Panel divided over 'Monologues'

Professors, bishop's representative discuss sociological implications of controversial play

By MADELEINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

A panel discussing the sociological implications of "The Vagina Monologues" followed the second production of Eve Ensler's controversial play Thursday in DeBartolo 101 and incorporated the views of Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy through a representative.

Opponents continued to protest the play after 20 to 30 students walked out of Wednesday's performance, and greeted the attendees by handing them religious medals and a copy of D'Arcy's condemnation of the show. The panel was composed of Lisa Everett, D'Arcy's representative and co-director of the Offices of Family in Fort Wayne-South Bend, sociology professor Jessica Coletti, anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom and political science professor Christine Wolbrecht.

Everett, the only member of the panel who also appeared after Wednesday's performance, echoed D'Arcy's sentiments regarding the "Monologues" and restated many of the same points she made the previous night. In a six-page statement released on March 12, D'Arcy said allowing the play on campus...is not consistent with the identity of a Catholic university and said the play was...entitative and co-director of the Offices of Family in Fort Wayne-South Bend, sociology professor Jessica Coletti, anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom and political science professor Christine Wolbrecht.

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ND student reports rape

Female claims sexual assault in dormitory

By BILL BRINK
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A female student reported an alleged sexual assault to the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDS) on March 23, NDS assistant director Dave Chapman said.

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**Inside Column**

**Lost in Harry Potter**

It's 9 p.m. on Thursday and I'm watching Xavier take my bracket and light it on fire by losing to West Virginia with two minutes left. The only explanation: "Lost" isn't on this week.

I came to the realization that many of the characters in "Lost" have alter-egos in "Harry Potter." Jack is Harry's doppelgänger. Like Harry, one goal, to get the entire island at all costs, motivates him throughout the series. Harry doesn't know it the whole time, but his goal is to destroy Voldemort. Both are misunderstood by their friends at times, and both play the voice of reason in their respective settings.

My favorite character on "Lost," Ben, is clearly Snape. Is he good or bad? Ben once guised the entire island. Snape was once a Death Eater. One second Ben is shooting people in the back, the next, he's divulging secrets to Locke. Nothing Snape does is one-sided, and it's impossible to interpret the motives or ends of his actions. Are his occlumency lessons intended to protect Harry or Voldemort or weaken his mind so the Dark Lord can get easy access? Difficult questions, and like Snape in the books, I don't think we'll find out Ben's motives and goals until the end of the series.

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Kevin Donohue

**Question of the Day:** What television show are you addicted to and why?

Kevin Donohue

"The Way Things Work," because I'm trying to figure out myself."  

Man tries to pay bill with toilet paper check

**BINGHAMTON, N.Y.** - An upset New York man embroiled in a dispute over his water bill is not being allowed to pay off his debt with a check written on toilet paper. Ron Borgna tried to settle his $2,509.66 bill with a check written on toilet paper Wednesday.

The disagreement began in September 2006 when Borgna received a $422.90 water bill. Borgna claims he was overbilled. With additional charges, penalties and late fees that bill has grown.

Binghamton city officials refused to accept the check. After a short argument, Borgna was escorted out of the building.

Borgna says he is appealing the judgment against him in small claims court.

Python surprises owner of new apartment

**GLEN BURNIE, Md.** - Anne Arundel County police say a Glen Burnie woman was surprised by a three-foot python that slithered out from behind her media stand while she watched television in her living room.

It happened Sunday at the woman's apartment in the 8000 block of Green Orchard Road.

The python, which has lived in the apartment for two months, does not own the snake. Officers believe the snake was left behind by a previous tenant.

The snake will remain at its current location.

**In Brief**

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed today in 101 DeBartolo at 7 p.m.

**Today's Forecast**

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**Binghamton University**

The Student Union Board will show the movie "Alone in the Dark" in 101 DeBartolo at 10 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $3.

Siegfried Hall will host the Rambler Scrambler, a mini-tour golf tournament, Saturday at Stepan Center at 8 p.m. Free pizza, pop and Jimmy John's will be available. The event benefits Lou Gehrig's Disease research, and iPods, cameras and iTunes gift cards will be raffled off.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Cincinnati Friday at 3:05 p.m. at Eck Field.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observed@nd.edu.
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University to host Asian film festival

The University of Notre Dame will host filmmakers and scholars March 27 to 29 (Thursday to Saturday) for the annual Asian Film Festival and conference, this year titled "Love at First Sight: Romance and Relationships in Asian and American Cinema." The festival will showcase four award-winning films in the Browing Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Admission is $6 for the general public, $5 for Notre Dame faculty and staff, $4 for seniors, and $3 for students. Tickets may be purchased in advance at http://performingarts.nd.edu or by calling the center box office at 574-631-2800.

The films are:

♦ "Train Man" — This 2005 film directed by Masanori Murakami is based on true events that took place on a popular bulletin board Web site in Japan. This is the fairy-tale story of a young Japanese man who was never able to get over the love of his life, which he met on the bulletin board. The boy who writes to her on the board is never able to get past the wall of his own secretive world of fantasy.

♦ "My Sassy Girl" — This 2003 film directed by Jae-young Kwak is based on an on-line serial written by kim Ho-sik that details his relationship with his off-the-wall college girlfriend.

♦ "Onkara" — Directed by Vishal Bharadwaj, "Onkara" is a film adaptation of William Shakespeare's tragedy, "Othello." This 2006 film traces one man's unremitting jealousy and all-consuming obsession against the backdrop of political warfare in the interiors of Uttar Pradesh. (March 29 at 7 p.m.)

♦ "The Trouble with Romance" — Directed by Gene Rhee, this 2007 film takes place in one Los Angeles hotel where each room hides a different trouble with romance. (March 28 at 7 p.m.)

Eric's Promise collects donations

SMC nursing students gather clothes as part of Lenten project

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

As part of a Lenten project, Saint Mary's students helped collect clothing for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County as part of the Eric's Promise project.

Last year, Mary Molinar, the director of nursing at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care in South Bend, visited a class of Saint Mary's nursing students to discuss different aspects of hospice care.

While there, she told the students about her son, Eric Henry Molinar, who was killed in a car accident in early 2002.

Senior Lindsey Piehl, the president of the Student Nurses Association (SNA), said Molinar told the group that Eric had gathered several bags of old clothing to donate to Saint Vincent de Paul.

"His Lenten mission which he told his mother was to 'be more giving,'" Piehl said.

Eric was never able to make that donation to Saint Vincent de Paul due to the accident, but his mother made sure the clothes made it to the center. She said Molinar decided to continue her son's mission to be more giving each year.

"(Molinar) has encouraged the South Bend Community to continue in fulfilling Eric's Lenten wish by collecting clothing and house-hold goods during the Lenten season," Piehl said. "To this date more than 65,000 pounds of items have been donated."

Piehl said SNA decided to bring the Eric's Promise project to Saint Mary's because all the women who heard Molinar speak wanted to help and the group wanted to allow the entire community to help as well.

"This project is a matter close to the nursing majors' hearts ... We wanted to get the entire Saint Mary's community involved in donating to such a meaningful service," she said.

For one week, from March 11 to March 21, SNA placed barrels and boxes in each of the residence halls and the student center atrium to allow students and staff to donate clothing to the project.

Piehl said SNA was very happy with the College's generous response to the project.

"The barrels and boxes were all filled to the top and many were overflowing with items," she said. "Saint Mary's proved to be "more giving" during this week of Lent."

She said she hopes the College continues to participate in Eric's Promise in the years to come because it allows Saint Mary's to give back to the St. Joseph community of which they are a part.

"This was a great opportunity for our community to be more like Eric Henry and make a conscious effort to be more giving," Piehl said.

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Leonnora Battani said immigrants in South Bend are very lucky that we have two hospitals that treat patients from seven or eight counties, and they're about 24 other languages that make up the rest. She said: "We have two hospitals that treat patients from seven or eight counties, she said. "They treat immigrants just as any person needs to be treated."

According to Battani, the language barrier presents the greatest challenge for health care professionals when treating immigrants.

"The biggest problem we have is language — that is where the inequities start. Many hospitals can't offer language services, including interpreters or translation of documents," she said. "Here in South Bend, most of the major health services are bilingual — that has a lot to say for where we live and how welcoming we are to immigrants."

Helping to combat language barriers in South Bend through the South Bend Community School Corporation, bilingual education coordinator for the South Bend Community School Corporation Bill Barna said: "We provide translation services in Spanish for our parents," he said. "Any time there's a conference that needs interpreter, we provide that to the school. We translate a number of legal documents for parents, so parents are knowledgeable about what is happening in school and with their children.""Immigration laws also present many hurdles for families, according to director of the Immigrants' Rights Center at Indiana Legal Services Lee O'Connor. "There are substantial legal problems for people who are here as immigrants," O'Connor said. "We often think of people here as legal or illegal, and that's not a good way to think about it. It's often more of a continuum than an issue of undocumented or not."

"If immigrants come back in again unlawfully, it's a permanent bar and they have to wait 10 years before they can come back. That's what I think is the biggest problem," O'Connor said. Fr. Chris Cox, Associate pastor of St. Adalbert Parish, examined immigration concerns from a religious standpoint, and said Catholics should look to the Gospel of Matthew. "We are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world ... adding something distinctive to the world today," he said. "When I look at the Church, I think we've sometimes lost our way and become invisible. Immigration profoundly affects our Church, and it's a decisive question for us." Cox referred to the parable of Lazarus in the Gospel to emphasize his claim that the poor are often forgotten by society.

"As a Catholic university, education needs to be marked by the sign of the cross. We need to have the vision to see Lazarus out there, hear the cry of the poor ... and have the courage to act," he said. "There are many lenses we can put on the issue. What we believe as a Church is that the most important lens is the lens of faith. Are we going to take the lens from sounds bites on radio talk shows or from the lens of faith?"

Cox said based on his experiences in his parish, he believes the community has much to gain from immigrants.

"These are people that come from a rich Catholic heritage, who are being new life to our churches," he said. "We will be enriched by welcoming the stranger." The panel, entitled "Implications of Immigration for South Bend," was sponsored by the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and the Department of Economics and Econometrics.

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the event so far has been positive. "The community has really embraced the event. I think they were ready for something outside the box," she said. The event has been heavily publicized on television, radio, and billboards.

"We're confident and hopeful our marketing efforts will pay off big the day of the event ... It's a little bit of the 'If you build it they will come' mentality," Kronk said. Kronk also said although she is unsure of the exact number, IUSB is ready to handle thousands of participants.

"We're prepared for thousands and with the way things are going with word spreading so much, we're optimistic that the event will be a success," she said.

To encourage students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to attend, Kronk said IUSB is working to provide transportation to the dance site.

The event coincides with the annual Blue-Gold game on April 19, but Kronk said this is another good reason for students to consider buying a Miracle Pass.

"When determining a date for the dance marathon we took all high school and college academic calendars into consideration as well as other community events. This weekend is the first without spring breaks and vacations," Kronk said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Wilders offers film critical of Islam

AMSTERDAM - A Dutch lawmaker released a film highly critical of Islam on Thursday, setting verses of the Muslim holy book against a backdrop of violent images from terrorist attacks.

Geert Wilders posted his 15-minute film on a Web site. Shortly afterward, Dutch television channels showed segments of the film and broadened discussion by the film and broadcast discussions by analysts on the possible impact of its release.

The Dutch government had warned Wilders that a film offensive to Muslims could spark violence in the Netherlands and hundreds of other countries, like those two years ago after European newspapers published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

"The film equates Islam with violence. We reject this," Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said in a televised address.

"We... regret that Mr. Wilders has released this film. We believe it serves no other purpose than to cause offense."

Bush endorses Croatian NATO bid

ZAGREB, Croatia - President Bush says he is "very pleased" with Croatia's prospects of membership in NATO, but has declined to say if the former Yugoslav country will be invited to join the alliance at a summit next week.

In an interview with the state-run Croatian television broadcast Thursday, Bush said the decision would be made by all NATO members.

Bush has said that Croatia is in "a very good position" to join. Membership in NATO and the European Union are among the country's priorities.

Bush is in Washington before his trip next week to Ukraine, a NATO summit in Romania and Croatia.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Unknown gunmen kill two motorists

OIL SPRINGS, Va. - Gunfire that struck several vehicles and injured two people along a stretch of mountain highway had motorists and police on edge Tuesday, as they remembered the violence in the years since the deadly Beltway snipers hadn't been seen.

Authorities were seeking at least two people suspected of firing shots the night before that hit two cars, a van, a tractor-trailer and an unoccupied dump truck on Interstate 64 west just west of Charlottesville. Two people were injured, but not seriously.

Col. Steven Flaherty, the state police superintendent, would not characterize the shootings as connected to the work of snipers, calling it "random firing."

Court upholds murder conviction

PHILADELPHIA - An appeals court Thursday upheld Mumia Abu-Jamal's conviction for murdering a police officer 27 years ago but rejected prosecutors' request to reinstate him in the death Rowe.

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They have accused rival Shiite parties, which control Iraqi security forces, of engineering the arrests to prevent them from mounting an effective campaign for provincial elections expected this fall. The Satirists expect to make major electoral gains at the expense of rival parties, including those that maintain close ties to the United States.

American officials have acknowledged that the unilateral cease-fire declared by al- Sadr last August played a major role in reducing vio­ lence in Baghdad. U.S. and Iraqi officials have insisted that they are not targeting al- Sadr's movement but simply going after renegades, criminals and extremists with ties to Iran.

Iraq

Al-Maliki vows 'no retreat' in Basra

Mobs protest against Prime Minister after he cracks down on Shiite militias

Associated Press

BAHGADAD - Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged "no retreat" Thursday in the fight against Shiite militias in the southern city of Basra, as thousands of protestors demonstrated against the government's decision to shutter the Green Zone.

Some militia leader Muntada al-Sadr called Thursday a political solution to the burgeoning crisis and an end to the "shredding of Iraqi blood." But the statement, released by a close aide, stopped short of ordering his Mahdi Army militia to halt attacks on the Green Zone or stop fighting in Basra, the city's commercial center.

In a sign of the deteriorating security, gunmen in Baghdad seized a high-profile government spokesman from his home in a Shiite neighborhood, killing three of his bodyguards in thesurrounding his house. In a bid to curb the violence, Iraq's military ordered vehicles and pedestrians off the streets of the capital until Sunday morning.

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Iraqi Shiites carry a mock coffin bearing an image of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki during a protest in Baghdad Thursday.

**California cuts car fuel regulations**

Sacramento - California air regulators on Thursday slashed the number of battery-powered and hydrogen-fueled vehicles that must be sold in the state, a setback for environmentalists and health advocates.

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Instead, the air board said the six largest automakers must sell nearly 60,000 hybrid vehicles while they develop the more advanced technology that will allow mass production of pure zero-emission vehicles.

Board chairwoman Mary Nichols described the move as a major step backward toward putting cleaner cars on the road. The plug-in hybrids envis-

"We're introducing a whole new category of vehicles to the public," said Nichols. "I don't think it's a step backwards in the real world."

In essence, the air board took two steps on Thursday: It cut the number of zero-emission vehicles it wants on the road by 2014, while at the same time offering an alterna-

Environmentalists and health advocates criticized the lowering of the zero-emission goal for vehicles. They said the threats posed by glob-

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"pornographic and spiritually harmful."

Even more, said the Monologues undermine the point it claims to be making — the violence done in the sexual acts celebrated in the play disrespectful women.

According to the Monologues exalt sexual pleasure as an end in itself, severed from the lived reality of the women described. She also pointed at the positive experience of a transactions' seduction by an older woman.

"Sexual seduction of a much younger woman portrayed as an act of salvation," she said. "You can't have it both ways.

While many condemned this technique of shock, Collett said it was an effective way to capture attention and make a point.

"This exhibits the power of language," she said. "To many of us, the idea of vagina evokes disgust and shame."

According to Collett, the play allowed the audience to overcome the negative connotations associated with the word 'vagina' by saying it and shaming it.

Collett highlighted her experiences working in rape counseling for years. She said it can give a voice to the countless women who have been brutally raped.

"I have seen this in Yugoslavia and Africa," she said. "People tell stories about what hurts and what needs been silenced."

Whether or not someone lived through the 1960s, the "Monologues" are inconsequential

Nordstrom said.

"I don't know what it says, but it says it." she stated. "But you can't run away from the question.

Nordstrom said the response the Monologues elicited and the full audiance that came to see the play indicated that "something is something is being said that is still important and still needs to be heard.

Wolbrecht related the Monologues to the second wave of feminism that occurred in the 1960s. She compared it to the tactic of "conscious raising," a technique of feminists to bring awareness of issues to the surface, to the often-criticized shock tactics used in the "Monologues.

The idea was that through sharing they could see the depth to which their own lives were shaped, constrained, and dominated by gender," Wolbrecht said.

Wolbrecht said she was moved by the play.

"I forget how moving it is to hear young people speak about things no one else is saying," Wolbrecht said. "I was so impressed by this play.

The "Monologues" concludes its run tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 101.

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U.S. reports troop deaths

Soldiers, families mourn as officials up the number of casualties to 4,000

Associated Press

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Hake began his Army career in a ceremonial unit, serving as an escort during funerals at Arlington National Cemetery and marching in President Bush's 2001 inauguration parade.

But he wanted to do his part in Iraq. So Hake, of Enid, Okla., transferred in 2003, wishing and Infantry Division at Fort Stewart in southern Georgia, deployed to Iraq in 2005 and returned for a second combat tour late last year.

"This deployment, he told me, 'You couldn't pay me to come home early,'" said Peter Hake, the soldier's father. "He was a squad leader and loved his guys that worked under him. He said they would die for each other, and they did."

Hake, 26, and three Fort Stewart soldiers in his squad died Monday from wounds suffered when a roadside bomb exploded into their Bradley armored vehicle the day before. The Army announced the four deaths Sunday, pushing the military's count of U.S. service members killed in Iraq to 4,000, and released their identities Thursday.

The military's count varies slightly from an independent tally kept by The Associated Press, which on Thursday counted 4,004 service members killed in Iraq.

Also killed in the explosion were Spc. Jose A. Rubio Hernandez, 24, of Mission, Texas; Pfc. Andrew J. Habsieger, 22, of Festus, Mo.; and Pvt. George Delgado, 21, of Palmdale, Calif.

"He wanted to be known for something, and now he is," said Rubio's wife, Jenny Critchlow, of Palmdale, Calif.

"I was shocked with some of the responses that happened... I'm so proud of what they all did," she said.

Critchlow, Habsieger's former classmate and love interest, said he described Habsieger as an up-and-coming leader who kept in peak physical condition.

"Four-thousand lives is a tragedy loss. But when you're close, the smaller number feels greater," said Mead, 37, of Whitehall, N.Y., who was sent back to Fort Stewart on March 4 because of a knee injury. "Each one of them, they all wanted to be there. Nobody likes it there. But we say our word and we went."

Their deaths came at a time of celebration of the Army on the 2003 invasion. The battalion is part of the 19,000-soldier 3rd Infantry, the first Army division to be tapped for a third tour of duty in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. William Mead served with all four men in the same platoon. He bonded with their previous deployment to Iraq. The others were serving their first tours.

Mead taught Rubio and Delgado to drive the hummer, which they arrived.

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But GM spokesman Dan Flores said Thursday the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, which makes the Buick Lucerne and Cadillac DTS sedans, is nearing the end of its parts supply from American Axle. GM confirmed Thursday that the strike will force it to idle the Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant after Friday's lone shift, and a local union spokesman in Lordstown, Ohio, said Thursday that his complex will be shut down on April 4.

The 30-year-old monk, speaking in Tibetan, complained that troops had ringed the monastery and kept it shut with all 117 monks inside since March 10 — the day the protests began — and that the guards were only removed Wednesday, when foreign journalists arrived.

As the monks blurred out a stream of complaints, one cried: "We are always telling lies, it's all lies. They killed many people," a monk said.

In Brief
Wall Street sinks on tech concerns

NEW YORK — Wall Street sank in volatile trading Thursday after the government confirmed that the last quarter of 2007 did indeed suffer a sharp economic slowdown. They said the costs would pale in comparison to high fuel prices.

In no way was safety compromised, but the (FAA) directive said 'Do it this way...,' said American spokesman Tim Smith.

Wiring inspections cancel more flights

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Girl dies after not receiving medicine

Associated Press

WESTON, Wis. — Police are investigating an 11-year-old girl’s death from an undiagnosed, treatable form of diabetes after her parents chose to pray for her rather than take her to a doctor. An autopsy showed Madeline Neumann died Sunday of diabetic ketoacidosis, a condition that left too little insulin in her body, Everest Metro Police Chief Dan Vergin said.

She had probably been ill for about a month, suffering symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, excessive thirst, loss of appetite and weakness, the chief said Wednesday, noting that he expects to complete the investigation by Friday and forward the results to the district attorney.

The girl’s mother, Leilani Neumann, said that she and her family believe in the Bible and that healing comes from God, but that they do not belong to an organized religion or faith. She said they have no doctors and have nothing against doctors.

She insisted her youngest child, a 3-year-old girl who knew to wear her straight brown hair in a ponytail, was in good health for her age.

“We just noticed a tiredness within the past two weeks,” she said Wednesday. “And then just the day before and that’s when she suddenly just went to a more serious situation. We stayed fast in prayer then. We believed that she would recover. We saw signs that to us, it looked like she was recovering.”

Her daughter — who hadn’t been ill — said since she got some shots at a 3-year-old, according to Vergin — had no fever and there was warmth in her body, he said. The girl’s father, Dale Neumann, a former police officer, said he started CPR “as soon as the breath of life left her daughter’s body.”

Family members elsewhere called authorities to seek help for the girl.

“My sister-in-law, she’s very religious, she believes in faith instead of doctors ...” the girl’s aunt told a sheriff’s dispatcher Sunday afternoon in a call from California. “And she called my mother-in-law today... and she explained to us that she believes her daughter’s in a coma now and she’s relying on faith.”

The dispatcher got more information from the caller and asked whether an ambulance should be sent.

“She’s not listening,” the woman replied. “I mean, she’s refusing. She’s going to fight it. ... We’ve been trying to get her to take her to the hospital for a week, a few days now.”

The aunt called back with more information on the family’s location, emergency logs show. Family members made a 911 call from the home. Police and paramedics arrived within 15 minutes and immediately called for an ambulance that took her to a hospital.

But less than an hour after authorities reached the home, Madeline — a bright student who left public school for home schooling for the past school semester — was declared dead.

She is survived by her parents and three older siblings.

“We remaining strong for our children,” Leilani Neumann said. “Only our faith in God is giving us strength at this time.”

Ex-officials criticize Guantanamo

Former secretaries of state say next administration should close base

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Five former U.S. secretaries of state on Thursday urged the next presidential administration to close the Guantanamo Bay prison camp and open a dialogue with Iran.

The former chiefs of American diplomacy, who served in Democratic and Republican administrations, reached a consensus on the two issues at a conference in Athens aimed at giving the next president some bipartisan foreign policy advice. Each of them said shutting the prison camp in Cuba would bolster America’s image abroad.

“It says to the world, ‘We are now going back to our traditional respective forms of dealing with people who potentially committed crimes,’ ” said Colin Powell, who served as President Bush’s first secretary of state.

Powell was joined by Henry Kissinger, James Baker III, Warren Christopher and Madeleine Albright, who sat in a round-table discussion sponsored by the University of Georgia at a sold-out conference center in downtown Athens.

Kissinger called Guantanamo a “blot on us” and agreed it should be closed, but worried about the consequences of a closure.

Baker, a lawyer who served in President George W. Bush’s Cabinet, said he has struggled with its legal implications.

“It gives us a very, very bad name,” he said. “I have a great deal of difficulty understanding how we can hold someone, pick someone up, particularly someone who might be an American citizen — even if they were caught somewhere abroad, and hold them without ever giving them an opportunity to appear before a magistrate.”

The former secretaries of state also urged that the U.S. open a line of dialogue with Iran, each saying it is important to maintain contact with adversaries and allies alike.

Albright stressed the importance of finding “common ground” and Christopher urged diplomats to explore opening contact with other “vectors of power,” such as clerics and former political leaders. Albright and Christopher served under President Clinton.

Kissinger suggested the dialogue could center on a common dilemma, saying a “dysfunctional Iraq, a chaotic Iran, is not something that’s in the interest to Iran.” There’s every incentive on their part to help us, the same way they did in Munich,” he said.

Kissinger, who served the Nixon and Ford administrations, acting against American interests — in light of communication with Iran.

“Has one to talk with adversaries,” said Kissinger, who served the Nixon and Ford administrations.

Baker suggested the potential talks could be “ultra friendly and open,” he said. “We should not look at China as a military adversary,” said Kissinger, adding that a military confrontation is unlikely.

“We should see where we could cooperate,” Powell said he agrees, arguing that the biggest threat to a peaceful relationship with China would be Taiwan declaring its independence.

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Arkansas homes devastated by flooding

Nearly half of state affected as weather forecasters call for more storms and residents watch waters rise

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Empty grain elevators, drowned in a sea of wheat, are signs of two by a swollen White River after a harvest threat that may take days to pass.

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Shilo - Country Music Sensation
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Minus the Bear - Seattle Indie/Rock/Electronica
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Doors - 9:30pm | Show - 9:00pm

Friday, April 25
The Starting Line - Final Show of The Year
Doors - 9:00pm | Show - 10pm

Saturday, April 26
Notre Dame Battle of the Bands - details online
A woman was publicly humiliated when a female TSA agent at the Lubbock airport said she didn’t accept the removal of her nipple rings. Hamlin, 37, said she was traveling through security on Feb. 24 when she was scanned by a Transportation Security Administration agent after passing through a larger metal detector without problems. The female TSA agent used a handheld detector that beeped when it passed in front of Hamlin’s chest, the Dallas-area resident said. Hamlin said she told the officer she was wearing nipple piercings. The woman then called over her male colleagues, one of whom said she would have to remove the jewelry, Hamlin said. Hamlin said she could not remove them and asked whether she could instead display her pierced breasts in private, the not the female agent. But several other male officers told her she could not board her flight until the jewelry was out, she said. Hamlin said she was behind a curtain and managed to remove one bar-shaped piercing but had trouble with the second, a ring. "Still crying, she informed the TSA officer that she could not remove it without the help of pliers, and the officer gave a pair to her," said Hamlin’s attorney, Gloria Alfred, reading from a letter she sent Thursday to the director of the TSA’s Office of Civil Rights and Liberties. Hamlin said she heard male TSA agents snickering as she took out the ring. She was scanned again and was allowed to board even though she still was wearing a belly button ring. "After nipple rings are inserted, the skin can often heal around the piercing, and the rings can be extremely difficult and painful to remove," Alfred said in the letter. Hamlin filed a complaint, but the TSA’s customer service manager at the Lubbock airport concluded the screening was handled properly, Alfred said. Alfred said she might consider legal action if the TSA doesn’t apologize. On its Web site, the TSA warns that passengers "may be additionally screened because of hidden items such as body piercings, which alarmed the metal detector." If you are selected for additional screening, you may ask to remove your body piercing in private as an alternative to a pat-down search, the site says. Hamlin would have accepted a "pat-down" had it been offered, Alfred said. Hamlin was publicly humiliated and has "undergone an enormous amount of physical pain to have the nipple rings reinserted" because of scar tissue, Alfred said. "The conduct of TSA was cruel and unnecessary," Alfred wrote. "The last time that I checked a nipple was not a dangerous weapon." TSA spokesman Dwayne Baird said he was unaware of the incident. There is no specific TSA policy on dealing with body piercings, he said, "as long as it doesn't sound the alarm." If an alarm does sound, "until that is resolved, we're not going to let them go through the checkpoint, no matter what they're wearing or where they're wearing it." People routinely pass through security wearing wedding rings without problems, and it might take a metal detector to trigger an alarm, Baird said. The Observer • NEWS

Shakespeare scholar to speak at DeBartolo

Special to the Observer

Shakespeare scholar Stanley Wells will explore issues of sexuality in the age of the Bard in a lecture March 31 (Monday) at 5 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre of the University of Notre Dame’s Debartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Sponsored by the Deborah J. Loughrey Endowment for Excellence in Shakespeare Studies and Shakespeare at Notre Dame, the event is free and open to the public. Tickets are required and may be reserved by calling the center’s box office at 574-631-2800.

Titled "Sex and Literature in Shakespeare’s Time," Wells’ talk will discuss sexual behavior and attitudes toward sexuality in Stratford and London, with emphasis on theater and the court, in the late 15th and early 16th centuries, and examine some of the ways Shakespeare and his contemporaries made use of sexual subject matter. The discussion will be candid and the event is not intended for young or sensitive audiences.

Following Wells’ lecture, guest artist Eunice Roberts will present a performance of "...one, two, three..." a one-woman show she developed based on Shakespeare’s "Twelfth Night." Roberts is an associate director of Actors From The London Stage, an international touring theater troupe based at Notre Dame.

A prolific writer and editor, Wells has served since 1978 as the general editor of "The Complete Oxford Shakespeare." He also has served as co-editor of "The New Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare Studies" and co-author of "William Shakespeare: A Textual Companion." His books include "Literature and Drama," "Royal Shakespeare Studies: Four Major Productions at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre," "Looking for Sex in Shakespeare," and "Is It True What They Say About Shakespeare?"

Wells serves as chairman of the Trustees of Shakespeare’s Birthplace and is emeritus professor of Shakespeare studies at the University of Birmingham and honorary emeritus governor of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

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In 2006, University President Fr. John Jenkins outlined his criteria that must be met for "The Vagina Monologues" to be performed on campus. Academic freedom, he said, must be maintained regardless of how the material meshes with teachings of the Catholic Church. Allowing the play to be performed on campus is not the same as endorsing the content of the play, Jenkins said, as the leader of a Catholic university, walked a fine line between the "Catholic" and "university" characteristics of Notre Dame and found a delicate balance between the two.

In a replay of two years ago, amid much debate on and off campus, Jenkins said the "Monologues" could be performed on campus as long as the performances had an academic panel to discuss the play and its relation to Catholic teaching afterwards.

Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy voiced his opposition to the play and Notre Dame's allowance of the play on campus while alumni and concerned Catholics also protested the play. D'Arcy has been the most prominent critic of Jenkins' decision and has issued multiple statements condemning the "Monologues" and their performance on campus. The play, he said, portrays ideals, such as homosexuality, extramarital sex and sexual relations between adults and children that contradict Church teaching. By allowing the performance, he said Jenkins tacitly endorsed it, as well as the values contained in it.

Jenkins said allowing the play on campus is equivalent to discussing a philosopher or a writer whose views do not align with the Catholic Church. D'Arcy said watching a play is not the same as disseminating it in a classroom setting because people are not required to participate in discussion of the play and its relation to Catholic teaching as they would be in a classroom.

D'Arcy's criticism is legitimate and well-articulated, but it misses the mark. The entire University is a classroom meant to enrich all areas of students' lives and stimulate intellectual thought both inside and outside an actual classroom. Students at Notre Dame are smart enough to realize that allowing the "Monologues" on campus does not mean the University endorses its content and realizes its allowance on campus is meant to inspire dialogue and debate.

Jenkins did not waiver in his decision to allow the "Monologues" to be performed on campus, which is a positive thing for the University. Were he to cave to external pressure, he would confound people as to the direction in which he was leading Notre Dame. He would still receive criticism, but it would instead come from his faculty and student body, many of whom believe in promoting academic freedom. He was going to catch flack no matter what decision he made, and by allowing the play this year, he reaffirmed the University's commitment to academic freedom that will enable it to remain among the nation's elite universities.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Observing Earth hour**

Students of Notre Dame,

This Saturday, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., is Earth Hour, an event created to raise awareness about energy usage and conservation and encourage people to reduce energy waste. Cities around the world will be participating, including world landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House, the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz in San Francisco, among others) by turning off the lights for a one-hour long period.

Earth Hour is the highlight of a major campaign to encourage businesses, communities and individuals to take simple steps that will collectively make a difference — from businesses turning off their lights when offices are empty, to households turning off appliances rather than leaving them on standby. It is important that the Notre Dame community join in this effort. We have asked that all rectors and rectresses switch off their dorm's hall lights. However, it is more important that the students do their part by turning off their room lights, TVs, computers, etc.

This Earth Hour is intended to show that if each of us does our own little part, collectively, we will make a huge impact.

It is not a political movement. This is a simple effort to reduce frivolous waste. So please join the millions of people around the world this Saturday and turn off your lights/electronic devices ... I'm sure you'll find that patty-cake (or whatever you do on Saturday evenings) can be just as fun in the dark, if not more so.

Thank you for your support.

Mark McGuire
Assistant Professor
Knox Hall
Lorna Barth
Senior
Pawson Hall
March 27

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**Observer Poll**

Are you in favor of The Vagina Monologues?

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**Quote of the Day**

"All great truths begin as blasphemies."

George Bernard Shaw
Irish dramatist
To narrate the tale of the remaining two Democratic presidential candidates, modify the famous Charles Dickens opening phrase in "A Tale of Two Cities" to describe the current state of the race. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, the evening of wisdom, and the election of foolishness, it is the epoch of belief as well as that of incredulity, it is both the season of Light along with the season of Darkness, it is the spring of hope following the winter of despair. We have everything before us, but we may nothing. We are all going direct to heaven while the other monologues are campaigning in Iowa — we now seem to be going direct the other way."

That passage written nearly 150 years ago tells the story of Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton, similar looking men who are, however, very different in their personalities. Their particular doppelgänger for Clinton and Obama is physically looks like another but with differing interests, beliefs, and values. Clinton and Carton, Obama and Sydney Carton call it a Judas. Furthermore, it is disingenuous to say that Obama himself from Reverend Wright’s inflammatory comments are natural elements of political campaigns. Yet both sides for truth, that truth should find each side lacking.

For delegates, Clinton suggests that delegates should act independently while Obama calls for delegates to follow voting results. Yet when New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson chooses Obama despite his state voting for Clinton, Obama keeps him in silence while Clinton simmer’s. James Carville calls it a Judas. Furthermore, it is disingenuous to say that Obama himself from Reverend Wright’s inflammatory comments are natural elements of political campaigns. Yet both sides for truth that truth should find each side lacking.

I have seen the Vagina Monologues. Ever since I heard this play was going to be on the Notre Dame campus, I have been doing research. I have read quotes, critiques, praises and parts of the play. I have talked to Holy Cross priests, Bishop D’Arcy himself, Fr. Jenkins, professors, alumni, my parents and my roommate. Yesterday my roommate and I went to the Vagina Monologues together. I didn’t want to go, I disagree with them being shown at a Catholic university, and have no business allowing this on campus. Furthermore, I have gone to see the Vagina Monologues to find out what I mean, that is if you don’t believe me.

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I have been silent on the issue, not really caring either way. Notre Dame community, I beg you to no longer allow this on campus. If you want to express your views, I urge you to do it in a respectful way. The Vagina Monologues, excluding the "Introduction" and brief "Spotlight 2008," is composed of 15 monologues. Only three are actually about violence against woman, and the word vagina is only mentioned once. "Say It," "The Memory of Her Face" and "My Vagina was My Village," all touched upon the subject.

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Lose the prince charming of yore, forget the control top pantyhose, and ignore the Spice Girls' suggestion of "strength and courage in a wonder bra." While all of these may have been good options for ego boosting and self-image enhancers, Christina Ricci's new film offers a novel take on the modern girl's sense of fulfillment.

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"Penelope" Stone Village Pictures

**For centuries, little girls, young females and grown women alike have looked to film for fairytale romance and ideal beauty. "Penelope" files in the face of this delusion of perfection, giving this fairytale's damsel a very real problem. Okay, maybe not so real.

Penelope has the standard troubles of many girls: poor body image, a nagging mother and boys. Her dilemma over her body image extends past the typical discomfort over chubby thighs or a flat chest. The victim of a family curse, Penelope has the face of a pig. And no, this isn't some drunken insult uttered by a sexually frustrated frat boy. The phrase "pig face" is a quite literal description. A pig-nose and floppy ears are definitely not ideal mating material. But the only way to break the curse is to marry Penelope off to an aristocratic young man. Her parents, however, decide to lock her up away from public ridicule. Meanwhile her mother is obsessed with breaking the curse, and pursues the altar with a vengeance. Of course, this quest is marked by every mother's standby of overbearing nagging.

And finally, Penelope's "boy problems." Nearly all of her suitors run away at first sight of her, so a second date is typically out of question. Eventually Penelope does find the right guy (James McAvoy), and the standard fare of heartache and redemption ensue. The angst leads Penelope to flee from her isolation and allows her to discover the world and more importantly, herself.

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The talented cast deserves credit for making the film successful. Christina Ricci uses the perfect amount of anguish without an excess of whininess. She evokes empathy from the audience and relates to them in a highly tangible way. Her mother, played by Catherine O'Hara, seems to recall every mother's inability to impose her will on her daughter. She embodies overbearing parenthood with a comic talent that rails on the audience's nerves and makes them laugh.

Additionally, James McAvoy artfully morphs "Prince charming" into a character that is realistic, flawed and soulful. Unlike the typical love interest, McAvoy is weighed by his own demons. He is incapable of rescuing himself, much less the damsel in distress. Hence his twist of fairytale love is offbeat, yet palpably appealing. Through his chemistry with Ricci, indie meets fairytale.

The detail and craft put into every character makes the story rich and diverse. Even the supporting cast, which includes Reese Witherspoon, brings unique offerings that help reinvent an old story of romance and self-discovery. "Penelope" finally gets the modern fairytale right. Its lovable characters and noble message are truly memorable and it promises to make audiences fall in love — with themselves.

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A key element of the record is the intermixing of songs inspired by the stories and experiences of others amidst the hyper-personal, depressing songs inspired by Adams' own intimate experiences. One of the most delicate tracks on the record is the near-heartbreaking "Please Do Not Let Me Go." Without a doubt written at the end of a relationship, Adams sings "True love ain't that hard to find / Not that you will ever know / Would you leave for awhile? / Please do not let me go." It's simple, cutting and deeply poignant; one of the true gems on the record.

One track likely inspired by the experiences of another is "Shadowlands." A stirring portrait of a decaying family thrust into the torment of separation, drug addiction and broken love, the song subtly renders their saddest moments into the structure of the song with care and sympathy. In a tone that seems more rooted in lamentation than song, Adams sings "She's angry like a salesman / Who just couldn't make a sale / Throw the wedding ring in the sewer / And damned them all to hell / While the roaches climb the walls / From the hotel where he calls / Most people never find a love." Not straying from the obvious thesis of the album, Adams gives voice to a moment and a history understood by most everyone, yet rarely acknowledged with such honesty of tragic perspective.

While Adams rarely features cover songs on his records, "Love is Hell" features a brilliant cover of the Oasis hit "Wonderwall." With a bluesy melody, the song seems fit to be heard in the back of a late night piano bar. Practically every song on the record is stellar. Yet it is not a record for sunny days and fresh romance.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

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Junior Tar Heels forward Tyler Hansbrough grabs a rebound over WVU senior guard Derrick Low in North Carolina's victory Thursday. (AP Photo/Mike McCarn)

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OSU out of cellar, into Sweet 16

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In Brief

Louisiana State University basketball player Benji Benedict, a two-time Little All-American offensive lineman from Newberry College in South Carolina, was found dead on a couch in his home. Benedict, who redshirted at Tennessee as a freshman in 2002 before moving on to Newberry, was a native of the Netherlands. He played high school football at the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. "He was a big, tough man, but he had a very gentle heart," Newberry president Mick Zais said. "He was a teddy bear."
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame to take on winless Huskies

By MATT GAMBER
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 13 Notre Dame (7-4, 1-1 Big East) looks to keep Connecticut (0-8, 0-2) winless for at least another day.

"We just need to play the way we've played all year." 

Caitlin McKinney
Senior captain

Irish look to make it three straight

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will try to build on its two-game winning streak as they travel to Louisville on March 15, to take on Bellarmine on Saturday. The Irish (6-1) enter the game ranked No. 7 in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse Media Poll and fresh off a 13-6 win against Drexel last Saturday, March 22. That win came on the heels of a 19-7 drubbing of Dartmouth March 13. Senior attack Alex Wharton and junior attack Dunran Swezey played significant roles in both wins. Between them, the pair have scored nine goals and made 11 assists in the last two games. Wharton was named player of the week of the Great Western Lacrosse League for his six-point effort in the Dartmouth win.

Head coach Kevin Corrigan said Thursday that Wharton and Swezey's collective success is mainly the result of experience.

"The two of them have been playing together ever since [2005]," Corrigan said. "They came in this year and really started clicking. Both of them have been very aggressive but also smart with the ball, and they communicate really well. Playing together for a couple years now has definitely helped them." Between Wharton, Swezey, and senior midfielder Michael Podgajny, who tied his career-high with four assists against Drexel, the Irish look set on the offensive end of the field.

According to Corrigan, though, the team’s main goal as it heads to Bellarmine will be more on the defensive half of play.

"The biggest thing for us is we need to establish ourselves in the way we have in our other games — defensively," Corrigan said. "That takes the pressure off of our offense. We've started off a number of our games very well and given up very few goals in the first quarter that's a really important thing because it relieves the pressure and allows us to play our game."

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SMG GOLF

Belles pursue Div. III title

Coach wants team to step up to tough divisional competition

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues in its pursuit of a qualifying spot in the NCAA Division III championship as it competes in its second event this spring at the Northern Kentucky Invitational in Perry Park, Kent. Competing alongside the Belles will be five of the top 10 teams in Div. II as well as several strong Div. III teams including the No. 5 team.

"The competition will be fierce," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "Our goal is to finish as the top Division III team in the field."

Katie O'Brien has led the Belles for the last year. The senior captain won the MIAA's most valuable player award last fall and brought Saint Mary's to a third place finish in the conference.

Freshman Emily Gory also played well this fall garnering second-team all-MIAA honors and is an important factor in bringing the Belles to the championship event this spring.

"I expect both of them to continue to play well and score low this spring," Hamilton said.

The Belles made great strides during the offseason and Hamilton believes his team has what it takes to propel them to the top of their conference.

"I think we have worked harder than our competitors and have made the necessary improvements to catch and beat our teams," said Andrew Andrews, Invitational in Pinehurst, N.C. This weekend's tournament is the second of seven events on the schedule for Saint Mary's.

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Louisville reaches Elite 8 with victory over UT

Earl Clark nets 17 points in addition to 12 rebounds; Cardinals coach Rick Pitino now 8-0 in Sweet 16 play

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tennessee's Wayne Chism tried to pick up the loose ball, only to have it quickly outnumbered. Louisville's Earl Clark and Preston Knowles both dove to the floor, and the ball deflected off Chism out of bounds.

It was what Rick Pitino loves — down and dirty defense, floor burns and hustle, and it's left the Cardinals' coach a victory away from a sixth trip to the Final Four.

Clark scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds, and Pitino's mix of defenses made life miserable for Tennessee in a 79-60 victory Thursday night that put third-seeded Louisville in the East Regional final.

Pitino, who has won an NCAA title and taken three schools to the Final Four, has Louisville playing its best basketball of the season under Pitino. He also took them there in 2005.

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Chris Lofton scored 15 points for No. 2 seed Tennessee, but was 3-for-15 in his final game for No. 5 seed Louisville (27-8), which nearly blew all of a 16-point first half lead, only to take control midway through the second half. The Cardinals are vying for their second Final Four trip in six years under Pitino. He also took them there in 2005.

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Louisville's defense didn't allow Tennessee to get back in it again, and the Cardinals hit all nine free throws over the final 5 minutes to keep Tennessee at bay.

"I've been coaching a long time and never has the tempo of the game been dictated so much by an opponent," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "We usually dictate tempo. We attacked the pressure and we had opportunity to hurt the press, but we just didn't finish."

Jalil Smalls added 12 points and Tyler Smith had 11, but the Volunteers continued their NCAA tournament shooting slump. Tennessee went 5-for-20 from 3-point range and finished 11-for-38 in three games. It was another disappointing end for Pearl, who has resurrected the program at Tennessee in his third season, but hasn't been able to get the Vols into the round of eight.

The Volunteers, who were outrebounded 43-28, dropped to 0-5 in regional semifinals and finished with a school record for victories in a season.

"This doesn't take much away from the finest season in the history of Tennessee basketball," Pearl said. "No team has accomplished the things these guys accomplished this year, and I'm awfully proud of them."

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**ND Women's Softball**

**ND to kick off Big East play**

By Chris DOYEN  Spence Writer

The Irish met the Blue Demons three times last year, losing twice at DePaul in late April before exacting some revenge on their home field with an 8-2 victory in matches against the Irish to both the Blue Demons and where they fell to Louisville. Those eight runs served as a stark contrast to the one run the Blue Demons were able to muster in their first two games against DePaul in 2007.

In that semifinal, sophomore Christine Lux knocked a three-run home run in the top of the third to go along with a two-RBI double by junior Linda Kohan to fuel the way for the Irish defense, while Bargar limited the Blue Demons to just two earned runs on three hits while striking out six.

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**SMC Tennis**

By Meaghan Veselek  Spence Writer

Saint Mary's heads off to Wheaton College this weekend to take on Olivet Nazarene and Wheaton College in the Wheaton Invitational Tournament.

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**Sonic Tea**

By Kate Grabarek  Spence Writer

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

Irish look to end three-game skid against OSU

By Kate Grabarek  Spence Writer

Notre Dame is looking to bounce back after three straight losses, but the No. 27 Irish will have be on top of their game as they take on No. 2 Ohio State.

The Irish have had recent luck against the Buckeyes, despite losing to them 7-0 last year in Columbus. Overall, the Irish hold the upper hand in head-to-head competition with a 26-22 record.

"Two years ago they came here and we upset them," coach Randy Blaine said. "Last year we went there and they beat us, but I feel like we can compete with them and make it a close match."

The Irish recently fell to No. 50 Kentucky with their other two losses coming at the Blue Gray Tennis Classic. The Irish fell to No. 33 Boise State, and No. 8 Tulsa in two close matches.

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The win ensured Detroit's Central Division title and sixth in the last seven years.

"It means a lot," Billups said. "I hit a couple shots early and that let me get comfortable." Afflalo talked to the media while watching his alma mater, UCLA, take on Western Kentucky in an NCAA tournament game.

"The only thing we can do is play as hard as we possibly can," said Chris Quinn, who led Miami's starters with 11 points. "The best part about my situation is that I've got a lot of veteran teammates that have all been through this before," he said. "They are able to calm me down and tell me what to do."

Despite their constant teasing about his poor dunking ability — Rasheed Wallace told him he was going to be the focus of the opposing defense. Thursday, the rookie took advantage.

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Pistons 85, Heat 69

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After a jumper by Howard, Anthony sank four free throws with 3:17 left in the third quarter to give the Mavericks a 79-71 lead, but the Nuggets responded with an 18-2 run.

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Squad opens spring season
Captains will split time between Pac-10 Challenge and Lubbers’ Cup

By LULU ZHANG
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s crew team, led by senior captains Allison Marsh, Laura Pearson, and Amanda Polk, will open its 2008 spring season with two challenges — part of the team will head to Palo Alto, Cal. to compete in the Pac-10 Challenge, and although they have a reduced squad this year, Coach Stone says they are up to the challenge. Coach Stone said the team had scrimmaged Northeastern over break, but has a more solid line-up at this point. The team has been training hard, and Stone is expecting a great performance from each member of his squad in its opening weekend.

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BASEBALL
Irish gear up for 3-game series against Bearcats

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

About a week and a half ago, Notre Dame (12-7-1, 9-1) seemed to hit rock bottom after blowing a seven-run lead in its last two innings to Texas Pan-American. Talk about a turn-around. The team has entered into their three-game series against Big East rival Cincinnati (10-9, 2-1), the Irish have won five in a row since the Broncos’ debacle.

"We’ve much more confident now," Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. "We’ve been pitching a lot better and our offense has been explosive. It also helps when you have Evan Sharpley batting as well as he is. He’s knocked six homenums within the past couple of games and driven in a bunch of runs."

After the sweep of Big East rival Georgetown, the junior was named the Big East player of the week for his offensive production, making him the first Irish player to gain the honor since Craig Cooper did so in April 2004.

With the win streak, Schrage said he can feel his younger players gaining confidence and starting to fit into their roles.

"Oh, they’re definitely matur­ ing," he said. "They’re develop­ ing as a group, an integral part of this team and playing with more confidence. A lot of them are starting to understand where they fit in on the team. Sometimes when you come in as a freshman, you’re not exactly sure what to expect, and since we play a lot of first­year kids, we have some early struggles."

Notre Dame looks to stay undefeated in conference play against the Bearcats this week­end, while Cincinnati would love to gain some ground in the league standings.

Despite the Irish momentum, Schrage does not want to take the Bearcats lightly, mainly because of their own recent hot streak.

"They’re playing real well," Schrage said. They’re coming in as a talented bunch on a four­game streak of their own. Their pitching is much improved from last season. (Cincinnati) also has a veteran lineup that features some speed. They’re leadoff man, [senior] Tony Campana is the fastest guy in the league. They’ve got speed in the middle of the lineup, mixed in with some solid hitting."

In the Irish five-game win streak, two factors have been constant — an offensive explo­ sion, in addition to solid pitch­ ing performances. In the five contests, the Irish have outscored their opponents by a margin of 58-9.

At the heart of this offensive outburst have been a key number of players. Irish senior A.J. Pollock, who went 4­for-5 against Wisconsin­Milwaukee in the last 14-3 vic­ tory Wednesday. He registered three singles, a triple, a stolen base, and RBI as well as scoring five runs in the contest. The record. Korpi has allowed some leather earlier this week, coming up with a pair of impressive diving catches in right field. Pollock leads the team in both hits (23) and batting average (.454).

Pitching has also been strong for Notre Dame. Freshman Ryan Sharpley tossed five score­less innings, including a no­hitter through four against the Panthers. In addition to picking up his first career victory, the freshman also drastically cut his ERA in half, from 5.40 to 2.70.

Taking the mound against Cincinnati in the series opener Friday will be junior right­han­der, David Phelps, who has three straight solid starts.

Despite struggling in his opener, the right­hander has come back and frustrated opposing batters, going deep into games. In 20 of his past 21 starts, Phelps has lasted at least six innings.

In the second game of the series, senior southpaw Wade Korpi will take the hill, as he looks to improve on his 4-1 record. Korpi has allowed a team­high five home runs, although none have come over his past three starts.

To finish off the series, the Bearcats will face sophomore Eric Maust, who has a 1.93 ERA in the series to date, as he looks to build on his 4-1 record. Maust has allowed a team­high five home runs, although none have come over his past three starts.

Schrage does not shy away from his beliefs that his starters’ play has been a major reason for the hot streak.

"It’s definitely one of the main reasons behind the turn­around," Schrage said. "Maust gave us eight innings and Korpi gave us seven last week, and that’s what we’ve been asking of them all season — the ability to go deeper into the games, and let [junior] Kyle Welland close out the games. We’ve been able to do that as of late and its turned into wins."

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THE WEEK IN IRISH SPORTS

BASEBALL

MEN’S TENNIS

WOMEN’S TENNIS

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Please recycle The Observer.
Irish to head outdoors for the first time at ASU

New players and new events will challenge ND

By EUGENIA ALFONSO
Sports Writer

After a good showing at the indoor NCAA Championships, Notre Dame can finally take a breath of fresh air.

Notre Dame is heading outdoors for the Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Arizona, home of the 2008 Men's and Women's Indoor NCAA Champions Sun Devils.

While only consisting of sprints and field events, the Irish will try to compete against the likes of Brigham Young University, Loyola Marymount, Air Force and more. Not only does Notre Dame face new competitors, it faces new events as well.

Junior Austin Wechter will be running the 400-meter hurdles while sophomore Brandon Denon, junior John Belcher and senior Mike Schubert will test their skills in the discus.

Sloppy UCLA eked by WKU

Associated Press

UCLA can make a double-digit victory look difficult.

With Kevin Love scoring a career-high 29 points, the Bruins nearly entered away a 21-point halftime lead and hung on to defeat Western Kentucky 88-78 in the NCAA West Regional on Thursday.

Top-seeded UCLA (34-3) will play No. 3 seed Xavier on Saturday for a trip to its third consecutive Final Four.

The Bruins were more relieved than happy to survive the Hilltoppers, who took advantage of UCLA's sloppy play to pull within four points late in the game.

"Unacceptable, unacceptable, unacceptable," Love said.

"That's all I can say," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "We want to keep our momentum. We want to be good, but Western Kentucky wouldn't go away. The Hilltoppers began pressing, and the Bruins started to unravel. They had 12 turnovers in the first 15 minutes of the second half and finished with 19, a season high.

The Bruins appeared in trouble when point guard Darren Collison fouled out — for the first time this year — with 3:39 to play. Collison had four points and four turnovers.

"They came out in different angles," Collison said. "Didn't get the plays right. Everybody was upset.

As the U.S. Airways Center crowd got behind them, the Hilltoppers went on a 19-6 run to whittle the lead to 61-57 with 6:50 to play. Brazelton capped the run by scoring eight unanswered points in less than a minute, on back-to-back 3-pointers and a layup.

But A.J. Slaughter missed a 3-pointer on the other end, and the Bruins did not let the Hilltoppers draw closer than six the rest of the game.

"That in a nutshell was the game," Howland said.

Perhaps it was no surprise that UCLA let the scrappy Hilltoppers back in the game. The Bruins rolled into the desert on a 12-game winning streak, but they hadn't been dominant. Five of their last eight wins had been by three points or less, and another came after they forced overtime.

The Hilltoppers had won eight straight games and reached the round of 16 for the first time since 1993, when Horn was a sophomore guard. At No. 12, Western Kentucky was the lowest remaining seed in the tournament very long.
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has a positive outlook on hav-
ing to compete for his position, even during the season. "As the season’s gone on and I’ve played more and more, I’ve felt more confident in the net, learning from expe-

ience," Pearce said. "I’m not con-

fident in and I’m not taking my spot for

granted even now. I know I have to play and battle for my own posi-
tion.

"Competition always breeds

excellence, as they always say. You look down the ice and you see Phillipis and [ophomore] Tommy [O’Brien] making big
saves and playing well, and it makes you even better, makes you want to work even harder." While the favorite for the job was a mystery to the players, Jackson said he was confident Pearce would eventually be the one.

"I told him going into the sea-

son that it was his job to lose," Jackson said. "He was a junior, he had paid his due, he didn’t quite think he hadn’t [unexplainable]. He fought through the last two years, and I think that’s a part of why he’s having success now — he didn’t let it impact him in a dramatically negative way." If anything, Pearce said, watching Brown, a Hobey Baker Finalist last season, con-

tributed positively to his play. "The thing I admire most about David Brown was his consistency, especially last year," Pearce said. "He always was on top of his game, and our team was always in it — I don’t think he ever had a bad game, and I remember one had goal through the whole game, maybe.

And Pearce, who boasts a conference-best 1.92 goals-

against average, has done just that, even through Notre Dame’s second-half scoring drought that has seen the Irish score more than two goals just three times since the end of

March.

"The thing that has impressed me is that there’s been a lot of pressure on him because we haven’t been scor-
ing," Jackson said. "Every game has been like he’s giving us a goal, we might lose 1-0, 2-1, or whatever. He’s dealt with that pressure very well, he hasn’t broken down, and I think he played his best game as our goaltender Friday night (in a 2-1 overtime loss to No. 3 Miami [Ohio]).

Pearce’s per-

formance on Friday, and throughout his whole junior sea-

son, hasn’t come as much of a sur-
prise to Jackson — though the third-year Irish coach did have his

initial questions about his net-

minder.

"I had the confidence to think he could be a good goaltender," Jackson said. "I was more con-

cerned about his mental make-

up. He has an ability to over-

come adversity, his mental toughness — because I didn’t really know what it was. I’d challenge him all the time in practice, and I never got much of a response from him, so I didn’t really know what to expect in that area.

"Ability-wise, I thought he had it, he’s ready to compete, battle, play tough when he needs to play tough. He has a great temperament in that he doesn’t let things rattle him.

That will be key for Pearce and the Irish tonight against a high-powered Buckeye offensive. Rest assured, though, if Notre Dame extends it win streak has been led

by the strong play of Krisik. Pearce would have been

a major factor.

"No matter who wins Friday night or Saturday night or in the Frozen Four, a big part of it is going to be because of
goaltending," Jackson said. "It’s just like winning a championship without a great pitcher or a great quarterback — you have to have that go-to guy, that guy that can make the difference in goal." Contact Matt Gamber at mgarber@nd.edu

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many weapons that you really can’t just go at one person and

try to shut one person down." Because of that, McGraw said, she would look for a defense that could guard many people simultaneously.

"The problem with Tennessee I think they’re all going to get their points," she said. "So we’ve got to make a stand somewhere. That’s what we’ll have to decide."

To combat Parker, Notre Dame has a senior class that isn’t quite done yet. Gains and guard Charel Allen, whose care-

er-high 35 points put Notre Dame in the Sweet 16, continue to drive the team, McGraw said. "I think Tulyah and Charel have a great sense of urgency," McGraw said. "Tulyah has had that all year long. She has been the driving force of the team. She is the heart and soul of our group. She gives us energy and makes us go."

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish try to stretch win streak to 6

In-state rival No. 24 Indiana faces No. 19 Notre Dame at home

By DAN MASTERTON

Sports Writer

No. 19 Notre Dame (12-7) will put its five-game win streak on the line against the No. 24 Indiana Hoosiers Sunday at 12 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Indiana (14-3) enters Friday with a seven-game win streak and has a chance to extend that streak to eight against Michigan State on Friday before the Hoosiers travel to South Bend for just their fourth road match of the year.

Indiana is 2-1 in road matches but faces a tough test coming to Notre Dame as the Irish are 6-1 at home for the dual season.

The Hoosiers’ impressive overall record comes against an unimpressive schedule. Indiana has played just two ranked opponents and lost both matches whereas the Irish are battle-tested, going 2-6 against their eight ranked opponents.

Indiana has also yet to face much individual competition. Over their 17 matches, the Hoosiers’ singles players have faced only eight ranked singles players all season. The Irish have a 17-29 record in singles matches against ranked players.

In their match-up with the Irish, the Hoosiers will face three ranked singles players in Notre Dame’s No. 38 junior Keiley Tefft, No. 105 soph-

omore Cosmina Cliobanu, and No. 114 sophomore Kali Krisik.

The strength of Indiana’s singles lineup is at the bot-

tom. Brianna Williams, who has been playing No. 5 sin-

gles, has won seven matches in a row and is 16-1 for the
dual season.

Myriam Supel, who has been playing 6 singles in the Hoosier lineup, follows Williams. Supel has tri-

umphant all six times she has taken the court this dual sea-

son.

His dynamic pair teams up to comprise Indiana’s most successful doubles duo.

The pair of Supel and

Williams is 10-1 playing together, primarily as the No.

3 doubles team for the Hoosiers.

The Irish doubles attack has dropped just two of 18 matches amidst a streak of six doubles points wins in a row. The pair of Tefft and senior Brook Buck remain No. 3 in the country while the No. 50 pair of Cliobanu and sophmore Colleen Rielley continue to quietly dominate with a 12-1 record.

On the singles side, the Irish win streak has been led by the strong play of Krisik. She is 16-3 on the dual sea-

son and has won of her last 15 matches. The domi-
nance of Krisik and solid play and the bottom can go often overlooked in the lineup.

The competition between Indiana and Notre Dame’s strong bottom halves should be intense and could ulti-

mately decide if the Irish streak will grow to six.

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The No. 4 Irish will match up against the No. 1 seed University of New Hampshire in the first round of the West regional in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Wildcat are led by senior forwards Matt Fornataro and Mike Hladja, who combined for 89 points on the season. In net, Kevin Regan led the Hockey East Association in shutters, starting 27 GAA and 9.33 save percentage.

"We've seen a little bit of them on film already, Irish senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "But they're a talented team with good speed."

The speed may play to New Hampshire's advantage on the Olympic-size sheet at World Arena, which is slightly bigger than the NHL-size rink on which the Irish are used to playing. The Wildcats, on the other hand, play their home games on the larger sheet.

Jackson, though, has plenty of experience on the larger rink during his time coaching the University of Michigan junior team. He said some effects of the rink, like the theory that the added open space leads to more offense, were exaggerated.

"I think it actually burns the game offensively because there's so much additional space that you can kind of get lost in," Jackson said. "The biggest thing is that you have to learn to play more inside the dots."

"It's an ocean, so if you get trapped playing outside the areas that you normally do, you can play a lot of perimeter hockey."

However, Jackson said the Wildcats will like to spread the puck out around the ice and this could work to their advantage on the bigger sheet. New Hampshire, like the rest of the HEA, plays a much faster, more free-flowing game. The conference is traditionally smaller and quicker than the rough-and-tumble OHA.

"They're an extremely talented bunch," Jackson said. "They have the same kind of talent, and that kind of speed." Van Guilder said. "We're going to try to frustrate them again like we do against offensive-minded teams. It'll be a challenge."

This is the second straight year the Irish have qualified for the NCAA tournament, and only the third time in the program's history. Last year, the Irish beat A 1 a b a m a-

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Mark Van Guilder

In the West regional, the Irish will face either Michigan State or Colorado College. The Wolverines have missed the NCAA tournament every year since 1998, making it the second time in four years that the Irish will face a team with no NCAA experience.

Van Guilder commended his team's ability to move on from difficult games. The Irish beat UNH on Friday afternoon, they will move on to face the winner of the Michigan State-College of Charleston matchup.

The Irish have plenty of experience with the Spartans, having played them twice in OHA play this season, falling 3-1 in East Lansing and tying 1-1 in the Joyce Center. Notre Dame hasn't faced the Bengals, though, since it lost 3-1 in the 2005 season.

"That bracket is awesome," Van Guilder said. "There's awesome teams there.

For new, though, Jackson and the Irish are focused on New Hampshire and only New Hampshire.

"We're 120 minutes away from playing in the Frozen Four, and that's the way we have to look at it," Jackson said. "But we've got to tick off every minute with great play. We have to worry about the first minute, so worry about the first 20 or the first 60." Contact Sam Werner at

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because they were good. From 1992 until the present, the Wildcats have missed the NCAA tournament only three times (1993, 1996, 2001). They played for the national championship twice (1999, 2003), and tickets to see their games were hot commodities mostly gotten from friends who knew friends who had a couple extra.

UNH players came to skate and teach at our youth hockey practices, and we played a lot of our games on their massive Olympic ice surface at the Whittemore Center. During the winter that the Whit was being built, the Wildcats practiced at our local rink, a 30 second bike ride from my house.

My teammates from the youth hockey league would line around the rink during their practices, hoping for a stray puck shot over the net or trying to snag a broken stick.

The Wildcats were larger-than-life celebrities to kids and adults alike. regarded much in the same way that Notre Dame football players often are. Not much has changed since then. And that goes for the one sticker thatsticks to UNH like with right winger Scott Norwood.

The Wildcats chose in the NCAA Tournament. For a Notre Dame team that

struggled the second half of the season and lost two games before backing into the tournament as a No. 4 seed against No. 1 UNH today, the Wildcats' tournament history is a bright spot.

Last year, No. 1 seed UNH lost to No. 4 Miami in the first round regional game played in Manchester, N.H. – a 46-minute drive from their campus.

The Wildcats have lost by scores of 7-3 (as a No.3 seed to No.2 seed Harvard in 1994) and 9-2 (in the first round to No.6 seed Denver in 1995 as a No.3 seed). In 2000, auto­

ship尼亚加拉 wiped them out of the first round with a 4-1 surprise.

Overall, UNH has a 12-20 record in the NCAA Tournament, including losses in the championship game to Maine and Minnesota — the latter a 5-1 slaughter that was never close.

Notre Dame has played a grand total of three Tournament games with a 1-2 record, two games of which came last year with a first round win before a quarterfinal loss to Michigan State.

The UNH Tourney history book is a leather-bound Encyclopedia Britannica volume to Notre Dame's Chinese food takeout menu. And that experience counts against a lot of teams.

But maybe not the Irish. Notre Dame has an ace up its sleeve, the king of hearts that took the Irish from league bottom feeder to national con­

tender. That man is Irish coach Jeff Jackson. Jackson already has won three national championships and seems destined to pick up a few more before he's done. He knows how to coach his players for the biggest stage in college hockey, which has always been a criticism tossed around UNH coach Dick Umile.

In hockey, the intangibles — the ability to motivate, to instill confidence, to never under or overestimate an opponent — make a huge impact. The truth is any team can win a hockey game, no matter how bad they look on paper. It only takes a weird carom off the corner boards to the front of the net or a lucky deflection to turn a game.

UNH's Tournament futility could just be a case of bad luck repeated on an endless loop that is finally broken this year. Or Notre Dame's strug­
gles in the second half of the season could disappear behind a miraculous playoff run. It could go either way. But if the Irish pull off the upset on Olympic ice and advance to No. 1 seeded New Hampshire in the Rockies tonight, don't be sur­

prised.

New Hampshire doesn't always do what it should, trust me on that one.

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Lina Paek

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20. Eck, heroine of Jane Austin's "Persuasion"
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23. Remember movement's director?
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27. Stay animals don't have them
28. Field of "Dreams" actress
29. 1979 #1 hit for
32. More of the same
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34. Inch
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37. Young cowboy in "Lonesome Dove"
38. Ships on the weather
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40. Complain
41. "Women"
42. Gives up responsibility

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45. Most mawkish

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28. Photographer/children's author
29. Jelly seen on buffet tables
30. Kind of protector
31. Pennsylvania's Flagship City
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33. Stage actress who wrote "Respect for Acting"
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37. Fear of getting hit by another car
38. Go between the buns? I mean, do you wanna
40. It's time to re-seab.
41. Don't settle for plain ice. Try to dehydrate yourself and make it orange.
42. Don't get hit by Maxwell's silver hammer...dummy.
43. It's time to re-seab.
44. For legs.
45. Thats your life.

46. It's time to re-seab.
47. Don't settle for plain ice. Try to dehydrate yourself and make it orange.
48. Bend and snap.
49. Did you know there's a school in California called UCLA? Demi Moore was there.
50. It's time to re-seab.
51. Hey, wanna go between the buns? I mean, do you wanna
52. It's time to re-seab.
53. It's time to re-seab.
54. It's time to re-seab.
55. It's time to re-seab.
56. It's time to re-seab.

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**Hockey**

It's Tourney time

Squad faces NH after nearly missing NCAs

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Notre Dame may be lucky to have made the NCAA tournament, but now that it has, the Irish plan on making some serious noise.

"We have nothing to lose. It's one game or done," Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. "We might as well go out and empty the tank and play the very best we can to see if we can flip again Saturday with an opportunity to get to the Frozen Four."

Just making the Tournament was a challenge for the Irish, who qualified despite losing in the CCHA semifinals against Miami, and then falling to Northern Michigan in the consolation game. Due to the complex nature of the selection process, if Notre Dame had tied NMU instead of lost, it probably would have been left out of the NCAA Tournament.

Junior right wing Erik Condra skates up the ice looking for an attacking option against Ferris State in a 6-3 Notre Dame win on March 15 in the CCHA tournament.

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**Women's Basketball**

After 24-point loss earlier in the year, Irish to face Lady Vols

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On a neutral court, Notre Dame will face a two-loss team that beat them by 24 points in the Joyce Center. A team that has won all 19 of its games against the Irish. A team with the best player in the country and one of the best coaches in the history of the game. And a team who can shoot from the outside, something the Irish struggle to defend.

Notre Dame is in it deep.

These are the obstacles that coach Pat Summit, forward Candace Parker and No. 1 seed Tennessee present when they face the No. 5-seed Irish at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City Sunday at 9:30 p.m. during the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

But Irish coach Muffet McGraw said these are the obstacles Notre Dame must look past to be successful.

"We have a lot of respect for Tennessee and what they've done, but we cannot come into the game feeling intimidated," she said.

Notre Dame reached the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004. Players who have been to the Tournament before are telling the freshmen to enjoy it.

"I was talking to [guard Melissa Lechlitner], she said, 'Soak it up, it doesn't happen very often,'" freshman guard Brittainy Mallory said. "I’m very happy with my team, and can't wait to play Tennessee."

Not surprising, considering the outcome of the last game between the two teams. Tennessee hit 11-of-20 3-point attempts when it beat Notre Dame 87-63 on Jan. 5 at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame still has trouble guarding teams behind the arc — Oklahoma guard Janna Plummer hit six of her 10 3-point attempts and the team hit nine of its 16 during Notre Dame’s 79-75 overtime win over the Sooners in the Tournament’s second round Tuesday.

"We definitely got yelled at for that," guard Tulyah Gaines said of Plummer’s performance.

Mallory said the team is always thinking about improving perimeter defense.

"That's something in the back of our mind that we know we need to work on," Mallory said. "We’ve just gotta get out and play. We can’t let [Vols guard Angel Bjorklund or anyone get hot on their team."

McGraw agreed and said the team put too much stress on post defense.

"We just have to get that attitude of, we’re going to get out and guard the 3-point line," she said. "I think we’re too worried about inside."

Both McGraw and the players stressed team defense as a necessary factor for a win over Tennessee. The Lady Vols score 78.8 points per game and have two legitimate 3-point threats. Guard Alexis Hornbuckle hits 43.5 percent of her 3-point attempts, and although Bjorklund averages a comparatively middling 37.4 percent from behind the arc, she buried seven of the 14 against the Irish in January.

Not to mention Parker, who averages 21.1 points per game and 8.2 rebounds per game. She had 29 points and eight rebounds in the first contest against Notre Dame.

"We were completely worried so much about Candace Parker we didn’t pay enough attention to the perimeter," McGraw said. "And I think that they have so