Student discusses violence

College senior shares experience of abuse

By SARAH MAYER

Saint Mary's senior social work major Connie Adams explained the cycle of violence and the way women think in abusive relationships during a lecture in Vander Vennet Theater Tuesday.

Adams drew on her internship at theYWCA center for domestic violence victims to try to portray the realities of violence in relationships to those in attendance.

In a brief overview Adams explained that two to four women are physically abused and between the ages of 18-64 one in four women will have been raped.

Abuse can be done in many forms, she said. It can be physical (shoving, blocking exits rape), verbal (yelling, sarcasm, emotional (stalking, ignoring, mind games, sexual and financial).

Adams also addressed the issue of gender in abusive relationships.

"I am going to be referring to the abuser as 'he' and the victim as 'she' because in 90 percent of the cases the women are the victim," Adams said.

In most abusive relationships the beginning is very normal, she said, due to feelings of new, exciting attraction. But, Adams said things change when the abuser starts asking questions, such as who is the victim is going to be with, where she is going, what she is doing, what she is wearing, that may not seem abusive at first but ultimately are possessive.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Trouble on God Quad

Sorin is not a residence of war (or a residence for Ares, either—if you know your Greek mythology).

We are not mercenaries seeking a fight at every available avenue, nor are we anti-black student territory-ruiners (but don't touch our Blood yard).

We are peace-loving Otters, seeking naught but life, liberty, and happiness. Everyone knows this; Sorin's disposition is sunnier than Honolulu on Tuesdays in July (going the hours of four and seven in the afternoon). But our good nature has its limits. There are those on this campus who would stand and fight for that in which he believes, though he might not understand it. That time is now (actually two days ago, but this is the earliest we could get it in The Observer). And though they might not understand it, we must stand and fight for that.

No longer will we be held prisoner to the whims of a dictatorial regime simply for our own chivalry and love of laziness around the house. While they have the advantage of numbers, we are superior to them in experience, wisdom, and swimming abilities. There will be casualties: injuries will be crushed, feelings tweaked, and maybe even a few casualties. But we can go on living as we live now. Going our way.

Sign, The Otters

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If the Huddle could sell anything, what would you want it to sell and why?

Tom Banaslaw
freshman
Knott

"Bouncing balls, because they keep on giving."

Aaron Martinuzzi
senior
off-campus

"Alcohol, tobacco and firearms, so the AIT will stop sending me letters about international transactions."

Leah Miller
junior
Levits

"Wool socks — for the days when weather.com is wrong."

Jenni Fong
senior
Pangborn

"Stamps so they stop asking for them here at the info desk."

Luke Fitzgerald
junior
Krewge

"Beer, so we can use Domer Dollars and Flex points instead of our own money."

OFFBEAT

Man declared dead feels "pretty good."

OKLAHOMA CITY — Four months after he was declared brain dead and doctors were about to remove his organs for transplant, Zack Dunlap says he feels "pretty good."

Dunlap was pronounced dead Nov. 19 at United Regional Healthcare System in Wichita Falls, Texas, after he was injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident. His family approved having his organs harvested. As family members were paying their last respects, he moved his foot and hand. He reacted to a pocketknife scraped across his foot and pressure applied under a fingernail. After 48 days in the hospital, he was allowed to return home, where he continues to work on his recovery.

On Monday, he and his family were in New York, appearing on NBC's "Today."

"I feel pretty good, but it's just hard... just ain't got the patience," Dunlap told NBC.

Man drives two cars into post office

RAVENSDALE, Ark. — Not only the postman rings twice. A Jackson County man remained in jail Monday after he drove two cars into the post office in Ravensdale Springs.

Randolph County Sheriff Gary Tribble said Glenn Irvin Sparling, 65, drove one vehicle into the post office on Sunday, and fled the scene. The sheriff told Jefferson television station KAIT that the car stopped running. So Sparling went home and got another vehicle, a red antique sports car, and started driving back to the post office.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame's College Democrats held a question and answer session with presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's daughter Chelsea Clinton and actor Sean Astin today at 10:30 a.m. in Legends restaurant.

Christian Quendiller will discuss "Theory in Motion: Media Blends in Vachel Lindsay's The Art of the Moving Picture (1915/22)", a lecture examining the pioneering American film theorist Vachel Lindsay's foundational role in the development of a theoretical framework for the study of film at the beginning of the twentieth century today at 4:30 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

There will be information sessions regarding the Irish Guard tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Ban Building. All students are welcome.

A group of advanced students from the Department of Music will give a short classical concerts at the Performing Hall at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Breen-Phillips Hall is hosting the fifth annual Princess for a Night event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donated prom dresses will be given to local girls who attend the Notre Dame College Football Hall of Fame.

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

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John Tierney
News Production Editor

George Mason band director Michael Nickens, aka "Doc Nix," demonstrates that pimpin' ain't easy, but it's necessary during halftime of the Notre Dame-George Mason basketball game Saturday in the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo.
Two co-sponsorships were presented at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday evening as representatives from the Sociology Department and Spanish Club attended the meeting to ask BOG to help fund some of their upcoming events.

Nicole Loughridge, a senior in the sociology department, asked for money to help fund attendance at the Midwest Sociological Association (MCSA) Conference, March 27-29 in Kansas City, with three attendees, two of whom have already won prizes. "That is exciting for Saint Mary's as a whole," Loughridge said.

The seniors will be showing their comprehensive to sociological and professional studies from several different states in the Midwest. Since 2004, Saint Mary's has been awarded the first, second or third place prize. Loughridge said the women attending want to gain recognition for Saint Mary's.

Junior Spanish Club treasurer Becca Mason was also at Tuesday's meeting in search of funds to help fund a symposium the club is setting up for gender bias. The symposium will take place on Oct. 2.

The club will be showing a film on the first day along with several guest speakers on both days. Professors from Rutgers University and Ohio State, as well as professors from Saint Mary's, will speak. Topics will range from the effect the Iraq war has on women, the displacement of women in Africa and the trafficking of women in Eastern Europe, Mason said.

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Dubai

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on campus through different student government groups and they all plan on incorporating the things they learned through those organizations and in their classes.

Barnes agreed with her and said she has already begun to share her experiences with Critical Issues in Global Communications course.

"We all definitely plan on implementing what we learned at Saint Mary’s," Barnes said. "I’m talking to my class about what I observed about the media in Dubai."

Each of the women who attended the conference are applicants for the new CWIL Certificate for Intercultural Learning which debuted this year.

"For the last couple years we’ve really been developing the structure and process of the certificate," said Evans, who is also one of the key leaders of the program. The leaders did work on the certificate for about two years until they were ready to run what she called a "pilot year."

Participants of the program are required to attend a kick-off retreat, peer-monitoring meetings, advising meetings, the capstone retreat, and mentoring meetings with an internationalexperience writer and a local community leader. There is also a study abroad requirement, 50 hours of community-based service required, and a catalyst trip, also according to the certificate’s website.

All this must then be included in an inclusive leadership project and finally in the e-portfolio, according to the website. The portfolio highlights students’ experiences studying abroad, reflection papers, power points, video clips, and digital essays, Evans said.

"It’s the idea that they’re practicing their leadership and they’re practicing the values of the certificate program, as well," she said.

Evans said that while studying abroad is a requirement of receiving the certificate attending a conference of this magnitude is not.

"This group of students got together and decided that they wanted to go to the conference," Evans said. "It was not paid for by the certificate program at all."

The group received most of its funding from CWIL, but also wrote grant proposals to the Board of Governance and Student Diversity Board. Rodriguez said it took a couple of months to prepare for the trip because they had to get the grants in order and then study the culture and language of Dubai through several documents that the group read.

Barnes said the group also talked to the mother of another Saint Mary’s student who is from Morocco. "[The mother] talked to us about the culture and taught us basic Arabic phrases, which was so helpful," she said. "When we were in Dubai, we knew what to expect a lot of the time because of all the advice she gave us."

Barnes said she learned a lot at the conference but the most important thing she learned was to try to be less ethnocentric.

"[The conference] taught me to understand a culture before trying to ‘help’ them," Barnes said. "People are often too ethnocentric and quick to impose their values on other cultures. A mutual understanding has to be reached before you can make any progress."

Rodriguez said the trip was very informative and she is going to try to focus on people’s similarities rather than differences in the future.

"No matter what your culture, religion, ethnicity or background we all have so many things in common with one another," she said.

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Toll Road
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Freshman Khai Thomas, who fit the description of the suspect, said NDSP asked him several questions in connection with the case at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning.
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"That's all they gave me."
After realizing that Thomas was a University student, NDSP allowed him to return to his room.
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

At least 9 killed in drug shootout

**BAGHDAD** — Police say that nine people have been killed and seven wounded in a shootout in eastern Guatemala that is likely tied to drug trafficking.

Interior Ministry spokesman Ricardo Gatica Tropo says the nine people killed were apparently ambushed Tuesday in the town of Teculutan.

Tropo says there have been three Guatemalans and three Guatemalans who were wielding a gun of automatic rifle and grenades near the shootout. Investigators are still trying to determine if those arrested are linked to the shootout.

Saudi king calls for religious dialogue

RIYADH — The Saudi king has made an impassioned plea for dialogue among Muslims.

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud said he spoke from a nation with no diplomatic ties to Israel and a ban on Islamic religious services in the United States.

The message from King Abdullah, which was welcomed by Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders, comes at a time of stalled peace initiatives and escalating tensions in the region.

Muslims have been angered by cartoons published in European papers seen as insulting the Prophet Muhammad and by the pope's boasting on Easter of a Muslim journalist who had converted to Catholicism.

The arrest ended an ordeal that began Monday morning with a botched bank robbery in the town of Al-Khobar. The bank's security personnel set off a primitive grenade and the robbers took refuge in a nearby house.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Crews rid water of salmonella bacteria

ALGOMA, Colo. — Crews started pumping chlorine through this southern Colorado city's water system Tuesday to rid it of salmonella bacteria that has sickened nearly 250 people.

Residents who had been told not to drink the water until the last of the disinfecting chemical washes out of the water system, possibly a couple of weeks, officials said.

Bathing with it may be allowed within a couple of weeks.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Man charged with murder to go on trial

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis man charged with killing two women and their children after an attempted drug robbery was scheduled Tuesday to go to trial next month.

Thirty-year-old Ronald L. Davis was scheduled to appear in Marion County Superior Court Tuesday, where a judge will consider a motion to change the venue of the trial.

Davis faces 10 counts of murder, four counts of robbery and four counts of attempted murder.

Two other men facing charges in the slayings are facing similar counts.

The trial is expected to last four to six weeks.

**IRAQ**

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Abuse
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"Maybe she has a big mid-term to study for and she needs to leave and he blocks her exit or pulls her back on the futon — it's the little urs," Adams said.
The abuse may just start with a slap across the face then an immediate apology. The women tend to look past that though.
"Women always look at how the relationship started and think he's a human being, he cannot be all bad," she said. Adams related everything she said to the three-step "cycle of violence."
The first step is the "honeymoon" phase, she said. The abuser apologizes for the violence, he promises to go to counseling and sometimes purchases gifts for the woman.
Following that stage is the "tragedy building" stage, she said. The abuser now jealousy as a weapon and belittles the person and attacks their self-esteem.
"Many women want to speed up the tragedy building phase because that is worse than the actual abuse," according to Adams. "Women are nurturing and want to tame the lion so they might instigate the abuse."
"Women always look at how the relationship started and think he's a human being, he cannot be all bad." Connie Adams SMC senior
"It does not matter what size, what color, or gender the woman leaving their keys in a dish next to the door, the man taking the keys and then acting like he has no idea where they are. When the woman is in another room looking for them, he would then put the keys back and act like they were there the whole time."
In retrospect the abuser knows what he is doing, she said.
"He is always damaging her stuff because he knows it will hurt her more," Adams said.
She also said that anyone can be an abuser because there is not a correct stereotype of what men will abuse a woman.
"It does not matter what size, class or color," she said. "Abusers can be charismatic, intelligent, and religious but they can also be manipulative and justified in what they do is always ok."
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The situation threatens to push the country into a deep recession. Counting the latest crunch that has unnerved financial markets.

The central bank on Tuesday announced the results of its most recent auction — the biggest drop in its two-decade history. It's part of an ongoing effort by the central bank to provide relief to a spreading credit crunch that has unnerved financial markets.

Argentina farmers prolong strike

President vows not to give into concessions on 45 percent export tax hike

A farmer blocks the road in Tandil, Argentina, Tuesday. As a part of the farm belt strike farmers and ranchers are blockading highways and dumpping crops.

Rising food prices bring hunger, riots

"It's not likely that prices will go back to as low as we've used to," said Abdolreza Abbassian, economist and Agriculture Organization. "Currently if you're in Haiti, unless the government is subsidizing consumer, consumers have no choice but to cut consumption. It's a very brutal scenario, but that's what it is."
**Tech**

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project is approximately $61 million and will come from a variety of sources. The University plans to raise $30 million, Indiana $15 million, IBM and the University Research Initiative $5 million each, and South Bend about $1 million to offset funds to the University press releases.

Accordin to Luke, South Bend also plans to invest $10 million to $15 million a facility for nanotechnology commercialization in the city where it will be applied in the car manufacturing buildings once they are completed.

"This is a great opportunity for new companies to come down south in South Bend," Luke said. He added the initiative could add jobs to the South Bend area.

Brown said South Bend has "an eye on the future of the site of what was once South Bend's most lucrative industry. "The big question has been, 'What can we do with these old buildings?'" Brown said.

Bernhard described nanotechnology as an up and coming field necessary for the answer to global problems and systems.

"A computer, a lot of things are being stored in memory," Bernhard said. "Compututers are doing with bits and they use lots of devices for things you can do."

Bernhard said six million transistors would fit into the palm of a hand.

Nanotechnology, Bernhard said, is necessary in the revision of outdated component systems.

"We need a new way to make faster, more efficient," cooler, Bernhard said. "Computers are doing with bits and they use lots of devices for things you can do."

The nanotechnology consortium at the University joins other initiatives at universi ties such as the University of Texas, UCLA and the University of Illinois in send ing to a news release from the Railroad Valley Development Corporation.

Brown also said that since Notre Dame has a long his
tory with nanotechnology, the establishment of MANA will further the University in its trajectory as a major research university.

Bernhard said that MANA will bring a lot of internal and external interest in Notre Dame and South Bend.

"There will be a lot of international publicity about the initiative," he said. "The sponsorship is very significant."

The announcement in the area of scientific research comes as construction continues on two new engineering buildings, Nisson-Remick, located at the school's west entrance, and Forgy University Club along Notre Dame Avenue, which are set to be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.

According to a University News and Information release, construction of Nisson-Remick will foster more nanotechnology research opportunities like MANA.

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**Protest**

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we see something opposing it, we have to speak out. "Notre Dame is an icon of Catholic education in America," said Friche, explaining the group's motivation in targeting Notre Dame for protest.

"We're protesting the play at every Catholic campus where it's being held," Friche added.

The Vagina Monologues used to be performed at 50 Catholic campuses and is now only performed at 19, Friche said, citing protests as a factor that caused several universities to cancel the play.

The protesters held signs with slogans such as, "Think if you are against the V-Monologues at ND. Over a dozen passing cars honked over the course of fifteen minutes. One woman leaned out her window and called "Boys later -- just before Cho killed 30 others in a classroom build ing" to those who had done and then suic ided themselves. Two frozen families have notified the state that they may sue. They have until April 20 to file. Family of deceased victims and the survivors would be eligible for a settlement. By accepting the proposal, the families would give up their right to sue the state government. Virginia Tech; the town of Blacksburg, where Virginia Tech is located; Montgomery County, and the River Valley Community Services Board, which provides mental-health services in the area. Cho had been ruled a danger to himself during a court commitment hearing in 2005 and was released from a VA psychiatric hospital. He later opened fire at Virginia Tech, killing 32 and injuring 17 more. The families of the victims have been, 'What can we do with these old buildings?'

"Today's protest is more confrontational, much more vocal," she said. "Ours is more of a protest without a cause." Another standpoint. We hope to give a message to the administration. We are asking for change. We are asking the Monologues to not come to campus for the entire eight years."

Daly said that she also wants the students to think about the play because of the protests. "We also hope to get students to think about this play," said Daly. "Mainly, though, we are sending a message to the University that it's not a particular group, but rather a student contingent that is opposed to the Monologues on campus."

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**Families unsure of Virginia Tech settlement**

Associated Press

RICHMOND — Those close to the victims of the Virginia Tech mass shootings offered mixed reactions Tuesday to a proposed multimillion-dollar state settlement and whether it will be of help to their heartbreak. The big question has been, 'What can we do with these old buildings?'" Brown said.

"Calculations are being done memory," Bernhard said.

"It's totally across the board. We can't do anything," Brown answered. "We have to think about the play because of the protests."

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Pakistan

New prime minister takes office

Yousaf Raza Gilani calls for a change in Musharraf's military policy

Associated Press

Islamabad — A key figure in Pakistan's new government told two top U.S. envoys on Tuesday there needs to be a change in President Pervez Musharraf's policy of using the power of the army against Islamic militants.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the rule.

Prime Minister Yousaf Bazaham, who was ousted in Musharraf's 1999 coup and is now demanding the president's resignation.

Sharif said he told the American envoys there was "no longer a one-man show in Pakistan," and that the new parliament — elected in February polls that dealt a crushing defeat to Musharraf's allies — would decide after exhaustive debate how Pakistan should approach Islamic extremism.

He lashed out at Musharraf's U.S.-backed policies, saying they had led to a wave of suicide bombings that killed former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and many others, and argued the security of Pakistan must not be sacrificed to protecting other countries.

"It is unacceptable that while giving peace to the world we make our own country a killing field," he told reporters.

"If America wants to see itself clean of terrorism, we also want our villages and towns not to be bombed," he said, alluding to recent attacks near the Afghan border apparently carried out by Americans.

The U.S. envoys also met with Musharraf, army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's widower and now chief of her party. Neither Negroponte nor Boucher made public comments on the meetings.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the book on eight years of military rule.

President Bush phoned Gilani after his swearing-in and invited him to Washington at his convenience. Gilani's office quoted the new premier as saying Pakistan would "continue to fight terrorism."

That would signal to both Islamic extremists and moderates that "here are the Americans, right here in Islamabad, meeting with senior politicians in the new government, trying to dictate terms," Abbas said.

"The problem with the Americans is they don't understand the domestic pressure on the new government," he said. "People are expecting this government to be a change in PAKISTAN's new government."

They would negotiate with Musharraf, army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's widower and now chief of her party. Neither Negroponte nor Boucher made public comments on the meetings.

Talanta Abbas, an editor with Dawn newspaper, said the visit was part of a regular dialogue and had been planned well in advance.

But in a tough speech later in the day, Fernandez announced her government would not grant any concessions to striking farmworkers nationwide, vowing not to "give in to extortion."

The speech drew angry protests from farmworkers, who left new tire fires on blocked roads and vow to continue demonstrating indefinitely.

After a searing 2002 economic meltdown, the government replenished its coffers through taxes on surging grain exports and soaring commodity prices. The cash influx powered an economic rebound, with growth rates topping 8 percent annually.

Argentina's economy is back on track — and agriculture remains one of its most profitable sectors. It's only fair that farmers and ranchers be taxed on more of that wealth, according to Economy Minister Martin Lousteau, who announced the controversial tax overhaul on March 11.

Growing demand for foodstuffs in China and other teeming nations, high oil prices and other shifts in the global economy have all helped pushed grain prices to new highs in recent months.

But the agriculture industry is bowing at having to pay more.

"The countryside says 'Enough!'" declared one strike leader, Eduardo Buzzi.
Adoration is the answer

Elsewhere, this is Easter Week. At Notre Dame, it appears to be The Week of the Vagina Monologues. To the reader’s relief, this column will defer discussion of that production. Instead, we suggest a better way to spend your time this week: spend the next few days and beyond reading the papires of John Paul II and Benedict XVI a dramatic rise in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes and other venues throughout the world, including Notre Dame. What is it? And why is it such a big deal?

The Eucharist was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, fulfilling the promise he made as recorded in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel: “In the __________, the Eucharist, and the body and blood, soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained. This presence is called ‘real,’ … not to exclude the other types of presence … but because it is presence in the fullest sense … it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present” (Catechism, nos. 1374) This is called the Eucharistic Presence. Instead, we suggest you spend your Easter week, your Holy Week, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is possible wherever the consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, as indicated by the lighted lamp near the tabernacle. This year, Eucharistic Adoration, however, commonly refers to adoration when the Sacrament is exposed to view on the altar. Such exposure is available at Notre Dame, in the Basilica on Friday from noon to 5 p.m., with Benediction at 4:45 p.m., in the Coleman-Morse chapel Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Benediction daily at 8:45 p.m. and at various times in some residence halls. In his apostolic exhortation, Sacramentum Carilatis (Sacrament of Love) (2007), Benedict XVI stresses “the inherent relationship between Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The act of adoration outside Mass pro­longs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. Indeed, ‘only in adoration can a pro­found and genuine reception mature. And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another” (No. 66.)

Adoration of the Eucharist, therefore, is not some kind of sterile, self-centered devotion. Rather, it has a social impact. “The sacrifice of Christ is for all,” Benedict said, “and … the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become ‘bread that is broken’ for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world … The union with Christ brought about by the Eucharist also brings a newness to our social relations (and) is social in charac­ter.”

Notre Dame emphasizes the impor­tance of service to others. Benedict notes the role of Christ in the Eucharist as a motivator of such service and concern: “We cannot remain passive before cer­tain processes of globalization which … increase the gap between the rich and the poor worldwide. We must denounce … provoking inequalities that cry out to heaven (cf. Jas. 5:4).” The Lord Jesus, the bread of eternal life, spurs us to be stewards of the succession of extreme poverty in which a great part of humanity still lives; these are situations for which human beings bear a clear and present obligation. Benedict points out that he would spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every day. “The sacrifice of Christ is for all,” Benedict said, “and … the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become ‘bread that is broken’ for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world … The union with Christ brought about by the Eucharist also brings a newness to our social relations (and) is social in charac­ter.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke often of Eucharistic Adoration as a source of power. “When the Saints are exhausted, up to their eyes in work, when all seems to go wrong,” she said, “they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit; they experience peace and strength.” Mother Teresa was asked, “What will convert America and save the world?” She replied, “My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.”

When he was ordained a priest, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen promised that he would spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every single day. He kept that promise and described the “hour of prayer” as merely a devotion but “a sharing in the work of redemption. He (Jesus) asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil, as an hour of victimal union with the cross to overcome the anti-love of sin.”

So adoration of the Eucharist is a very big deal. But no one can cram it down your throat. We are free to accept it or reject it. If you are not convinced that it is true, it might still be worth a visit to check it out. There is no set formula. You don’t have to contact anybody. Just stop by. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can pray, read or just sit. If you fall asleep, don’t worry about it. Archbishop Sheen recounts the time in a church in Paris when he knelt down, promptly fell asleep and “woke up exactly at the end of one hour.” He won­dered if he had made his prayer hour until he realized “that’s what the Apostles did their first Holy Hour in the Garden.”

If you want to do something real for Notre Dame and for yourself, don’t waste your time on anything like the Vagina Monologues. Go instead to spend some time with the person who himself really is Truth, And Love.

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Royal flush

James Dechant
Firegone Conclusion

The Chinese government is certainly a busy agency. It undeniably has trouble finding time to rest in between squashing Tibetan dissenters (led by the sav­
inflamed Dalai Lama), blocking YouTube from all its attention to the worry about Olympic preparations or the ship, and Guns N' Roses for their use of "Chinese Firegone" as the band's 13-years-in-the-making album title. But when the government does have a few spare moments, it turns its attention to the upcoming Olympic games scheduled for this-August in Beijing.

Olympic officials recently faced a chal­lenge when they realized that many of the half-million expected foreign visitors will not be accustomed to China's equal toilets, little less built into the ground that require no skin-to-porcelain con­tact. The organizers therefore decided to switch many of their squat commodes to Western-style sit-down toilets. This will release American visitors accu­somed to relaxing on their porcelain thrones, but the switch to sitters also sacrifices some potential water use effi­ciency.

We here in the West are not lacking in efficient toilet options — we just fail to explore the full range of laviatory alter­natives. For example, I attended John Cabot University in Rome last spring and I was much impressed by their dual-flush toilets in the bathrooms there. These rising giants in the toilet industry have two flush options: a low­flow flush for liquid waste and a high­flow option for solid waste disposal. (Apologies to those of you reading this in the dining hall.) Giving the user the option of two flushes offers huge potent­ial for water conservation.

The American industry standard for toilet water consumption is 1.6 gallons per flush on all toilets since 1992. Older toilets gulp 3.5 or even 4.5 gallons of water every flush. The dual-flush toilet, in contrast to these water hogs, uses between 1.8 and 1.1 gallons for low-flow flushes and from 1.3 to 1.6 gallons for high-flow flushes, yielding an average of about 1.2 gallons per flush. That gives a 25 percent savings each and every time you plop down to read the newspaper.

The prospective water conservation on campus that a move to dual-flush toi­lets would bring is staggering. If the University wants to appear serious in its environmental efforts, it should — after chipping off the plant smoke­stack — make a commitment to dual­flush toilets. It could be the "No. 2" pri­ority. (Patent the pun.) Allow me to forgive me — dump some figures on you.

The Notre Dame Facilities Operations Web site tells us there are over 2,000
campus toilets cleaned by Building Services every day. Now, I realize that some of those toilets are male-use only or have their own sections. At Siegfried Hall, we have two urinals and one toilet, or two urinals every seven working toilets. Assuming that campus toilet facilities are evenly split between genders, we have 1,000 toilets, saving the precious natural resource of water. That does not take into account the urinal troughs of the Student Recreation Center, quite active during football weekends. Subtracting this from the overall 2,000 potties gives us a working figure of roughly 1,700 sitter toilets with the potential for a dual-flush overhaul.

The average person goes about six times per day. Returning to my case­ study of Siegfried, the residence hall has about 50 toilets (five toilets and two urinals for six sections, plus AB, rector, and first-floor bathrooms). If the dorm's 240 residents each flush six times daily, the collective 1,440 flushed spread out over 50 toilets yields 28.8 flushes per toilet per day. Taking into account high­traffic latrines in classroom buildings, we can allow for a conservative esti­mate of 30 uses of a toilet throughout the day. Multiplying that number of campus sitters gives us 51,000 flushes of the john every single day.

Using conventional water closets, we go through roughly 81,600 gallons of water to dispose of our waste every day (51,000 flushed times 1.6 gallons per flush.) Now if we return to our earlier figure of 1,000 toilets, we see seven million gallons of water per day. That means over seven million gallons of water saved each day.

I realize, of course, that not all waste­water is irrevocably lost. Sewage treat­ment facilities can reclaim a great deal of the water we bid adieu, but the figure of seven million gallons nonetheless demands attention. Many bodies of water contain less. I would guess, based on no scientific calculations whatsoever, that you could empty one of the campus lakes and fill it up again with the 7 mil­lion gallons we can save every year.

Here at Notre Dame, we don't have to worry about Olympic preparations. Tibetan protesters or YouTube censor­ship, and Guns N' Roses only occasionally wreaks havoc. With all the time we have, we ought to explore installing a sophisticated network of dual-flush toi­lets, saving the precious natural resource of water. The Dalai Lama would approve.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycott Beijing

Last week's events in Tibet reminded the world what China really is. Behind the mask of new economic prosperity and porous borders lies a nightmare of human rights violations, free zero freedom of the press, and frequent hostile military action in the face of peaceful protest.

In an effort to extend economic interest and "open" a closed world, the interna­tional community ignored a patterned history of irresponsible and egregious behavior and awarded China the 2008 Winter Olympic Games. The Olympics holds to a mantra of respecting universal fundamental ethical principles and pres­erving human dignity. From 1989 Tiananmen Square to last week in Tibet, China has repeatedly ignored human rights, and crushed human dignity within their country. China is in complete discord with the Olympic Movement.

Contrary to President Bush's statement, the Olympics is much more than sport. Including the 2008 Winter Games to China was an acknowledgment that human responsibility spreads beyond their borders. The country's economic interest in Africa coupled with its permanent spot on the U.N. Security Council has helped to extend the conflict in Darfur (leading to the popular label "Genocide Olympics").

In addition, the country's complete disregard for the environment threatens the entire world. The hopes that the Olympic Games would lead to a new order in China has been exposed as farce. China's human rights record stands as a mock­ery to the Olympic Games. I ask Olympic athletes and viewers alike to "Boycott Beijing"; boycott the Genocide Olympics.

Jeffrey Koch
James Dechant
Monastery Hall
March 24

Support the troops,
not the war

My name is Chris, I am the student who was directly referred to in the letter to the editor ("protestors Out Of Line," Mar. 20). During the Iraq War protest last Wednesday, March 20, I walked in Fieldhouse Mall, I asked Meghan, the author of the letter, and her ROTC boyfriend to join the protest last Wednesday. Meghan, upon seeing you and your boyfriend, said "I'm not a military type, you don't have to tell me to join in opposition to the war, as I had every person that walked by the protest.

I understand you thought I was an ungrateful college student splitting on the soldiers on a mindless quest to prove a point. I want you to know that is not who I am and that is not what I rep­resented on campus last Wednesday. Your anger seems justified since we believed we were holding signs, "complaining of Iraqi deaths brought about by American soldiers." The sign read "665,000 Iraqis killed." This number is of civils, appo­ssion insurgents. We were by no means condemning the soldiers for their actions; we were calling atten­tion to the collateral damage of war. We do not blame the soldiers. They that, we know they are doing the best job they can to protect the inno­cents in Iraq. Meghan, you were the e­mails to soldiers thanking them, praise to yesterday, and I will continue to do so (any soldier.com). I am thrilled that you called this campus issue to do something for our country and not back to the soldiers! But I will not allow you to condemn me for protest­ing. Are you claiming that the war sup­porters on campus who crumpled up my flyers, or those in town that gave me the finger are somehow better than those of us protesting the war? I would be interested to see how many peace protesters would have sent care packages or emails when it would have meant the withdrawal of our time amidst hours of Facebook, ESPN, and partying on the weekends.

Supporting the troops is not always supporting a war. It is about making sure this administration backs up its patriotism by offering health care and benefits to those affected by the war. It is about realizing that one of these three homeless in this country are veterans. It is about understanding the political implications of our involvement in Iraq, and the long his­tory of violence that there makes "victory" a very ambiguous term.

There are extremist protesters that make other protesters look bad, but there are also thousands of people promoting the war because a family member was killed overseas, because they are veterans of past wars, or because they believe in getting our troops out of a civil war.

It is time we stopped profiling all anti-war protesters, liberals, or any­one else who believes in some sort of withdrawal of troops from foreign terri­tory, and troop-hating extremists. These are people who care about their country and those overseas who live in the coun­try around the world, and most of all, the men and women in the military. "Support the Troops, Not the War"
No "Darko" Love for

By MARK WITTE
Assistant Scene Editor

Writer-Director Richard Kelly had to wait until his first film "Donnie Darko" came out on DVD before it rose to popularity and gained iconic cult status. However, for such to happen with his second film, "Southland Tales," he may have to wait a little longer.

"Southland Tales," released on DVD March 18, after a dismal run in the late November 2007 box office, where it grossed less than $400,000. The film stars a broad ensemble, beginning with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who plays Boxer Santaros, a movie star who suddenly disappears and then turns up in the desert with his memory wiped. It also stars Seann William Scott, in a double role as Officer Roland Taverner and another character who we are suspiciously led to believe is his brother; Sarah Michelle Gellar as porn star; Krysta Now who takes in amnesia-plagued Santaros; Justin Timberlake as Pilot Abilene, an Iraq War veteran with a wicked scar across his face; Mandy Moore as Madeline Frost, Santaro's wife and daughter of the prominent Senator Bobby Frost (Holmes Osborne); and a number of people who you might recognize from "Saturday Night Live."

The story begins in 2005 and alters history a bit, beginning with a nuclear explosion in Abilene, Tex. The attack starts World War III and the U.S. goes to war in the Middle East and North Korea. Homeland security and the price of oil go through the roof. This inflation leads to the discovery of a new energy source, Fluid Karma, which somehow draws energy out of the ocean's waves and wirelessly channels it out in an electrical field. We're told that the invention was used on U.S. soldiers, including in Abilene, as an enhancing drug, but with sketchy results. The film then cuts to 2008 in which an election between the Democratic and Republican Party has come down to the state of California where the Republican ticket of Elliot/Frost is scrambling to locate the vanished Santaros, fearing his disappearance to have been an attack on the Republican Party. And it is.

There are quite a few other bits of altered history. After the nuclear attack, the Republican Party helped start this program called US-IDENT, a means for monitoring internet and television activity. This didn't sit well with a semi-terrorist group called the Neo-Marxists and they are bent on bringing down Senator Frost and his wife, who heads US-IDENT. The Neo-Marxists capture Officer Taverner and his identical brother, planning to use them in an elaborate scheme to make the government look bad. But things don't go as planned and the story shoots off in an array of different directions. The rest of the story is made up of a blur of confusing plot twists involving a screenplay Santaros supposedly wrote which keeps predicting the future in a countdown to the apocalypse, the truth behind the dual nature of Officer Taverner and his brother, and a drugged-up musical interlude by Abilene.

"Southland Tales" is a movie that might be too vast for its own good. Like "Donnie Darko," it tries to explore realms of the fourth dimension.

Southland Tales
Detination/Sony Pictures

Director: Richard Kelly
Written by: Richard Kelly
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Seann William Scott, Mandy Moore

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By MYCHAL STANLEY
Scene Writer

You might know Zooey Deschanel from movies like "Elf" and "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," but did you know she can sing? She can sing quite well, and together with indie-folkster M. Ward, she just put out a very solid record under the name She & Him.

In this collaboration, Deschanel takes care of the lyrics and vocals, while Ward supplies pretty much everything else. He plays all the necessary instruments and produces. Through his fantastic production, he makes the work of just two people sound like a full band. Usually, a two-person band makes pretty simple arrangements, but Ward's production allows for some impressive layering. In songs like "Sentimental Heart," Ward uses multiple tracks of Deschanel's voice to create harmonies and fill out the empty spaces, and transforms the song into something that could be recorded by a five-piece girl group from the 60s.

Using multiple tracks might seem like a way to account for Deschanel's lack of range or vocal prowess, but one listen to the 50s country throwback track "Change Is Hard" is all one needs to recognize that the girl can sing. She may not have the greatest voice in the world, or the best range, but her full-bodied and impressively expressive vocals deliver.

As you can probably tell from the last two tracks mentioned, the pair's music is essentially trying to recapture the pop and country sounds from the 50's and 60's. Instead of trying to innovate and add anything new, they work to emulate the sound produced by the female country singers and the Brill Building work of Carole King and Gerry Goffin from that time period.

Fortunately, they do it to perfection, and pop tracks like "I Was Made For You" mix fantastically with woeful country tunes like "Take It Back." The record presents a very vintage feel while still sounding fresh.

Deschanel also provides the lyrics to all the original songs on the record. In the style of the genres the duo emulates, most of the songs are about being swept away by love or being hurt by it. In "Sentimental Heart," she sings of "crying all night until there was nothing left." In Black Hole, she's "alone, on a bicycle for two." But then in "I Was Made For You," she sings about "waitin' for a long, long time for a boy like you." The innocence and charm of these simple lyrics are very disarming and fit the music so well.

There are also two covers on the album. The first is Smokey Robinson's "You Really Got a Hold on Me." Unfortunately, it's probably the weakest song on the album. It adds nothing to the original, and is played straight the entire song through. The second is a cover of The Beatles' "I Should Have Known Better" which is a standout on the album. Deschanel and Ward slow it down, and allow the tune and melody a little more space to breathe. It's a fantastic interpretation of a classic early Beatles song.

"Volume One" is a refreshing window into the simpler, more innocent songs of the past. While She & Him branched out into a few more styles and themes (a bonus track rendition of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariots" show the promise of Deschanel's voice in gospel music), there's always time for that in "Volume Two." And at just 35 minutes, the album does not overstay its welcome, but provides a brief respite for lovely escapism into the past.

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Men's frisbee team tries for the third straight tournament.

Women's water polo earns No. 1 ranking; rugby falls to IU

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Junior Danny Collom led the Hawkeyes with a steady presence all season, earning the conference's fourth and final game, a 23-19 first-game win. After falling in the second round, the Irish faced No. 17 Texas A&M. The Aggies were no match for the Irish, as Notre Dame blew them out, 29-22. Don Greiw and Bob Huguelet each scored a try for the B-side. The Irish won the rubber game and never looked back.

For the right to go to the bracket championship, the Irish then faced the varsity squad from Holy Names University. The Irish had been beaten by senior Tim Goldsmith controlled the tempo of the match, allowing the Irish to build comfortable leads throughout the game. The Irish were able to steal the second game, but the Irish won the third and final game.

In the bracket's championship game, the Irish faced the Aggies in their opening round. The Irish went on to win, 4-0, behind senior Colleen Harris. The Jags are coming off a win over Central Michigan in the second round.

In the observer's opinion, the Irish will face a tough challenge with a record of 1-8 to start the season. The Jaguars are coming off a split with Dayton in which they were able to match their first two wins of the season.

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MEN'S SOFTBALL

Sandman's top-10 finish leads Irish

By PAT STYNES

Junior Josh Sandman has led the Irish to a 13-4 record this season, and was at it again in the Notre Dame Invitational Tournament in Grinnell, Iowa, this week.

The junior finished in the top-10 for the third straight tournament, and his two-under 214 helped the team tie for 10th with a score of 883, 19-over par.

"Josh is a strong ball-striker and has great skills around the greens," coach Jim Kubinski said. "When his putting gains consistency, he will be hard to stop."

Sophomore Doug Furrer was also solid, finishing 34th on the field with a score of 217. He broke a field of an impressive third round in second-place finish.

Senior Eric Morin sparked the Irish to a 13-9 victory, and senior Tim Goldsmith led the Irish to a 13-10 loss. The Irish opened Sunday's round with a 13-4 victory over the Aggies, and senior Eric Morin sparked the team with two tries against a tough Iowa squad.

After falling in the round of 16, the Hawkeyes maintained their momentum and will try to establish an early advantage against Notre Dame. The Irish eliminated the mistakes that allowed Iowa to gain an edge in the first round, and if it regained the lead, Notre Dame rolled to a 13-9 victory, thanks to sophomore Bill Carson's cutting.

The Irish were finally stopped in their semifinal tie with Tulane, which snipped out of the gate to grab a 1-0 lead — a hole Notre Dame was forced to climb out of. Junior Danny Collom led the Irish charge to get back into the game, and the Irish fell short in a 13-10 loss.

Senior captains Nick Campbell and Chris Liedl were a steady presence all season long.

On the women's side, the Irish won their first two games easily, beating Columbus 13-1 and Ohio 12-5 as sophomore Allie Keutehen and freshman Megan Frank led the offensive attack with four cuts and goals.

With a pair of losses, 13-4 to Barnard and 13-6 to Tufts, Notre Dame finished the day at 2-2, good for third in its second weekend despite a strong defense of freshman Colleen Harris.

Notre Dame started strong Sunday morning, defeating Williams 10-8. Sophomore Anne Maxwell and senior Shields Huss, who had stepped up all weekend in the absence of several of the Irish's normal handlers, made the difference on the offense for the Irish. The squad then fell to Iowa State, 14-7, before rebounding to defeat Wellesley 11-4 and Virginia 13-8.

Women's Water Polo

Despite being off this weekend, the team made news by earning the club's first ever No. 1 national ranking. The team is 18-0 against club opponents and 7-4 against varsity opponents, many of which were ranked, for an overall record of 22-4.

Rugby

Rugby dropped a pair of contests at Indiana this weekend, losing 48-14, while the B-side fell 29-22. Don Greiw and Bob Huguelet each scored a try for the top squad, with Greiw successful on both conversions. It was the first venture into Div. 1 competition for the Irish.

Chris Liedl, David Bray, Tom Riley and Andy O'Conner each scored a try for the B-side. O'Conner managed the only conversion for the B-side.

Men's Water Polo

No. 21 Notre Dame ventured west for the weekend, where it played in the perennially competitive Las Vegas Open.

The Irish received a tough draw in pool play, falling to No. 14 California in their tournament's eventual runner-up, 25-17, 23-25, 15-9. Notre Dame was able to establish an early lead, but a mid-game lapse cost the Irish dearly in the first game. Thanks to overtime Dan Zibron's performance, the Irish took the second game, but couldn't maintain that momentum in the third.

No. 6 Utah Valley State then defeated the Irish, 29-22, passing senior John Tibble.

Notre Dame closed out pool play with a win over San Marcos in one of the tournament's most interesting storylines. San Marcos had a mismatched jerseys, beating the Irish in two games against them a last-place finish in the pool. But following the match, Notre Dame's fortunes turned around when the tournament director announced that San Marcos had professional beach players on the team that did not attend school. San Marcos was disqualified, and Notre Dame was awarded the victory.

With a respectable finish still within reach, Notre Dame refocused for the second round. The Irish opened the double-elimination bracket against No. 22 Michigan State. Both teams had strong seasons, so a win would be expected for the Irish, as Notre Dame blew the Aggies in straight sets, 25-13, 25-23, 25-17.

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Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens is sworn in before testifying before Congress on Feb. 27. The top Republican on the Congressional committee investigating his use of steroids released a report questioning if he lied in his testimony.

Rep. questions original report

WASHINGTON — The top Republican on the congressional committee that investigated whether Roger Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs released a report Tuesday questioning the Democratic majority's conclusion that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner might have lied in his testimony before the panel last month. The 109th-page report obtained by The Associated Press, contains details Rep. Tom Davis believes could challenge the credibility of Brian McNamee, the personal trainer who testified under oath he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998-01.

Republican staff from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will pass along additional information to the Justice Department. The FBI is investigating whether Clemens lied to Congress. "Did Roger Clemens lie to us?" Davis said in a release accompanying the report. "Some of the evidence seems to say he did; other information suggests he told the truth," the Virginia Republican said.

It's a far more complicated picture than some may want to believe. Memories fade and recollections differ. That's human nature, not criminal conduct. My concern is the integrity of sworn statements made to Congress. At this point, the Justice Department is best equipped to investigate that central question and reach a fair conclusion." The report includes portions of previously undisclosed interviews with new witnesses and addresses issues such as whether Clemens attended a party at then-teammate Jose Canseco's house in 1998; information about injections of vitamin B-12; and whether Clemens developed an abscess on his buttocks.

The report — "Weighing the Committee Record: A Balanced Review of the Evidence Regarding Performance Enhancing Drugs in Baseball" — stands as a counterpoint to the 18-page memo released Feb. 27 by Chairman Henry Waxman.

That was the day Waxman and Davis asked Attorney General Michael Mukasey to open an investigation into whether Clemens committed perjury. The following day, the Justice Department told the Feds to take up the matter.

IN BRIEF

Red Sox fans wake early, watch season opener on TV

BOSTON — Red Sox fans ate their breakfast sausages with eggs and hash browns instead of peppers and onions, and bars were opened so early they couldn't legally serve beer. And that was just the start of a unique opening day for Boston, fans rose before the sun to watch the Red Sox defeat the Oakland Athletics in the land of the rising sun.

Bars around Fenway Park and elsewhere catered to big breakfast crowds as the season officially started in Japan at about 6:05 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday.

"I could not wait for the Red Sox," said Bocchi, who was at the Cask's Flagship, "I have withdrawal all winter long."
At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday night, these eight members of the Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy they received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.
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Sweet 16

By MIKE BLASCO
Sports Writer

On a day when the wind was blowing everyone away, Notre Dame was just glad to hold on. In wet and blustery conditions, No. 13 Notre Dame eked out a fifth-place finish with a 36-hole total of 642, 51 over-par, at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Tex. Irish freshman Se-Hyun Park carded her seventh top-10 finish in eight contests with a 12-over-par 156, ending up seventh overall.

The inclement weather wreaked havoc in Austin, shortening the tournament by forcing the University of Texas Golf Club to cancel the second round of competition and driving scores up across the board.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF
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BASEBALL
Weather cooperates, Irish win home opener

By FRAN TOLAN
Assistant Sports Editor

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and it marked the final game for Kurz, who finished with eight points and three rebounds.

"I have a lot of great memo-
rries with these guys," Kurz
said. "It's been a wonderful
year. We had so many great
wins and great successes, but
obviously this one really hurts."

Kurz helped install a tireless
work ethic into his teammates,
and many of them said throughout the season Notre Dame wouldn't have made it this far without him.

"I wish we could have extended his season," Brey
said. "I will always be indebted to his leadership, how he set the tone as an example of a worker in our program, a guy who made himself better."

But no amount of hard work could have saved Notre Dame from the offensive woes it had Saturday. Washington state held the Irish to just 13-for-21 shooting, including 3-for-17 from 3-point range, and held Big East Freshman of the Year Luke Harangody to just 10 points on 3-for-17 shooting. Harangody did pull down a career-high 22 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to counter his team's miserable day shooting. The Cougars employed on-and-off double teams to surprise Harangody and contested each shot he took.

"I think maybe [the double-teams] frustrated them a little bit," Washington state forward Robbie Cowgill said. "The guards did a great job of rotating. I think also the refs let us play. They let us be physical in there. Sometimes they tried to create contact and get some of those. That didn't happen [Saturday]."

Washington State wouldn't just double-team Harangody, however. When the Irish drove to the basket, at least two Cougars defenders greeted them and made shooting or passing out of the trap difficult. Coming off screens, the Cougars hedged or boxed Notre Dame around them and made it hard for the Irish to use the screens well.

Brey said even though Washington State's double teams affected the Irish early in the game, it was good to get some open looks — they just didn't fall.

"Why didn't we shoot the ball well? No. 1, they play defense. No. 2, you're a little tired because you play defense against them for 35 seconds," Brey said.

After falling behind 38-24 with 15:52 left to play in the game, the Irish mounted a small comeback. Junior forward Zach Hillesland and Harangody each hit a pair of free throws and Notre Dame managed to string together a few defensive stops. Junior guard Kyle Almacy, who led Notre Dame with 12 points on 5-for-13 shooting, then hit a three after Harangody offensive rebound cut the Cougars lead to seven with 13:49 left to play. After a jumper by Cougars guard Derrick Low caught the lead back up to nine, Almacy had a chance to cut the lead to six, but his three-pointer went in and out.

After trading baskets the next few possessions, Washington State went on a 12-2 run to put the game out of reach. Cowgill started it off by hitting two consecutive perimeter jumpers. After guard Tory Jackson turned it over on Notre Dame's end, Washington State guard Kyle Weaver had Kyle Almacy beat by a step on a fast-break to the basket. But Almacy didn't let Weaver have the easy bucket, and reached out to grab Weaver as he went up for the shot.

"It's hard for the referees to make an intentional foul," Brey said. "The guards did a great job of getting back. But Almacy didn't even touch the [ball] as he was going up, and we couldn't make a stop."

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Wisconsin West: 49, Wisconsin East: 41

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Media's Role in Islamophobia - The New Anti-Semitism

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Dr. Hussein Ibish: Executive Director of the Foundation for Arab-American Leadership, is a frequent contributor to the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post and the Chicago Tribune, and was Washington Correspondent for the Daily Star (Beirut). He has made numerous appearances on mainstream radio and television programs including:

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Men's Tennis

Freshman wins twice in ND loss

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sport Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame (10-7) dropped its third straight on Tuesday at No. 50 Kentucky, falling 4-2.

The Irish lost two of the three doubles matches, as freshmen Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis earned an 8-4 victory to improve to 10-3 on the year. Notre Dame's top pair, junior Brett Holgeson and senior Sheva Parbhu, lost their second straight.

The Irish got on the scoreboard when Havens won his match, 7-6, 6-3. Havens was the only Irish player who recorded two wins on the day, and he improved his singles record to 17-14 on the year. Holgeson fell at the No. 1 singles spot, allowing Kentucky to open up a 3-1 lead. After jumping out to a 4-3 lead in the second set, he lost the next three games and lost the third set, 6-4, 6-1.

Parbhu kept the Irish in the match with a straight set win at No. 2 singles, improving his record to 21-9.

With the loss, the Irish dropped to 10-7 on the season. Notre Dame plays host to No. 2 Ohio State on Friday.

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THE IRISH HEADED INTO THE FINAL PERIOD OF PLAY WITH A 10-5 ADVANTAGE AND MCNODE EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE GAME. "WE DID A LOT OF THINGS WELL TODAY AND I FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT HOW THE OFFENSE PLAYED," IRISH COACH KEVIN CORRIGAN SAID. "IT WAS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR US WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START AND READY TO BEGIN CONFERENCE PLAY."

WHILE THE IRISH WERE PREPARED TO OPEN ITS GREAT WESTERN LACROSSE LEAGUE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IN COLORADO SPRINGS VERSUS AIR FORCE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, THE GAME WAS POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER IN CHICAGO THAT PREVENTED THE TEAM FROM FLYING. A MAKE-UP DATE FOR THE GAME IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

"THE IRISH INSTEAD WILL OPEN CONFERENCE PLAY THIS SATURDAY WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO LOUISVILLE, KY., TO COMPETE AGAINST BELLARMINE. BELLARMINE CURRENTLY SITS BEHIND THE IRISH IN THE NO. 3 SPOT IN THE CONFERENCE STANDINGS," CORRIGAN SAID. "THE IRISH DEFENDED BELLARMINE 11-3 AT HOME DURING THE 2007 SEASON." THE GAME WILL BEGIN AT 1 P.M. ON MARCH 22.
Taste

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simply ran into a wall and that wall came in the form of a superior, more experienced opponent.

The Cougars suffocated the Irish defense like no other team came close to doing this season. And their guard-play showed Tory Jackson and Kyle McAlarney what another year of playing together can do for them.

"I am really excited to see what Calvin can do against Calvin tomorrow when it hosts Calvin in Washington State seniors Kyle Weaver and Derrick Low picked apart the Irish man-to-man defense. Weaver, a perimeter-oriented forward, worked the baseline like a good artist works the canvas, routinely shaking his man and finding his way to the hoop. Low also proved to be much more than the Irish could handle. He controlled the pace of the game and orchestrated an offense that committed just seven turnovers. Washington State illustrated the need to play 40 solid minutes to do serious damage in March. All season long, the Irish relied on offensive explosions to win games. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but the team runs into serious trouble when those runs don't come.

On Saturday, Notre Dame was forced to constantly play from behind so the team was unable to find any kind of rhythm. The Irish did make one of their patented runs midway through the second half. Luke Harangody absolutely out-willed everyone else on the court to come up with a loose ball before finding Kyle McAlarney for an open 3-pointer. The play capped a 9-0 Notre Dame run and cut Washington State's lead to 38-31. But the Irish were spent. The sequence illustrated the danger of living and dying by random offensive spurts. The Irish had a poor shooting night and that led to many of their problems. But they also came up against a solid team that prevented them from ever really catching fire. After cutting the deficit to seven, Notre Dame was exhausted from merely trying to catch up.

Obviously, what made Notre Dame so high-powered and fun to watch was its run-and-gun style. But sometimes (especially during the grind that defines March Madness), a team is forced to slow it down. The Irish would be well-advised to learn from the Cougars' patience on both ends of the floor.

And they will learn. The team has made gigantic strides in each of the past two seasons. They improved from an NIT team to an NCAA Tournament bid recipient last year. And this season, they advanced one round further than they did last year. They will return every player with the exception of Rob Kurz (see bottom of column) and there is no reason to suspect they will not markedly improve once again.

But the Irish need to learn several lessons from this season's Tournament exit. They must improve in the half-court game to compete with plodders like Washington State. And they must play consistent basketball for entire games, shaking their habit of counting on mega-runs to lift them over good opponents.

Otherwise, on nights when they shoot well under their average percentage, they will leave with their mouths tasting like stale whiskey and vodka.

Some Other Thoughts

♦ Regardless of all the points I just made, the Irish had little chance of winning anyway because of one statistic. That would be Luke Harangody's 3-for-17 from the floor. Harangody did pull down 22 rebounds but many of those could be attributed to Notre Dame's atrocious shooting. Seven of his boards came on the offensive glass.

If your superstar has a game where he struggles offensively, you're not beating anyone in March.

♦ When Jackson knocked down a 3-pointer to put Notre Dame on the scoreboard for the second straight game, I thought it was a good omen. In retrospect, it wasn't. Jackson had just four points and two assists the rest of the way.

♦ The Irish are going to miss Rob Kurz. Kurz was everything you could ask for in a captain, someone who delivered credit for wins after doing much of the dirty work those victories required. Even in the locker room after the loss Saturday, the team's lone senior directed the conversation toward next season. He said he hoped his younger teammates would learn from this year and use that experience to advance further in the Tournament next year.

The empty spot vacated by No. 31 will not be easily filled next year.

The views of this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Belles look to bounce back in home opener

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's 4-5, 0-1 MIAA continues conference play Wednesday when it hosts Calvin in its home opener at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Center at 5 p.m.

"I am really excited to see what we can do against Calvin tomorrow," sophomore captain Camille Gebert said. "Calvin will be a team very much like us — young and of similar talent level — so it will be a good chance to see how well we can perform."

Gebert and freshmen Jillian Hurley, the Belles No. 1 doubles team that beat Albion in their last action, aren't the only Saint Mary's doubles who have been improving since the Belles came back from spring break. The duo of sophomore Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed and freshmen Jessica Kosinski and Jessica Camp have all progressed recently.

"I am excited that our doubles are doing better," Gebert said. "In order to win tomorrow we are going to need to win at least two of the three doubles matches, hopefully three. If we start off strong, our singles will finish the win off."

No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Gebert and Hurley currently sit at 4-5 and 7-1, respectively, on the season. Reed and Kosinski have also been strong in singles for the Belles.

"Our entire team has really been doing well," Gebert said.

"Each player has stepped it up where needed. Including the players not currently in the lineup, tomorrow will be a good test for our team. If we can pull the win out, which I have faith that we will, we will be in good shape for the rest of the conference season."

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Tournament. "It was a great feeling," junior left wing Garrett Regan said. "It's what you work for all year, and that was definitely one of our objectives to make the NCAA Tournament. We made it there, and now we have a chance to win a championship, so we've got to make the best of our opportunity." Notre Dame, the No. 4-seed, will face New Hampshire, the top seed in the West regional, on Friday afternoon in Colorado Springs, Colo., with the opportunity to take on the winner of Friday's Colorado College-Michigan State match-up. Though the Irish will certainly be the underdogs, they believe they can make up for their poor second-half showing by pushing off the upset Friday. "We've got to realize how lucky we are to be playing. Until now 16 teams got this opportunity every year, so you can't pass up one chance," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "The thing is, it doesn't really matter what we did last weekend, it doesn't matter what we did in the first half or second half -- it's one game. It's one and one or one and move on. We have to put all our eggs in one basket and just go for it, because anything can happen here.

RedHawks 2, Irish 1 (OT)
In a hex coach Jeff Jackson could only describe as "devastating," the Irish held a high-powered Miami attack scoreless until Mitch Ganakz beat Notre Dame's Anders Pearce -- who was otherwise sensational with 28 saves -- stick-side through traffic with 3.4 seconds remaining in regulation. The positives are that we executed exactly what we wanted to," Van Guilder said. "We weathered the storm in the first period, and Pearce was awesome. We frustrated them, and that was our goal going into the game, and then just waiting for our chances. Unfortunately, we got a couple of breaks there, and the negative is that we weren't able to close it out with a one-goal lead in the third period." Senior forward Evan Rankin put Notre Dame on the board with just 4:30 to play in the game with a backhander from the slot. That goal came just two minutes after Van Guilder's power-play goal was called off when the officials ruled that it was blocked by the goal line. Miami's defenseman Alec Martinez won it for the RedHawks when he fired a shot by Pearce from the left point, deñining Notre Dame's hopes of returning to Saturday's title game.

"We showed that we can play with anybody," Jackson said. "We were on our heels a little bit early in the game ... but as the game went on, we got better and better. In the third period, we controlled the tempo of the game, and I think Miami's as good a team as there is in the country, so we should have a lot of confidence because we're getting closer to finishing it off. Hopefully this makes us stronger in the long run.

Wildcats 2, Irish 1
For the first time all year, the Irish lost a game in which they led after two periods. "I think we had a tough time getting over Friday still, and there wasn't a lot of emotion -- you could see it wasn't as intense as Friday," Van Guilder said. "That was our fault, we had a little trouble getting up for the game, but we didn't know the NCAA tournament situation. We were just trying to win." Christian Hanson scored the lone Notre Dame goal midway through the second period, but Northern Michigan's Tim Hartung and Matt Siddall each scored goals in the first four minutes of the third period.

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Historically, Notre Dame has enjoyed significant success under coach Muffet McGraw. The team finished the season with a 24-15-4 record, which was good for third place in the CCHA and an NCAA bid. The team had its sights set on reaching the Sweet 16, which is labeled "Sweet." They were even able to defeat then-No. 4-seed Oklahoma 79-75 in overtime.

**ND Women's Basketball**

How Sweet it is

Allen scores 35 points as Notre Dame beats Oklahoma, advances to Regional semifinals

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

DENVER — Irish coach Mike Brey said before the NCAA Tournament started that the team goal was to reach the Sweet 16. Tuesday night, she saw it herself that they got there.

Allen scored 35 points during Notre Dame's 79-75 overtime win over No. 4-seed Oklahoma in the second round of the Tournament.

The Irish, who donned their green uniforms against the Sooners, advanced to the Sweet 16, where they face No. 1 seed Tennessee Sunday.

The Volunteers beat Notre Dame 87-63 on Jan. 5 at the Joyce Center.

"The whole team absolutely refused to go home without a victory," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Even when we got down five in the overtime we just kept battling back."

Allen was 10-for-21 from the field, 3-for-3 from 3-point range and 12-for-12 from the free throw line. Still, she said the Tournament meant more.

"It wasn't bad," she said of her night. "We got to the Sweet 16. The 'W' is all that counts for your hat off to Washington Center.

The 'W' is all that counts for us.

Tournament, Washington State 61-41 thumping at the Pepsi Center.

Season-ending defeat will leave bitter taste

DENVER — The Irish had a good season but, boy, does that type of loss leave a bad taste in their mouths. Like the dry, putrid taste you have in your mouth after a long night of partying. No amount of toothpaste can fully eradicate that taste.

But for Notre Dame, there are some positives to be taken from its season-ending loss to Washington State. The Irish saw what it takes to advance beyond the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament.

Before the Tournament, I said that anything short of a Sweet 16 berth would be a disappointment for the Irish. I still believe that, but after seeing Washington State dismantle Notre Dame, I now also more fully realize why the Round of 16 is labeled "Sweet." You have to play really, really well to get there. Obviously the Irish didn't.

But I think Saturday's loss had more to do with Washington State's execution than with Notre Dame's poor showing. The Irish