a bus with 40 elementary school students Wednesday morning when the driver fell out of her seat after a turn and hit her head.

Roque jumped up and applied the brakes, bringing the bus to a halt after striking two parked cars. No one was injured.

She said has had asked the bus driver for a ride because she felt sick at school.

"She is in trouble with school because she made the wrong decision," said Roque’s grandmother, Sally Correll. "But I can’t help but believe that she was where God wanted her to be."

Great-grandmother foil purse snatch

SANTA FE, N.M. — An 83-year-old great-grandmother thwarted a would-be purse snatcher with a gas nozzle and an iron grip.

Bernie Garela said a young man approached her at a gas station as she was buying fuel for her van and asked for money. When she told him she had spent all her spare change on gas, he tried to grab her purse.

She fought back, spraying his shirt with some gasoline. Both of them held on to the purse, and he pulled her to the ground and dragged her a short distance until another man confronted him.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

In Brief

The Student Activites Office will host the St. Brackets Day Basketball shoot-out, where students can compete to win a chance for a private NCAA men’s basketball National Championship game-watch party for the winner and 25 friends. It will be held at the Fieldhouse Mall today from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cynthia Robin will deliver her lecture entitled "New Discoveries about the Ancient Maya: Peopling the Past" today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will play Central Michigan at 5:05 p.m. today at the Eck Baseball Stadium.

Campus Ministry will host a campus-wide Stations of the Cross Tuesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A procession to the Basilica will depart from the Grotto at 7 p.m.

The American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame will host the Relay for Life KickOff Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Ballroom.

The film "Persepolis," which tells the story of a young girl living in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Astronauts assemble robot
'Dexter' designed to complete human tasks in spacewalk

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — The space station's gigantic new robot, Dexter, rose like Frankenstein from its transport bed early Sunday, enabling spacewalking astronauts to do some high-tech arm work.

Dexter's hands were attached to its arms during the first spacewalk of Endeavour's international crew to add an arm to the station's robotic shoulders, representing the bulk of the walking and working machine. "Good work guys," astronaut Robert Behnken called out to his colleagues after they hooked up the first arm. "We've got a one-armed monster now." The second arm went on soon afterward.

Linneman and his space-walking partner, Michael Foreman, had to use a pry bar and brute force Saturday night to get the robot's arms off the transport bed, where it had been latched down for launch. Two of the bolts wouldn't budge, even when the astronauts banged on them and sunk all their might. "We're really having to get medieval on Mr. Dexter," Foreman observed.

Finally, the bolts gave way. But by then, the astronauts had fallen an hour behind in their work.

The nighttime spacewalk — expected to last into the wee hours of Sunday — came close to being drastically altered or even delayed. For nearly two days, a cable design flaw prevented NASA from getting power to Dexter, lying in an ideal position for plugging in its electronics from freezing. "Dexter is doing much better," said astronaut Garrett Reisman, who performed the first spacewalk with Linneman on Thursday night.

"When he's all put together, he looks a lot like a person," he added. "He's got two arms, a body, a head, and he is designed to do basically the same things that we do on a spacewalk."

At the same time, Reisman considered Dexter a little scary and monstrous-looking. Before the flight, he likened it to Frankenstein coming alive.

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According to Stickelmaier, raising tuition is a lengthy and time-consuming process. After considering enrollment numbers, costs in tuition and fees are then discussed in relation to financial assistance, endowment income, and room and board costs. The revenue and costs are then calculated to see if the total would match the increase in tuition.

These calculations are continually refined to ensure the budget for the upcoming year is approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its April meeting," Stickelmaier said.

Stickelmaier has received no complaints about the tuition increase from parents yet.

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Attention Seniors!
Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

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Preferred start date is July 1, 2008.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

9 killed by Albanian explosion
TIRANA — Rescue teams worked into the night Sunday to try to locate nine people still missing a day after a chain of massive explosions flattened an Albanian ammunition dump and hundreds of nearby houses, killing at least nine and injuring nearly 300.

Defense Minister Spas Hoxhaji said the operation would continue "for as long as needed," but rescuers — assisted by U.S. military explosives experts — were hampered by large areas of unexploded artillery shells.

"The operation will continue into the night with limited groups of experts," he said.

Saturn's explosions in the village of Gerdec, about six miles north of Tirana, scattered shells over 2,500 acres, Hoxhaji said.

Prime Minister Sali Berisha said the explosions were an accident: blasts triggered during work to destroy excess ammunition stockpiled during Albania's Communist past.

Conservatives lag in French elections
Paris — In France's municipal elections on Sunday, a conservative majority headed toward defeat and losing control of key cities, a new setback for a leader beset by sinking support.

Sarkozy’s government Minister insisted, however, that the government would forge ahead with a sweeping reform program despite demands for a change from opposition Socialists buoyed by the early returns.

"You can't create a great country like ours in a few months," Francois Fillon said. "Tenacity is needed to reform."

NATIONAL NEWS

Spitzer may have violated Mann Act
NEW YORK — Among the charges Gov. Eliot Spitzer could face in the call-girl scandal that has cost him his job is one that has been brought against a slew of other prominent men in the past century.

In court papers, Client 9, identified by law as Spitzer, paid for a prostitute to take a train in February from New York to Washington and have sex with him at an upscale hotel.

Spitzer has not been charged with a crime, but four people accused of running the prostitution operation that authorities say he used have been charged with violating the Mann Act, which bans transporting women or girls across state lines for "prostitution or debauchery, or for any other immoral purpose.

Winter storms damage national parks
YAKIMA, Wash. — Hundreds of trees blown down by wind exceeding 100 mph. Roads and telephone lines washed away by swollen rivers. Damages still unknown to be repaired on backcountry trails.

Winter storms have devastated the Pacific Northwest's popular national parks each of the last 15 years, causing damage that has run into the millions of dollars.

After last year's enormous repair effort in nearby Mount Rainier National Park, the major repairs this year are taking place in Olympic National Park, which offers visitors miles of Pacific coast in addition to craggy alpine peaks and forested lowlands.

LOCAL NEWS

Sexes separated in juvenile hall
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A judge who stopped sending female offenders to a state-run juvenile center because it discriminated against men said he is waiting for adequate services said he's cautiously optimistic about promised changes.

The Indiana Department of Correction announced last week that it will stop housing both boys and girls at the South Bend facility.

State Probate Court Judge Peter Nemeth wrote an open letter to Gov. Mitch Daniels in December complaining that girls at the Indiana penal facility were being "warehoused" and not adequately supervised.

CHINA

Tibetan protests hit provinces
Demonstrations force mobilization of security forces; Dalai Lama decry "cultural genocide"

Associated Press

TIBERN — Protests spread through Tibet by three neighboring provinces Sunday as Tibetans defied a Chinese government crackdown, while the Dalai Lama deplored what he called the "cultural genocide" taking place in his homeland.

Demonstrations widened to Tibetan communities in Sichuan, Qinghai and Gansu provinces, forcing authorities to mobilize security forces across a broad expanse of western China.

In Tongren, riot police sent last week That protesters set off explosions when they took up positions outside a monastery. Dozens of monks, defying a directive to gather on church steps, marched to a hill where they set off fireworks and burned incense in what one monk said was a protest, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene.

In a sign that authorities were preparing for trouble, AP and other foreign journalists were ordered out of the Tibetan parts of Gansu and Qinghai provinces by police who told them it was for their "safety."

Meanwhile, police in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, searched buildings as a Monday deadline loomed for people who took part in a violent anti-Chinese uprising last week to surrender or face severe punishment.

Speaking from India, the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetans, called for an international investigation into China's crackdown on Lhasa, which his exiled government claims left 90 people dead.

China's state media has said 10 civilians were killed.

"Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place," the Dalai Lama said, referring to an influx of Chinese migration into Tibetan areas and restrictions on Buddhist practices — policies that have generated deep resentment among Tibetans.

Tensions also boiled over outside the county seat of Aha in Sichuan province when armed police tried to stop Tibetan monks from protesting, according to a witness who refused to give his name.

The witness said a policeman had been killed and three or four police vans had been set on fire.

Eight bodies were brought to a nearby monastery while others reported that up to 10 protesters had been shot, according to activist groups the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy and the London-based Free Tibet Campaign. The claims could not be confirmed.

Sunday's demonstrations follow a week of protests in Lhasa that escalated into violence Friday, with Tibetans attacking Chinese and torching their shops, in the longest and fiercest challenge to Chinese rule in nearly two decades.

Complicating Beijing's task, the spreading protests fall two weeks before China's celebrations for the Beijing Olympics kick off with the start of the torch relay, which will pass through Tibet.

Though many were small in scale, the widening Tibetan protests are forcing Beijing to pursue suppression while on the run. From town to town and province to province across its vast western region, Sunday's lockdown in Tongren required police imported from other towns, the locals said.

The Chinese government attempted to control what the public saw and heard about protests that erupted Friday. Access to YouTube.com, usually readily available China, was blocked after videos from Tibet-related protests abroad.

Bayou forsaken after Katrina

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"How can we go back and get that year that we've lost?"

Before Katrina, Grand Bayou and its 25-odd families of Atakapa-Ishak American Indians lived in a parallel world, in concert with moon cycles and migrations of shrimp. This living landscape, where there are no roads and everyone travels by boat, is facing extinction.

Post-storm government aid has been nearly nonexistent, villagers said, leaving the entire village unable to return to their homes.

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Grand Bayou's state of despair resembles that of the Lower 9th Ward, 40 miles away in New Orleans. Both are 85% black. Both are poor. Both are colorful enclaves of traditional Louisiana culture.

They are exhibits in a pattern emerging since Katrina struck on Aug. 29, 2005. The widening gap between rich and poor in rebuilding, they have to do a lot with economic challenges. If
St. Patrick's Day. We had a good time and we'll be playing every St. Patrick's Day. My buddies and I play a game of 16-inch softball in addition to taking part in festivities tonight, despite Tuesday class exams. "I'm probably going out later that night," he said. "Monday's aren't usually big party night, but I know it's going to be fun for St. Patty's Day."

Some students said that they celebrated the holiday on Saturday — the day the Vatican moved St. Patrick's Day to March 23. For other students, however, celebrating St. Patrick's Day must take a backseat to schoolwork. Freshman Anna Claire Sulmasy said that she would have to spend the night studying for a calculus exam and skip the festivities. "I'll be studying for my calculus test," Marrone said. "So, no, I won't be going out."

Delach said that he would be taking part in festivities tonight, despite Tuesday class exams. "I always pray that St. Patrick's Day is over spring break," he said.

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Companies make emergency deal

JPMorgan Chase buys Bear Stearns to avert bankruptcy, financial crisis

A businessman passes by Bear Stearns in New York Friday. JPMorgan Chase bought the company in an emergency deal Sunday.

Associated Press

Paulson defends Federal Reserve

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will "do what it takes" to stabilize chaotic markets and mini-

mize the economic damage, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Sunday after a tumultuous week capped by the Bear Stearns rescue of a teetering investment bank.

All eyes now are on Wall Street as leading financial adviser prepared for a Monday meeting with President Bush and the Federal Reserve weighs another deep interest rate cut Tuesday to stem even more dete-

riorating sentiment.

Paulson, in a series of news show appearances, defended the Federal Reserve's extraordinary step Friday to provide emergency financing to one of Wall Street's most venerable firms, Bear Stearns Cos. The central

bank's intervention was "the right decision," he said.

The treasury chief sidestepped questions about what would have happened if the Fed had not ridden to the rescue, whether other firms are on shaky ground and the possi-

bility of additional bailouts similar to Bear Stearns'.

At the same time, however, Paulson sought to send a calming message that the administration is on top of the turbulent situation. "The govern-

ment is prepared to do what it takes to maintain the stability of our financial system," he said. "That's our pri-

ority." Bush plans to meet Monday with a key financial panel on Wall Street, whose members include Paulson and Federal Reserve Chair-

man Ben Bernanke. The panel on Thursday recommended stricter regulation of mortgage lenders as part of a broad effort to prevent a repeat of a credit

crisis threatening to drive the country into the first recession since 2001.

The Federal Reserve, the Treasury Department and the FDIC have been working on a broader plan to help financial institutions.

Paulson said. "We feel it, we know it, the American people know it."
Crane falls across city block

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rescuers dug through the rubble Sunday for three people still missing in the rubble and wreckage left when a construction crane toppled like a tree across a city block and killed at least four construction workers.

Among the missing were two workers and a woman who was staying in an apartment at a townhouse flattened by the crane. "Each passing hour, things get a little more grim," Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. Twenty-four others were injured, including 11 first responders, said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Eight remained hospitalized Sunday, officials said.

The crane rose 19 stories and was attached to an apartment tower under construction when it broke away Saturday and toppled like a tree onto buildings as far as a block away. On Sunday, crews continued to remove pieces of the crane and piles of debris from the damaged buildings, as neighborhood residents and a Manhattan borough official raised concerns about city inspections at the apartment tower.

"I warned the Buildings Department last and on March 4 that it was not sufficiently braced against the building," said Bruce Silverblatt, a retired crane contractor and vice president of the Turtle Bay Neighborhood Association. Retired ironworker Kerry Walker, who had his wife in the top-floor apartment of the four-story townhouse and left minutes before the collapse, had complained that the crane appeared dangerously unstable, his sister-in-law said.

"He knows all about cranes and said this one had no braces, everything was too minimal," John Viscardi said. He told one friend on the phone that "if you don't hear from me, it's because the crane fell on my house."

City officials said the crane was inspected Friday. At day later, it was being lengthened with a new section, a process known as "jumping," when it fell.

Bloomberg said mechanical failure or human error may have caused the accident. "As far as we can sell, all procedures that were called for were being followed," he said.

Bloomberg said that about 250 cranes are operating in the city on any given day, and the accident should not alarm New Yorkers, given the near high-rise construction sites.

"Do I think that you should worry if there's a crane across the street? No," Bloomberg said. "This is such a rare thing that I don't think we should worry about it."

The city had issued 13 violations in the past 27 months to the construction site where a 43-story high-rise condominium was going up. Every large construction site has been violation. Bloomberg said.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer said the city would order a multi-agency task force to inspect major construction projects.

"It is unacceptable for the Department of Buildings to say yesterday that the 12 open violations on this construction site were "business as usual," Stringer said. "We can't keep going on like this."

Killed were construction workers Wayne Bleidner, 51, of Pelham; Brad Cohen, no age or address available; Anthony Mazza, 39, and Aaron Stephens, 45, of New York City, police said.

The missing woman had come from Miami to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and just a friend who visited in the brownstone, said John LaGreco, owner of Pabar, a salon on the ground floor.

She was in her friend's second-floor apartment at the time of the collapse, he said. Her friend was rescued, he said.

On Sunday, the Reliance Construction Group, the project's contractor, released a statement expressing sympathy to the families of the dead and the injured and said it was cooperating with government investigators.

Reliance said it had subcontracted different parts of the job and that New York Crane owned the crane. A telephone message left with New York Crane Sunday wasn't returned.

The collapse comes amid a building boom in New York City and following a spate of construction accidents in recent months, including a few involving cranes.

In 2006, a 13-foot piece of a crane fell on a man who was dismantling a fall and crushed a taxi cab.

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Five dead, rescuers continue search through rubble

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Strategists for Barack Obama pressed an attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton over accountability and ethics on Sunday, demanding that she release more government income taxes and foundation donors. The New York senator's campaign pushed back, accusing her rival of stepping up personal attacks.

"This is a tried and true technique of the Obama campaign that has repeatedly shifted negative when they find the momentum working against them," said senior Clinton strategist Mark Penn. He suggested the Obama campaign was trying to "deflect public opinion from their losses in Ohio and Texas" and faced with Clinton strength in Pennsylvania.

Obama communications director Robert Gibbs called on Clinton to release full post-White House tax returns, or "full congressional "earmarks," or pet projects she had inserted into spending bills, and to release all documents pertaining to activities to the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Library, including a list of donors.

"What is lurking in those documents?" Gibbs asked as the two campaigns had dueling phone conference calls with reporters.

"There are gaps that need to be filled," said Obama strategist David Axelrod.

Obama was heading for Pennsylvania on Monday to campaign, with stops later in the week likely in North Carolina and Ohio and a Saturday speech in Colorado. Clinton prepared to give a speech on the Iraq war on Monday in New Mexico.

The Obama campaign's attack on Clinton came after a weekend in which the Illinois Democrat sought to ease public concerns about his ties to an indicted Chicago developer and to inflam­ matory statements by his former pastor.

In interviews with Chicago newspapers, a TV appearance and a Saturday speech in Iowa, Obama disavowed racially tinged comments by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who was Obama's pastor for nearly 20 years before retiring recently.

Obama also worked to distance himself from Anthony "Tony" Rezko, a former fundraiser for the candidate who is currently on trial in Chicago on corruption charges.

Obama's team asserted that Clinton was continuing to shield financial documents from public scrutiny at the same time she was calling for greater accountability.

Clinton has said she will release tax returns for the years after her husband's presidency, but not before the April 22 primary in Pennsylvania.

When asked if the request for tax information is what they are calling personal attacks, Clinton spokeswoman Howard Wolfson said: "You accuse somebody of being disingenuous and question their integrity and their honesty, as they are doing, that constitutes a personal attack."

As to Pennsylvania, Obama strategists Axelrod rejected a suggestion that their campaign was all but giving up on the state and focusing its energies on primaries that come later where they expect to do better.

"We are going to contest vigorously in Pennsylvania," Axelrod said, noting that Obama would be there on Monday and Tuesday.

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McCain visits officials in Iraq

Senator meets with Iraqi, U.S. military, diplomatic personnel on trip

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Sen. John McCain, the likely Republican presidential nominee, arrived in Baghdad on Sunday for a visit with Iraqi and U.S. diplomatic and military officials.

The trip by McCain, who has linked his political future to Iraq, coincided with the 20th anniversary of a horrific chemical weapons attack in northern Iraq.

McCain met with Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and planned to meet with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, according to the U.S. Embassy. Further details of McCain's visit, which has been anticipated, were not immediately available for security reasons, the embassy said.

Before leaving the United States, McCain, one of the foremost proponents of the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion, said the trip to the Middle East and Europe was for fact-finding purposes, not a campaign photo opportunity.

But he expressed public worries that militants in Iraq might try to influence the November general election.

"Yes, I worry about it," he said, responding to a question during a campaign appearance in Pennsylvania. "And I know they pay attention, because of the intercepts we have of their communications.

McCain, the senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, was accompanied by Sens. Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., two top supporters of his presidential ambitions.

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VATICAN CITY

Pope calls for peace after bishop's death

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI issued one of his strongest appeals for peace in Iraq on Sunday, as "the smell of a bloody row" to denominate the violence in Iraq spawned by the war that began five years ago this week.

"At the same time, I make an appeal to the Iraqi people, who, during the past five years have been the victims of a war that provoked the breakdown of their civil and social life," Benedict said.

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The play's the thing

Judging by the dialog, such as it is, in the Viewpoint section, spring is apparently the time of year to air out perennial grievances over the University's Catholic mission, whether or not certain dramatic productions tune, this doesn't refer to Letters to the Editor (fulfill that mission and whether the University is letting that mission erode.

According to the University, Notre Dame's Catholic identity depends on the "intellectual interchange," between Catholicism and the totality of human scholarship and thought and "through free inquiry and open discussion," a majority of Catholic faculty and the development of "disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit.

Thus we might imagine that the reasons for the prohibition or sanctioning of the charged events described above would clearly stem from this mission statement. Let's begin at the beginning, then. Father Jenkins' 2006 banning of the Vagina Monologues rests on an administrative technicality. The play is "inconsistent with the fundamental values of a Catholic university," and producing it would be tantamount to the University sponsoring it in some sense — they may as well have had the Board of Trustees putting on the play, according to that line of reasoning.

Even the most verbose critics of the decision were more eager to raise the specter of militant political correctness than point out that the administration was sidestepping the issue and instead using a loophole to weasel its way out of a difficult position.

Last Monday, Father Jenkins took a stand in favor of open and free discussion, conducted in dialogue with Catholic thought. "It is an indispensable part of the mission of a Catholic university to provide a forum in which multiple viewpoints are debated in reasoned and respectful exchange," he wrote, and once again okayed the play, simultaneously opening the floodgates of criticism.

Here, once again, is the University's mission statement. "No genuine search for the truth in the human or the cosmic order is alien to the life of faith," he wrote. That seems to me to be a pretty good case against categorical censorship of the Monologues. People might find them distasteful, banal, even inimical to their way of life, but they might not, in a community whose mission is to look at the world through an intersection of Catholic teachings and the totality of human creativity — artistic, scholarly and otherwise — we should be free to see and judge for ourselves, especially in conjunction with the many points of view of the Notre Dame community.

There is, however, something to be lost by the categorical denial of artistic expression, especially when the administration uses a technicality to weasel out of taking a firm stance. It seems more insulting than anything that the voices clamoring for the banning of the Monologues don't trust students to make their own judgments for themselves, and instead preempt any dialogue about the play altogether. However provocative the play is, at least with the attached panel discussion we can approach it as an intellectual exercise and judge its merits in the sort of open forum that the mission statement of the University values. It is no more dangerous to the University's Catholic identity than the discussion of atheistic or irreligious ideas in the classroom.

There doesn't have to be a zero-sum competition between open discussion and Catholic identity. Surely those faculty members who disapprove of the play are doubting neither their own ability to engage students in conversation nor the ability of students to make their own judgments.

The fact that Notre Dame is a university puts us in a unique position. An educational institution doesn't deal in received morality — there are plenty of places to find that. Instead, it allows its students to actively take part in their personal growth, whether inside or outside the classroom. It's the difference between a lecture and a seminar. No matter how good a lecture is, isn't it more fulfilling to be able to take part in a conversation about a topic, and by doing so, engage with it?

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Draws closer, dreams of a Cinderella run by a little known team are born. The largest five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament does not have is the 3-point shot. It's all worth more than the pathetic big man lay-up. It's all moved a foot back.

In a sport dominated by big men, the 3-point shot allows the smaller sharpshooter to become a deadly threat from beyond the line. The ability to shoot their three-pointers and lay-ups inside, the smaller guards bomb treys from behind the line. While the big men shoot their jump hooks and lay-ups two. In pickup basketball, the three is two, and everything is cheapened. To a much lesser degree, it is a bit like love and openness to children that marriage provides, it is not included in Bookstore. To a much lesser degree, it is a bit like love and openness to children that marriage provides, it is not included in Bookstore.

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Along with other students, I spent a lot of time and energy working with the groups mentioned earlier to build the excitement to where it is now. At no time did any person from the Office of Residence Life and Housing offer any words of encouragement, support or "better" ideas to aid in the cause — which is a noble one and one which is in line with the mission of the university. In no way is it appropriate for those who run the administration to criticize operations afoot which are neither unsafe or insecure. In my estimation, the only thing they could provide is limited input to control the lives of students at Notre Dame and that is exactly why they chose to make an example of these hard working students viewing this Sports Council meeting to support their team, their program and their university. As a Notre Dame basketball fan and a concerned alum, I feel compelled to respond to what I consider a great insult made by our administrator in the Mar. 14 issue of The Observer, "America's" not a running joke.

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Move over Chipotle — there's a new sheriff in town. Rico's Filling Station — where they don't actually pump gas — is the new head-honcho round these parts. The restaurant's weapon of choice? Flavor.

Rico's Filling Station, a self-described Meso-American Grill, employs so many different tastes and uses them so well, that other area restaurants can hardly compete. I was spoiled growing up in Colorado, where tiny taquerias serve up food full of flavor and spice. At these little restaurants, they understand there is a difference between creating spice with flavor, and just plain heat. While some of Rico's dishes may not be "conventional fare," they understand how to use this principal and that is what makes it head and shoulders above many other places. Not to mention, there isn't a single item on the menu over six dollars. Not one — this is music to a college student's ears.

What you first notice about Rico's are the colorful surroundings. The walls are painted brightly and feature paintings by local artist Brian Milewski. The restaurant is impeccably clean, and the colorful surroundings. The restaurant is impeccably clean, and

By TAE ANDREW STANDRIED

Jim Herter knows the ins and outs of the restaurant business. That's because he's been working in one, in some capacity or another, for the past 35 years. After starting with part-time and summer jobs while he was still in school, Herter took a job with Taco Bell from 1980-88, working his way up to an hourly employee in 1980 to the position of District Manager in 1986. He left the company two years later for the position of business manager with Notre Dame Food Services, where he remained for 17 years before leaving to start Rico's Filling Station in December 2005.

Over the course of his career, Herter has traveled far and wide in the pursuit of culinary perfection. Rico's Filling Station represents his latest venture into the restaurant industry. The name says it all. "I was looking to partner with a local Arby's franchisee to develop some regional franchise restaurant concepts that were up and coming in the national restaurant picture," Herter said.

After tossing around ideas, Herter decided that his own ideas might work best and set out to create his own restaurant. His partner supplied a vacant space in an Arby's that had closed a year earlier. "His name is Richard, so Rico's popped into my head — short, simple and representative," he said. "Besides, 'Ricardo' sounded too much like a Mexican restaurant and we want to be known for all the cultures of the Gulf and Caribbean."

It took on a life of its own after that. What became very fitting was the Latin meaning of rico (rich). It really became a manifestation of the rich cultures and cuisines and also the personification of my traveling and adventuring spirit. Rather than pigeonhole his unique collection of culinary offerings into the category of Mexican food, Herter describes his dishes as "MesoAmericans."

"We have those familiar Southwestern items that rival or better the national brands way out in Michiana," he said, "but we are definitely different with affordable other items from Meso America. We use that term loosely to define a geographical area."

That geographical area encompasses a variety of flavors drawn from cultures spanning the American Southwest to Latin America in the Caribbean.

In Rico's, Herter has brought back many of those flavors and assembled them under one roof. And while he may have gone to great lengths to procure new dishes and recipes, he stresses that he decided to locate his restaurant close to campus so Notre Dame students wouldn't have to. "The convenience and proximity to campus is important to Notre Dame students who frequent Rico's," he said.

In Rico's Filling Station, Notre Dame students now have a new one-stop shop for all things Meso-American.
but with a little something to prime my appetite, I decided to try different kinds of soup — a black-bean, an avocado steak (a special that day) and a gumbo. All three of these soups were very good. The gumbo was definitely the best of the three. It came with several big chunks of gumbo, and the black-bean soup was also very good. The avocado steak, however, was a bit too salty for my taste. The food was served with a side of oyster crackers, which were deliciously seasoned.

Next, I decided to try out two of the restaurant’s signature dishes — the Cuban sandwich and the Andouille sausage sandwich. The Cuban sandwich accounts for 25 percent of Rico’s total sales, and for good reason. It features shredded pork and ham, Rico’s signature two-cheese queso sauce, crisp dill pickles, and a homemade mustard sauce, all on pressed bread. Here’s the thing — I don’t like mustard. But I loved this sandwich! All of the flavors work perfectly together and it makes for quite the tasty treat. The sandwich is slightly spicy, and is served with a side of guacamole, which I enjoyed.

I also tried one of the carnitas (shredded pork) burritos. It was tender and juicy and just the right amount of spiciness. Perhaps the best thing about the burrito was the choice of toppings. I asked for them spicy, but I have to admit they were all delicious.

I also had to try the jambalaya and the Jamaican jerk chicken, which were very well done. I asked for them spicy, and they were. The jambalaya had a nice balance of flavors, and the meat was very tender. The jerk chicken was also quite tasty, with just the right amount of heat.

Rico’s also offers a variety of Meso-American food at reasonable prices students can afford. The view and opinions expressed in Scene & Heard are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Observer.
Irish lose Big East opener in OT heartbreaker to Syracuse

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 2 Notre Dame opened Big East play with a heart-breaking 16-13 overtime loss to No. 6 Syracuse yesterday in the Loftus Center.

Senior captain Caitlin McKinney led the Irish (5-3, 0-1) with four goals and two assists. The Fighting Irish, who came into the game as a three-goal halftime deficit with a dominating second half effort that fell short in the extra periods.

"I think sometimes you have to accept your opponent, so going into the game we thought one thing and then I think we made some mistakes," Irish head coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think when we adjust we usually do pretty well."

Those adjustments, especially those to improve Notre Dame's draw control, paid off in the second half, as the Irish made the Orange offense a non-factor by controlling possession for 12 straight minutes and scoring four goals straight to take an 11-10 lead.

The teams traded goals from there, though Syracuse tied it at 13-13 with 20 seconds left in regulation.

"We knew it was going to be a possession game," Coyne said. "I think when you face two teams like that you know it's going to be high scoring and every possession's going to count."

Syracuse prevailed in overtime by way of a game-winning goal with just 11.3 seconds on the clock.

The Irish out shot the Orange 19-17, including 15-13 in the second half — the Orange were the more efficient team, scoring on three of its free-position opportunities.

Syracuse was heavily penalized throughout the match, committing 27 fouls to Notre Dame's 12, but the Irish were only able to convert on five of its 10 free-position shots.

The Irish controlled the first four draws of the second half but were out-drawn 8-3 from there — a frustrating statistic for Coyne, who has been forced to reemphasize the draw control during the intermission of Notre Dame's last two games.

Not all is lost for the Irish, though, as they showed resiliency and marked improvement from their struggles over spring break.

"I think we've come along way since the California week, and I think we've proven that we can play with the top teams," Coyne said.

"So I think it's just about refocusing over these next couple weeks. We have a lot of big games on our schedule, a lot of ranked teams on our schedule. We have the Big East tournament, and we have a lot of things we can focus on in terms of working to get better."

But the Irish are not moving past the Orange yet.

"The good thing to come out of it is that we'll be playing them again in the Big East tournament in our stadium," McKinney said. "I think I generated the emotion and rivalry will only serve us well as we go against them again, so let them have this one but they're not getting the next."
Tiger continues perfect year at Bay Hill

Associated Press

OBLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods made a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational by one shot, extending his PGA Tour winning streak to five and keeping intact a perfect season in golf.

In his biggest challenge since this streak began seven months ago, Woods outlasted 45-year-old Hale Irwin and won with a birdie putt on the final hole for the first time in seven years. He turned and slammed his cap to the ground, letting out a roar to celebrate his 64th career title, tying Ben Hogan at No. 3 on the PGA Tour list.

"I turned a mediocre tournament into a good one," Woods said.

Woods closed with a 6-under 66 and won Bay Hill for the fifth time in his career, becoming the first player in PGA Tour history to win four tournaments at least five times. The others are the Buick Invitational, Bridgestone Invitational and the CA Championship, where he plays next week at Doral as the three-time defending champion.

No wonder some are starting to question whether he will lose again.

"Bryant felt hopeless, no different from so many other victims of Woods. He hit all the right shots on the back nine to keep pressure on the world’s No. 1 player, and was sitting in the scoring trailer when he heard the loudest cheer of the afternoon.

“That’s why he’s Tiger Woods,” Bryant said. "He has an incredible way of pulling off the shot or the putt when he needs to. He’s the best in the world, and he will lose again."

But not since Bay Hill in 2001 against Phil Mickelson has Woods won a PGA Tour event with a birdie on the 72nd hole to win by a shot, and this was so meaningful that Woods ripped off his cap and slung it to the ground, something he has never done.

“I kept telling myself, ‘I’ve done this before. I did it against Phil, and this time it’s a little bit deeper into the green and the putt has a little bit more break and it has a little more grain. I’ve done it before, and I can do it again.’"

And he did.

Woods has won six straight times worldwide, which includes a thrilling rally in Dubai last month.

His average score during the PGA Tour streak is 66.13, and his dominance is such that he now has more career victories than Mickelson and Vijay Singh combined.

No. 3 on the PGA Tour list.

In Brief

Last-place Georgia wins SEC title, tournament bid

ATLANTA — Georgia completed its remarkable run through the Southeastern Conference tournament on Sunday, building a big lead in the first half and holding on to beat Arkansas 66-57 in the championship game, earning its first trip to the NCAA’s since 2002.

[A] devastating tornado, which rumbled over the Georgia Dome and wreaked havoc downtown, forced a postponement of Georgia’s quarterfinal game against Kentucky.

The revised schedule, which was vehemently opposed by Felton, forced the Georgia-Kentucky winner to play two games on Saturday. Amazingly, the Bulldogs knocked off the Wildcats for the first time ever in the tournament, then came back six hours later to beat SEC West champion Mississippi State.

Two wrecks at Bristol give Burton first victory

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Stewart should have won the race. And when he didn’t, it gave Denny Hamlin a clear shot at victory.

But the Joe Gibbs Racing drivers failed to seal the deal — again — at Bristol Motor Speedway, and Jeff Burton and his Richard Childress Racing teammates were there to capitalize.

Burton scored his first victory at Bristol Motor Speedway, leading teammates Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer to the first 1-2-3 sweep in Bristol history by pouting when the JGR drivers faltered at the very end Sunday.

Buescher’s power steering failed, causing him to crash while he was leading mid-way through the race. Then Harvick wrecked Stewart with two laps to go, setting up a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.

Badgers hold off Illini to claim Big Ten conference title

INDIANAPOLIS - Wisconsin won the Big Ten tournament with stout defense, and coach Bo Ryan said that’s what will carry the Badgers if they make a deep run in the NCAA tournament.

Brian Butch scored 12 points, and No. 8 Wisconsin beat upset Illinois 61-48 on Sunday to sweep the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles for the first time.

Wisconsin won all three games against the Illini this season by double digits, and will enter the NCAA tournament on a 10-game winning streak.

Illinois would have been the second team to qualify for the NCAA field with a losing record this season.

The Illini also would have been the lowest seed to win the Big Ten...
**SPORTS**

**SMC TENNIS**

**Saint Mary's falls to Division II foe**

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to 4-4 on the year this weekend when it lost to Division II Indiana Wesleyan this Saturday, 6-3. The No. 16 Wildcats earned the victory for the spring season, and 14-1 for the year.

Thursday's match was the first for the Belles since coming back from spring break. A late dual match of the spring, Saint Mary's coach Chuck Rubino was looking for Saturday to give his team another chance at competing against a strong team before the Belles take on conference foe Albion to open their MIAA season.

"I think we benefited as a team from the match against IWU," sophomore Camille Gebert said. "They were a very solid team, and we showed our progress despite our loss. All of the matches were tight, and it's just a matter of getting over the hump. Playing a team of that caliber is good preparation for our first MIAA dual match on Tuesday.

One of Saint Mary's goals for Saturday was improving its doubles play, an area the young Belles squad struggled with over the weekend.

"We definitely still need work on our doubles," Gebert said. "Our singles matches take care of themselves. However, in these teams matches, our doubles points will be crucial.

The pair of sophomore Lisa Rubino and freshman Lisa Breed were the only successful doubles duo for the Belles on Saturday, earning their third win together and took down Wildcat Eva Delk and Lisa Massouy, 6-4. Rubino and Breed are now 3-3 as Saint Mary's No. 2 doubles pair.

Sophomore Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, the No. 1 doubles pair for the Belles, lost, 8-4, and junior Ashley Ellis and Alina Smith, 6-4. It was the Belles' 4th-6th place finish at Wesleyan's Courtney Koopers, 6-4, and junior Alina Smith, putting them at 4-4.

On the singles side, Saint Mary's had a stronger showing, but not by much. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated Wesleyan's Sarah Rushe, 6-2, 6-2, putting her singles record at 4-4 on the season. Freshman Jillian Hurley kept up her momentum from spring break, where she went 6-1, 6-1. Hurley overcame Wesleyan's Julia Hedgebeth 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, bringing her to 7-1 overall for singles. That was the Belles' last win on the day, as freshmen Kosiokos, Camp and sophomore Rubino all fell.

Saint Mary's prepares to start their conference season this Tuesday at Albion, last season's MIAA co-champion.

"It was a challenging team to play for our first match, post-spring break, however we held our own," Gebert said. "We might not have won on paper, but we are starting to gradually pull everything together, and the improvement is starting to show. I am excited to see what we can do within our conference.

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**MEN'S GOLF**

**ND ties for 24th at Sceniclo Invitational**

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

After producing his best performance in nearly two years at the USC Collegiate Invitational last week, junior Josh Sandman might have outdone himself yet again.

Sandman showed how he earned all-Big East honors last year as he posted another impressive performance at the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational with a career-best 216 total (73-74-69), helping Notre Dame finish in a tie for 12th place with a combined score of 884 (224-over par).

The strong finish placed them ahead of rival Michigan State, who is ranked No. 15 in the country, and went first place honors with an impressive score of 849 (15-behind par).

Individually Sandman tied for sixth place among four Notre Dame athletes behind individual champion George Bryan IV from South Carolina. The junior's performance single-handedly improved the team's placing from a 20th-place mark to a 12th-place mark. Needless to say, Sandman has done an impressive job replacing last year's co-captain Cole Isham, who graduated last spring.

Isham's school-record career stroke average of 73.76 is in danger of being broken if Sandman can consistently finish as strong as he has been doing. Sophomore Carl Santos-Campos finished second on the team with a solid 222 (6-over par). The underclassman has been somewhat overlooked this past year, yet he currently is fourth-best on the team in terms of stroke average, and is quickly becoming a top-flight player.

"Carl is another example of what our program is about," coach Jim Kubiak. "He is making progress and gaining consistency with his changes. Carl impresses me many ways, but is bit underrated at times. It's only when you add up the score at the end of the day that players realize how competitive he expects more that this season.

The team's next event is the National Koskinas Invitational Tournament at the Arizona National Golf Club March 23-25.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Bats spur Irish to four victories**

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

After relying heavily on its pitching staff for the first part of the 2008 season, Notre Dame's offense broke through in a big way, giving the team a 4-1 record on the weekend in the Lowcountry Softball Invitational at Charleston Southern University.

The Irish carried a three-game winning streak into the invitational, and they used that momentum to pick up convincing victories in Friday's games against Towson and Charleston Southern. While the offensive output was impressive in both games, the pitching staff held up its end of the bargain as neither opponent was able to get the Irish off the hook for the first time this season.

Notre Dame 16
Charleston Southern 2

In game two on Friday, the Irish jumped on Charleston Southern early on with an eight-run second inning, which was as much as freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia would need in the contest that ended after five innings. Lux launched two home runs in the game, while Laing came up with five hits and five RBIs to lead the potent Irish offense.

Notre Dame 5
Campbell 0

Bargar returned to the circle Saturday morning and was once again nearly flawless, pitching a complete game shutout to lead the Irish to a victory over Campbell.

Leading the way for the offense was senior Sarah Smith who had two BBIs singles. The offense managed ten hits in the game, all of which were singles.

Towson 6
Notre Dame 2

The Irish would suffer their only loss of the weekend in the next game, a defeat in a rematch with Towson. Notre Dame took a 4-0 lead into the fifth inning, but that lead was erased by a six-run fifth inning put together by Towson that included a base clearing double by Towson's Nina Navarro and two errors by the Irish defense. Valdivia took the loss despite pitching a complete game and striking out eight batters.

Notre Dame 10
Charleston Southern 2

The Irish rebounded quickly and closed out the weekend on a high note, defeating Charleston Southern one more time. In the top of the third, the Irish used nine hits to post ten runs and wipe out a 2-0 Charleston Southern lead. Freshman Sadie Pitzenger notched a single, a triple and two runs scored in the decisive inning. Bargar was dominant once again, allowing only one earned run on four hits and striking out six.

Notre Dame will be back in action Wednesday as they travel to Western Michigan for a double header. The first game is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish easily defeat WMU

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame made it look easy, sweeping Western Michigan 7-0 on Saturday to extend the Irish win streak to three dual matches.

During the streak, Notre Dame (10-2) has won 20-of-21 match points and 36-of-37 matches.

The sweep began with the Irish winning their ninth straight doubles point. In a minor lineup switch, junior Katie Potts teamed up with sophomore Kati Krisik rather than freshman Kristen Radel, a lineup Notre Dame has used a few times before.

Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback made the change to get his players different reps and give him flexibility with lineups.

"We just wanted to get Kristen some singles and Katie some doubles. Coming up, we're going to need each of them to play in singles and doubles," he said.

The lineup tweak worked seamlessly as the pair triumphed 8-5.

Junior Kelcy Tefft, the No. 1 doubles team in the nation, improved to 3-0 against Illinois, cruising to victory.

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"The improvement over last season has been incredible. My knowledge of championship racing has gone from zero to 10," Watson said.

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"I thought the guys who got second and third [triple jump] ran a tough race and had some great wins. She hits a big ball and comes up and volleys really well. It was good match," Louderback said.

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"The Irish face the Aggies on Saturday, March 27 at 1:30 PM as part of a two-game trip to the Lone Star State that also includes a match at SMU.

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The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall.

Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 25th to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.

The DMR team of Clark, sophomore Blake Choplin and seniors Austin Wechter and Adam Carine finished in 10th place with a time of 9:45.31. Benninger and Mason earned four and three points respectively to help the first Notre Dame top-40 finish in the last seven seasons.

Allyson Hasen was the only Irish woman to compete at the NCAA meet this weekend.

She made up for that lack of quantity by posting a quality performance on the biggest stage of the season at the NCAA Championships.

The 5-foot-9 junior became Notre Dame's first-ever multi-event All-American by finishing eighth in the pentathlon.

Hasan scored a school-record and career-best 4,069 points, breaking her previous record of 3,949 set at the Akron Open earlier this season.

The NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships mark the end of the indoor track season, as the Irish will now begin preparation for the outdoor season that begins March 27 with the Arizona multi-events Invitational and the Arizona State Invitational.

"For the outdoor season I am looking to be in the top five at the 1,500 meters in the NCAA, and to make the finals of the 1,500 meters at Olympic trials in July," Watson said.

"The 1500 outdoors will be a little bit of a tougher event, due to some more athletes coming to run who were not around indoors or ran other events indoors, but I think the training I will do between now and then will prepare me very well and I will be ready," Watson said.
Irish drop two at Blue-Gray

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

This weekend, No. 30 Notre Dame traveled to Montgomery, Ala., to compete in the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic. Against some of the top competition in the country, the Irish dropped two of their three matches on the weekend.

Notre Dame 4, North Carolina State 3
The Irish began competition on Thursday against North Carolina State. The match was tightly contested, as five of the six singles matches went to three sets. Notre Dame clinched the match when freshman Tyler Davis won in the No. 6 singles slot.

The Irish won the doubles point against the Wolfpack despite a loss from the Irish pair of junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhu.

The Wolfpack then won the first singles match to tie the score at 1. The Irish followed that loss with two singles wins from Helgeson and Parbhu to make the score 3-1, and Notre Dame seemed to be on the way to an easy win.

But Irish senior Andrew Ruth dropped his match at the No. 3 slot and Irish freshman Dan Stahl lost at the No. 5 slot to even the match at 3-3. The two losses set the stage for Davis's clincher.

Davis defeated Wolfpack freshman David Chermak in three sets. Davis won the first set 7-5 but dropped the second set in a tiebreak. Davis rallied from a 3-2 deficit in the third set to secure a 7-5 win.

Tulsa 4, Notre Dame 0
In the second round on Friday, No. 8 Tulsa defeated Notre Dame with relative ease. Because of rain delays, the singles matches were played first, and the doubles were only to be played if necessary.

The Irish were started early as Tulsa junior Arnaud Brugues upset national No. 17 Helgeson in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. The loss was only Helgeson's sixth of the season and only the third to a lower ranked opponent.

Irish freshman Stephen Havens then lost for the second straight day, 6-4, 6-2 in the second singles match to Tulsa senior Will Gray.

Tulsa picked up its third singles point when Ruth fell to Tulsa freshman Viktor Kolk, 6-3, 7-5.

Davis put forth a valiant, three-set effort against Tulsa junior Ross Cunningham.

Davis dropped the first set 7-5, but he rallied to win the second set 6-3 before he fell in the third set 6-4.

Boise State 4, Notre Dame 3
After the disappointing loss to Tulsa, the Irish dropped a close one to No. 33 Boise State.

The loss was Notre Dame's first 4-3 loss of the season, and they had been 5-0 in 4-3 matches prior to the loss.

The Irish won the doubles point, but they quickly found themselves in a hole after Boise State won the first three singles matches. Facing a 3-1 deficit, the Irish rallied behind three set victories from Helgeson and Roth. The rally ended, however, after a thrilling three set match in which Stahl dropped the third set in a tiebreaker.

After this weekend's action, the Irish sit at 10-5 on the season. The losses to Tulsa and Boise State were Notre Dame's first three consecutive losses of the season.

The Irish look to return to the win column when they travel to Kentucky on March 25.

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ND bounces back to blowout Dartmouth

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Using a balanced attack that included 12 different scorers, Notre Dame bounced back from their first loss of the season by beating Dartmouth 19-7 last Saturday.

The Irish (5-1), ranked No. 7 in the most recent Nikeside LAureate poll, came out firing early in the contest, which was held at The Lovett School in Atlanta. Junior attacker Ryan Hoff scored just 18 seconds into the first quarter and began a five-goal run for the Irish. Hoff's goal, the first of his three, was followed up just over three minutes later by senior midfielder Michael Podgajny, who scored the first of his game-high four goals on an assist from junior attacker Duncan Swarzey.

It wasn't until the beginning of the second quarter that the Big Green got on the board thanks to sophomore Josh Gillam. Gillam's goal, his first of the season, sparked a 3-0 Dartmouth run which brought the score to 5-3. This was the closest Dartmouth would get, and the Irish separated themselves with a potent offensive attack.

The Irish began the second half much like they did the first, with three straight goals, one each for Podgajny, Hoff and senior midfielder Taylor Clagett. From there, the team was able to feed off three second half goals from the Big Green, thanks in large part to a 5-0 run to close out the fourth quarter.

All told, Notre Dame out-shot Dartmouth 49-30 and won 21 of the contest's 29 face-offs. The Irish will look to take their offensive balance to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they face Air Force next Saturday.

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of three CCHA quarterfinals, Sunday's sight would have been new impossible to imagine. Notre Dame limped into its playoff series against one of the hottest and most underrated team's in the nation one week removed from a bye and two weeks removed from a split with Western Michigan — the worst team in the league.

Ferris State wasted little time kicking the Irish while they were down Friday night, taking a 2-0 lead early in the first period before eventually winning the game and taking the 1-0 series lead.

It didn't look good. It looked like Notre Dame's five seniors were lacing up their skates Saturday night for the last time.

But then something happened, something kicked in for the Irish in the second game, and the Notre Dame that owned its opponents in the first half of the season suddenly reappeared. The Irish drove Bulldogs into the sheet like ice picks, and the offense — led by defensemen — hit the back of the net with a fury they hadn't possessed since before Christmas.

Irish freshman defenseman Ian Cole played like the first-round draft pick he is, scoring two goals and an assist. Notre Dame enforcer Christiaan Minella, reinserted into the lineup for Saturday's game, made sure the front of his jersey was the last thing most Bulldogs saw before their helmets were introduced to the ice.

And after the last buzzer sounded, Irish coach Jeff Jackson was on a microphone, thanking Irish fans for their heart, noise and dedication. The Irish had destroyed Ferris State 6-3 to even up the series.

It was only a prelude for Sunday night.

With the season on the line for the Irish — a loss meant not only an early exit from the CCHA tournament but also their removal from any consideration for the NCAA Tournament — the pre-Christmas Notre Dame team showed up for a second night in a row.

Cole once again proved the hero and offensive catalyst, scoring the winning goal only 52 seconds into the second period to power the Irish to the semifinals at Joe Louis Arena with a 2-1 win.

Notre Dame outskated Ferris State from the first period on, beating them to pucks in the corner and pushing the bounces in its favor. The Bulldogs bench wasn't nearly as deep as Notre Dame's and their fatigue showed by the end of the second period in both Saturday and Sunday's games. Even without right wing Erik Condra, who left the game with an injury eight minutes into the first period on Sunday, the four Irish lines held Ferris State to a lone first period goal on Sunday.

The Irish played the last two games of the series with a passion that was missing in the first game, which showed time and again when the referee blew the play dead. On Saturday, and for the first period of Sunday's win, the Irish and Bulldogs fought in front of their goalies, along the boards and in front of the benches.

All the fighting led to numerous coincidental minors, but it also showed that the Irish were tired of getting pushed around. They pushed back, and after Irish goalie Jordan Pearce was mobbed by celebrating teammates Sunday, it was the fans turn to push.

The glass swayed back and forth, the student section no longer seemed partly empty, and the Irish were headed to The Joe with new life and another shot at the NCAA dance.

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Jordan Pearce said, "It's going to be exciting to go out there and actually play on the ice myself, playing a top opponent with the Mason Cup on our minds."

With both a conference title and, most likely, their spot in the NCAA Tournament on the line, the Irish know they need to play like the team that advanced to Detroit — not the one that almost gave the chance away.

"We controlled our own destiny," head coach Jeff Jackson said. "I've been talking to them all week about the importance of trying to build a championship culture here, and we're trying to overcome obstacles... Everybody's playing to get to the next level."

Notre Dame 2, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame came out Friday night looking like a team that hadn't played a game in two weeks — which it hadn't. A sloppy, turnover-filled first period spelled doom for the Irish, who gave up two goals before even regaining a shot on goal.

"It was really disappointing," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "I thought we were a little bit too jacked up before the game. We kind of hit a wall when we came out in the first period."

Cody Grapp got the bulldogs on the board first at 4:08 in the first intermission, cut the Ferris State lead in half. With a 6-on-5 advantage due to a delayed penalty call, Irish forward Kevin Deeth carried the puck all the way up the ice and found forward Ben Ryan in the slot. Ryan slid the puck between O'Keefe's legs to halve the Bulldog lead.

The late goal seemed to inspire the Irish, who looked like a completely different team after the first intermission. Notre Dame began to carry the edge in the second, began to create sustained offensive pressure but had several good scoring chances foiled by O'Keefe.

"I thought tonight O'Keefe did a really good job," Bulldogs coach Bob Daniels said. "Especially those two spurts of sports in the second and in the third when they carried the edge in play."

With just over 11 minutes to play in the second, Ben Ryan appeared to tie the game for Notre Dame. After the puck was knocked down by a Ferris State high stick, Ryan controlled the puck in the slot and quickly fired a shot on goal. O'Keefe stopped the puck dead on the high stick.

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For the remainder of the game, Ferris State controlled play in the offensive zone, set up in a tough defensive style, and the Irish only managed a handful of scoring chances for the rest of the night.

Notre Dame 6, Ferris State 3
In a tilt that saw 33 penalties called, Notre Dame defeated Ferris State handily to even the series at 1-1.

"It was a pretty chaotic game, to say the least," Jackson said. "But that's the way we've competed in a while."

Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead 9:53 into the first period on a four-on-four goal from freshman forward Calle Ridderwall. After corralling a Van Guilder rebound, Ridderwall deflected a puck around O'Keefe and sent a backhand past the glove and into the net.

"He's been coming and coming and coming," Jackson said of Ridderwall. "Calle's gotten better and better throughout the season. He's been going to be a huge part of our team in the future."

Despite giving up a power play goal in the period, neither team in the last two minutes of the period. O'Keefe stuffed a Van Guilder rebound, Ridderwall deflected around O'Keefe and sent a backhand past the glove and into the net.

"We're going to be 15-5-1 if we keep doing what we're doing," Jackson said. "But we have to make sure that our discipline's better tomorrow night."

Notre Dame 2, Ferris State 1
Thanks to Pearce's 24 saves and goals from Kissel and Cole, the Irish took the rubber match, forcing Ferris State to earn them the right to defend their CCHA title.

Kissel got the Notre Dame offense started quickly, scoring just two minutes into the opening period. Ruth belted a snapshot from the point that forced O'Keefe to robbers, but the puck deflected into the right side of the net exposed, and Wyatt Webster cleaned it up for a 1-0 lead.

The Bulldogs struck back less than two minutes later on a four-on-four situation. O'Keefe stopped two Irish chances, and Ferris State caught the Irish offguard as forward Justin Lewandowski stepped inside on a breakaway, causing a fight for the puck out of the zone.

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After the Bulldogs' next shot went wide, the Ferris State shooter's skate connected with the Irish net. With two minutes to play in the first, a Ferris goal was waved off. Jackson said the referees told him the replay officials showed the officials the wrong replay, creating the confusion.

Less than a minute into the second, Cole scored what would be the game-winning goal, after receiving a set-up from Ryan and Lawson in the middle of the Ferris State zone. With a clear path to the net in front of O'Keefe, Cole delivered a hard wrist shot that beat O'Keefe stick-side for a power play goal and a 2-1 lead.

"It was really just kind of a break for us," Jackson said. "We were a little bit too excited, especially being tied like that. It was one of those things you dream about as a kid, stepping up and scoring the game-winning goal."

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respect between two of the tourna-
ment’s top performers.

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you’ve trained so hard with and
are able to hold off freshman Conti in
the finals, picking up a split deci-
sion. Hartstein began the fight on
the offensive, picking up a punch
early in the second round, knocking
fomer’s head loose enough to
cause a bloody wound. Devereaux
landed numerous right punches
enough to get the decision, despite his
disadvantages. However, an
unusual combination of size, speed
and attacking pressure forced
Burroughs to adopt a defensive
style of fighting, and the Nevada
starter eventually out-pointed him.

Burroughs, who started out the
match as both fighters showed
their fatigue by being content to go
the extra rest would be an advan-
tage for him, but Gonzalo didn’t
sink.

‘Everyone had a week off any-
way,’ said Gonzalez, referring to
the weekend that laced
between the preliminary rounds
and the tournament. ‘The biggest
thing was that I had a lot of spars
coming in fighting practice.’

Because of that, Gonzalez was able to
overcome his lack of ring
experience and surprising his
opponent with a unanimous
decision. Gonzalez opened up
quickly, stunning the ref to make sure he
was okay before the third round,
and neither established a clear advantage.

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The Irish contingent in attendance — including fencers who didn’t qualify and the women who had finished competing — set off a ruckus with loud chants and bolers that drew a near deafening roar from the Buckeye squad, three score strong.

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**Hockey**

**Biting the Bulldogs**

Irish upset Ferris State in best-of-three series

By MATT CAMBER and SAM WERNER

Finally, Notre Dame can breathe.

After recording a sub-.500 record since Christmas during a disappointing second-half, and after losing Friday's opener to Ferris State in the best-of-three CHA quarterfinal series, much-maligned No. 12 Notre Dame (24-14-4) has finally earned the weekend getaway it's been fighting for since October.

With wins on Saturday and Sunday nights, the Irish came back to take the series and advance to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, where they get a chance to defend their conference title.

"Growing up as a kid, I was a big [Colorado] Avalanche fan, so I'd always watch the Avalanche play at The Joe," junior goalie Kyle Cassidy seemed to have the capacity of the Stadium.

For the second straight year, the Irish are headed to The Joe.

For those who saw the Irish lose 2-1 to Ferris State on Friday night in the first game of the best-

**Men's Basketball**

Team picks up a 5-seed, will face George Mason

By FRAN TOLAN

Notre Dame's hopes were a mile high Sunday after the Irish learned they would head to Dayton for the regional portion of the NCAA Tournament.

"We're going to be there and let it rip in the Rocky Mountains," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We're not holding back. I think that's how this group has played most of the year — attack and bang for it." The Irish are the No. 5 in the Charlotte region and will take on Colonial Athletic Conference champion George Mason — the No. 12 seed — in the first round Thursday in Dayton.

If Notre Dame can defeat the Patriots they will move on to play Saturday against either Washington State or Winthrop. Last year, Winthrop knocked the Irish out of the Tournament first round of play.

"I feel like we'll just approach the game a little bit differently this year," senior captain Rob Kurz said. "I think we know what we need to do to be a little bit more successful and to win a first-round game... I feel like our experience last year really helped us."

Two seasons ago, George Mason gave new meaning to the term Cinderella team when they made a run to the Final Four as the No. 11 seed.

"We understand with George Mason you have a team that has remnants of a Final Four run, a team that knows how to win," Brey said. "Basically, it's like a Big East game, preparing for this basketball team."

The Patriots are led by senior

**Bengal Bouts**

Perez becomes 3-time champ

By MATT CAMBER, ANDY ZUCCARIELLI and JARED JEDICK

Perez narrowly defeated Sullivan by split decision in this highly anticipated match-up of reigning champions that certainly lived up to its billing as the "fight of the night."

"I felt pain. My lungs were burning and it hurt a lot," said Perez, a junior who has now won titles at 130, 140 and 149 pounds. "It was definitely my toughest fight ever. He did what he had to do to win the fight, but it was just my night. I can't describe it in words, all the hard work just paid off."

The smaller, quicker Perez established an early advantage, landing the fight's first few shots with a couple of big right hooks. Sullivan responded, connecting on a few left-right combos that put Perez on the defense but didn't appear to rattle him.

"He's a hard kid to fight, and he probably took me out of my fight plan a little bit because of how quick and strong he is," Sullivan said. "I thought I could shed his punches just with my hands, so I didn't move as much and stayed more relaxed than I probably should have."

Once the fight ended, not only did the fighters share an embrace — common between two boxers who have trained together for several months, but Sullivan also walked over to Perez's corner as the scores were being tabulated in another demonstration of the