Team raises money for cancer research

Women's basketball 'Pink Zone' game garners $38,000 to support fight against breast cancer

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's basketball team abandoned its normal uniforms in favor of pink jerseys during Sunday's game against DePaul University, helping to raise about $38,000 for breast cancer research, according to sophomore Brittain Mallory. A sophomore guard on the team.

The money was raised as part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Pink Zone project, which involved women's basketball teams around the country to designate the Pink Zone game in order to raise money and awareness.

About 1,200 other schools are involved in the project. Mallory said. These schools each held their Pink Zone game on a different day to benefit the cause.

"We want to raise money for breast cancer research and make people more aware," she said. "We basically want to get the message across."

Mallory said a silent auction took place before the game to raise funds, and doctors and members of breast cancer support organizations spoke during timeouts and handed out pamphlets before the game to raise awareness.

Breast cancer survivors spoke during halftime. Mallory said.

Along with the basketball game, coaches and support organizations spoke during halftime to raise money and awareness. The money was raised as part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Pink Zone project, which involved women's basketball teams around the country to designate the Pink Zone game in order to raise money and awareness.

Members of the women's basketball team wore pink gear Sunday as part of the Pink Zone project.

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Observer elects next top Editor

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Students now have access to over $1,000 in savings at over 100 local businesses, including popular eateries like Taco Bell and Buffalo Wild Wings as well as lesser-known businesses like Tom's Restaurant and Mazz's Bakery.

Student government organized the booklet of coupons that were first put on sale last week. The books are now available for $10 at the

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ND sends care packages to troops

Seniors' 'Sweets for Soldiers' project supported by ND initiative

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Members of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 class councils — with help from students from each class — gathered in South Dining Hall Sunday afternoon to build care packages for soldiers who are fighting overseas.

The care packages are comprised of an assortment of goods ranging from candy and chips to basic necessities like deodorant and toothpaste.

Also included in the care packages is a thank you note to the soldier and valentine. A table was set up in The Fortune this past week where students could come in and put a candy bar, a Cracker Jack or a snack in the care packages.

"We wanted to find a way to support our troops," Cartwright said. "We have a lot of family in the Air Force, so we feel very connected to the war." "Notre Dame was first involved in the project last year when Cartwright was a junior in Lyons Hall. She and then-junior Alyssa Carcara held the project primarily as a dorm event.

"When we initiated the project in Lyons it ran very smoothly," Carcara said. The large turnout gave us confidence to move it to a larger scale operation.

Cartwright and Carcara brought the idea to the senior class council during the first semester in order to open the project up to the rest of the school.

The project's first campus wide event took place in December when Sweets for Soldiers made care packages for the holiday season. A variety of holiday-themed goodies, including Santa hats and reindeer hats, were included in that batch of packages.

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Warm temps surprise students

By ROBERT SINGER
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Professor 'seriously injured' in roof fall

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame management professor Robert P. Vecchio was "seriously injured" after a fall from the roof of his Granger, Ind. home Sunday morning, according to a report by the South Bend Tribune.

Vecchio fell from a height of at least 10 feet, Mike Gerrit, Clay fire battalion chief, told the Tribune.

Emergency medical personnel arrived at Vecchio's home at about 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, according to a report by the South Bend Tribune.

Vecchio was pronounced dead at the hospital. He was taken to Memorial Hospital for treatment.

A hospital nursing supervisor told the Tribune he remained in critical condition late Sunday.

The Tribune said the circumstances of the accident remained unclear, and did not report the extent of Vecchio's injuries.

Vecchio, the Franklin D. Schurer endowed professor of management, joined the faculty of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business in 1976.

According to a biography on a Mendoza Web site, Vecchio has taught and conducted research on issues related to organizational management since arriving at Notre Dame.

His work focuses on leadership, motivation, workplace emotion and employee envy.
INSIDE COLUMN

F My Life

Have you ever passed a building, saw someone inside and laughed because the person is fat and ugly before realizing you are looking at your reflection? I haven’t. But anyone who is a frequent visitor to the Web site “F. My Life” would know that someone has had that unfortunate experience.

There are only so many ways to procrastinate doing homework. Facebook and Perez Hilton run out of new stories and photos after awhile and PostSecret is only updated once a week. As a result, F. My life is my newly discovered procrastination tool.

On the site, anyone can post sad truths about their own lives, always signing off with FML. Feeling sad, stressed or overworked? F. My life is the perfect solution to feeling better because most people can read the numerous posts and think ‘at least my life doesn’t suck that much’ over and over again.

I was referred to this site by a couple of my friends, and we get a (somewhat misplaced) sense of satisfaction from laughing at the sad problems of these people. The doomed feeling that is a result of an unfinished post due in 12 hours can be counteracted completely by reading about the woman who received a text from her boyfriend of two years that stated, ‘Don’t worry I’m gonna break up with her soon. Love you.’

The disappointment that follows not getting that perfect summer internship also can be solved this way.

‘Today, my girlfriend dumped me. I can’t stop crying. I want someone more like her.” Edward.’ I asked her who Edward was. She held up a copy of her ‘Twilight’ book. She was talking about a fictional vampire. FML.”

It works for pretty much any minor problem or stressor in life. Some may criticize this form of de-stressing. It can be misconstrued as an unhealthy response to laugh at other people’s crappy lives in order to feel better about your own life. It does not really solve the problem of the unfinished paper or unemployment for the summer. This begs the question, can that sort of thing actually make you feel better?

The answer is a resounding yes. It really does work. Although there are a few posts that are truly pathetic, most are posted in good humor and they allow you to enjoy a good self-satisfied laugh before moving on with the day.

So, take my advice, and visit www.fmylife.com. Most likely, whatever chemistry test is looming won’t look so bad after you have compared your own life to the lives of the people that post on this site.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer. Contact Madeline Buckley at abbuckley@nd.edu.

IN BRIEF

The Women Writers’ Festival will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This interdisciplinary festival features Kim Hyesson and Laura Soleranzo, Translators Don Mei Choi and poet Jen Hofer, a poet who will also attend. The festival will take place in the Hesburgh Center.

A lecture entitled “The Role of Trans-Atlantic Relations in World Governance” will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in 138 DellaStarlo Hall. It will feature Guido Lenz, Ambassador for the Italian Foreign Ministry.

A lecture entitled “Bad-Time Commerce and Entrepreneurs: ‘Purchasing Normalcy’” will take place today at 5 p.m. in 119 Bellardo Hall. It will feature Rahul Oka from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Field Museum of Natural History.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products: etched glassware, jewerly, stained glass, and fused glass, in the Sweet, Chest, and LaFortune. It will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Brazilian Carnival will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in South Dining Hall. The event will include music and dance by Chicago Samba, costume contest, samba lessons and door prizes.

Information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
SMC sees increase in e-mail scams

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Phishing scams have com­
promised Saint Mary's e-mail
accounts this year more than
ever before, according to
Coordinator of Student
Computing Kathy Hausman.

"This year we've had a
larger number reply to phish­
ing scams and that's why
we've tried to make more of
an issue of it," Hausman said.

"We've tried to send e-mail
messages to say that Saint
Mary's will never ask for
passwords over e-mail.
Unfortunately, we've had
more people respond this
year than ever before.

According to Hausman,
phishing scams are an
attempt to get near money.

A phishing scam is some­
body pretending to be some­
one they are not, and they
want your personal informa­
tion - passwords, date of
birth, your mother's maiden
name to get into your credi­
t info," Hausman said.

She also said that phishing
scams have also affected local
banks.

"Norto Dame Federal
Credit Union and First Bank
have both had phishing scams...
where e-mails have been
sent giving a link to a Web
site and ask for personal
information over e-mail.

"If you receive an e-mail
directing you to a phone
number or Web site to pro­
vide this information, do not
use the contact information
or links provided in the mes­
sage. Instead, contact the
institution using their offici­
ally published phone number
or Web site and ask for instruc­
tions," she said.

Phishing scams can even
affect students who have not
had their accounts compro­
mised by phishers because e­
mail providers can block
users on an entire network.

Hausman explained that
Hotmail, MSN, AOL, AT&T
and SBCGlobal have repeat­
edly blocked saintmarys.edu
accounts after one address
has been compromised, pre­
venting any messages with
saintmarys.edu addresses from
ever reaching the intended
recipients.

Hausman said that the best
way to identify a phishing
scam is to see if an e-mail
message asks for passwords,
account numbers, social
security numbers, or address­

"Never give out that infor­
mation over e-mail," she said.
Examples of recent phishing
scams subject lines at
Saint Mary’s include “final
verification of e-mail account,”
"e-mail account maintenance,”
and "alert: mail quota and
confirm email account."

Hausman said a recent
phishing scam reported by
msbc.com exposed an inci­
dent in which a man's
Facebook account had been
hacked into, telling his
friends that he had been
robbed at gunpoint and need­
ed money. Many of his
friends responded, with some
even sending money to an
account without realizing that
it was a scam.

Hausman said that Saint
Mary’s Department of
Information Technology has
been working to educate stu­
dents about phishing scams.

"Not only are they seeing all
e-mail messages that say this
is a phishing scam, we’ve also
found a number of different
advertising campaigns," she
said.

The Department of
Information Technology will
hold a "Computer Security
Awareness" event in Vander
Venet Theatre on March 2.
Topics will include protecting
your computer from viruses
and trojans, a review of phishing
scams, password security,
and online identity
thief.

Hausman also recom­
manded the SonicWALL Phishing
and Spam 10 Quiz tests where
well one can identify a legit­
imate e-mail from a phishing
scam. The quiz can be found
at www.sonicwall.com/phish­
ing/.

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Sliced apples to return to both dining halls

Previous apple supplier recalled product, 'similar' product to debut this Wednesday

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Students missing the sliced
apples in the South Dining Hall
can rest assured because
sliced apples will be available
again on Wednesday.

"Originally, it was a Richland
Hill Product. They’ve recalled
them. That’s why you haven’t
seen them since break," Marc
Poklinkowski, general manager
of South Dining Hall, said.
Due to the recall, the sliced
apples have not been offered
in the dining hall since before
break, Poklinkowski said.

"It was never our intention to
scrap them or anything,"
Poklinkowski said.

To substitute the sliced apples,
some students sliced their own
apples, but Poklinkowski
recognized that the sliced apples
are still unique.

"Some cut up their own
apples, of course, it's not quite
the same," Poklinkowski said.

"It’s nice that the sliced
apples stay so nice and white
and don’t turn brown like the
other ones," Poklinkowski said.

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senior Greer Hanan added. "It was a pretty cold, windy day. It forced many to bundle up. Hanna walked to Sacred Heart Parish Center for a weekend retreat. On Sunday's return journey, she noticed a change had overcome the campus — much of the snow had melted and people were out jogging."

"A retreat makes it feel like you're coming alive, and seeing the snow melt reinforces that," she said.

A group of students gathered on Monday and Sunday to play Frisbee. They remarked that the disc was much easier to throw and catch without gloves.

"The weather is so nice and warm and this is the first time I've seen green grass in a while," sophomore Kim Zepelin rock and Krauss, a bluegrass queen, may have suggested a Whitney aesthetic on paper, but the T Bone Burnett-produced album was universally acclaimed.

Plant said "Please Read The Lyrics" was her old song that me and Jimmy Page wrote together post Led Zeppelin, and it's been written that Nash lightning, and it feels pretty good." The album, telecasted, filled with eye-popping and eyebrow-raising performances, from Radiohead's collaboration with a college marching band to a televised black-and-white throwback performance from Jay-Z, T.I., Lil Wayne, Kanye West and a very pregnant M.I.A.

But the absence of Brown and Krauss put a huge hole in the Grammy telecast. Rihanna was supposed to sing "Live Your Life/Disturbia" as the second performance of the night. Brown wasn't immune. "I'm Forever" was nominated in the pop collaboration with vocals category. Brown for "No Air" with "American Idol" champion Jordin Sparks; and Rihanna for "If I Never See Your Face Again" with Maroon 5.

Brown was also nominated for female R&B vocal performance for "Take You Down." Neither won a Grammy on Sunday, and the Recording Academy found able replacement for their performance slots in Justin Timberlake, Al Green, Boyz II Men and Keith Urban as they all sang Green's classic hit, "Let's Stay Together." No mention was made on the broadcast about the switch.

According to the police report, released 90 minutes before the show began Sunday. Brown and a woman were in a vehicle in the ritzy neighborhood of Hancock Park. They began to argue around 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Brown stopped the car and both got out, whereupon the argument escalated, the report said.

The woman, who had visible injuries when police arrived, identified Brown as her attacker, but he had left the scene, the report said.

Schlesinger said, "I'm just afraid that it's going to snow 12 inches tomorrow," sophomore Eddie McDonough added.

Others were pessimistic that the change was only a temporary reprieve, and not a sign of spring.

"I definitely plan on enjoying this weather while it lasts, because it will probably snow tomorrow," said sophomore Eddie McDonough.

According to The Weather Channel Web site, the temperature should remain in the 30s for the rest of the week, even reaching the 30s the following week.

Sophomore Cait Listro said that the warm weather has made her feel better about being at Notre Dame.

"It makes me feel a lot better about being in South Bend for the winter," she said.

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"We receive letters from the soldiers giving us feedback about what they want to ship to them," Cartwright said. "Typically they ask for junk food because the army does not give them any."

Among other popular items, Cartwright said that men often request deodorant and women ask for feminine hygiene products. These necessities are often hard to come by while serving in the war.

The soldiers that are selected to receive the packages are found through a public listing of soldiers, anysoldier.com, which provides names and addresses of soldiers who typically do not receive packages. Cartwright estimated that there will be more than one hundred packages included in this ship ment.

Sweats for Soldiers shipped out around 150 packages during Christmas, and they are hoping that numbers will continue to grow.

Cartwright said the packages made today will be shipped out at the end of the week. They are destined for Iraq and throughout the Middle East. She said that they will arrive within the next few weeks.

The program is funded primarily through donations given by family and friends. Notre Dame Library has also donated to the packages that were created on campus. Cartwright said that donations are key to keeping the program going.

"I would like to see this program to continue," said Corcoran said, encouraging interested people to visit their Web site, www.sweets forsoldiers.com.

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Gaza military rocket hits south
JERUSALEM — Israel's military says a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip has killed a violent as an Israeli communal farm.

The military says one car was set ablaze and several others were damaged by shrapnel. No injuries were reported.

Israel unilaterally halted a blistering, three-week Gaza operation on Jan. 18. Hamas announced later that day that it would hold its truce has struck an Israeli communal farm.

A rocket was also killed one soldier in a border bombing attack.

24 dead in Brazil plane crash
SAO PAULO — Four people at the rear of a plane that crashed in a muddy Amazon river managed to open an emergency door and saved some of the aircraft's 24 others to their deaths, official Sunday.

Three were members of a single family that had chartered the plane to travel to a birthday party. Seven children died.

"To my family, I'm sorry. This was the last," 21-year-old survivor Brenda Moraes told Brazil's GloboNews TV. "We only had chance because we were sitting in the last rows and could open the emergency door."

Crews on Sunday recovered two dozen bodies from the twin turbo prop plane that plunged into the Manacapuru river in a heavy thunderstorm the day before, ending rescue operations after all passengers and crew were accounted for, said Firefighter Maj. Jarre Braga.

Hudson River pilot describes crash
NEW YORK — The pilot who ditched his piano on the Hudson River and saved the lives of everyone on board said he had a "sickening" feeling when a flock of birds disturbed both engines with violent thuds, crippling the plane at 3,000 feet over the nation's most famous landmark.

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that the sound of the geese hitting the plane and the smell of burning poultry entering the cabin was "shocking."

"Oh, you could hear them," he said. "Loud thumps. It felt like the airplane being pelted by heavy rain or hail. It sounded like the worst thunderstorm I've ever heard growing up in Texas."

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players, many fans also donned pink outfits, and the first 2,000 fans to arrive at the game received pink T-shirts, she said. "We had a lot of pink going on," Mallory said. "We had pink jerseys, pink shoelaces and a pink hair extension in our hair.

Mallory said 25 percent of the money raised during Sunday's game will go to the Kay Yow cancer fund, which honors the North Carolina State women's basketball coach who died of breast cancer in January.

The remaining funds raised will go to the local women's health organization, Women's Task Force, she said.

If the Pink Zone game had sold out, the team was going to donate an extra $10,000 to the cause, Mallory said. The game did not sell out, but the project mustered a large crowd, she said.

"There was a good amount of people at the game, so we gave an extra $5,000 to the fund," Mallory said.

Mallory said she was also part of a management class last semester that had the students publicize the Pink Zone game as a part of a class project.

"The class designed the T-shirt we gave out today," she said. "We also called doctors and St. Joseph hospital to come and give out pamphlets for breast cancer.

Mallory said she believes the Pink Zone game achieved its purpose.

"I think it was very successful, and I think a lot of people got the message. We raised a lot of money which was our main goal," she said. "We were happy about that." Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu

Coupons

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LaFortune Box Office. Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the booklets were part of his and student body president Bob Reish's campaign platform.

Value Checks, a South Bend company, produced the booklets, he said.

"It's definitely a bang for the buck. It's not a scam," Grant Schmidt student body vice president

Schmidt said student government offers the booklets as a service to students. At the same time, they are a part of efforts to improve relations with the South Bend community, senior Ashlee Wright, chair of the Senate University Affairs committee, said.

"We need to improve the relationship between Notre Dame and the South Bend community and anything that gets students in the community especially off the Grape Road venues" is helpful, she said.

They want students to "try things they might not have already tried," she said.

Schmidt said the booklet covers the entire Michiana area, and discounts range from free appetizers to a free sandwich with the purchase of another, among other offers.

"A lot of what we're doing is promoting places that are personalized for Notre Dame, and will be sold throughout the semester, Wright said.

The coupons are valid through the end of 2009, she said.

Schmidt said in the future student government would like to develop a discount card that allows students to get a set percentage discount at participating venues.

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ITALY TODAY

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Stimulus package could offer boost for student financial aid, campus construction projects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The stimulus package could offer a boost for student financial aid, campus construction projects and the education sector. However, the true impact on worker job security remains uncertain.

"Long-term, if we want a better economy, we need more people going to college," said Education Arne Duncan told The Associated Press last week. College leaders meeting in Washington this week for the American Council on Education's annual meeting will be grateful for the student aid boost. But they'll be closely watching how Congress bridges the huge gaps between how much the House and Senate versions propose spending to bail out state budgets and endowments and how much gets directed to high- or massive — and how much gets directed to high-need institutions for build­ing projects and help pursue a degree while they work, according to a time when families can least afford them.

"Bail out of $40 billion for state and local governments in the Senate version were a big disappointment for college leaders. House-Senate negotiations will determine whether education aid to the states is relatively mod­est or massive — and how much gets directed to high-need institutions for building projects, versus elite universities that would benefit if the final package spends more of the money on research.

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CHYENNE, Wyo. — When Erica Olivares ran away from home after her family fell on hard times, she was not a stern lecture — it was a month in Laramie County’s youth detention center. It served notice on the tule of adult criminals, she was addicted to drugs.

“I don’t think I’ve ever heard about that. And I’m not saying that’s what’s in there,” said Olivares, now 26.

Legally, she should never have been in that facility for such harsh reasons. Runaways are often pastoral as a family just put in jail, yet alone meet adult law-breakers on the inside, under a 34-year-old federal law called the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Yet, all too often, some states disregard key parts of the law with little consequence, an Associated Press examination has found. Those states have been promised, they’re hopeful that the Obama administration will be on board with increasing funding and reform to improve the act.

Some states say the law’s renewal is a good time to open up procedures, require every state to submit compliance reports, and reverse steep cuts in federal funding from previous Congresses.

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First, generally a juvenile should not be locked up for age-specific reasons.

Second, if they are put in a jurisdiction that is not working collegially with the federal agency, the states must work toward compliance.

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Five people receive organs from man killed in tragic church shooting
Emergencies abound at our fair university, and if a plummeting endowment, rising tuition costs, squirrel attacks, the erosion of intellectual life and the occasional sports embarrassment (to say nothing about the perennial furor over the Vagina Monologues) were not enough, you can add the disappearance of Notre Dame’s “Catholic identity” to the list. Apparently, the Bernard Mauduits of the educational community have swindled us into an intellectual Ponzi scheme founded on faculty research, higher tuition costs and building booms. Now, we face a severe crisis of reputation — an academic liquidity crisis, if you will — as indicated by the huge drop in the proportion of faculty members who call themselves Catholic, less than two-thirds of what it was in the 1970s. As the reasoning goes, a Catholic professorate is one that cleaves appropriately to Catholic tradition and the guiding principles of Notre Dame, and because we have lost go of the former, we are losing the latter.

But have you noticed that the loudest voices calling for this? In this paper for Notre Dame to reassess its Catholic identity in the undergraduate classroom tend to belong to people who spend the least amount of time in it? I am not sure how teachers promote or stifle Catholic identity in the classroom, unless they routinely abuse their position. I doubt that it would matter much whether you have a Catholic as opposed to a Hindu teaching organic chemistry, a Catholic as opposed to an atheist close-reading the Iliad or a Catholic as opposed to a Protestant solving a differential equation.

The job of a professional academic (yes, graduate students count, too) is to impart knowledge, promote analytical skills, all those other nice-sounding educational catchphrases — and nothing else. Students should be able to figure out their professor’s or TA’s intellectual interests, areas of expertise and maybe a favorite extracurricular activity or two based on their time together in the classroom. They should not, however, be able to figure out whether their teacher is or isn’t Catholic. So unless faculty members go beyond the considerable boundaries of academic freedom and begin promoting religious or ideological viewpoints instead of free inquiry, the classroom will never be a place where the university’s Catholic identity is fashioned. It should not matter whether the faculty is 1 or 100 or some in-between percentage Catholic. Saying otherwise is simply untrue and arguing that the university should promote it is absurd.

Catholicism were a prerequisite for a job hire, it might not affect how classes are taught all that much, but it would send a clear message that in the eyes of Notre Dame, research and teaching skills are less important than one’s religious orthodoxy. I probably don’t have to spell out what that would do to the University’s academic reputation.

But campus culture is not made in the classroom. However much the quality of instruction, of students and of curricular range differs between universities, an English course at the University of Notre Dame will be recognizably distinct from a student from Harvard or a student from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. Extracurricular activities, clubs, athletic competitions, administrative and marketing decisions and even the public debate that goes on in the pages of campus newspapers shape a campus’ identity far more than what happens in discussion sections and lectures. And by that standard, Notre Dame’s Catholic identity is doing fine. Just take a look at the event flyers in O’Shag, the activities sponsored by the University’s various institutes, centers and offices and even the Faithpoint column that runs in this paper every other week.

If that’s not enough, I suppose those worried about Catholic identity might demand that one of the two TVs in the LaFortune main lounge be permanently set to the Sat 2000, the 24-hour Vatican TV network. But then the lack of ESPN might cause the sports fans to wonder if the University is losing its athletic identity...

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To those students who have spent the last week criticizing the Holy Father: Stop it. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Here you are, attending the premier Catholic university in the world. Why can’t you understand that the Pope does not just have the right arm of the Church—when the battle rages, we’re always there, unified, defending our Church, our Knights, our Priests, our Bishops, and yes—our Pope Benedict XVI, perhaps this isn’t the university for you.

But you’re probably wondering, what authority does this guy have to say these things? Isn’t he, after all, “barely out of high school” as well? Certainly. But I am a Knight of Columbus. The Knights are ever-committed to defending our priests, our bishops, and yes—you guessed it—our Pope. Any attack on the Pope or the Holy See will always be met with a passionate, rigorous and emphatic defense of the Holy Father. So I’m not just speaking for myself—I am speaking for the Knights of Columbus No. 1477. There’s a reason that our organization has been dubbed “the strongest students’ organization in the nation” and our slogan is “the Pink Zone and its efforts, but I was ashamed to be associated with members of a student body who have no regard for the many students and community members who came to support the Fighting Irish in their battle against Breast Cancer. However, I was extremely annoyed and angered by the students in front of me who were using their best movie announcer language such as “f*ck,” “what the f*ck” and swears.

So yes, I must admit that I was grateful that they shared their pizza with me, I was not impressed by the shirts and jackets, but they did not get to enjoy the rest of the game, the children who could not have been older than eight years old. The real issue is that any help you give is really helping the babies, not necessarily the mom. They still deserve anything and everything that any other baby born into this world deserves. They, like any other child, deserve to be treated as the Pink Zone and its efforts, but I was ashamed to be associated with members of a student body who have no regard for the many students and community members who came to support the Fighting Irish in their battle against Breast Cancer. However, I was extremely annoyed and angered by the students in front of me who were using their best movie announcer

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Patrick Bears junior off campus Feb. 6

Lee Metges grad student off campus Feb. 6

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A defense of the Pope

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"The Reader" succeeds the most in the acting. Relative newcomer David Kross both revels in his own youth and exemplifies maturity far beyond his age in the film. His role is difficult, but he never shies away from it. Even though he was only 17 during filming, Kross also holds his own against the veteran Winslet and brings warmth to the film.

Ralph Fiennes is excellent as well. His screen time is less and mostly reserved for the end of the film, and his performance has been critically overlooked, but he serves as an anchor to an emotionally tumultuous story.

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This upcoming weekend, Steve Martin's latest film, "The Pink Panther 2," will be out in theaters. You read that correctly. "The Pink Panther 2." In the strange, alternative universe known as Hollywood, people actually make sequels of remakes of other films.

If you don't remember the first "Pink Panther" remake, I wouldn't worry too much. As much as I love Steve Martin, I love the purity of the original "Panther" series just as much, if not more. Martin's 2006 remake of the classic Peter Sellers films just didn't work — Sellers' Clouseau was a remade version of Sellers' Clouseau, it's to his credit as a veteran comic. But too many unfunny, un-dramatic and un-compelling remakes have retread. If viewers laughed at Martin's faux Frangais accent giving audiences another case study in wry, bumbling, physical comedy, but Martin's 2006 remake of the classic Peter Sellers films never holds up. More than 40 years after the original film's cinematic release, the remake version eventually grossed around $80 million.

And the remake machine lives on. It's an impulse that filmmakers and studios seem to find inescapable. The move to redo old material again and again, often to the point where the remake's connection to the original is almost unrecognizable. "The Pink Panther 2" is only the most recent example of the remake machine giving audiences another redo. If viewers laughed at Martin's Clouseau, it's to his credit as a veteran comedian. But too many unfunny, un-dramatic and un-compelling remakes have graced our cinemas to let one semi-success make up for years of bad movie memories.

There have been some high-profile movie remakes in recent years, not all of which gained their reputations for good reasons. Some remakes are, to be honest, just shockingly bad. Gene Van Sant's 1998 version of "Psycho" is but one painful example. A shot-by-shot repeat of a Hitchcockian classic, Van Sant's film swapped out Janet Leigh and Anthony Perkins for Anne Heche and Vince Vaughn, and left audiences wondering where all of the suspense went.

The 2007 Ben Stiller bomb "The Heartbreak Kid" was also a remake, taking a classic Charles Grodin Cybill Shepherd black comedy and giving it the Farrelly brothers' "There's Something About Mary" treatment. Few may remember 2003's "Rollerball," but that film's violent take on its extreme subject matter lacked the subtlety of the 1975 original. If we can, it's not look back on Jude Law's 2004 remake of "Alfie." While I haven't seen the 1966 original starring Michael Caine, I'm almost certain it was more winning than Law's lonesome trek through the role.

And while the original "The Wicker Man" isn't exactly straightforward filmmaking, it's hard to watch the recent Nicolas Cage remake without cringing. Then, there are those remakes of films you loved the first time around. Sometimes they're underwhelming, sometimes they're overwhelming, and sometimes you have to ask: Why was this made? While "You've Got Mail" wins some points for its ability to make e-mail into somewhat compelling film fodder, the sweet, quirky source material, 1940's "The Shop Around the Corner," doesn't deserve to get lost in the remake shuffle. 1999's "Sabrina" is a similar example. While the new version starred Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear and even Harrison Ford — whose film ventures I will always support — the Billy Wilder-directed original is a perfectly cast comedic confection.

Occasionally, the remake does its subject one better. It's a rare remake indeed that succeeds in eclipsing its source by raising the material to a whole new level. Brian DePalma's 1983 film "Scarface," for example, took a lesser-known Al Capone flick from 1932 and turned it into one of the most iconic drug warfare-flicks ever produced.

And while its source material, "Internal Affairs," is seen as an achievement in its own right, it was Martin Scorsese's take on the story, "The Departed," that finally won this erstwhile directorial bridesmaid his due at the Oscars.

In the end, you never know how a remake will turn out. Good, bad, or ugly, only one thing is certain: no matter what audiences may do, the remake machine will keep on running.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

One, one expletive! Ah, ah, ah...

David After Dentist

So cute. So out of it.

Kittens Riding Vacuum

Roomba, 1. Kittens, 0.

Grocery Store Wars

Yoda goes organic, and so should you.
Associated Press

BOSTON — The San Antonio Spurs rested up before playing the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavaliers are now 8-0 when they are rested. The Spurs scored 11 straight points in the final 3:30 and turned one-point deficit into a 105-99 victory over the Boston Celtics.

"It was a beautiful win for us, against the NBA champions on the road and in every aspect," coach Gregg Popovich said. "We had the game and the ball. San Antonio extended its two-game winning streak and improved its record to 20-0 with 12 straight victories to make the lead to 10 in the fourth before the Lakers closed 2-0 on the road. The Spurs scored the last five points of the game to make it 60-52, but the Cavaliers opened the second half with 12 straight points to retake the lead.

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In Brief

Watney rallies from 5 behind to win Buick

SAN DIEGO — Nick Watney appeared to be along for the ride Sunday until making two birdies over the final three holes to take advantage of a late collapse by John Rollins and win the Buick Invitational.

Watney knocked in a 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 16th, then completed his five-shot rally with a two-putt birdie on the 18th hole. He closed with a 4-under 68 for his second career victory.

"I knew it wasn’t over," Watney said.

Rollins let this one get away. He had a three-shot lead with five holes to play until making a bogey with a poor chip on the 14th, another bogey from a plugged lie in the bunker on the 16th, and failing to hit the green on the par-3 18th, leading to a par. He shot a 74.

Truex, Martin take top two Daytona 500 spots

DAYTONA BEACH — Martin Truex Jr. suffered through an uncertain winter, unsure if his revamped race team could take him to the top.

Mark Martin also endured a long offseason, anxious to join NASCAR’s premier program.

"I was tough winter for most of us in the community," said Ganassi, the front man for the new race team.

Howard, Phillips agree on 3-year, $54 million deal

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard just wanted to concentrate on baseball this spring. No squabbles over his contract. No daily questions about his future.

The big slugger got his wish — and a hefty raise, too.

Howard and the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a $34 million, three-year contract Sunday, avoiding a potentially contentious arbitration hearing.

The 2006 NL MVP will earn $15 million this season, $19 million next year and $20 million in 2011.

"The things that have happened in the past with Ryan, it was really nothing adversarial, although I know with some people it was depicted that way," Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said.

"We just agreed to disagree. It didn’t make us love Ryan any less, and it didn’t make Ryan love us any less."
Illinois beats Purdue 66-48
Washington over Stanford

Associated Press
CHAMPAIGN — Bruce Weber thinks the Top 25 hasn’t been kind to Illinois.

The Illini coach said that since the team edged into the rankings last month, it’s been an uphill climb. "It’s been a fun ride," he said. "We’ve had some ups and downs, but we’ve come out ahead in the end." Weber’s team is currently ranked 23rd in the nation.

"It’s difficult," he added. "We’ve had some tough losses, but we’ve also had some great wins." Weber’s team is currently 17-6, 6-4 in conference play.

The Illini knocked off No. 12 Purdue 66-48 on Sunday night. The Boilermakers were never more than a point away from the Illini, who were led by senior guard Jordan Bohannon with a career-high 16 rebounds, did much of the damage to Purdue (17-6, 7-4), and has been out with a facial paralysis.

"His future's more important than the Illinois game," Weber said. "But we were getting decent shots, we were just missing them. It's no fun losing.'

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**NFC takes down AFC 30-21 in 2009 Pro Bowl**

Associated Press

The Stars had a little more left.

and Mark Parrish added a goal for 81 yards and two touchdowns to help the Wild to the ninth straight victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday.

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars and Nashville Predators were driving to their fourth game in six nights. The Stars had a little more left.

Tippett said. 'You're physically

going 7-for-21 on the power play Sunday night.

The usual high-scoring affair surprises also featured plenty of defense. Despite rule changes such as no blitzing line backers and safeties, the quar terbacks were feeling the heat, at times buried by the defensive line. None of the passes had any room for error on throws against the speedy defensive backs.

The AFC had a chance to take the lead late, but Julius Peppers got it in the down. Down by six, the AFC started to drive on its 20 with 4:03 remaining and got to midfield. Peppers then swatted a pass by Jay Cutler with his left hand and came up with the interception that led to Carney's 49-yard field goal. There were three straight drives ending with a turnover in a span of about 2 minutes in the third quarter alone, including two by Collins.

**NHL**

**Stars end Predators winning streak with a 4-1 win**

Associated Press

**AFC's Wes Welker, left, of the Patriots, is tackled by NFC's Al Harris, of the Green Bay Packers in the fourth quarter of the Pro Bowl in Honolulu on Sunday.**
Women's Tennis

Oudin and Huber rally to keep U.S. win in Fed Cup

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — A feisty teenager and a transplanted South African led the way in a comeback victory for the United States over Argentina on Sunday in the first round of the Fed Cup.

Melanie Oudin, a 17-year-old from Marietta, Ga., kept the United States alive by rallying to beat Bettina Jozami 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 and tie the best-of-five competition at 2-2.

Then Liezel Huber, born in South Africa but a U.S. citizen since July 2007, teamed with Julie Ditty to beat Jozami and Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-3 to give the United States the victory 3-2.

"We wanted it to come down to the doubles," U.S. team captain Mary Joe Fernandez said. "When Liezel's on the court I feel really confident every single time.

Huber and her usual partner — Cara Black of Zimbabwe — are the No. 1 ranked doubles team in the world. After the match, Huber took the American flag and paraded it around the court.

"Everybody got to play and everyone gets to put their all," Huber said. "It's a proud day in my history book."

Fernandez decided at the last minute to go with the left-handed Ditty rather than Oudin or Jill Craybas. Ditty joined the team only after Katharin Matteck withdrew on Tuesday because of a nagging hip injury.

"I just did what Liezel told me to do," Ditty said with a laugh. "The triumph of the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex in chilly suburban Phoenix sends the United States into a semifinal matchup against the Czech Republic. Defending champions Russia will face Italy in the other semifinal.

Argentina had taken a 2-1 lead in Sunday's first match when Dulko defeated Jozami 6-1, 6-1 in a meeting of the top two players in the competition.

That left everything on the shoulders of Oudin, who turned pro only last year and is ranked 151st in the world.

"She really dug deep," Fernandez said. "For someone so young playing in their first Fed Cup when it's all on the line there — she had to win to stay in it — she really came through."

Oudin acknowledged that she felt the pressure of having the team's fate left up to her.

"I think that going into the match I was thinking about it a little bit too much and that's why I don't think I started off too well," she said. "But after the first set, I mean I knew I could beat her and I knew I could play better than that."

Oudin's victory was interrupted by a 30-minute rain delay. She was up 4-0 in the second set when the delay came.

When play resumed, the second set ended with a double-fault by the 20-year-old Jozami.

Oudin lost the first two games of the last set, then dominated the next six. Through it all, she kept her and the bundled-up pro-USA crowd's attention by yelling to herself after virtually every shot.

"One of my huge things is my mentality on the court," Oudin said. "I never think that any point is different, even if I'm down like 5-9, I'm going to be running down every single ball and fighting as hard as I can."

Two of the games ended when Jozami, ranked 134th in the world, couldn't finish off with her trademark drop shots at the net.

"She was obviously better than me," Jozami said before quickly returning to the court for the deciding doubles match. "I don't know how to explain it. I couldn't come back like happened in the first set."

The United States has won 17 Fed Cup titles but none since 2000. Argentina has never won a Fed Cup but has been to the semifinals twice.

Fernandez invited Serena and Venus Williams to participate but the sisters declined, citing scheduling difficulties. The semifinals will be played, probably on clay, April 25-26 in the Czech Republic.

"I'm hoping Venus and Serena will be available and they can play," Fernandez said. "You always want the very, very best and Serena and Venus are the very, very best. But you go with who can play and who's ready to go, and my team was ready to go."
Buzzer-beater gives Blazers win

**NBA**

Knicks forward David Lee, left, goes up for a layup against Portland's Greg Oden during the first half of the Trail Blazers' 109-108 win.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — New York's Nate Robinson couldn't watch his former teammate at Washington, Brandon Roy, in the final seconds against the Trail Blazers.

Robinson pretty much knew what was coming. Roy's finger-roll layup at the buzzer gave Portland a 109-108 victory over the Knicks on Sunday.

"At that point there is nothing you can do, just put the best defense you have on him," Robinson said. "Unfortunately, he made it."

Travis Outlaw made a jumper with 31.9 seconds left to pull the Knicks within one at 108-107, setting up the winning sequence for Portland.

Oden was confident the Blazers would come away with the win.

"I didn't have any doubts. I was just trying to stay with my guy and give him a clear path," Oden said.

The Blazers remain without starting point guard Steve Blake, who's still nursing a shoulder injury. Coach Nate McMillan said Blake would be evaluated for Wednesday's game against the Thunder.

Knicks won five straight against the Trail Blazers' 109-108 win.

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**ND TRACK AND FIELD**

Saxer sets record at Meyo Invitational

By CHRIS MICHALSKI

The Notre Dame track and field team competed against a number of different schools this past weekend in the Meyo Invitational, and five Irish athletes set NCAA provisional marks at the meet.

Matt Shipper was the only one on Friday, with a personal best 5.22 meter pole vault. Junior Joanna Shultz, with a second place in the 400-meters, along with Kelly Langhans in the 800-meters, Lindsey Ferguson in the 3000-meters, and Jack Howard in the 800-meters also set the mark. They join teammates Anna Weber and Mary Saxer as the NCAA provisional qualifiers for the Irish.

Saxer also had a very successful weekend, winning the women's pole vault and breaking her own Loftus Sports Center record with a vault of 4.15 meters.

In the Meyo Mile, five runners ran sub-four-minute miles. Paul Springer, with a 3:11.64 place finish, was the highest Irish finisher in the Ryan Shay 3000-meter run.

Friday's meet featured a number of unseeded races and events, some of which the Irish won. In the men's 500 meters, Billy Huraid continued his successful senior season with a first-place time of 1:02.82. Fellow senior Anna Weber also performed well, being the top collegiate finisher in the women's weight throw. Patrick Smyth finished off his day with a win in the 3000-meters, followed by Dan Jackson and Ryan Jacobs in ninth and 10th, respectively.

On Saturday, when the more competitive seeded races were run, a number of Irish athletes put forth strong efforts. Notre Dame won the women's 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:40.53. Sophomore Denes Veres placed second in the men's shot put, followed by his teammate John Belcher in seventh and freshman Andrew Hills in 10th.

Finally, the Notre Dame men's 4x400-meter relay team brought the Invitational to a close with a time of 3:11.64 good enough for a fifth place finish.

The Irish will head to Windsor, Ontario for the Windsor Team Challenge next weekend before traveling to New York City for the Big East Championships.

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**Men's Swimming**

**Notre Dame rolls to win over Olivet**

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sporst Writer

The Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team wrapped up its dual meet season on Saturday with a 16-0 sweep of Olivet in the team’s 173-102 win over the Comets. The Irish completed their season with four consecutive dual meet wins, the first time since 2008-09 that Notre Dame came in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 24.

Irish coach Tim Welsh was pleased with his squad’s performance in the meet and thinks Notre Dame is in a good position to succeed at the Big East Championships.

“We appear to be on schedule at this point to achieve our goal of finishing in the conference championship meet, and that’s one step closer to that goal,” Welsh said.

“The things we saw today encouraged us to believe that we’re on the right track. We leave today’s meet more excited about the upcoming conference championship potential than we were coming into it.”

Facing a Division III opponent, the Irish saw the meet as an opportunity to spend time with lineup alternatives heading into their championship meet.

“We learned a great deal,” Walsh said. “We set up our entire schedule, so we’re able to see some alternatives and lineups we hadn’t seen before. It was a very helpful meet for us.”

The meet provided an opportunity for Notre Dame’s freshmen to stand out. Rookie Jonathan Whitcomb took top honors in the 1,000-meter freestyle, while classmates Milton Amin, Marshall Shedd and Conor Evans finished first in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle, respectively.

Fellow freshman B.J. Roth became a regular fixture in the distance freestyle events with a win in the 500 freestyle. Brian Maloy also contributed to the strong freshman showing with a first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

The meet also allowed the Irish’s seniors to finish on top in their final meet at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Thomas Rutkas won the 50 free while teammate Jeff Wood and Bill Bauman took top honors in the 100 free and 200 backstroke, respectively. Senior Mitchell Sherman finished in second in the 200 fly behind Irish junior Andrew Hoffman.

The Irish return to action at the Big East Conference Championships, which will be held in Indianapolis from Feb. 18-21. The Irish hope to earn their seeding in the conference title and fourth in five years.

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**ND Women’s Swimming**

**Women’s squad can’t overcome Wolverines**

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sporst Writer

Despite taking first in six events on Saturday, the Irish women’s swimming and diving teams were unable to down the Michigan Wolverines, falling 141-102 Saturday in Ann Arbor. The loss in the final meet of the regular season puts the Irish at 6-3 heading into the Big East Championships next weekend.

The day started of for the Irish with a set of dual meet wins against the Wolverines, 6-3, 6-2.

The dual meet was the second straight conference meet for the Irish, but had some of the best players to play against.

No. 20 Helgeson was able to knock off No. 25 Carlsten, in three sets by a score of 46-76, 101-104.

Hoffman seemed close with No. 2 Campbell at No. 2 singles falling in three sets by the score of 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Fellow sophomore Dani Stahl was able to put out a win for the Irish, just missing the regulars over Arnold, in straight sets.

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**ND Women’s Golf**

**Park leads ND into spring**

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s golf team will enter the spring season on a high note, with a score of 8-2 in the 5000 Women’s Golf Tournament in late October. The N.D. women are currently ranked No. 4 in the nation.

The Irish are coming off a successful fall season with a tournament title and two other top finishes, including victory in the Heath Fair Memorial last season. The N.D. women shot a 281, a record-low for the University.

The Irish will be led by sophomore Casey Watt and senior Brett Helgeson. Watt was able to earn another victory, taking down养老服务. This Stahl defeated No. 20, 6-4, 6-2.

The team is looking to win a national championship this year. The Irish are currently ranked No. 4 in the nation.

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**Men’s Tennis**

**Irish earn sweep of Duke, Toledo**

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish put on a dominating performance over the weekend, defeating No. 36 Duke and Toledo by scores of 6-2 and 7-0, respectively.

Notre Dame’s No. 37 doubles team of senior Brett Helgeson, and sophomore Ty Wietoska were able to defeat the No. 38 team of Pepperdine on Jan. 16. The Irish’ scores were 8-2.

Our freshmen are very talented,” head coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald are tremendous shot makers. Each has the ability to help us win on any given day so that has made him difficult for teams to prepare for.”

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and clinch the point for the Irish, the team of freshman Shannon doubles match. Shortly after, freshman Kristy Frilling coasted match so far this season. The match with a pair of convincing Tennis Pavilion.

Monday, February 9, 2009 to an 8-1 victory in the No. 1 Big East player of the week by fending off No. 18 No. 2 doubles match before falling 8-5. In singles play, Matthews got the No. 6 double match back from a 0-4 deficit to tie it up in their No. 2 doubles match before falling 8-5.

By ALEX BARKER Sports Writer

The No. 14 Irish held serve at home much as they have done in every match so far this season. The top-ranked doubles squad of senior Kyle Tiff and reigning Big East player of the week freshman Krisny Frilling coasted to an 8-1 victory in the No. 1 singles match 6-1, 6-2 to give Notre Dame a comfortable 3-0 lead.

After Frilling dropped a tough contest 4-6, 4-6, sophomore Kristen Rafael claimed the covered fourth point for Irish when she defeated her opponent 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 4 singles match. Kristen and Ciobanu each dropped their singles matches in three-set thrillers. These two players give the Irish a perfect 4-0 record so far this season and includes two victories over top-twenty competition.

The Irish will travel to Madison, Wisc. to compete in the 16-team ITA National indoor championship tournament on Feb. 13. Notre Dame defeated Pepperdine No. 17 Arkansas to advance to the national championships next weekend.

Last year, the Irish fell to No. 6 Georgia in the opening round of the tournament before splitting their two games in the consolation bracket.

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Field.

Not to be outdone by the men’s team, the Irish women also went undefeated at the Duals with a weekend record of 12-0. The women’s squad improves to 32-2 on the season, tying the program-best mark in win totals originally set in 1995.

The women’s outstanding performance was highlighted by wins over Michigan State (21-4), Air Force (23-4), UC San Diego (21-6), Detroit (25- 21), Cleveland State (26-1), Florida (24-3), Cal Tech (24-3), and Stanford (21-6).

Experience led the way for the women’s squad, as senior captain Adrienne Sertic once again earned her program-best 234th win, 43 more wins than the second-best total of sabre. Senior foilist Adrienne Nott tallied 24 wins at the event, moving into fourth place for all-time career foil wins.

Although the Irish eagerly await the beginning of the postseason in two weeks, several of the talented underclassmen will head to New Mexico to compete in the Junior Olympics, which begin on February 13th.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Louisville comes back to beat SJJ

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Louisville had a tough day at Madison Square Garden on Sunday. The fifth-ranked Cardinals still managed a 66-47 victory over St. John’s because of their defense.

Their leading scorer for the season finished with three points. Their freshman center, who was half the offense in the first half, had two teeth knocked out and went to a hospital instead of returning to the game. Their shots weren’t falling and they committed to a second straight loss.

"Everything that could go wrong for us from a physical standpoint did," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said, then started his list with his leading scorer. "Terrence Williams, I admire him so much as a basketball player. He shouldn’t have played today. His right wrist was taped up. It’s a terrible, terrible bruise, but nothing keeps him out. He couldn’t shoot but he had seven rebounds and seven assists.

"(Samardo) Samuels was playing terrific and was off to a big game but had his teeth knocked out. Our guys found a way to win against a team that played very hard. I am very pleased we overcame a lot of adversity." Jerry Smith, who didn’t start for the second time this season, was a big part of that.

The junior guard had a season-high 21 points, 19 in the second half of when he matched the team’s entire total for the first half, its lowest mark of the season.

"It was our defensive intensity that turned things around," Smith said. "I wasn’t looking for shots but when the opportunity came I took it."

The Cardinals (18-4, 9-1 Big East), who scored their first conference loss of the season. To No. 1 Connecticut, shot 38.5 percent from the field (20- for-53), including 3-for-17 from 3-point range.

The numbers are a lot better when you consider what they did in the first half.

The Cardinals were 8-for-23 at the break (48.4 percent) and missed all eight of their 3-point attempts. They were outrebounded 28-20 and Samuels was heading for a dentist appointment, while Louisville trailed 22-19.

"We were a little flat and we did have those things going against us," Pitino said. "I was concerned because we weren’t making shots and sometimes when you don’t make shots you lose your confidence. But we went backdoor, that’s what we’re used to doing, that’s kind of our game."

Smith had three baskets on backdoor cuts, including a backdoor dunk on a pass from Earl Clark that made it 47-38 with 2:58 left.

Clark had 10 of his 12 points in the second half.

Sean Evans had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Red Storm (12-11, 3-8), who have lost three of four. St. John’s shot 31.1 percent for the game (19- for-61), including 3-for-17 from 3-point range.

"They got a very good team and they made some big plays in the second half," St. John’s coach Norm Robert said. "We missed some shots but I thought we played extremely hard. We really competed hard."

By ALEX WEST Sports Writer

Playing its best defensive game of the year, Saint Mary’s dominated Alma 69-39 on Saturday afternoon from start to finish. "I think Alma missed some shots early on," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "Every time we got a physical momentum from that.

The Belles (13-8) started out strong, building an early 3-1 lead. The Scots (7-13) were able to cut it to a 15-12 game before the Belles pulled away to a 30-20 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Belles sealed the deal on a 26-1 run that ultimately led to a 69-39 victory. The Belles outrebounded Alma 39-23.

"Our bench is continuing to improve," Henley said. "With the loss of Nicole Beier due to a foot injury, these players have really stepped up for us."

The Belles are now 11-2 in conference play and hold second place in the MIAA with just four regular season games to go. Their next contest will be a huge one against Adrian. Saint Mary’s defeated the Bulldogs 89-69 at Adrian last time the two teams faced off.

"We did not play particularly well down the stretch at their place," Henley said. "They are a very good team who will be ready as well."

Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Saturday.
And still the words Notre Dame didn't get the job done. The past month to explain how it happened is a tale of talk of soul searching and refocusing — never seemed as empty as Friday. "ULCA's a good team and we knew that," Irish forward Luke Harangody said during the fight today at and it showed."

The 26-point loss was the largest margin of defeat for a Brey-coached team at Notre Dame. Harangody had his worst game of the season and for the first time in 23 games, scored less than 10 points. Harangody grabbed one rebound and finished with just five points on 2-for-12 shooting, a product of UCLA's double teams that frustrated him the entire game.

"Time for us to go back to the drawing board," Brey said. "There's not much you could say. This was embarrassing tonight. Not only a low point in my career at Notre Dame." It didn't take long for Notre Dame to show it was serious. Less than four minutes ticked off the clock before the Bruins opened an 11-2 lead. Points are a big deal for Notre Dame and Harangody had a similar thought.

"I don't know what he was trying to say to me, but I was trying to go back to the hole in the whole time," Harangody said. "I'm kind of upset he didn't go back to me. I didn't think I had to go back in the game because he always knows I'm ready to fight." 

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L.A. nightmare

By CHRIS HINE

LOS ANGELES — Over the span of Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak, Irish coach Mike Brey has dubbed himself "Mr. Positive," a man always in search of something good to build upon for the next game. But the most positive the Irish (12-10) can take away from Saturday's 89-63 loss to UCLA Saturday, the opposite is true when applied to Notre Dame's season.

The loss to the Bruins was Notre Dame's seventh in a row, and with it came another missed opportunity for a quality win. The Irish are 12-10, 3-7 in the Big East, and the wins they thought they could bank on, over Georgetown and over Texas, look worst by the day, as the Hoyas and Longhorns are going through rough periods of their own.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Last-second shot doesn't fall and Irish hold on vs. DePaul

By BILL BRINK

On a day when survival reigned supreme, Notre Dame survived a tough challenge from DePaul. The Irish did a 3-point attempt clanged off the rim, and No. 19 Notre Dame held on for a 56-59 Sunday in the Joyce Center. The game was a "Pink Zone," a fundraiser for breast cancer research, and many survivors were in attendance and were honored at halftime.

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski had 14 points and 12 rebounds, her first career double-double. Junior guard Ashley Barlow had 19 points, tying her season high. "I was just attacking," Barlow said. "In the last couple games I feel like I was just standing there not helping out in the offensive end.

DePaul senior forward Natasha Williams had 20 points and 10 rebounds and junior guard China Threatt added 11 points. The win moves Notre Dame to 17-5 and 6-4 in conference play. DePaul drops to 18-6 and 6-4 in the Big East. The last time Notre Dame faced DePaul, on Jan. 6 in Chicago, the Irish dismantled the Blue Demons 86-62.

"We knew coming into this game that Notre Dame was going to see a different team than they saw at our gym," DePaul coach Doug Bruno said. "My message to the team after the game was that I think this team has a chance to be very special this year.

The Irish had lost four of their last six games before Sunday's contest. McGrath said the team's practices during that stretch, however, were some of the best of the season.

"I've seen resilience," she said. "I've seen an amazing perseverance."

HOCKEY

Squad splits series vs. OSU

Last-second goal ties Friday's game, Irish win in extra session

By DAN MURPHY

With the final seconds ticking away Friday night, No. 15 Ohio State looked poised to skate away with a much-needed win over No. 2 Notre Dame. The Buckeyes led 3-2 after looking to be in control throughout most of the game.

All of that changed in the blink of an eye.

Sophomore defenseman Ian Cole, operating with a 4-on-3 advantage, patiently handled the puck at the blue line as the clock crept below ten. He avoided a Buckeye defender and slipped a pass to freshman Billy Maday. Maday ripped a shot from the top of the circle.

Irish senior left wing Garrett Regan, left, pursues the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Michigan on Jan. 31.

FENCING

Men's team completes perfect season in Duals

By CHRIS MASOUD

Perfection in the sports world is hardly commonplace, but for the Irish fencing program perfection is just second nature. The top-ranked Notre Dame men's fencing team put together a 14-0 record at the Notre Dame Duals this weekend to finish the regular season at a perfect 34-0.

The undefeated 2009 season is the 20th in program history and the first since 2003. The men's win total of 34 is the highest in Notre Dame history.

The men's squad earned victories over Lawrence (25-2), Cal Tech (22-3), UC San Diego (18-9), Wayne State (19-8) and Oberlin (25-2). Facing seventh-ranked Stanford in a highly-anticipated matchup, the Irish emerged victorious with a 15-12 win over the Cardinal to protect their seven undefeated record.

Once again the underclassmen led the way for the Irish, as freshmen Reggie Bentley and Gerrit Meinhardt, and sophomore Avery Zuck each contributed two wins. Although relatively inexperienced, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski believes his youngsters are adapting rapidly to collegiate fencing.

"They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition, the different type of bouts because definitely it's a different system," Bednarski said. "Sometimes there are surprises from the intensity of the bouts, intensity between schools, and intensity of engagement. But I believe we will also be successful on this