Genocide victims share experiences
Survivors of the Holocaust and Hutu-Tutsi Rwandan crisis speak at Kroc conference

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

As part of a two-day conference called “Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media,” Aaron Elster told of his victimization by the Nazis during the Holocaust, and Egide Karuranga discussed the Tutsi persecution in the Rwandan genocide during his talk Sunday.

Elster focused on his intense fear of death and strong desire to survive after the Nazis invaded the ghetto occupied by Elster and his family. He was 10 years old in 1942 when he awoke from sleep and was herded into a hidden room, a means to escape transportation to a concentration camp.

“Three dozen souls tried to squeeze into an average-sized bedroom,” Elster said. “I was shaking and trying to hold back tears. I didn’t want to die.”

The survival of the occupants of the room, he said, depended on the ability to be absolutely silent. Elster remembered hearing an outburst from an infant.

“I saw the legs of the baby flailing until they moved no more,” Elster said. “I instantly wondered if my mother would do that to me.”

Despite these desperate measures, the Nazi guards discovered the Jews in hiding.

“Demonic faces appeared, and gunshotsshattered the silence,” Elster said.

“Total chaos ensued and dead bodies lined the streets outside, marring the beauty of a sunny autumn day. Elster said.

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Goldwater Foundation honors Riedl, Manion

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Two Notre Dame students, sophomore Eric Riedl and junior Andrew Manion, have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

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OIT installs shred bins in all residence halls
Program in conjunction with University Archives helps students dispose of sensitive material

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology’s Information Security Program has teamed with the University Archives department to install shred bins in all 27 residence halls to help students securely dispose of sensitive materials.

The program is part of a campus-wide program to draw awareness to how the University accesses and processes information of all forms.

“They’re in the second year of a four-year program that looks at all the ways we handle information — everything from physical security to computer security and paper records,” said Michael Chapple, OIT’s Information Security Professional.

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Participants stay up all night for Riley Children’s Hospital in Indy

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Don’t wanna get served

Although it goes without saying that North Dining Hall is far better to any other eat­ing establishment on campus with the words “Dining Hall” in it, a recent change has led to a severe slip in its superiority. For some rea­son unbeknownst to nearly all North Quad res­idents, you’re no longer allowed to serve yourself for pasta stir­fry, Chinese stir­fry, or fajitas.

You know the sign at the exits to all the dining halls? The one that begins with “You may eat as much as you like while you are in the din­ing hall…” Well part of the sign no longer true at North Dining Hall (the part about leaving with only one fruit or pastry was always a joke). Previously, I would pile my pasta high with as much chicken, pepper­oni, and spinach as I like. Now, I must be satisfied with however much the “service associate” deems necessary.

For some football season, I’ve looked forward to Fajita Fridays. I remember after pep rallies going hungry and eating a full-dine­ing hall and waiting in line for what seemed like (and was an inordinate amount of time. But when I got those four delicious, stinging fajitas on my plate, it was all well worth it. Last Friday, with the weekend at hand and fajitas ready to be eaten, I waited in line for just as long. But this time, because the portioning was no longer under my control, the payout was only two fajitas. Two fajitas? That was just enough to get me excited to eat the other two fajitas I usually get. Instead, I was faced with the two options of either waiting in line for another 15 minutes just for another two fajitas or leaving the dining hall unsatisfied. Dejected, and with other things to do on my Friday night, I went back to my room, stomach unfilled.

Maybe, I’m just a control freak, but I want exactly one and a half spoonfuls of sausage on my pasta, why not? Sure, you can say “a little bit more” or “a little bit less,” but they never get it exactly right, do they? The only highlight in the dining hall is serve-yourself (except for the make-your-own-pizza, which I would not trust myself with), why is the stir-fry any different?

One more thing, the other dining hall on campus still offers serve-yourself stir-fry. I suppose we north campus residents aren’t trusted with our food as our south cam­pus brethren. If this decision isn’t reversed, I may have to take my business to this other dining hall. It may be a bit of an extra walk, but if it means I’ll have total control over my food (especially with the recent tuition hikes, we deserve it), it would be more than worth it.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY EATING UTENSIL, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?**

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**IN BRIEF**

Thane Rosenbaum, human rights law professor, critical­ly-acclaimed novelist, and essayist on culture and poli­tics, will give a lecture enti­tled “After Auschwitz and the Twin Towers: Trauma and Memory” today at 7:45 p.m. in Meckenna Hall.

A town hall discussion called “Evaluating Obama’s Speech on Race: A Town Hall Meeting on Race Relations in America” will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Meckenna Hall Auditorium.

The Students Immigration Forum will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The play “The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus,” a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 8-12, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Declo Mainstage Theater at the Dell’Artolo Performing Arts Center.

The Howard Hall Bone Marrow Drive will take place from 12 to 8 p.m. in the O’Dealy Room of LaFortune.

Anne Thompson, Chief En vironmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called “Green is the ‘new black’, but will it stay in style?” at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

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

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While the Gestapo husied themselves with the task of rounding up prisoners, Elster's father crouched and whis­pered instructions to escape. Elster moved through the damp ground, slid into the muddy sewer, and crawled through a barbed wire fence to escape.

"My sister Sarah's face haunted me. How could I have left my family?" he said.

While on the run, he hid in the forest and dug up raw potatoes for food.

Elster discovered the whereabouts of his mother, who was working in a Nazi labor camp. "The fear of death and the pain of dying were terrifying," he said. His mother was among the work­ers of the dead, Elster said. His mother said, "The families in his village were forced to hide in the jun­gle where there was little food, and the men had to protect their families against wild ani­mals as well as the killers," Elster said. He was advised to leave the country because it was said, it did not belong to the Tutsi.

"I was powerless in front of my children," he said.

When the Hutus came to his home, Karuranga hid his chil­dren under the bed.

"I felt abandoned. Mothers are supposed to protect their children," he said.

Elster returned to his town, where he begged an old neigh­bor to help him. The woman reluctantly gave him his attic to hide in, Elster said. He lived there for two years.

"My days in attic were spent looking out the window and seeing a young girl eating a strawberry in the neighborhood yard."

"My heart was aching from the tormented image of her," Elster said. "I carried the tormented image of her for all my days.

Karuranga gave another account of genocide that occurred more than 50 years later in Rwanda. During the genocide, he took refuge at the Hotel Des Miles Collines, more popularly known as "Hotel Rwanda.

Karuranga said that the Tutsi-Hutu conflict started in 1959.

"In 1959 we were forced from our homes. I remember people coming to put our house on fire," he said.

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"This was the first wave of refugees to the Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania," Elster said.

He described a vivid memory of looking out the window and seeing a young girl eating a strawberry in the neighborhood yard. "My heart was aching from the tormented image of her," Elster said. "I carried the tormented image of her for all my days."
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survey last semester. "We do a survey of faculty, staff and students every semester looking at various issues related to information security. One question we ask is how everyone disposes of sensitive information," he said.
According to the survey, only 26 percent of students said they are cross-cut shredding sensitive information. Chappie said, "We decided the easiest way to help students was to put the shredd bins in the residence halls, so we talked to Residence Life and Housing and made plans to do that." Chappie said.
According to Edgar, as of March 13, each residence hall now has one shred bin, usually located in or near the hall's mail room. "We'd encourage [students] to shred anything they think is remotely sensitive—financial statements, medical records, junk-mail credit offers, anything that has information on it you wouldn't feel comfortable other people having access to," Chappie said.
Edgar said any documents that have a Social Security number or a bank account number on them should also be disposed of in the shred bins. "She also said students could use the shred bins to dispose of old tests."
Chappie said each month the contents of the shred bins are collected and a shred truck comes to campus to destroy the materials.
Edgar said while she has not received feedback on the bins in the residence halls, she has received encouraging responses from other campus offices who use the bins. "I have received positive feedback from the campus business offices which have been using these bins since the fall," she said. "I think everyone appreciates the knowledge that their sensitive information is being disposed of in a secure manner."
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Goldwater
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This application included one long essay and a shorter essay of one or two paragraphs in length. Each student needed the name of a professor to be contacted for a recommendation, Riedl said, and after the student received a nomination from the University, he or she needed three more recommendations from University science professors.
Similar to the college application process, each nominee needed to submit all transcripts from institutions he or she has attended.

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The morale committee also kept participants energized by teaching them a "morale dance" choreographed to music relating to the themed hours throughout the evening. The group then performed the dance in its entirety at the end of the 12 hours.
"At 8 a.m., we still had a crowd dancing with as much energy as they had when they had first arrived," Dance Marathon co-president Pauline Kistka said. "It was truly amazing and everyone fed off each other's energy and spirit.
Families who have personally benefited from Riley Hospital also shared their stories throughout the night, including Jill Campbell, a freshman at Indiana University South Bend. Campbell suffered from a spinal stroke in 2002 and became a quadriplegic. After visiting Riley Hospital, he managed to regain use of his limbs and moved from a wheelchair to a walker to a quad cane to a collapsible cane, which he uses now.
He said he didn't plan to tell his story Friday night and was visiting the marathon to drop off younger brother to see the Super Soul Eighteen, but remembered the kids he helped at Riley by telling his story and wanted to let participants know that standing for 12 hours really does make a difference. "I looked at all the signs and everything that this stood for and I decided to just go for it," Campbell said.
Organizers are taking a few weeks to regroup after the event, but they will discuss ideas on how to improve the Dance Marathon next year. at the executive council meeting next week, Johnson said.
"In the future, we hope to get more of Notre Dame and Holy Cross involved not only as dancers but as part of the planning committee throughout the year," she said. "We really want to make it a huge tri-campus organization with passion, unity, and enthusiasm from all three schools working to make a difference in the lives of children."
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American's misconceptions of an underdeveloped, communist Cuba. Some works featured cyber cafes and Western Union offices paired with stereotypical images of Cuban cigars and traditional Cuban musicians and open-air clubs. Riley also said students could dispel traditional views and appreciate the rich Cuban culture.
"I hope to raise consciousness about the great diversity in Cuba," Riley said. Freshman Cristina Posadas, an audience member, also emphasized the event's importance.
"Re-Imagining Cuba' is a very unique event at Saint Mary's. It's not a topic often explored," Posadas said.
This was the third of three exhibits, part of a collaborative effort between the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Cushwa-Leighton Library to explore intercultural differences. The exhibit will continue through mid-June.
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News

Shiite militants attack Green Zone, base
BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militants lobbed rockets and mortar shells into the U.S.-protected Green Zone and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American troops and wounding 31, officials said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces massed to repel a suspected Shiite attack in Sadr City, one of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed and nearly 100 wounded in the fighting, according to hospital officials.

A military official said two U.S. troops died and 17 were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters in central Baghdad.

 Explosives strike housing complex
SOWA — A housing complex used by for­eigners in Yemen’s capital came under attack late Sunday, with explosives blowing windows but causing no injuries, U.S. and Yemeni officials said.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen said “three explosive rounds” hit the compound in the upscale Hadda neighborhood. Two rounds exploded inside the compound and another blew up outside the building, it said in a state­ment.

The Embassy advises all U.S. citizens to exercise caution in this area of the city,” the statement said.

National News

House fire kills 3 Wisconsin students
MENOMONIE, Wis. — A smoky house fire early Saturday, even though neighbors said they heard the alarms, said Menomonie Police Chief Dennis Beety.

Recuers found two women and a man on the floors of three-second-floor bedrooms near the University of Wisconsin-Stout. All three were pronounced dead at a hospital, authori­ties said.

The smoke detectors were working, and the top of the fire was off of it,” Beety said, adding that that did not necessarily mean the students were drinking at the time.

The cause of the fire was still being investi­gated.

Authorities raid polygamist compound
ELDORADO, Texas — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamous compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by fol­lowers of a jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

Local News

Indiana schools cut energy costs
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s top schools offi­cial is encouraging the state’s school districts to look into renewable energy technologies as a way to cut energy costs.

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Zimbabwe

Mugabe uses violence to retain power

Harare — For a few brief moments, Zimbabweans suffering under the authoritarian rule of Robert Mugabe allowed themselves a rare burst of optimism after their longtime president suffered what appeared to be a devastating electoral loss.

But the government’s security forces and secu­rity chiefs — worried about their own futures in a post-Mugabe era — quickly dug in and hardened their stance against any move toward democracy, and saving taxpayer money in the process.

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Earlier, news of the opposition victory sent supporters into the streets, dancing, singing and waving the open band that is the Movement for Democratic Change’s symbol. The symbol of Mugabe’s ZANU-PF is a clenched fist, and it didn’t take long for it to show.

Though opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai has promised Mugabe a peaceful retirement, fears of violence against government opponents have grown as security forces and ruling party thugs took to the streets in the days after the March 29 election.

It would not be the first time Mugabe resorted to violence to cling to power. He had ruled his nation with little real change since its 1980 election, when his guerrilla movement helped end white rule in Rhodesia and bring about an independent Zimbabwe. He was praised for his policies of racial recon­ciliation and economic growth, and for bringing education and health care to the masses.

Then a coalition of trade unions — backed by some wealthy white com­mercial farmers and their workers — formed the Movement for Democratic Change which, along with civil rights groups, dealt Mugabe his first defeat in a 2000 referendum to entrench presidential powers.

Shocked, Mugabe responded by sending armed thugs, some veterans of the bush war for independence, into rural areas to seize white-owned farms and intimidate opposition sup­porters.
Ahmadinejad, who is believed to strictly Islamic law and reverence have stepped up state funding for ers, who want to keep up the Islamic republic's "hidden army." movies and music, and many sought to purge. Shops are packed Tehran's streets, rife with Western only a small part of their hair. Revolution has ebbed is visible in Iran's clerical leaders as they seek to keep alive fervor for the 1979 Islamic Revolution, especially among young people with little or no memory.

Saremi and about 100 young men and women lined up at bases that mirrors the growing prominence of the Basij's patron, Gen. Ali Asghar Rajai, who is believed to have been an important figure during the revolution. At times, the Basij plays its role through force. In 1999, they helped put down student protests that began at Tehran University in risking that left several people dead. Basijis also are known to stop women in the streets, scolding them to remove the veil. Far more pervasive, though, are the cultural events that Basij leaders lead. Student groups organize seminars and films at universities, where about 400 "martyrs" of Palestinians. Basiji theater groups put on plays depicting stories of resistance against the Israeli occupation. There's even a Basij film community that plays parts in movies about the Iran-Iraq war. One studio boasts a yard full of old tanks and other armor, on the side of the highway from the new Khomenei airport into Tehran. The battlefield tours resonate because the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, in which at least 1 million Iranians died over a decade of war, is an emotional rallying point for Iranians. Nearby every Iranian family lost a relative to the brutal fighting, and even Iranians with no love for the Islamic revolution, or who consider the war a just one, would not want to be tear-gassed. This is the "willingness to obey shown by the martyrs is good for them successful." All Asghar Rajai military commander

Police tear-gas MSU students

OFFICERS arrest 52 people, ticket 48 for various offenses at party

Associated Press

EAST LANSING — Police used tear gas early Sunday to disperse a massive crowd par­tying near the Michigan State University campus after fights broke out and officers were pellet guns and bottles and cans. Police said in a statement that 5,000 to 4,000 people had gathered for the Cedar Fest party late Saturday. They said 52 people were arrested and 48 others were ticketed for various offenses.

Naeheleyy as officer at the scene reported being struck by a flying object, Police Chief Tom Wilbert said at a news confer­ence Sunday. Four small flames at the party were not extinguished until mid-April, in tours organized by the Basij, the volunteer army wing of Iran's Revolutionary Guards. They visit the riot scenes where Iranian troops threw themselves in deadly human waves against Iraqis lines in effec­tively with codenames like "Dawn of the Conquest." They hear lectures and seminars and films at universities, where about 400 "martyrs" of Palestinians. Basiji theater groups put on plays depicting stories of resistance against the Israeli occupation. There's even a Basij film community that plays parts in movies about the Iran-Iraq war. One studio boasts a yard full of old tanks and other armor, on the side of the highway from the new Khomenei airport into Tehran. The battlefield tours resonate because the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, in which at least 1 million Iranians died over a decade of war, is an emotional rallying point for Iranians. Nearby every Iranian family lost a relative to the brutal fighting, and even Iranians with no love for the Islamic revolution, or who consider the war a just one, would not want to be tear-gassed. This is the "willingness to obey shown by the martyrs is good for them successful." All Asghar Rajai military commander

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"I think everyone's mentality was like 'We want to get tear-gassed. This is fun,'" said Schultz. She said she stayed inside because it didn't look like fun to her.

"During the day it was all relaxed and fun," Wilbert said. "It was kind of a shock when it turned weird. But we all kind of thought it was going to happen anyway."

Police said the majority of Michigan State's 45,000 students stayed away from the gathering and that many of the students' weren't students. Of the 52 people arrested, 28 had been identified as university stu­dents.

They could face charges ranging from disorderly conduct to inciting a riot. More charges could be coming after police review videotape. Students convicted of charges involving riotous behavior could face long-term suspensions, as allowed by state law.

The event was held at Cedar Village, a student housing complex bordering the northeast side of campus. The city and Michigan State University had warned people on Friday to stay away from the event, which was an attempt to revive an East Lansing party tradition that had been ended because of past problems.

In 2005, a crowd of more than 2,000 college students and others swarmed downtown East Lansing after the Michigan State men's basketball team lost in the Final Four. Police arrested 42 people. In 1999, property damage was estimated at up to $500,000 when the Spartan men lost in the Final Four.

Police arrested 112 people, in­cluding 71 Michi­gan State stu­dents. There also were problems during the Spartans' 2003 NCAA tournament run. But large gatherings during Final Four appearances in 2000 and 2001, for the most part, were peaceful.

Vanessa Schultz Michigan State student

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Pedestrians pass aSharper Image store in Beverly Hills, Calif. Veterans Affairs, like other government agencies, has engaged in questionable spending.

**In Brief**

**Dpt. of Edu. addresses college loans**

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Margaret Spellings is seeking to ease worries that tight credit markets might make it hard for some to go to college.

Spellings said in an interview Friday that her department had reviewed the law and concluded that it has the authority to quickly free up money from the U.S. Treasury, if need be, to finance student loans.

She said the money would be provided so guarantee agencies — nonprofits that traditionally back student loans issued by banks — can offer loans directly to students.

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WASHINGTON - Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casinos, luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey, and government auditors are investigating, filing past spending abuses.

"All told, VA staff charged $2.6 billion to their government credit cards," the Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the excess spending at the government's second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic and other medical supply stores.

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"We deeply regret this decision, and the impact this will have on our employees and their families, our customers, our vendors and other partners, and the communities in which we have been operating," Hedge said in a statement.

The airline makes 74 daily flights to 15 U.S. cities, Teneranen said. It has about 3,200 employees in Columbia and 100 at a second hub at Piedmont-Triad International airport in Greensboro, N.C. Employees learned of the shutdown Friday night.

"This is despite the fact that our proposal is the only alternative put forward that offers your shareholders full and fair value for their shares," Ballmer wrote in the letter. Ballmer said the Microsoft offer has grown stronger as the economic climate has weakened.

"We believe that the majority of your shareholders share this assessment," despite a forecast recently released by Yahoo that calls for the company's revenue to rise more than 70 percent during the next three years, he wrote.

Microsoft has said from the start that it would consider all possible ways of getting the deal done, including taking its offer directly to Yahoo's shareholders, as well as working to elect its own candidates to fill Yahoo's board at the company's annual annual shareholder meeting and thus the deadline for Microsoft to nominate its slate.

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LAOS

New Chinatown to be constructed

Associated Press

VIENITIANE, Laos — A high-rise Chinatown that is to go up by Laos’ laid-back capital has ignited fears that this nation’s giant northern neighbor is moving to engulf this nation.

So alarmed are Laotians that the communist government, which rarely explains its actions to the population, is being forced to do just that, with what passes for an unprecedented public relations campaign.

The “Chinese City” is a hot topic of talk and wild rumors, much of it laced with anxiety as well as anger that the regime sealed such a momentous deal in virtual secrecy.

The ramblings are being heard even among some government officials, and foreign organizations operating in Laos are being told to refer to the venture as a “New City Development Project” rather than a “Chinese city.”

Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad insists the venture is a “New City” rather than a “Chinese city.”

“We will lose our own culture.”

Sithong Khamvong
Vientiane resident, former Communist Party member

Chinatown, so why shouldn’t Laos have one?”, he told Lao reporters.

According to an artist’s impression, the project will have a Manhattan-like skyline. There is no word on how many Chinese will live there.

The figure of 50,000 families is widely speculated but Somsavat denied any such number had been agreed upon.

The idea of 50,000 newcomers to a city of 460,000 is one factor causing unease. Another is location. The complex is to go up on the Tha Luang marsh, an area pregnant with nationalistic symbolism and also ecologically important.

It comes at a time when China is rapidly becoming the No. 3 foreign economic and political power in Laos. As migrants, money and influence roll across the frontier, northern areas of the country are beginning to look like a Chinese province.

According to Somsavat, a Chinese company last fall was granted a renewable, 50-year lease to transform 4,000 acres of rice fields into a modern city, thus stimulating the business and investment climate of one of the world’s poorest nations.

Somsavat, an ethnic Chinese-Lao with close ties to Beijing, explained that when Laos fell short of funds to build a stadium for the Southeast Asian Games it will host next year, it turned to the China Development Bank. The bank offered a Chinese company, Suzhou Industrial Park Overseas Investment Co., a loan to build the stadium in exchange for the lease.

The deal was signed last September, according to official media, with no known prior notice to the public. The company, contacted in Suzhou, declined to answer questions.

At a news conference, Vientiane Mayor Sinlavong Khoutphaythoune said three Chinese companies were involved in the project.

Even some aging revolutionaries are critical, saying they fought to keep out the United States and others during the Vietnam War and now are seeing their own government opening the floodgates to foreigners.

“The Laos people are not strong so they are afraid the Chinese will come in and expand their numbers and turn our country into China. We will lose our own culture,” said Sibhong Khamvong, a middle-class Vientiane resident and former Communist Party member.

Somsavat responded, “We’ll see.”

He said he hoped international forces will “rescue this ship” at Eyl, confirming its location.

France’s prime minister said Saturday that he hoped to avoid force in freeing the crew but that no options had been ruled out. There are 22 French citizens, including six women, on board, as well as 19 Ukrainians, authorities said.

A French diplomat working on the case said the hostages were being treated well, and that they had been provided food and given the opportunity to wash. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

France contacts hijacker pirates

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht off Africa’s eastern coast last month, its foreign minister said Sunday.

About 10 suspected pirates stormed the 288-foot Le Ponant on Friday as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia’s eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off Somalia, where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters.

Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country’s coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France was in contact with the pirates.

“We have established contact, and the case may take a long time,” he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consider paying a ransom, he responded, “We’ll see.”

“We have to do everything to avoid bloodshed,” Kouchner said.

Earlier, a local fisherman Mahdi Daud Anshure told The Associated Press he saw the ship arriving at the northern town of Eyl, about 310 miles north of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, with a small boat heading toward it, apparently with supplies.

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Putin, Bush debate U.S. missile defense

Associated Press

Vladimir Putin failed to overcome a "bottom line" Bush said. Despite the seven-year relationship Sunday that separated them from the beginning, Bush said that was what they wanted to work together closely in the future on missile defense and other difficulties.

Putin declared there were no breakthroughs but said "certain progress is obvious" in the long-running dispute on missile defense. He was referring to U.S. concessions to assuage Russia's concerns. U.S. officials said that was what they wanted to hear.

Bush was unswerved with Putin's hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, who did not claim gaining any concession from Putin, but did say that the plan — designed to intercept ballistic missiles at high altitudes — should not be viewed as a threat to Russia. "As far as I know," he said, "the system would work like the American system in regimes that could try to hold us hostage."

"I view this as defensive, not offensive," Bush said. "And, obviously, we've got a lot of work to continue because this experts this defense system has not been tested in Russia."

Putin and Bush did issue a joint statement as part of a "strategic framework" to guide future arms control negotiations.

At a press conference Monday, April 7, 2008

"And, obviously, we've got a lot of work to continue the experts this defense system has not been tested in Russia." George W. Bush U.S. President

NEW YORK — The struggle to keep soaring medical costs in check is getting an increase in state programs that collect unused prescriptions and sell them to uninsured and poor.

More than 200 million doses of seized drugs from individuals, hospitals and pharmacies from institutions such as universities, prisons and workers compensation programs have not been captured, laws there provide about $120 million in uncompensated care services. It is a coordinated executive director for the American Medical Association, City Health Care Commission.

There are between 80,000 and 100,000 uninsured in Colorado, and their options are often "limited. It's still too early to measure the impact of the drug recycling programs, " said Linda Johnston, executive director for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy. "In health care reform, it's got to be a win-win situation," Scott said.

Workers allow doorman to die

States allow donation of sealed drugs, pharmaceuticals from institutions

"These are medications that would have been destroyed.

Roxanne Homar Wyoming state pharmacist

A study by the Commonwealth Fund in 2006 found 59 percent of respondents had been prescribed a medicine that they never took, but officials envision huge gains.

"There are millions of dollars of unused meds out there that have not been captured," said Michael Fish, chief executive officer for the U.S. Prescription Drug Council. "In health care reform, they say they don't track how much they save people and how much the state's recycled drug programs save people.

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As I'm writing this, I'm in the LaFortune computer cluster; back-park on the floor beside me — three pockets open — umbrellas tightly folded in east of rain, notebook open on the left with research notes, haphazardly added as they strike me; a to-do list for: summer break poking out beneath the double-sided scrabbles of lecture notes. While writing this first sentiment, I re-checked my e-mails twice, opened my Facebook and checked the final score of last night's Braves game.

My laptop back in the room has two browsers open right now: one is seven tabs, the other with five. Each has been open for days. Taring off my computer completely has become too risky; I might lose those tabs of interest that I would have looked at right away had I time and they are obviously too important to throw away.

My planner has meetings every night. Two, three, one during the day. The coffee I spilled on the bottom half permeates through March and past these two weeks of April. The crinkled pages left in its wake renders flipping from week to week much more agreeable; it was only a few months ago, June's blank page seems so far away.

Our room is old. But not much older than the ones where you can put a screen inside of the screen — in case just one program, one game is not enough action for you. I wanted to watch a half-ball game last night, two pages, that I used to see content to watch, maybe talk or eat, but not do anything else for those two and a half hours. Last night, I watched the opening pitch, the first half of an inning, then pulled out my laptop to answer some e-mails for work, then pulled out my phone and checked a few pages, decided that was distracting, took out my English book — I didn't get past the first double-sided sheet, called my mom, went to the bathroom, started looking up plane flight prices for this summer, then realized that it was time for mass and I hadn't gotten anything done. Should I panic? Should I skip it? Will I sit during the homily and only think of how much stuff is in my room, piled on the desk, waiting for my attention? My attention. There's a laugh. When's the last time I actually spent more than an hour on anything? I'm getting hungry. Maybe I'll walk up to the Huddle and get a snack? How many browsers are open on your computer? How many browsers are open in your brain? We finish one meeting, finish one class, catch up with one friend, read half of two articles, do two pages of that chapter of the book for class, watch an hour-long sitcom (don't even try to sit down for a feature-length movie unless you bring work to do while watching). No wonder we all go straight to the comics — there are only three total, not ten; many words, and it might be the only time all day that you finish something, I just checked my e-mails again. One now.

I attended a dinner last week and at our table sat one of Notre Dame's long-tenured professors. A good story, but the contract was due the next day. We had one hour to find, throughout our two hour-long evening meetings, various ways of complaint regarding the contract for the Notre Dame student body. Heading the list was our ignorance of the Classics. I couldn't help but feel frustrated inside — I read many of those professors in high school, I'm not that much less intelligent, could I have a whole generation slip under the dumb mat? Am I not our SAT scores at Notre Dame rising, anyways?

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What is a vote for a pro-life Democrat?

The Democratic Party Platform explicitly states, "We stand proudly for a woman's right to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade, and regardless of her ability to pay. We stand firmly against Republican efforts to undermine that right." This is incompatible with Congressman Joe Donnelly's recent remarks at the law school that, as The Observer paraphrased, "despite people's impressions of the Democratic Party, the party is not inherently pro-choice. " Even a vote for a personally pro-life democrat is a vote for a leadership staunchly opposed to life, and the priorities of the leadership are what make the legislative process.

Installing Nancy Pelosi (Whose former chief of staff, Cecile Richards, runs the political arm of Planned Parenthood) as Speaker of the House ensures pro-abortion bills are brought to the floor whereas pro-life proposals are tabled and removed from the agenda. Pelosi's agenda includes the override of the president's Mexico City Policy, which would reimburse our taxpayer dollars paying for abortion overseas, federal funding for abortion, the "Freedom of Choice Act" (codifying Roe as a statute), etc.

Donnelly's votes against life-destroying measures are commendable, but it was his vote for Pelosi that brought anti-life legislation to the floor and barressed the possibility of pro-life legislation. Donnelly was asked how he could reconcile his vote for Pelosi, or support of either of the Democratic presidential candidates with his pro-life convictions. His demeanor shifted and he attacked Republicans instead of addressing the concerns about his party leadership and anti-life platform. Donnelly's ability to protect the life in his district, as he informed his listeners "he was constitutionally required to do, is seriously handicapped by his party's control of Congress. The bottom line is this: A nation that does not have a pro-life direction when it is controlled by a party whose platform touts abortion as a "fundamental right" and whose leadership is determined to end it as "reproductive justice.

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Ap. 2

"Absurder" was being satirical

As I read Theresa Thomas' Letter to the Editor ("Absurder" in poor taste, Apr. 4), I was bewildered to find that she considered the word "absurder" to be offensive. She claimed that... vulgarity in calling women by a single private body part is abhorrent." She went on to say, "If I were a female student... at Notre Dame, I'd be considered the article about "vaginas" being discovered on campus to be offensive. She claimed that "... vulgarity in calling women by a single private body part is abhorrent." She went on to say, "If I were a female student... at Notre Dame, I'd be embarrassed by the word "vagina" in a dictionary and then consult a basic anatomy book about the purpose of a vagina. She will hopefully discover that vaginas are nothing to be ashamed of and that the Observer article was doing this university a service by pointing out the experiences that have prepared you for your next world, the workplace for a couple of years, we are excited to have you, Trust me, we need you.

Our past commencement speakers have made a significant impact in our world and it seems that the Letter to the Editor with which this announcement is followed swiftly by another snotty student constantly in the group" (the President of the United States, or Bono was not selected for this most honorable event. Senator Lugar was not good enough. The President of the EU, however, was not good enough). Now, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick is being considered a "false" being offensive in his case. But if he were a public student... at Notre Dame, I'd be embarrassed by using the word "vagina" in a dictionary and then consult a basic anatomy book about the purpose of a vagina. She will hopefully discover that vaginas are nothing to be ashamed of and that the Observer article was doing this university a service by pointing out the experiences that have prepared you for your next world, the workplace for a couple of years, we are excited to have you, Trust me, we need you.

Please learn to appreciate satire

Apologies to The Observer for members of the Saint Mary's community not understanding satire. It is quite absurd that a student who is able to look beyond their own pop culture and Comedy (central political pundits' knowledge is only to really examine what these speakers may shed on their experience in the real world? Can true knowledge only be revealed by those who are not a part of what is going on? That was the case, then it would follow that there is not one single word in the article. The reason for the delay in updating class of 2008 will be able to bring you the real work upon graduation. I know this cannot be true. I know there are wonderfully bright and eager minds who hope their degree will be a ticket to impact their communities and bring something positive to the world. After being in the workforce for a couple of years, we are all issues that should be of utmost concern to those who truly care about protecting life.

John Kennedy
second year law student
off campus
Ap. 2

Title IX not tyrannical

Greg Vitorach's Apr. 2 Viewpoint column denouncing the "tyranny" of Title IX (of the Education Amendments of 1972) distorts the requirements of that law and leaves out a crucial fact that completely undermines his arguments.

First, Title IX does not demand proportionality -- that the percentage of students that are female and the percentage of athletes that are female be roughly the same. Instead, as per the "three-prong test" instituted in 1979, it requires either proportionality, a "continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex," or "full and effective accommodation of the interest and ability of the underrepresented sex." The U.S. Department of Education explains these three prongs in detail in section 1.5 of Title IX regulations, 34 Code of Federal Regulations 300.526.

So if Vitorach's (ridiculous) claim that "from earliest childhood, boys are far more interested in athletic competition than girls are" was actually true, this lack of interest would be sufficient to justify disproportionality. Second, no school has ever had its federal funding revoked for failing to comply with Title IX because the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights enforces the law slowly, highly selectively and incorrectly. See the expert abstract at http://tinyurl.com/3swJahb. So the extremely flexible requirements of the law, schools are still failing to satisfy it in apparently significant numbers. If Title IX in a tyrant, it is one neither feared nor obeyed.

Lauren Mangiafico
senior
off campus
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Dan Hickman
graduate student
off campus
Ap. 2
Fashion Designers Shake Up Industry with New Business Deals

Styles from top designers worldwide have recently been finding their way to the closets of increasing variety of consumers. This is due to a current trend of big-name retail chains collaborating with high-end designers and design houses in an effort to produce "cheap-chic" clothing collections.

Target has featured the looks of Isaac Mizrahi for years, although Mizrahi will soon end his relationship with the discount chain to become the creative director for Liz Claiborne. In a somewhat reversed move, Dana Buchman's looks will move from upscale department stores such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue to join Vera Wang's by selling a line at budget-conscious Kohl's stores. These pairings have broken the standard view in the fashion world that designer names are reserved for department stores and have no place at discount retailers. When Mizrahi and Target forged their partnership in 2003, Mizrahi's career did not suffer. Unexpectedly, the designer had an estimated $300 million a year success on his hands.

H&M recently announced its newest design partnership, Comme des Garçons, a Japanese design house founded, solely owned and headed by Rei Kawakubo. The label's name is French for "like boys," is known for its avant-garde aesthetic. Its expected creations for this project include women'swear, men'swear, children'swear, accessories and a unisex fragrance. The line will be available exclusively at H&M, launching first in Tokyo in November, and being rolled out worldwide within a few days.

Past guest designers for the affordable Swedish retailer include Karl Lagerfeld, Stella McCartney, Viktor & Rolf and Roberto Cavalli. Its recent pairing with Commes des Garçons is expected to draw a more sophisticated, fashion-savvy following.

In an interview with "British Vogue," Kawakubo explained her reasoning for working with the inexpensive retailer. "I have always been interested in the balance between creation and business. It is a dilemma, although for me creation has always been the first priority. It is a fascinating challenge to work with H&M since it is a chance to take the dilemma to its extreme, and try to solve it," she told the magazine.

Kawakubo's thoughts speak to recent issues in the fashion world of balancing creative integrity with the financial bottom line. Established companies that are seeking to revitalize their look also need to find leaders for their houses who will design enough commercially appealing products to keep profits up.

This strategic dilemma has lead to a frequent turnover in some design houses, presenting cracks in the plan of brand reinvention that has dominated the industry in the past decade. Experts theorize that customers are not given enough time to embrace the changes in their favorite brands due to the rapid replacements in creative direction. Yves Saint Laurent, Lanvin and Burberry avoided creating confusion in their consumer bases by implementing clever management moves to allow their changes to be absorbed by the public.

Not all design houses or designers are as lucky. Lars Nilsson is infamous in the fashion world for refusing to compromise his designs, instead choosing to argue with management over what some would see as small details but what Nilsson views as critical to his creations. Betsy Pearce, a strategy consultant for luxury brands, explained the corporate side of the problem to The New York Times.

"What kind of business would rationalize the creation of an entire product line four times a year and then produce it on spec?" she told the Times.

Pearce believes that more brands will soon experience shakeouts if they do not focus on the bottom line. With this becoming the trend, Nilsson's situation is not unique. Recent replacements have happened again at Bill Blass, as well as at Chloe, Anne Klein and Paco Rabanne, which left designer Patrick Robinson free to create upcoming looks for the Gap. With these rapid changes for retailers and designers, the fashion industry is not one that will be slowing its dynamic anytime soon.

The news expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kelly O'Sullivan at kosull2@nd.edu.
Bruce Springsteen has undergone quite the resurgence over the last few years. Membership in the Church of the Boss has grown exponentially, notably including the Killers and the Boss Steady. Who knows the reason, but "Born to Run" became the hip opener "Boomboxes and Dictionaries," not a sin-

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The Gaslight Anthem never go the full E Street Band route instrumentally though, limiting their repertoire to just the standard guitar, bass and drums, with the occasional acoustic guitar and harmonica. The simple, though some would say standard, approach works perfectly for the songs. This is where the group's punk rock influences show through. No horns, no piano clutter up the album. The songs are short and sweet, around three minutes apiece.

It's very difficult to find a fault in this album. Sure, this isn't the most mind-blowingly original sound, but it's instantly familiar, tried and true. Each song stands out in its own way, the lyrics are well-written. In fact, everything that makes up a great album is present. To put it simply, "Sink or Swim" is a fantastic debut. From the acoustic numbers like "Red at Night" to the charging rockers like "I'da Called You Woody, Joe," not a single song falls to impress. The future is very bright for this still young band, with only this full length and a recent-

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Wang's strong start helps Yankees edge Rays

Thomas' grand slam sends Red Sox to last place; Griffey homers, Volquez shines in Reds' victory over Phillies

NEW YORK — Good thing for the New York Yankees that John Chamberlain and Mariano Rivera have started the season in peak form, especially with their vaunted offense stuck in an early April freeze.

After Chien-Ming Wang pitched eight strong innings, the New York Yankees are 2-0 in a four-game series with the Tampa Bay Rays.

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**In Brief**

Investigators to meet with Clemens about Santos

SAN ANTONIO — The federal government's top steroid investigator has asked to meet with Jose Canseco to speak to the former slugger about Roger Clemens.

Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke, told The Associated Press on Sunday that IRS agent Jeff Novitzky called him last week and said he wanted to discuss a photograph that allegedly shows Clemens at a pool party at Canseco's home in 1998.

The meeting would likely happen within the next 30 days, Saunooke said.

"There's no urgency or rush on anyone's part," he said.

Novitzky had hoped to meet with Canseco this week while the former AL MVP was in California to sign copies of his latest book, "Vindicated," Saunooke said.

**Florida receiver Harvin to have heel surgery**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida receiver Percy Harvin will have heel surgery next week, but coach Urban Meyer expects the speedy playmaker to be fine for fall practice.

"It's not a career-threatening injury," Meyer said Friday. "It's a very minor surgery, probably an eight-week recovery and then he'll be full speed for offseason. They're saying in June we should be able to get him cranked up, for sure July.

School officials said renowned foot specialist Dr. Robert Anderson will perform the surgery Monday in North Carolina.

The Gators hope the surgery will recapture his old form, missing over 73 on Sunday to finish at 5 over 73 on Sunday to finish at 5 over 73.

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Anti-China protesters try to snuff Olympic flame

Associated Press

LONDON — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in a veritable epidemic of protests by China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torchlight relay in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Games celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activists decrying China's recent crackdown on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite civilian deaths in Darfur.

Demonstrators attempted to herd the bus trailing the torch shortly after British five-time gold medal rower Steve Redgrave started the relay at Wembley Stadium. Less than an hour later, a protestor slipped through a police cordon and gripped the torch before he was thrown to the ground and arrested.

"Before I knew what was happening this guy had lurchered toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand," said a determinedly clinging on, former children's television host Konnie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I don't know the cause," she said. "I think that China have got a despicable human rights record." Another demonstrator tried to snuff the flame with a spray of white powder from a fire extinguisher, police said. Still others threw themselves in the torch's path. They were tackled or dragged off by police. Authorities said 37 people were arrested.

London's Metropolitan police said some 2,000 officers, on foot, motorcycles, bikes, and on horseback, were keeping the procession under control.

One group of Tibetan protestors was corralled in metal barricades across from Bloomsbury Square.

"It feels like we are restrained like a sheep in a barn," said Passang Tsholmo, 27, a Tibetan national who works as a nurse in London. "It really hurts."

Chinese nationals about 100 yards away were allowed to move freely as they waved Chinese flags distributed by the Chinese embassy and the Bank of China.

"We don't like the Tibet people who use this time against the Chinese. It's not a proper venue," said Ting Yan, 27.

The demonstration swelled near where Chinese ambassador Fu Ying was expected to carry the torch. Frantic organizers shuffled the order of participants and Fu unexpectedly appeared in the heart of Chinatown, jogging unhindered with the torch before handing it to the next runner.

"Maybe on TV screens there might be some chaotic spin," Chinese embassy spokesman Liu Weimin told the BBC from the relay convoy. "I saw more smiling faces, waving hands, and thumbs-up welcoming the Olympic relay."

But there were ugly scenes between Trafalgar Square and Big Ben, where a dozen protestors charged the torch.

"Everyone was running at (me). It was a bit weird," said Scott Earley Jr., 17, the torchbearer at the time.

About 100 demonstrators peacefully tried to impede the flame's progress by surrounding it, near St. Paul's Cathedral, forcing police to direct the flame in a bus on a bus before continuing.

The torch was closely followed in east London by dozens of demonstrators shouting "Shame on China!" Police stopped to form a protective phalanx three or four officers deep every time the torch was handed to a new runner.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown briefly greeted the flame as it arrived outside his Downing Street residence.

Brown never handled the torch, but stated as Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis handed it to Paralympic power-lifter hoping Ali Jawad. Pro-

Tibet demonstrators and police clashed yards away, near Britain's Parliament buildings.

The torch made it unscathed to the O2 Arena in Greenwich after more than seven fraught hours that belied the London event's theme: "Journey of Harmony."

"There was definitely a bit of an edge," British tennis player Tim Henman, one of the torchbearers, told The Associated Press.

Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell later said Britain was celebrating the Olympics, not China's human rights record.

"The welcome of the Olympic torch to London is not the same as condoning the human rights regime in China or condoning the treatment of Tibet," she told the BBC.

There had been scattered protests before the torch reached London, and more are expected as the flame moves on to Paris, San Francisco and New Delhi.

"They've called the torch relay a journey of harmony, but on the ground in Tibet they are shooting and killing peaceful Tibetan protesters," said Matt Whitticase, spokesman for the London-based Free Tibet Campaign. "We want to use the momentum gathered over this weekend to really press our case that the torch should not be allowed to be paraded triumphantly by China."

French torchbearers will be encouraged Monday by several hundred officers, some in riot police vehicles and on motorcy-

cles, others on skates and on foot. Three boats were also to patrol the Seine River, and a helicopter was to fly over Paris, police said.

The head of Reporters Without Borders, arrested in Greece last month for protesting during the flame-lighting ceremony there, said the group had altered its initial plans because of the heavy police turnout. Without giving away details, Robert Menard promised protests would nonetheless be "spectacular."

Two-time French judo gold medalist David Douillet said torch carriers will wear badges reading 'For a better world' — which French athletes also hope will be worn in Paris. Paris City Hall is to be draped with a banner supporting human rights.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has suggested he might boycott the Olympic opening ceremony depending on how the situation evolves in Tibet.

Gayle Donsky, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, said her group did not intend to disrupt the torch relay and was not calling for a boycott of the Beijing Olympics.
Irish sweep pair of Big East doubleheaders

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

 Notre Dame swept a pair of conference double-headers this weekend, defeating St. John’s 5-0 and 8-4 on Saturday and Seton Hall 12-1 and 6-2 on Sunday, extending its winning streak to six.

"The girls really showed up and played hard," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "A dominant weekend like can't help but carry over for the rest of the season."

Junior pitcher Brittany Bargar notched all four wins on the weekend for the Irish (22-10, 5-1 Big East). Against St. John’s (15-21, 2-6), she started the first game and came in relief in the second. Bargar (17-6) also earned her fourth shutout of the season. She allowed only three hits and one walk while striking out seven in the first game.

"Bargar threw a lot of innings and did a great job controlling hitters," Gumpf said. "She is a very strong pitcher and I am getting out of her exactly what I expect."

Continuing her impressive offensive output this season, senior second baseman Katie Laing went 7-for-16 with three home runs and 13 RBIs on the weekend.

"Right now, Laing is in a position where she really wants to be at the plate; you can see it in her eyes," Gumpf said. "When you combine her great mechanics, her confidence, and the way she sees the ball right now she can't help but have a great year."

Freshman catcher Sadie Pitzenberger got things going against the Red Storm, doubling home freshman outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg in the top of the third.

Laing added a run with a solo shot to right-center field that bounced off the top of the fence in the fourth.

"The offense is really coming along for us right now," Gumpf said. "We can get down early and the girls are completely unfazed. They need to not be satisfied and they need to keep hungry."

Bargar was again solid, going five innings and only giving up one unearned run with six strikeouts.

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Boeckford broke the tie, Irish third baseman Greg Sherry was hit by a pitch to load the bases. The Irish junior, shortstop Brett Lyley, hit a potential double but a sliding error by the catcher put the Irish shortstop out at third. But Lyley beat the throw to first from Rutgers second baseman Victor Greges, allowing G aston to score and give the Irish an insurance run.

"Lyley’s a hustler. I think he knew what it was going to take running down that line so he gave it everything he got," Schrage said. "And then there was a bang-bang play and he beat it out. That helps for Kyle [Weiland] to keep a run lead going into the ninth."

Irish 11, Scarlet Knights 2

The Irish rallied around an error on the infield Saturday, outscoring Rutgers 9-0 after senior pitcher Wade Korpi was hit by a pitch and runner Hillary Rielley slid home, allowing second baseman Katie Potts to claim her first career win over junior Maria Vasilevya and freshmen Alexis Dorr could quickly dispose of their opponents, ousting freshmen Social Work, Professional Writing, Library Science, analyze with intelligence and subtlety. Some go on to graduate study in literature leading to careers in law, education, medicine, publishing, business, social work, professional writing, library science, journalism, and the arts.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish take eight races against Miami, MSU

No. 14 varsity eight beats RedHawks

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame won eight of its 14 races against Miami and Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday.

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat crew, ranked No. 14 in the nation, fell to the No. 8 Spartans before beating Miami later in the day. The second varsity-eight boat team and the first and third varsity four-boat teams did the same by losing in the morning before winning in the afternoon.

The third varsity four-boat highlighted the day for the Irish, winning both of its races.

WIGGINS LEADS STANFORD TO FINAL FOUR

Wiggins leads Stanford to upset over UConn

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Candice Wiggins typically leads the Irish to victory. She could not do so Sunday against William & Mary. Senior Andrew Roth competed against William & Mary Sunday. The Irish split their matches this weekend.

Senior tri-captain Eddie Peckels earned a share of the individual title as the Irish finished second in their home course during the nine-team Irish Invitational.

Peckels shot a career-best 68 (two-under) in the second round Saturday on the par 72 course. He finished third in a first-round 70 (one-under) for 139 for the two-round tournament. Before this weekend, his best tournament finish was in 2004 at the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational, where he finished seventh.

Junior Steven Rummel recorded his fourth straight top-10 finish, tying for fourth with a one-over-par 141 weekend. Freshmen Dustin Zhang (141), freshmen Tyler Hock (142), sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo (143) and freshman Connor Allee (143) also all finished in the top 10 for the Irish, who were edged for the team title by two strokes for Northwestern (578).

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SWM SOFTBALL

Belles split pair of games against Alma

By LAURA MYERS

Saint Mary's split another MIAA doubleheader Saturday, losing the first game and winning the second against Alma. Saint Mary's (13-5, 4-2 MIAA) lost the first game by a 9-1 count in five innings. The Scots, who won the MIAA championship last year, held the usually prolific Belles offense to just two hits. A homerun by senior McKenna Corrigan accounted for Saint Mary's only run.

Junior Calli Davison pitched a complete game in the loss. Before the games, coach Erin Sullivan said she wanted her team to come out with more energy from the start. She got her wish in the second game, as the team rallied from an early seven-run deficit to take the lead.

The Belles scored seven runs in the top of the third to tie the game before the Scots posted one more in the bottom of the frame.

Junior Ashly Fusuaro went 3-for-5 with five RBIs in game two, including a game-winning three-run homerun in the top half of the sixth inning.

Corrigan pitched in the nightcap and became stronger after the first three innings. Her record now stands at 6-0.

With the win, Saint Mary's ended Alma's 18-game win streak, which it had extended in game one.

Saint Mary's sits in fourth in the MIAA, while Alma is second.

Sullivan expressed confidence in her team as they look ahead to more conference play.

"I'm feeling really good about where we are in the conference," she said. "We generally play up to our competition."

The Belles will play Bethel College at Notre Dame's Ivy Field tonight before they begin a two-week stretch of MIAA opponents.

The split decision came two days after the Belles went 1-1 at Olivet on Thursday.

The Lady Wildcats (5-13) are led by senior pitcher Paige Cooper and freshman standout Emily Thompson. The team is coming off a split doubleheader against Lynn College.

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LPGA

Ochoa dominates opponents Sunday

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. - Lorena Ochoa set the silver trophy on a table, clasped hands with her parents and sprinted to the edge of the lake surrounding the 18th green at Mission Hills, raising both arms as she plunged into the water.

Whether she is playing or celebrating, the Mexican star is unstoppable.

Ochoa buried her competition Sunday at the Kraft Nabisco Championship with back-to-back birdies at the turn to build a five-shot lead, then closed with eight pars for a 5-under 67 and another romp in a major that once gave her fits.

Her victory Sunday at St. Andrews last summer by four shots.

Ochoa, who finished at 11-under 277, never trailed under par and tied for second, although they were never close.

Ochoa, who has been coming to the Nabisco since she was an amateur and bringing what seems like half of Mexico with her. She spent Wednesday morning meeting with the maintenance staff at Mission Hills, helping them cook breakfast and thanking them for their hard work in preparing the course.

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WOMEN'S TRACK
ND gets 11 top-two places

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Irish, split up between the Stanford and Purdue Invitational, enjoyed another successful weekend, accumulating 11 top-two finishes while dominating the running events at Purdue.

Competing in the Stanford Invitational—one of the more competitive meets of the outdoor season—the Irish managed to accumulate three top-seven finishes from the three athletes that were sent to Palo Alto, Calif.

The Irish garnered solid results in the throws at Stanford from junior thrower Anna Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza. Weber had the best weekend across both meets for the Irish finishing fourth in the hammer throw and fifth in the shot put at Stanford. Espinoza also had a strong showing taking seventh in the discus throw.

At the Purdue Invitational, Notre Dame had even more success. The Irish took four first-place finishes—all in running events—and seven second-place finishes.

Senior runner Brienne Davis took first in the 100-meter dash for the second consecutive weekend. In the 400-meter race, the Irish dominated by claiming five of the top six spots.

Freshman Cora Dayon and Natalie Johnson took first and second respectively for the Irish. Senior Crystal Swayzer, sophomore Samantha Williams and freshman Kelly Langhans took third, fifth and sixth respectively.

Bounding out the great performance by Irish throwers at Purdue, sophomore Elizabeth Myers took second in the 800-meter race and senior Ann Mazur finished second in the 1500-meter race.

The Irish relay teams also faced very well at Purdue. Both the 4x100 and 4x400-meter teams took first in their races.

The field events continued to be strengths for Irish this weekend.

Sophomore Elise Knutzen took second in the javelin throw, junior Mary Saxer finished second in the pole vault, and sophomore Jaime Minor grabbed second in the triple jump. Saxer’s mark in the pole vault was good enough to qualify her for the NCAA regional event in May.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will head to the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss.

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MEN'S TRACK
Irish sprinters excel at Poehlein Invitational

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame was split all across country, many came back to campus with performances to be proud of.

The majority of Irish sprinters finished well at the Mike Poehlein Invitational at West Lafayette, Ind., over the weekend. Freshman Chandler Brooks started it off with a sixth-place-performance in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.33 seconds. Brooks also finished with 22.97 seconds in the 200-meter dash to finish seventh.

Fellow freshman Miklos Szehenyi took third in the race with a time of 22.33 seconds. Sophomore Balazs Balazs placed the competition first place in the 400-dash, running it in 48 seconds to match his time in the 2008 Big East Indoor Invitational.

Freshman Kevin Labus finished third in the 800 with a time of 1:56.18. Other top performances at the Poehlein Invitational included junior Kevin McFadden who finished first with a time of 3:57.43 in the 1500-meter run. Freshman Spencer Carter and Ryan Gamboa followed close behind with fourth and fifth-place finishes respectively.

Senior Kevin Veselik and Matt Abernathy took second and third in the 5,000 while senior Randy Carrothers and Olaf Popejoy took first and second, respectively, in the 10,000.

Senior Austin Wechter finished second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.87. Wechter currently ranks fifth in the Big East conference standings.

As for field events, junior Blair Majewski started out the week in the high jump with a leap of 2.02 meters. Sophomore Eric Quick took first in the long jump with a jump of 7.53 meters. Quick qualified for the NCAA Regional Outdoor Meet in the long jump.

For the Irish throwers, senior Mike Schubert and freshman Denes Veres and John Belcher took first, second, and third in the shot put. Schubert and Veres qualified for the NCAA Regional Meet as well.

Sophomore Brandon Denon finished second in the discus with a throw of 51.18 meters.

The rest of the the Irish ran at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. Senior Adam Currie ran in the 800 with a time of 1:50.67, placing him eighth in the Big East standings. Senior Jake Watson finished in the highly competitive 1,500 with a time of 3:43.39. Junior Patrick Smyth stayed consistent with a time of 11:46.73, finishing eighth.

The Irish resume action Saturday at both the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss., and the Providence Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

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**Olympics**

**Unrest in Tibet cause for concern**

Associated Press

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**Lefty**

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its namesake, Lefty Smith, was the first Notre Dame hockey coach of the modern era when he helped start the program in 1968. Smith was present for the announcement and was introduced by Greg Meredith, a former player under Smith and All-American in 1980.

The artist's rendering pictured the inside of a rectangular building with a lower, curved roof. The cavernous space of the current Joyce Center rink configuration was gone, replaced with seating wrapped tight along the ice and a video scoreboard in one corner.

White didn't release any new information on possible construction timelines or if the project was yet fully-funded. An anonymous donor gave $15 million to the rink fund on Sept. 12, 2007.

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**Swagger**

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instantaneous reaction to a possible play," Weis said.

Tackles Matt Romine and Mike Ragone both missed some drills due to injuries. Schmidt banged his head and had to sit out of some parts of the day and Ragone tweaked his ankle, Weis said.

Weis attributed the injuries to the fast-paced tempo he has run practices at this spring.

"You can see by the tempo, we're banging guys around pretty good," he said. "The tradeoff is you get more guys in the training room."

**Team camaraderie**

Weis continued with his team-building goals this spring by trying to lighten the mood.

Right tackle Sam Young fielded a punt against the secondary coverage squad and returned it for about 15 yards before Weis blew the play dead.

Weis also sat with some of the high school coaches at the practice (Saturday was also the coaches clinic) and watched the linebackers practice during individual workouts.

Even though Weis did want to keep the mood light, he said the team needs to know when to be serious and when not to.

"I wanted to make sure they can differentiate between how football coaches have to be on you and the fact that when they're on you they're trying to make you better, not on you just to be on you," Weis said.

"And I think they're starting to get a better understanding of that.

"When it comes down to it, it still comes down to getting players to make plays. And I think as coaches, we have to make them."

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The Single Life

Lina Paek

Crossword

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21 Outstanding addiction
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**BASEBALL**

**Bring out the broomsticks**

Notre Dame sweeps three-game weekend set against Rutgers

By MICHAEL BRYAN, LORENZO REYES and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

The weekend got progressively easier for Notre Dame as the Irish swept Rutgers in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame fought hard to win 7-5 Friday before blowing out the Scarlet Knights on Saturday and Sunday by identical 11-2 scores.

Irish 7, Scarlet Knights 5

The Irish got home runs from

**FOOTBALL**

**Weis sees team developing swagger in spring**

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

At the beginning of the spring, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he wanted his team to play with more swagger. After Saturday's open practice, he elaborated on the building blocks to that goal — confidence, passion and emotion.

Weis said getting players to play with these three things is imperative to move past last season's record. But more importantly, he said he has seen this growing.

"Nothing is the same this year," Weis said. "We're trying to emphasize the most, they're starting to get it. It's a slow process, but we're making some strides," he said.

Weis reiterated that gaining confidence stems from making plays. But he added that, since the team has started practice, he has seen growing confidence in a larger number of players than before.

"Not the whole team, but there are guys playing with confidence," Weis said. "Ultimately, you are trying to get enough of them where it becomes the whole team."

Weis said he tries to work with the players who need more confidence building this spring. For example, he said he never has to worry about the confidence of linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., and safety David Bruton. But he also said cornerback Gray Gary, who missed all of last season with a broken arm, has started making good plays in practice this spring and is gaining the confidence needed to be a good player.

Weis said passion and emotion go hand-in-hand in trying to rev up his young team. He said, that with any young team, these things have to be explicitly taught so the players understand what they need to do.

Weis said he is trying to avoid the "deer-in-the-headlights" style of play that many young players fall victim to.

"I think there were a lot of times with a fairly young and inexperienced look, that you get that 'deer-in-the-headlights' look. They freeze. And not that they freeze in the game, but you don't see that same passion and emotion," he said.

Weis' plan to coach emotion this spring became most evident Saturday during the "Irish Eyes" drill, a modified "Oklahoma" where an offensive and defensive lineman square off with a running back trying to make it past the defender.

After one big defensive play in the drill, Weis said the celebration afterward had to be immediate and genuine.

"This can't be something that's faked. It should be an immediate reaction," he said.

**HOCKEY**

**Future rink named for ex-coach**

By KYLE CASSILY
Senior Sports Writer

Athletic Director Kevin White announced Sunday that the new ice arena to be built inside the Joyce Center will be called the Charles W. "Lefty" Smith, Jr., Rink.

While unveiling the rink's name at the hockey team's annual awards banquet held before a large crowd in the Mendoza College of Business auditorium, the announcement was accompanied by an artist's rendering of the arena's possible design.

**MEN'S LACROSSE**

**Irish lose heartbreaker on Denver’s last-minute goal**

By ELYNN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

No. 19 Denver scored a goal in the final minute of play to defeat the No. 7 Irish 7-6 at 1:18 in triple overtime. The loss broke Notre Dame's eight-game GWLL winning streak that dated back to the 2007 season.

"I feel like we played a very good first half and a very poor second half. We were up 6-2 in the first half and it should have been a bigger lead then," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "In my mind it's a matter of us not taking advantage of our opportunities offensively."

Junior attack Ryan Hoff led the team with three goals followed by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs, who earned two scores in the contest. Senior goaltender Joey Kemp tied a career-high 13 saves on the game.

"We've continued to give up some soft goals and had some soft turnovers throughout the season," Corrigan said. "We've gotten away with it with other teams but didn't this weekend."

The Irish have a week off and will return to the play April 18 against Quinnipiac. "The weekend off will give us a chance to regroup and access where we are and get back to work on things both individually and as a team," Corrigan said.

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