SMC theater group puts on controversial play

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

"Stop Kiss," Saint Mary's spring theater production, was met with initial hesitation due to its controversial themes of homosexuality and violence but was eventually accepted by the audience.

When it was first announced that "Stop Kiss" would be performed on campus, several members of the Saint Mary's student body sent e-mails to the play's director, Katie Sullivan, expressing concerns over some of the play's content.

In an e-mail to the student body, Sullivan explained that the play was chosen to help explore violence in the everyday world.

"The play spoke loudly to me in its plea for non-violence in our world, both in the larger global picture and in the small individual choices we each make everyday," Sullivan said in an interview.

Both during and after the performance, the audience did not seem to take offense to the issues addressed in the play.

"It broke some preconceived stereotypes I had about lesbians because the girls wore two normal people who happened to fall in love anybody else fails in love, without trying," Saint Mary's freshman Catherine Sullivan said.

Cavanaugh wins RecycleMania

University participated in 10-week competition for first time

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Cavanaugh Hall captured first place in Notre Dame's inter-dorm recycling competition — part of the 10-week long RecycleMania competition between 400 colleges and universities nationwide. This was the first time that Notre Dame participated in RecycleMania.

Cavanaugh won by collecting 81,36 pounds per capita of recyclables, according to RecycleMania coordinator Ann Kelley. St. Edward's Hall came in second with 72.31 pounds per capita, and Walsh took third with 65.73 pounds per capita.

As part of the competition, students took recyclables out of campus trash cans and from other dorms — a factor in Cavanaugh's win, according to the dorm's environmental commission Sarah Cline.

"I am so excited and so happy that we won because everyone in the dorm put so much work into it," she said. "We went on raids and really tried to get everybody involved. I know everyone here was really happy about it." Cline said Cavanaugh generated a lot of awareness through emails and posters and created enthusiasm by highlighting the competitive aspect of RecycleMania.

"We put posters everywhere and we sent out e-mails," she said. "We really promoted the competition side of it. There was the general consensus that we did not want to lose to Farley, so people were really excited about that." In addition to the inter-dorm competition, Kelley said Notre Dame also participated in the Stephen K. Gatski Per Capita Classic Competition — the original RecycleMania competition in which schools compete to see who can collect the most acceptable recyclables.

ND alumna Thompson discusses alternative fuel sources

NBC News chief environmental correspondent criticizes current energy sources, sees hope in new technologies

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News and Notre Dame graduate Anne Thompson discussed the importance of engineering environmental stability and criticized the current forms of alternative energy in a lecture in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Thompson said the environment has recently become a hot issue with the American public.

"It was clear that this was an issue that was going to impact all our lives," she said. "The environment was no longer a 'fringe' issue. It was no longer the shaggy domain of environmentalists who wore Birkenstocks and crunched granola."

Fueled by rising gas prices, the search for alternative fuels to replace coal — currently responsible for over half of the United States' energy — and oil has become more expansive.

"Even the coal producers concede that the ability to capture and store carbon dioxide could be 20 years away, and certainly billions and billion of dollars away," Thompson said.

Thompson said one alternative source of fuel that is "gaining popularity" is wind energy, currently responsible for less than 1 percent of the country's energy.

But Thompson said wind power is unsatisfactory because it produces very little energy, it is unpredictable and there is no way to store the energy produced.

"The even bigger challenge with wind power is how do you get the energy these wind turbines create out of the plains of west Texas or along coast lines to the city and towns beneath them?" she said.

Boston College defeats Notre Dame 4-1 in National Championship

Left, Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson watches the puck cross the goal line five minutes into the third period. The goal was overturned upon review when the replay official ruled that Lawson kicked the puck into the net. Top, Boston College left wing Nathan Gerbe, behind the net, puts the Eagles up 2-0 early in the second period when he taps the puck in while diving head-first. Gerbe, a junior, had two goals and two assists in the national championship in Denver on Saturday.
Dot com writing

I am not a writer. And I am not going to pretend that I am one. The problem is not a technical one — my AP English Language and English Literature scores will tell you that I have mastered the basics. After all, I am a good worker (if I may identify and change the words used here in little red squiggles), and I usually do a decent job with punctuation — just read what I have written out loud, and I’d be okay then if I figure I am probably good to go.

Basically, the problem is getting started. The prompt: What do I write about, and how do I make it interesting? One of my worst nightmares is when teachers assign an open-ended paper topic, reserving it only to Show-That-You-Actually-I-understood-the-lectures-and-Readings-2-Sections-to-an-extent-Have-Pages-Dual-Spaced-Oh, and be sure to use Times New Roman, 12 point.

Yes, I am certain that I am not alone in my struggle to fill a page with meaningful text. For anyone who has ever tossed 12.5 point type or 1.3 inch margins, or even resorted to T. N. Thorn’s close-lyet-less-space-efficient cousin Big Gasket, you’ll know what I mean.

Now, if you just get a bit back, anand your teacher’s intimated eye just won’t catch the type modifications that stretch that four-sevenths-penny page to a full five paper (note: spelling out numbers under one-hundred is correct standard formatting, and also has the virtue of a lot of space. Same with spelling out contractions. It would be a bumer to avoid these in e-mail). It has to be said, also. I would not recommend trying any tricks with the typography teachers in the Graphic Design department. Oh, wait, we don’t write in paper designs in class. Never mind.

What I am trying to say is that even if 13 point point font is 1.476 inch margins will not do the trick, there is, thankfully, help for those of us struggling to complete writing assignments. For example:

CreativeWritings.com and similar Web sites allow three unwilling to get your fingers tapping and your ear canal activated. It’s too sensitive, nobody writes with pen and paper anymore. Then you would not be able to copy-paste your most recent research material into Wikipedia when you finished.) Some of the writing prompts on the site sound almost like a tool for finding synonyms for overused words like “interesting,” so I narrowed it down to a few that I almost used to write this column. I have clearly chosen another direction (and have decided to fill the book but I encourage you to choose and ponder one of these, or discuss it with a friend over some refreshment. 1000 words or more). In this case, if you are interested, you can e-mail it to me (in any font you like) and I will give me credit for writing it as a great InsideColumn.

1F) Write from the point of view of a character who just lost a job.
2G) Write about the role of hunger.
2G) Write a fictional story about an adoption agency selling shaved apes as pets.
12B If you are a student, e-mail us the assignment you have just completed. 12C If you are a writer, please contact us at 655-4541 so we can contact our error.

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Scientists test sludge in poor areas

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Scientists using federal grants spread fertilizer made from human and industrial wastes on yards in poor, black homes. They hope it might protect children from lead poisoning in the soil. Families were assured the sludge was safe and were never told about any harmful ingredients.

Nine low-income families in Baltimore now agree to let researchers till the sewage sludge into their yards and plant new grass there, they were given food coupons as well as the free logs as part of a study published in 2005 and funded by the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The Associated Press reviewed grant documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and interviewed researchers. No one was involved with the $446,231 grant for the two-year study. The participants, mostly residents, rdated privacy concerns.

There is no evidence there was ever any medical follow-up of the families following the study.

Comparative research was conducted by the Agricultural Department and Environmental Protection Agency in a similarly poor black neighborhood in St. Louis, Mo.

That study, researchers said, put the children at less risk of lead or nervous damage from lead. A highly toxic metal, lead is widely used in gasoline and paint, has been shown to cause brain damage among the 600 low-birth-long children that had flaked off their homes.

The researchers said the phosphate and iron in the sludge can bind lead and other heavy metals in the soil, allowing the combination to pass safely through the children's systems.

The idea that sludge — the left-over solids wastes filtered from water pollution at 16,000 treatment plants — can be turned into something harmless, even if swallowed, has been a tenet of federal policy for three decades.

In 1978 a memo, the EPA said sludge "contains nutrients and organic matter which have considerable benefits for land and crops" despite the presence of "low levels of heavy metals and other toxicants." But in the late 1990s the government began underwater studies such as those in Baltimore and Flint, Mich.

"There are potential pathogens and chemicals that aren't in the realm of safety," said Thomas Burke, Johns Hopkins professor.

"It would have been easier to have a son," said Shanti, 38, who runs the public hospital's ultrasound technology.

"People get so excited about sex-selective abortions made available through the spread of ultrasound technology.

"But if the intent had been to stop female fetuses, he said, it would be illegal by the ground. "It would have been easier to have a son.

But as India modernizes — as small towns, as towns become places like Singhpura become the elections polls two weeks ago, but more recent polls showed Veltroni making a comeback. Whether Veltroni can prevail could yield big changes in the European Union's 5 million voters, analysts say.

Berlusconi appeared to have a cleaner lead in the lower house, while the vote for the Senate will likely be more of a contest.

Veltroni, at 52 now, is considered a softer, Berlusconi's junior, has pledged to lead generational change, while at the same time say he represents differences from Prodi's, — which found itself hostage to small parties on the more extreme left that hampered its reform plans.:

Unlike the same problems, Veltroni has spurned the far-left.

Berlusconi, vying for his third stint as premier in the last 14 years, has blamed the outgoing center-left government for the country's problems.

Prodi, whose last government lasted only 20 months, is not running.
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Salyer said.

The play is set in modern New York City, and primarily a
New York apartment. It is the
story of native New Yorker
Callie, played by Caroline
Walker, a senior theater
and biology major, who helps Sarah,
played by Ayslinn McGovern, a
senior theater major, to
become acquainted with
the city after the
latter's move
there. They both are initially
heterosexual, but as they form
a bond with one
another over
the course of a
few months,
they begin to realize their
feelings are stronger than
they originally thought.

One night, after leaving
a nightclub, they walk through
a park on the West Side and sit
on a bench. They begin talking
and then suddenly kiss. A man
on a bench. They begin talking
originally thought.

"I think that it was
very emotionally
engaging and it gave
the audience a lot to
think about." 

Leona Perez
Saint Mary's freshman

"Stop Kiss" is a contemporary
piece written by Diana Son and
was performed in Saint Mary's
Little Theater.

"I love the way that the
city is woven into the story
line. I think it's a very
dramatically engaging
work."

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because the alternative would
be such an intrusion of govern-
ment authority that it would be
very difficult to sustain in our
kind of open society."

"The New York senator added
that abortion should remain
legal, safe and rare."

The two candidates appeared
separately at Messiah College
near Harrisburg, Pa., and
briefly met as Clinton left the
stage and Obama took her
place. The moment of pleas-
ances and handshakes belied
days of angry accusations
between the two over Obama's
comments about bitter voters
in small towns.

asked whether life begins at
conception, Obama said he did-
’t know the answer.

"This is something that I
have not, I think, come to a
firm resolution on. I think it's
very hard to know what that
means, when life begins. Is it
when a cell separates? Is it
when the soul stirs? ... What I
know, as I've said before, is
that there is something
extraordinarily powerful about
potential life and that that has
a moral weight to it that we
take into consideration when
we're having these debates."

Clinton is a Methodist.
Obama is a member of Trinity
United Church of Christ in
Chicago, where the retired pas-
tor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright,
denounced the war in Iraq.

The words of Obama's pastor
have dogged the campaign,
and the candidate reiterated
his condemnation of Wright's
remarks but stood by his
church.

"Pastors are imperfect.
Certainly, the membership is
imperfect. I, as somebody who
is sitting in the pews as a sin-
er, is imperfect," he said.

"And, you know, that doesn't
detract from, I think, what the
church is supposed to be about,
which is to worship God and
proclaim the good news."

Clinton said she has felt the
pity of God in her life and said
she makes decisions on tough
moral issues such as abortion
and the treatment of alleged
terrorists after prayer,
contemplation and study.

"I don't pretend to even
believe that I know the
answers to a lot of these ques-
tions," Clinton said. "I don't."

One of the toughest questions
she faced was why God allows
innocent people to suffer.

Clinton said that has been the
subject of much debate for gen-
nerations, and added, "I don't
know. I can't wait to ask him."

When asked if she thought
God wanted her to be presi-
dent, Clinton quipped, "I could
be glib and say, well, we'll find
out."

She said she doesn't presume
anything about God and she
thinks Abraham Lincoln was
right to not act as if God is on
our side. "In fact, our mission
should be on God's side," Clinton
said.

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Pope to arrive at White House
Papal visit with President Bush to be second in history; crowd of 12,000 expected

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The leader of the world's Roman Catholics has arrived in the White House for the first time in history. Pope Benedict XVI is expected to stay for the next two days, meeting with President Bush and other dignitaries.

The visit marks a significant moment in the history of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the United States. Pope Benedict's trip is part of a larger tour of the United States, which also includes visits to New York City and Los Angeles.

Bush and Benedict are expected to discuss a wide range of topics, including the war in Iraq, the global economy, and the role of religion in public life.

The pope has already met with President Bush and other high-ranking officials during his trip. He is expected to address a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, and to speak at the White House on Wednesday.

The pope's visit is also expected to draw a large crowd, with estimates ranging from 12,000 to 20,000 people.

Israel

Leaders shun Carter over Hamas meeting

Associated Press
JERUSALEM — Former President Jimmy Carter offered the first high-level American government visit to Hamas, the Islamic militant group that runs the Palestinian administration.

Carter, who has long been critical of Israel's policies, was granted permission by Hamas to travel to the Gaza Strip on Monday.

The visit is likely to anger Israel, which considers Hamas a terrorist organization.

Carter said he was invited by Hamas to attend a conference in the Gaza Strip.

He also met with Hamas officials, including Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh.

Carter's visit is the first by an American government official to Hamas in recent years.

Israel's leader is not publicly criticizing Carter out of respect for his former position as U.S. president, but he may express his concerns privately.
Jenkins names McGreevy new dean
History professor succeeds Roche as head of College of Arts and Letters

Special to The Observer

John T. McGreevy, departmental chair and professor of history at Notre Dame, has been appoint-

ed I.A. O’Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters by University president Fr. John

Jenkins effective July 1. He succeeds Mark Roche, who is stepping down after 11 years as dean.

“Since returning to his alma mater a decade ago, John has been a valued voice on our cam-

pus, throughout higher education and in the Church,” Jenkins said. “He is held in the highest regard

as a scholar and colleague here at Notre Dame and in the academy, and I am delighted that he has

accepted our offer to lead Notre Dame’s largest and oldest college.”

McGreevy joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after serving at Harvard University as the Dunwale Associate Professor of American History and History and Literature. He has been chair of the Department of History at Notre Dame since 2002.

“John McGreevy is a talented and recognized scholar, gifted and award-winning teacher, and proven leader,” University Provost Thomas G. Burish said. “He has an exceptional understanding of and commitment to achieving even greater academic excellence while also strengthening the distinctive Catholic identity and character of Notre Dame, and he is able to articulate this dual mission in clear and compelling terms. We are grateful and fortu-

tune that he has agreed to serve as the next dean of the College of Arts and Letters.”

“I’m delighted to accept the position of dean of the College of Arts and Letters,” McGreevy said. “Notre Dame’s effort to become a preeminent research university, enhance an already strong reputation in undergraduate education and nurture a distinct religious identity is one of the most important experiments in American higher education, and I look forward to assisting this project from a new vantage point. I know firsthand that I’ll be working with a remarkable group of scholars and administrators in the college and across the University, and I’m eager to begin collaborating with them on proj-

tects that advance our common efforts.”

McGreevy earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in history from Stanford University after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame in 1986 with a bachelor’s degree in history. After his appointment to the Harvard faculty, he received a Lilly Foundation postdoctoral fellowship in humanities to teach at Valparaiso University in the 1992-

93 academic year.


The second, titled “Catholicism and American Freedom: A History,” was published by Norton in 2003. It examines the- re is more such overlap than an American liberal tradition focused on individual autonomy and a more communal Catholicism. Washington Post syndicated columnist E.J. Dionne praised “Catholicism and American Freedom” as a “masterpiece that will be read eagerly not only for its insights into Catholic history but also for its rich understanding of American history.” The New York Times wrote that it is a “brilliant book, which brings historical analysis of religion in American culture to a new level of insight and impor-

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WASHINGTON — The president of the World Bank on Sunday urged immediate action to deal with mounting food prices, saying they have caused hunger and deadly violence in several countries.

Robert Zoellick said the international community has "to put our money where our mouth is" and act now to help hungry people. "It is as stark as that."

He called on governments to rapidly carry out commitments to provide the U.N. World Food Program with $500 million in emergency aid it needs by May 1.

"It is critical that governments confirm their commitments as soon as possible and others begin to commit," Zoellick said. "Prices have only risen further since the WFP issued that appeal, so it is urgent that governments step up, he said.

"After a meeting of the bank's policy-setting committee, Zoellick said that the fall of the government in Haiti over the weekend was a wave of deadly rioting and looting that "worsens the food price problem," underscoring the importance of quick international action.

"A U.N. police officer was killed Saturday in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. The cancellations stranded hundreds of thousands of people, said Zoellick.

American Airlines and Northwest Airlines have been having ongoing merger-related talks for months, but pilot unions led by the Airline Pilots Association have refused to accept any changes to their contracts since the two airlines would make up the world's biggest airline.

Any changes to the contract, which can lead to strikes in other developing countries, even if they have nothing to do with the increase in food cost. "We are facing a huge problem," he said.

World Bank President Robert Zoellick, right, and Development Committee Chairman Agustin Carstens speak at an international finance meeting Sunday in Washington, D.C.

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ATLANTA — Delta and Northwest could announce a combination as early as Tuesday that could create the world's biggest airline, but pilot contracts for thousands of pilots would have to be changed to give Delta more flexibility after a combination, one of their leaders said.

"Delta will be willing to give incentives to Delta pilots to make changes to their contract, another person familiar with the talks said."

The changes being sought are related to the scope section in the Delta pilot contract, which in part spells out what planes pilots fly and what routes they fly, people familiar with the talks said.

Any changes to the contract, including financial incentives, would have to apply only to Delta pilots since their contract only governs that airline's pilots. Northwest pilots have a separate contract.

A memo sent Friday from Delta's pilots union to its members said union leaders were meeting in special session in Atlanta. It didn't say what they were discussing. That meeting continued Sunday, people familiar with the talks said.

Northwest pilot union leaders were meeting separately Sunday in Chicago. That meeting was described mainly as informational.

The usual approach in airline combinations has been to have pilots work out a joint union contract after a deal is announced. Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. and Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. took a different approach in their talks for months, figuring that if they could obtain full pilot agreements in advance they would reap the benefit of a combined airline much sooner.

With that in mind, pilots were in line to get raises and equity in the combined company. But the two groups couldn't agree on seniority, which determines who flies more desirable aircraft and routes.
Security, railroads impact immigration

Associated Press

ARRIAGA, Mexico — For thousands of miles, migrants from Central America, the long journey to the U.S. starts here, on the closest place to hopping a train.

The result: The number of non-Mexican migrants stopped by immigration agents has dropped almost 60 percent from 2003 to 2005, largely because of crackdown efforts. About 68,000 non-Mexican migrants — mostly Central American — were detained last year, compared to 165,000 in 2005. Non-Mexicans make up about 10 percent of all migrants caught by Border Patrol agents.

Mexico itself is also seeing fewer illegal immigrants — 124,000 in 2005, an arrest rate last year, a 50 percent drop from 2001, when Hurricane Stan had swamped the rail system and destroyed the rail yard, according to the National Immigration Institute. Since Hurricane Stan, Saltillo migrants have often ended up working in Mexico, because a few dollars a day they might earn at home.

Castillo, owner of the Hotel La Posada in Arriaga, argues that Mexicans can go wherever they want in Mexico, because a few dollars a day they might earn at home.

Their decision to stay behind is not a simple one, Mexican and immigration authorities say. In one northern Mexican town last year, 80 percent of the migration officials said they were checking for illegal immigrants.

"The mistreatment of migrants here is brutal, and no one does anything about it because everyone sees them as booties," said the Rev. Heyman Vasquez, Roman Catholic priest in Arriaga.

The slowdown in immigrant traffic is notable in Arriaga, a town of corn and sorghum farmers. Only a few clusters of Central American migrants are often end up working in Mexico, where they say they get paid north of 100 pesos ($2) a day.

The drop in migrant traffic has been "one of the better things that we’ve done," saidARMYbases mandate safe­

Fort Jackson is one of eight Army installations that have begun using the pocket-sized devices, said spokesman Pat Jones.

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drinking and related accidents.

The Army, with more than 524,000 men and women on active duty, is the nation’s largest military service. Besides Benning and Jackson, other installations trying out the devices include Fort Lewis, Wash., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Greely, Alaska; Fort Sam Houston and Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas, and Fort Dix, N.J.

In South Carolina, the detectors came amid a state legislative mandate safe­

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Soldiers, citizens use alcohol detectors

767 on Army training post have personal devices in cars, on key chains

Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Hoping to save a life when an Army buddy’s had too much to drink, 767 soldiers and civilians on the Army’s largest training post now carry personal alcohol detectors in their cars or on their key chains.

Fort Jackson’s safety director, Sean O’Brien has been handing out the four-inch devices since the first of the year.

“It’s a good way to not get into a confrontation with a buddy, in case they’ve been drinking,” said Master Sgt. James Smith.

He takes his home, too. “Let’s let this be our guide,” he says.

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Handing out the devices has been "one of the better things that we’ve done," he said. All Army bases mandate safe­

The detectors are not a self­diagnostic tool. They require a buddy’s help.

Known as “Breathscan” tubes, they’ve carried inside the yellow plastic key fob designed by privately owned company, said Patrice Morrow, marketing director for Akers Biosciences Inc. in Therefore, N.J., which produces the devices. They aren’t marketed directly to the public, she said, although some might be found for sale online.

O’Brien, who is in charge of giving safety lectures to new all soldiers and the 4,400 civilian workers who come to Fort Jackson, got 2,500 of the devices to hand out along with information designed to puncture myths about drinking and driving.

For example, he said, "Coffee does not make you sober. It just wakes you up. Another myth is that you know when you’re too drunk to drive. You don’t."

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Known as “Breathscan” tubes, they’ve carried inside the yellow plastic key fob designed by privately owned company, said Patrice Morrow, marketing director for Akers Biosciences Inc. in Therefore, N.J., which produces the devices. They aren’t marketed directly to the public, she said, although some might be found for sale online.

O’Brien, who is in charge of giving safety lectures to new all soldiers and the 4,400 civilian workers who come to Fort Jackson, got 2,500 of the devices to hand out along with information designed to puncture myths about drinking and driving.

For example, he said, “Coffee does not make you sober. It just wakes you up. Another myth is that you know when you’re too drunk to drive. You don’t.”

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But there is something odd about reducing a bachelor's degree to more numbers. Are such statistics supposed to reassure those studying toward degrees that they (or their parents) made the right choice or are they supposed to be an incentive for those who are thinking of not going to college at all? And what does it say that these institutions are describing the whole college experience in terms of facts, figures, and economic gain? All of these two institutions, the university is nothing more than a means to a vocational end—a monetary leg up and nothing else. And because the university has to justify itself in terms of the market, it suggests that a bachelor's degree has no intrinsic worth outside of its economic value. Maybe it doesn't. It's hard to break the liberal arts curriculum down into something as punchy as a cost/benefit analysis. Of course, the liberal arts are supposed to impart critical thinking skills, general knowledge, and the kind, like to create a "complete" person. All of these things sound good but are hard to measure or define. More importantly, all of these things are becoming less and less valuable in the real world, or at least in the working world, which for the most part values compliance, punctuality and efficiency as much as (if not over) creativity and critical thought. If you need some more evidence, you can turn to the glut of analysts and commentators, who can reduce even the most complicated ideas or events into a sound byte or, even better, a smug one-liner. And where are you going to use your general knowledge except at, say, trivia night at your local bar?

In one of J.D. Salinger's short stories, a character complains, "I never even hear any hints dropped on a campus that wisdom is supposed to be the goal of knowledge. You hardly ever even hear the word 'wisdom' mentioned!" And in a sense, that's true. No matter what goes on the curriculum, universities are, for the most part, designed to profit. After all, according to these two institutions, the university is nothing more than a means to a vocational end—a monetary leg up and nothing else.

Letter to the Editor

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**A person’s a person no matter how small or great the disability**

During my time as a student at Notre Dame I worked at Logan Center with many severely disabled and I assisted at the Schmidlapp Center and Lauren Marie Richardson. These extraordinary human beings had more life and love in them than many other non-disabled human beings I have met. There was one client I assisted at Logan, someone who could neither walk nor talk — although he could make noises. He could not see much but he could hear. His name was Royce and he adored me. He knew my voice, he would squeeze my fingers so tight I couldn’t move them when I would give him my hand, he would get this huge smile on his face when the other caretakers told him “Laura is coming today” — he knew my name. He would also sing (in his own way of course) the Notre Dame Fight Song when we would tell him to.

The problem is not the disabilities of those with severe disabilities like Terri Schiavo or Lauren Marie Richardson. The real “disability” is the fact that by continuing to advocate a “quality of life” mentality society improperly puts a value on the lives of people with disabilities as being nothing based on what they cannot do. As a person with a disability myself, I cannot imagine someone deciding my life is not valuable because I cannot do something or that I have to do something differently. I am a person, not my disability. We must use our voices to advocate for all people with disabilities, especially those who are unable to advocate for themselves due to their disability. We must be shame if Notre Dame did not acknowledge graduates’ inevitable interaction with, you know, everybody else.

**Prohibition: Enemy of fun**

In response to Ryan Slaney’s Apr. 10 letter regarding alcohol (“Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development”), Apr. 10 concerning Notre Dame alcohol policy, I agree that outlawing alcohol on campus would be a serious mistake for students to develop as balanced, responsible human beings. The university should take an active role in making sure its students can swim socially after they leave. My main concern comes from outside the bubble.

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**Re-thinking alcohol consumption**

Don’t get me wrong. I love Notre Dame with every fiber of my being but the pretentiousness and snobbery being spewed by some Notre Dame students with regards to alcohol consumption make me sad to call them my peers. I don’t care if you drink alcohol. Maybe you just don’t like the taste or you happen to dislike the post-drinking side effects. But just because you do not regard to alcohol consumption make me sad to call you a Notre Dame student lacks both the maturity and the moral fiber to develop as balanced, responsible human beings.

Let us not also forget that television watching frequently goes hand-in-hand with that other vehicle of both mental and moral impairment: alcohol. A group of students gathered for a 10-minute rant about how Notre Dame students do not understand the real world when they get into it because they “live in a fantasy land.” My interviewer firmly believes that Notre Dame students are not immediately ready for reality after graduation because they have not experienced it at least for years.” The fact that there is alcohol in the real world and it is a scary proposition that Notre Dame students might have to figure out alcohol moderation once they leave.

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**Why stop at alcohol?**

I commend Ryan Slaney (“Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development,” Apr. 10) for his insightful and well thought-out points of alcohol consumption. I would, however, like to expand upon his vision, which I feel to be sadly restricted. The physical and spiritual harm alcohol brings to our student community is obvious but there lurks a more insidious threat to our personal and moral integrity. It lurks within every residence hall, perhaps even your own dorm room and its usage is completely unrestricted by Our Lady’s University. Yes, I am nearly as detrimental as I’m making it out to be. To them I say: Be the change you wish to see in the world. Resist television’s many sultry temptations. It is therefore the duty of the administration to give our Notre Dame Family proper guidance by prohibiting the use of television.

**Sponsor an alcohol practicum**

I would like to add to Bill Nolan’s Apr. 11 response (“Alcohol in the ‘Real World’”), Apr. 10 on the impact of drinking on campus. I agree that outlawing alcohol on Notre Dame’s campus would be a serious mistake for students to develop as balanced, responsible human beings. The university should take an active role in making sure its students can swim socially after they leave. My main concern comes from outside the bubble.

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The Irish captains, from left to right, Mark Van Guilder, Dan VeNard, Erik Condra and Brock Sheahan laugh in front of the crowd that gathered at Main Circle around 4 p.m. on Sunday to welcome back the hockey team from Denver.

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce makes a save against Boston College. Pearce allowed 12 goals in his four NCAA Tournament games this season.
Notre Dame defenseman Brock Sheahan looks for the puck in front of Boston College goaltender John Muse, while an Eagles defenseman kicks up some ice spray.

Notre Dame head coach Paul Pooley, right, assistant coach Andy Slaggert, left, and Notre Dame left wing Calle Ridderwall take a shot against Boston College. Ridderwall had two goals, including the game-winner, Thursday against Michigan.
White Sox take advantage of Tigers' struggles

Cubs defeat error-prone Phillies in extra innings; Lee pitches two-hitter in Indians' win over Athletics

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Add Joe Crede, Paul Konerko and the rest of the Chicago White Sox to the list of things that are making life miserable for Detroit manager Jim Leyland.

Crede and Paul Konerko each hit grand slams to back Javier Vazquez's strong start, and the red-hot White Sox pounded the struggling Tigers 11-0 on Sunday.

Konerko's homer came in the third off Kenny Rogers and Crede's grand slam, his second this season, came in the fifth against Zach Miner as the White Sox won for the fifth time in six games over Detroit, the preseason favorite to win the AL Central.

"We got Detroit at the right time," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Those guys are going to wake up sooner or later. They have unbelievable talent."

Chicago already has a 57-game lead in the division over the Tigers, who have the worst record in the majors at 2-10. The White Sox have outscored Detroit 46-12 this season, despite the Tigers adding slug­ging third baseman Miguel Cabrera to an already loaded lineup.

"Where we're at makes sense because that's the way we've played," Leyland said. "It's not surprising that we're 2-10. We've been shut out four times. I don't think we'd get shut out four times all year, to be honest with you."

In any case, Leyland was heard screaming in the clubhouse before reporters were allowed inside. He wouldn't comment on the rant, but the crusty manager said it wasn't just about the loss.

"There was one thing that sticks out to me right now, that's going on, and that was the stray that broke the bank's back," Leyland said without revealing the issue. "We're just in a funk," he added. "Can I get them out of the funk? No, I don't think so. They have to get themselves out of it."

It was the third time the White Sox have hit two grand slams in a game. The last time Chicago did it was May 19, 1996, when Darren Lewis and Robin Ventura homered at Detroit. The first time was Sept. 4, 1992, when Ventura hit two grand slams in a game at Texas.

"It was kind of wild," Konerko said. "You don't see many grand slams, and especially with the weather. The weather was kind of brutal out there."

On a cold and windy day, Rogers (0-3) gave up seven runs on seven hits and four walks in four-plus innings. He once again pitched with no run support as Tigers haven't scored a run in his three starts this season. Not that he helped much.

"We're not a very good team right now," Rogers said. "We've had a team as there is right now in every facet, myself as much as anyone. I'm supposed to be consistent and I was very uncomfortable out there and inconsistent."

Cubs 6, Phillies 5

Carlos Zambrano's hustle — not his pitching or bat — paid off in a rare appearance of the bench.

Second baseman Chase Utley's throwing error on Zambrano's grounder allowed Ronny Cedeno to score the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep. Jason Werth and Eric Bruntlett hit solo homers for the Phillies. Mark DeRosa had a disputed solo shot for the Cubs.

Cuban lefty Zambrano, a career .215 hitter with 12 homers, was called on to pitch-hit because the Cubs were out of position players.

The left-handed hitting Zambrano bounced a grounder to shortstop Bruntlett that should've been an inning-ending double play. However, first baseman Ryan Howard couldn't snare Utley's throw and Cedeno scored.

The Phillies have committed 15 errors, second only to Pittsburgh. Utley, who has four of the errors, may have rushed the throw because Zambrano bustled it down the line.

"I put the ball in play and he hustled," DeRosa said. "That shows the character of this team.

Zambrano, an 18-game winner last year, took the loss in the series opener on Friday. Kerry Wood (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings and Lee Hombrich finished for his first save.

Utley doubled with two outs in the 10th. After Howard was intentionally walked, so Tajudin grounded out to end it.

Playing without shortstop Jimmy Rollins and center fielder Shane Victorino, the defending NL East champions missed a chance to go above .500 for the first time this season.

Indians 7, Athletics 1

Cliff Lee had an easy time shutting down the Oakland Athletics.

Pitching quickly and efficiently in the wind and cold, Lee helped the Cleveland Indians win for only the third time in 15 games this season.

"It didn't bother me, but I didn't have a good year and I've been anxious to get back and give my team a chance to win," Lee said. "I had a bad year and I've been anxious to get back and give my team a chance to win."

Lee retired the first nine hitters, then walked Ji-Jo Javor as the only Oakland batters before Travis Buck tripled off the right fielder. Lee immediately walked John Bowker and was replaced by reliever Vicente Padilla in the first. Lee allowed four runs in the first two innings.

"I didn't bother me, but I definitely wouldn't want to be in this situation again," Lee said. "I probably should've tried to strike a few and hopefully they'd try to hit a home run. It wasn't going out in that wind."

Indian manager Eric Wedge explained the delay, even though it didn't rain, was due to a forecasting problem.

"We really fucked out," Wedge said. "It was swirling all around, supposed to hit at 11:30 (a.m.), then a little later. We didn't want both starting pitchers to warm up, then have to sit. We finally just decided to go out and try it."

Lee didn't mind waiting to make his second straight strong start against the A's. On April 6 in Oakland, he yielded four hits and an unearned run over 6 2-3 innings in a 7-1 victory. That win was his first since July 1 — during a season in which the former 18-game winner started on the disabled list with an abdominal strain, then went only 5-8 with a 6.29 ERA. He even was sent back to the minors to try and regain the form that had won 44 games over the previous three seasons.

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Adam "Pacman" Jones would like to be reinstated to the NFL Tuesday after being suspended for the 2007 season. The Dallas Cowboys have expressed interest in acquiring Jones.

Pacman Jones asks for reinstatement

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will again ask NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to reinstate him, with his agent planning to send in his latest request on Tuesday.

Jones had planned to ask to be reinstated before the NFL draft, on April 26-27. His agent, Manny Arora, said that being able to work out for teams would increase Jones' appeal to those in the market for a corner-back.

"We were hoping something would get worked out with the Titans or another team to work out a trade, but the trade talks, the way I read, aren't progressing as well as we hoped," Arora said on Saturday. "If the commissioner reinstates or grants permission to work out at a team's facility, that should ease the risk factor for a team interested in picking him up."

The NFL sent Jones a letter in late February telling him he could not work out at the Titans' facility. The Titans have given Jones permission to talk to other teams about a trade, and the Dallas Cowboys have shown the most interest. But the talks reportedly have ground down over compensation.

Arora also said that if they can't get Jones reinstated they hope to at least ease the terms of his suspension, now going on more than a year, to make him more attractive.

Jones was the first defensive player drafted in 2005 with the sixth pick overall out of West Virginia, and he was Tennessee's best defender in 2005 and 2006.

Goodell suspended him on April 10, 2007, for his off-field conduct, which now includes six arrests since being drafted.

Jones settled the last of his criminal charges on Feb. 14 by entering an Alford plea to obstruction of a police officer in Georgia, which left him with a felony conviction. Under an Alford plea, a defendant acknowledges there is enough evidence for a conviction without admitting guilt.

The commissioner has said he'll consider reinstating the cornerback before training camps open in July.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Women's soccer team qualifies to Beijing Olympics

GIADUJAUDEZAC, Mexico — Nicole Barnhart made a diving save on Brittany Timko's penalty kick to give the United States a 6-5 shootout victory over Canada in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying final.

The United States won the shootout after the teams finished regulation play tied 0-0, and extra minutes tied 1-1. Barnhart stopped Timko after Brittany Timko's penalty kick to give the United States a 6-5 shootout victory over Canada in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying final.

Olympic torch makes one and only trip to Africa

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — About 1,000 people cheered and marched with a team of 20 athletes and a Cabinet minister participating Sunday in the Tanzania leg of the Olympic torch relay, the flame's only stop in Africa.

Officials have said that they do not expect any of the disruptions that have hit other torch runs in the world. Kenyan Nobel Peace laureate Wangari Maathai, however, pulled out of the relay in Tanzania to protest China's human rights record.

Vice President Ali Mohamed Shein lit the Olympic torch, passing it on to Cabinet minister Mohamed Seif Khalib, who led the relay team from the city's main train station the main stadium, about three miles away.

The crowd that marched behind the relay team waved miniature Olympic flags and chanted in the national language Kiswahili, "We are happy the torch came to Tanzania," and "We are glad to receive it."

Antonio Tarver wins light heavyweight title bout

TAMPA, Fla. — Antonio Tarver climbed into the ring with one light heavyweight title Saturday night. He departed with two championship belts and a roaring crowd behind him.

Tarver handily defeated Clinton Woods with a unanimous 12-round decision to retain his lightly regarded IBO crown and seize the IBF title from his British foe.

Tarver (27-4, 19 KOs) thrilled his hometown fans by rocking Woods with a solid left jab to the head in the 11th round. The Tampa resident carried the hometown fans by rocking Woods with a solid left jab to the head in the 11th round.

Judge Howard Foster scored the bout 119-109 for Tarver. John Rupert had it 117-111, and Steve Marshall returned to his corner.


Tarver immediately turned his attention to the future.

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A R O U N D  T H E  N A T I O N
Irish excel at two invites over weekend

By EUGENIA ALFONZO 
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sent athletes to two events this weekend but had to wait until the second day of the Spartan and Ole Miss Invitationals to make it seem like the hard work was worth it after they placed fourth in both.

Freshman Alex Gannon started things off at the Spartan Invitational Saturday with a strong showing in the pole vault, clearing 11.92 seconds in the 100-meter dash. Freshman Justin Schaefer followed in the men's 200-meter dash with an 11th place finish of 23.09. Schaefer, one of the top decathlons runners of the Big East, also earned top marks in the 110-meter hurdles and long jump. He finished fifth in both place in the hurdles event and fourth in the long jump.

Freshman Ryan Gamboa also scored some points for the Irish in the middle distance races. He placed fourth with a time of 1:56.39 after a close finish of the end of the race. Gamboa finished 50th out of 106 entries in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Saint Mary's captured second place overall performance by round best 81 to go with her second-place finish at the end of the race — 23.09.

Saint Mary's certainly can't be a thing Kalamazoo or Albion, which are stronger teams in the conference.

"This win we've got a little momentum," Rubino said. "I bought this momentum keeps going, and I hope we take it into our next matches. I really think we're capable of winning these next few matches."

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SMC TENNIS

Doubles improves in win

Struggling squad gains confidence in win over conference team

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's recorded its second MIAA win Saturday with an 8-1 victory over Tri-State, improving the Belles' record to 6-9 overall and 2-3 in MIAA play.

The Thunder fell to 3-9 overall and 0-6 in the MIAA.

"We played pretty well overall, Saint Mary's coach Chuck Rubino said. "Tri-State was a pretty decent squad, better than I expected them to be. We showed a strong team effort."

Saint Mary's had been struggling in doubles competition this season but didn't show on Saturday. The Belles won two out of the three doubles matches behind the leadership of the No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who defeated Tri-State's Amanda Waidely and Dana Dunham 8-1 for their seventh win of the season, moving their record to 7-3.

The Belles No. 2 doubles pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Boisy Rodz was defeated by Kara Kaufman and Amanda Steinert 8-5, putting the Belles duo at 5-8 for the season. Freshmen Franca Peluso and Jessica Kusinski won 8-5 over Stephanie Steiner and Jen Wall to help win the doubles portion for Saint Mary's.

The Belles momentum from doubles carried over to singles as they swept that part of the match. In the No. 1 slot, Gebert defeated Stephanie Steinert 6-1, 6-1 for the Belles win, putting her at 7-8. Hurley continued her successful season at No. 2 singles with her 13th win of the season. Rubino beat Tri-State's 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, moving her to 13-2.

At No. 3, Reed continued Saint Mary's dominance with her defeat over Ava Chelminski 6-7, 6-0, 1-0 (10-4), followed by Kusinski's 6-1, 6-2 defeat over Kara Kaufman in No. 4 singles. Rubino beat the Thunder's Dunham 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 5 match, and Peluso defeated the Belles sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Wall.

"It was a good win that we needed," Rubino said. "We needed a confidence-builder. It came at the right time, and I think it will propel us in the next few matches."

Up next for Saint Mary's is a week full of matches, including three at home.

Tuesday the Belles will host Bethel for a cross-town rivalry match at 4 p.m. Saint Mary's will play against conference rivals Adrian on Thursday and Kalamazoo on Saturday. The Belles will finish off the week Sunday at Alma for another MIAA match.

"All the girls played pretty well on Saturday," Rubino said. "We showed some consistency, but this win wasn't like beating Kalamazoo or Albion, which are stronger teams in the conference."

A win over Tri-State may not be as important as a win over other MIAA teams, but another win for Saint Mary's certainly can't hurt.

"This win means we got a little momentum," Rubino said. "I bought this momentum keeps going, and I hope we take it into our next matches. I really think we're capable of winning these next few matches."

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's takes second at Vassar

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Behind a second place individual performance by Freshman Rosie O'Connor, Saint Mary's captured second place overall in the Timon/Old Mill Invitational this weekend in Poogkove, N.Y.

O'Connor fired an opening-round best 81 to go with her final total of 147 to lead the Irish to finishes of third and fourth in both the men's and women's competitions.

O'Connor's strong performance led the Belles in a second-place finish just six strokes behind Williams College. The Belles were down 14 strokes after the first day but shot a
Runners unable to qualify for regionals

By ALEX BARKER

Notre Dame achieved mild success this weekend in the Spartan and Mississippi Invitational, but failed to capitalize on the good weather by not setting an NCAA regional qualifying mark in any event.

Sophomore Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans led the way for the Irish at the very competitive Mississippi Invitational in Oxford, Miss. The duo took first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run, but fell short of a regional qualifying mark by about four seconds. Sophomore Joanna Schultz and Senior Brienne Davis ran well in the 200, taking fourth and fifth, respectively. Davis also continued her string of good finishes in the 160 dash, taking third place in the event and missing an NCAA qualifying mark by less than a quarter of a second.

In the field events, the Irish sent only two athletes to compete and both came away with excellent finishes. Sophomore Elise Knutzen took third place in the javelin while Junior Alyssa Hasen grabbed sixth in the high jump.

At Michigan State's Spartan Invitational, the Irish logged a number of quality finishes. In the 5000-distance race, junior Heidi Rocha took first place in the Irish. Freshman Elise Knu-tzen finished a close second in the hammer throw.

Sophomore jumpers Jessica Sullivan took second place in the pole vault and Jasmine Williams finished fourth in the long jump, rounding out a dominant Irish performance in the field events.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will send athletes to the Central Collegiate Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., and the Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., both of which are three-day meets.

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PGA

Immelman wins Masters

28-year old wins first major tournament four months after surgery

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Trevor Immelman has never felt better.

Four months after he had a tumor removed from his back, Immelman handled the wind and pressure of Augusta National just well enough to finish second on Sunday, sending him into a playoff with Fred Couples for the first Masters crown in 30 years.

Immelman held it together around Amen Corner and stretched his lead to as many as six shots on the back nine, taking a championship of a Masters that began with so much hype.

A two-putt par on the final hole gave him a 3-over 75, matching the highest final round by a Masters champion. Even so, it was good enough for a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods, whose hopes for a calendar Grand Slam ended with a thud.

Woods never got within five shots of the lead when he was on the course, twice missed birdie putts inside 8 feet and had to settle for a 72 and his second consecutive runner-up finish in the Masters.

"I learned my lesson there with the press," Woods said with a smile. He was the one who tried the talk about a Grand Slam by stating three months ago that winning all four majors in the same year was "easily within reason."

The only slim possibilities now belong to Immelman, a 28-year-old with a polished swing, who finally realized his potential in the wicked wind of Augusta and a final round that yielded only four rounds under par.

Immelman, who finished at 3-under 280, started the week by playing a practice round with his boyhood idol, Gary Player, who won his third Masters in 1978 and set a record by playing for the first 51st time.

Player told Immelman he was good enough to win the green jacket, and he left him a voice-mail Saturday night that Immelman played on his speaker phone for his family to hear.

"I know you're going to win," he said. "Be on me all week, telling me to believe in myself," Immelman said. "He also told me to keep my head still on putts. It's really a special moment, and I'm glad I pulled it through for him."

Woods blew away the competition as he took first in the shot put by almost a meter and finished a close second in the hammer throw.

Freshman jumper Jessica Sullivan tied for second place in the pole vault and Jasmine Williams finished fourth in the long jump, rounding out a dominant Irish performance in the field events.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

**Savored losses, Ann Arbor, wins at home**

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

For the second consecutive weekend, No. 33 Notre Dame split its two matches, falling to Michigan 6-1, but downing Louisville 6-3.

On Saturday, the Irish traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich., to take on No. 15 Michigan. Notre Dame could not upset the Wolverines, falling 6-1 on Michigan’s Senior Day.

The Wolverines jumped on the Irish early, winning all three doubles matches to earn the point.

But the Irish rebounded and evened the match when freshman Dan Stahl won the first singles point over Wolverine sophomore George Naxos in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

The Irish, however, had their own momentum to work with. Despite the setback at Ann Arbor, the Irish carried that momentum into a convincing sweep of all the singles matches, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Wolverine junior Robert Rotaru. In the next two matches, freshman Mike Sroczynski put the Wolverines ahead for good with a straight sets victory over Irish senior Andrew Blih, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5. The Wolverines followed up with another straight sets victory from junior Antonioanci, who defeated Irish freshman Stephen Havens 7-5, 6-4.

Although the Irish lost the next three matches, they took all of them to three sets. Irish senior Andrew Blih, playing third singles, won his fourth straight singles match against freshman David Anderson both won the first set in their respective matches before falling in three sets. In the first singles match, junior Brett Heslker recovered from an early deficit to tie the match at a set apiece before falling 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to Wolverine senior Maliko Muravie.

Despite the setback at Ann Arbor, the Irish recovered with a 4-3 win over No. 37 Louisville Sunday in the final match before the Big East tournament.

The Irish reversed their fortunes from Saturday in the doubles point as they swept all three matches.

With momentum on their side, the Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind straight sets singles wins from Hejlesy and Parhubi. Nationally-ranked No. 42 Helgeson earned a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 39 Cardinal freshman Austen Childs. In his final home match, Parhubi defeated Louisvillie sophomore David Simon 7-5, 6-1.

Louisvillie freshman Viktor Munksztrick kept the Cardinals alive with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Havens. In the next match, Stahl came from behind to seal the Irish victory with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Louisville junior Robert Rotaru.

Louisville won the next two matches to make the score 4-3. Roth and Anderson both fought themselves on the wrong side of hard-fought three-set matches. Roth was defeated in his final home singles match by Louisville freshman Simon Wilds. After winning the first set, Roth dropped the next two sets in tie-breakers. Cardinal freshman Alejandro Calligari had earlier earned his second win of the day with a come from behind victory over Anderson with a 2-6, 6-3, 10-8 win.

With the weekend split, the Irish head into the Big East tournament with a 12-10 record. The Irish will learn their Big East draw later this week.

**ROWING**

**Irish win all six races at Indianapolis event**

Observer Staff Report

After a one-day rain delay, Notre Dame won all six races if entered in the Indianapolis Invitational this weekend. The weather for the competition was less than ideal but the Irish still dominated the field.

The No. 16 Irish varsity eight boat finished in a time of 6:25, six seconds ahead of runner-up Indiana.

The Irish entered two boats in the second varsity eight race, taking first and fourth place in the event.

Notre Dame also entered two boats in the varsity four race and this time swept the top two spots.

The Irish also came out on top in the second varsity four, novice eight and second novice eight races.

**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Team down Demons, Eagles**

By DAN MASTERTON and LORENZO REYES

Sports Writer

If there’s an ideal way that a team wants to head into its conference tournament, No. 16 Notre Dame is following the right formula. After dropping a tight match to top-ranked Northwestern last week their first loss in nine matches — the Irish regained their momentum and swept a pair of Big East rivals in DePaul and Marquette.

**Notre Dame 7, DePaul 0**

Notre Dame (18-7) continued to dominate conference opponents, improving to 4-0 in Big East play and handing DePaul (16-3) its first conference loss.

Notre Dame sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley were the first ones off the court in double matches, but for just the second time of the dual season, the sophomore pair was on the losing side.

DePaul’s No. 2 pair, junior Dunja Antunovic and sophomore Kiril Kassi, kept the Mountaineers off the court by dropping a 6-4, 6-2 win over DePaul’s Stahl and Blih.

The Irish also came out on top in the singles point over DePaul, the Irish have dropped just 12 points in their last 11 matches. They are 10-1 over that stretch.

**Notre Dame 7, Marquette 0**

The Irish closed out the regular season with a 7-0 sweep of the Golden Eagles, heading into the Big East tournament having won 11 of their past 12 matches.

Typical of its play all season, Notre Dame controlled the doubles point, as they took the important opening score over Marquette, marking the 11th straight time it had done so.

Ciereszko continued their impressve play, shutting out the Marquette pair of senior Sharron Brown and junior Aaron Price.

The top-ranked duo improved to 32-5 on the season with its dominant performance.

Ciereszko and Ciobanu bounced back from their defeat against the Blue Demons, winning 6-3 and senior Maria Calbeto and freshman Cortina Ruiz.

Krackl and Rafael took care of senior Erin Watkins and freshman Rachel Hush, 6-4 to improve to 8-6 in singles play.

More importantly, the Irish started off the weekend unseeded 1-0 and continued their solid play in singles competitions.

Teff lost his second straight set 6-0, 6-0 over Blame, improving to 20-2 in dual matches.

Things looked to be clicking for the Irish, and Ciobanu kept the Golden Eagles at bay with her 6-1, 6-0 victory over Blame.

With Notre Dame holding a 3-0 lead, Marquette couldn’t muster any substantial answer for the Irish play.

Krackl closed out her regular season career at Notre Dame with a 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Calbeto, winning her eight singles match in nine-straight set clinched the match for the Irish who won their eigth straight set victory.

Krackl outed Blame 7-5, 6-3 at the No. 4 spot, while Krackl upset junior Robin Metzler in the penultimate match, 6-0, 6-2.

The sophomore clinched her team-high 31st singles win with the match.

Potts completed the Irish sweep with a quick 6-0, 6-0 victory over senior Marquette Maggie Wheeler, finishing her mark to 20-9 on the season.

The Mountaineers fell to 12-10 in dual matches.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers notch first victory at G'town

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame bounced back from a 16-2 blowout loss at Northwestern last Wednesday to tally its first-ever win at No. 6 Georgetown Saturday with a 10-8 road victory.

Senior Shaylyn Blaney scored three goals and junior goalie Erin Goodman recorded a career-high 15 saves to lead the Irish (10-4, 3-1 Big East) to their second win over a ranked opponent this season.

Notre Dame returned home Wednesday for a non-conference contest with Vanderbilt at 4:30 p.m. at the Lufkin Center.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cross hired to coach Toledo

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Irish assistant of two years takes first head coaching gig

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame assistant coach Gene Cross was named Toledo's new head coach Friday.

The last two seasons, Cross was an assistant under Irish head coach Mike Brey, who said Cross was an instrumental part of the team's success over that span.

"He has done a fabulous job here for us at Notre Dame," Brey said in a press release.

"The Notre Dame basketball family is going to miss Gene and we wish him nothing but the best as he embarks on this exceptional opportunity."

Cross came to Notre Dame after spending six seasons at Illinois-Chicago, three seasons at DePaul, and one season at Virginia.

"I'm excited about joining the tradition of Toledo basketball," Cross said sportswork.com. "I look forward to building on that tradition and taking the program to the next step."

ND SOFTBALL

Team opens new field by going 1-1

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish earned a split to open up newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium in this weekend's double-header against Villanova. The Irish lost the first game 4-1 and won the second 10-5.

The win was Notre Dame's 200th all-time regular season victory in the Big East conference, bringing its record to 200-32 in Big East play.

Saturday's intended stadium-opener double-header against Rutgers was cancelled due to rain. Those games have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Senior catcher Sadie Pitzenberger slides during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Toledo on Apr. 2.

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Eagles

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the puck,” Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson said. “That’s kind of our mentality, to where when they neutralized that and go after the puck, that’s when their speed took over.”

Calle Ridderwall, a 5-foot-5 junior, proved an unstoppable force, generating four points on the night and 11 points in the Tournament (7 goals, 4 assists). Gerbe scored Boston College’s first two goals of the night and assisted on his team’s final, back-breaking two goals.

Boston College was the national runner-up of the last two seasons. Last year it lost 3-1 to Michigan State and fell 2-1 to Wisconsin in 2006.

It was Notre Dame’s first trip to Chestnut Hill, let alone the title game. The Irish earned a shot at the title by defeating top-seeded Michigan 5-4 in overtime two days earlier.

“I thought [Boston College] had us on our heels early on with their speed and I was a little bit surprised that our team played a little too cautiously,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I was a little disappointed in the fact that I thought our team could have made some more plays, and we didn’t. First time being in this event, I think the advantage was theirs as far as the experience factor because our guys responded to that situation.”

After Boston College built a 3-0 lead—all in the second period—Notre Dame staged a comeback. Irish center Kevin Deeth placed the puck over Muse’s glove side off a pass from Lawson through the slot to the left side at 9:07 of the second.

The Irish appeared to cut the score to 3-2 at 4:56 of the third period when Lawson caught defenseman Ian Cole’s crossover pass in his skates and the puck slowly slid across the goal line as Lawson sought unsuccessfully to tap it with his stick. The play was reviewed in the booth and the goal was recalled by video replay official Greg Shepherd.

“The puck was kicked in the net by the Notre Dame player’s right skate. The skate was moving toward the goal line,” Shepherd said. “There were sticks in the crease, and we needed to make sure there wasn’t a deflection off the sticks or the deflection on skates after it was kicked.”

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the disallowed goal was the turning point in the game.

“I thought we had something going at that time and I thought we were doing a much better job with the puck,” he said. “I talked to our guys about showing some poise with the puck because I sensed a level of panic at times with the puck.”

Boston College had a tightly-matched first period, resulting in the fourth scoreless opening in a title game in NCAA history.

The Irish had three power play opportunities during the period, but couldn’t capitalize on the opportunities. Notre Dame had four power play chances throughout the game, but couldn’t score, a problem that plagued the Irish for extended periods of time throughout the season.

“I think we had a couple of good looks, but you have to give credit to their penalty killers and their goalie made some big saves on the penalty kill,” senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "I think that was the key to the
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"Notre Dame and Jeff Jackson remind me a lot of our team in 1998. We were just starting to pick up the pieces and all of a sudden we're in the Frozen Four playing the University of Michigan," York said.

"That got us over the lump and back at the national level. Notre Dame is at that point now; they've reached the national championship game. They're going to be one of those brand name schools in hockey."

The Frozen Four introduced Notre Dame fans that had rarely looked beyond the football stadium or basketball court to Irish hockey. Notre Dame clubs around the country organized game watches and the keyboards of national sports writers tapped out the names of Mark Van Guilder, Jordan Pearce, Ryan Thang and more, continuously.

Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis took a day away during spring football practice to watch the title game in Denver, rooting on his friend Jeff Jackson.

Irish hockey had earned the respect of the world beyond college hockey.

Outside the locker room Saturday after the loss, University president Fr. John Jenkins stood quietly for a long time, his head down, eyes closed and fingers pinching the bridge of his nose. Members of the athletic department milled around, stunned, no one breaking the silence.

It was etched on everyone's face, Notre Dame couldn't have lost. The team had come too far, worked too hard, gotten ten people too excited to have lost when the NCAA trophy was right there, 100 yards down the arena corridor but now wearing an Eagles hat.

But in that sadness was the beauty of what Notre Dame hockey has become. It's a winner.

A loss, devastating, not the expected end to every season anymore; a national title now no longer the crazy dream of the Irish players and coaches who set about inventing three years ago what "The Gold Standard" of Notre Dame hockey meant.

One inch could have changed a lot Saturday night, but Notre Dame has already come so many thousands more.

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Irish right wing Evan Runkla battles along the boards with Eagles left wing Kyle Kucharski.

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Eagles' first goal, when he found just enough room near the left circle to fire a wrister over Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's glove.

His second goal was a classic.

After a Ben Smith shot rebounded into the crease, Gerbe crashed the net and heaved headfirst to push the puck past Pearce.

Lawson said Gerbe's second goal "epitomizes what he is—sprawling out, diving and putting it away."

Even when Gerbe wasn't scoring, he was doing the dirty work to set teammates up in position to get chances. On the Eagles' fourth goal, which all but sealed the victory, Gerbe fought to control the puck behind the net and sent an no-look, between-the-legs pass to Smith in the low slot. Smith lifted the puck over Pearce's stick-side shoulder to extend the lead to three goals.

Although he was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Gerbe lost out on the Hobey Baker award on Friday night, given annually to college hockey's best player. The Hobey went instead to Michigan's Kevin Porter, which was decided before Gerbe's five-goal Frozen Four performance.

"If they had named the Hobey Baker after this weekend they may have changed their mind," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said.

Either way, Gerbe was unaffected, mugging for the cameras next to captain Mike Brennan and the NCAA championship trophy during the post-game press conference.

"I'd way rather hold this than the Hobey," Gerbe said, pointing to the trophy.

Both Jackson and Boston College coach Jerry York said Gerbe reminds them of another pint-sized Eagle who lost the Hobey but took home the national championship—Brian Gionta.

"If they had named the Hobey but lost the Hobey but took home the national championship—Brian Gionta. Gionta, now playing in the National Hockey League for the New Jersey Devils, is listed as 5-foot-7 and led Boston College to the 2001 Frozen Four title.

York said Gerbe and Gionta have a good relationship and talk regularly.

"I thought after Gerbe's freshman year, we had another Brian Gionta, and he's progressed just that way," York said. "[Gerbe's] going to be a terrific player, hopefully for us next year."

Gerbe was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the fifth round of the 2005 NHL entry draft, but said he hasn't decided yet if he'll jump to the professional ranks after this season.

"I haven't thought about it all," he said. "I try not to think about the future."

For now, Gerbe can celebrate the good times with a trip to the White House and a chance to throw the opening pitch at Fenway Park.

"It's definitely tough to take," Lawson said of the loss. "But it's good to see a kid who works so hard succeed in a moment like this."

Jackson echoed his defenseman in praising Gerbe.

"He's a heck of a player," Jackson said. "He's dynamic and God bless the small guy, because he plays fearless."

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame sweeps another weekend series

By FRAN TOLAN
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The Irish again showed their pitch-like penchant for the brawnstick with a sweep of Villanova this weekend.

Notre Dame has now swept three of the four Big East foes it has faced while running its conference record to 10-2. The Irish won after trailing Villanova on both Friday and Saturday before blowing the Wildcats out in the series finale Sunday.

"I thought our team played really, really well this weekend," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We did a little bit of everything, coming from behind the first two games then playing really well again today...it was a good weekend for us."

Notre Dame 2, Villanova 1

The Irish scored a run in both the eighth and ninth innings and that was enough for ace David Phelps, who struck out eight batters and surrendered just five hits in 8 2/3 innings of work.

"Phelps had a lot more teeth on his fastball than earlier in the season, and I think he just really dominated the game," Schrage said.

Irish closer Kyle Welland got the save after he relieved Phelps in the ninth with the game tied at 1-1. But after throwing a wild pitch to put the runners on second and third, Welland struck out Villanova catcher Wesley Burden to end the contest.

Notre Dame 5, Villanova 0

The Irish offense was cold for the first six innings Saturday as the team fell behind 3-1, but Notre Dame put together a five-run rally in the seventh frame to take the lead for good.

The Irish loaded the bases off Villanova starter Brian Streilein in the seventh before Barnes tied the game with a two-run single into center field.

"Jeremy Barnes had a couple real clutch hits for us this weekend," Schrage said. "His hit in the seventh was huge."

Irish left fielder Doss Brevosky then provided another big blow, crushing a home run well over the right-center field fence.

Villanova virtually blew the Wildcats out of the game with two runs in the eighth inning but Notre Dame shut the door on the comeback with a pair of runs of its own in the ninth. Bockford and Sherry each knocked in an insurance run for Weiland, who worked the bottom of the ninth to pick up his fifth save of the season.

"It's great to see," Schrage said. "To get 20 hits in a ballgame is a real team effort. It's great to see.

Sophomore right-hander Eric Maust got the win for Notre Dame, throwing seven shutout innings despite tying a season high by walking four batters.

"Maust probably didn't have his best stuff but he made pitch-what he needed to and we played good defense behind him," Schrage said. "...I'm sure if you asked Maust, he probably would take back the four walks but other than that he was superb."

Irish sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock, the reigning Big East player of the week, went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored to lead the offensive charge for Notre Dame.

"Maus -pushes off the mound during Notre Dame's 11-2 win over Rutgers on Apr. 6."

East player of the week, went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored to lead the offensive charge for Notre Dame.

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Irish sophomore pitcher Eric Maust pushes off the mound during Notre Dame's 11-2 win over Rutgers on Apr. 6.

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Hey, where's your drink?!

The Single Life

Hey there...

Hey, you know that you're a little high on your head today.

The Crossword

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1 Antoinette
2 Tales
3 Series of scenes
4 Address: Blake or Plummer
5 Not having a pitch on
6 Letter before Sigma
7 Loving in the throat
8 'Calm down'
9 Neighbor of Scot.
10 Dubbing duck
11 Years and years
12 'Move!
13 One-named Art
14 Deco master
19 Stephen of the Crying Game
20 Bear in constellation names

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4 Write (some votes)
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9 Cardenian, e.g.
10 This way
11 'Cheese for fancy meals'
12 'Lucky'
13 Natasha wall hunter
14 Done with
15 'Blessed,' e.g.
16 'Parts of an older'
17 Crew
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19 'If I... hammer'
20 'Yuck!'
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Answers to today's Jumbles: 1 - 888 - 7 - ACROSS.

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kyle Howard, 30; Rick Schroder, 38; Dan Aykroyd, 60; Jennifer Exilias, 31.

Happy Birthday: You have love and romance leading your way. Let everyone do his or her own thing so you are free and clear to do the same. This year isn't about control but rather about finding your own way. You know how much to gain of your independence. Libra, 30; Capricorn, 28; and Pisces, 31.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Carousing with friends or enjoying the children in your life will work well as long as you don't overdo it. A little love and reassurance scheduled in for the evening hours will round out your day perfectly.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Keep busy doing things that will improve your surroundings but don't become attached to others' views or want in your accomplishments. Open your doors to friends and family and you will get considerable compliments and assistance with projects.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You should extend a sandwich or the Internet for unusual reasons since you can't wait too long to do a job and you wish to enjoy. A little support will go a long way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You may not be able to find your regular work days but you know that they show down when it comes to professional gains. Work on whatever will help you get ahead. Now is the perfect time to allow your skills to shine.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Your love life should bring you lots of opportunities and spontaneous surprises today. If you are affectionate, and forthcoming about your own feelings, Lowell will lead to interesting options but may end up costing too much, so be careful. 3 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You can work with creativity, if you can. If you work with creativity, you can. You can work with creativity. If you can work with creativity, you can. 3 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Work alongside, not against, others. If you are difficult, other people will have to deal with you, something will work out. Composure and creativity will help the most of all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): This is the week to play the role you don't advocate, right or wrong. You want to be understood when you feel on top of your game. Taurus, 30; Libra, 28; and Leo, 33.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): There is money to be made and people have been good to you. Love and romance are in the air, so be sure to find someone you love in your plans. Nickel to work with money and don't skip a boat. Take action. 5 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take things slow and close for a change and let everyone else show off for your position before divulging yours. An emotional let people in on your feelings. If you think about your thoughts in yourself, you will not need to do much damage control. 3 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Don't let yourself shy away from giving to everyone else who's around. You and your side and, if you are more in your presents, you can come out on top. Let whatever you are dealing with wait until you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Focus on love, creativity and the younger people in your life. Take a turn out for good behavior and do things that make you happy for a change. Let the world hand you to 3 stars.

Birthday Baby: You are entertaining, outgoing, creative and passionate about the things and the people you love. You are realistic, an outstanding contributor and very helpful in various roles and in various areas.

Signs: Aries, Libra, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.
Irish drive to national title ended by Eagles, small but explosive winger

5-foot-5 inch, 165-pound Gerbe unloads four points on ND, Irish offense sputters in final game

By ELLYN MICHALAK
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DENVER — After sitting in the losing locker room of the national championship game two years in a row, Boston College left wing Nathan Gerbe finally hoisted the trophy Saturday night when the Eagles beat Notre Dame 4-1 in the title game.

The fourth-seeded Irish (27-16-4) were unable to generate offense in their first-ever appearance in the national championship and gave up two power-play goals in front of 18,632 at the Pepsi Center. After going down 3-0 in the second period, Notre Dame cut the lead to 3-2 five minutes into the third period, only to have the second goal disallowed after video review.

The Irish, momentum lost, were unable to put anything else past Eagles freshman goalie John Muse (20 saves).

"Boston College" did such a great job of keeping us from our cycle game and possessing the puck," Gerbe said. "But I still think we should have had more."

"Obviously I'm not big, so I'm not going to be playing someone's hockey in the net, it all could have been different," Gerbe said.

If the replay official interpreted the puck's deflection and the motion of Lawson's skate differently, the disallowed goal five minutes into the third period could have stood.

If the goal stands, Notre Dame cuts Boston College's lead to 3-2 and the game's momentum swings toward the Irish. Who knows what would have happened from there? But all the what-ifs in the world can't alter the outcome of Saturday's 4-1 championship loss to the Eagles. The Irish aren't the 2008 national champions and that will never change.

What has changed is Notre Dame's standing among the college hockey powers. The Irish are now one of them.

Notre Dame's profile has rocketed from the also-rans to the marquee faster than the Roadrunner-like wheels of Boston College and Gerbe, who torches the Irish checks and bug people out over," Gerbe said. "But I still think we should have had more."

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BOSTON — Boston College forward Nathan Gerbe danced on the ice while Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" played over the speakers after the Eagles' 4-1 national championship victory over Notre Dame.

Gerbe had good reason to dance at the Pepsi Center on Saturday night — he had almost single-handedly powered Boston College to its third national championship.

The junior tied the record for one player in a Frozen Four since Boston University's Dave Silk netted the same number in 1977. The Tournament was the icing on the Eagles' four Tournament games.

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