ND female reports sexual assault

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

A female Notre Dame student reported being sexually assaulted between Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls at 2 a.m. Sunday, director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson said.

Johnson said this case is not related to another sexual assault reported to NDSP on March 23 in which a female student claimed she was raped in her residence hall by an acquaintance.

"We are still investigating that case, but there is no reason to assume that these events are in any way connected," Johnson said.

Johnson said NDSP did not know the name of the suspect in Sunday's assault.

According to an e-mail NDSP sent to students Sunday, the female told NDSP the suspect followed her and walked with her from West quad to North quad and asked her questions. When she declined to give the suspect her telephone number, he allegedly grabbed her by the hair, held her against the wall and fondled her near the northwest corner of Siegfried hall.

The suspect fled the scene.

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Administration takes part in Earth Hour

Lights on Golden Dome, Hesburgh Library turned off to raise environmental awareness

By KATIL PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame experienced a sight unfamiliar to campus Saturday night—a majestic, stately, but until Golden Dome.

In accordance with a project known as Earth Hour, the University turned off the lights of the Golden Dome and the Library mural Saturday night from 8 to 9 p.m.

Earth Hour, a global event organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature, began last March 31 in Sydney, Australia in an effort to decrease the city’s carbon emissions, according to AustraliaEnergy.com.

Businesses as well as individuals committed to the hour-long effort to raise awareness about energy conservation, to help find a way to reduce their impact on the environment, according to EarthHour.org.

Sophomore Mark McGuire learned about Earth Hour when in Chicago at a restaurant that advertised the effort, he said. He returned to campus and researched it, hoping to enact something similar at Notre Dame.

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University media win ICPA awards

Observer Staff Report

The Observer won five awards in four categories at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) awards ceremony Saturday held at Indiana State University.

Other Notre Dame publications represented at ICPA included The Dome, named second-best yearbook, Scholastic, which tied for second place for Best News Magazine and The Juggler, which won best literary magazine.

Two Observer sports writers captured first place honors. Current Editor-in-Chief Chris Hine won first place in the Best Sports Column category for “Bestlife’s actions not consistent,” which compared and questioned the University’s suspensions of former football player Derrell Hand for charges of soliciting a prostitute and current basketball player Kyle McAlarney for charges of marijuana possession.

Current Managing Editor Jay Fitzpatrick won first place in the Best Sports Feature category for “Football for his family,” a profile of Irish safety David Bruton and his son, Jaden.

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SMC alum discusses NWP tactics

Taylor claims suffragette protesters innovated new political practices

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s alumnus and curator of the Sewall-Belmont House & Museum Danielle Taylor discussed the protest tactics used by the National Women’s Party (NWP) during the suffrage movement in the early 20th century, including peacefully picketing the White House, in her lecture Saturday in the Science Hall.

Sewall-Belmont House & Museum displays permanent exhibits of women’s suffrage and equal rights memorabilia in Washington D.C.

According to Taylor, the strategies used by the NWP now serve as models protested today.

“They have evolved into very relevant in today’s society,” she said.

The NWP was “the first group to peacefully picket the White House,” Taylor said.

Over 2,600 picketers were arrested during nationwide demonstrations. They were also the first group to demand status as political prisoners in U.S. history, Taylor said.

In addition, women attempted to display the image of “dainty, Victorian figures,” Taylor said. Figures such as Lois of Arc became symbols of suffragist parades.

The party also utilized the media, establishing a weekly newspaper called “The Suffragist,” to guarantee coverage of women’s issues.

Political cartoons in the newspaper portrayed women as bound and gagged by Uncle Sam, Taylor said.

After 1920, when women earned the right to vote, party leaders focused attention on the Equal Rights Amendment.

The party also developed the “Congressional Card Index,” which listed the names of the congressman’s favorite restaurants, their wives’ names and their positions on women’s rights.

The lecture was sponsored by Saint Mary’s College Women’s Studies and History Departments.

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Phones collected for soldiers

By MARGARET MIRSHAK
News Writer

Administrative assistant for the political science department Elizabeth Tucker began collecting cell phones in conjunction with the organization Cell Phones for Soldiers as a way to show her gratitude for U.S. troops overseas. So far, she has collected 20 phones.

Cell Phones for Soldiers, which collects old cell phones and sends them to a Michigan-based recycling center, distributes pre-paid calling cards to soldiers overseas in order to defray the massive costs of overseas calls.

“It is a good way to give something back for our country and sacrifice for us. It helps soldiers stay in touch with family back home,” Tucker said.

Tucker, who is married to a military veteran, came across the Cell Phones for Soldiers Web site and wanted to start a local collection point for the Michiana area.

She packages the collected cell phones and sends them to ReCellular, Inc. in Michigan.

Tucker said recycling cell phones is also beneficial to the environment, since Americans replace nearly 130 million cell phones each year, filling landfills with discarded phones and producing tons of solid waste.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Me and my scooter

December 28, 2007. I pulled up to the Dupage Center for Special Education and underwent a bunceecotomy on my right foot, surgical procedure to remove a bunion. A bunion, contrary to popular belief, is not a growth on your foot or a variation of a wart. My friends at Wikipedia define it as "a structural deformity of the bones and the joint between the bone and big toe, and may be painful."

Basically, I’ve had bunions on both of my feet since I was 15, but it wasn’t until college that the success walking finally caused the pain to be too much.

January 16, 2008: I remember the day back to school perfectly. My parents pulled into the NSF parking lot to pick up my brand new apple red 84 scooter, little did I know how much that scooter would change my outlook on everything.

My scooter and I have been through a lot, I mean we’ve last 3 months together; that’s longer than most Frickel-relationships. However, it hasn’t been totally easy, our relationship has hit a couple of rough patches. For example, one time I woke up in the middle of the night with a huge pothole on that Road between South and West Quad, NSF and Health Services for letting injured students be mobile during recovery, and the nice ladies at South Dining Hall who had to put up with my injection to get a pizza or make a salad.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Eugenia Alfonzo at ea@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

How do you feel about Notre Dame making it to the Frozen Four?

Nicole Allen Freshman PW

“It’s good that at least one of our teams is doing well this year.”

Rebecca Bauman Junior Cavanaugh

“Quack! Quack! Quack!”

Morgan Schulz Junior Howard

“I think it’s great because I’m from Colorado and that’s where they’re playing.”

Danny Nolan Senior Sorin

“Well, if we can’t have a good football team…”

Andy Bulso Junior Alumnus

“It’s pretty cool.”

Jeremy Thornton Law student off-campus

“I would have preferred it if they’d made it to the Final Four.”

IN BRIEF

Stanley Wells will deliver his lecture entiled “Sex and Literature in Shakespeare’s Time” today at 5:00 p.m. in Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Joan Neil , Rev., Cyprian Consiglio and Cardinal Francis George of Chicago will deliver lectures as part of a series entitled “Christ is Risen! So Now What?” today. The three will speak at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. respec­tively, in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom.

The Notre Dame softball team will play Ball State at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday at Byfield Pavilion.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Western Michigan at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday at Eck Baseball Stadium.

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The film “Blood Diamond,” which tells the story of the diamond trade in Sierra Leone, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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OFFBEAT

Missing pastor found in strip club

RIVERSIDE, Ohio — Police say a pastor who was reported missing from his home in western New York has been found at an Ohio strip club.

A police officer patrolling the K.L. Lounge parking lot Friday morning in the Dayton suburb of Riverside spotted a car with out-of-state license plates on 46-year-old Craig Rhodenizer’s car.

The FBI and New York authorities had been searching for Rhodenizer, who disappeared Wednesday after telling his wife he was getting his computer fixed at Best Buy.

He is the pastor of a church in Lyndyville, N.Y. Detective Matt Sturgeon said Rhodenizer was disoriented when confronted by police and said he felt “emotionally guilty.”

Man wakes up after night of drinking in garbage truck

MUNCIE, Ind. — William M. Bowen woke up after a night of drinking with friends and realized he was inside a commercial trash-collection truck full of waste.

The driver had just emptied a commercial trash bin into his truck and was about to activate its compactor when he heard Bowen screaming.

“He looked up and this gentleman was standing out the top of our truck,” said Larry Green, market safety supervisor for the Rumpke waste disposal company. Green said the only thing Bowen said to the driver was that he was cold.

“This gentleman was extremely intoxicated, he said.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

Hawaiian Club member Kehau Meyer places a lei on a woman as she enters the 2008 Hawaiian club luau Sunday night at Stepan Center. Several students’ parents traveled to campus from Hawaii for the celebration.

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HAWAIIAN CLUB: Kehau Meyer places a lei on the woman who entered the Hawaiian club luau Sunday night.
Missing soldier's remains found

DNA test confirms identity of 20-year-old private captured in 2004

Associated Press

BATAVIA, Ohio — The father of a soldier listed as missing-captured in Iraq since 2004 said Sunday that the military had informed him that his son's remains had been found.

Keith Maupin said an Army general told him DNA testing had identified the remains of his son, Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin, or "Matt" as he was commonly known. He said the Army didn't say how or where in Iraq his son's remains were discovered, only that officials found a shirt similar to the one his son was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

"My heart sinks, but I know they can't hurt him anymore," Maupin said, speaking in the soldier's hometown near suburban Cincinnati.

The Army was continuing its investigation, he said. Lt. Lee Packnett, an Army public affairs officer in Washington, confirmed that the Maupins were notified Sunday that their son's remains had been identified. Packnett said an official statement about the identification would be released Monday.

Matt Maupin was a 20-year-old private first class when he was captured April 9, 2004, after his fuel convoy, part of the 724th Transportation Company, was ambushed west of Baghdad.

A week later, the Arab television network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape showing Maupin sitting on the floor surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles.

That June, Al-Jazeera aired another tape purporting to show a U.S. soldier being shot. But the dark and grainy tape showed only the back of the victim's head and not the actual shooting.

The Maupins refused to believe it was their son, and the Army had listed him as missing-captured. The Maupins lobbied hard for the Army to continue listing their son as missing-captured, fearing that another designation would undermine efforts to find him.

Keith Maupin said the Army told him early on that there was only a 50 percent chance his son would be found alive. He said he doesn't hold the Army responsible for his son's death, but that he did hold the Army responsible for bringing his son home.

"I told them when we'd go up to the Pentagon, whether he walks off a plane or is carried off, you're not going to leave him in Iraq like you did those guys in Vietnam," Maupin said.

Keith Maupin and his ex-wife, Carolyn, held a candlelight vigil Sunday night outside the Yellow Ribbon Support Center in Batavia, an office they used to package thousands of boxes of donated snacks and toiletries for shipment to soldiers in Iraq.

"I hurt," Carolyn Maupin said of her son's death. "After you go through almost four years of hope, and this is what happens, it's like a let down, so I'm trying to get through that right now.

Two U.S. soldiers remain missing in action in Iraq. Ahmed Qusai al-Taqeeyi, a 41-year-old Iraqi-born reserve soldier from Ann Arbor, Mich., was abducted while visiting his Iraqi wife on Oct. 23, 2007, in Baghdad. Capt. Michael Speicher, a Navy pilot, has been missing since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Matt Maupin graduated from Glen Este High School, just east of Cincinnati, in 2001 and attended the University of Cincinnati for a year before joining the Army Reserves.

Dan Simmons, the athletic director at Glen Este, remembered Maupin as a quiet but hard-working backup player on the school's football team.

"Matt was a well-spoken kid on the football field," Simmons said. "He did whatever the coaches told him. He wasn't a starter, but he made the other kids play harder."
Bush begins farewell world tour

Despite unpopularity, president will visit NATO, Putin on trip

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Bush said.

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Former Managing Editor Ken Fowler won third place in the Best Sports Column category for "Cause and Effect: Football, College," an examination of how football coach Charlie Weis' pronouncements early signing day would help big time football programs, but hurt mid-major schools.

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McG uire said also South Bend...
Women voters support Clinton
Top democrats want former first lady to exit race, clear path for Obama

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY — Debra Stark, 36, of South Bend, Indiana, said Sunday she is worried that a draw-out nominating contest only bothers Republican nominee-in-waiting John McCain.

Other Obama supporters have echoed that view while stopping short of asking Clinton to withdraw.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson on Sunday called Obama’s lead all but insurmountable, while Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry said the contest would be reaching “a point of judgment” very soon.

“I don’t think it’s up to our campaign or any individual to tell Hillary Clinton or their campaign that when that is,” Kerry, the 2004 Democratic nominee, said on ABC’s “This Week” Sunday. “But there will be, I think, a consensus about it, and I think it’s going to occur over these next weeks.”

To be sure, Clinton campaign officials concede her path to winning the nomination is not at all clear.

She almost certainly will end the primary season narrowly trailing Obama in the popular vote and among pledged delegates unless the nullified primaries in Florida and Michigan are counted — an unlikely scenario at best. But Obama is unlikely to end the race with the 2,024 pledged delegates needed to win outright either, meaning the nominee will be determined by roughly 800 “superdelegates” — elected officials and party insiders who can back whichever candidate they want.

Most observers believe the superdelegates are unlikely to risk an intra-party uproar — not to mention the ire of black voters thrilled to support a black candidate — by siding with Clinton if Obama maintains his lead among pledged delegates.

But Clinton advisers believe many superdelegates remain at least plausible, due in no small part to the influence of women voters on the party and in the general election.

“My e-mail is bursting with women who are furious, and it’s grown in the last week,” said Ann Lewis, Clinton’s director of women’s outreach and a longtime Democratic activist.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton tells supporters she will remain in the presidential race at a rally in Louisville, Ky., Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS

Clinton speaks at Mishawaka school
MISHAWAKA — Aaron Honchell was unhappy when he learned Hillary Rodham Clinton wouldn’t be speaking at his South Bend school because officials thought a town hall meeting there would disrupt classes.

But that didn’t stop the Washington High School junior from seeing the presidential candidate. Honchell was among dozens of Washington High School students who waited in line outside the school to see the former first lady speak.

“We wanted to show Hillary that we approve of her and I wanted to see her,” Honchell said.

About 4,000 people turned out at Mishawaka High School for Clinton’s appearance, her second swing through Indiana in just over a week in a state that finds itself a political battleground for the first time since 1968.

SOUTH KOREA

Threat of nuclear attack increases tension

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea threatened South Korea with destruction Sunday as Seoul and Washington top military officials convened to consider attacking the communist nation if it tried to carry out a nuclear attack.

The statement from North Korea’s Foreign Ministry marked the third straight day of bellicose rhetoric from the North, which is angry over the harassment of its fishing boats by the South, which has aroused tension in the disputed sea border.

Such rhetoric by North Korea at times of increased tensions is not rare, and it comes just two days before a scheduled visit to South Korea by the chief U.S. negotiator in North Korean nuclear disarmament talks.

South Korea’s Defense Ministry reacted calmly.

A senior military officer at the ministry said officials were working “to ensure the public would not worry about” the North’s recent actions and statements. He declined to elaborate and asked not to be named because he was not authorized to speak to media.

Sunday’s KCNA statement also warned that the North would suspend all scheduled inter-Korean dialogue unless Seoul retreats and apologizes for the remark by its new top military leader.
Stricter asylum laws affect Iraqis

Nation tightens immigration regulations to preserve welfare system

Associated Press

SOLLENTUNA — The fear of being sent back to Baghdad has taken its toll on Mustafa Aziz Alwi.

He says he cannot sleep and has lost about 20 pounds since his claim for asylum in Sweden was rejected in January.

“They told me it’s because it’s colder in Iraq now, that I can’t go back and be happy. But they don’t know that it’s death there,” said Azz Alwi, 29, wiping away tears in an interview at his cousin’s apartment in the Stockholm suburb of Sollentuna.

But his case was considered a year earlier, he would probably already hold a residence permit.

Sweden has given shelter to about 100,000 Iraqis, 40,000 of them since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. That’s far more than any other Western country including the U.S., which admitted just over 1,600 Iraqi refugees in the 2007 fiscal year, nearly 400 short of the annual goal of 2,000, and a big reduction from an initial target of 7,000.

But Sweden has gradually tightened its asylum rules, worried that its generous welfare system can’t cope.

The effects became evident this year, when immigration statistics obtained by The Associated Press showed only 28 percent of the claims were approved in January and 23 percent in February — down from 85 percent in January 2007.

While Sweden has won praise for the welcome it extends to Iraqis, the government sees the surge of newcomers as out of control and has appealed in vain to fellow European Union states to share the burden.

“We find it totally unacceptable that some countries do a lot while others do very little,” Migration Minister Tobias Billström told The AP.

“When very many people arrive within a very short period of time, it puts an enormous strain on the system, like schools and health care,” he said.

In 2007, more than 18,000 Iraqis applied for asylum in Sweden — four times more than in Germany and 10 times more than in Britain, according to figures compiled by the European Council of Refugees and Exiles, an advocacy group.

But the numbers dropped sharply this year, with only 835 asylum-seekers coming to Sweden in February — down nearly 40 percent from the previous month to the lowest level since July 2006. In the first three weeks of March, only 376 Iraqis sought asylum in Sweden, suggesting the downward trend continues.

Iraqi asylum seeker Mustafa Aziz Alwi, left, may be sent back home to Iraq due to changes in Sweden’s immigration policies.

SOLLENTUNA — The Observer

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Associated Press

U N I V E R S I T Y P A R K , Pa. — Shivering in blankets of Penn State’s colors, some 30,000 people filled a campus lawn Sunday to hear Barack Obama say he can win the Democratic nomination even if rival Hillary Rodham Clinton stays in the race.

Supporters stood in long lines for hours to hear Obama ahead of the April 22 Pennsylvania primary.

On a sunny day with temperatures in the low 40s, most bundled up for the type of large-scale rally that has become the candidate’s trademark.

“It’s been a while, and it’s a little cold, but we really like Barack. He’s inspiring,” said 19-year-old Caitlin McDonnell, wrapped in a blue Nittany Lions blanket.

Pennsylvania’s primary is the next contest in the Obama-Clinton fight for the Democratic presidential nomination. The Keystone State, which will allocate 158 delegates, is the biggest single delegate prize remaining in the Democratic primaries.

Some Democrats, particularly Obama’s supporters, have voiced concern that the hard-fought, drawn-out race is already hurting the party’s chances to win in November. The Illinois senator told the crowd not to worry.

“As this primary has gone on a little bit long, there’ve been people who’ve been voicing some frustration,” Obama said.

“I want everybody to understand that this has been a great contest, great for the party. It’s engaged and involved people like never before. I think it’s terrific that Senator Clinton’s supporters have been as passionate as my supporters have been because that makes the people invested and engaged in this process, and I am absolutely confident that when this primary season is over Democrats will be united.”
**MARKET Recap**

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5-YEAR NOTE | -1.19 | -0.04 |

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**Pork Bellies (cents/lb)** | -1.00 | 70.50 |

**Exchange Rates**  

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**British Pound** 0.60 |

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**Review responds to financial problems**

**WashingtoN**

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain have diagnosed the swooning U.S. economy and have come up with rival plans to revive it. If the downturn lasts as long as some economists predict, one of the three will gain a chance to try to sell his or her proposal to Congress as president.

Or if the economy hits bottom before inauguration day and then turns up, the victor may be handed a rare gift: the chance to begin a presidency presided over the early stages of a rebound.

Take your pick. Who knows where the economy will be nine and a half months from now?

As economic clouds darkened last week, all three candidates delivered major speeches on the economy while the Bush administration prepared a plan to give the Federal Reserve new regulatory powers over the financial system.

Democrats Clinton and Obama outlined competing $30 billion stimulus packages to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and other victims of the financial crisis. This would be on top of the $168 billion stimulus package of rebates and temporary tax cuts passed by Congress last month, said by President Bush. Both Clinton and Obama called for a broader financial regulation.

Republican John McCain advocated voluntary action by lenders, more government oversight of the lending process and the convening of a national conference of accountants and mortgage lenders to review how real estate is valued. He opposed large, taxpayer-financed bailouts but backed cuts in corporate tax rates and making permanent existing Bush tax cuts.

The two Democrats are calling for a more activist role for the U.S. government in protecting individuals. McCain is echoing standard GOP dogma of protecting markets and opposing bailouts.

All three praised recent intervention by the Federal Reserve to calm the financial storm, including sharp Fed interest rate cuts and a $29 billion rescue plan for investment giant Bear Stearns.

Since all three are members of the U.S. Senate, they can influence congressional action now. But political reality being what it is, their time for impact — at least for one of them — probably lies in the future, not the present.

And there already is a welter of anticrises Crusades pending in Congress — including major bills by Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to let the government step in and back up to $400 billion in troubled loans. Both Bush and Clinton have endorsed this legislation.

Economic statistics last week painted a bleak picture, reflecting continuing housing, credit and...
NIU police chief reflects on shootings

Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — The police chief at Northern Illinois University regrets the chaos, over and over in his mind: sprinting, pistol in hand and reading glasses still on, through waves of screaming students at a lecture hall.

Donald Grady remembers knurling over the wounded and dying as the gunman's body lay on stage, dead of a gunshot wound.

And he still wonders weeks later: Could he have done more to prevent the deaths of five students when a former student opened fire in the crowded hall on Valentine's Day?

"I know intuitively there's nothing I could have done to protect them," he told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "But it doesn't change the fact that, inside, I feel like I wanted to be able to do something."

Grady has SWAT team training and has advised governments and militaries in war-torn countries, but the shooting, he said, was the "toughest" test of his career. And it was one that reinforced and, in some ways, softened the gruff persona that helped him excel in a military environment sometimes caused problems.

After he became Wisconsin's first black police chief in the mostly white town of Bloomer in 1999, he created a stir by issuing nearly 300 tickets, including to himself, for violations of a snow-shoveling ordinance.

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Ahsan Iqbal, a League-N Party lawmaker from the Pakistan Muslim League-N Party who is tipped to become education minister in the new Cabinet, said: "We will try our best to stop terrorist attacks from tribal zones bordering Afghanistan."

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In Bosnia-Herzegovina, he played a central role in creating a peace force composed of civil war fighters — Muslims, Croats and Serbs. He helped set up police schools in Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia.

He spent most of 2007 in Iraq advising that country on building a new police force.

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As an assistant to Pakistan's new prime minister, Gilani, a loyalist of slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, as prime minister last week. On Monday, Musharraf was expected to swear in more than 20 members of the new Cabinet.

Mohammed, the militant leader, said the government should not cooperate with the United States.

"Whenever Pakistan will work for American interests as its ally, we will have our opposition to that matter," Mohammed said amid chants of "death to America."

Maulana Fazlur Rehman, a pro-Taliban cleric and member of Gilani's coalition government, said the new administration will try to prevent the U.S. military from launching further airstrikes inside Pakistan.

"We will try our best to stop America from making any further attacks in our border areas," Rehman told reporters in the eastern city of Multan.

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Young French Muslims fight in Iraq

Seven men accused of criminal association with terrorist enterprises

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PARIS — Boubaker el Hakim traded his Paris neighborhood of shops and laundromats for the insurgent camp of Iraq. When he came home, he told his war stories to other young men on the forgotten footpaths of France.

All the Frenchmen except one went on trial this month in a case funneling French Muslim fighters to Iraq. When he came home, he told his war stories to other young people in his neighborhood, answering questions about Islam that went ignored by France’s security officials fear may one day be used in domestic terror attacks.

Along with four other young Frenchmen, a Moroccan and an Algerian, el Hakim is accused of recruiting French Muslim fighters to Iraq. The suspected ringleader Farid Benyettou, 26, have acknowledged going to Iraq or planning to go. All deny inciting others to go.

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Oakland — At a high school in a struggling neighborhood in this violence-scarred city, Mayor Ron Dellums stood on stage and congratulated a basketball player who led his team to a state championship.

"In a community where we find ourselves more often than not mourning, we are rejoicing," the former congressman told the grinning teenager and hundreds of other cheering students.

Such celebrations have been rare during Dellums’ 15 months in office.

In recent months, a 10-year-old boy was paralyzed by a bullet that struck him during a piano lesson, a powerful state politician was carjacked by a masked man, a popular community journalist was gunned down in broad daylight, and a 13-year-old was shot in the foot outside a rosary service for another teen who was killed by police after allegedly drawing a gun.

In the past three months, alone, the city of 400,000 people has lost 32 civilians, most of whom were killed by police after allegedly drawing a gun.

It’s very frustrating," the mayor said in a rare sit-down interview. "I get up every morning praying that I don’t open the newspaper and there’s somebody dead."

The Democrat, 72, was swept into office after a stint as mayor of Oakland, who successfully ushered anti-apartheid legislation through Congress that helped free political prisoners, isn’t naïve to think progress will be made overnight.

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Brown, who is now California’s attorney general, caused a furor when his police department has many more hurdles to overcome. "The crime rate is extremely high and it’s dangerous work, and in Oakland you have a number of individuals who are not sympathetic to police," Dellums said.

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Opposition party leads in elections

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HARARE — Zimbabwe's main opposition party was claiming an early lead Sunday in elections, seeking to unseat Mugabe amid alleged vote rigging by President Robert Mugabe and his ruling party.

Mugabe's government is accused of corruption, human rights abuses and election rigging.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) observers, who were monitoring the election, said on Monday that they had seen no evidence of vote rigging.

But the outcome of the race was not yet predictable with results from only a few areas still lacking. Meanwhile, Mugabe continues to hold a strong lead in the rural areas, where the opposition has traditionally struggled.

The opposition's claim of victory has been met with skepticism by some analysts, who say that the ruling Zanu-PF party has a strong presence in the rural areas.

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-The Observer-

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Greece

Beijing accepts Olympic torch

Pro-Tibetan protesters chant, hold banners before police intervention

Associated Press

ATHENS — Chinese spectators cheered Sunday as Greece handed off the Olympic flame for its journey to Beijing and relay through 20 countries. But protesters brandishing Tibetan flags tried to steal thelimelight.

Some two dozen activists chanted “Save Tibet!” and unfurled a banner reading “Stop Genocide in Tibet” before police intervened, detaining 21 protesters outside the Panathenian Stadium. Most were later freed.

A police cordon prevented the demonstrators from disrupting the final leg of Greece’s relay from the Acropolis to the marble stadium, the venue of the first modern Olympics in 1896.

About 7,000 Greek and Chinese spectators cheered as men and women in traditional costumes carried the torch through the stadium, lined with the flags of both countries. Greek presidential guards and actresses dressed as ancient priestesses looked on.

“It was an emotional experience for me,” Devetzı, said. “We want results. The SADC, British and German election observers told South African Parliament that there is no way Zanu-PF can win.

“After the elections, people will see why Mugabe is there,” said the former ruling party loyalist and Tsvangirai’s closest rival.

Mugabe is facing his 30th year in power and has run his country into economic ruin.

The opposition is demanding better living conditions, freedom of the press, an end to the rule of fear and a two-party system.

The government has rejected the opposition’s demands, saying they are not on the agenda.

In response, the opposition has vowed to keep up the pressure.

“Now is the time to leave politics,” said a senior opposition official.

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Katrina victims to repay grants

Company may collect up to $150,000 from hurricane survivors

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Imagine that your home was reduced to mold and wood framing by Hurricane Katrina.

Desperate for money to rebuild, you engage in a frustrating bureaucratic process, and after months of living in a government-provided trailer tainted with formaldehyde you finally win a federal grant.

Then a collector calls with the staggering news that you have to pay back thousands of dollars.

Thousands of Katrina victims may be in that situation.

A private contractor under investigation for the compensation it received to run the Road Home grant program for Katrina victims says that in the rush to deliver aid to homeowners in need some people got too much. Now it wants to hire a separate company to collect millions in grant overpayments.

The contractor, ICF International of Fairfax, Va., revealed the extent of the overpayments when it issued a March 11 request for bids from companies willing to handle "approximately 1,000 to 5,000 cases" that will need collection effort.

The bid invitation said: "The average amount to be collected is estimated to be approximately $35,000, but in some cases may be as high as $100,000 to $150,000."

The biggest grant amount allowed by the Road Home program is $150,000, so ICF believes it paid some recipients the maximum when they should not have received a penny. If ICF's highest estimate of 5,000 collection cases is true, that means applicants will have to pay back a total of $175 million.

One-third of qualified applicants for Road Home help had yet to receive any rebuilding check as of this past week. The program, which has come to symbolize the harrowing Katrina recovery effort, is financed by $11 billion in federal funds.

ICF spokesman Gentry Braun said in an e-mail Friday that the inevitable result of the Road Home grant being recalculated to account for incorrect money and government aid given to Katrina victims.

Braun said there was a sense of urgency in paying Road Home applicants, and ICF and the state knew applicants would have to return some money.

"The choice was either to process grants immediately or wait until the March 2008 deadline (for submitting Road Home applications) before disbursing any funds," Braun said in her e-mail.

Braun pointed out that 5,000 collections cases would represent a 4 percent error rate for the Road Home Fund that is "quite good for large federal programs."

Frank Silvio, chairman of the Citizen's Road Home Action Team, a group that formed out of frustration with ICF, sees it differently.

"They want people to pay for their incompetence and their mistakes. What they need to be is accountable," Silvio said. "Finding the underpayments," he said. "People relied, to their detriment, on their (ICF's) expertise and rebuilt their homes and now they want to squeeze this money back out of them."

The prospect of Road Home grant collections less than two weeks after the Louisiana inspector general and the legislative auditor said they were investigating why former Gov. Kathleen Blanco said ICF charged an extra $156 million in her winning days in office to administer the program. With the increase, ICF stands to earn $912 million to run Road Home, a contract that also sweetened its initial public stock offering, and helped it buy out four bankrupt companies. It now reaches into government contract sectors that include national defense and the environment.

Paul Rainwater, executive director of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the state body that asked for the Blanco-ICF investigations, acknowledged the collections could be painful for applicants, many of whom have used up their next eggs to what they received.

"The state must walk a fine line of treating homeowners who have made mistakes or compas­sion and ensuring that all federal funds are used for their intended purpose," said Rainwater, an appointee of new Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Upon receiving money from Road Home, grants are, in effect, a batch of forms, including one that says they must refund any overpayments.

Melanie Ehrlich, co-chair of the Citizen's Road Home Action Team, which has documented thousands of Road Home cases that appear to be incorrect, said she had no confidence that ICF had correctly calculated overpayments.

She charged that the company was more likely using collections as retribution against people who had appealed their award amounts in effort to get the aid they deserved.

"We had enough (ballots), we just didn't have them in the right places," Lawrence Haake, general registrar of Virginia's Chesterfield County, said. He hadn't. More than 38,000 Democratic voters showed up, nearly four times the number that cast ballots in the last primary. "Tasting the democratic spirit of the electorate," a Democratic observer exclaimed.

"Every time you cut the time on primary day, you cut the number of companies willing to have their ballots go to a printing company," said feminist commentator Betty Friedan.

"We're going to keep having these snafus," said Lawrence Haake, director of the Election Center, which represents voting officials across the country. "Running an election sounds pretty simple until you try to do it. Folks just don't understand how much advance planning goes into setting this up.

"If you run out of ballots, it's because your crystal ball isn't good enough," Lewis said. "Every time you cut the time between the voter registration deadline and the election, you severely impact the voting system."

California discovered that on Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, when massive numbers swarmed the polls and record-setting voter turnout, the to the Bay Area, ballots ran out. State officials had not anticipated a surge in voters and were still counting ballots late last week. California's vote was certified on June 27.

On March 4, precincts in places of khắc and plight—Ohio ran out of ballots. In Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Caleb King, chief of elections for the Ohio Republican party observed that ballot numbers were not reflective of the registered voter total. But some states have no such regulations.

"We have enough ballots even if everybody on the rolls shows up," he said.

Candice Hoke, an elections official in Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University professor, said some states have rules, including California — where the primary is May 6 — that require that ballot numbers reflect the number of people who have registered to vote but that no state has such requirements.

"There are no state laws that require this," she said.

Also, she said, most county governments across the country have experienced some form of cutbacks. "Printing out hundreds of thousands of ballots, just to junk them afterward, is not something a county wants to do. But budgets are being cut. Costs are being cut," she added.

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I sometimes wonder if the proposal for Eddy Street Commons really is going to create the “college town” atmosphere it’s supposed to. After all, the cornerstone of any college town is its bookstore. Of course, Notre Dame already has the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and by all accounts it’s doing quite well for itself. After all, it just put up that billboard right up the road from Barnes & Noble on Grape and it’s expanding its southern wing so that it will soon have over 2,500 more square feet, which will be used to create dedicated space for, among other things, Steinle Sports Marketing & Memorabilia Inc., Adidas apparel, a gelato machine and pretzel bar for the cafe. Now, this might be an outdated concept, but I was under the impression that bookstores were supposed to mostly sell books rather than merchandise. Right now, it seems like the area of Hammes dedicated to books is roughly equal to that dedicated to apparel, merchandise, and other non-bookish things. Granted, the expansion will free up another 1,000 square feet in the textbook area (which is only fully stocked for a few weeks every term), but once it’s complete, it will be hard to make the case that Hammes isn’t a giant gift store with a book section attached. After all, the bookstore has demonstrated that their primary goal is making a killing off merchandise and over-priced coursepacks (just to take an example from personal experience, charging $35 for a 100 page packet of bibliographical information that was not under copyright). And now, Hammes (whose parent company is Fisell, an international corporation with annual revenues of $2.3 billion) has also expressed interested in opening up a bookstore in the Eddy Street development.

I’m not trying to engage in shrill anti-corporate hysteria or demanding that we transplant Powell’s from Portland or The Strand from New York (although Powell’s does have branches in Chicago — maybe they’d be open to one in South Bend, too). Instead, I’m just trying to make sense of the fact that in the University’s bookstore, there are shelves of Notre Dame rags and beer steins alongside square logos for textbook stores and babydoll Ts with “Notre Dame” in that faded baseball-jersey font in such school colors as pink and sky blue, but no sections for used, remainder, rare or out-of-print books, a rather stingy buyback policy, no membership or rewards program that I know of, no posted best-selling or prize-winning lists or even staff recommendations. The bookstore is well-stocked and well-organized, but still feels sterile and just a little bit neglected, and really if someone wants a no-frills book browsing experience, they might as well go to Da Amazon.com, where the selection is larger and you might even get a hit of a price break to make up for the five-day free shipping. As far as bookstores go, Hammes is doing the Tchotchke’s-from-Office-Space-bar minimum in terms of, well, pieces of fluff.

There’s nothing wrong with selling school merchandise and memorabilia. What would be nice, however, is that we get a bookstore where you actually want to spend time browsing and reading, one that makes you want to come back to it and not just to go once a term for your required textbooks. If Hammes or its parent company can shift gears from trying to make our collective wallets a little lighter to actually setting up a good bookstore, then it wouldn’t be so bad to have them in Fiddy Street Commons. But if not, the space should go to an independent retailer, or at least someone who dedicates much more floor space to books than to footballs.

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Kaling, who has appeared in the films "License to Wed," "Unaccompanied Minors" and the "40 Year Old Virgin," began the show with a bang by joking about a recent Observer headline involving "The Vagina Monologues." Kaling is also a writer and producer for the show and this led to several jokes about boredom during the writers' strike. She poked fun at perezhilton.com and the Megan's Law Web site.

Kaling's character Kelly is known for her high-pitched and annoying voice, but this made her pretty atrocious impression of deep-voiced actresses Scarlett Johansson and Julia Stiles even better.

Just to mix things up, Kaling made an 'impromptu' phone call to B.J. Novak, a fellow writer, and actor who plays her on-screen ex-boyfriend, Ryan Howard. While I may have been wishing it was going to be Steve Carrell or Jim Krasinski on the other end, Novak amp up the crowd by reminding them that he will be coming April 12 to perform at Notre Dame. Novak kept asking to speak to Craig Robinson, who joined Kaling on stage. After missing out on Novak's joke because of bad Blackberry reception, (Novak was attempting to say, "Battered women. Sounds delicious") Kaling finished up her bit and it was time for Robinson.

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He made a lengthy joke about how every song should include the phrase "take off your panties," and got the entire crowd to sing along to some favorites. He also shared his distaste for Barry White, because he makes everything sound so sexy. Women, he said, get the best of everything including walking down the aisle all by themselves with a special song, "The Wedding March." However, he said during that part of the ceremony, all the groom hears is funeral music. Instead, he said when he gets married he will walk down the aisle to "Eye of the Tiger." And he 'revealed' to the crowd that every man hears the intro music for Michael Jordan before making love. Robinson's use of audience interaction was excellent and he even astutely pointed out that the guards at Notre Dame take their jobs "way too seriously."

Following Robinson's bit, Kaling rejoined him onstage for a Q&A. While I may have been wishing it was going to be Steve Carrell or Jim Krasinski on the other end, Novak amped up the crowd by reminding them that he will be coming April 12 to perform at Notre Dame. Novak kept asking to speak to Craig Robinson, who joined Kaling on stage. After missing out on Novak's joke because of bad Blackberry reception, (Novak was attempting to say, "Battered women. Sounds delicious") Kaling finished up her bit and it was time for Robinson.

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Kaling and Robinson seemed down to earth as they discussed the joy they got from watching "The Office" episodes on airplane flights. They seemed genuinely pleased and proud of their work. Robinson said his favorite episode was "The Coup," in which Michael gets in trouble once again as Jan busts him for declaring it's "Movie Monday," allowing everyone to watch a movie and neglect work. Subsequently, Angela pushes Dwight to make a move on Michael's job. Robinson laughed about the confrontational scene in which Michael and Dwight come face to face. Kaling said it was difficult for her to pick just one episode but loves "Booze Cruise" and basically "every episode [she is] in."

Overall, the duo was a riot. I look forward to seeing Robinson in the film "Pineapple Express" out in August starring James Franco and Seth Rogen. And be sure to catch the next part of "The Office Comedy Series" with B.J. Novak April 12 to join in on the Dunder Mifflin fun.

The views and opinions expressed in Scene & Heard are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Observer.
The album picks back up where it left off with "Time Is Running Out" and continues strong into the last track, "Take A Bow," the intro track from "Black Holes and Revelations." The first disc is a solid mix of well-known tracks in a live setting, and is sure to be well received by Muse fans everywhere.

The second disc is where H.A.A.R.P. shines and makes the album worth buying. It is a DVD of the band's second concert in Wembley Stadium on June 17 — a day after the audio-only first CD was recorded. For those who have not seen Muse live in concert, the DVD comes very close to recreating brilliant madness that is Muse. Matthew Bellamy's vocals resonate through the entire stadium as he hypnotizes the masses with his crooning. The impromptu guitar solos and extended intros throughout are delightful additions, especially in the song "New Born," going from a quiet piano introduction to a riff-loaded, distortion-filled guitar solo courtesy of Bellamy. His artistic talents really shine in this one as we see him go from guitar to piano back to guitar dolly and smoothly, never providing for a break in the energy or momentum. "Soldier's Poem," "Unintended," and "Blackout" provide for a slow moment in the show, with Bellamy taking center stage on the acoustic guitar during "Unintended," a rarely-played single from the band's first album, "Showbiz."

The camerawork is excellently done, featuring shots of the band and crowd, along with aerial clips of the stadium and stage at night, which is quite a sight to see. Fast zooms and angles of Bellamy, Christopher Wolstenholme (bass), and Dominic Howard (drums) add to the energy of the more intense songs. In the end, it's the wild riffs and beautiful lyrics that leave the audience stunned in awe. This is Muse at its best, putting on an amazing performance while producing such a wide range of emotions in its listeners.

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Davidson defenders in the first half Sunday. The Jayhawks won 59-57.

Kansas guard Sherron Collins goes up for a shot against two Davidson defenders in the first half Sunday. The Jayhawks won 59-57.

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"I'm just living the dream right now," said Rose, who finished with 21 points, nine assists and six rebounds. "Everybody back home happy for me and our fans, back in Memphis are happy, so we're just living it up.

The Tigers tied the NCAA Division I record for wins in a season, with their only loss coming to a team ranked No. 2 at the time. They've been first, second or third in the poll all season.

And to all the people who keep saying, 'He didn't make the tournament.' Well, I said, 'Yeah, I'm glad we lost No. 1 seed to lose, leading scorer Chris Douglas-Roberts can say, 'See you in San Antonio.'

"I'm not sure if we'll get the respect we deserve, but if we don't, it doesn't matter," Douglas-Roberts said. 'It's four teams left now.

Memphis will play UCLA and its freshman phenom, Kevin Love. The Tigers and Bruins have a nice history, having met in a regional final two years ago and in the 1973 title game.

Memphis has only been back to the Final Four once, with Keith Lee leading the way in 1985. But that team was seeded ninth, according to the NCAA record book now kept by Calipari's DI office for the only other time John Calipari coached a team to the Final Four, UMass in 1996.

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**MLB**

**MLB OPENING DAY**

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**Struggling Gibbons released by Os**

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Jay Gibbons was released Sunday by the Baltimore Orioles, who lost patience waiting for the oft-injured outfielder to regain the form that enabled him to hit 26 home runs in 2005.

Gibbons batted .189 with no home runs and four RBIs in 16 games this spring training after playing in only 84 games last season. Baltimore owes him $11.9 million, four-year contract he signed for 15 days on Dec. 6 by commissioner Bud Selig following a media report that he received a shipment of the human growth hormone after January 2005, when it was banned by baseball. Kansas City outfielder Jose Guillen also was suspended for 15 days.

On Friday, the commissioner's office and players association put the penalties on hold for 10 days to allow for further negotiations over their drug agreement. If a deal is struck, the suspensions likely would be dropped.

That, however, appeared to have nothing to do with the Orioles' decision to cut Gibbons. The team didn't see him getting much time as a reserve outfielder and left-handed designated hitter, and keeping the more versatile Scott Moore as a utility player made far more sense.

The decision was essentially down to two players, and we made a baseball decision," said club president Andy MacPhail, who delivered the news to Gibbons.

"We laid it out pretty clearly," MacPhail said. "For you to be a productive player you need to play, and that opportunity just doesn't exist here absent some hip-flex injury. His words were, 'I agree completely.'

Gibbons also did not fit into MacPhail's decision to rebuild the team with youth. "We just need to move forward ... along the path we've decided we need to take," MacPhail said. "I'm convinced that it's the right thing for us to do."

MacPhail, however, did not make the decision without first discussing it with owner Peter Angelos.

"I gave him the ramifications and what my thinking was. I hadn't really reached any conclusions myself, I was really wrestling with this one," MacPhail said. "His advice was, 'You gotta do what you gotta do.' Those were the last words he left me with, and I took the position that this is what we had to do."

**In Brief**

**Knicks' Thomas not in the running for Indiana job**

ATLANTA — Embattled New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas side-stepped whether he's interested in taking with Indiana University about its head coaching position.

Thomas, whose Knicks have lost five of six and 13 of 15, has a 53-101 record in two seasons with the Knicks. Though he helped Indiana win the 1981 NCAA championship, Thomas has never coached in college.

He indicated the Hoosiers haven't contacted him.

"No, I have a job," Thomas said before the Knicks played the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday. Thomas, also the Knicks' team president, said he hopes interim coach Dan Dakich is named full-time at Indiana.

In February, Dakich replaced Kelvin Sampson, who resigned following the release of an NCAA report that said he delivered the news to Sampson, who resigned following the release of an NCAA report that said he

**Petitte throws six scoreless innings, will open on DL**

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees left-hander Andy Pettitte allowed one hit over six scoreless innings in a major league game Sunday.

Pettitte struck out six and walked one.

"I threw 77 pitches, and that's what I needed," Pettitte said. "It's exactly what I wanted to do.

Originally slated to start the Yankees' second game of the regular season, Pettitte has been slowed by back spasms and is scheduled to make his first start Saturday against Tampa Bay. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday, retroactive to March 21.

"I feel great," Pettitte said. "Everything felt good today. Got a lot of work in. Did I have to get to 77 pitches today because I'm a little short and behind everybody? Yeah. I'm ready for my start and just looking forward to continuing to build my strength up."

**Hanging hair among rules discussed at NFL meetings**

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Mike Nolan thinks there are reasons beyond safety for the proposal that could lead to an NFL ban on hanging hair from the back of helmets.

"The nameplate is on his back; the number is on his back," the San Francisco 49ers coach said Sunday, the day before the NFL's meetings officially begin. "That's what we want the fans to see. Not his hair."

This might be a year when fans actually take interest in what owners do at these gatherings. Many meetings are filled with arcane proposals, like changing the positioning of offensive linemen's arms during blocks. This season, at least, there is some meat among the suggestions. Or at least some hair.

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SMC GOLF

Belles falter in Kentucky

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (4-4, 0-2 MIAA) went 0-2 this weekend at the Jack Swartz Invitational at Wheaton College, Ill. The Belles lost Friday 6-3 to No. 16 Olivet Nazarene and 8-1 on Saturday to No. 28 Wheaton College.

Against Olivet Nazarene, Saint Mary's won three of the six singles matches. No. 1 singles sophomore Camille Gebert defeated Olivet's Jill Haas 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 singles sophomore Jordan Hook defeated Erica Engelbrecht 6-0, 6-1; and No. 5 doubles junior Brittaney Dunn and Arianna Sgambati defeated1 6-2, 6-2 by Sara Federschmidt. To finish off the Belles singles lineup for the weekend, No. 3 doubles junior Brooke Parrish and junior Jillian Hurley beat Erica Engelbrecht and Alika Cullen 6-0, 6-3.

Saint Mary's will play in the Tri-State Invitational next weekend in Angola, Ind., before playing in the qualifying tournament on April 9.

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SMC TENNIS

SMC falls to Olivet, Wheaton

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (4-8, 0-2 MIAA) won two sets as well, winning 6-3, 6-4.

At No. 3, Betty Reed, a freshman, lost to Lily Gonzalez from Olivet Nazarene 6-1, 6-4, 6-1. At No. 5, sophomore Lisa Rubino went down 7-5, 6-1 to Jen Ramsey, and at No. 6, freshman Jessica Camp lost 6-1, 6-1 to Jade Stanick.

The Belles were unable to come through on the doubles side on Friday. The No. 1 team of Gebert and Hurley lost 8-5 to Erica Engelbrecht and Alika Cullen. The No. 2 duo of Betty Reed and Lisa Rubino lost 8-2 to Lily Gonzalez and Jen Ramsey, and were followed by the No. 3 team of Jessica Camp and Francis Peluso losing 8-2 to the Tigers' Jill Haas and Jade Stanick.

Saturday's match wasn't any more successful for the Belles as they took on Wheaton College.

Reed won the only singles match for Saint Mary's on Saturday, 6-3, and 6-0 over Wheaton's Brooke Parrish. No. 1 Gebert lost 6-0, 6-0 to Jordan Hook. No. 2 singles Hurley lost for only the second time this season to Shannon Hale, 6-4, 3-6.

No. 4 Kosinski lost 6-4, 6-1 to Brittaney Dunn. No. 5 Rubino was defeated 6-2, 6-2 by Sara Federschmidt. To finish off the Belles singles lineup for the weekend, No. 6 Laura Arnold lost 6-0, 6-0 to Karli Edwards. The Thunder won all three doubles matches. The team of Gebert and Hurley were defeated 6-3 to Hook and Federschmidt, bringing their record to 5-7 as a duo. Reed and Rubino lost 8-2 to Parrish and Lindsey Ballett, and Mary Therese Lee and Peluso were defeated 8-2 by Dunn and Edwaral.

"It was a tough weekend, but our team played well," Rubino said. "We stepped up our competitiveness, and I think it will pay off for conference matches later in the season."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish earn split, snap Blue Demons' streak

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Behind strong pitching performances from freshman Jody Valdivia and junior Brittany Bargar, the Irish split a doubleheader with 17th-ranked DePaul and ended the Blue Demons' 25-game conference winning streak.

"I think taking one from DePaul is always a good win," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They're a tough team and we have quite a history with them."

The Irish nearly managed a sweep of the twinbill, losing the first game on a walkoff single by Jackie Tarulli-Fisher. Two errors in the final inning spelled doom for the Irish. The fielding woes were especially frustrating for Gumpf, who has been trying to stress the importance of defense to her team this season.

"Our defense hurt us in the first game," Gumpf said. "Bargar earned the loss despite allowing only four hits over 6 and 2/3 innings and allowing no earned runs while striking out 12."

In the second game, Notre Dame was determined to give its pitching more support. Linda Kohan crushed a solo home run to center field in the top of the second to put the Irish up 1-0. Notre Dame added an unearned run in the fourth, and a 2-0 lead was all Valdivia needed. The freshman struck out three in 5 and 2/3 innings to get the win, and Bargar pitched the final 1 and 1/3 for her first save of the season.

The biggest stat from the second game for Gumpf, though, was that the Irish defense made no errors in the field.

"We really picked it up," Gumpf said. "I'm really proud of the way the girls bounced back."

The Irish (17-10 overall, 1-1 Big East) will play at home against Ball State Tuesday. The Irish prepared the global arena.
Women's Rowing
Notre Dame rows to victory in California
Varsity boats defeat Stanford, UCLA
By LULU ZHANG
Sports Writer
Notre Dame claimed victory in two of three races against both Stanford and UCLA on the first day of the Pac-10 Challenge in California. The women's second varsity eight and varsity four boats beat Stanford, while the varsity eight and second varsity eight boats beat UCLA.

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat crew of Lauren Buck, Allison Marsh, Laura Pearson, Amanda Polka, Mary Quinn, Kendra Short, Julie Sobolewski, Christine Trezza and coxswain Kelsey Obro competed against Stanford in its first race of the day. The Irish went into the race ranked No. 14 by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/US Rowing poll, and the Cardinal were ranked No. 10. However, the Irish finished with a time of 7:02.45, falling short by 36 seconds to the Cardinal's time of 6:55.0. The Irish regrouped and were able to claim victory in the afternoon against 11th ranked UCLA. The Bruins finished in 7:31.6, while the Irish claimed victory with a time of 7:25.1.

Notre Dame's second varsity eight crew of Emily Crosby, Ellis Greybar, Brittany Kelly, Kristin Madison, Carol Ann Mitchel, Anni Nowhitley, Casey Robinson and coxswain Stephanie Sewn defeated Stanford in the opening race, and UCLA in the second race. Notre Dame beat Stanford by just less than 13 seconds in the first race, posting a time of 7:13.9, and beat UCLA in the second race by just over two seconds, posting a time of 7:28.9.

The varsity four boat of Mallory Glass, Anika Jefry, Bridget Lee, Mary Kate McNamara and coxswain Sarah Keithley beat Stanford by more than 30 seconds in its opening race. The Irish finished with a time of 8:38.0, while the Cardinal finished in 9:11.6. In its second race, the Irish defeated UCLA with a time of 8:54.1, while the Bruins finished in 8:41.1.

Notre Dame also competed in the Lubbers Cup in Michigan this past weekend. The Irish claimed victory in the varsity eight, 25 varsity eight, varsity four B, and novice four races.

The Irish took first and fourth in the varsity eight race. The A crew won the five boat race with a time of 6:55.40, while the B boat finished fourth with a time of 7:13.11.

The Irish crew also won the second/third varsity eight race. Notre Dame posted a time of 7:49.28, which was well ahead of the second and third place teams of Rochester and Grand Valley State.

Notre Dame won the varsity four B race with a time of 7:49.98, more than 20 seconds ahead of Rochester and Grand Valley State A and B.

The novice four boat beat Grand Valley A, Copper Valley B, Grand Valley C, and Rochester with a time of 7:53.01.

The novice eight boat finished second to Grand Valley in the seven boat race with a time of 7:38.27.

The Irish varsity four A crew of finished third in its race with a time of 7:59.36.

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WTA Tennis
Davenport upsets Ivanovic at Sony
Associated Press
KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — When an infielder in the stadium stands began to cry during a rally Sunday, Lindsay Davenport won the point anyway. Motherhood hasn't diminished her focus at all.

Still gaining momentum in her career comeback after becoming a parent, Davenport defeated second-ranked Ana Ivanovic 6-4, 6-2 in the third round at the Sony Ericsson Open.

Davenport left the women's tour in late 2006 to have her first child, then came back last summer. The three-time Grand Slam champion is 17-3 this year with a 6-1, 6-2 win.

Serena and Venus Williams also reached the fourth round, as did top-seeded Justine Henin. Four-time champion Serena Williams had the toughest time, overcoming 60 unforced errors and a 4-0 deficit in the second set to beat No. 27 Flavia Pennetta 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2.

Williams said a rain delay when she trailed 2-2 in the second set helped.

"My mom called me," Williams said. "She knows my game really well. She said, 'Stay up. Don't get behind the baseline.' I'm like, 'Are you here? Are you watching on TV?'"

for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

SPORTS
Saint Mary's sweeps Calvin
By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer
The Belles had a busy weekend, sweeping a doubleheader against league opponent Calvin Saturday and splitting another at Rose-Hulman Sunday.

Saint Mary's started MIAA competition against 11th ranked Calvin Saturday, winning both games. The Belles defeated Calvin 6-5. Senior McKenna Corrigan hit a three-run home run in the third inning to put the Belles up 5-2.

The Knights, however, chipped away at the lead and tied it in the top of the seventh inning. In the bottom of the frame, sophomore Ashley Peterson scored the winning run on a single by junior Katie Rashid.

Peterson, a rising offensive star, had two hits in the game. Junior Calli Davison pitched a complete game for the win. The Belles won their second game against Calvin 5-0. Corrigan pitched a complete game.

The Belles amassed 13 hits, including a 4-for-4 effort by Peterson and a 3-for-3 performance by junior Ashley Fusaro.

On Sunday, the Rose-Hulman Engineers defeated Saint Mary's 10-4 in the first game of the doubleheader.

Saint Mary's held the lead 3-2 until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Engineers scored seven runs.

Davison again pitched a complete game and took the loss, bringing her record to 7-3.

The Belles won the second game 4-2 as Corrigan pitched another complete game. Corrigan now holds a 6-0 record.

The teams took a 2-2 tie into the fifth inning, when Peterson scored what proved to be the winning run off a single by sophomore Sarah Keithley.

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**Women's Track**

**Women look strong at ASU Invitational**

Sophomore Joanna Schultz competes in the 400-meter sprints on Dec. 7. Schultz finished second this weekend.

By ALEX BARKER

Sports Writer

Notre Dame jumpedstart the outdoor season in a big way this weekend by grabbing seven top-three finishes at the Arizona State Invitational meet this weekend in Tempe, Ariz.

Senior Brienne Davis turned in the best performance for the Irish by handily winning the 100-meter dash and setting the team to second place overall for the NCAA regional meet at the end of the year. The Irish 4-by-400-meter relay team took first place at the meet and also qualified for the NCAA regional meet. Members of the relay team also found success in other events. Sophomore Joanna Schultz, freshman Cora Dayon, and senior Crysta Swayzer finished second, sixth and eighth-place respectively in the 400-meter dash event.

Freshmen Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson finished second and third-place respectively in the 800-meter run rounding out an outstanding performance by the Irish.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will send athletes to both the Stanford and Purdue Invitational meets.

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**Men's Track**

**Runners impress in Arizona**

Schipper earns NCAA Regional qualification in pole vault

Freshman Greg Jones competes at Notre Dame's meet on Jan. 19 at Loftus Sports Center.

By EUGENIA ALFONZO

Sports Writer

Notre Dame produced an impressive finish as they traveled to Tempe, Ariz., this past weekend for the Arizona State Invitational.

Although some members were not present for the meet, composing of mostly distance runners, the team had a good showing in the top seven of Big East standings. Sophomore Eric Quick finished seventh and ninth in the 100-meter dash, with freshman Miklos Szepeny and junior Billy Buzaid finishing seventh and tenth, respectively, and are in the top seven of Big East standings.

In the high jump, junior Blair Maginnis performed well and finished fourth with a Big East qualifying jump of 2.05 meters. The Notre Dame NCAA Regional qualification belongs to sophomore pole vaulter Matt Schipper, who earned a sixth place finish with a jump of 1.05 meters. Schipper finished fifth last year at the Big East outdoor championships with a jump of 4.85-meters. His previous best this season had been at the Meyo Invitational, with a jump of 5.5 meters. The Irish compete again at the Mike Pecel Invitational next weekend at West Lafayette, Ind.

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Set against the backdrop of the chaos and civil war that enveloped 1990s' Sierra Leone, *Blood Diamond* is the story of Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), an ex-mercenary from Zimbabwe, and Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou), a Mende fisherman. Both men are African, but their histories and their circumstances are as different as any can be until their fates become joined in a common quest to recover a rare pink diamond, the kind of stone that can transform a life...or end it.

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**Men's Tennis**

**Team loses fourth in a row**

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame found itself outmatched against No. 2 Ohio State Friday, and the Buckeyes defeated the Irish 6-1 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The loss was Notre Dame’s fourth straight and the Buckeyes improved to 19-10 on the season.

Ohio State got on the board first with a win in the doubles point. The Buckeyes then went on to win the first set in all six singles matches, and the Irish could not recover.

The Notre Dame pair of senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson registered a 9-7 win over the No. 2 Ohio State on the season and five sets against ranked opponents.

The Buckeyes clinched the match at the No. 3 spot as 19th ranked sophomore Justin Kronauge defeated Irish senior Andrew Roth in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6. Roth was competitive in the second set and had an early 2-1 lead, but he dropped four of the next five games on route to the loss. Roth fell to 8-14 on the season with the loss.

At the No. 5 position, Irish freshman David Anderson fell into an early hole against Ohio State freshman Balazs Novak and could not recover, as he dropped the first set 6-1, fell 4-6 in the second set. Anderson was in a 4-1 hole early in the second set, but he clsoed the gap to one 4-3 before losing two of the next three games. Anderson’s record stands at 15-11 on the season.

The lone Irish point was registered by freshman Daniel Stahl, who pulled off a come from behind win at the No. 6 singles spot. Stahl dropped the first set against O’Connell 7-5 after blowing a 4-1 lead. Stahl took the second set, 6-3, to even the match, and avoided dropping two match points to win the final set 10-8 (11-9). With the win, Stahl improved to 20-8 on the season.

Fellow Irish sophomore Stephen Havens had a chance to replicate his teammate’s feat, but fell in the third set to Buckeye freshman Shubel Uzawa. After dropping the first set 6-2, Havens rebounded to win the second set 6-3, but dropped the third set 6-4 to fall to 17-15 on the season.

The loss dropped to Irish 10-8 on the season while the Buckeyes improved to 19-1.

Irish sophomore Kali Krisik prepares to send a backhand return over the net during Notre Dame’s 6-2 win over Indiana Saturday.

**Women’s Tennis**

**Irish extend winning streak to six matches**

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

For No. 19 Notre Dame, March was an excellent month. The third month of the dual match season saw the Irish extend their season-long win streak extended to six at the Eck Tennis Pavilion last Sunday in a win over rival No. 25 Indiana 6-1.

Things looked bleak for the Irish early on, as all the Hoosiers doubles pairs got through in an early lead. The Irish made some mid-match adjustments, however, and eventually won the doubles point.

“Indiana played well early on in the doubles portion,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “They came out more aggressive than we thought they’d be, and they got off to an early lead. They usually hang back and volley a bit more than we do.”

Our kids hung in there, though, and we made some changes and played more aggressive.”

Part of the credit in the doubles comeback goes back to Ohio State in the nation of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelsey Teftz, who both fell back after suffering early struggles against Hoosier senior Brianna Williams and Indian freshman Kayta Zapatadovala to win 8-4.

The tandem dropped three of the first four games of the match, but rallied to grab six straight, helping them claim the win and improve their record to 27-5. Louderback could tell that his top doubles team needed to rebound after losing its first match as the nation’s top pair to SMU last week.

“They started a little slow,” Louderback said. “The Indian pair played well against them early on, but Brook and Kelsey got more aggressive as the match developed. They needed a ‘W’ after last week, so they took care of business.”

In another tight battle, the sophomore tag team of Casey Caan and Emily O’Brien outlasted the Irish in a three in straight sets, making the Irish win over the Hoosiers. Caan and O’Brien defeated their opponents in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, and took the doubles point to tie the match 1-1.

“I’m happy with the way we played,” O’Brien said. “We are playing better.”

Louderback said, “We just have to keep analyzing ways to be more aggressive in the tiebreaker. Notre Dame is clicking on all cylinders and we have to find a way to get back in the right position to win, and it’s making all the difference.”

The Irish will put its six-game win streak on the line in West Lafayette when it faces Purdue Friday. The Irish are looking to follow up by a contest at Iowa Friday.

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"The play that Campana made on Brezovsky was huge and then the relay off the plate was big, too, because I would have thought Pollock to score 10 out of 30 times," Schrage said.

In Cincinnati’s half of the fourth inning, the teams put together a two-out rally in the second inning. After Evan Sharpley and Jeremy Barnes were retired, Brezovsky smacked a single to left field and Irish catcher Sean Gaston reached base on an error. Right fielder Billy Boockford knocked in the first run of the game with a slow single to right. Gerg Sherry then got a single that produced two runs — albeit thanks to some sloppy defensive play by Cincinnati. Satterwhite mis-played the hit, allowing both Gaston and Boockford to score and put the Irish ahead 3-0.

The Irish added a run in the sixth inning after Barnes led off by bunting a slow drive to the wall for a double. Notre Dame’s first extra-base hit of the double-header. Barnes moved to third on a wild pitch then scored on a sacrifice fly to center field by Brezovsky.

The Irish bullpen duo of Steven Mazur and Kyle West finished off the Bearcats and earned the save.

In the second game, the Irish defense seemed to have caught the Irish offense. It tells me that we’re not completing our at-bats," Schrage said. "We’re in the top-10 in the conference in ERA, in seven of our nine batters are hitting over .300, and we think we have all that, but don’t win games, it gets frustrating. It tells me that we’re not finishing our plays and we need to step up and get the big hit."
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By ELLYN MICHALAK
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10. The Irish faced the Wolverines twice in CHICAGO play this season, falling 5-2 on a last-minute goal in Ann Arbor and 5-1 at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich. Jackson called the Wolverines "probably the most explosive team in the country offensively."

None of this could have been expected when Jackson arrived at Notre Dame three seasons ago. The Irish were coming off a 5-27-6 season and struggled to a 13-19-4 record in his first season. Jackson said while making the Frozen Four was "huge" for the program, he wants a championship.

"For this team to make their first appearance in the Frozen Four is great," Jackson said. "But we're not just happy with that. We're 120 minutes away from a championship, and all we can do is focus on the first minute of the first game."

Irish 7, Wildcats 3

So much for Notre Dame's scoring drought.

After bearing about their scoring woes for weeks and not posting more than three goals in a game since Jan. 26, the Irish offense exploded in seven goals in their regional semifinal win.

"It was their willingness to get it done," Van Guilder said. "Confidence is everything. I think that our ability to score on the power play after (New Hampshire) scored the first two goals on breakaways on face-offs, to be able to come back each time gave them confidence to know that they can compete with teams of that caliber."

Senior captain Mark Van Guilder recorded three assists and junior Christian Hanson netted the first multi-goal game of his career giving the Irish a 3-2 lead early in the second when the Irish were showing that Irish forward Kevin Deeth obstructed Lerg.

"We were real calm on the bench just sitting there waiting for the call," Van Guilder said. "Whatever the decision, we had to keep coming. You can't let something like that kill your momentum."

Even though the second period ended in a 1-1 tie, the Irish seemed to control the momentum heading into the final stanza. Finally, after 1:06 of the third period and with overtime looming, Van Guilder scored the goal that would ultimately prove to be the game winner.

The win was a sort of vengeance for the Irish, who were eliminated in the regional finals by the Spartans last year. Jackson minimized the feeling of revenge, though.

"There wasn't a whole lot of talk about last year," he said.

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Rocky Mountain high

ND beats UNH, MSU to advance to first Frozen Four

By MATT GAMBER and SAM WERNER

Notre Dame entered the weekend as the West regional's No. 4 seed, expected to step aside for the heavily-favored New Hampshire, the top seed.

But the Irish snuck into the second half of the season, to say the least, beat New Hampshire 7-3 Friday and Michigan State 3-1 Saturday to advance to the first Frozen Four in the program's history.

"After the way the second half has gone, I'm just happy for our kids," Jackson said. "You know, they persevered through a real difficult time. They still held together, they still worked hard."

The Irish looked more at home on the larger, Olympic-sized ice surface. Jackson said the added space allowed Notre Dame more offensive creativity, especially on the power play.

"You can really stretch out a team's penalty killing," Jackson said. "And we didn't get stretched out defensively, which was huge."

Notre Dame moves on to face Michigan in the national semifinal in Denver on April 6-7.

Irish players Christian Hanson and Justin White mob defenseman Teddy Ruth, center, after his goal Saturday.

Team finally regains early-season form with balanced effort in two upset victories in NCAA Tournament

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