Dorm holds successful marrow registry

Howard Hall collects 375 donors, donations provide transplants for cancer patients

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Howard Hall exceeded its goal of collecting 300 donors in its signature Bone Marrow Registry Thursday in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Student Center.

Sponsored to last from noon until 8 p.m., event organizers were encouraged during the first 40 minutes of the event as they registered 60 donors.

When the event was finished, the event had registered 375 people, topping the initial expectations, according to sophomore Emily Stewart, event co-chair.

"You really underestimate how willing people are to donate," said sophomore Eleanor Trousdale, another one of the event's co-chairs.

"If you're called, you could save a life," Stewart said.

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Students fill out the paperwork necessary to register for the National Marrow Donor Program in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

The event entered volunteers into the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), which keeps records of and contacts its registrants when a cancer patient with matched DNA needs a transplant, according to the NMDP's website.

The registration process consisted of students first filling out paperwork with their contact information and then swabbing the inside of their cheeks to obtain a DNA sample.

In the case of a DNA match, the donor would be contacted to donate marrow.

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SMC plans to rebuild homes

Project to restore houses in South Bend

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

In an annual effort to rehabsitate homes of low-income residents, Saint Mary’s students will volunteer in the annual Rebuilding Together project Saturday.

Over 100 Saint Mary’s students will participate in this year’s event, said Carrie Call, Director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement.

Each April, students volunteer in the restoration of homes of the elderly, poor and disabled in the South Bend community. Saint Mary’s is sponsoring two homes owned by single elderly women on O’Brien Street this year, Call said.

Students will be divided into teams to work on outdoor and interior painting, yard work, roof repairs and cleaning.

The Rebuilding Together Program, a partnership of volunteers from local government, businesses and other organizations, has rehabilitated close to 700 homes in the South Bend area since 1989, according to the Office for Civic and Social Engagement’s website.

Because of the significant student turnout the past three years, Call said, "we’re probably the only undergraduate film conference in the nation," said film, Television and Theater (FTT) professor Christine Becker, co-organizer of the event.

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Participants will construct homes out of cardboard boxes and spend the night on South Quad.

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Midwest film conference to be held at Notre Dame

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

This weekend, Notre Dame will welcome students from across the Midwest in its second annual Midwest Undergraduate Film Conference.

The program will run from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Thirty participants from 12 different Midwestern universities will present papers on different film genres. Papers range from topics with titles such as "Dangerous Women" to "Tales of the Uncanny" to "Heroes and Anti-Heroes."

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Students to bike 7,657 miles

ND-8 and Building Together charity organize fundraiser for Uganda

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Students will collectively attempt to pedal the 7,657 miles between South Bend and Uganda today in order to support fourth-year student Emily Bone Marrow Registry.

A joint effort of the ND-8 organization and Building Together charity, Bike to Uganda is the final fundraising event that will contribute to the construction of the school.

In the past, the group held a brick sale, a T-shirt sale and a Christmas tree ornament sale.

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The time is now

Strictly speaking, that's true all of the time. But what's true about this time is that it's time to reject the vicious lies of crack-addicted presidential rivals by voting my good looks, boyish charm and unswerving modesty into the White House. Brian McKenzie

Senator Clinton has claimed that I am unfit for the presidency because my spiritual mentor has claimed that he is the reincarnation of Britney Spears, and that the USA with crack cocaine, AIDS and Tamagochis to immortality fades.

My rationalization: -- evidence: -- of these incendiary remarks has been clear and unchanging.

1) My priest hasn't said anything particularly controversial.

2) These comments have been taken out of context. You couldn't possibly understand what he meant by his alleged remarks on Britney Spears unless you had been there.

3) If I can no more dismiss my priest than you can dismiss your horribly racist grandnephew, then I may be able to forgive you for her vile views if you vote for me.

Senator Obama has claimed that the stories I told at a few press conferences about my two heroic tours of Navy SEAL duty in Iraq were fabricated. "As far as the Clinton marriage," he says. At the time of these alleged press conferences, I was badly tired. I may have misspoken. Repeatedly. Over several years. Obviously, this does not count as a serial fabrication, any more than Napoleon counts as a recom­

What I said was in essence true. I had claimed that I was doing dangerous things to land you in a total war zone in the face of enemy anti-air fire. In fact, CBS has since released tape of a child pleading with me to keep quiet, which sounds remarkably like anti-air fire. It's a muddle that could happen to anyone...

Finally, all of my rivals have criticized me for mocking that anyone who lives as dangerously as I do may not survive four years in office.

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ing that anyone who lives as dangerously as I do may not survive four years in office.

But how do I justify that my alleged investigations of my unchanging. Unsurprisingly, people are paying attention to my vice-presidential selection process. Deciding who should be one flaming Los Angeles week away from the Presidency is one of my gravest responsibilities, and I intend to exercise it responsi­bly. Senator Obama has offered strong advice when he suggested that the best vice-presidential pick is "somebody who knows about a bunch of stuff that the president is not an expert on." But how do you balance someone who already knows a bunch of stuff about everything? The solution is simple: I will select my VP by picking one of my rival's names out of a hat. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Amrhein said.

In keeping with Shack City's mission to raise awareness about the situation of the homeless, the event will take place under any weather circumstances.

"We will be having Shack City no matter what the weather is. Homeless people don't get to choose where they live, neither do we for this night," Amrhein said.

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tors and our [Hall] president help," Stewart said.

Event organizers initially were apprehensive about expectations for the registry. "We were a little concerned because there was also another bone marrow donation registry last week," Trousdale said, referring to the registry held by the Minority Pre-Med Society last Friday.

The event, Stewart said, began as Howard's signature event a few years ago when one resident's father needed a bone marrow transplant.

According to Stewart, about 30 or 40 Howard residents volunteered to help with the event.

Stewart said students passing by the quad often stop to see what their lives are like away from home," said Katie Putz, secretary of the Class of 2009.

"We'll be having Shack City again this year. The reason we hold it on Friday, April 11, is because it is probably the most visible way to generate awareness by the quad often stop to see what their lives are like away from home," Stewart said.

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The first year, Stewart said, the registry did not see the success it did this year. Two years ago, only 45 students registered, Stewart said.

"We are just thrilled with the success," Stewart said.

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The Saint Mary's Class of 2009 is bringing tradition to life this weekend as the mothers of the class arrive in South Bend for the College's annual Junior Mom's Weekend.

"[This weekend) is a chance for mothers to visit their daughters at school and see what their lives are like away from home," said Katie Putz, secretary of the Class of 2009.

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were last year, and we even got submissions from schools we didn’t necessarily solicit. Also, two participants who did it last year are doing it again this year, so they must have liked it," Becker said. "Awareness and recognition of the conference is definitely growing."

Notre Dame professors will moderate the student presentations.

"The moderators are exclusively FTT faculty." said Becker. Becker said Wojcik was inspired to start the conference while teaching an FTT Honors seminar last year. "This is a more advanced academic work that’s beyond the usual," Becker said.

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The conference, Becker said, gives undergraduate students the unique opportunity to share their research with their peers. "One purpose of the conference was to get our undergraduate scholars to see each other’s work," Becker said. "It’s incredibly gratifying to not only show your work but also collaborate and learn from other people. It makes the academics very rewarding for the students," she said.

**Rebuild**

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years, the organization assigned Saint Mary’s two homes this year, Call said.

In addition to providing the work force, Saint Mary’s will donate new television sets, stoves, and other necessities. Financial sponsorship of the event comes from local community and staff donations.

Currently, Saint Mary’s has raised over $1,000. Call said. The College will also provide construction tools.

Call said the project is a unique form of service.

"It’s a very direct way to give back to the local community," she said.

Students enjoy seeing their efforts immediately benefiting someone, Call said.

Senior Sarah Patten has been involved with the project for two years. She has witnessed many positive reactions from homeowners.

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South Bend native herself, Patten said the project enables students to get involved in the city community.

Call also said the project has special significance for the Catholic college.

"It directly reflects Catholic social teaching," Call said.

Last year, Saint Mary’s had a unique connection with the project. The owner of the sponsored home was the mother of a current staff member on campus.

As a result, on a personal level, the project has been highly successful in the past for the college, Call said.

Over 600 Notre Dame students will also rehabilitate twenty-one homes in South Bend, although the University will not be sponsoring a specific home, Call said.

The event will last from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Uganda**

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hope to raise that from the bikers," she said.

The fundraising event will take place on Fieldhouse Mall from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. today.

Rolf’s lent five stationary bikes to the cause, and we have been recruiting teams of 5-8 people from dorms and different clubs and departments," Jelm said.

The fundraising project began with the organization Building Tomorrow, headquartered in Indianapolis, but currently located on several U.S. college campuses in an effort to encourage University students to raise money for Ugandan schools.

In the area of Uganda alone, there are 330,000 children with little access to education," Jelm said.

"Hopefully we will reach Uganda," Jelm said. "About a dozen teams are registered, but people can just show up at the event, donate $5, and bike for 10 minutes," she said.

Jelm said almost all of the money raised during the event will go towards the building the school.

"The Africana Studies club is donating power bars and water for the bikers, and since Rolf’s is loaning the bikes, we have put out very little money," she said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Ugandan rebel declines peace deal

An official of the Sudd Resistance Front, which controls much of central and southern Sudan, said Monday that the rebel group would not sign a peace accord. The group has been fighting against the government for several years, leaving many civilians displaced and the region in a state of conflict.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Another driver dies in Calif. shooting

A 20-year-old man was killed in a shooting on Interstate 110 in downtown Los Angeles, police said. The shooting occurred at about 3 a.m. near the 110 Freeway and Florence Avenue, authorities said. The man was in his car when he was shot, and his family has been notified of his death.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Ind. primary reaches frenetic pace

In a state where campaigns are known for long, drawn-out contests, candidates are spending big money on television ads and holding more and more events to try to capture the attention of voters.

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**Associated Press**
American presence remains strong in Iraq

Bush gives Petraeus freedom to evaluate number of troops in violence-heavy country for remaining 285 days of presidency

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday, there was no chance that the number of U.S. troops in Iraq would drop to 100,000 by the end of the year, guaranteeing a heavy American military presence as the war grinds into its sixth year to the end of the Bush presidency.

The president still doesn't understand that America's limited resources cannot support his limited war.

Harry Reid

Senior Majority Leader

Bush gave last fall when he said he would continue throughout the year, which would have left about 10,000 — or fewer — troops in Iraq at year's end. When the committee's Democratic chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, asked Gates whether he still thought that was possible, Gates said, "No, sir." In his White House address, "Yet this is a response to heavy pressure from military commanders who say long, multiple deployments have strained the Army to its limits. Its units heading to Iraq will remain for 12 months instead of 15 months. The duty of the president's war policy is to ensure that the order would not affect U.S. forces deployed on the front lines."

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Bush said the price of failure in Iraq was foreordained. Al-Qaida would claim a propaganda victory of "colossal proportions." Terrorsists would use Iraq as a launch pad for attacks on the U.S. and its allies. Iran would fill the political vacuum. The hardline Taliban regime, which is being established in Afghanistan, and al-Qaida in Pakistan would be emboldened. Massive humanitarian casualties would follow. The threat of another Sept. 11 would rise.

Bush challenged Iran anew. He said the regime in Tehran could live in peace with its neighbors, or keep funding and training militant groups. He said Iran had an "existential threat." He accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons and spread the "down the road" of nuclear weapons. He then told the Iranian people, "This is not a so-called troop withdrawal."

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Bush acknowledged that the failed surge, what is the endgame in Iraq?" He said that the surge has signaled to the American people that "all resources cannot support the troop buildup."

"If Iran makes the right choice, America will encourage a peaceful relationship between Iran and Iraq," Bush said. If it makes the wrong choice, Bush said "America will act to protect our interests, and our troops, and our Iraqi partners." He did not elaborate.

Bush also pushed Arab nations to heighten their diplomatic presence in Baghdad as a sign of support for its fledgling government. That also would serve to counter Iran's rising influence in the Middle East and its support of terrorists and transnational criminals in Iraq.

He dispatched Petraeus and Crozier to stop in Saudi Arabia on their way back to Iraq, and directed senior diplomats to meet with major leaders in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait and Egypt to reopen their embassies in Baghdad and increase their support for Iraq this year.

Bush also called on Congress to send him a spending bill for Iraq that does not include any timetables for troop withdrawals or exceed the $108 billion he has requested. Democrats want to add money to stimulate the economy with road-building funds, additional unemployment benefits, a summer jobs program and additional food stamp benefits. Bush said he would veto the bill under those conditions.

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Professor appointed to United Nations forum

Special to The Observer

Carter Snead, professor of law at the Notre Dame Law School, has been appointed to a four-year term as one of 36 independent experts on the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The committee is the only forum in the United Nations system devoted to reflection on bioethics and public policy. It is an honor to be appointed to this body," Snead said. "It is charged explicitly to reflect on the ethical and legal dimensions of the nexus of law, science and technology according to ethical principles.

The committee, which meets annually, is charged with reflecting on the ethical and legal issues raised by research in the life sciences and their applications and with encouraging the exchange of ideas through education. It also cooperates with the national, governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with the issues raised in the field of bioethics as well as with the national and regional bioethics committees and similar bodies.

The most recent example of the IBC's work in bioethics was the 2005 adoption of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, meant to provide ethical guidance to member states and individuals working in medicine and the life sciences. Snead served as the chief negotiator and head of the U.S. delegation to UNESCO for the development of this declaration.

Snead's scholarship explores the possibility, mechanisms and wisdom of the governance of science, medicine and biotechnology according to ethical principles.

In 2002 Snead accepted the position of general counsel for the President's Council on Bioethics. In that capacity, he advised the chairman and council members on the legal and public policy dimensions of numerous ethical questions arising from advances in biomedical science and biotechnology.

He was the principal drafter of the council's 2004 report, "Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies," a comprehensive critical assessment of the governance (both public and private) of the activities at the intersection of assisted reproduction, human embryo research and genetics. Snead continues to serve as the council's expert consultant.

NEPAL

Election held in Nepal

Millions vote in country's historic election, return to democracy

KATMANDU — Nepalis embraced the country's return to democracy Thursday with millions voting in an election meant to secure lasting peace in a land riven by communist insurgents and an autocratic king.

Undeterred by shootings and clashes that killed two people, many voters lined up before sunrise outside polling stations across this Himalayan land. Some even broke into applause when voting began.

With the rebels out of the bush and contesting the vote and the monarch — the world's last Hindu king — likely to soon lose his throne, millions saw the country's first election in nine years as a moment too historic to miss.

"This is our chance to stop the bleeding," said Arpana Shrestha, a 47-year-old woman waiting to vote in Katmandu. "Always there was blood in Nepal. Not anymore.

An estimated 60 percent of the 17.6 million voters cast ballots at 20,000 polling stations. But the violence — including the slaying of an independent candidate who showed no hard it will be to forge true peace in this often ill-governed and violent country.

The election of a 601-seat Constituent Assembly to write a new constitution has been touted as the cornerstone of a 2006 peace deal with former rebels, known as the Maoists, following weeks of unrest that forced Nepal's king to cede power, which he had seized the year before.

In the two years since, Nepal has seen an armed uprising by ethnic minority groups — unrest that twice delayed the vote.

The election campaign was marked by clashes between supporters of rival parties and small bombings. In the two days before the vote, eight people were killed.

Thursday's death toll was lower than most had feared, but still marred a day that held great symbolic value for many in the impoverished nation, where 60 percent of the 27 million people are under age 35.

"We are getting our rights and these people have to kill. It's not good," said Gopal Acharya, a 22-year-old student and first-time voter.

In southeastern Nepal, assailants fatally shot an independent candidate outside a polling station. Elsewhere, motorcycle-riding gunmen unsuccessfully tried to kill another contender. Also in southern Nepal, a supporter of the Nepali Congress died from wounds sustained in a clash with supporters of a minority ethnic group, the Madhesis.

Authorities were forced to postpone balloting until a later date at 33 polling places, said Chief Election Commissioner Bish Baj Poudel. They includ ed a few stations in the eastern Ramsherp district where Maoists blocked representatives of other parties from observing the vote, said Home Ministry spokesman Ekmani Nepal.

Maoists also torched one polling station. Police said they arrested 15 men, seizing three grenades and a knife.

Maoist officials in Katmandu said they were trying to verify the reports.

Their leader, who goes by the nom de guerre Prachanda, hailed the election, saying in a statement. "We believe this will take Nepal to a new era."

But before Nepal can get there, significant challenges remain.

The violence could easily provide a pretext for any of the major parties — from the Maoists to centrist democrats to royalists — to reject the election's outcome.

Then there is the complexity of the vote itself, a mix of direct and proportional representation system with quotas for women and myriad ethnic and caste groups. International experts say it will be hard to sort out the results.

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Dalai Lama visits United States
Spiritual leader makes first visit since Tibetan uprising

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Dalai Lama arrived in the United States on Thursday for the first time since the recent turmoil in Tibet, serenaded by fellow Tibetans as he prepared to anchor an ambitious conference on compassion.

The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader came here a day after demonstrators disrupted the Olympic torch run in San Francisco in a protest of China's treatment of his people. The Dalai Lama will be attending a five-day conference that begins Friday.

With the Dalai Lama in town, some community leaders said they expected counter-demonstrations from pro-China groups. But all was peaceful when he arrived at a downtown hotel Thursday, telling local Tibetans who sang to him that he arrived at a downtown hotel Thursday, telling local Tibetans who sang to him: "I really feel very sad the government demonizes me. I am just a human; I am not a demon."

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Earlier Thursday, during a stopover in Japan, the Dalai Lama said he has always supported China's hosting of the Olympic Games this summer, but said Beijing cannot suppress protests in Tibet with violence or tell those calling for more freedom in his homeland "to shut up."

He strongly denied Chinese allegations he and his followers have used the run-up to the Olympics to incite unrest: "Right from the beginning, we supported the Olympic Games," he told reporters near the airport outside Tokyo. "I really feel very sad the government demonizes me. I am just a human; I am not a demon."

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7:00 p.m. — Gold Room, North Dining Hall

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Man accused of rape and murder of pregnant colleague, found across the border after manhunt of several months

Associated Press

RALIEGH, N.C. — A Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a pregnant colleague who had accused him of rape was arrested Thursday night in Mexico after a three-month international manhunt, authorities said.

FBI agents and Mexican authorities arrested Marine Cpl. Cesar Laurean around 7 p.m. EDT. He is charged with rape and first-degree murder in the brutal slaying of a pregnant colleague who was eight months pregnant when she died, in mid-December. Detectives have said he denied killing Laurean but admitted to burying her remains.

The FBI said Thursday Laurean, 20, had been staying in a rural township of Michoacan, a state southeast of Mexico City, in the days after the woman’s disappearance. Detectives have said he had been staying in the United States to face charges in Lauterbach’s death.

Guzman said Laurean told the arresting officers he had only 10 pesos (about US$1) in his pocket, and that he had been running by eating avocados and other fruit he found in the fields of the farming community where he was found.

The FBI said Laurean, 21, is awaiting extradition to the U.S., although local prosecu­ tors in North Carolina caution­ ed the process could take a year or more.

“Laurean’s swift arrest in Mexico was due to the diligence and dedication of the Mexican government and our law enforcement partners,” said Nathan Gray, the special agent in charge of the FBI’s Charlotte office, in a statement. “This was truly an international effort, and we will do all we can to ensure Laurean is brought back... as quickly as possible.”

Nathan Gray special agent

“Just communicating with Laurean is not against the law,” Hudson said. “To be an accessory after the fact you have to show someone provided assistance like infor­ mation or money, and we don’t have any evidence of that.”

Laurean and Lauterbach were both personnel clerks in the same logistics unit at Camp Lejeune, an expansive coastal base about 130 miles southeast of Raleigh that is home to roughly 50,000 Marines. Detectives believe he left behind a note for Lauterbach on Dec. 14, after forcing her to remove money from her bank account.

Lauterbach was hoping they would arrest him in America,” Hudson said.

Wanted Marine flees to Mexico, is arrested

This is a case that certainly is deserving to be tried as a capital case.”

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Immigration policy sound

The University of Notre Dame accepts qualified students regardless of immigration status, but all undocumented immigrants must finance their education.

This solution is more than fair. Notre Dame should not punish its students for circumstances beyond their control — and it doesn’t. An undocumented immigrant’s admission is based on his or her merits just as with any other student.

But gaining admission and affording an education have two separate issues.

Guaranteed aid is a relatively recent phenomenon for the University. A large portion of aid is Federal, aimed to increase the ability of all U.S. citizens to afford a higher education. Undocumented immigrants, by definition, fail to meet this requirement and thus should not be considered for Federal aid. And, though the Notre Dame endowment was approximately the 14th largest in the country as of September, it does not compare to those of Harvard or Princeton — two schools currently granting aid to undocumented immigrants.

Undocumented immigrants are not alone in their denial of guaranteed financial aid — any international student must be able to pay for his or her four years here. The University’s commitment to meet demonstrated need applies only to U.S. citizens; undocumented immigrants are not being singled out in their denial. If financial aid were to be offered to undocumented immigrants who apply, international students must also be granted the same opportunity. If undocumented immigrants received this aid and international students didn’t, it would be unfair to international students since both groups are not officially U.S. citizens.

Moreover, the Notre Dame financial aid service is not the only way to gain funds for education. Countless independent scholarships exist for which potential students are free to apply.

Students who chose to enroll here made the dream a reality on their own initiative. Notre Dame does what it can, setting reasonable limitations to maximize what aid is available. The University plays its part in offering acceptance. The University’s immigrant admission and aid policy is sound as it is. It gives undocumented immigrants a chance to receive a high-quality education without jeopardizing the ability of citizens to get one as well. Any revision to the policy may hinder citizens’ chances to attend Notre Dame or receive necessary financial aid. This issue requires a delicate balance between both sides, and the University’s policy strikes it well.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hate crimes must be addressed

I know that the Notre Dame bubble prevents a lot of world news from entering our radar here on campus. So I would like to be everyone know about a lessor known school shooting which occurred in February of this year. Lawrence King, age 15, was shot in the head by his 14-year-old classmate Brandon in a California middle school classroom full of students.

This boy, an 8th grader, was the victim of a premeditated hate crime. His friends and classmates said he had recently proclaimed himself gay and begun to wear makeup and jewelry to school. A few days before his murder, Larry asked Brandon to be his Valentine. Brandon responded by putting a bullet through his brain.

In a similar tragic incident, Simmie Williams Jr., 17, was shot and killed on Feb. 22 in Florida while dressed in women’s clothing. Williams has been described both as gay and transgendered to a person who identifies as or expresses a different gender than the one they were assigned at birth. Simmie Williams is also African-American. Regardless of the specific motivations of the killer, his murder was clearly motivated by hate.

Some of you may have heard of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old who in 1998 was robbed, pistol-whipped, tortured, tied to a fence and left to die by two young men. His murder led to the creation of the Matthew Shepard Act (officially, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007). This proposed bill would include sexual orientation, gender identity and disability in federal hate crime legislation. It has yet to be passed.

Ten years after Matthew Shepard’s murder, we are still hating and still killing. What’s worse, we’re still teaching young people to hate and kill — and the murderers and victims are getting younger. Progress in this issue is long overdue. We need to act now.

StanII Against Hate Week here at Notre Dame is April 14-18. I urge everyone to participate in this campus-wide series of events to help raise awareness of and put an end to hate and discrimination based on sexual orientation. Participate to show support for your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) friends, relatives and classmates. If nothing else, participate to honor the memory of Lawrence King, Simmie Williams Jr. and Matthew Shepard.

This issue is real and it will not go away. It’s time for all of us to stand up and say that we will not tolerate hate.

Melanie LeMay

Editorial

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Always do sober what you said you’d drunk that will test you to keep your mouth shut."

Ernest Hemingway

U.S. author
Approaching the moment to ‘ice’ Weis

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Alcohol in the ‘Real World’

On April 10 Ryan Slaney wrote “alcohol is a deterrent to the academic and moral development of students at Notre Dame” (“Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development,” April 10). Ryan, are you suggesting that we are “drunk”? Guess what, drinking alcohol does not stop once you leave college. To a certain extent it becomes a part of people’s lives as age and money are no longer issues, as they are in college. Part of your “academic development” is to learn how to deal with alcohol, whether it is your usage or existing with other people’s usage. Alcohol is not going anywhere anytime soon in the “real world.”

To ban it on campus and limit everyone’s “alcohol experiences” would only put Notre Dame students at a disadvantage once they join the workforce. I have yet to be at a firm function after work hours that did not involve alcohol. In addition, promotion days and events such as golf outings always involve alcohol. Would you truly want to be dealing with these types of social environments for the first time at your first job? Lastly, in my mind alcohol is the furthest thing from an “enemy” as you stated. Alcohol was present at some of the biggest days and events such as the BCS title game. Alcohol to my tailgates, my Notre Dame graduation party, my promotion parties and she even showed up for the best day of my life, my wedding.

Bill Nolan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beer is proof God loves us

Here is a little bit of history on the benefits of drinking for all of the kids out there whining about how alcohol makes you fat.

A bunch of old dudes were sitting around, getting hammered and playing King's Peak.

"OK Ben Franklin, you’re up: Truth or dare?"

"Uh, dare."

"You have to tie a key to this kite and run around naked.

Next thing you know, ben ya — electricity. Without electricity, how would Ali G even drive his hybrid car?

Tom Marin

Tired of doing the crossword in class? Trying to save attention.

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Alcohol a necessary evil

I used to open the viewpoint section every day to see what the feminists were saying about the Virginia Monologues, but now I find more and more articles written by students concerned for the greater good of the Notre Dame student body. For example, I read an article about alcohol, “Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development.” (April 10) I felt compelled to respond. I am not here to argue for or against prohibition of alcohol on campus, that is a college dorm. I am an undeniable fact that college students drink, for proof, just go to Sharro at 3 a.m. on a Saturday night/ Sunday morning.

If the university decided to prohibit alcohol on campus, there would be an increase in students partying off campus. The question is, where? You said yourself, I self, Ryan, that alcohol consumption leads to poor decisions, and I agree. Students with cars could potentially drive back to campus after a few brews, cosmos, car bombs, etc., risking much more than their academic development. Allowing alcohol on campus is a safe decision, as long as those drinking do it responsibly.

Mike Mahoney
Her music became essential to "Juno," and it helped give the indie film its heart and soul. However, Kimya Dawson is more than the "Juno" soundtrack and she’ll be at Legends tomorrow night to give students a taste of what else she has to offer.

A member of The Moldy Peaches, Dawson has been a solo act since the band took a break in 2004. Both the band and her own music is featured on the "Juno" soundtrack, and composer Mateo Messina used Dawson’s music as the basis of the film’s score.

Since going solo, Dawson has released five albums, the latest being 2006’s "Remember That I Love You." "Juno" borrowed four songs from the album, including "Tire Swing" and "Loose Lips."

Her sound is unique and often sounds cheery, but her words pack a punch. Chad Lavimoniere, who is in charge of WVFI’s PR and events and has been a fan of Dawson for two years, compares the artist’s music to the protest music of the 1960s.

“I mean, she definitely inherits something from protest folk a la Pete Seeger and Bob Dylan to a certain extent,” Lavimoniere said. But he also said that she has drawn comparisons to Mirah and even Lisa Loeb. He calls her music “opinionated folk.”

In The Moldy Peaches, Dawson played a part in influencing the anti-folk movement. While anti-folk, a subgenre of folk, is difficult to describe, it takes the core of folk music and gives it a new, experimental sound.

“It’s not anti-folk as in they don’t like the way folk music sounds,” Lavimoniere said. Instead, he said, the movement takes the same traits of folk music but puts a new spin on the genre.

“A lot of folk is sort of soothing,” he said, “but this is a folk that shakes up.”

As for her heavy inclusion in the "Juno" soundtrack, Dawson can thank the film’s star Ellen Page for that. When director Jason Reitman asked Page what music the character Juno would listen to, the actress immediately said The Moldy Peaches, which led to Kimya Dawson.

In a November 2007 interview with Pitchfork, Page talked about why Juno would listen to The Moldy Peaches and Dawson.

“Well the Moldy Peaches’ music is very humorous. I mean, it has a hint of novelty, but it’s full of so much heart and so much simplicity and it’s so genuine. It’s really unique and it’s quirky and all of those things, but it has heart to balance that,” she said.

Dawson is working on a new album, but in the meantime she will release a children’s album in August entitled "Alphabutt." Lavimoniere said the album was most likely inspired by Dawson’s daughter, Panda Delilah. In fact, Dawson tours with both Panda and her husband, Angelo Spencer. Spencer and O’Chichoes D’Hawaii will open for Dawson’s concert.

Lavimoniere waited to bring Dawson to campus because she wasn’t a well-known artist to a wide audience before "Juno."

“Even if people aren’t really interested in the message of the music, it’s a nice thing to listen to,” he said, adding that Dawson is still on her way up in the music scene. “We’re not catching her at her peak.”

The show starts tonight at 9 at Legends and doors open at 8:30. Admission is free for all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students. For more information on the concert visit WVFI’s website, http://www.nd.edu/~wvfi/promo.html.

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Fans are happy enough that "The Office" returned last night after a long writers' strike-induced hiatus, but students can continue their big long sigh of relief with B.J. Novak's appearance tomorrow night at Washington Hall.

Novak, who portrays former temp-turn-corporate-sleaze Ryan Howard and is a writer on the show, is the third "Office" cast member to visit campus as part of SUB's "The Office" Comedy Series. Both Mindy Kaling (Kelly) and Craig Robinson (Darryll) appeared at Washington Hall on March 29.

Novak, who in 2003 was named one of Variety's "10 Comedians to Watch," will perform stand-up and will be accompanied by an opener who is not affiliated with "The Office."

SUB's special events programmers Pat Garland and Matt McKenna first had the idea to bring Novak to campus during the writers' strike, but then decided to expand the appearance into a series.

"We knew that some of the other cast members had backgrounds in stand-up and decided that we could do a stand-up series instead of just presentations and Q&A, as we did with the "SNL" speaker series last spring," Garland said.

In her stand-up routine opening for Robinson, Kaling joked about everything from Observer headlines to Scarlett Johansson's deep voice and she even made a phone call to Novak so that he could announce that he was coming. Robinson used his keyboard to integrate music and sing-a-longs into his comedy. Both actors came back onstage after their performances to answer questions from the audience before posing for pictures and signing autographs.

Garland said that earlier in the day, he took Robinson, who had first visited family in Chicago, for a tour around campus and to the bookstore while Kaling slept since shooting on "The Office" had not ended until 3 a.m. in Los Angeles. But despite Robinson's "Office" fame, he was not recognized by everyone on campus.

"Craig and I actually did get stopped by the campus guards at the gated entrance," Garland said. "The guard would not let us on campus without a pass or a reason."

Robinson alluded to the incident in his stand-up routine, which drew big laughs from everyone familiar with the strict guidelines of the guards at the entrance gates.

Coordinating the actors' appearances proved to be somewhat challenging since "The Office" is shot and written every day of the week. Garland said that Kaling, Robinson and Novak were only available for those appearances.

Eventually, everything came together and "The Office" Comedy Series was created. Garland said that SUB specifically looked for "Office" cast members with a background in stand-up and that it got its first three choices. While Novak's appearance marks the last one by an "Office" cast member this semester, Garland isn't ruling out more "Office" appearances in the future.

"That will be up to the new programmers as they plan for next year's events over the summer," he said.

In the meantime, Garland is just grateful to be able to bring people like Kaling, Robinson and Novak to campus.

"It is a great feeling to be able to program events that students are interested in attending," he said. "I think one of the best things about SUB is that we can put on events or shows that students truly want to experience."

For the most part, Kaling and Robinson appeared to enjoy their time here as much as the audience.

"Mindy's first reaction to landing at the airport was texting Matt that 'South Bend is so pretty!'" Garland said. "We could not tell if she was being sarcastic."

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Episodes of 'The Office' written by Novak

"Diversity Day" March 29, 2005
"Sexual Harassment" September 27, 2005
"The Fire" October 11, 2005
"Boys and Girls" February 2, 2006
"Initiation" October 19, 2006
"Safety Training" April 12, 2007
"Local Ad" October 25, 2007
"The Chair Model" April 17, 2008
MLB
Cubs capitalize on five-run fifth to beat Pirates
Boston defeats Detroit in front of record-breaking home crowd; Yankees avoid sweep with win over Kansas City

Associated Press
PITTSBURGH — After needing the equivalent of three games merely to win twice in Pittsburgh, what a relief this regulation game was to the Chicago Cubs. Almost as big as the relief Jon Lieber gave them.

Geovany Soto and Mike Fontaine hit two-run homers in Chicago's five-run sixth inning and the Cubs clinched a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh, winning 7-3 Thursday night to run their winning streak to five games.

Soto had three extra-base hits, including two doubles, among his second career four-hit game, and Derrek Lee also drove in two runs among them in a 10-8, 12-inning win Monday in the Pirates' opener dating to last season.

Lieber (2-1) got the decision by pitching 4 1-3 scoreless relief innings after starter Rich Hill needed 72 pitches to get through three innings, allowing three runs and five hits and walking four. Lieber pitched 7 1-3 scoreless relief innings in the series, three of them during a 10-8, 12-inning win Monday in the Pirates' opener dating to last season.

"Without Lieber, we would have had problems," manager Lou Piniella said. "We were looking for innings. ... (Hill) was all over the place. There was no use keeping him in there. It wasn't going to get any better.

The Cubs certainly didn't need to look for innings earlier in the series.

After going 12 and 15 innings to win the first two games — the first time in 81 years they've needed that many innings to win consecutive road games — the Cubs won this with one big hit against pitching-thin Pirates, who dropped their fifth in six games.

"I'm glad it didn't go extra innings," said Soto, who went 4-for-17 while catching all 36 innings in the series — apparently with no effect on his offense.

The Cubs withstood two Pirates homer-driven comebacks to win 6-4 in 15 innings on Wednesday night.

"I think any situation like that, if anybody can go in there and do that, it's definitely huge," Lieber, a converted catcher, said, of prop-up the bullpen. "You want to give those guys a break down there, especially after last night's ballgame.

Soto had a chance to hit for the cycle, but he didn't think of trying to stretch a double into a triple in the seventh. He grounded out in the ninth.

"I already hit my one (triplet for the year)," I'll take them if they come, but I don't want to get greedy," Soto said. "I'm not a triple-type guy.

Boston 12, Detroit 6
J.D. Drew went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs, and Tim Wakefield pitched his knuckelball for five innings to lead the Boston Red Sox to a victory over Detroit on Thursday and send the Tigers to their eighth loss in nine games.

Manny Ramirez had a two-run double, and also scored a run by igniting a two-handed sign up put by third base coach DeMarlo Hale. Sean Casey drove in one run in the Pirates opener dating to last season.

Five straight Detroit batters reached base in the eighth off Julian Tavarez, who came in when Hideki Okajima was pulled after warming up to start the inning. Tavarez got Gary Sheffield to hit into a run-scoring double play that cut the deficit to 8-6, before Jonathan Papelbon got Magglio Ordonez on a popup in center to end the eighth.

The Red Sox added four in the eighth on a two-run double by Kevin Youkilis, Drew's sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Coco Crisp. Ramirez double in the seventh inning of Boston's 12-6 defeat of Detroit Thursday.

The Tigers stranded six baserunners in the first three innings despite falling to get a hit off Wakefield (1-0). He walked five and hit two batters by the time he was done, allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out five to improve to 10-1 in his last 12 starts at Fenway.

Nate Robertson (0-1) allowed eight hits and two walks while striking out six in 5 1-3 innings, giving up all of his four runs in the fourth inning. Five Detroit pitchers combined to throw 212 pitches, allowing 13 hits and nine walks.

Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez reached base all five times he came to the plate, with three singles, a walk and a hit-by-pitch.

The crowd of 37,612, boosted by the offseason addition of nearly 1,000 new seats, was the most at Fenway since World War II.

New York, Kansas City 1
Once again, Andy Pettitte came up big when the New York Yankees needed a win.

Pettitte picked up his first victory and Alex Rodriguez and Melky Cabrera each homered and drove in two runs, helping the New York Yankees defeat the Kansas City Royals Thursday night and avoid a series sweep.

"Andy knows how to win big games," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "I don't know if I would call this a big game, but you don't want to be swept at the start of an eight-game road trip."

Pettitte (11-1) held the Royals to one run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings, and is 7-0 in his past nine starts against them. He has a career record of 12-4 with a 3.06 ERA against Kansas City, which is his best earned run average against any American League club.

After throwing in 31 pitches in the first inning, when the Royals managed only one run off him, Pettitte needed just six pitches through the next 5 2-3 innings.

"I didn't have much at all the first couple of innings," Pettitte said. "I was extremely fortunate to get through that, thank goodness. ... My command was extremely bad early on and I was fortunate to get away with some balls I left over the plate.

"I just started feeling good midway through the third inning and felt like I got into a really good rhythm. ... That was good to see, hopefully I can carry this one into my next one."

Cabrera tied the game at 1 with a solo homer in the third, driving a 1-2 pitch over the fence.

The left-handed Yankees have faced this year.

Red Sox DH David Ortiz, right, is congratulated by Kevin Youkilis after scoring on a Manny Ramirez double in the seventh inning of Boston's 22-6 defeat of Detroit Thursday.

Cubs closer Kerry Wood, right, celebrates with catcher Geovany Soto after the Cubs 7-3 victory over Pittsburgh Thursday.
**Indians sign Carmona to new deal**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Indians tucked away one of their aces.

Fausto Carmona, a surprising 19-game winner who wasn't hobbled by swarming insects in his first postseason start last October, agreed Thursday to a $15 million, four-year deal that potentially can ascend into the No. 1 role.

Carmona's signing also gives the Indians protection in case they can't keep reigning AL Cy Young Award winner C.C. Sabathia, who is eligible for free agency after this season. Sabathia rejected a preliminary offer from the club, and during spring training he suspended negotiations until after the season.

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Belles to take on Tri-State

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s suffered another tough conference loss Wednesday at Hope, but will look to come back Saturday as they take on Tri-State (3-7, 0-4 MIAA) at home. The Belles (5-9, 2-3 MIAA) were defeated Wednesday 8-1 by the Flying Dutch.

“Tri-State hasn’t done real well in the conference,” Belles head coach Nancy Snapper said. “We expect them to be competitive, but we’re pretty confident we understand how we need to play.”

Saint Mary’s freshman Jillian Hurley was the only player victorious for the Belles at Hope Wednesday, winning the No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-0 over Christina Garcia. Her victory brings her singles record to 12-2. Hurley’s success at singles was not echoed in doubles play as she and partner Camille Gebert lost 8-2.

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ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Northwestern routs Irish on road

Notre Dame falls to top-ranked Wildcats, looks on to new challenge against Georgetown

By ANDY ZICcareLLI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s quest for a perfect five-game road trip hit a major roadblock Wednesday night, as the Irish fell to No. 1 Northwestern 16-2.

No. 8 Notre Dame was previously 3-0 on the trip and coming off of a win at No. 7 Duke, the program’s first ever win in Durham, N.C.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne was upfront with his team’s play on Wednesday.

“We didn’t show up,” Coyne said.

Tracy Coyne Irish coach

There was an article in their student newspaper about what a rivalry they consider themselves with us, Coyne said. “They have been out and played like it was a game in which the Irish trailed from the start, falling behind 11-0 at halftime. The Wildcats would eventually score the first 15 goals of the game before Notre Dame found the back of the net.

The Irish, however, cannot afford to dwell on Wednesday’s outcome, as they face another strong opponent Saturday in the Georgetown Hoyas, coming into the game ranked No. 28 all-time in the country and tied for second place in the Big East Conference with Notre Dame.

“They have very talented lacrosse players,” Coyne said. “They get a lot of the top athletes in that (Big East) area, so I think that’s what makes them the good team that they are.”

The Irish will be up against historical odds.

“They are going to be prepared when the time comes to play that game,” Coyne said. “If we play Irish lacrosse the way we know we can, I think that we are going to win.”

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NBA

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Sports Writer

Notre Dame has climbed into a tie with St. John's for first place in the Big East, but the Irish know that means every opponent will be gunning for them for the remainder of the season.

"Every series now from here on out — since we're at the top — is going to be a big series," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (15-15, 4-5) this weekend in a matchup of red-hot squads. The Irish have won five straight games while the Wildcats have come out on top in their last seven contests.

"Villanova's the hottest team in the Big East right now.... They've won seven in a row, all at home," Schrage said.

Notre Dame swept conference foe Rutgers Sunday.

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A.J. Pollock has led a recent offensive tear for the Irish, garnering Big East player of the week honors after hitting .542 with a home run, a triple and a double in games against Valparaiso and Manchester Tuesday and Wednesday. He raised his average to .409 by going 3-for-3 against Villanova.

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Perhaps it was only a coincidence that Rose, Immelman and Ian Poulter made a weekend getaway to Augusta last month for practice.
**olympics**

Jones' teammates must give up gold medals

International Olympic Committee rules that relay members cannot keep medals after teammate admitted steroid use

Associated Press

BEIJING — Marion Jones gave up her Olympic medals. Her relay teammates aren't quite as willing.

Jones' former relay teammates paid for her doping offenses Thursday, losing their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics as the International Olympic Committee stripped them from athletes who won gold with Jones in the 1,600-meter relay and bronze in the 400 relay.

"The decision was based on the fact that they were part of a team, that Marion Jones was disqualified from the Sydney Games due to her own admission that she was doping during those games," said IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies, who announced the decision. "She was part of a team and she competed with them in the finals."

Jones' teammates on the 1,600 squad were Jael-Miles Clark, Monique Hennagan, LaTasha Colander-Richardson and Andrea Anderson. The 400-relay squad also had Chrystie Games, Torri Edwards, Nanceen Perry and Passion Richardson.

The runners have previously refused to give up their medals, saying it would be wrong to punish them for Jones' violations. They have hired a U.S. lawyer to defend their case, which could wind up in the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The IOC ruling follows the admission by Jones last year that she was doping at the time of the Sydney Games.

She returned her five medals last year and the IOC formally stripped her of the results in December. Jones won gold in the 100 meters, 200 and 1,600 relay, and bronze in the long jump and 400 relay.

"The IOC decision ... illustrates just how far-reaching the consequences of doping can be," USOC chief executive officer Jim Scherr said in a statement. "When an athlete makes the choice to cheat, others end up paying the price, including teammates, competitors and fans."

We respect the decision of the IOC executive board, as well as the right for the athletes who are impacted by this decision to file an appeal with the Court of Arbitration of Sport, should they so choose."

The IOC put off any decision Thursday on reallocating the medals, pending more information from the ongoing BALCO steroid investigation in the United States.

A reshuffling of the medals could affect more than three dozen other athletes. The IOC wants to know whether any other Sydney athletes are implicated in the BALCO files.

Davies said the Jones' relay case differed from that of U.S. 400-meter runner Jerome Young, who was stripped of his gold medal in the 1,600-meter relay from Sydney because of a doping violation dating to 1999. He ran only in the preliminary of the relay.

The IOC had sought to strip the entire American men's team but the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled in 2005 that there were no rules in place at the time of the Sydney Games for a whole relay team to be disqualified for an offense by one member.

"Marion Jones ran in the finals and she was of her own admission doped during the Olympic Games," Davies said. "Jerome Young was found to be doped before the Olympic Games and should never have competed in the first place."

The next IOC board meeting takes place in Athens, Greece, in June, followed by another meeting in Beijing on the eve of the Aug. 8-24 Olympics.

Davies said there was no timetable for a decision on redistributing medals, but noted there was an eight-year statute of limitations. The Sydney Games finished on Oct. 1, 2000.

After denying she had ever used performance-enhancing drugs, Jones admitted in federal court in October that she used the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001. She began serving a six-month prison sentence last month for lying to investigators about doping and her role in a check fraud scam.

On other doping matters, the IOC board adopted its anti-doping rules for the Beijing Games, covering the period from the opening of the Olympic village on July 27 to the closing ceremony on Aug. 24. Among new provisions, athletes will be considered guilty of a doping violation if they are found in possession of any prohibited substance, including marijuana. Missing two doping tests during the games or one during that period and two in the previous 18 months will constitute a violation. And athletes can be subjected to out-of-advance notice drug tests "at any time or place" during the games.
Belles seek fast start at Albion

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will focus on finally getting a first game win in Saturday afternoon’s doubleheader at Albion College. The Belles have lost the opener of their last three doubleheaders, as well as in a single game 10-1 loss Monday against Bethel.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan has described this as a lack of preparedness for each team’s style. This problem has remedied itself in the second game of the doubleheader, which the Belles have won in each contest.

The Belles (15-6 overall, 4-2 MIAA) have a chance to redeem themselves Saturday against the Britons (11-8, 3-5). Albion, which finished seventh out of eight teams in the MIAA last year, has made improvements this year.

Sullivan said she feels her team is up to the task. “We are a better team that we have shown recently,” said Sullivan. “We are looking to come out strong against Albion and show what we can do.”

Albion is coming off a sweep of MIAA opponent Calvin. In game one, pitcher Amber Hummel allowed only one hit in her third shutout of the season.

The Belles have had a solid season despite the recent losses, and Sullivan does not feel that they have lost any confidence. “We just need to trust all of the hard work and effort we have put in over the year.”

Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

Junior Calli Davison (7-6) will start the first game, and senior McKenna Corrigan (8-0) will start the second. Along with pitching, Corrigan is one of the team’s top offensive players, leading the team with three home runs and second in BBI with 23.

Junior Ashley Fusaro and sophomore Ashley Peterson, two-time reigning MIAA player of the week, respectively, lead the offense for Saint Mary’s. Peterson leads the team in every major offensive category. The Belles rank fourth in the MIAA heading into tomorrow’s season.

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With that being said, the Irish are looking to close out their season this weekend with a pair of Big East opponents. Mary will play Marquette Sunday at the Convocation Center.

Part of the reason as to why the Irish were competitive against the Wildcats is because they went into the contest knowing that they could compete with the nation’s best team.

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SPORTS

Team suffers close loss to Northwestern

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

When the nation’s top-ranked team has continuously dominated its opponents and heads into town, at first, a 4-3 loss seems disheartening. For No. 16 Notre Dame, this was exactly the case after a close loss against No. 1 Northwestern.

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The No. 2 and 3 singles stepped up to the spotlight and came up with huge victories as Buck and Ciobanu both handled their opponents.

The lower half of the singles group is where the Wildcats made up the difference of the match and overcame a 3-1 deficit to pull out victory.

Now that the nine-game winning streak Notre Dame had compiled is over, the squad cannot afford a letdown this weekend, and needs to keep winning as they head into Big East play.

“We had a great practice today,” Louderback said of Thursday’s session. “They came out fired up after Northwestern. DePaul is a deep team, they have a bunch of talent all around. It’s also the first time they’ve been healthy in a long time, so we know what they can do.

“We played well against Northwestern, and lost, so now we can’t afford a letdown.”

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Sharapova wins at Bausch & Lomb tourny

Associated Press

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. — Maria Sharapova got the clay-court test she was looking for, but she almost got more than she bargained for.

Sharapova outlasted clay-court veteran Anabel Medina Garrigues in three sets over court veteran Anabel Medina 3-0 down in the third set and survived 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-6 (1) Thursday. Sharapova, seemingly in control, served for the match at 5-4. Medina Garrigues won the first two points and converted her sixth break of serve to even it at 5-all. But the tiebreaker went Sharapova's way from the get-go.

The Russian won the first three and the last four points as Medina Garrigues wilted under the setting Florida sun. This type of win a marathon with long baseline rallies against a strong clay player was just what Sharapova needed in order to prepare for the French Open.

"I still feel like I can improve," Sharapova said. "Hopefully all these matches that I play here, as many as I can, will help me toward this year's French or future clay court matches." Sharapova entered as the tournament's top seed, ranked No. 5 in the world with a 2008 record of 19-1.

Medina Garrigues came in ranked No. 29 with no quarterfinal appearances since September but with a staunch clay reputation. They may as well have been equals Thursday. "This is her specialty, this is where she does best," Sharapova said. "She grew up on this stuff, and she's very familiar with it." Amelie Mauresmo had to work hard to earn her 500th career win in the third round. Mauresmo, the 2001 Bausch & Lomb winner, came back to beat seventh-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (6) in a match that took more than 2 hours.

Against Radwanska, Mauresmo was up 5-2 in the third before dropping two straight games to force a tiebreaker. "Even though I had some opportunities to finish it off before the third-set tiebreaker, I couldn't make it," Mauresmo said. "I was glad that I was coming in and trying to go for it in that tiebreaker. That's what made the difference, I thought, in the end."
**Men's Tennis**

**Struggling Irish visit Wolverines**

Team travels to No. 14 Michigan after losing five of past six matches

By KATE GRABAREK | Special Writer

After dropping a 4-3 match Sunday to No. 63 William and Mary, the No. 34 Irish will look to regain some confidence this Saturday when they travel to No. 14 Michigan.

Notre Dame's loss on Sunday was only its third home loss this season after the team started off strong early in the season with many close wins.

The Irish won five 4-3 matches early and rose to No. 9, coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It was an inflated ranking, based on a small body of work.

Since beating North Carolina 4-3 at the Blue Gray Tennis Classic, the Irish are 1-5 with their only win coming over Ball State on Friday.

Part of the reason for the Irish's troubles in the tough competition the team has faced, "We have played perhaps the most difficult schedule," Bayliss said. "We have and will play six of the top 10 teams.

Bayliss also noted when the Irish beat Duke on Feb. 3, the Blue Devils were No. 10 and the win propelled the Irish to No. 9 in the rankings. The Blue Devils are now ranked No. 43.

"While the Irish are looking to bounce back, Michigan is looking to do the same. The Wolverines had their 10-match winning streak halted by No. 17 Illinois on Sunday.

"Michigan had a rough weekend," Bayliss said. "They also played a close match outdoors with Purdue. They have more Big Ten championships than any other team. They are clearly the favorite on paper."

The Irish haven't fallen to the Wolverines since 2002 when the Irish were ranked No. 4 and the Wolverines were No. 43.

"This team will be remembered for how we handle the stretch run," Bayliss said. "It will definitely be challenging. Winning and losing are equally contagious. Each is self-replicating."

Freshman Dan Stahl had a hard fought win against William and Mary on Sunday. Senior Sheeva Parbhu also had a big win for the Irish over the Tribe on Sunday.

Parbhu rebounded from a loss in doubles with junior Brett Helgeson to jump out to a five game lead in a singles match over Marwan Rammadani. Parbhu clinched the first set easily and raced to a 4-1 lead in the second, winning the match 6-1, 6-1.

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On Sunday the Irish will return home to take on Louisville at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 1:00 p.m.

"Louisville is a very different team," Bayliss said. "They have a lot of new players and have had a pretty good season."

The Irish have also been plagued by South Bend's oft-changing weather. Bayliss noted that the team's play had been affected by the inability to practice consistently outdoors.

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**NBA**

**Nuggets win, edge closer to playoffs**

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Allen Iverson squared up, hit a 3-pointer and raised his arms to the air, having thwarted Golden State's final charge. There was no downplaying the importance of this win that put the Denver Nuggets in control of the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Iverson scored 33 points, J.R. Smith added 24 off the bench and the Nuggets overcame a 16-point deficit in the first quarter to win their playoff showdown over the Warriors 114-105 Thursday night.

"Everybody knew what was at stake," Iverson said. "It's easy for players to say it's just another game. But everybody knows it wasn't just another game. It was a game that both teams felt they had to have." The win moved Denver (48-31) a full game ahead of the Golden State (47-32) probably for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The Nuggets erased the early deficit by scoring 19 straight points in the second quarter and built the lead up from there, putting the back-to-back losses to Sacramento and Seattle from last weekend behind them.

"It was a must-win for us. We came up with that attitude," said Anthony, who had 25 points, including 10 in the second half that made it 104-90 with 7:52 to go. "We can go home or go home in our minds."

The lead grew to 17 before the Warriors mounted one last run, scoring nine straight points to cut it to 107-99 on Kelenna Azubuike's 3-pointer with just over 4 minutes remaining.

Golden State had two chances to cut into the lead more before Iverson's jumper got the lead back to 17. Warriors coach Don Nelson said: "We were kind of caught in the quandary of should we try to score or run clock. That 3 ended the quandary. It got us over that hump where we didn't have to be scared to death of them making that 3."

Both teams talked about how this game had a playoff feel to it. The yellow "We Believe" placards that were prevalent during the Warriors' playoff run a year ago were taped to each seat. But the Warriors have not been playing with the same energy down the stretch this season as they did during their memorable playoff run a year ago. They have lost nine of the past 16 games in a lackluster finish to their best season in 14 years. Golden State committed an uncharacteristically high 18 turnovers, missed nine of 24 free throws and got poor shooting nights from Stephen Jackson and Baron Davis.

Davis had a triple-double with 20 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, but shot only 9-for-25. Jackson had 18 points on 5-for-17 shooting. Monta Ellis led the way with 29 points and Al Harrington added 20.

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**#19 Women's Tennis**

FRI, APRIL 11TH @ 3PM vs. DePaul
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**#27 Men's Tennis**

SUN, APRIL 13TH @ 1PM vs. Louisville
Split squad travels to Mississippi, Michigan

By EUGENIA ALFONZO & ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

Notre Dame will split-up their squad for the second consecutive weekend when they send athletes to both the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss., and the Spartan Invitational in Lansing, Mich. this weekend.

Coming off strong performances in both the Stanford and Purdue Invitationals last weekend, Irish athletes will look to set new NCAA Regional qualifying marks by taking advantage of the warm weather down south.

"There will be primarily sprinters, throwers and a few middle distance runners and jumpers competing at Mississippi," Irish distance coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Hopefully [Mississippi] will be warm and conducive for some good performances in the shorter races and field events."

The SEC will provide plenty of competition for the Irish in Oxford due to its history of top performances, including placing six teams out of the top ten in the NCAA Championship last year.

The Irish hope facing tough competition will prepare them to perform well at the Big East Outdoor Championship meet at the beginning of May.

Those athletes who will compete at Michigan State in the Spartan Invitational will not have the same good fortune of weather. "The conditions at Michigan State could be pretty difficult — cold and rainy — but that is just the reality of spring time in the Midwest," Connelly said.

At the Spartan Invite, Notre Dame will face many familiar rivals and opponents, including Michigan, Purdue and Michigan State.

The Big East conference meet is rapidly approaching and each weekend's meet is becoming more and more important.

"There are only a limited number of opportunities to compete before the conference meet," Connelly said. "We need to take advantage of them."

Senior distance runner Jake Watson agreed.

"These meets are for people looking to run the Big East standards," Watson said.

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ND SOFTBALL
Irish open up new home field

Team breaks in Cook Stadium against Big East foes Rutgers, Villanova

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Riding an eight-game winning streak, the Irish will look to open up newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium in style with back-to-back doubleheaders against Big East foes Rutgers and Villanova this weekend.

The center of attention isn't on any kinds of streaks or statistics for the Irish (24-10, 1-1 Big East), but instead on just playing well in their next game.

"We are not focused on the winning streak," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "All we are concerned about is beating these next two teams.

A point of motivation to win this weekend's series will be playing in a brand new Melissa Cook Stadium. The well-drained field has a fully-equipped locker room and team room boasting televisions and couches that will allow the teams to unwind before and after games.

"The girls got to see it for the first time (Thursday), and they just loved it," Gumpf said.

Throwing out the first pitch will be Brian Boulac, the founder of the Irish softball program. Boulac was the first softball coach at Notre Dame and coached the stadium's namesake, Melissa Cook, in the program's formative years said Gumpf.

Rutgers (16-21, 2-6 Big East) is coming off an impressive three-game winning streak to take on the Irish Saturday for the opening double-header.

The first pitch in action at Melissa Cook Stadium will be hurled at noon by junior Brittany Bargary with the second game beginning at 2 p.m. and started by freshman Jody Valdivia.

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"If we want to be successful against Villanova we are going to have to limit our swings only to good pitches," Gumpf said.

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And the overall team chemistry is improving as well. More time spent together brings a better understanding of each other, both on and off the field.

“We’re learning each other’s tendencies, throwing more passes and catching more balls with each other, just spending more time with each other on and off the field,” Grimes said. “With time, things improve.”

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Irish sophomore defenseman Brett Blatchford battles for a loose puck with a Michigan defender.

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with the Irish, Biddrwall ignited Notre Dame's offense five minutes into the first period. The following time, Notre Dame scored the game's first goal off an assist from senior center Justin White and began a 3-0 Irish run.

A second goal followed 42 seconds later thanks to sophomore left wing Ryan Thang's pass to senior right wing Mark Van Guilder, marking the senior captain's 13th goal of the season and second of the NCAA Tournament. That scored the final goal of the period with 34.9 seconds remaining, flipping a backhanded shot over Michigan goaltender Billy Sauer's blocker. The goal came at the end of a five-on-three Irish power play kill. Notre Dame owns the second best penalty killing percentage in the country.

But despite the large early deficit, the Wolverines refused to stop down.

Just minutes into the second period, after replacing starting goalie Billy Sauer in favor of Michigan senior goalie Chad Kolarik sparked the Wolverines offense with 11:12 remaining, scoring over the left shoulder of Notre Dame's goalie Billy Sauer with goals separated by 14:11 of a maize jersey flying past. Kolarik sparked the Wolverines' offense to hammer Michigan like they did in the first period. Wolverines forwards Kolarik and Matt Rust pounded back-to-back goals only 15 seconds apart to make the shot 3-2 and momentum fell away from the Irish. It seemed the Irish mid-winter break had rekindled mid-game.

The Irish couldn't get chances on freshman goalie Bryan Hogan, who was put in only the sixth game of his career after Sauer was yanked. The shots that found the net were of poor quality.

"Hogan played well. I give him credit. We just tried to get shots from anywhere on him," Van Guilder said.

Then Kolarik struck again with a power-play goal two minutes into the third period to tie the game 3-3. It seemed the Irish were doomed to repeat the mistakes of the second half, where they added into the NCAA Tournament scoring only 43 goals in their last 24 games.

But by the middle of the third period, the Irish found their mojo again, peppering Hogan with his first serious threats of the game and eventually one from Kevin Deeth went in for the 4-3 lead. A fortunate corner for Michigan with five minutes left in the third period tied the game at 4-4 to send it overtime, but Notre Dame was back just like when they bounced back from a terrible second half of the season to power their way through the West Regional last two weeks. The Irish started to hammer Michigan like they did in the first period.

Forwards crushed their rebounds in overtime and the forehead frustrated and prevented the Wolverines from breaking the puck out of their zone. It only took five minutes for Biddrwall to pick his spot off a Dan VeNard rebound, and a few more seconds for the Irish to pile on top of Biddrwall and center ice.

"It didn't face the Irish," Jackson said. "You always wait for momentum to change in situations like tonight's game, and our guys handled it with calm and cool and that at least allowed us to continue to play." And now Notre Dame is playing on the national championship.

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right wing Mark Van Guilder beat Michigan goalie Billy Sauer with goals separated by 4:34 seconds, short-handed and with under a minute left in the period. Left wing Ryan Thang spoiled the puck around Wolverines defenders Steve Kampfer and bashed it over Sauer's shoulder while cutting in along the left goal line.

"We came out with the intensity we thought we needed, then they got that first goal by 22, or whatever the heck his name is, he played a good game," Wolverines right wing Chad Kolarik said about the first period and Biddrwall.

Against the vaunted Wolverines, the No. 1 team in the country, the Irish rampaged to a 3-0 lead at the first buzzer and knocked Sauer out of the game. Months ago, against competition ranked in the top 10, the Irish romped to a 16-4 record by Christmas break, ending with a 9-4 run.

In both cases, the momentum would soon die — and fast. Like the malaise that blanketed the Irish from January to March, they were back. But the Irish were doomed to repeat the mistakes of the second half, where they added into the NCAA Tournament scoring only 43 goals in their last 24 games. The forehead had disappeared, the cycle was nonexistent and goals were a first-period memory.

"We knew [the Irish] were going to come out the way they did," Michigan center Kevin Porter said. "We needed to regroup after the second, and that's what we did. I thought we played well the rest of the game."

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THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Kriest

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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Bulge the ol' onion bag.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You’re just plain whacky. Just plain.

**CARPARKCORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Charlton Heston Drexler will be on campus this weekend.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Clyde “The Astrogirl” Drexler will be on campus this weekend.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You bought what? That’s just gross...Yea, we know your secret.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) When he was born, was there even a 1 in 1,000,000,000 chance that the Undertaker wasn’t going to become a professional wrestler? And there would have been more zeros in that question if there wasn’t a limit on the horoscope space.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Try and eat some Bath and Body Works-type stuff this weekend...at night.

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Hockey

Mile high miracle

Victory puts Irish in first ever NCAA final

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

DENVER — With effective first period offense and a final overtime goal by freshman Callie Ridderdwall, the underdog Irish defeated Michigan 5-4, earning their first ever entry into the NCAA National Championship.

"I have a rich tradition in playing the underdog role," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "The underdog thing is overlooked. When you get to this level, the teams in college hockey are no place where anything can happen."

Five minutes into overtime, Michigan goalie Bryan Hogan stopped senior center Dan Yanard's shot on goal. Ridderdwall scored off the rebound, earning his fifth career goal, and lifting the Irish to a 5-4 win in sudden death.

Entering the game with only three goals in his first season...

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Team survives high powered Michigan offense when it counts

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

DENVER — All season, Michigan's offense has been known to score quicker than you can say "Too Blue." And Notre Dame experienced that explosiveness firsthand Thursday night.

Taking a 3-0 lead into the first intermission, and dominating basically all facets of the game, Notre Dame looked to be cruising towards a national championship berth, or they would have, if this were any team but the Wolverines.

"It's always great to get up on Michigan, because we know they're so talented offensively," Notre Dame sophomore forward Ryan Thang said. "But when you get a lead like that, it really doesn't mean a lot against a team like Michigan because they're so powerful."

Even with the lead, a Wolverine comeback was inevitable, and Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson knew it.

"They're just too explosive of a team to feel comfortable," Jackson said.

In the second period, Michigan's vaunted offense came to life, scoring two goals in 15 seconds, bringing the score back to 3-2, and completely reversing the momentum inside the Pepsi Center. A third goal two minutes into the third iewed up the score, and Notre Dame's early three-goal cushion had evaporated.

"Obviously it wasn't the start that we wanted, but I liked the way our team regrouped in the second period," Wolverine coach Red Berenson said. "Our kids battled hard." Notre Dame had made a crucial mistake — it gave the Wolverines space to create. In the first period, the Irish forechecked aggressively and no Michigan player could touch the puck without being pinned against the boards by a blue Notre Dame jersey. In the second, though, the Irish allowed Michigan to set up its offense and effectively cycle the puck, and on a team with players like Chad Kolarik and Kevin Porter, the Irish were asking for trouble.

"They possessed the puck quite a bit more than we did in the second period," Irish senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. Michigan did its part too, taking advantage of the given space and...

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Semifinal win sums up Notre Dame season

DENVER — Hot, then cool. Productive, then follow. And then explosive.

It's the story of the 2007-08 Notre Dame hockey team and in fitting fashion, capped by freshman Calle Ridderdwall's patient, peek-a-boo shot that found twice to give the Irish the 5-4 upset win in overtime over Michigan.

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Football

Experienced receiving corps bring flexibility to offense

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

A tandem of young of wide receivers brought a glimmer of hope to the end of last season. True freshmen Duval Kamara and Golden Tate finally showed their potential in Saturday's 5-4 win over Stanford in November.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen connected with Kamara six times to combine for a team-high 91 yards. Tate had 357 yards on the season, behind only senior tight end John Carlson and sophomore Robbie Parris.

Frame by frame, week by week, things are likely to continue in that direction. Offensive coordinator Michael Haywood noted that the Irish are already ahead of their gameplan at this point in the spring season, a feat he attributes to the coaching staff and their attention to detail.

"We keep track of everything," Haywood said. "We keep track of every play that's made, every catch that is made by a wide receiver, every ball that is dropped, every ball that is accepted, and every ball that is incomplete, for whatever reason."

In addition to spotting problems early enough to fix them, the Irish now boast a little bit more experience in the receiving lanes.

Rising senior David Grimes has the most experience at the position and has used what he's learned to guide younger players like Kamara and Tate.

"He's an outstanding leader," Haywood said of Grimes. "He leads by example, he leads by the way he carries himself on campus. He acts like a champion at all times."

But finding leaders in upperclassmen is just part of Notre Dame's dynamic.

"I just see it as one big family," Haywood said. "Grimes helps me a lot, that's one of the guys I look up to. Just going out and being a family, being one, and we just compete to do our best."

Beyond being a leader, Grimes was fourth on the Irish squad with 224 yards in 2007. Rising junior Bobby Parris was second with 361 yards.

With three of the four top receivers returning, the offensive staff is free to move players around to find the best combinations of two or three men.

"Each individual is adjusting to their position because we're moving wide receivers around," Haywood said. "Maybe by formation, maybe by motion, and we're moving a lot of guys around and guys...

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Hockey/Offense

By KYLE CASSELLY
Senior Staff Writer

Calle Ridderdwall's patient, peek-a-boo shot that found twice to give the Irish the 5-4 upset win in overtime over Michigan. Notre Dame replicated the storyline of its season in one game, surging at the start before bottoming out in the middle, followed by a Renaissance at the end.

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