Student killed in bus crash in Thailand

Zahm Hall junior Andrew Bunikis, 20, had taken a semester off to teach English to native students in Thailand when he died in a bus crash Friday.

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Andrew Bunikis, a junior from Zahm Hall, died in a bus crash in Thailand Friday. Bunikis, 20, from Phoenix, Ariz., took a semester off to teach English to students in Thailand. He first worked there last summer as part of Notre Dame's Student International Business Council, the University said in a statement.

According to an article in The Nation, a Bangkok newspaper, the bus crashed in the Phitsanulok Province at 11:45 p.m. Seven other people were killed and 31 were injured.

"Andrew's family and the Notre Dame family have suffered and shared a tragic loss," University president Fr. John Jenkins said in the statement. "We assure the Bunikis family of our prayers during this difficult time, confident that Andrew will be embraced by the fullness of God's love."

Bunikis was an accountancy major from Phoenix, Ariz., the statement said.

Corry Colonna, Zahm's rector, said he learned of the accident Friday afternoon. "I actually received a phone call from one of his friends. I'm not sure how she found out," Colonna said. "The most important thing was to get the University in the loop, and speed time confirming things with the U.S. consulate."

After he heard about the accident, Colonna called his hall staff together and told them. After that, he gathered Bunikis' closest friends to inform them in person.

"They were in shock, devastated," Colonna said. "It was not a case where he was sick or anything of that sort. You just can't believe figuring you'd see him again. It's sad he was so far from home when this happened."

After Bunikis' close friends were told, Colonna sent an e-mail to Zahm residents informing them of the accident.

"Bunikis would e-mail me regularly about his experiences there, and the difference he was making with the children he taught," Colonna wrote in the e-mail. "He was our brother and my friend and I'm sure that all of us will miss him dearly."

Andrew was an exceptionally kind and giving young man. He cared a lot about this hall and his friends."

Zahm held a mass to commemorate Bunikis Friday. Fr. Mark Pozorman and former Zahm rector Fr. Dan Parrish attended, as did approximately 80 Zahm residents, Colonna said.

"He was pretty determined..." see STUDENT/page 3

Students, fans gather for unveiling of "The Shirt 2008"

Committee says design came from Granntland Rice's 1924 article, meant to "send a message of confidence" in team's future

By ASHLEY CHARNELEY
News Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame fans crowded outside Hammes Bookstore Friday for the unveiling of "The Shirt 2008."

The marching band, Irish Guard, cheerleaders, and the Pom Squad were there to celebrate the newest shirt design. This year's shirt is navy blue with "Wake Up the Echoes" rising out of the words "Notre Dame Football 2008" in white on the front. The back of the shirt reads: "Outlined against a blue, gray October sky... Notre Dame will rise again."

"From there, we decided we also wanted to send a message of confidence in our future," Gott said.

The committee is made up of Gott and seven other members. This is the 19th version of "The Shirt," and since its first year, it has raised over $5 million for students in need of medical funding. The funding has been distributed to over 200 different clubs on campus, Gott said. This year, 50 percent of this proceeds will go The Shirt Medical Fund, and the other half will go to the clubs on campus.

Mike Golfe, former Irish football player and host of the radio show "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN, was the keynote speaker for the event. He invigorated the crowd before the Shirt was available for sale.

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Holocaust memorial remembers victims

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Wooden boards lined the paths of South Quad Friday, memorializing the millions who died in the Holocaust during the culmination of "Stand Against Hate Week."

An evening prayer service at the Grotto was also performed. The posters on the quad portrayed quotes and statistics describing one of history's largest hate crimes.

"The three words we kept repeating while setting up (the memorial) were 'awareness, education and action,'" Core Council for Gay and Lesbian students memorial organizer Mel Boustia said. "We want the memorial to raise awareness and encourage students to stand against hate."

At the part of the event, the boards were painted with a variety of colored names to represent the 6 million people who died in the Holocaust.

"There's going to be people outside (on Friday)," said junior Mike Scholl, treasurer of Notre Dame College Republicans.

The event was organized by three clubs along with NDVotes, a non-partisan political education campaign. Notre Dame College Democrats, College Republicans and College Libertarians met to discuss politics in a debate setting, with two representatives from each club on a panel. Two political clubs take part in Crossfire debates on South Quad.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Hope (should) spring eternal**

Spring is the season of rebirth, new beginnings and fresh starts. Flowers are in full bloom and students emerge from their winter hibernation in their residence hall to lie out on the quad. This season of renewal holds true for sports, too. Baseball players head south for spring training whereas the saying goes, everyone is in first place.

But here at Notre Dame, where football is king, the biggest part of the spring regeneration is the Irish gridiron squad getting out of the weight room and on to the playing field.

Especially after last season, we, as Notre Dame fans, are looking for some reason, any reason, to hope that next year will be better. We want to have hope that our Irish will win more than three games on the field.

Why, then, are people so skeptical about the improved play of our offensive line, the immediate response is, "Yeah, but it's probably just because our defensive line isn't that good." Why not just at least believe that our 0-1 line made major improvements? Since spring is the season of hope, why are we so pessimistic?

The season of hope, why are we so skeptical about the improved play of our offensive line?

The Irish defensive line is 176 rushing yards no matter what defense you're playing against.

Students get dirty — and creative with their body writings — during Muddy Sunday, Keenan Hall’s volleyball tournament, Sunday afternoon at Holy Cross Field.

**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame Band and Chamber Ensembles will perform its spring concert today at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but ticketed.

BCAC will hold a Greek Conference to discuss the history of various greek organizations tonight at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Basement Student Lounge.

The Gender Relations Center will sponsor "Take Back the Night," a prayer service at the Groto, followed by a march through campus and a reception, today at 7 p.m.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Chicago State Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Student Union Board will show "Back to the Future" Tuesday on North Quad at 9 p.m. Free burgers and brats will be served.

Students for Environmental Action will hold a Vegetarian No Waste Dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The band "The Starting Line" will perform Friday in Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board's Artfesto festivities.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

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

**OFFBEAT**

Mayor and wife embezzle $20,000 from Little League ADELANTO, Calif. — A former mayor of a California high desert town and his wife have been sentenced to 6 months in jail for the theft of more than $20,000 from Little League coffers.

Jim Nehmees, 50, and Kelly Nehmees, 44, pleaded guilty to grand theft by embezzlement and perjury.

The eight-year councilman and Adelanto mayor had resigned from his post on March 31, about a week before he and his wife were arrested.

The former mayor was president of the Adelanto Little League, and his wife was a board member during the years the money from the league’s annual firework sales went missing. The money was taken over three years starting in 2004.

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When they came for me, I turned
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Holocaust

The poem along South Quad was so that students would realize that a bystander is just as guilty as a perpetrator," she said. "We wanted students walking to class to stop and think about the vio-

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Student

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and working hard in the things he was doing, so he didn't have the largest presence in the hall, but had a small, intimate group of friends that knew him pretty well," Colonna said. "They're taking it worst. Several freshmen never met him, having only lived with him for one semester. I was really touched to see how many people were [at mass]."

Drivers have been grief-
ing together with Colonna, he said, reminiscing about past memories with Bunikis and telling stories. Colonna said the Zahm community may assemble some sort of memorial for Bunikis' parents as a way to share sto-

Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The following faculty members have had a profound influence on Notre Dame undergraduates through sustained, exemplary teaching.

- David E. Campbell
- Laura A. Carlson
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Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

The following individuals have demonstrated a deep commitment to Notre Dame undergraduates through outstanding mentoring, academic advising, or career counseling services.

- Paul Grimstad
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solution is the only one to the foreign policy debate. “We cannot trust Democrats and Republicans to end this war. We need to be a beacon of hope for the global community,” he said. The two Democrats agreed that the basic goal of foreign policy is the protection of the United States, and that the war in Iraq has not been successful. “We have lost sight of our original intent, which was to prevent another terrorist attack,” Howard said. Concerning domestic policy, both the Libertarians and Republicans agreed that universal health care is not a wise choice for country, saying it would necessitate too much government involvement. “Government should be small and effective, not big and overpowering,” Clark said. College Democrats emphasized the importance of peace and freedom in Iraq, along with protection of the American people, and warned of the danger of engaging in “fruitless” affairs abroad. “We have gained nothing from this war. We have become alienated from our friends around the world,” Linsky said. “We need to immediately begin withdrawing in a safe and orderly manner.” Poyar said the Libertarian

**Shirt**

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“This will be a better year for the Notre Dame football team,” Golie said during his speech. “This has become the most tradition laden school in the land and this is a part of that tradition.” Golie said Notre Dame will become great again because it is a program that never dies.”

Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, also took part in the unveiling. “We have never said we are better than anybody else, we said we are different, and we are showing that difference today,” Lennon said.

The committee brought in the world’s largest grill owned by Johnsonville Brats and gave away free brats and Vitamin Water. There was a midnight bonfire and a tent to shade the audience. The bookstore began selling the Shirts immediately after the unveiling at 6 p.m.

Contact Ashley Charney at acharney@nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Army to investigate cameraman's death

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army announced Sunday it will investigate the killing of a cameraman in the Gaza Strip last week. An Israeli human rights group said it found evidence suggesting that an Israeli tank crew fired recklessly or deliberately at the journalist.

Cameraman Fadel Shana, 23, was killed in Gaza on Wednesday, the bloodiest day of fighting between Israeli troops and Gaza militants in a month. Just before his death, Shana was filming an Israeli tank in the distance, and his final footage shows the tank firing a shell in his direction.

Authorities forger prisoner for decades

JERUSALEM — A prisoner held for decades refused to budge after a national report highlighted the overcrowding in Israel's prisons.

The prisoner, 84-year-old Alex, pulled a worn red baseball cap over his tousled gray hair, bikes up his rolling, sandstone hillside, and carefully cuts his way across the field. While those far younger rest in the shade, he plods on, insistent that no more time be wasted — he has already had a half century stolen from him.

Forced into prison for 70 years, Alex said. For decades after his doctors pronounced him cured, he remained trapped in a criminal justice nightmare. The hospital could only release him to the prisons, where the prison authority could only pick him up under a court order. The courts never called for him because they couldn't find his file.

NATIONAL NEWS

 Sect breaks silence, speaks to media

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Below authorities ruled their west Texas retreat, members of a secretive polygamous church spent decades holding as tight as they could their intense privacy as the Scriptures guiding their way of life.

Contact with outsiders was limited. Media inquiries were rejected with either stone-faced silence or a polite "no comment."

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McCain prioritizes economic goals

WASHINGTON — Republican John McCain said Sunday that cutting taxes and stimulating the economy are more important than balancing the budget, and accused both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama of supporting tax hikes that would worsen the impact of a recession.

"The goal right now is to get the economy going again," the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting said on ABC's "This Week," adding that he would put the economy ahead of a "balanced budget" by attacking wasteful spending.

LOCAL NEWS

Jackson visits low-performing schools

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged educators to accept responsibility for their education during a four-hour-long assembly at Northwestern High School.

Jackson, founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, is part of his campaign to push students at low-performing schools to graduate. He visited Indianapolis Public Schools for the first time.

Jackson told students he wanted to "cut through the madness of why we can't learn, why we aren't learning.

"You must accept responsibility," he said.

He asked students to promise they would study three hours a day, reject violence and embrace their neighbors.

Iraq

Rice denounces al-Sadr in Iraq visit

Cleric threatened to declare war if U.S. and Iraq maintain military crackdown

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice mocked anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as coward on Sunday, hours after the radical leader threatened to declare war unless U.S. and Iraqi forces end a military crackdown on his followers.

Rice, in the Iraqi capital to tout security gains and what she calls an emerging political consensus, said al-Sadr is content to issue threats and edicts from the safety of Iran, where he is studying. Al-Sadr heads an ultra-rare militia that was the main target of an Iraqi government assault in the oil-rich city of Basra last month, and his future role as a spoiler is an open question.

"I know he's sitting in Iran," Rice said Monday. "I just find it hard to understand, when asked about al-Sadr's latest threat to lift his self-imposed cease-fire with government and U.S. forces, he says it's all-out war for anybody but him.

Rice said she would "urge the message to his followers to go to their deaths and he's in Iran."

In a statement on his official Web site, al-Sadr said: "We decided the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to Iraq was an opportunity to express to the government that Iraqis do not need or want our interference in their internal matters."

"The statement was not to empower the Iraqis to express their opposition to the visit through peaceful means.

A full-blown uprising by al-Sadr's, who led the militias against U.S.-led forces in 2004, could lead to a dramatic increase in violence in Iraq at a time when the Sunni community is returning to Iraq. Al-Qaida in Iraq appears poised for new attacks after suffering some setbacks in the last year.

In a warning posted Saturday on his Web site, al-Sadr said he had tried to defuse tensions by declining the truce last August, only to see the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki respond by closing his offices and "resorting to assassinations."

He accused the government of selling out to the Americans and branding his followers as criminals. "So I am giving my final warning ... to the Iraqi government ... to take the path of peace and avoid violence against its people," al-Sadr said. "If the government does not refrain ... we will declare an open war until liberation."

Rice praised al-Maliki for confronting al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, which had a choke hold on Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. The assault was al-Maliki's most decisive act of his presidency, said Rice, a fellow Shiite and once a political partner. Democratic and Sunni politicians, including a chief rival, have seen rallied to al-Maliki, and the Bush administration argues he could emerge stronger from what had appeared to be a military blunder.

During five days of heavy fighting last month, Iraqi troops struggled against militias, particularly the Mahdi Army. The ill-prepared Iraqi military was plagued by desertions and poor organization and U.S. troops had to take over in some instances. The offensive was inconclusive, with Iran helping mediate a truce. Fighting has continued in the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, home to many of al-Sadr's followers.

"Some of the violence is a byproduct of a good decision," to take on militias and consolidate military power, Rice told reporters following a few hours of meetings and lunch with Iraqi leaders.

That, I think, is what has given the sense to the Iraqis that they have a new opportunity, a window of opportunity," Rice said. "I don't think you would have seen this kind of unity, before."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visits Baghdad to meet with Iraqi government leaders and discuss problems caused by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Pope blesses ground zero, prays for peace

NEW YORK — Pope Benedict XVI began the final day of his American journey by blessing the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. Benedict held a Candle Mass at the World Trade Center, where he acknowledged the many faiths of the victims at the "scene of incredible violence and pain."

The pope also prayed for "those who suffered death, injury and loss" in the attacks at the Pentagon and in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. More than 2,900 people were killed in the four crashes of the airliners hijacked by al-Qaida.

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world," the pope prayed on a chilly, overcast morning. "Turn your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred."

Benedict invited 24 people with ties to ground zero to join him: survivors, relatives of victims and four rescue workers. He greeted each member of the group individually as a string of lights played in the background. In his prayer, he also remembered those who, "because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness."
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I n BRIEF

Democrats address environment, coal
WASHINGTON — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are pressing a decisive
line as they promise to aggressively tackle
global warming while trying to assure voters
that they continue to believe in the future of
coal.

In states like Pennsylvania, where voters
cast ballots this Tuesday, and in West
Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Montana —
upcoming primary states — coal sways vot­
ers.

While increased mechanization has pro­
duced a dramatic decline in coal industry
employment, the numbers remain substan­
tial. There are 47,000 coal workers in
Pennsylvania and West Virginia and 21,000
in Kentucky, according to the National Mining
Association. The three states are the coun­
vry’s biggest coal producers after Wyoming.

Both Obama and Clinton have rallied envi­
nmentalists with their promises to develop
windmills, solar power and other renewable
energy sources and order mandatory reduc­
tions in greenhouse gases from power plants
to counter global warming.

Government to increase regulation
WASHINGTON — A federal hand is reaching into American life as politicians in
both parties demand an overhaul of govern­
ment financial regulation and more protection
for homeowners in the face of mortgage woes
and a weakening economy.

This rush to regulate also was apparent in
the recent crackdown on the airlines, result­
ing in thousands of grounded flights for safety
inspections as the government beefs up its
enforcement of existing laws. There have
been mounting proposals for tougher regula­
tion rules to address climate change.

High corporate salaries have come under attack on
Capitol Hill, as have oil and tobacco profits
and rising food costs.

Advocates of more aggressive government
action see it as a boon to ordinary Americans
struggling in hard economic times. But those
favoring a lighter federal touch worry that the
pendulum will swing too far toward regula­
tion, stifling economic growth and efficiency.

Economists fear agricultural crisis

Des Moines — At a time of
record agricultural profits, concerns are
mounting that American farmers could be edging toward a financial
american economy collapse.

Soaring land values, increasing
debt and a reliance on government
subsidies for ethanol production have prompted economists to warn
that what some describe as a golden
age of agriculture could come to a
sudden end. At risk are the liveli­
hoods of thousands of farmers, the health of hundreds of banks and the
viability of an agricultural industry that has been a mainstay of decades.

As long as the demand remains,
good times for farmers should con­
tinue. But if demand falls, they could
find themselves in a situation remi­
niscient of the early 1980s when the
farm economy largely crumbled.

Among factors that could affect
demand would be a change in the
government’s policy on ethanol subsidies, now estimated at
about $6 billion a year, revisions in
the farm bill that would lower sup­
port payments or an increase in the
dollar’s value, which would hurt
exports.

Farm economists question whether the
federal backing for ethanol will
continue in the face of complaints
that soaring corn prices are increas­
ing food costs. Corn is used in most
animal feed and is a key ingredient
in myriad other products.

"U.S. energy policy has been friendly to
ethanol in the last couple of
decades. The question is, will it
continue to be. It’s running up food
prices and that’s causing pressure on
Congress to limit mandates for
ethanol usage," said Neil Harl, an
emeritus professor of economics at
Iowa State University.

The farm bill appears mired in
Congress as lawmakers bicker with
the Bush administration, which has
threatened a veto if any increases in
spending are not offset by reduc­
tions elsewhere. Congress
Thursday passed a short-term
extension to the 2002 farm bill that
keeps programs funded through
April 25.

CAMP DAVID — President
Bush and South Korea’s
President Lee Myung-bak
said Saturday they still expect
North Korea to fully declare its
nuclear weapons programs and pro­
duction activities in a way that can
be verified. Bush tamped down
concerns that the U.S. is going soft on
the communist regime so the nuclear
situation can be resolved before he leaves
office.

After two days of meet­
ings at the Camp David
presidential retreat, Bush
and Lee urged patience,
saying critics need to see
what North Korea says in its
long-promised declaration before deciding what the U.S. and its partners are
being too lenient.

"Thanks to the six-party
framework, North Korea has
begun disabling the plu­
tonium production facilities
at Yongbyon," Bush said
with Lee at his side. "Now
North Korea must fulfill its
other obligations. Provide a
full declaration of its nuclear
programs and pro­
liferation activities in a
verifiable way.

Lee, a pro-American con­
servative who took office in
February, is the first South
Korean president to visit the
secluded wooded
retreat northwest of
Washington. Bush’s invi­
tation was meant to give the
two an informal venue to
get acquainted and cement
U.S.-South Korea ties, which have been tense in recent years.

Lee has said that repair­ing relations with the
United States is a top priority
that the U.S. and Lee trust" under his more liber­
al predecessor, Roh Moo­
hyun. Lee described his conversations with Bush as "open and frank."

Bush accepted Lee’s offer to visit
South Korea this summer.

The two talked about
prospects for a free-trade
agreement, South Korea’s
decision to lift its ban on
U.S. beef sales, exchange
programs and a reposition­
ing of U.S. troops on the
peninsula, but North Korea
was a key subject of their
discussions.

Nuclear talks between
North Korea and five other
nations, including the
United States, and South Korea, are stalled over
whether Pyongyang will
fully declare its uranium
enrichment program and
alleged proliferation activi­
ties — in return for conces­
sions. The initial six-nation
decision did not expressly
require the North to detail
its proliferation activities,
but the issue took on new significance after Israel bombed a suspected
Syrian nuclear site last fall.

North Korea made
unprecedented progress last year, including closing its
working plutonium reac­
tor at Yongbyon, but talks
slowed in a dispute over
how much the North had to
reveal in the declaration,
which was due in December.

The Bush administra­tion has report­
tedly decided that the decla­
rations exact contents are les­
sirable than an assurance
that nuclear negotiators can check to see
whether Kim Jong Il’s govern­
ment has told the truth.

“I believe if North Korea’s
declaration is not satisfacto­
ry or if the verification is not
satisfactory, we could prob­
ably have a temporary
agreement, but in the long
term, that will cause a lot
more serious problems,” Lee
said.

President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush greet South Korea President Lee Myung-bak as he arrives at Camp David, Md., Friday.

Associated Press

The potential problem, economists
said, is that strong demand for corn
and other grains has caused prices
to reach historic highs. That has led
to record farmland values and
steadily increasing debt as farmers
borrow money to buy more land.

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South Korea's first nuclear power plant, scheduled to go online in 2011, will be a "breakthrough" step in the country's nuclear energy program, a South Korean official said. The plant is expected to generate 1.2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity a year, which is enough to power about 1 million homes. The plant is scheduled to be commissioned in 2011 and to start commercial operation in 2012. The project is being carried out by a consortium of five utility companies in South Korea. The plant will be built in an area designated as a "nuclear energy development zone" by the government. The zone has been established to promote the commercialization of nuclear energy and to reduce the country's reliance on fossil fuels. The project is expected to create about 6,000 jobs during the construction period and about 3,000 permanent jobs in the operations phase. The plant will be equipped with two pressurized water reactors, each with a capacity of 1.2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity per year. The plant is expected to be connected to the national grid in December 2011. The construction cost is estimated to be about $5.4 billion. The plant is expected to contribute to the country's energy security by reducing its dependence on imported fuel. The plant will also provide a stable source of electricity to the country, which is expected to face increasing demand for electricity in the future. In conclusion, the South Korea's first nuclear power plant is a significant step in the country's nuclear energy program and is expected to contribute to the country's energy security and economic growth.
 More anti-Western protests emerge in several cities
Tibet demonstrations along Olympic torch relay spur anger, media outlets urge for calm to quell nationalistic fervor

Associated Press

BEIJING — Fresh anti-Western protests erupted in several Chinese cities Sunday as people vented anger over pro-Western demonstrations along the Olympic torch relay. State media appealed for calm in an apparent attempt to dampen the nationalistic fervor.

Over the weekend, protesters waving Chinese flags have rallied in front of the French Embassy in Beijing and at outlets of French retailer Carrefour in nine cities across the country. They have threatened boycotts of the retailer, whom they accuse of supporting the Dalai Lama.

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader — a charge Carrefour denies. A front-page editorial in the People's Daily newspaper, the official mouthpiece for the Communist Party, called for calm, urging people to cherish patriotism "while expressing it in a rational way.

"As citizens, we have the responsibility to express our patriotic enthusiasm calmly and rationally and express patriotic aspiration in an orderly and legal manner," the commentary said.

The editorial seemed to reflect concern among China's leaders about a growing anti-Western backlash, fueled by anger over the demonstrations in Paris, London and San Francisco during the Olympic torch relay. The relay has become a magnet for protests against China's rule in Tibet and its human rights record.

Barry Sautman, a political scientist at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, said the government is trying to rein in the demonstrations in order to ensure calm and project an inviting image ahead of the Beijing Olympics in August.

"That's why they want demonstrations to be very short," Sautman said. "They want to wrap them up as soon as possible so they can go on to restore the image of China as welcoming to people around the world.

He said that Beijing's move to rein in the building nationalism follows similar patterns seen in the past, such as in 1999 when anti-U.S. outrage erupted after the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade and in 2001 when a U.S. spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet.

"The government allows people to vent their spleen but then immediately reins it in,\" Sautman said. "They are certainly afraid it will go too far."

On Sunday, more than 1,000 demonstrators carrying banners gathered for a second day in the tourist city of Xi'an in front of a Carrefour, chanting "Oppose Tibet Independence.\" "Go CNN,\" and "Censure CNN,\" the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Protests also continued in central Wuhan for a second day, when another 2,000 people, mostly students, waved the Chinese flag and sang the national anthem.

Bullies also were staged in the cities of Harbin, Dalian, and Jinan. An estimated 1,000 demonstrators blocked traffic in Dalian, while another 1,000 protesters in Harbin held up a 33-foot-long banner in support of the Olympics.

Xinhua reported that the protest organizer in Xian, identified as Wu Sheng, said the demonstrations were not necessarily aimed at pushing protesters to boycott Carrefour.

"We do not support a boycott of French companies because the economy is globalizing. We chose a small French supermarket because we draw more attention there,\" Wu was quoted as saying.

In an interview published in L'Express, Carrefour's chief executive Jose Luis Duran said the company is "tak[ing] the situation very seriously,\" though its earnings had not yet been affected.

With 2 million Chinese customers, "we cannot take the reaction of some of our clients lightly,\" he said. "It must be understood that a large part of the Chinese population has been very shocked by the incidents that have happened over the passage of the Olympic torch through Paris."

Duran denied rumors spread on the Internet that Carrefour supports the Dalai Lama, saying the company has never supported any political or religious cause. The retailer is the second-largest "hypermarket in the world after Wal-Mart.\"

The protests began Saturday, erupting in Beijing and five other major cities — Beijing, Wuhan, Kunming, Xi'an, and Qingdao.

In Beijing, small protests broke out at one Carrefour and outside the French Embassy as well as the Beijing French School. Dozens of police, some in riot gear, quickly dispersed the crowd in front of the embassy.

Anger also has been channeled against Western media organizations, including CNN, for so-called "distorted" coverage of recent unrest in Tibet and neighboring provinces. Foreign journalists have received threatening phone calls and e-mails.

Several thousand ethnic Chinese marched outside CNN's offices in Hollywood Saturday to demand the firing of a commentator who recently compared China's leaders to "a bunch of goons and thugs.\"
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Show appreciation for Mother Earth

America needs Electoral College

To bash the Electoral College ... to suggest that the "Electoral College needs to go" (Maggie O'Connor, Apr. 17) because it is outdated and discourages voting in non-swing states is both poor political analysis and irresponsible rhetoric. To believe that the Electoral College was set up because the Founding Fathers did not trust citizens to make an informed decision is to recognize only half of the issue - and the important half at that.

In the Federalist Papers No. 29, James Madison clearly indicated that it was a system set up so that both the people and the states could be taken into account for the election of the President. This is why the numbers of the Electoral College reach the number both the Senate and the House of Representatives combined, giving two Electoral College votes to all states regardless of population. The states do deserve some amount of say in deciding the President just as they deserve a say in law-making. After all, we are talking about the President of the United States, not necessarily the President of the People.

To say that the Electoral College is outdated is to be unaware of the tremendous scale of policy that could be made if the Electoral College were indeed outdated and the European Union probably would not trust citizens to make an informed decision.

Do we appreciate the Earth's sacrifice?

I'm back to the hippie celebration of our Earth Day - do those everyone know when Earth Day was? It was initiated by a senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, who envisioned a "nation-wide grassroots demonstration" (good pun, too, Senator). It worked - there were protests, demonstrations and rallies.

That was the first environmental movement and the movement made some paper mâché animals or plant a tree for it, and listened to the evening news blurb about the little puppy that died.

Earth Day is Everyday* T-shirt. I liked the shirt, too, because of all the pretty colors that the picture of the globe, but she got dibs because of the birthday double play.

But what is Earth Day? We liked the shirt, we heard the news story, we see the marked date on all of our calendars but do we observe it?

I once asked my mom why there wasn't a "Kid's Day," since we have both "Mothers' and Father's" Day. She told me raising something is intended to allow you to do this just that - commemorate it. Take a moment to appreciate what the Earth provides for you, but you take for granted. Kids are always appreciative because of the showers of parent's love and effort - their sacrifice - is seen and appreciated.

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I'm back to the hippie celebration of our Mother Earth. Now butt and brand "hippie" for just one minute. The earth gives us life. All of our resources come from the earth.

Everything man-made is made from materials that originated within and much, even with our efforts to defy the limits of earth's boundaries and capabilities.

We take it, we trample it, and still want to see the warnings that Earth sends us. We "pave paradise and put a park on it" (good pun, too, Nelson) which was going dry and soil erosion is uncontrollable.

Parents need that day of appreciation to feel appreciated. It's easy to take advantage of someone or something that's always there and sometimes in the way of what you really want to do. Children see their parents as an obstacle to desires, often despising the fact that the parent is there to provide and bend to the child and really make life possibly. Maybe the Earth never tried to enforce your curfew, but admit it - you were peeved when the downpour started just as you were going outside to play.

Friede. But didn't you like that shower you just took? That water you drank with dinner?

How do you want to appreciate the earth? Maybe planting a tree isn't the best way. It's nice to give your mom a present for Mother's Day, but think of how happy you would make the earth if you planted a tree for her all year long. In any relationship, the best way to show you care is through sustaining the love that you care for through your lifestyle.

Reflect on it. In what way do you fail to appreciate the resources of this earth - the flawless sound that so fragile balance. The interviews listed that support our own existence are outside of our radius of knowledge and our understandings of the pattern we unmodernized by us. If we want to benefit from the Earth's capabilities, we need to recognize and support them, as well.

So find Earth Day, decide what it means to you. Do you show your mother you care the whole year round? Do you want to benefit from the Earth's capabilities, we need to recognize and support them, as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morally elitist attitude unacceptable

In his Apr. 18 guest column "Extend parietals, save your soul," junior computer science major Lenny Meehan makes it painfully clear that he is not getting any. He makes the case for expanding parietals by two hours a night as a way of promoting the Catholic value of abstinence and along the way correctly suggests a staggering amount of sexual iniquity and a paternalistic streak so wide that he sounds like a cross between Pat Robertson and a seventh grader at his first dance. Whether or not students doing the horizontal monster mash make good Catholics is up for debate but Meehan’s holier-than-thou attitude can’t be winning him many friends as he points out that he’s definitely a better Catholic than all you kids that are living in sin. And boy, are you all sinning it up. "It is no secret that casual sex is abundant on campus," he declares. "Abundant! At Notre Dame? Someone make sure this guy never gets lost and wanders onto a state school.

But my real beef with Meehan isn’t over his (fair) declaration that doing the deed while unwed isn’t the most Catholic of activities. It’s not about his choice to remain celibate, as I don’t have much room to criticize in that regard — I haven’t exactly been getting many chances to play hide-the-pickle either. My problem is with the condescending way in which he presumes to know what’s better for you. Why do the actions of other couples bother Mr. Meehan so much? To be blunt, how is it any of his damn business? It’s bad enough that the University enforces such an incapable policy and restricts the autonomy of its students, but when a guy voices a desire for his fellow students to be governed by his own personal morality, it’s downright disturbing. Mr. Meehan argues so strongly for suppleness students’ freedom of action with his personal preferences that one can’t help but wonder if insisting nobody else is getting laid is supposed to make him feel better about not getting any himself.

But perhaps I’m overreacting and parietals aren’t really that bad. After all, "unless a couple has intentions of having sex, there is no reason why they can’t hang out in a public place," he tells us. You and your girlfriend don’t mind sharing that couch in the dorm lounge with a bunch of lonely, lonely freshmen, do you?

Rick Adcock
senior
off campus
Apr. 18

College not a prerequisite for wisdom

Although the blandness of Darryl Campbell’s columns generally make them easy to forget (or simply ignore), his most recent editorial (“The importance of college,” Apr. 16) deserves a brief response. With his usual “I graduated from Harvard" smugness, Campbell waxes (sans eloquence) on what is supposedly the chief benefit of a liberal arts education — namely, the fostering of wisdom in young minds. That is reasonable enough. Broad intellectual pursuits can have that effect. But Campbell goes a step further and implies that the “complete person," while not created by the liberal arts curriculum, cannot be created without it. This elitist stance treats the university and advanced education as the exclusive gateway to wisdom and naturally makes professors — and Campbell will surely be one someday — the gatekeepers. But even he admits that a liberal arts education can’t guarantee wisdom.

I submit that if he would take an honest look around, Darryl Campbell would find the reason for this. A liberal arts education is not the only path to wisdom; sometimes it seems wisdom is achieved in spite of it. In fact, there are plenty in this world with a high school education, GED or no real education at all who are wise as well. An open mind, a good deal of common sense and a humble confession of ignorance when necessary do more for building wisdom than any curriculum a university can offer. I would venture to say that it is entirely possible that the person who serves Campbell his pizza at Sbarro or cleans out his library carrel is just as wise as any professor on this campus. Spend a little time beyond the ivory tower, Mr. Campbell; you’ll be surprised at how wise the uneducat-ed can be.

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Roe v. Wade error

In his letter “The pragmatically pro-life party," (Apr. 17) Andrew Dreyfuss claims that if Roe v. Wade were overturned, "all forms of abortion" would be "illega.” This is not true. If Roe v. Wade were overturned, the authority to permit or limit abortion would return to state legislatures, where it rested before the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973.

I completely agree with Lenny Meehan (“Extend parietals, save your soul,” Apr. 18) and his proposal to lengthen parietals by two hours. As someone who also does not get any, I too would like to punish those with more game than myself.

Thank you, Lenny Meehan (“Extend parietals, save your soul” Apr. 18), for your insightful solution to the morally abominable issue of premarital sex on the Notre Dame campus. During the four years of college, the majority of 18 to 22-year-olds transform into mindless, sex-craved deviants, uncontrollably succumbing to our animalistic desires. After the sun goes down, any male-female mingling within the privacy of a dorm room will inevitably escalate to debauchery and — yes — sex. Because what other purposes do relationships between young men and women serve? Of course friendships between the sexes would be impossible, given that we are biologically wired to commit mortal sin every time we find ourselves alone together in a cramped dorm room.

The only legal answer to this problem is to remove the temptation to commit this dreadful act: extended parietals. With the fear of BoxLife’s exacting disciplinary measures looming over our heads, we will all be forced to abandon our immoral urges and conform to lives of quiet study and meditation because it’s common knowledge that students will absolutely never have sex unless it happens in a dorm room after 10 p.m.

Lenny Meehan, I am forever indebted to you for your ingenious proposal to save my immortal soul because I haven’t the capacity to do so on my own. It is not the responsibility of this Catholic University to foster an environment where each student can freely cultivate his or her own individual faith; no, the university must impose rigid constraints on the student population to ensure that all of our souls win one-way tickets to those pearly white gates.

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Parietals as punishment

Kevin Kray
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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Jason Segel has been a card-carrying member of the Judd Apatow gang since television’s “Freaks and Geeks,” in 1999, but in “Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” the actor successfully comes to the forefront as both writer and star.

Segel, who has already proven himself as a television actor as Marshall in CBS’s “How I Met Your Mother,” took a step on the road to film stardom as one of Ben’s stoner roommates in 2007’s “Knocked Up.” “Sarah Marshall,” Segel’s first screenplay, should put him in the ranks with previous Apatow stars Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill and Michael Cera.

“Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” is the self-described “romantic disaster movie” produced by Apatow. It is a much-needed relief from comedies like “Knocked Up” and “Superbad,” which feature men constantly joking about sex and women using an excess of foul language meant to shock the viewer into laughing.

“Sarah Marshall” still has some of the cruder elements of those comedies (Segel is naked quite a bit), but they are toned down enough to give this untraditional romantic comedy a bigger heart and make it more accessible to a wider audience. This is truly a comedy for both sexes — not just one of those movies in the "women will also enjoy" category.

Segel stars as Peter Bretter, a musician dating TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), who stars in the fictional “Crime Scene; Scene of the Crime.” Peter composes the music for “Crime Scene,” but his real dream is to finish his puppet rock opera about Dracula. However, after Sarah dumps him for rock star Aldous Snow (Russell Brand), Peter’s dreams are put on hold when he loses all motivation to do anything but drink and cry. Peter’s step-brother, Brian (Bill Hader), convinces him to move on, so Peter decides to take a trip to Hawaii to get his mind off of his former five-year flame. When Peter arrives at his hotel, he discovers that Sarah and Aldous are staying there too, but hotel receptionist Rachel (Mila Kunis) befriends Peter and helps him cope with the miserable situation.

It may be too convenient that out of every vacation destination in the world and out of all the hotels in Hawaii, Peter and Sarah end up at the same one, but there wouldn't be a movie otherwise. Besides, there are too many other things to focus on and laugh at than this plot point, like Peter’s new friendships with the hotel staff, including a surfing instructor (Paul Rudd) and nervous newlywed Darald (Jack McBrayer). Jonah Hill even shows up as a waiter creepily obsessed with Aldous Snow.

There are no weak links in the cast, but if two actors deserved more attention they would be Hader and Brand. Audiences will recognize Hader from “Saturday Night Live” and “Superbad,” but “Sarah Marshall” marks a turn for the actor as he isn’t doing an impression or playing a dumb cop. Instead, he’s playing a normal person just trying to slap some sense into his step-brother. It’s a role that could be easily forgettable with a lesser comedian, but Hader manages to steal scenes and stand out.

Brand similarly establishes himself as a scene stealer as pompous rock star Aldous Snow. Brand’s acting and Segel’s writing manage to make Aldous a multidimensional character that is sympathetic despite his many, many flaws and his mistreatment of Sarah.

Mila Kunis, whose face has virtually been missing from any screen since “That ‘70s Show” (she continues to voice Meg Griffin in “Family Guy”), also should not be overlooked. Kunis’ character is well-developed, complex and funny, and not just an unattainable, unflawed goddess, which is so typical of Apatow films. Kunis, with her exotic looks and comical voice, is a welcome return to the screen, and serves as the ultimate foil to Bell’s blond, misguided Sarah Marshall.

“Forgetting Sarah Marshall” is a romantic comedy from the male-perspective, but it still manages to portray the female viewpoint well through the characters of Rachel and Sarah, making it easily accessible and entertaining to all audiences. The film is long at 112 minutes, but this does not matter since the characters are so hilarious and inviting. Peter is a lovable goof who has just lost his way for a little while, and we find ourselves wanting to help him forget Sarah Marshall too, just as long as he keeps his clothes on.

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With their unique music and energetic live show, Minus the Bear is one of the best rock groups out today. Scene had a chance to talk with Alex Rose, keyboardist/vocalist for the band, who played at Legends on Saturday night. Rose discussed topics such as life on tour and the band's future plans.

Scene: How's the spring tour going so far?
Rose: Well, we had a bus breakdown but that's about the only thing that was out of our control. We had to get on a new bus for three or four days.

Scene: Do you play university shows like this often?
Rose: Yeah, we've had about one a week. A lot of smaller clubs and colleges.

Scene: How would you describe Minus the Bear's music for someone not familiar with the band?
Rose: I usually say it's classic rock of the future. I mean, we try to play rock-and-roll that's pushing boundaries, that's not going to become so dated that nobody will be interested in it down the line. We want to make it last, we want to please ourselves, we want to make good music. We listen to a lot of old stuff, but we also have that electronic element.

Scene: In the past you've toured with groups like [rap-per] P.O.S., [instrumental group] Russian Circles and [grind-metal act] the Number Twelve Looks Like You. What makes the band fit into tours with so many different bands?
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Rose: I think "Dr. Ulling" might have taken the longest. It's hard to say, because we would always come back to them.
**SMC Softball**

Saint Mary’s earns key conference wins

by LAURA MYERS

Saint Mary’s positioned itself well for the postseason, going 3-1 against two conference teams this weekend.

The Belles’ split doubleheader against Hope College Friday and their sweep of Adrian College Saturday left Saint Mary’s (20-7-3, 9-3 MAIA) solidly in third in the MAIA, three games behind the second-place Pirates. The Belles also earned a tie for the best overall record in the nation.

Saint Mary’s was locked in position throughout the three-game series with Hope and Adrian, earning a crucial 5-2 win over the Pirates in the season finale.

The Belles defeated Hope on Friday, winning both games of the doubleheader, 10-4 and 4-1, before falling to Adrian 6-1 on Saturday.

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Smith picked off a Jimmy Clausen pass intended for tight end Mike Bagome on the Blue Team’s 15-yard line and raced down the sideline, down-flipping over the goal line to celebrate.

“I didn’t think I would hear my name called, but I sure did,” Smith said.

But the Belles scored early, leading 3-0 after the bottom of the first, and the Flying Dutch couldn’t catch up to tie it in the top of the fifth at 5-5.

“I’m always a strong team with very strong base running,” Sullivan said.

The Belles rallied again in the bottom of the sixth, as sophomore Maureen Healy and junior Cathy Kurczak each scored to bring the Belles’ total to seven.

Senior McKenna Corrigan brought her record to 1-0, aiding her own effort by going 2-0-3 with four RBIs.

Saturday, the Belles played at home against the Adrian Pirates. In game one, junior pitcher Calli Davison gave up two runs early, but the Belles tied it 2-2 in the third and scored five more in the bottom of the sixth for a final score of 7-2.

Davison also went 2-0-3 with two RBIs, and sophomore Ashley Peterson went 2-0-3 with three RBIs.

The Belles held a 9-1 lead going into the seventh inning, but Adrian went on a rally to bring the score to 9-6 before Corrigan retired the side for her 11th win.

Sullivan said Saturday’s rain, which delayed the game, was the seventh frame, had to do with the late rally, but the team pulled through in the end.

“Our fielders and pitchers really stepped up and played well against these hitters,” she said.

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**Ochoa wins fourth in a row**

Associated Press

REUNION, Fla., — Lorena Ochoa hustled around the corner, homeward bound, one last time and catch a flight home to Mexico.

No problem.

There were about 100 people waiting for her in the resort lobby, some seeking autographs, others holisting glasses of champagne.

Ochoa sprinted away, but she paused for another few minutes to sign, talk, this was deserving of one more celebration.

The 26-year-old Ochoa became the first LPGA Tour player in 45 years to win four tour events in consecutive weeks. In game one, No. 1 player shot a 3-under 69 in the final round of the Ginn Open at Reunion Resort.

Ochoa also won back-to-back tournaments at the Dinah Shore Invitational in Palm Springs and the Kia Classic in Carlsbad, Calif.

Ochoa tapped in for par on No. 18, No. 8, then followed with two more on the next two holes. An eagle on No. 6, and 7. She finally grabbed the lead with a birdie on No. 8, then followed with two more on the next two holes.

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Ochoa took in the final round, but went ahead for good with three straight birdies beginning on No. 8. She finished 18 under and became the second player to win four consecutive events in as many weeks.

“I always thought it did it in 1962 and 1963,” Kathy Whitworth (1960) and Annika Sorenstam (2001) also won four consecutive events, but both had a week off during their runs. Sorenstam (2004-05) and Nancy Lopez (1978) hold the tour’s record for consecutive wins, each winning seven in a row.

Ochoa was up a stroke to begin the week and had the lead all week. The 19-year-old from Mexico is the first golfer to win four consecutive events in one season.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen a bigger victory,” said Tseng, who finished runner-up for the second straight week. “I’m really proud of myself, but I’m also feeling a little bit sad.”

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Blue Jays designated hitter Frank Thomas reacts angrily to a called third strike earlier this season. Thomas was released by Toronto on Sunday after hitting .167 over the first three weeks of the season.

**MLB**

**Slumping Thomas released by Blue Jays**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Slumping designated hitter Frank Thomas was released Sunday by the Blue Jays, who cut the 19-year veteran one day after he became angry for being taken out of the lineup.

General manager J.P. Ricciardi said he and Thomas came to “a mutual agreement” after meeting in the clubhouse early Sunday.

“Out of respect for his career, it’s not fair to him to sit around and become a part-time player,” Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "I know he wasn’t going to be happy with that and you can definitely understand."

Center fielder Vernon Wells praised management for finding a quick resolution to the situation.

"I think it’s better for (Thomas), too," Wells said. "He gets a chance to have more time to possibly pick up with another team, with us it may give some of our younger guys a chance to come up."

"We haven’t been the best team so far this season. We definitely have some improvements to make."
MEN’S TENNIS
Irish clinch Big East title for second time

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Top-seeded Notre Dame won its second consecutive Big East title with three wins this weekend on the University of South Florida campus in Tampa, Fla.

The Irish won their quarterfinal match against No. 8 seed Villanova on Friday by a score of 4-0. It was the second straight year that the Irish knocked the Wildcats out of the tournament.

The win also marked Notre Dame’s first consecutive victories since February. The bottom two pairs in doubles play of junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Roth and freshmen Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis were both victorious to clinch the doubles point for the Irish.

Notre Dame clinched the win with singles victories from Havens, senior Sheeva Parbhu, and junior Brett Helgeson. Parbhu earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Villanova junior Brian Mahler. Helgeson contributed his own 6-1, 6-1 victory over Wildcat senior David Shaheen. Havens also earned a straight sets 6-2, 6-0 victory over freshman Janeette Bajikova.

With the victory, the Irish advanced to the final for the 13th straight year, and won a thrilling 4-3 match over South Florida. After winning the doubles point, South Florida won three of the first four singles matches to jump out to a 3-2 lead. The Irish’s lone singles win in that stretch was another dominant straight sets victory from Helgeson, who defeated South Florida’s Irish sweep Rutgers, DePaul

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Building on its late season momentum, No. 17 Notre Dame returned to the Big East Championship with three impressive victories. With wins over Rutgers, DePaul and South Florida, the Irish won the league title for the third time in four years. After shutting out both the Scarlet Knights and the Blue Demons, the tournament culminated in a 4-1 victory over the Bulls, avenging last year’s defeat in the title match.

Notre Dame 4, Rutgers 0

As the Irish entered the tournament with a top seed, they faced Rutgers on Friday who came in as an eighth-seeded long shot. For the 14th time in a row, Notre Dame won the doubles point, giving them the advantage they started, and used the momentum to handle the Scarlet Knights by a dominant 7-6, 6-0, 6-3 win.

The No. 1 tandem in the nation of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelsey Tefft continued their dominance, picking up a commanding 6-0, 6-0 victory over seniors Lena Elvira and Jelena Ruzic. The win was their second “bagel” in as many matches, and improved their record to 35-5 on the season.

Later, the No. 2 pair Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu led their opponents 7-6 before the doubles point was decided in early May.

The Irish grabbed their first point of the day with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Blue Demon junior Austin Doerr. Rielley clinched the victory for the Irish with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over DePaul sophomore Vanya Grzegorczyk. With the win over DePaul, the Irish advanced to the final of the 13th straight year, and won a thrilling 4-3 match over South Florida. After winning the doubles point, South Florida won three of the first four singles matches to jump out to a 3-2 lead. The Irish’s lone singles win in that stretch was another dominant straight sets victory from Helgeson, who defeated South Florida’s freshman Lucas Jovita 6-0, 6-1.

Buck clinched the victory for the Irish with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over DePaul sophomore Amy Zhang.

Tefft continued her impressive streak in singles play picking up three straight wins to put the Irish up 2-0 for the match with 6-0, 6-4 win over Elder-Bush marked her 25th win of the year and put the Irish up 2-0.

Buck followed suit and gave the Irish a three-point advantage with her 6-2, 6-0 victory over Salkovic in a 4-3 match over Villanova. The win put the Irish up 2-0.

Notre Dame clinched the title match with her 6-4, 6-0 win over Baker putting the score at 4-0, and giving the Irish the nod and a chance at a semifinal match with DePaul who had beaten Marquette in its quarterfinal match.

Notre Dame 5, DePaul 0

The Irish eventually earned a place in their 13th straight Big East final with their second straight shutout Saturday. Notre Dame stuck to its guns and clinched the doubles point, which then translated into singles victories.

Buck and Tefft earned their third straight upset in doubles play, this time over senior Beatriz Cozard and freshman Selma Salkovic. With the win, Buck and Tefft matched the number of wins they had last season with 34.

Rielley and Ciobanu clinched the point for the Irish with their 8-2 victory over DePaul’s Christine Worthington and Lauren Plunkett. The pair’s 20th win put them at 1-0, and began singles.

Rielley started off the singles victories with her straight set 6-2, 6-2 win over Zok. The senior now has won seven straight and 13 of 14.

With the match at 2-0, Claire Garstka stepped up with her 6-2, 6-4 victory over DePaul’s高压 Allyn Mueller.

Freshman Natalia Guevara put South Florida on the board, who have 6-3, 6-2 win over Poits, but the Irish bounced back with Rielley’s 22nd win of the season and the match-clinching win. The sophomore took the contest 6-3, 6-4.

Notre Dame has now won two consecutive matches over Villanova and the Bulls, and now must wait until May 9 for the NCAA West Regional, which could be a host team depending on how they do in the tournament to begin. The Irish will be thrown into a separate pool and forced to rely on a selection committee.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Belles finish sixth in Spring Fling

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s placed sixth in Illinois-Western’s Spring Fling this weekend — a strong finish leaving the Belles optimistic as they head into next weekend’s MIAA qualifier final.

“We played a pretty good tournament this weekend,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said.

“The Belles put down great strides since the first round took place just a few weeks ago. They have been coming in not ready to hand the qualification spot to Olivet just yet. Our best is yet to come,” Hamilton said. “There is no reason it can’t happen next weekend.”

If the Belles do reach the top spot and automatic qualification for the national tournament, they will be thrown into a separate pool and forced to rely on a selection committee to determine head-to-head competition among the other teams.

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Crucial errors cost Notre Dame at Bulls

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

As the old saying goes, what goes around comes around, and the Irish learned that this weekend. Notre Dame swept two games at Big East rival Louisville Saturday, then promptly lost two to South Florida the next day.

The Irish beat the Cardinals in a nail-biter in the first game, winning 3-1 in eight innings. Louisville took a 1-0 lead in the fourth, though, and in the top of the eighth, junior infielder Lindsay Kohn belted a two-run home run to left-center to break the deadlock and send the Irish to victory. Junior Britney Bargar pitched all eight innings, giving up only five hits and one unearned run.

In the second game, the Irish only needed five innings to dispatch the Cardinals, earning a 12-4 win. Kohn notched another four hits and three RBIs in the second game, and sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis added three more. Ellis' home run blast to center, and Bargar's passed ball. The Irish offense in the second and with season best performance. Currie would improve even more during the Mount SAC Relays where he placed fourth with a faster time of 1:51.38.

Notre Dame once again returns from its chase for qualifying marks to participate in the Big East Outdoor Conference Championship held in May.

The Irish had the chance to show off their skills at Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. The relays are renowned for being one of the biggest and competitive track meets of the year, boasting over 9,000 participants from high school athletes all the way to potential Olympians. As a preview for the Mount SAC relays, some members of the team participated in the VS Athletic Beach Invitational held at Long Beach State in November, California. Senior Adam Carrié Currie finished second with a time of 1:51.69 in the 800-meter run, placing him second and with season best performance. Currie would improve even more during the Mount SAC Relays where he placed fourth with a faster time of 1:51.38.

Other participants of the VS meet were sophomore Balazs Molnar and senior Austin Wechter who both participated in the 400-meter hurdles. Molnar placed fifth with a time of 53.64, earning him the No. 13 ranking for the Big East meet in May. Wechter followed closely behind in eighth with a time of 54.11.

Wechter and Molnar both ran hurdles at Mount SAC. Wechter finished 14th with a time of 54.40 while Molnar finished 22nd. Junior Billy Buyraan ran for the Irish as well, placing 13th in the 400-meter run with a time of 49.11. Buynraan ran the 400-meter dash the next day, running a time of 49.45 to earn him a seventh place.

Junior Blair Marjina also participated in the VS meet and placed fourth in the high jump. Marjina would go on to place sixth in the high jump for the Mount SAC relays with a jump of 6 feet, 8 inches.

For the rest of the field events including the pole vault, Matt Schipper started the Irish off with a fifth place finish in the pole vault. Freshman jumper Eric Quick placed 13th in the long jump with a jump of 14.18 meters. Quick is currently a double event athlete, finishing fourth in long jump and seventh in triple jump.

The Irish will continue to strive for Big East qualifying marks as the regular season of outdoor track comes to a close. The next meets up for the Irish will be the Drake and Hilldale Relays starting this Friday.

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Irish bounce back from loss with huge win

By ANDY ZICCARELLI
Sport Writer

Resiliency has been key for Notre Dame all season long. The Irish (11-5, 4-1 Big East) have been able to come back from tough and unexpected losses to keep themselves in the picture for both the Big East and National Championships.

Sunday proved to be the ultimate example of that resiliency, as the Irish bounced back from a tough loss to Vanderbilt on Wednesday with a 20-9 thumping of Rutgers (7-9, 2-3 Big East) in Piscataway, N.J.

Sophomore attack Gina Scioscia highlighted the Irish offense with a career-high seven points on two goals and five assists. She now leads the team with 28 assists on the season after posting her fifth-assist game on the year.

Junior attack Jillian Byers notched five first-half goals to bring her season total to 61. Senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney added six points with three goals and three assists.

Junior goalkeeper Erin Goodman had another strong performance, limiting the Scarlet Knights to six goals during her time between the pipes. Some of that can be attributed to the shot disparity, as Notre Dame out shot Rutgers 43-28.

Notre Dame dominated the game right from the start, with the Irish jumping out to an early 4-0 under 4 minutes into the game. They would score 10 out of the game’s first 11 goals, and cruised to an 11-5 halftime lead. The second half would prove to be more of the same, as Notre Dame found the back of the net 5 times in the first 10 minutes of the half, stretching their lead to 16-5 and putting the game out of reach for the Scarlet Knights.

The game was the last regular season Big East game for the Irish, and they next play the Big East tournament, which will begin on Friday in Delaware. With the win, the Irish have solidified the No. 2 seed heading into next weekend, and will take on Georgetown on Friday night.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles down Kalamazoo

Saint Mary’s wraps up conference season on positive note

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s finished its conference competition this weekend with back to back wins over Kalamazoo and Alma this Saturday and Sunday to move in fourth in conference.

Saturday the Belles (10-9, 5-3 MIAA) defeated Kalamazoo 6-3, winning five of the six singles matches. The momentum continued Sunday in their 8-1 victory over Alma, winning all six singles and two of the three doubles.

Saint Mary’s won only one of the three doubles matches Saturday against Kalamazoo. Saint Mary’s No. 3 pair of freshmen Jessica Camp and Mary Therese Lee made their debut as a pair, winning 8-3 over the Hornets’ Becky Thomson and Amanda Goumas. No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley lost 8-5 to Mary Atallah and Lindsay Zulhke. No. 3 pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed were defeated 8-3 by Kari Larson and Genova Garcia.

The Belles made up for the doubles losses by dominating the Hornets in the singles, winning five of the six matches. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated Atallah 6-1, 6-3 for her 10th win of the season. Hurley continued her successful season with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Zulhke for her 16th singles victory. No. 3 Reed defeated Larson 6-2, 6-1 for her ninth singles win while No. 5 Rubino won 6-1, 7-6, (7-3) over Goumas. No. 6 singles, freshman Laura Arnold, won Saint Mary’s fifth singles match in a 1-0 (10-6) tiebreaker after losing 4-6, and winning 6-4. No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski was defeated 6-1, 6-1 by Garcia, her 10th singles loss of the season.

Saint Mary’s energy carried over to Sunday as the Belles won two of the three doubles, and swept the singles division. No. 1 doubles duo of Gebert and Hurley won 8-3 over the Scott’s Kelly Schwartzkopf and Margareta Curtiss, giving them 10-9, 6-2 MIAA. No. 2 pair of Rubino and Reed were defeated for the second day in a row as they lost 9-7 to Lindsay Wagena and Laura McKendry, putting them at 7-10, 5-5 MIAA. Camp and Lee continued their play at the No. 3 doubles spot, winning their second match as a pair in their 8-1 victory over Emily Noss and Kelsey Erwin.

The Belles dominated the Scots in singles play with Gebert, Hurley, Reed, Wagena, Kosinski, Reed and Arnold all winning.

Saint Mary’s will end its season this weekend at the MIAA Conference Tournament at Albion Friday and Saturday.

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Men’s Lacrosse

Laxers win two against Quinipiac, Lehigh

By GRiffin DASSATi
Sports Writer

After beating Quinipiac 16-6 Friday in South Bend, the Belles decided just one win for the week wasn’t enough.

They defeated Lehigh on the road 14-7 Sunday for their second win of the weekend. Friday was the first time No. 10 Notre Dame (9-2, 3-1 GWL) had played since losing a 9-6 heart breaker to Denver April 5. After that loss, coach Kevin Corrigan said the team wanted to take a step back and reevaluate where they stood.

“We just said going into the break after the Denver game that we wanted to reestablish who we were and what our identity was going to be,” Corrigan said Sunday. “We wanted to use these weeks to improve individually and collectively. We’re in a stretch of three games in five days. The job was to win all there and we’re just considering ourselves in the middle of it right now.”

Corrigan was referring to the stretch of Quinipiac on Friday, Lehigh on Saturday, and Notre Dame on Sunday, which comes Tuesday at Air Force.

Junior attack Ryan Hoff started off the weekend hot, scoring two quick goals against Quinipiac with 14:09 and 11:14 left in the first quarter. Hoff’s goals sparked a 5-0 Irish run that culminated in a goal by sophomore attack Marc Rubino and set the tone for the game. The Bobcats never recovered from the deficit and didn’t get within five goals of the Irish for the remainder of the game.

Hoff, Notre Dame’s leading scorer this season, finished the game with four goals and was supported by two goals apiece from senior attack Taylor Hicks, junior attack Jillian Byers, and sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs.

After a Saturday trip to Pennsylvania, the Irish had to again gear up, this time to take on Lehigh. The game started off fairly evenly, with each team scoring two goals in the first quarter. Despite another early goal from Hoff, it looked like the Mountain Hawks would put up a much tougher fight than the Bobcats had. That is, until Irish decide to flip the proverbial switch.

Beginning with Hicks’ goal with 5:31 left in the second quarter, the Irish went on an astonishing 9-0 run in which seven different players scored to put them up 11-2 and put the game out of reach for Lehigh.

Hoff finished up with four goals and one assist, making Sunday the fourth time the junior has scored four or more goals in a game this season. After the game, Corrigan talked about Hoff being a product of a team-oriented offense.

“Ryan Hoff scores a lot when we play well offensively,” Corrigan said. “He gets the ball from other people and we have to play well together to get him the ball and get him open. Him scoring a lot is a good indication of us playing well.”

Corrigan also added that the Irish dominance was due a lot to the possession battle. Notre Dame won 17 of 25 face-offs. Corrigan specifically credited senior attack and midfielder Taylor Clayton as a main reason for the Irish’s face-off success.

“Taylor is the one who really broke today’s game open,” Corrigan said. “He was winning face-offs by the bunch and that really helped.”

After the two wins, the Irish look ahead to Colorado Springs where they will play Air Force on Tuesday in their second-to-last game of the season.

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**BASEBALL**

**ND takes Big East road series**

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While Notre Dame’s big win- ning streak came to an end this weekend, the Irish took two of three on the road against Big East rival West Virginia. With the win Notre Dame (25-12, 3-3 Big East) preserved its first-place standing in the conference, leading Cincinnati by one game.

**Notre Dame, West Virginia 4**

The Irish pushed their win- ning streak to 11 games Friday with a big victory to open the series in Morgantown.

Junior pitcher David Phelps held the Mountaineers to a pair of runners on base in the first, using a strong outing from sophomore Eric Maust and another big home run from David Mills.

Maust, who played in the Blue-Gold game just a day earlier as a punter, picked up his fourth win of the season. The right-hander struck out six and walked none, giving up four earned runs on the game.

The Mountaineers tagged Maust for three long balls early, getting two solo shots in the second to grab a 2-1 lead.

After the Irish went up 3-2 West Virginia struck back with another run in the fifth, but left five runners on base in the frame.

Senior catcher Sean Pollock was hit by a pitch with two runners on base to score the Mountaineers. Eric Maust then settled down for two more innings, throwing 1-2-3 in both to keep the Mountaineers scoreless.

Senior outfielder A.J. Pollock scored on a triple to help the Irish out to a 4-2 lead in the seventh. With the Irish holding on to a one run lead, Mills sealed the win in the seventh with a strong outing from sophomore relief Steven Mazur.

Mills, and Kyle Weiland combined to hold the Mountaineers hitless in the final two innings.

The Mountaineers hit two solo shots in the eighth, but Mazur got his fifth save of the season to preserve the win.

**West Virginia, 11, Notre Dame, 8**

Senior center fielder Austin Brown homered in the third, his eighth of the season.

West Virginia snapped the Irish’s 11-game winning streak with the win, touching up Notre Dame senior Wade Kopr. with four runs in three innings.

The Irish opened the game with an early strike, going up 1-0 on a sophomore designated hitter David Mills inside the park homerun. Notre Dame managed several hits off Morrison early, but left five runners on base in the first two innings.

Morrison then settled down and allowed just one run over the next seven innings. Notre Dame rallied for four runs in the ninth to make things interesting, but fell short of serious-

Yost to take back the lead in the fourth inning.

Notre Dame showed its resiliency, striking right back with two runs in the top of the fifth. Senior catcher Sean Gaston singled home a run, and A.J. Pollock scored on a groundout after a double and a stolen base.

With the Irish holding on to a one run lead, Mills sealed the win in the seventh with the bases full. Mills pulled a 1-0 pitch over the right field fence for his first career grand slam.

Relievers Steven Mazur, Mills, and Kyle Weiland combined to hold the Mountaineers hitless in the final two innings.

Notre Dame will return to action with two non-confer-

cence games this week against Chicago State and IPFW Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, before a Big East showdown with third-place St. John’s this weekend.

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**WOMEN’S ROWING**

Irish tune-up for Big East at Charles River

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame put together back-to-back successful days at the Charles River Challenge in Boston, Mass., in preparation for next weekend’s Big East champi-

onships.

On Saturday, the varsity four led the way, winning both of its races. The varsity eight, second varsity eight and second varsity four also won each. On Sunday, Notre Dame beat Boston University in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and novice eight races.

The Irish will compete in the Big East championships next Sunday in Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Junior Alex Klucphak, wearing a sizeable knee brace and sporting a bandaged right hand, showed off his scrappiness by getting on the ground for several steals in the final minutes to set up the win for Mean Girls. Senior Garret Flynn scored a game-high nine points, including four of the last five for the victors.

"I was dead tired and just trying to spend all my energy on defense and getting rebounds," Flynn said. "I guess I was kind of lazy (on the offensive end) and they got off me a little bit, and they got me the ball and I just shot it. I just wanted to end it." He did so with a running lay-up after the last of Klucphak's backcourt steals. Klucphak, who also scored six points, made it tough on Waivers guards Rob Heroman and Joe Marnell all afternoon, but especially late in the game to prevent a Waivers comeback.

"We were having some trouble in the half-court scoring, so we were just trying to get the ball out of bounds and try to get out and score some easy baskets," Flynn said. "(Flynn) made a great finish there at the end, but they were a great defense so we had to work hard to get our best."

The game might have turned out differently if it weren't for a controversial offensive foul called against the Waivers with Mean Girls leading 19-16. The Waivers patiently moved the ball around the perimeter before finding senior forward Matt Gibson alone under the basket for an easy lay-up that would have cut the lead to two.

But the referee had blown the whistle before the lay-up as the ball was out of the women's game at the adjacent court rolled onto the men's floor. The basket was discounted, despite protests from the Waivers players, fans and even the referee from the women's game, who was heard advising the men's official to count the basket.

"Any bad call is tough, but we've got to play through it," said Waivers subtract forward Matt Hamel, who scored a team-best six points. "Those refs don't determine the game, the players do."

Senior Nick Posley, a former walk-on wide receiver for the Irish football team, scored six points for Mean Girls, who are looking forward to a tough title match up.

"(The Saltines) are a real talented team," Flynn said. "We're going to play some good, solid 'D' and rely on some fundamentals and hopefully (Klucphak) can take us home change."

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**Women's Bookstore Basketball**

Anthony Travel holds off comeback attempt

By Matt Gamber

**No. 2 Anthony Travel 21, The Firm 19**

The Firm rallied back from a 19-3 deficit with a 6-0 run, but the comeback effort fell short as Saint Mary's senior Alison Kessler scored Anthony Travel's final two points on free throws to send her team to the title game.

Kessler, a Division III basketball All-American and Saint Mary's all-time leading scorer, showed a calming presence at the charity stripe with the game on the line and her teammates icy cold from the floor.

"Our problem was that we slowed the ball down too much and got away from running our transition," Kessler said. "That messed with the momentum we had going and that allowed them to get back in the game."

Anthony Travel showcased that transition game with back-to-back fast-break lay-ups to make it 16-12, when it looked like they would cruise to an easy victory after extending an 11-8 halftime lead.

But the outside shooting of sophomore guard Lindsay McMahon coupled with a couple of put-backs from freshman forward Molly McMahon coupled with a couple of put-backs from freshman forward Molly Keffer kept The Firm in it, as its defense tightened.

And when guard Kaillin Robinson grabbed a rebound and went coast-to-coast through Anthony Travel's defense to cut The Firm's deficit to 20-19, it appeared the momentum had made a definitive turn.

As soon as Kessler was fouled and headed to the line, though, The Firm looked resigned to defeat, as the sharpshooter nailed the final free throw to put the game on ice.

"The shots weren't falling too well, and we were kind of pressing at the end," Kessler said. "Next time, we just need to keep calm and control the ball a little bit better."

**Supreme Court 21, 8th and Main 19**

A trio of Saint Mary's basketball players—Meghan Conaty and sisters Erin and Becki Newsom—led the Supreme Court to a blow-out victory and a berth in the championship game.

Conaty said why she led the Boilermakers this season with 93 assists, getting into the lane early and often and either dishing it off to her teammates or finishing a job herself.

"I'm not much of a shooter—never have been, never really wanted to be," Conaty said. "My game is just distributing the ball and driving it in and looking for the open man."

After the teams traded baskets to open the contest, the Supreme Court took an 11-7 edge into the break. When the teams came out for the second half, though, it was all Supreme Court.

"They definitely pulled away in the second half more so," 8th and Main guard Sierra Smith said. "Maybe we got tired, but they were good defensively and our shots just weren't falling."

Nick Milam had several two-on-one and three-on-two opportunities in the second half but just couldn't find a finish, as several of his players expressed their frustration after missing open shots from the charity strip.

Though the Supreme Court didn't know it, however, Conaty's play at the point allowed the 6-foot Newsom sisters to get some easy chances and advance to play Anthony Travel—the team led by their old teammate, Alison Kessler.

"We weren't really hitting outside shots, so we were trying to drive and work the ball in and set more pick and rolls," Milam said. "We knew if we could move the ball inside the defense would have to work harder."

"It'll be fun and interesting to finally play against Alison for a change," Conaty said.

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Kamara's touchdown, pre­ ceded three plays earlier by a 58-yard carry, was the third touchdown of the game. But in a game where a first down could have meant the difference between 10−9 yards, a 20−yard pass and two short gains, the Fighting Irish came away with only two points; and a three-and-out earned the defensive five points in the contest climbed quickly.

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The offensive coordinator, Corwin Henderson, said, "I think he wants to sit down and really think about things, but I do think the offer moved Notre Dame way up to the top of his list. If the offer didn't come from Notre Dame, but the longer he waits, the more the other schools are going to have an opportunity to influence him, " Frank said.

Craig Rob - defensive end
Frank said he expects Rob to take more chances before ultimately deciding on a school. Rob holds from Scottsdale, Ariz., and stands 6-foot-5, 225 pounds.

E.J. White - defensive back
Frank said some schools are recruiting White as a safety, while others, including Notre Dame, are recruiting him as a corner, which makes good for the Irish.

"I think that helps their chances, I think he loved the visit and crowd support," Frank said. "I think the fans did a great job of selling Notre Dame this weekend. He mentioned that a lot when we were going to go get his commit," Frank said.

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Hughes had six extra carries for 18 yards and rising Sophomore Armando Allen had 11 carries for 53 yards.

"What we wanted to do is make sure we ran the ball about 40 times. That's how it turned out," Weis said. "I wanted to let the offensive line tee off. You can't build physicality if you don't let them tee off."

Tate finished with three catches for 73 yards, while Kamar finished with two catches for 27 yards.

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hitting speed, extremely elusive,

Stockton is a 6-foot-1, 280-pound defensive lineman that Notre Dame recruited to play nose tackle.

"He's a guy that plays so hard all the time," Frank said. "He's a kid who reminds people of Trevor Laws, very physical and quick player. obvious difference is he's a different position than Trevor did. You have your players and then you have your guys that make nega­tive plays in the backfield and help you defensively play kind of a chaotic at the time, I'd say."

The Irish also had a number of other recruits on campus who didn't verbally commit, but Frank said overall, they enjoyed their visit.

Jordan Barrett - linebacker
A high school teammate of incoming freshmen Dayne Crist and Anthony McDonald from Stierman Oaks, Calif., Barrett has Notre Dame high on his list of schools, Frank said.

"I think Notre Dame has a very good shot. But some of the local schools like USC, or UCLA came calling, neither has offered yet, so he'll be further away, maybe be 100 percent like I want," Frank said.

Ole Miss's receiving end Evan Engram was the only other Blue Chip prospect at the camp, and it was going to be a while before the Blue Chip prospect was going to go get his commit," Weis said.

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### Blue skies ahead

**Kamara grabs late TD to lead offense in win**

By **CHRIS HINE**

**Sports Writer**

Facing fourth-and-goal from the eight-yard line with 29 seconds remaining, rising sophomore Jimmy Clausen and Duval Kamara connected on a fade pattern near the sideline of the end zone to lift Blue (offense) to a 47-46 victory over Gold (defense) in a uniquely-scored — and at times heated — 79th Blue-Gold Game.

"When we were on the sidelines, we were going to run a fade to one of our receivers," Clausen said of Kamara's touchdown. "And coach is like, 'We're going to 18.' And I looked at Duval and said, 'Are you going to catch it or not?' And he said, 'Yeah, I'm going to catch it.' And I was like, 'You better go up and got it because I'm throwing it up.'"

**By BILL BRINK**

**Sports Writer**

In a spring game with an abridged scoring system and a running game clock, 176 yards allowed and a first down through the first half, the Blue-Gold game was a lot of fun.

"Last year you obviously try and help your team with practice and doing show team and all that stuff because 'But getting out there with the big boys is a lot of fun,'" said Harrison Smith, the Blue-Gold game's Most Valuable Player, returned an interception for a touchdown Saturday.

**By BILL BRINK**

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If the Blue-Gold game were real, the coaching staff would have a conniption. Two incomplete passes, a sack and a punt on the first possession don't add up to an explosive, confidence-building start.

In a real game, coaches would do exactly what they did in the spring game — establish a run game in place of a passing game that fell apart over the winter and was reluctant to get out of bed Saturday.

To build offensive momentum, coaches ran the ball, 15 times in a row, in fact. The first seven of those calls went to rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes, who gained 27 yards during that span. He finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, part of a 22-carry, 100-yard day that earned him offensive Most Valuable Player honors.

"It felt good," Hughes said of his day. "It felt like I could have got more and keep pounding."

After Brandon Walker's 31-yard field goal put the Blue team ahead 10-0 to 28-10, depending on your scoring system of choice), Hughes hustled a 20-yard run to the left side and followed it with a seven-yard run to the outside.

Hughes rushed 53 times for 305 yards and four touchdowns last season. Although at 6-4 and 240 pounds he's already a downhill runner, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he'd like to see some more speed as his good recruit.

**By BILL BRINK**

**Sports Writer**

Continuing his impressive spring, Irish running back Cierre Wood carried the ball 11 times for 73 yards in Saturday's Blue-Gold game. Wood broke tackles and shredded the Blue defense, setting up a touchdown in the first quarter and finishing the game with 100 yards on the ground.

"He's a good competitor and such a good athlete," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame for Sports Illustrated.

"It was tough because any­one who was a lot better, so the ball and I just hit a few shots."

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### Saltines, Mean Girls to meet for championship

**By MATT GAMBER**

**Associate Sports Editor**

No. 2 Main St. Pub Saltines 21, No. 4 Bumped 10

Junior Carl Anderson scored a game-high 10 points, includ­ing eight in the first half, to lead the Saltines to a blow-out victory over Bumped.

The Saltines jumped out to a 3-0 lead and Bumped never got closer than that, trailing 11-3 at the half before getting run off the court by the smaller but quicker Saltines.

"We usually try to take our chances," Anderson said. "We're usually pretty good at rebounding and we can get it up the court quickly to [senior Chris Lund] and [senior] Steve O'Connor."

The Saltines weren't intimidated by the imposing presence of Bumped's twin towers, 6-foot-7 Paul Duncan and 6-foot-6 Mike Turkovich — both offensive linemen for the Irish football team. Duncan was held scoreless and Turkovich scored three points — but none after his jumper from the elbow made it 6-4 Saltines midway through the first half.

"Obviously they had about 3,000 pounds on us, so we were just trying to use our quickness to our advantage," said Lund, who scored five points. "They were playing off me a lot, guarding me with a guy who was a lot better, so that helped a lot. Carl [Anderson] was able to get me the ball and I just hit a few shots."}

**By BILL BRINK**

**Sports Writer**

Hughes emerges from committee with 22 carries

Safety/linebacker Harrison Smith, left, flips over the goal line after returning an interception for a touchdown Saturday.

Wide receiver Duval Kamara, right, makes the game-winning touchdown catch over defensive back Gary Gray during Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

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