Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins

Gender Relations Center hosts events to foster discussion, education on campus

The Gender Relations Center is hosting events to increase awareness about sexual assault and spark discussion during this week's Sexual Assault Awareness Week, said Laura Lauck, the student assistant at the Gender Relations Center. Lauck said the posters displayed around campus for Sexual Assault Awareness Week represent the goals of the week because the posters are of a face without eyes and an X in place of a mouth.

"The lack of eyes [means] we need to be aware and open our eyes to the problem that sexual assault causes," Lauck said. "The X is like we need to talk about it. And don't be afraid to talk about it just because it is Notre Dame."

A prayer service for sexual assault survivors will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Log Chapel. Following the prayer service will be a march around campus and a bonfire on Holy Cross Hill where students will have a "speak out," student assistant for the Gender Relations Center Patrick Tighe said. "A "speak out" is about "breaking the silence," Tighe said, who said it will be a time for sur

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Students safe after Cairo bomb blast

Notre Dame study abroad site not in vicinity of explosion

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Though the eight Notre Dame students currently studying abroad in Cairo were not directly affected by Sunday's bomb explosion in the Khan el-Khalili neighborhood of the city, they have concerns about their safety and unanswered questions about the attack.

The blast, which hit one of the city's famed bazaars packed with tourists, killed a French woman and wounded at least 21 people — most of them foreigners — according to a report by The Egyptian police attend to scene outside the Khan el-Khalili market following a blast, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday.

Saint Mary's College celebrates women

Week of events designed to show appreciation for female contributions to world

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board (SDB) is sponsoring Women's Appreciation Week, a celebration of "all ways in which women make a difference in the world," said senior Leslie Lau, the chair of the event.

Lau, along with co-chair Mara Martinez have been planning events throughout the year that they hope all students at Saint Mary's will attend.

"We hope that with the variety of events that we have organized we will invite women with different interests to our events," Lau said. The events of the week will be kicked off today with an Appreciation Art Exhibit. Lau said that this would give women in the art department a chance to be acknowledged by the rest of the student body.

As an artist, I know that the Art Department was having their faculty show and I approached them asking if they were willing to talk about their work and how they were influenced by their gender," Lau said. The faculty was extremely accommodating and the SDB hopes that this will be a great way to ensure a large turnout by inviting a new crowd of students, Lau said.

The SDB is hosting the event "Yellow is the Color of Freedom" Tuesday afternoon. The event is inspired by the suffragists and legislators who wore yellow roses to support the passing of the 19th amendment.

SDB will be in the Student Union handing out yellow roses with quotations by these famous suffragists to students.

"We hope that from these inspirational quotations women will be reminded that we can achieve great things when we all come together under a common cause, to promote the freedom of women and sexual discrimination," Lau said.

Other events that will occur during the week are a discussion workshop presented by Terri Russ, the author of "B't'zil Bolites." It was unlikely that they will see a large turnout at all of the events, but said they do expect some of their activi

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Parents on campus for JPW

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

For junior Mary Beth Lee, Junior Parents Weekend (JPW) allowed her to introduce her parents to life at Notre Dame and reflect on the past two and a half years on campus.

In college, Lee has two different homes and two different families," Lee said. "You finally get to have your ND family meet your biological family.

Lee said her favorite event was the President's Dinner, which took place on Saturday, mostly because of University President Fr. Jenkins' funny and insightful address.

In the speech, Jenkins drew comparisons between the biblical story, "The Boy Jesus in the Temple" — where Jesus' parents lose him only to find him later preaching in the temple — and the evolution from child to adult that happens in college, she said.

"His point was that we are evolving and changing at school, and our parents come to JPW to find us all grown up," Lee said.

Along with attending the President's Dinner, Lee said she was able to give her parents a tour of campus and they went out to dinner at Polito's Restaurant.

The speakers at the dinner and the homily by Fr. Mark Poesman, vice president of student affairs, at the JPW mass

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INSIDE COLUMN

Alternate Options

Like many Notre Dame students, you may feel pressure to "succeed" in the conventional way by finding a high-paying job, a like-minded spouse and a suburban home within a 10-mile radius of either a country club or Catholic church. That road is well-traveled, and it's no sure thing given the state of the economy, so here are some alternative, recession-proof career options that you can't look up on Google and won't be handed down from your parents' friends.

- Farmer/The Midwest: Land will be cheap in the Midwest if there's a mass exodus due to a collapse in auto manufacturing. Also, if you're enamored with Catholic doctrine, no career is more accommodating than farming. Birth control is a hindrance when you can always use more hands to shovel the hog pen or huck the corn.

- MMA Fighter/Ultimate Fighting Championship: This is a burgeoning field because of a rise in boxing among the wealthy. It's the one blue-collar job where $200,000 bills from Notre Dame are rejected from their dream schools but the family business long after they could've come in the form of paying the bills. Instead, millions of dollars can always be made in the ring. Go to GladiatorElite.com for more details. Men and women can apply.

- Mixed Martial Arts rewards rage as much as athleticism and you'll have an account of worrying about troublesome chains or police. Consider the quality of schools in most parts of the Midwest. Your crew of child laborers will be around to support the family business long after they are rejected from their dream schools and decide joining the military is too risky given the five wars simultaneous—eaten by the Canada East. If you're interested in buying farm acreage, call Jeff at 614-999-3994.

- Fiar/Travesties of Primitive Observance: It won't help to pay off that $200,000 bill from Notre Dame, as this strict brotherhood of monks rejects all use of money, but it assuredly won't put you in the awkward situation of worrying about troublesome concepts like social justice from a 40th floor office in Goldman Sachs. Plus, you'll be down on the streets as one of society's sufferers. Wearing a rough wool habit and living in a wooden cell, you can toss aside the tired tradition of rugged individualism and depend on someone else for a change — Divine Providence. Begging and hitchhiking are among the guiltfree, inspired goodwill — of other people who will be your only options, since this order denies itself the use of cars and commerce. If interested, write Brother Andrew at Co-Redemptoria Friary, 20 Trinity Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01841.

If you're at Notre Dame, chances are good that your parents made more conventional career decisions. But who's to say that's the only way to find satisfaction in life?

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What song do you currently have stuck in your head?

Ryan Quillard
freshtman
Dillon

"Matt
Nathanson's
"Romeo
and
Juliet."

Megan Flaherty
freshman
LeMans

"That
Flo Rida song!"

Billy Belme
freshman
Seigfried

"New Math" by
Bo Burnham
(thanks to
Grace for
showering me
him).

Stephen Shaver
freshman
Alumni

"I'm on a boat,' by
Lonely
Island."

Henry Shinee
freshman
Stanford

"Wasting Time,' by
Dave
Matthews.

IN BRIEF

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Choir plans tour of Midwest, Canada

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir will tour March 9-15 in the Midwest and Canada, continuing the tradition that has continued every other year for the past 25 years. The choir will perform in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Detroit and Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Guelph and Toronto, Ontario in Canada.

In preparation for the tour, the Women's Choir members have been diligently practicing four hours per week, said Choir Director Nancy Menk. Their dedication to this tour is not just based on a desire to present an aesthetic experience for audiences; this tour has significant purposes, Menk said.

One purpose of this tour is to promote Saint Mary's College and, in particular, the Music Department and the Women's Choir to prospective students, alumnae, and the general public,” Menk said.

The tour also benefits the choir program at Saint Mary's College through promotion of their music. "This tour will promote quality choral singing, especially music for women's voices, including the new pieces in our choral series,” Menk said. "It will promote the quality of our choral program and make our CDs available to our audiences.”

During this tour, the Women's Choir will perform in conjunction with other university, high school, and community treble choirs. The choirs who will be performing with the Women's Choir are the Fort Wayne Children's Choir at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale and Barron High School Bel Canto at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, and the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto Women's Choirs at Harcourt Memorial United Church.

The choir will conclude the tour with a homecoming concert March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto on campus.

Ultimately, the tour is a developmental experience for the girls participating.

"This tour is meant to build musicality and rapport among the members of the Choir and to strengthen our performing abilities and to have fun while making great music together," Menk said. "The Choir always improves immensely by the end of the tour.”

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ND biologist explores circadian clock gene

Special to The Observer

Scientists have long known that interrupting the 24-hour circadian rhythm plays havoc with the lives and health of medical, military and airline personnel, factory employees and travelers.

A new paper by University of Notre Dame biologist Giles Duffield and a team of researchers that appears in this month's edition of the journal Current Biology sheds new light on circadian timing systems and focuses on a key gene that seems to regulate the response of the circadian clock to light signals.

"Circadian rhythms are important and exciting because they pervade many aspects of the body's internal clock that these individuals experience can be profound, contributing to increased accident rates, medical errors and the development of particular illnesses.”

"Both the Three Mile Island disaster in 1979 and the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 occurred late at night or early in the morning," Duffield said. "Most truck accidents occur around 2 a.m. Incidents of cancer and cardiovascular disease are elevated in trans-Atlantic airline staff and in shift workers.”

The master circadian clock in the human resides within the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamic brain and receives direct input from the retina (eye) through which the clock can be reset or synchronized on a daily basis to the prevailing light-dark cycle. This provides both time of day and also time of year information to the brain and body. Things can go wrong with the internal clocks when either the clock system or its light input pathway is disrupted.

"Using DNA microarray techniques, Duffield and the other researchers identified an important gene called the "Inhibitor of DNA-binding 2" (Id2) and found that the gene is rhythmically expressed in various tissues including the suprachiasmatic nucleus.
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offered perspective on the past years at Notre Dame and the years to come, she said. "We talked about how there are only two and a half semesters left, and carpe diem," she said. "We need to make the most of our last semesters." Junior Greg Wallingford said he enjoyed having a beer with his dad at Fiddler's Hearth. "It was hilarious," Wallingford said. "It was almost all kids and parents at Fiddler's Hearth." Wallingford also said he welcomed the chance to give his parents a glimpse of his everyday life at Notre Dame. "It was great showing them what you actually do here," he said. "You get used to things, but showing them to your parents...they seem newer." Junior Rosemary Peterson said she most enjoyed Lou Holtz's speech at the closing brunch. "He's a really amazing speaker," Peterson said. "His advice was to go through life excited and find something to be passionate about." JPW is generally thought of as an important weekend for juniors, but since the event is during the spring semester, many juniors studying abroad miss out, especially the entire junior class in the Architecture School. Senior architecture major Teresa Schaible said the school offers a program akin to JPW called Expo Roma for the seniors because they missed JPW, as every junior in the school studies abroad in Rome for the year. Expo Roma takes place on the same weekend as JPW every year, she said. "Any senior who was abroad last spring was invited to JPW, including the archies, but we put on something called Expo Roma, which is like our own JPW since everyone was abroad in Rome," she said. "So we have our own thing just for archies." The weekend included a reception with Michael Lykoudis, the dean of the Architecture school, a lecture from a professor the students had in Rome, a dinner at Tippecano Restaurant in South Bend and a Mass to close the weekend. Schaible said the main objective of the weekend is to tell the parents about the students' experience in Rome the previous year. "We decorated the whole first floor of Bond Hall with our paintings and drawings from Rome and the pictures we took there," she said. "There's also a lunch with our parents with a video yearbook along with a slide show with music, pictures and videos that covered our whole year in Rome." Although Expo Roma occurs every year on JPW, Schaible said the event is unlike JPW because the weekend was focused about remembering the year in Rome. "It was a great opportunity to show our parents how much we did last year and what our experience in Rome was. It really brought back so many memories for all of us," she said. "It was a really nostalgic weekend." Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu

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along with student-written research pieces. "Most Notre Dame students know another student who's working in a lab, but you don't know what it is they're actually doing," Siu said. "Scientia will include a news section so students at Notre Dame can know what their peers are researching and see that they're actively involved in research that's significant." Scientists will feature a rolling application process and online submission of articles, making it easy to submit research. Its editors are eager to get to work on the first articles. "We're looking for people to submit articles, and we could always use more editors," Benjamin said. "When we receive articles, a reviewer will work with the writer, sending the article back and forth to make sure it's publication-worthy. We're focusing on research that the student has done over a summer or over a semester.

College of Science students can look forward to the exposure their work will get through Scientia. The journal will be an outlet for the research that most students already do. "Most science majors do some sort of research," Siu said. "It seems a bit of a shame to put in all those hours and not have something to show for it, and this gives closure to their research."

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visitors to account their experiences with sexual assault or rape. "Anyone is welcome to come. You don't have to be a sexual assault survivor. It can be supporters, allies, friends...anyone," Lauck said.

Lauck said the Gender Relations Center will have a resource table set up Tuesday through Thursday in both dining halls and in LaFortune. The tables will provide information not only to survivors of sexual assault, but also their friends and family, or anyone looking for general education on the topic. There will be a forum Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Beckers Hospitality Room to "address issues of sexual assault and rape here on campus," Tighe said. The forum is hosted by the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention and will bring together students, members of the Notre Dame Security Police and the Counseling Center to discuss the issue of sexual assault, Tighe said. "You just go there and you see the current policy and there will be a discussion on your thoughts on the policy," Tighe said. The discussion will also include what changes are needed in the University's sexual assault policy. Stacy Naderau from the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty will speak in DeBartolo 102 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Lauck said. A faculty and student dinner will take place Friday at Legends from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Lauck said. The dinner is called "A Time to Heal," which is named after a verse from the Bible, she said. "Faculty will be speaking," Lauck said. "And then a couple student survivors of sexual assault will also be speaking at it." Lauck said everyone is invited to attend the dinner, but those who are interested should RSVP to the Gender Relations Center via e-mail today. "Here at Notre Dame, it is a Catholic institution. But sexual assault happens and we can't deny that it happens," Lauck said. "We need to make sure help is getting out to survivors." Contact Sarah Mervosh at smervosh@nd.edu
INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Iraq to operate nuclear power plant

The Iraqi parliament's Regulation and Oversight Committee on Monday said it would begin long-delayed pilot operations on Wednesday, the state atomic energy agency said.

A nuclear official in Russia, which is helping build the plant, however, said no major milestone is expected on that day.

"The pilot stage operation of the power plant will start on Wednesday," Iranian atomic energy spokesman Mohsen Davizolv told the state news agency on Sunday.

He added that the preliminary phase will take place during a visit by Sergei Kiriyenko, the head of Russia's state nuclear agency.

The long-awaited 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor, which was built in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr with the help of Russia under a $1 billion contract, was previously scheduled to become operational in late 2008. Some 700 Iranian engineers were trained in Russia to operate the power plant.

Two escape from Greek prison

About 100 prisoners escaped from the same prison — three years ago.

The shaken government quickly dismissed three Justice Ministry officials, and the prime minister scheduled an emergency meeting of part of his cabinet Monday to discuss the country's prisons.

"This was an insult which I will not accept...," Justice Minister Nikos Dendias announced.

NATIONAL NEWS
Fifth-grader accused of murder

WALPOLE — Fifth-grader Jordan Brown boarded the bus and headed to school like he does most other mornings in this rural western Massachusetts community.

But Friday was no typical morning. Before he left his rustic farmhouse, authorities say, the 11-year-old fatally shot his father's pregnant fiancée in the back of the head as she walked to the bus with the young boy.

Deborah Branch, a 21-year-old woman in an adult of the death of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houghton, who was eight months pregnant, Lawrence County District Attorney John Borgewingo said. Houghton's fetus died within minutes of the shooting, and a woman remained missing late Sunday night.

Swarthmore names new president

SWARTHMORE — Swarthmore College has named Rebecca Chopp as its new president, making her the first woman to hold the position in the elite liberal arts school's 145-year history.

Chopp, president of Colgate University since 2002, was selected by Swarthmore's board of managers on Saturday. She succeeds Alfred Bloom, who announced in May that he would step down. He is becoming vice chancellor of New York University Abu Dhabi.

LOCAL NEWS
Man accused of hosting "sex parties"

LINTON — A convicted sex offender faces sexual assault charges alleging that he hosted teenage "sex parties" at his home during which he gave teenagers alcohol and encouraged them to engage in sex acts.

Vincent Tyrone Carter, 43, was charged this week with two counts of second-degree rape, two counts of third-degree rape of a child, two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

A Greene County judge set a $5,000 bond for Carter, a convicted sex offender, and appointed a public defender to represent him. He remained jail awaiting at the Greene County Jail.

Hawaii gov't debates civil union law

State becomes battleground in the fight to legalize same-sex unions

HONOLULU — Hawaii, the state that adopted the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment a decade ago, has now become the latest battleground in the fight for same-sex civil unions.

It would become the fifth state to legalize the alternative to gay marriage if the Legislature-amended initiative passes the Senate, where a divided committee is to vote on Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has declined to comment on the issue and it's unclear whether she would veto the bill.

Gay rights organizations argue that civil unions would provide equality to the nation's most ethnically diverse state, but opponents fear the erosion of a culture that values conventional family ties.

"Society in general is becoming more accepting...," said Suzanne King, a real estate office manager who is raising her 18-year-old daughter, Shylar Young, with her partner of nearly 28 years, Tambry Young. "It's not unusual to come upon a gay family. There isn't this fear that brings us rights, it's going to reduce the traditional family." King and Young said they want a civil union law so gay couples can more easily adopt children, share health benefits and gain recognition for their relationships.

Religious groups have been taking out newspaper ads, setting up Web sites and holding rallies urging lawmakers to reframe traditional marriage.

One anti-gay Web site includes photos of two men kissing each other and others apparently in gay pride parades. It warns of a bad influence on Hawaii "keiki," the Hawaiian word for children.

"They're going to reduce the tradition of 'The Mormon church, which campaigned in California last year for a gay marriage ban, has openly opposed equal rights to civil unions in Hawaii this year. But some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been sharing e-mails urging people to call their legislators opposing the bill."

"In Hawaii, people still believe in traditional marriage and the sanctity of marriage," said Dennis Arakak, executive director of the Hawaii Family Forum, which also represents the Hawaii Catholic Conference. "There's no indication that values or perspectives have changed." Only Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage, while Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow civil unions. Californians voted in November to overturn a court ruling that allowed gay marriage, but the state still offers domestic partnerships that guarantee the same rights as marriage.

That means Hawaii could become the only Western state to give governmental blessing to same-sex unions. "Our wedding industry would have a huge potential increase in business purely because there are people who would rather come to the islands rather than go to the East Coast to have a civil union performed," said the Rev. Mike John Hough of Kualau Island Weddings.

"Some people say it's just marriage by another name, and that may be true. It's a perfect compromise."

In 1998, nearly 70 percent of Hawaii voters approved a constitutional amendment granting the state Legislature the power to reserve marriage for opposite-sex couples. The "defense of marriage" amendment, now in more than half of state constitutions, resulted in a law banning gay marriage in Hawaii but left the door open for civil unions. The amendment negated a 1993 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that refused to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples was discriminatory.

Federal judge to go on trial for sex crime

HOUSTON — U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent will be making judicial history when he enters a courtroom Monday — but it won't be the kind he'd want to remember.

Kent will join the handful of federal judges who have taken part in a trial as a defendant, and he will be the first to face trial on a sex crime charge.

The 59-year-old judge is accused of engaging in three years of sex acts while employees as he tried to force them into submission and to perform sex acts.

Jury selection in his trial was set last week in a trial as a defendant, and he will be the first to face trial on a sex crime charge. He faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to $250,000.

Kent has pleaded innocent to five charges related to federal sex crimes and to one alleging obstruction of justice, in which he is accused of lying to an investigative committee.

He has 19 years on the bench, and he might have him some credibility with the jury, said Barry Pollack, an attorney not connected to the case.

"What you might see happen is the jury take the presumption of innocence a little more seriously," said Pollack, with the Washington firm of Miller & Chevalier. "But if the allegations are proven, the jury would very offended a federal judge engaged in that conduct."

A gag order in the case has prevented prosecutors, defense attorneys and others connected to the case from commenting outside court.

Kent wants to testify, his attorney, Nick DeGuerin, said during a hearing last week in which he unsuccessfully tried to have the obstruction charge thrown out or severed.

"Judge Kent believes his conduct with both of the (women) was mutual and consensual," said DeGuerin, who has represented much-high profile clients as former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Branch Davidian sect leader David Koresh.

Associated Press

Suzanne King, Shylar Young and Tambry Young walk along the shore at Ala Moana Park in Honolulu on Thursday. Hawaii's Senate will vote on a civil-union law on Tuesday.
ties to be extremely popular. "The only event carried over from the past is a sult on the streets of Cairo," Barbee said though she had no idea what the outcome of the "id for a victim of a terrorist attack in Cairo."
Governors unsure about stimulus money
WASHINGTON — Governors usually don’t argue about whether they should take money from the federal government, just how much they should get. Yet some chief executives are divided over President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus plan and whether the billions it offers is always a good deal.

Some of them are split over the stimulus plan. Florida Gov. Charlie Crist was among those who said they are behind Obama’s plan and whether the billions it offers is essentially a captive of offshore banks it was meant to supervise. (The advisory was lifted in 2001.)

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BUSINESS

Red flags present in Stanford scandal

Customers of Stanford Bank walk past its Caracas, Venezuela office on Thursday, February 19. The bank’s founder was served legal papers last week and is suspected of fraud.

Devaney named overseer of stimulus plan

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to announce Monday a former Secret Service agent who helped expose lobbyists’ corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the $787 billion economic stimulus plan.

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Animal doc performs odd surgeries

Associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Pavletic has removed a butcher knife from a dog’s stomach and a bullet from a dog’s lip. So skilled is he at saving severely sick animals to the point of performing plastic surgery on injured hawks. But he draws the line at giving canines body piercings or fat can liposuction. “That’s just not what I do,” said the longtime head of surgery at Boston’s Angell Animal Medical Center.

The 38-year-old surgeon is known as a pioneer in reconstructive animal surgery and is so skilled at saving severely sick and injured animals he is sought out by worried pet owners from around the world. Pavletic has cared for thousands of animals, including a dog that swallowed an engagement ring and a gottle that required reconstructive surgery on a finger.

He’s removed bullets from pupples, performed dental work on wolves, and even tended to snakes with throat problems.

“I’ve been doing surgery for 30 years and there are very few things I haven’t seen,” Pavletic said just before going into surgery on a cat’s bladder.

In the past, animals with very serious injuries may have simply been euthanized to avoid lifelong pain and because surgical techniques on some injuries had yet to be developed. But advancements in medicine coupled with pets becoming more of a family has increased the demand for serious animal surgeries.

“If it wasn’t for him, my cat wouldn’t be alive,” said Kristin Gagnon, of Hanson.

Four years ago, Gagnon’s Siamese kitten, Max, burned his palate to the bone after chewing an electrical cord. Pavletic reconstructed Max’s palate by taking a graft from inside the cat’s lip. “What a fantastic job he did,” Gagnon said. “He’s the only surgeon who could have done this.”

For Pavletic, his love for animals started with sick birds and a terrier named Tiger.

As a 6-year-old in Illinois, Pavletic tried to save injured wild birds with giving them water, food and a little attention. It rarely worked. And he was inseparable from his grandfather’s “terri-terri-flap might do the trick. He took a graft from inside the cat’s bladder.

He returned to Angell in 1988 as head of surgery. That’s when the demand for serious animal surgery after finishing veterinary school at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1974.

As an intern at Angell, Pavletic came across a cat named John Glenn that had a tumor on his face. At the time, veterinarians couldn’t remove such tumors from animals while also closing the wound using conventional methods. Pavletic turned to an older plastic reconstructive surgery textbook that suggested elevating a flap might do the trick. He took what was a routine technique in human surgery and tailored the procedure for a cat. It worked.

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The secret lives of graduate students

Spring is technically just around the corner, and everywhere people's minds are turning to love—which those cynics among us might put under heavy scare quotes. Last week, British tabloids reported that a thirteen-year-old boy conceived a child with his fifteen-year-old girlfriend; days later, they reported that the father might also have been a sixteen-, or possibly a fourteen-year-old (no word yet whether all four will appear on Maury Povich, though). Closer to home, Bristol Palin gave her first interview to Fox News, during which she said that "everyone should be pregnant. Well, get beyond that when it happens, and then you deal with it." And here at Notre Dame, debates over dating, hooking up and the contravention of parietals have broken out in panels, Letters to the Editor and dining halls. Even the "Info 4 Life" posters in the library bathrooms take time out of their story about L-Reserves to wax romantic.

But lost among the tales of leper, rechau and Freshman lust is the graduate student population. After all, we graduate students are just as entitled to think about how we are or aren't spending our extracurricular time. So it's time to take a good look at the dating life of graduate students. I'm not Catholic (or laboratory) as well. So if you, say, go on a date with a psychologist, you're really also dating Jung and Freud and Pinker, with a historian.

Let's hope you like Foucault, Hegel and/or Marx. I understand that students of literature are contractually obligated to utter the words "postmodern" and "Sylvia Plath" at least six times an hour. Of course, many of these people are also trying to become lecturers and discussion leaders, which means that they will somehow—fortuitously, perhaps, perhaps, perhaps—beget a supreme authority for about an hour at a time on their topic. Some manage to conceal this side of themselves successfully; others see any social interaction as a chance to practice.

But, the lack of a dental plan notwithstanding, graduate students actually have a pretty good life. They get a steady paycheck, they get summers off and they get to pursue something that, hopefully, they really like. They also get to share their passion with students and with their scholarly peers — and occasionally, such interactions (the latter ones) lead to real romance. After all, who else is suited much, they signed up for it. So in case you feel like graduate students are so pitiable that they need a hug, well, first of all, they aren't, and second, see du Lac, p. 126.

Darryl Campbell would like to remind everyone that, in the words of Marc Cherrig: "It's a satire!" He can be contacted at dcampbell@nd.edu.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take Back the Night

The week of Feb. 22 to March 1, the Gender Relations Center on campus will be hosting Sexual Assault Awareness week. Along with other events, today, people on campus will be marching to Take Back the Night. Take Back the Night is thought to have begun in the late 1980s when women citizens in London protested the fear and violence they experienced at night. "Reclaim the night" took place in Belgium in 1976 by women who were attending the International Tribunal on Crimes against Women. This included a march with candles to spread the word and honor those who have been sexually abused. This came statewide in 1978 in San Francisco by Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media. The term "Take Back the Night" originated from a memorial read by Anne Pride a year before.

Basketball cheer in poor taste

I had the opportunity to attend the men’s basketball game against USF a week ago with my 14-year-old son. We had seats in the section adjacent to the student section, the "Leprechaun Legion." I was shocked to hear the "Leprechaun Legion" chants and to find one of my sons cheering them on.

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A Night at the Oscars: Plays by Play

STEPHANIE DEPREZ
American Scene Editor

7:55. TV, check. Papa John's breadsticks, check. Diet Pepsi, check. Oscars...almost.
8:01. We're live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California! "Oscars in 25 minutes" alert pops up. Damn it, Ooh, Brad Pitt, Miley Cyrus.
8:11. Mike Myers molests the passing of his dog, lamenting the fact that she won't be wearing the tax he had made for her.
8:30. Big band music swells. Lights come up on a stage framed in Swarovski crystal. Hugh Jackman enters, makes a New Zealand joke.
8:34. Major dance sequence in a comedy show tune parodying the best pic nominees. Anne Hathaway is pulled up on stage and sings a duet with Hugh. Another dance sequence with people in full spandex body suits. I am not so sadly reminded of last year's Doctor Faustus here at Notre Dame.
8:40. Contractual obligation for Hugh to mention Brangelina. Bookmarks note how Jennifer Aniston must be throwing chocolates at her TV.
8:41. Hugh is convinced that after 15 nominations, Meryl Streep must be using steroids.
8:45. Whoopi Goldberg proclaims, "It's not easy playing a nun," introducing Amy Adams in the Best Supporting Actress category. Each nominee is introduced by a former Best Actress. Penelope Cruz wins.
8:53. Tina Fey arrives. It was only a matter of time. She's joined by Steve Martin. Hilarity ensues. They give the award for Best Screenplay to "Wall-E." Sean Penn has tears in his eyes. Obligatory plug for gay rights.
9:03. Jennifer Aniston presents with Jack Black. ("She's throwing dice at him from behind stage!") Jack Black admits he bets every time.
9:01. "Slumdog Millionaire" wins for Best Adapted Screenplay.
9:04. Jennifer Aniston presents with Jack Black. ("She's throwing chocolate at him from behind stage!"") Jack Black admits he bets everything on Pixar. The crowd shuffles uncomfortably after this "everybody's thinking it, I'm just saying it" moment. Pay the man, "Wall-E" wins. Will Andrew Stanton ever get tired of accepting Oscars for his animated movies?
9:10. Japanese gay accepting for Best Animated Short for his French film says, "Domo Arigato, Mr. Roboto." I instantly agree with the thinking it, I'm just saying it moment. Phew!
9:16. Daniel Craig and Sarah Jessica Parker walk on to present Art Direction. "Benjamin Button" wins. Thus begins the longest line of names ever uttered in one speech. Everyone who ever worked on the film is mentioned.
9:18. Reese Witherspoon presents the Oscar for Directing to Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire." His opening joke gets censored. He thanks the poor chum he forgot to put in the credits.
9:21. The Former Best Actress Winners arrive to present the award for Best Actress. The crowd jumps to their feet. Anne Hathaway tears up. Halle Berry's hair is in her face. Older-than-dirt Sophia Loren introduces Meryl Streep. "KATE WINS!!" Finally, it only took six nominations. "Dad, did you put in the credit to my end title for Best Actress?
9:26. Robert Pattinson makes a really bad vampire joke. Check awesome montage of 2008 movies love scenes set to Coldplay's "Loved" in Japan." HSM 3 had three token clips, which is three too many.
9:32. Ben Stiller makes a pointed fashion statement consisting of a large beard and Blue Brothers sunglasses reminiscent of Joaquin Phoenix's current state. Natalie Portman looks fantastic in pink. The Phoenix and jokes are falling flat. As Portman sincerely introduces the Cinematography nominees, Stiller begins aimlessly walking around the set, and the joke gets funnier.
9:37. The last doggy finding his way home MasterCard commercial that made me cry during the Oscars five years ago makes me cry again.
9:39. Jessica Biel's hair looks like a certain Screenwriter's style from JPW Music, only the JPW style wasn't so intentional. Is that style points to the JPW fashionista, or does Jessica Biel love them?
9:44. James Franco and Seth Rogen play these "Pinapple Express" selves, lead us through the comedies of 2008. Clever. The Groomingograph from "Saving Private Ryan" makes a cameo. Of course.
9:52. Hugh announces the return of the musical. Oh, sweet Jesus, please tap dance. Can the ensemble-top-hat-cabaret-style dance numbers starting Beyonce. It's the greatest hits of all the musicals year high school ever put on. Relevance? Not much. Relevance starts singing Moulin Rouge, and it is any secret Baz Luhrmann choreographed? Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens have just appeared, along with the Cazza Mia chick from Mean Girls. Oh, okay, it's all the couples from musicals this year. Hugh yells, "The musical is back!" And you just joined it.
10:03. The cast of former Best Supporting Actors arrives. Alert the solo parade; Ledger's coming up. Kevin Kline introduces Heath. Close up of Ledger's family. He's won it. The crowd rises to an ovation. Mom, dad and sister take the stage. Sean Penn looks like he's going to cry. Again.
10:14. Bill Maher introduces Documentary Feature and makes some tasteless jokes about religion, just like we expected. Winner makes a cute disappear in his hand and balances the Oscar upside-down on his chin.
10:33. Will Smith admits, "Yes, I'm still here. Hugh is napping." Film Editing goes to "Slumdog.
10:41. Eddie Murphy arrives holding an Oscar to give the Humanitarian Award to Jerry Lewis for his work helping children with multiple sclerosis. Can another obligatory standing ovation.
10:55. "Slumdog" wins for Best Original Score. Winning composer says he hasn't felt this nervous since getting married.
10:56. A large Indian dance ensemble appears to prevent the two songs from Slumdog nominated for Best Song. They are separated by the song from "Wall-E," complete with South African gospel choir. "Jai Ho" from "Slumdog" wins. The same guy from the last award comes out to accept and is just as stumped for what to say as last time.
11:01. People in the Movies Who Died This Year montage. Wait, Michael Crichton died?
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11:53. SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE. They are dancing in the streets of Mumbai tonight. So this is what you get when you merge awkward looking Englishmen with really cute Indian kids.
11:55. "Stay with us and glimpse the movies coming up this year! Goodnight!"

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Amy Adams’ red Carolina Herrera gown brought a modern twist to the goddess look with black lining that looked like an indispensable accessory at her side. Wrapped lithely around her flawlessly toned body, Globes where noticeable jewels were a rare find, the Oscars. Unlike this year’s Golden Globes where noticeable jewels were a rare find, the academy award in Amy Adam’s fragile neck, the gems came out颠覆ed in some of the most important stars of the night’s gowns, no one embodied this look better than the young Evan Rachel Wood whose pale ivory Elle Saab haute couture gown made it impossible to look away. Natalie Portman in Rodarte and Alicia Keys in Giorgio Armani shined in the similar pink and plum hues of their strapless twisted and cinched airy gowns.

Sarah Jessica Parker brought a little bit of Carrie Bradshaw with her as she rocked the red carpet in an off-white strapless beaded Dior gown that took a would-be prom look and made it high fashion with a modern center-buckled belt.

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Belles finish fifth at conference meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in fifth place in the three-day Mid-Continent Conference meet, losing to fourth place Olivet by only two points.

The two-point margin was decided in the final event of the championships, the 400-yard freestyle relay, in which the Belles fell to Olivet by one and a half seconds.

Despite finishing fifth, the Belles were able to break 15 school records at the meet, including five by freshman Audrey Dalrymple, four by freshman Eva Cavadini and three by sophomore Maggie Williams.

"As a team, we feel good about the closeness of [the loss to Olivet], I believe that next season we will work even harder to accomplish goals as a team, rather than channeling the focus on our individual goals," Dalrymple said. "Although, as a whole everyone swam very well at conference and we broke a lot of school records."
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**Around the Nation**

**Dwayne Wade, right, goes up for a layup Sunday night against the Orlando Magic. Wade scored a career high 50 points against the Magic, but the Miami Heat still lost 122-99 to the Southeastern Division leaders.**

**Wade's career high not enough**

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**In Brief**

Crabtree to delay surgery until after NFL combine

**Indianapolis** - Michael Crabtree was quick on his feet Sunday, and if he does the same thing for NFL scouts next month the stress fracture in his left foot might soon be forgotten.

In an odd scene at the league's annual scouting combine, Crabtree strolled quickly across the media room moments after Patriots coach Bill Belichick finished speaking. He walked up a couple of steps, smiled at reporters and then gave a 20-second statement confirming the decision to delay surgery so he could return to front of scouts during next month's personal workout.

"It's an old injury that I've been having, but I never had any pain in it," he said. "I will run my 40, and after that I will have surgery."

With that, Crabtree exited stage left, taking no questions. Clearly, it was an effort to stem the fallout that began Saturday when it was revealed he needed surgery.

**Sooners' Griffin status uncertain after concussion**

**Norman, Okla.** - Preseason All-America Blake Griffin's status was uncertain for No. 2 Oklahoma's game against Kansas on Monday night after he sustained a concussion in a loss to Texas.

Sooners coach Jeff Capel said Griffin would be held out of practice Sunday, but he won't know until game day whether his star player will be able to go against the 15th-ranked Jayhawks on Monday night in a game that will give one team the lead in the Big 12 title race.

"The most important thing is him and his future. You don't want to do anything to risk any further damage, so that's the most important thing," Capel said before practice Sunday. "We're going to proceed with caution with this and make sure he's OK."

"And we'll move on whichever way we have to, with him or without."
Bucks end team's win streak at five

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame snapped its five-match winning streak in a big way on Saturday.

The Irish (6-0) fell to No. 3 Ohio State 7-0 in Columbus.

The Irish were forced to take on the high-powered Buckeyes without the help of their usual first singles player, senior Brett Helgeson. Helgeson suffered an injury against Northwestern on Thursday and stayed in South Bend for treatment. He is currently day-to-day, but coach Bobby Bayliss said he hopes to have him available for Monday's match against Kentucky.

With Helgeson, the team's only upperclassman, out, the Irish played with an especially young lineup. Four sophomores and two freshmen filled the six singles spots. Sophomore Stephen Haverts moved up to first singles, and lost 6-2, 6-0 to Ohio State's No. 4 Bryan Koniecko.

Haverts said he is aware of the unyielding stretch of matches, but that he feels that it is for the best.

"I knew this schedule would be a challenge, but I hoped that our guys would be forced to meet this level," Havertz said. "Our guys came to Notre Dame so that they could play against teams like these."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

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This overwhelming loss could potentially knock the Irish out of the top-25, but once again Bayliss is not concerned.

"I thought defensively we had a lot of points, she played great. As a team, the Irish hung tough on the glass against Connecticut, and I thought they played well," Bayliss said.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Belles win last game of season

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (15-21) finished a record-setting regular season Saturday afternoon with a 77-47 victory over Kalamazoo (23-3) at the Angela Athletics Facility.

The Belles dominated Kalamazoo from start to finish, opening up a 12-2 lead early in the first half. Kalamazoo could not cut the Belles' lead to more than nine for the rest of the game, and the Belles led 39-23 at halftime.

In the second half, the Belles extended their lead further, led by freshman Kelly Murphy's 14 points off the bench.

Freshman Jessica Cenza added 12 points of her own as the Belles defeated the No. 23 Huskies, 77-47.

"I thought Murphy did a great job of getting open looks. She's a tremendous passer-to-turnover ratio," said McGraw, who said that Murphy and junior forward Becca Brzeski, who had 12 points of her own, "are exciting to watch and very positive on the court."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Belles sweep conference opener

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was hanging in against top-ranked, undefeated Connecticut, right up until that 22-1 run in the second half.

An Ashley Barlow layup with 16:11 to go in the second put the Irish on top 43-41. After that, it would not make another field goal until forward Becca Brzeski nabbed a jumper with 19:12 left.

By the end of the game, the Irish became the Huskies' latest victim, losing 76-66.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said in his postgame news conference that it will be harder to draw coaching points out of the narrow victory for his squad.

"I think it's like we've been all year. We're fighting, we don't have a lot of points when we're fighting, we're fighters and they're going to work hard and finish strong starting with Tuesday night against Syracuse," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said in his postgame news conference that it will be harder to draw coaching points out of the narrow victory for his squad.

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Team splits games at Nike Invitational

Notre Dame wins two over Sacramento State, loses two to No. 5 Stanford in California

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went 2-2 over the weekend spent at Stanford University's Nike Invitational, its second tournament of the young season. The Irish (3-4) had two wins against Sacramento State University, two losses against the No. 5 Stanford Cardinal and a rain-out cancellation against Western Kentucky.

Friday proved to be the best day of the tournament for the Irish, as neither of the day's pitchers, senior Britteny Bargar and sophomore Jody Valdivia, yielded an earned run. "It felt good, and it was nice to get out there, having everything working and good pitches," Bargar said. "It made the game more in control, in my hands."

The first game of the invitational was a 4-1 win over Sacramento State. A strong offensive third inning, contained crucial hits from senior Linda Kohan, freshman Alexa Maldonado and junior Christine Lax.

The second game on Friday was a 2-0 defeat from Stanford University. Notre Dame almost had a chance to come back in the fourth inning when they loaded the bases, but were unable to take advantage of the situation.

On the second day of play, The Irish took on the same two teams in hopes of maintaining their proved dominance over the Sacramento State Hornets, and getting a little revenge over the Cardinal. In the 5-2 loss to Stanford, Valdivia let up five earned runs in four innings. Offensively, Maldonado, freshman Sadie Fitznerberger and sophomores Erin Marnone and Katie Fleurry each had hits, leading to the two Irish runs of the game, both scored by Maldonado.

"We gave up some big hits in big situations," Bargar said. "In both games, we just came up a little short."

Team morale turned around later in the day, as the Irish defeated the Hornets once again, this time an 11-0 rout. Marnone hit her first home run of the season, and junior infielder Heather Johnson had four RBIs.

"Every single girl down the line was making solid contact," Bargar said.

Due to excessive rain, the scheduled Sunday game against Western Kentucky was terminated just short of three scoreless innings.

"We need all the little pieces of our game to get together more," Marnone said of the coming week's practices. "This week it's a matter of getting everything to click in all the different areas.

The next stop for the team is the Wolfpack Challenge in Raleigh, North Carolina, where they will take on Cansius, Buffalo and the home team, North Carolina State.

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Women's Lacrosse

Abt scores four goals in Irish win

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Coming off a tough home loss to No. 1 Northwestern, No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 14-11 Sunday at the Loftus Sports Center to improve to 2-1 on the season.

"We always expect a good game from Ohio State, and they were as tough as we expected," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's early in the season, but we want to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament, so a win over a good regional opponent is important."

Sophomore Kailene Abt paced the Irish with four goals. Sophomore Shaylyn Blaney netted three, as did senior Jill Byers. Jayme Beard led the Buckeyes to an early 3-1 lead, but the Irish responded at 20:33 with an Abt goal off an assist from junior Gina Scioscia. She tied it up with a score of her own at 16:56 with an assist from sophomore Kaitlin Keena.

Ohio State staged a comeback and tied the game up at 5-5 with an unassisted goal at 6:53. Notre Dame responded to get the lead back for the Irish. Blaney tallied a goal for a 7-5 lead, but the Buckeyes improved two of their own to tie the game at the end of the period.

Notre Dame opened up the second period with a 5-0 run with goals from Abt, Byers, Scioscia and Blaney in the first five minutes. Ohio State attempted to mount a comeback, bringing the score to 12-9 at 16:42, but sophomore Asley Stewart notched two goals to secure the win.

"(Blaney) really sparked our offense in the second half," Coyne said. "The run we went on earned a good close game for us."

Senior Erin Goodman earned the win in goal with six saves. "This showed the Buckeyes can shake off a tough loss, and come out playing tough soon after," Coyne said. "That kind of back to back competition will be key when we get to tournament time."

The Irish will host the Stanford Cardinal at the Loftus Sports Center Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Hicks has seven points as No. 8 Irish defeat Penn State

Junior attackman scores four goals and has three assists to help Notre Dame to 13-8 win over Nittany Lions

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame improved to 2-0 on the season with its 13-8 win over Penn State on Sunday in University Park, largely in part to junior attackman Neal Hicks’ seven point performance.

Hicks followed up a career day Feb. 14, in which he scored three goals against Loyola, with another scoring barrage against the Nittany Lions. He finished the game with four goals and three assists.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead over Penn State, scoring two man-up goals by senior Ryan Hoff and junior Grant Krebs by the 8:37 mark of the first quarter.

Then Hicks got started. The junior picked up his first goal of the day off an assist by junior Mike Ciamberla to give the Irish a 3-0 lead, where it stayed for the rest of the first period.

With 10:41 remaining in the first half, the Nittany Lions notched their first goal of the game to make it 3-1, but the Irish responded with a goal by senior Duncan Swezey with 5:24 remaining in the second period to make the score 4-1. Following Penn State’s second goal near the end of the first half, Hicks notched his second goal of the game off a feed from Krebs with 1:56 left in the first half to send the Irish into the half with a 5-2 lead.

The second half started with a scoring frenzy as the two teams combined for five goals in just over four minutes of play. Penn State cut the Irish lead to 5-4 with goals from Conrad Ridgway and Jack Forster. However, the Irish responded with five unanswered goals to take control of the game. The Irish run began with Hoff’s second goal of the game, which came with three minutes elapsed in the second half. Sophomore David Earl scored 35 seconds later and Hicks put his third goal in the net off an assist from senior Dan Gibson with 10:55 left in the third period to give the Irish an 8-4 lead.

The Irish opened up a five-goal lead off a man-up goal from junior Matt Gianbella, assisted by Hicks, to give Notre Dame a 9-4 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Sophomore Jake Marchese got the Irish to 10 goals for the second time in as many games with his first career goal early in the fourth quarter. Penn State then responded with two goals of their own to close the Irish lead to four. Krebs put the Irish back up by five with his second goal of the game with 5:44 left in the game, but Penn State rallied once more to make the score 11-8 with just under three minutes to play. However, the Irish defense held the Nittany Lions scoreless for the remainder of the game. Hicks scored his final goal of the game with 1:46 left in the game and then assisted senior Davey Meiera with 19 seconds left to arrive at the final score.

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers was outstanding in the goal with a career-high 20 saves to collect his second win of the season. The Irish will kick off their home season when they host Dartmouth Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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go into halftime with a 12-point lead. For the game, Notre Dame finished with 13 Ayers batted the way, shoot­ing 7-11 from behind the arc and finishing with 28 points. McAleary tallied 25 points on the after­noon.

"Awesome. You could feel it coming. He was flat-out fabulous."

Mike Brey
Irish coach
on the play
of sophomore guard
Jonathan Peoples

minutes and ran Notre Dame's offense to near per­fection. Peoples effectively broke Providence's press and zone defense, registering nine assists and also contributing 14 points of his own. Both were career highs for the junior.

"I think it was probably my best game of my career," Peoples said. "Just trying to make all the right plays. I like when teams press us. Them pressing us, I think it opened it up for me. People were knocking down shots.

"Awesome," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Peoples' game. "You could feel it coming. He was flat-out fabu­lous." Peoples' contributions were especially welcome given the struggles of Notre Dame's top offensive player early on.

Forward Luke Harangody, who entered the game aver­aging over 24 points per contest, scored only one point in the first half. The reigning Big East Player of the Year was instrumental, though, in helping the Irish finish the game. Despite pick­ing up his fourth foul with 13:30 remaining, Harangody scored 12 of his 18 points after that moment to help Notre Dame fend off any Providence comeback attempts.

With the win, the Irish move to 6-8 in Big East play and a half games behind the Friars, who stand at 8-7 in conference. Notre Dame now holds the tie-breaker over Providence, should the two teams finish the season with identical conference marks. This week the Irish return to the Joyce Center to take on Rutgers Wednesday before heading to Connecticut.

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Friday night, freshman Billy Maday's goal with 1:21 left in overtime gave the Irish the win in a game they led 3-1.

Chris Minella got Notre Dame on the board just 3:03 into the game, redirecting a Christian Hanson shot from the top of the left circle past Maverick goalie Jeremy DuPont. After Jeric Agostie tied the game at one 39 seconds into the second period, Hanson added a goal of his own.

At 4:32 in the second period, the senior center, playing in his first game back after suffering a concussion against Ohio State on Feb. 13, fired a low wrist shot through DuPont's legs for his team-high 15th goal of the season.

Despite the two points on Friday, Jackson said he thought Hanson played better in the second game of the series.

"I thought he was actually better Saturday night. This time of year you can't just take 10 days off and get back into the heat of battle just like that," Jackson said. "I thought he was not as solid in his own end with the defensive pace Nebraska-Omaha threw at us, and he wasn't quite as good as he normally is on faceoffs either.

Maday added a goal to make the score 3-1, but the Mavericks stormed right back.

Just over a minute after Maday's goal, Matt Ambroz swatted a rebound past Irish netminder Jordan Pearce to cut the lead in half at 16:38 of the second stanza. Then, 8:10 into the third period, Nick Fantauzzi tied the game up for Nebraska-Omaha, redirecting a shot past Pearce for the only goal of the period.

The game seemed like a carbon copy of the Feb. 13 game against Northern Michigan, when Notre Dame took a 4-2 lead before the Wildcats tied the game. Jackson said he was concerned with his team's developing habit of letting opponents back into games.

"We're allowing teams to get back into games because of the way we're playing with the puck, in my estimation," he said. "And I am concerned with that.

The game went into overtime and almost seemed destined for a shootout until Maday took a feed from Kevin Deed at the bottom of the right circle and fired the puck past DuPont for the win.

The Irish victory, combined with a Miami (OH) loss to Northern Michigan, meant that Notre Dame needed only a tie Saturday night to wrap up the CCHA top seed.

The Irish got even more Saturday, thanks to stellar defensive play and stalwart goaltending from Pearce.

The senior made 17 saves in his fifth shutout of the season, including two key stops in the first and third periods on Maverick odd-man rushes.

"I thought he played a really good game for us," Jackson said. "He looked like he had that confidence where nothing was going in."

The Irish needed every one of Pearce's saves, as the game went through two periods deadlocked at zero. Junior Dan Kissel provided the offense for the game 6:31 into the final period. Skating down the left side of the ice, Kissel took a feed from Erik Condra and pushed the puck into the net for the game-winner.

With three minutes left, the Mavericks appeared to have tied the score, but a penalty called on John Kemp negated the goal and maintained the Irish lead.

Jackson said the experience in close games would be invaluable to his team come playoff time.

"We've played in a lot of games like that this year," he said. "We've played in quite a few one-goal games this year and our kids have handled it pretty well. All these games are important for getting ready for the playoffs.

After next weekend's home-and-home series against Michigan State, the Irish have a first-round bye before hosting a second-round CCHA playoff series. Jackson said that, for now, his team is focusing only on that series.

"We have to worry about getting to the finals first," he said. "Our objective right now is to get to Detroit (for the CCHA Championship), nothing more."

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In competition on Friday, the Irish set the tone for the day behind the performances of seniors Ashley Edgell and Mehdi Gossman in the 400-yard individual medley. The pair tagged up in 4:13.17 and 4:16.42 for the top two spots. Next, in the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Kellyn Kuhlke ran away from the field in 53.46 for first place, breaking the school record set in the preliminaries by fellow sophomore Marywren Miller.

Sophomore Samantha Maxwell was the next swimmer to steal the show, obliterating both the school and conference records to win the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:00.38.

Maxwell was soon followed by junior Maggie Behrens, who set a school record of her own in the 100-yard backstroke in 54.11 to grab second place. Behrens, Kuhlke, Maxwell and Miller combined in the last event of the day, the 400-yard medley relay. The four star performers once again crushed the school and conference records with a time of 3:36.20 for the relay.

On the last day of competition, the Irish continued to bring down the hammer on the rest of the field. To start the day, sophomore distance specialist Lauren Sylvester grabbed third place in the 1,650 freestyle in 16:40.80. Next, Miller added to her awards with second place in the 100 free in a time of 49.14.

Maxwell wrapped up her championships in the 200-yard breaststroke, where she continued the school and conference record-breaking trend with a speedy 2:10.35 for the win. Wrapping up the day, junior Natalie Stitt snagged her second win of the meet in the three-meter dive with a score of 294.30, while sophomore Heidi Gossman’s 284.30 earned her the third spot.

Junior Zeina Shanaa, freshman Amy Prestinario, senior Christina Higgins and Miller combined for a 3:21.16 third place effort in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Thinking and doing go hand in hand. You’ll be able to make progress, but you’ll have to be careful not to overreach. Don’t get too cocky, and you’ll be able to make progress. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself getting too serious about what’s going on around you. Keep things clear, simple, and positive if you want to avoid making a decision or getting caught off guard. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): With a little effort you can pull off some remarkable feats. You’ll be able to make progress, but you’ll have to be careful not to overreach. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’ll have to make some changes to get where you’re going. You’ll have to be careful not to overreach, and you’ll have to be careful not to lose control. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll have to make some changes to get where you’re going. You’ll have to be careful not to overreach, and you’ll have to be careful not to lose control. 3 stars

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The Champs are here

Women win Big East record 13th straight
By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

There was no stopping Notre Dame this weekend, as the Irish set 11 school records on their way to extending the longest Big East Conference Championship winning streak for any sport with their 13th straight crown.

The squad controlled the meet from start to finish, wrapping up with a total of 828 points, a runaway victory over second place Louisville, who finished with 581.

"We really had a good performance, and it came from everybody," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "A lot of girls stepped up across the board, on our depth and team commitment was the deciding factor. That's what championship teams do."

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BASEBALL

Irish wake up bats after opening game shutout, win two
By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Notre Dame opened its season by winning two of three games in the inaugural Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Clearwater, Fla. The Irish needed a day to get their bats warmed up, losing 6-1 in a shutout to Ohio State on Friday before exploding offensively in wins over Illinois and Purdue on Saturday and Sunday.

Ohio State 2, Notre Dame 0
Despite a strong pitching performance from sophomore pitcher Brian Dupra, the Irish fell to the Buckeyes Friday. Notre Dame stranded five runners in scoring position and failed to get on the scoreboard against Ohio State pitchers Alex Wimmers and Drew Rucinski.

Both starters dominated the game until the fourth inning, when the Buckeyes struck first on an RBI single from cleanup hitter Justin Miller. Ohio State then scored a key insurance run in the seventh off Dupra, capitalizing on catcher Dan Burkhardt's throwing error.

Dupra finished 6.1 innings, giving up only two earned runs and six hits, but picked up the loss. Dupra struck out two and walked one, and sophomore Todd Miller pitched the final 1.2 scoreless innings in relief.

While the Irish offense struggled, sophomore left fielder Golden Tase and junior right fielder Billy Bucklock each went 2-for-4 to lead the Notre Dame offense. Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock and junior designated hitter David Mills each had a hit apiece.

Notre Dame 14, Illinois 7
The Notre Dame offense exploded Saturday after being stymied Friday against Ohio State, scoring 11 runs in the final five innings against the Illini.

The game did not begin well for the Irish, with two first inning errors leading to three unearned runs and an early deficit. Notre Dame quickly responded, answering with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes led the way with home runs in both the first and second frames.

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