Students road trip to D.C. for annual event

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

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The students took the 12-hour overnight bus ride to D.C., slept on the floor in a parish center in Virginia and spent the day marching before returning to Notre Dame.

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When junior Michael Daly spent a few weeks in Haiti this summer, it changed him forever. Daly experienced the devastating poverty of the country firsthand as he distributed food in the slums, buried the dead and volunteered at an area hospital. He now hopes to give back by organizing a concert to benefit the Haiti relief effort.

“I made a lot of phone calls and quick office visits to get the concert rolling,” [student body president] Grant Schmidt and [student body vice president] Cynthia Weber said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Thoughts on parenting

It’s been two weeks since we’ve gotten back to campus and I still find myself on autopilot. True to form, I run into pseudo-friends walking across the quad. You know, those people that you know but not well enough to actually care about their lives. So my de facto greeting is still “How was break?”

I normally get a “good,” or “it was nice,” or “Not long enough,” and then they follow up with “How was yours?”

I can tell everyone right now that if you ask me this question, pseudo-friend or not, my answer is not going to be a one-word reply. I will more than likely launch into the story of how my car got totaled on Christmas Eve and how I had to Nammy three children for five days in order to get some money for a down payment on a new car.

The parents that I was working for decided they were going to run off to Costa Rica at the last minute because they were, and I quote, “bored,” which left me in charge of 7-year-old twin girls and their 6-year-old brother.

Let me put this family into perspective for you. The tuition to their elementary school is $20,000 — each. They are paying more to send their three young children to second grade and kindergarten then I am to attend Notre Dame. And no sure must suck to be you,” or “Can you imagine if I quartet that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer/questions@gmail.com
Students rejoice as unseasonably warm weather hits campus

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Breaking news was revealed to Notre Dame students all around campus Sunday morning with unprecedented speed, but it wasn’t thanks to any technological advances on the medias’ behalf. Students simply had to look out their windows to witness it firsthand.

In South Bend, Ind., in the dead of winter, there was grass.

Weather officials reported temperatures in the high 40s Sunday afternoon, which proved just enough to melt a stubborn last layer of snow and prompt students to walk around campus in t-shirts, shorts and for a brave few like freshman Rachel Pilla, flip flops.

“I just wasn’t cold,” Pilla said.

“I felt like spring,” sophomore Lizzy Snow said, remarking on the noteworthy, campus-wide shift to warmer weather applicable to student life.

“There were more people running outside in shorts and hardly anyone wearing coats,” Snow said.

Sunday’s unseasonably warm weather brought students a familiar sense of confusion regarding what to expect from South Bend’s historically unpredictable seasons. With predictions from the South Bend Tribune for scattered snowstorms this week, the roller coaster of bizarre weather patterns seems just to have begun.

“I’m used to pretty sporadic weather,” freshman Amanda Garza said. “But this is really weird.”

Despite the end of the weekend, the mood around campus was relatively raised Sunday afternoon, sophomore Tommy Chase explained.

“I try not to let the weather affect my mood, but it’s hard not to be happier when it’s a nice day out,” Chase said.

Students are unsure whether Sunday’s warm weather is a positive indicator of milder weather to come. Still wary from last year’s record-freezing temperatures, most students remain unconvinced.

“It’s a fake-out,” Snow said. “I think it’s going to snow more.”

Snow recalled her experiences with frostbite as a consequence of last January’s record low temperatures and anxiously awaits warmer weather in the coming months.

“I think it has been really mild so far and compared to last year, I am quite a fan,” Snow said.

But WNDU Meteorologist Mike Hoffman had bad news for optimistic students.

“I don’t think things are set up for a very wintry month overall, which means colder than normal temperatures and near or above normal snowfall,” Hoffman said in his predictions for February.

According to Hoffman, the El Niño weather phenomenon is showing signs of weakening, a situation which in the past has lead to “a cold, snowy, end to winter.”

“But of course, only time will tell,” Hoffman said.

And while no one seems to be able to better explain the unexpected burst of warm weather as experienced around South Bend Sunday afternoon, most students couldn’t help but take advantage of it.

“I wouldn’t say this weather will translate into anything big,” Chase said. “But I won’t complain. We’ll take it and enjoy it while it lasts.”

SMC students confused over closed tunnels

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

As students make the slippery trek across Saint Mary’s College campus in the cold, snow-covered months of winter, many long for the days of the warm underground tunnels that combated the wintry conditions. As they trudge through the snowy sidewalks, some wonder what happened to the passageways. Some speculate as to why they were closed. And some just dream about them opening one day.

“I do wish the tunnels were still open. It would make my life so much easier during this winter weather,”Because I walk with crutches, snow and ice make my everyday life very difficult. I have to rely on security for a ride to and from my different classes and this really hinders my independence,” junior Molly Farrell said. The network of tunnels connects many of the older buildings on campus. There are also tunnels connecting the Cushwa-Leighton Library and the Student Center, Bill Hambling, director of facilities, said.

“The tunnels, owned by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, were declared unsafe by then-building commissioner Don Foza. Foza has since retired,” Hambling said.

Hambling said the card readers were removed from the tunnels on Dec. 22, 2004.

“They were closed by the county’s building commissioner. They are primarily utility tunnels, and they were used by years by students,” Hambling said. “The big issue was high pressure steam, high voltage and electricity confined space.”

The tunnels, which were originally created for utility purposes, had exposed steam and electricity pipes that proved hazardous, Hambling said. Additionally, there were not enough exits in case of emergency.

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“It seems to be one of the things most alumnae remember when they come back to campus.”

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the Notre Dame Right to Life board before club members decided to move.

Jenkins said he was not surprised to see those banners displayed throughout the March route.

“I felt it was important not to let those banners take away from the central goals of the day,” he said. “And I refuse to let them distract from advancing pro-life cause.”

Senior Mary Daly, co-vice president of the Right to Life Club and a leader of the student response condemning Jenkins’ invitation last spring, said this year’s March had record-breaking attendance from Notre Dame students.

“I thought that there was some good interactions between and students and professors,” she said. “I think everyone really appreciated having the administrators there.”

After Jenkins’ announcement that Obama would deliver the Commencement address last year, Daly helped form the pro-life group ND Response, which held several prayer rallies and protests in the months that led up to the president’s speech on campus.

Jenkins mingled with students and faculty before the March at a breakfast reception and joined them afterward for a dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association at the D.C. restaurant Smith and Wollensky.

It was a big decision for the students and faculty before the March.

“Jenkins’ participation didn’t affect my decision to come but I’m glad he decided to step up,” Graf said.

Right to Life president John Gregory McNelis said students were supportive of Fr. Jenkins’ decision to participate in the March.

“Most didn’t agree with his decision to invite [President Barack] Obama to campus last spring, but he’s taking steps to support the cause and we appreciate that,” Gerard said.

Former South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D’Arcy and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, current bishops of the diocese, were introduced at the rally that preceded the March, drawing cheers from the Notre Dame contingent on the Mall.

For Junior Katie McNelis, last spring’s controversy over Jenkins’ invitation to Obama made this March particularly significant.

“Going to the March is something I had always thought about, but this year was the time,” she said.

McNelis said Jenkins’ participation was an important display of solidarity with the students.

“I think the pro-life movement is something so much a part of the identity at Notre Dame,” she said.

But while many students came to Notre Dame with a clear understanding of the abortion debate, freshman Janiy Lou, a native of China, had never debated the issue before.

“I had never heard of this before. I never saw anything pro-life or pro-choice,” she said. “In China because of the one-child policy, it’s almost a common sense that abortion is legal.”

Yet Lou has always felt the one-child policy is inherently unfair, so she became involved in Right to Life activities on campus. The one-child policy and abortion are connected life issues for Lou.

“The policy is so cruel. You lose the right to have a baby,” she said. “I’m an only child and my mom already had her tubes tied.”

At the rally before the March, Jenkins talked with students and other political figures in the crowd, such as Joe Donnelly, con-paper for Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District, which houses Notre Dame.

Donnelly said he meets students against March every year and offers his congressional office as a place to visit and warm up.

“I try to come out every year because as you can see, there’s a huge crowd from the Notre Dame community,” Donnelly said.

After chatting with the Jenkins on the National Mall, Donnelly described the University president as “the best.”

“He’s a tremendous leader and a wonderful priest,” he said.

Freshman Tori O’Malley said she was impressed with Jenkins’ demeanor throughout the March, especially given that signs displayed throughout the March demanded he drop charges against people arrested for trespassing on the University campus during Commencement last year.

“It was cool to see Fr. Jenkins marching mixed in with everyone,” O’Malley said. “It was great how he reacted to the opposition against him. He just stayed calm and kept talking to people.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Castro questions U.S. troops in Haiti

HAVANA — Fidel Castro is questioning why the U.S. and other countries sent soldiers to quake-ravaged Haiti, saying military presence hinders international cooperation.

The former Cuban president writes that “without anyone knowing how or why,” Washington deployed troops “to occupy Haitian territory,” and other nations followed suit.

In an opinion column Sunday in state-controlled media, Castro said neither the U.S nor the U.S. “has offered an explanation to the people of the world.”

Castro noted that several governments complained about the presence of troops from landing aid flights and called on the U.S. to investigate.

Anti-Chavez channel removed

CARACAS, Venezuela — A cable-television channel critical of President Hugo Chavez was yanked from the air early Sunday for defying new government regulations requiring it to teleview some of the socialist leader’s national speeches.

Venezuelan cable and satellite TV providers stopped transmitting Radio Caracas Television Internacional, an anti-Chavez channel known as RCTV, after it did not show the president’s speaking engagements to a rural audience.

While five other channels were also dropped from cable, some say the government took broader action to dismiss its threat to shut down a popular, critical media outlet ahead of congressional elections and amid rising discontent over inflation, crime and electricity shortages.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man released after opening airplane door

DENVER — A man accused of attempting to open an airplane’s exterior door while in flight has been released after investigators determined it wasn’t a terrorism matter, authorities said Sunday.

The incident occurred Saturday on a United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., to Las Vegas. The plane, which had more than 100 people aboard, was diverted to Denver International Airport.

FBI spokeswoman Kathy Wright said a passenger tried opening one of the front doors of the airplane and may have tried to open the cockpit door before passengers restrained him. The man was taken into custody, questioned and released for a medical evaluation, she said.

Children swept away by river

SAN DIEGO — Two children swept away by the Tijuana river near the border last week remained missing Sunday, after a search for a reported body near storm-swollen waters in San Diego County turned up nothing, authorities said.

Migrants near Border Field State Park reported they may have seen a body in the water early Sunday, but such reports are unconfirmed. San Diego Customs and Border Protection searched the area for several hours but found nothing.

A 2-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy were caught in the north-flowing river in Tijuana after a car crash Wednesday and have not been seen since, Luque said.

Mexican authorities said the family’s car crashed into the water, killing their 9-year-old sister, according to Luque. The children’s parents were also in the car but their conditions were unknown, Luque said.

LOCAL NEWS

Lake project closes wildlife area

NORTH JUDSON, Ind. — A northern Indiana wildlife habitat project that closed for about three months for a project aimed at raising its lake levels.

The state Department of Natural Resources says it is closing the 140-acre Round Lake Wetlands near North Judson to the public for the duration of the work.

The agency says the project includes building a permanent water control structure and a berm that will raise the water level in the lake and help restore the surrounding wetlands at the site about 40 miles southwest of South Bend.

RUSSIA

Russia, U.S. arms treaty nearly complete

MOSCOW — A new nuclear arms reduction treaty is “95 percent ready,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Sunday in the clearest indication to date that an end is in sight to wrangling over the seminal agreement may be in the offing.

Medvedev said he is optimistic that a deal will be reached and that he was heartened by the pace of negotiations. “I expect the negotiations to take longer, but in the space of six months we have created the backbone of a document,” Medvedev said.

Expert-level talks to iron out the final details of the treaty are due to take place next month in Geneva. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, and retired Gen. Jim Jones, President Barack Obama’s national security advisor, were in Moscow last week to discuss treaty negotiations.

A new agreement would succeed the 2001 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, which expired Dec. 5. The two countries had hoped to reach a deal before the end of the year.

Medvedev and Obama agreed in July to cut the number of nuclear warheads each country has to between 1,550 and 1,675 under a new treaty.

While sounding a positive note over the START deal, Medvedev expressed reserva-
tions about missile defense plans, however. “It is silly to talk about strategic nuclear forces without mentioning missile defense,” he said. “If nuclear missiles are launched, then defense missiles can be launched also.”

The United States has scrapped a plan to position a missile defense system in Central Europe that had angered Moscow, which accused Washington of undermining its national defense.

Russia praised Obama for the decision, but Russian officials also have said they want to know more about the sea- and land-based systems the U.S. plans to put in place.

Medvedev said Sunday the issue of plans for a missile defense system will be dis-
cussed at the nuclear arms reduction treaty talks.

HATI

150,000 quake victims buried

Towering death toll doesn’t include bodies under rubble, government reports

One who wouldn’t die in Port-au-Prince was Wimson Exantus, who was extricated from the rubble Saturday. He spoke with the AP from his cot in a French field hospital on Sunday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was find a church to give thanks.

He spent the 11 days buried in the ruins of a hotel grocery store praying, reciting psalms and sleeping, he said. “I wasn’t afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me,” he said.

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viving in squalid, makeshift camps.

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Earthquake survivors wait in line to receive water and food at an impoverished distribution cen-
ter organized by the United Nations in the Cite Soleil neighborhood in Port-au-Prince Sunday.

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The truckers filling Haiti’s mass graves with bodies reported ever higher numbers. More than 150,000 quake victims have been buried by the government, an official said Sunday.

That doesn’t count those still under the debris, carried off by relatives or killed in the ongoing quake zone.

“Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000? 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll?” said the official, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassagne.

Dealing with the living, meanwhile, a global army of aid workers was getting more food into people’s hands, but acknowledged falling short. “We wish we could do more, quick-
er,” said U.N. World Food Program chief Josette Sheeran, visiting Port-au-Prince.

In the Cite Soleil slum, U.S. sol-
diers and Burkinabe U.N. peace-
keeping troops distributed food. Lunie Marcelin, 57, said the handouts will help her and six grown children “but it is not enough. We need more.”

Yet another oversight, one of more than 50 since the great quake Jan. 12, shook Port-au-
Prince on Sunday, registering 4.7 magnitude, the U.S. Geological Survey said. There were no immediate reports of further damage.

The Haitian government was urging many of the estimated 600,000 homeless huddled in open areas of Port-au-Prince, some 2 million, to look for better shelter with relatives or others in the countryside. Some 200,000 were believed already to have done so, most taking advantage of free government transportation, and others formed a steady stream out of the city on Sunday.

International experts searched for sites to erect tents for quake refugees on the capital’s outskirts, but such short-term solutions were still weeks away, said the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental agency.

“We also need tents. There is a shortage of tents,” said Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency’s chief of mission in Haiti. Their Port-au-Prince warehouse has 10,000 family-size tents, but some 100,000 are needed, he said.

The organization has appealed for $50 million for that and other needs, and has received two-thirds of that so far.

In the aftermath of the 7.0-
magnitude earthquake, the casualty estimates have been necessarily tentative. Lassagne told The Associated Press the government’s figure of 150,000 buried, from the capital area alone, was reported by CNN, a state company collecting corpses and burying them north of Port-
au-Prince.

That number would tend to confirm an overall estimate of 200,000 dead reported last week by the European Commission, citing Haitian govern-
ment sources. The United Nations, meanwhile, was stick-

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The final casualty estimates, which the European Commission said also include some 250,000 injured, will clearly place Haiti the earth-
quake among the deadliest nat-
ural catastrophes of recent times.

That list includes: the 1970 Bangladesh cyclone, believed to have killed 300,000 people; the 1974 northeast China earthquake, which killed at least 242,000 people; and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with 226,000 dead.

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Christian Unity Week

Monday, Jan 25:  “Breathing with Both Lungs: Growth and Challenges in Orthodox-Catholic Relations since Vatican II”  
Fr. Brian Daley, S.J. (Theology Dept.)  
7:00 PM, CoMo Lounge

Tuesday, Jan 26: Four:7 Catholic Fellowship on Ecumenism  
Kaitlyn Kiger, ISI VP, with Rebecca Sharbaugh  
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel

Wednesday, Jan 27: Theology on Tap presents Dr. Peter Casarella  
7:00 PM, Oak Room (above SDH)

Thursday, Jan 28: Christian Unity Prayer Service  
Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., Presider  
Reflections by Sr. Ann Astell (Theology Dept.)  
and Mr. Alden Golab (Senior & President, ISI)  
Music provided by the Celebration Choir, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, Totus Tuus, and ISI Musicians  
7:15 PM, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Friday, Jan 29:  Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service  
7:00 PM, Walsh Hall Chapel

ISI / Four:7 Praise & Worship Prayer Service  
8:00 PM, Keenan-Stanford Chapel

People of all faiths are welcome
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Fed leadership vote looms large

Wal-Mart cuts Sam’s Club employees

Wall Street, global markets could suffer if Bernanke is not confirmed this week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defeat of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke’s quest for another four-year term could raise the risk of a double dip recession if political jousting over a successor were to drag on for months, economists say.

But Bernanke’s prospects appeared to brighten Sunday, with three more senators, including Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, predicting he’ll be confirmed. A vote is expected later this week.

Still, the chance of Bernanke’s defeat has unsettled Wall Street, contributing to last week’s 4 percent loss in the Dow Jones industrial average, its worst performance in 10 months. If Bernanke were rejected, uncertainty over a successor would cast a dark cloud over global markets, at least in the short run.

Anxiety, along with sagging investments, could cause consumers and businesses to cut spending. Joblessness, already at 10 percent, could worsen. And the recovery might fail.

Economists who fear a double-dip recession — in which the recovery would collapse into another recession — regard it as a worst-case scenario. But they do not think it likely.

“The question is whether the recovery will collapse, or whether it will limp on,” said Lynn Bennett, chief economist for the National Association for Business Economics.

The move is an effort to improve sales sampling program to the next level,” Bennett said. Cornell has performed weaker than Wal-Mart Stores Inc.’s namesake stores on in-store demonstrations.

Sam’s Club CEO Brian Cornell said the company also eliminated 1,200 workers nationwide in about 1,500 jobs.

In Brief

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Iran bases budget on 860 crude oil

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran planned next year’s budget based on an oil price of $60 per barrel, nearly double the price from the last year, the official news agency reported on Sunday, indicating rising optimism over energy prices.

Last year, the parliament approved a budget based on $37.5 per barrel for the fiscal year ending in March, reflecting the steep drop in prices that severely impacted the economy. About 80 percent of Iran’s foreign revenue comes from oil exports.

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The cuts represent about 10 percent of the warehouse club operator’s 110,000 workers, mostly part-timers, who offer food samples and timers, who offer food samples and food items to entice shoppers to spend more.

Sam’s Club has performed weaker than Wal-Mart Stores Inc.’s namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad. Cornell has been working to improve results since taking the helm in early 2009, introducing new store formats, price cuts and offering more variety and more brands of items from take-home meals to baked goods.

As consumers eat out less in the shaky economy, Sam’s Club has tried to steal customers from grocery chains and rival warehouse stores like Costco Wholesale Corp., by offering more everyday goods like food and health and beauty items and paring its assortment of general merchandise like furniture and clothing.

But despite Wal-Mart Stores’ most recent quarter, revenue at the Sam’s Club division slipped nearly 1 percent to $11.55 billion while U.S. Walmart stores posted a 1.2 percent sales increase to $61.81 billion. Earlier this month, Wal-Mart Stores closed 10 underperforming Sam’s Club locations, resulting in the loss of about 1,500 jobs.
Crews work to protect wildlife from oil spill

Associated Press

DALLAS — Crews worked Sunday to protect two sensitive wildlife areas after a crude oil spill shut down parts of a major southeast Texas port, state Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

Plastic walls known as booms and oil-sucking skimmer boats were used to safeguard a lake that is a crucial breeding ground and a wildlife management area that lost its protective gates when Hurricane Ike roared ashore a year and a half ago, Patterson said.

The U.S. Coast Guard said about 462,000 gallons — or 11,000 barrels — of oil spilled into the water Saturday when an 800-foot tanker collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges near Port Arthur, about 90 miles east of Houston. It was the largest spill in Texas since 1994, but still well shy of one 20 years ago involving Norwegian tanker Mega Borg that leaked 4.3 million gallons of crude oil about 60 miles off Galveston.

The tide lifted the two ships and they separated shortly after midnight Sunday without more oil being spilled, Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Brabham said.

The crew of the damaged tanker, the Eagle Atome, sailed the remaining 80,000 of the 80,000 barrels of oil in the ship were pumped out, according to the Coast Guard.

Chief Warrant Officer Lionel Bryant of the Coast Guard said about 45,800 feet of booms were deployed to contain the spill.

“Because of where it happened, we were able to get teams out there quickly to at least contain it for now. But it’s still a tremendously large spill.”

Lionel Bryant
Chief Warrant Officer
United States Coast Guard

Coast Guard officials have said the spill was mostly contained in a 2-mile stretch of the Sabine Neches Waterway, which runs along the city of Port Arthur. The area off-limits to ships was extended 18 miles to the Texas Gulf Coast in case of a breach or a wind shift that might complicate containment efforts, Bryant said.

The ship collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges, leaving a 15-foot-by-8-foot hole in the tanker. During the collision, the towing vessel also hit another tanker that was tied to a pier. Brabham said that tanker sustained some damage, but had no leaks.

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A National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman said the agency was supporting the Coast Guard investigation but had no further details Sunday.
**New FEMA maps full of inaccuracies**

Associated Press

**ARLINGTON, Va. — Ray Vivier's daughter is an anchorer, a Marine veteran who explored the country from South Carolina to Alaska, the father of five children.**

The 61-year-old also was a man starting to get his life back together after living for years in a tent under a Cleveland bridge. He had struggled with alcoholism, but by the time he had finding a job, friends and a place to stay at a boarding house, he rescued five people from that house when arsonists set it. Vivier was in the right place: saving himself. And he three others, and two home owners were charged in their deaths.

Vivier's body, untainted and unidentified for weeks, seemed destined for an anonymous, modest burial.

However, Jody Fesco—who was Vivier while she was surprisingly young and had even invited her to her wedding—thought she would have been preserved and her husband contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an Associated Press photographer, about the situation. Vivier's body was of make sure Vivier wasn't forgotten, the body is funnelling a proper funeral. The body’s ashes were inurned at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

"You can see from what he did that he was a good father," said Meredith Cruz, Vivier’s ex-wife of 23 years. "He had attended the funeral with the couple’s children. "No matter what our differences were, he was engaged. He was married, I'm very proud of what he was."

For his grown children—who now are scattered around the world—Vivier had been gone for about 15 years. They knew of his heroism now—but not the details about the man he was trying to save. With his widow and their dad’s struggles with alcohol and other troubles.

"What I’m trying to get out of this is to have one good, concrete memory that I can have of him. I am going to save those people," said his oldest daughter, Elissa Vivier. "I’m proud of the man that he was becoming." Vivier was a private in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965 and 1966, though he didn’t see combat. His life was stationed at Parris Island, S.C., Cruz said.

After his discharge, Vivier spent years working as a machinist, welder, iron work-er and other tough jobs. He loved the outdoors and moved his family from Alaska to Oregon.

"He was just adventurous," Cruz said. "He loved to see different places and see what it was like to live there.”

When he was homeless in Cleveland, he was proud to one of the best shanties around, said Fesco, 29, who met Vivier at a soup kitchen.

"We hit if off right away, she said.

She took Vivier home for Christmas one year and later invited him to her wedding. Vivier was genuine, she said, "a real gentle spirit.

"When he found out he get him- self out of some struggles — some problems with alcohol — and just do better for himself, and he was, which was fan-tastic," Fesco said.

He thought of as an enigma in the U.S. Navy, helped arrange for Vivier’s remains to be placed in a columbarium wall at Arlington National Cemetery. The site overlooks the Pentagon with the National Cathedral and the Pentagon Memorial, a distance.

At the military service, seven Marines fired three rifle shots, and a bugler played taps. Elissa Vivier carried a gold urn with her father’s ashes to the wall and placed the urn next to the remains of thousands of veteran.

Ray Vivier was quiet, friends said, but people knew who he was. Cleveland City Councilman Joe Cimperman met Vivier years ago while working as a social worker. He said Vivier was quiet, yet kind and compassionate. More than 125 people attended a memorial service weeks after the service.

"It was a huge blow for the community. This was one of our neighbors who people cared about and knew," he said. "We’re less because he’s gone."

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**Homeless veteran buried at Arlington**

Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA — A col-lege student returning to school after the winter break fell victim to a prank at Philadelphia’s airport by a Transportation Security Administration worker who pretended to plant a plastic bag of illegal drugs put there by a terrorist.**

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Covert Innsbruck decision
a disservice to German department

Last Monday, the University announced its decision to cancel its study abroad program in Innsbruck, Austria. The facts are few and repeated, and the Innsbruck program was founded in 1964 and is Notre Dame’s oldest study abroad program, over these 45 years there have been more than 1,400 student participants, it was canceled due to lack of interest and Berlin is a cultural hot-spot of prestige to which the University would much rather send its students.

As an alumna of Innsbruck, I do not support the University’s decision to cancel its most tradition-seeped program. The city of Innsbruck itself has unique qualities that separate the Innsbruck program from nearly every other Notre Dame study abroad program. Innsbruck’s quantum of populatation is approximately 120,000 — 22,000 of whom are students and attend a university that is, as it has been since the University’s founding by the Jesuits in 1669. Innsbruck’s ideological history educated the minds of Karl Rahner and Raymond Schwinder, and its cultural Catholic character provides foreign students like me a community through Catholic organizations at the University. Beyond my obvious bias to the community’s spiritual beauty, and beauty of the city, I believe the decision to cancel the Innsbruck program could cause serious problems for Notre Dame’s German Department. Innsbruck is a welcoming, small city where students feel a part of the experience and can treat the province Tirol like home. Because of this, many students who return to America apply for Fulbrights, Fulbright Teaching Assistantships, internships, jobs and other research positions in Germany or Austria.

The majority of students in the past three years who have participated in these research positions in Germany or Austria. Assistantships, internships, jobs and other department undertakings have studied through the Innsbruck program before deciding to apply. Berlin’s program could perhaps promote the same drive to research and take higher-level projects, yes, but the minimal interest in the program suggests that the numbers of German students to go on in such pursuits would never meet current numbers without the Innsbruck program encouraging German language development. One fact that has been overwhelmingly missing from all articles and press releases is the current interest in the Berlin program. enrollment has oscillated between three and five students per year for the past three years.

During my time in Innsbruck, I experienced academic frustrations that arose from the limitations that the Office of International Studies (OIS) places on its students. Before going to Innsbruck, I had taken German for seven years and lived in northern Germany, setting my language at the Cl level that the European Union requires on its exam before attempting university study in a language other than your own. However, OIS students are required to take only Notre Dame-offered courses in the fall semester, which is still in German and taught by Innsbruck Professors, but are only other Notre Dame students. Because my language was at a different level than other students, in my fall Notre Dame classes I was bored, unchallenged, frustrated — all symptoms arising from what Mr. David Younger from OIS cited as the “less ‘demanding’ academic qualities of the Innsbruck program.”

He is certainly right; the academic portion was not quite as demanding as a Notre Dame education. But to fix this, all OIS needs to do is allow students with the language competency at the beginning of the year to enroll in normal University of Innsbruck courses (currently, students are allowed to enroll in one or two Innsbruck courses, but only in the spring semester). By getting academic challenges to increase for those students who have more experience with the language, and the challenging opportunity for German-language beginners in the Notre Dame Innsbruck program was nullified, as well. Enrollment issues solved.

Not our place to judge

Today’s Staff

Kaitlin Ferraro
Viewpoint
Jessa Shaffer

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Our current obsession with creativity is the result of our shared striving for immortality in an era when people no longer believe in an after-life.”

— Arianna Stassinopoulos, co-founder of The Huffington Post

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Experience is a good school, but the fees are high.”

— Helmhth Heinic
German literary critic

When I spoke to OIS last fall about my frustrations, I was told I could transfer to Berlin. However, I preferred the small mountain town of Innsbruck and the companionship of my host family — to living alone in a huge metropolis. Our program director, an Innsbruck Professor who has led the Notre Dame program for 20 years along with his wife, could not help me beyond contacting Notre Dame or comforting me, due to hand-tying by OIS.

This same man was not informed of the decision to cancel the Innsbruck program until the day of Notre Dame’s press release to the world. Never have I been so ashamed of Notre Dame — that lack of respect is unacceptable to show anyone, much less someone who has devoted 20 years of his life to making a program excel beyond Notre Dame’s standards in ways that the by-the-chasing administration would not understand. I turned down ives to go here because I thought Notre Dame’s Catholic character fostered a sense of respect for fellow human beings that no other American University matched. Perhaps the Administration feels decency is not important when negotiating with other first-world citizens. I respectfully disagree.

I never thought I would so adamantly argue for Innsbruck, but if the only option students will have to study German is in a huge metropolis, the future German Department enrollment will suffer.

Improving the Innsbruck program would have helped the German Department and Notre Dame students far more than shafting it in a secretive and dishonest way. I and many other alumni of the Innsbruck program are ashamed of our University’s decision and we urge its rethinking while fully aware of the apparent futility of this request.

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Letter to the Editor

Sometimes it takes a Viewpoint letter to bring about clarity. I would like to thank Patrick McHugh for his erudite letter about forgiveness (“Forgive and forget,” Jan. 22). For the past week, I have been more annoyed than anything else about the comic hoopa, but I am now writing my own letter of support for adding sexual orientation to Notre Dame’s anti-discrimination clause.

While I will never wear a shirt that says, “Gay? Fine by me,” I don’t believe it is my place, nor Notre Dame’s, to be judge of morality. And let us be honest: The only thing holding Notre Dame students far more than shafting it in a secretive and dishonest way. I and many other alumni of the Innsbruck program are ashamed of our University’s decision and we urge its rethinking while fully aware of the apparent futility of this request.

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Letter to the Editor

Introduction

Let me add my own voice to the chorus of登云 who have expressed their dismay at the decision to cancel our German language program in Innsbruck, Austria. As a student who has spent six months living and studying in this beautiful city, I believe that this decision was a grave mistake.

Innsbruck is not just a city, but a place with a rich cultural heritage. It is home to a number of prestigious universities, including the University of Innsbruck, which offers a unique opportunity for students to study German language and culture. The program in Innsbruck is renowned for its rigorous academic standards and its commitment to providing students with a rich and diverse learning experience.

The decision to cancel the Innsbruck program was met with widespread disappointment and frustration among students, faculty, and alumni. Many people expressed concerns about the impact of this decision on the future of the German language program at Notre Dame, as well as the wider implications for Notre Dame’s international reputation.

While I understand the pressure that Notre Dame is under to balance its budget and reduce expenses, I believe that this decision was shortsighted and will ultimately be harmful to the University. By canceling the Innsbruck program, Notre Dame is passing up an opportunity to provide its students with a unique and enriching educational experience.

Innsbruck is a vibrant and dynamic city, with a rich history and a thriving cultural scene. It is the perfect place for students to immerse themselves in the language and culture of Germany, and to gain a deeper understanding of the country and its people.

I believe that this decision was a mistake, and I urge Notre Dame to reconsider it. The benefits of the Innsbruck program are too great to be casually dismissed. Notre Dame should work to find a way to support the program while also addressing its financial concerns.

I hope that Notre Dame will take this decision seriously and work to find a solution that benefits both the students and the University as a whole.

Sincerely,

[Student’s Name]
A spectre is haunting Notre Dame—the spectre of community. That spectre represents all the powers of old Notre Dame capable of exercising it have been turned out or tuned out with no trace of the spirit of their once-contiguous commitment to excellence.

There once was a time when the concept of Notre Dame passing on a highly-ranked team evoked memories of Derails to Rockne or Hanratty to Seymour. Now the words regularly appear in news clips and Web sites and Rick Echevarria is more interested in playing Duke and Wake Forest than, say, Texas or Tennessee. Although this through philosophical shift is marketed as a symbolic effort to be a shining light atop the hill for college athletics by playing teams that "look like us," ostensibly it's a retreat to a perceived position of greater convenience. After more than a decade of mismanagement of the football program, it rings of (this might sound familiar) an ordinance of the implied cost of football excellence, a crisis of confidence that made even more grave by the covert pessimism of Notre Dame's leaders. And more importantly, it cowers to the false choice that Notre Dame football has forever dedicated its existence to reject.

Notre Dame football was once a witness to the fullest measure of its university mission as an unabashedly religious university committed to excellence in all its endeavors, both academic and athletic. Although it's true that the Big XII and SEC powers have never fully embraced both missions, notably Notre Dame and Wake Forest football. And it's worth noting that Duke already uprooted its religious origins. But the tradition of Notre Dame football — a tradition that arched the back from which a world-class academic institution later spread its wings — was built by a charmed spirit that established and defended its excellence by challenging and defeating the best teams in the country. The legacy began with its first game against regional power Michigan in 1888 and the historic trip to West Point in 1916. In addition to its traditional rivalry games, the indomitable spirit reflected itself in the first famed Game of the Century at Ohio State in 1935 and by ending the sport's longest winning streak in 1957 at Oklahoma. It was that spirit Lou Holtz credited for ousting Miami in 1988 and that upended an irrevocable Seminole squad in 1993.

To adapt a phrase from Fr. Hesburgh, there's no academic virtue in beating teams that don't make the same commitment to football as in academics, and there's no academic vice in whipping a top-ranked team that eschews its educational responsibilities. In fact, there is no greater testament to the success of our university's mission than to do just that, as Notre Dame has done throughout out its existence. That is, unless the virtue of strongly standing across from one's opponents that was boasted about last May applies only to politics.

In between building straw men out of its critics' passionate but reasoned objections, the Notre Dame athletic administration has preoccupied itself by pulling the wool over the eyes of its faithful by building slogans for the MAC like Moody's cropping: "As a matter of public relations necessity of supporting a short-sighted 7-4-1 scheduling model that — apart from cowardly attempting to schedule success instead of earning it — leaves no room for the intuitively exciting national matchups that were and will still be necessary to maintain a thriving national product. What is the purpose of Notre Dame's treasured independence when the only flexibility in its schedule lies in which also-ran to fill its "buy" games? After such an abrupt retreat from the deep-rooted confidence in our institutional values that other Irish athletic administrations ensured were exemplified through the success of the football program, one can't help but wonder if the entire goal of this endeavor to make us ask that question.

While Notre Dame's savvy sports marketers imagine themselves to be the next George Stricker or Roger Valdiesser, our financial leaders seem oblivious to the fact that as they slash and burn through their "college football landscape" in the effort to maximize revenue they are slowly destroying the game's most valuable brand as they allow the virtues that formed its foundation to crumble from within. It won't happen overnight, but sooner or later, they will run out of suckers willing to hand over their hard-earned cash for a cut-rate commitment to football excellence. They can just as easily find that at Duke or Wake Forest.

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Sexuality a gift

It has become painfully apparent since Jan. 13 that our community is not yet the Christian witness we hope to be. Many have noted an element of community, and especially those with homosexual inclinations. The first is the toleration of any kind of sexual relations of friendship freely given among those in most need of our assistance. The second is the tolerance of any kind of sexual orientation. We have received.

As our community mourns this loss, we take a moment to consider that freedom is only a gift when given and freely received, especially among those in most need of our love.

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It is not funny to joke about hurting someone. There is never a justification for violence. What if the joke had been made about violence towards Jewish people, or African-Americans? Surely you would realize that this is not an issue you can just brush under the rug and forget about. This is a serious issue on campus that needs to be addressed. The hate crimes and discrimination towards gays is one that is coming before such a disturbing issue, which goes against everything Jesus taught us.

Dear Patrick McHugh ("Forgive and forget," Jan. 22)

This cartoon ("Mobile Party," Jan. 13) is not just an offensive joke. It signifies a new policy that the University has preoccupied itself by building up the merits of the football program, one can't help but wonder if the entire goal of this endeavor is to make us ask that question.

Jillian Hirsch

student

Paquella West Hall

Jan. 24

Larger issue at hand

Go ahead. Make their day.

Sean Hanlon

Journalism

Jan. 23

See those cute blue bins everywhere around campus? Those are for recycling.

Go ahead. Make their day.

Recycle.

Sarah Johnson

Lynn Hall

Jan. 24

A foreign new policy

Guest Column

Tim Dougherty

Keep 'The Shirt' kelly-green

This one will be short and sweet. Stop changing the color of "The Shirt" every year. Keep it kelly-green permanently. The obvious reasons that we are the obvious colors that we are the student section "in the stands," to know that at Duke or Wake Forest. (And it's just as easily find that at Duke or Wake Forest.)

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One of the most fascinating concepts of the entertainment industry is the idea of an artist’s early work. Art snobs infallibly love any popular artist’s early work. There is often great merit to this love. Although they are stuck with a low budget and questionable surrounding talent, creative genius, incredible energy and an unjaded vision shine through in these B movies. Working through the back catalogues of visionary directors like Sam Rami or Christopher Nolan will undoubtedly reward the viewer. However, this is not always the case. Sometimes the early work of an artist is downright embarrassing. See Justin Timberlake’s work with N’Sync or Dr. Dre as a member of World Class Wreckin’ Cru. There is a third, much more rare possibility; the early work is just confusing. This is the case with the masterful Peter Jackson.

Jackson started his career scrapping money together in New Zealand to create low-budget horror films. Among the best of these was the oddly-titled zombie flick “Dead Alive.” Treasured by horror buffs, this plot-light, blood-heavy film has carved its own niche in the already crowded cult movie scene. Like many cult classics, a small but disproportionately vocal group of fans champion the merits of this exercise in gore.

The narrative is a timeless story. Lionel, the unassuming protagonist, is a young man thoroughly devoted to his mother, reminiscent of “Psycho’s” Norman Bates. When a hybrid rat-monkey bites his controlling and manipulative mother, Lionel is forced to continue caring for her with heavy tranquilizers, sedating her to keep her from eating both him and others. As will happen, a single zombie quickly grows into a horde including a local hoodlum, a kung-fu fighting priest and an infant. Lionel’s zombie zoo is discovered by his uncle, who turns the situation to his advantage through blackmail. As more zombies are created, violence soon becomes the only feasible solution. Jackson shows a deep appreciation for the slasher films of the 80s, liberally applying gore in every scene possible. What is missing in character development and a coherent plot and a special effects budget is replaced by copious amounts of fake blood. While multiple films have claimed to be the goriest film ever made, “Dead Alive” makes a strong claim to that title, utilizing more fake blood than any movie to date.

The film itself contains many remarkable moments that sit on the line between horror and comedy: scenes of zombie digestive systems, slap stick violence, a prominently featured garden gnome and a climax heavily dependent on a helpfully placed lawnmower. Embodied in these moments is the B movie majesty so loved by horror fans.

For the unfamiliar, horror movies share a commonality with country music. Both are rich in history and deeply loved, but lack critical recognition and are near inaccessible to a wide stream audience. In the realm of horror movies, “Dead Alive” is George Jones. Unapologetic and unappealing, but loved for exactly what it is. “Dead Alive” is exactly what one would expect of a movie that was sold in many places in a combo pack with vomit bags. While it gives no indication of the man who would direct the most epic trilogy in film 15 years later, it occupies its own special place in the horror cannon. Never widely popular, influential or important, it aspires to be nothing more than a cinematic feast in gore; a blood-filled experiment of film making. For those fans with an affection for methodical mutilation, mindless violence and unceremonious zombie death, a viewing of “Dead Alive” is akin to catching a glimpse of the Holy Grail.

Jackson’s early work “Dead Alive” confuses audiences with a plethora of gore and violence.
RFK: The Journey to Justice

By ADRIANA PRATT
Assistant Scene Editor

From passive political patron to passionate justice torchbearer, Robert F. Kennedy’s legacy of transformation and maturation showed how great dedication to greatness could affect the lives of millions and alter the course of a nation. L.A. Theatre Works’ original production, “RFK: The Journey to Justice,” took a unique approach to depicting the life of one of America’s heroes and successfully showed the importance of his role played in the attainment of civil rights.

Though not as famous as his presidential brother John, Robert Kennedy’s involvement in the chase for racial equality was crucial to bringing the issue to the forefront of political policies. The L.A. Theatre Works’ presentation showed how Kennedy’s behind-the-scenes involvement began solely for the purpose of winning John votes and ending the primary focus of his own political career.

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The cast of course fails to represent all Italian-Americans, but they never fail to bring laughter every week. What are we to do without The Situation and his self-absorbed, outrageous comments every week? The cast of characters range from the cocky Mike “The Situation” to the peanut sized, orange Nicole “Snooki,” to the tough Jenni “J-Woww” with the powerful left hook.

Of course one would be remiss to forget DJ extraordinaire and perennial wingman Pauly D and the youngster of the group Vinny. And the group is rounded out by the constantly on and off again couple of Ronnie and Sammi “Sweetheart.” The nicknames alone demonstrate the genius of this show.

The season has brought us many moments of hilarity and debauchery. Among the many fistfights, a grown man hit Snooki, J-Woww punched a girl, and Ronnie even spent the night in jail for fighting.

There are so many other fond memories to look back on, like Paulie “Shocker” telling interest Danielle or Vinny and the rest of the gang’s infamous fist pumping. And of course an episode could not be complete without Ronnie and Sammi “preening” at least once.

Remember that time The Situation put handfuls of pickles under Snooki’s bed? Or made a cheesy gross concoction to sink up Vinny’s room? Speaking of Vinny, how about when he stole the boss’ girl at the club? Or when he hooked up with The Situation’s sister? “Jersey Shore” has even had a profound influence on campus with many themed parties in recent weeks. So what ingredients do you need to complete the perfect Shore party? And what challenges must have a horrible last tan or at least some heavy-duty stain remover. The men require hair gel plenty of preening prior to the party, and a visit to the gym before hand. Home made Italian food is always welcome, and pickles are necessary if any Snooki-inspired characters plan on attending. Extra touches might include a duck phone that quacks incessantly, or a Jersey accent.

By all the time, we, the viewers, spent with our new crazy Italian family it was hard to part ways with them last week. However, the finale did not disappoint. We were left with the hilarious pink duct tape hook up of The Situation and Snooki, and the heartbreaking on-air breakup of Ronnie and Sammi on the reunion show. It is wrong that we were sad to see their pairing end after all of the ridiculous problems they have had? After faisconike Sammi’s big Flinstone toe, Mike’s attempts to break them up or nights spent in jail you would think these two could make it.

The show has spawned a phenomenon, with the cast making pricey appearances at nightclubs all over the U.S. They have also made their way all over the talk show route (during which Mike dubbed Conan O’Brien “The Solution”), and Snooki has even been immortalized on “Saturday Night Live.”

While we wait for (hopefully) a second season, we can enjoy the “Shore’s” ridiculousness with endless MTV reruns.

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NHL

Ward Joinks lead Hurricanes’ victory over Bruins

Nabokov has 38 saves during Sharks’ defeat of Sabres; early goals from Sedin, Bernier help Canucks beat Hawks

Associated Press

Boston since Feb. 12, 2008. Carolina didn’t claim any points against the Bruins last season, but did eliminate them in over-time in Game 7 in the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. Rask finished with four saves and allowed LaRose’s goal in the opening minute of the third for Boston, which has its longest losing streak since dropping six straight from Dec. 19-20, 2007. This one was all Carolina, with Joinks playing a part in the first three goals. He did most of the hard work on Carolina’s second goal, splitting two Bruins to chase down Pitkanen’s long pass down the center of the ice and then drew Thomas’ attention before backing a pass at the last instant to Staal. Carolina’s new captain then buried the puck into an open net to make it 2-0 about 4½ minutes into the second.

Making matters worse for Boston, defensemen Matt Hunwick was called for holding during that sequence to give the Hurricanes another power play. The Bruins killed it, but 3 seconds after Hunwick left the penalty box, Joinks snatched the puck on Thomas’ make it 3-0. Joinks also contributed to Whitney’s goal, which got the rout started about 8 minutes in. After Thomas left the net open with an ill-advised poke-check attempt, Whitney tapped it in for his 16th goal and fourth in his last five home games.

Sharks 5, Sabres 2

Joe Pavelski’s second goal of the game broke a tie in the third period and Evgeni Nabokov made 38 saves to lead the San Jose Sharks to their fifth straight victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday night.

Jed Ortmeyer scored twice and Henrik Sedin added his second goal 18 seconds into the second period, but Nabokov has allowed only eight goals in his past seven starts, playing his best hockey of the season with the Olympics just a month away.

He helped kill a two-man advantage in the second period with help from a couple of shots that banged off posts. The fans started chanting “Nabby! Nabby!” after one particularly strong save against former teammate Craig Rivet in the third period.

Nabokov will likely start in Vancouver for the Russians next month, while Buffalo’s Ryan Miller is expected to be the No. 1 U.S. goalie. While Russia and the U.S. are in different time zones, the two goalies could meet again in the medal round, perhaps even get the best of this meeting.

Nabokov allowed a first-period goal to Tim Connolly and then a power-play goal to Jason Pominville 18 seconds into the third that tied the game at 2. Pominville’s backhander deflected off Nabokov’s skate. The Sharks had killed all 33 power plays over the past 19 games before allowing that goal.

It didn’t end up costing them when Pavelski delivered the game-winner 6:41 into the third period to make the final save on Devin Setoguchi’s shot, but Nabokov got to the loose puck at the left post and kicked it home for his eighth career two-goal game.

Ortmeyer scored two goals in the final 10 minutes to put the game out of question, including an empty-netter with 1 minute remaining.

The Sabres have lost three games in California in five days, also losing in Anaheim on Tuesday and in a shootout to Los Angeles on Thursday. Buffalo wraps up a season-high seven-game road trip Monday in Vancouver.

Trailing 1-0 after one period, the Sharks were opportunistic in the second. Manny Malhotra got them started with strong forechecking. He stole a puck from Stevan Montador and fed Pavelski for the tying goal early in the second.

Joe Thornton then set up the go-ahead goal when he spanned around in the corner and fired a backhand pass right to Healey’s stick in front of the net. Healey deflected the puck through Miller’s legs for his 30th goal, marking the sixth time he has reached that mark.

The Sabres dominated the first period, outshooting the Sharks 14-5 and scoring the only goal off a broken play. After Thornton turned the puck over in the defensive zone, Connolly took a pass from Pominville for his 15th goal, extending his point streak to 15 games.

Canucks 5, Blackhaws 2

Mikael Samuelsson, Henrik Sedin and Steve Bernier scored in the first period and Roberto Luongo made 43 saves to lead the Vancouver Canucks’ win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday night.

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews scored 3:30 into the third period, but Henrik Sedin added his second goal 32 seconds later. Vancouver won its fourth straight to move into a tie with Colorado atop the Northwest Division.

Daniel Sedin, who also had two assists, rounded out the scoring on a 2-on-1 pass from twin brother Henrik with 1:26 left as the No. 1 line combined for nine points. Alex Burrows had three assists to extend his point streak to 11 games (13 goals, 5 assists). Henrik has an NHL-leading point total to 74.

Chicago backup Antti Niemi got his first career start and stopped 35 of 38 in his first NHL start. He gave up goals on 14 of 16 shots.

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Canuck’s goalie Roberto Luongo stops an attempted goal from the Blackhaws during the third period of the Canucks’ win.

Pittakan had two assists for the Hurricanes. Carolina’s Ray Whitney, Eric Staal, and Jussi Jokinen celebrate Whitney’s goal and two assists in the third period.

Players celebrated as Jim is still ringing the doorbell

Dwight and Michael start arguing

Answer the door.

I’m not answering the door.

I’m not answering the door.

Decline, Answer the Door.

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No way, it’s the KGB. Ding dong.

I’m not answering that! Dwight and Michael start arguing as Jim is still ringing the doorbell!

You’re going to ring the doorbell until I open it.

I’m not going to answer if it’s the KGB.

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Nolan Ryan group to buy Rangers

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The sides announced Saturday night that they had finally reached an agreement, eight days after a 30-day exclusive negotiating window expired. The group is headed by Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg.

“Together, we have worked exhaustively since last month to attain this agreement,” Hicks said in a statement. “It’s a complex business deal that positions the franchise positively for the future.”

The purchase price is expected to be more than $500 million.

The next step is the deal has to be reviewed by baseball’s executive and ownership committees. Then at least 75 percent of baseball owners would have to approve the transfer of ownership from Hicks to Greenberg’s group.

A group of 40 lenders holding debt from Hicks Sports Group also has to approve. There is a chance the deal could be approved before the April 5 opener, though the process could continue into the season.

Nolan Ryan to continue his association with the Rangers as chairman emeritus.

In Brief

Golf

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Raiders say Cable's return not official

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders denied a report by ESPN on Saturday that they have made a decision to bring Tom Cable back as coach next season, saying the evaluation process is still ongoing.

“We’ve never made any statement that the head coach would not be back, that has been media speculation from the beginning,” senior executive John Herrera said in a statement to The Associated Press on Saturday night. “We’ve consistently stated that we’re going through an evaluation process to determine the direction that the organization needs to go. The process is ongoing and has not reached a conclusion.”

ESPN reported earlier Saturday that Davis had decided to retain Cable for the final year of his contract in 2010, citing a source close to the situation.

College Basketball

George Mason University near Washington.

Watson, Prugh tied after four rounds

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Bubba Watson double-bogeyed the final hole in the fourth round at the Bob Hope Classic, dropping him back into a tie with PGA Tour rookie Alex Prugh at 23-under 265 heading into the finale in the five-round event.

Watson finished with 3-under 69 on Sunday to match Prugh (70) at 23-under 265. Bill Haas and Tim Clark were a stroke back after 66s, Joe Ogilvie (68) followed at 21 under, and Mike Weir (67) was in a group at 20 under.

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NEW ORLEANS — They sure ain’t the Aints anymore.

The New Orleans Saints are heading to their first Super Bowl after Favre and beating the Minnesota Vikings 31-28 in overtime Sunday on unheralded Garrett Hartley’s 40-yard field goal.

Favre threw away Minnesota’s best chance to win, losing an interception deep in New Orleans territory in the closing seconds of regulation. Then the Saints won the coin toss and soon it was over.

The team that had no home field five years ago when Hurricane Katrina forced it to the Superdome overcame a slew of mistakes in the biggest game the Big Easy has ever seen.

“This is for everybody in this city,” said coach Sean Payton, the architect of the Saints’ turn-around. “This stadium used to have holes in it and used to be wet. It’s not wet anymore. This is for the city of New Orleans.”

Forget the paper bag masks and that long history of losing that started in 1967. Moments after Hartley’s kick, they were cheering their hometown win on Bourbon Street.

And in the Superdome, once a squalid refuge after Katrina, they boogied in the aisles as confetti covered the field.

It’s a moment I’ve been waiting for a long time and obviously we’re not done yet,” said Drew Brees, who picked up his second Super Bowl appearance.

The Saints (15-3) will meet Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts (16-2) in the Super Bowl in two weeks in Miami. The Colts opened as four-point favorites.

It’s the first time the top seeds in each conference made the big game since the 1993 season. “Brett and I are fired up, but now we’ve got another challenge in Peyton,” safety Darren Sharper said.

There were nine fumbles and two interceptions, and the biggest mistake belonged to Favre. Flushed from the pocket in the final minute, he seemed to have room to run to set up a field goal. But hampered by a left leg injury in the third quarter, he threw cross-field and was intercepted by Tracy Porter at the 22.

That finished off Minnesota’s chance for its first Super Bowl trip in 33 years — and opportunity to win it for the first time after four defeats. The Vikings have lost five straight NFC title games.

“I’ve felt better,” said Favre, who looked every bit his 40 years. “It was a physical game. A lot of hits. You win that and you sure feel a lot better.”

New Orleans won the coin toss, Brees guided it to the Minnesota 22 after converting a fourth-and-5 run by Thomas, then leap over the line, and Hartley — suspended at the start of the season for using a banned stimulant — split the uprights 44 inches.

“I was as loud as I have ever heard it in the dome,” Brees added. “It feels so good to know we have given our fans an NFC championship. We have another chance to go after in two weeks.”

It was anything but easy for the Saints, in only their second season in the Super Bowl. They lost at Chicago three years ago.

They had to withstand yet one more comeback by Favre, who ran back the NFL title game (13-3) after another brief retirement. He was alternately sullen and pleasant in the postgame interview, finally betrayed by his own frustration and, perhaps, an aging body.

Porter’s pick sent it into overtime. Minnesota’s defense has needed extra time and the second in three seasons. Two years ago their interception in OT set up a field goal that sent the Giants past the Packers and into the Super Bowl.

The Saints can only hope they have the same happy ending an New York did back then.

“You’d want to live,” said Reggie Bush, who scored a touchdown and also nudged a punt that set up a Brees touchdown pass to “One more stop.”

The seesaw game saw All-Pro Adrian Peterson score three touchdowns for Minnesota and Saints running back Pierre Thomas get two. The Vikings took over at the 7 and, on third down, Bush caught a pass from Favre right over the fingertips of linebacker Gary Brackett.

“We were a little bit lucky,” said Favre, who looked every bit his 40 years. “It was a physical game. A lot of hits. You win that and you sure feel a lot better.”

New Orleans won the coin toss, Brees guided it to the Minnesota 22 after converting a fourth-and-5 run by Thomas, then leap over the line, and Hartley — suspended at the start of the season for using a banned stimulant — split the uprights 44 inches.

“I was as loud as I have ever heard it in the dome,” Brees added. “It feels so good to know we have given our fans an NFC championship. We have another chance to go after in two weeks.”

Associated Press

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This is perfect for the Indianapolis Colts. They have Peyton Manning and they’re back in the Super Bowl. The long-suffering franchise won its second conference title, beating the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship game.

The Colts (16-2) are now headed to their first Super Bowl since their magical run ended in Miami in 2006, when the New York Jets, who had no home field that season, won the AFC to go after in two weeks.

“I thought we just kept our composure throughout the fourth quarter,” said Indianapolis coach Jim Caldwell. “We talked, if it’s not us, I hope it’s the Jets.”

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**Australian Open**

**Roddick defeats Gonzales**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick ousted Fernando Gonzalez of Chile on Sunday, surviving a late surge by the Chilean to win 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 and advance to the quarterfinals at the season’s first major.

Roddick, the seventh-ranked American, said after the win that he felt better physically after playing in the men’s doubles at the Australian Open.

He’ll next meet No. 14 Marin Cilic in the quarterfinals at the Australian Open that resulted in fourth-round exists for U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro and two of the top three women.

The seventh-seeded Roddick rallied to beat Gonzalez 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 and advance to the quarterfinals at the season’s first major for the sixth time in eight years. He’ll next meet No. 14 Marin Cilic, who ousted del Potro in five sets and four hours, 38-minutes earlier in the evening.

“I got a little lucky tonight, but sometimes it’s better to be lucky than good,” said Roddick, who is hoping to end a Grand Slam title drought that dates back to the 2003 U.S. Open.

Two of Russia’s top hopes were ousted, but replaced by another Russian in the women’s draw.

Second-ranked Dinara Safina retired due to a back problem while she was down 4-5, serving at 30-40 in the first set against Maria Kirilenko, who won 30-40 in the first set against Maria Kirilenko, and fellow Russian Maria Sharapova in the first round.

No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova lost 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 to Nadia Petrova, who won the 2007 Australian Open finalist and Nadal on the ball but stopped when he heard the out call.

Rodríguez then knocked two drink bottles near the player’s chair. The booming forehands that troubled Roddick earlier then started to wane, and, after saving two match points, the Chilean double-faulted to end the match.

The 2007 Australian Open finalist refused to blame anyone else for the loss, saying he’d have to watch replays before comment further.

But it wasn’t the key of the match,” he said. “The key of the match was before I have like a break point, love-30, miss two balls. I think that was most important than that point.”

**NFL**

**Three players up for NFL Man of the Year**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Redskins linebacker London Fletcher, Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards and Chiefs guard Brian Waters are finalists for the NFL’s Man of the Year Award.

The award, named for the late Walter Payton, goes annually to the player who combines on-field excellence with off-the-field community service.

This season Fletcher started a curriculum, mentoring program for 25 Washington, D.C., middle school students. The students visited Capitol Hill, talked with congressmen, explored museums, distributed food to local residents, participated in a forum about peer pressure, health and education.

“I’m extremely humbled to be considered one of the three finalists,” Fletcher said. “Each team submits all their inspirational ‘Men of the Year’ candidates, so out of 32 players I’m one of three. I’m so grateful to be considered for the Walter Payton Man of the Year, so truly I’m humbled and honored.”

Furry created a foundation and spends time supporting charitable causes. The foundation has created relationships with local charities in Miami, as well as with more than a dozen charitable organizations. Furry provides inspiration for children in hospitals, serves as a mentor for kids in children’s homes, tackles hunger and nutrition issues, supports neighborhood development and organizes holiday initiatives.

Waters’ foundation has awarded scholarships to low-income students. Children have benefited from his back-to-school program that provides backpacks with school supplies, as well as haircuts, uniforms, shoes, immunizations and dental care.


The winner will be announced live on CBS before the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

**NBA**

**Turkoglu’s free throws lead Raptors to victory**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Hedo Turkoglu made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left as the Toronto Raptors beat the Los Angeles Lakers 106-105 on Sunday night. Andrea Bargnani scored 22 points, Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack each had 18 and Marco Belinelli added 15 for the Raptors, who are 6-0 at home this season against Western Conference opponents.

Kobe Bryant missed a last-second jump shot and fell out of his first triple-double of the season, scoring 27 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Bryant, who shot 11 for 24, has 16 career triple-doubles.

Bryant took an inbound pass from Luke Walton but his fadeaway jumper rimmed out as the Lakers lost for the second time in three games.

Pau Gasol scored 22 points, but he was ejected by officials in the fourth on a Bargnani 3-pointer with 3:33 left, putting Toronto up 93-90. Farmar answered with a 3 of his own, but a Belinelli 3 from the corner at 6:26 restored Toronto’s lead, making it 98-95.

The Lakers weren’t in front for long, with baskets by Andrew Bynum and Kobe Bryant putting the Lakers back on top, 100-99, with 4:34 left. Bargnani made two free throws to give the Raptors a 105-100 edge with 4:57 left.

Bennett made the free throw for 105-101, making it 105-100 with 2:24 to go.

Toronto wasn’t done, with Bargnani making the free throw after he was fouled on a reverse layup to make it 105-104 with 1:16 remaining. Bryant and Bargnani both missed jumpers before Belinelli knocked a loose ball out of play with 15.5 seconds remaining and 3 seconds on the shot clock. Bryant’s quick jumper bounced off the rim and Bosh grabbed the rebound, giving Toronto a 106-100 lead with 11 seconds to play.

Bosh then gave the ball to Turkoglu, who was fouled by Gasol with 1.2 seconds left. Turkoglu made 6 of 6 from the line, making five free throws, setting up the dramatic finish.

Bargnani, who returned to Toronto earlier this week after sitting out Friday’s win over Milwaukee with a sore lower back, brought the crowd to its feet with a reverse dunk in the first.
NBA

Mavs beat Knicks in record win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dallas Mavericks rolled to the biggest win in franchise histo-
ry, ignoring the absence of two stars to crush the New
York Knicks 128-78 on Sunday.

Drew Gooden stepped into the lineup with 15 points and 18 rebounds. Jose Nowitzki and Jason Terry each scored 20 points, and Rodrigue Beaubois put on a shooting clinic in beating the Knicks for the eighth straight time. Dallas shot 58 percent from the field, was 12 of 22 from behind the arc and 16 of 17 from the foul line.

The Mavericks led by as much as 53 and outscored the Knicks 70-31 over the middle two quarters on the way to bettering their 149-104 victo-

Jose Barea replaced point guard Jason Kidd in the line-
up and scored 11 points, and rookie Rodrigue Beaubois backed him up with 13.

The Knicks owned the previ-
ous largest lead in the NBA this season when they led Indiana by 48 points three weeks ago, but they offered no resistance to the Mavs on Sunday in the second-worst loss in franchise history.

Already leading by 16 at halftime, the Mavs made 15 of 19 shots (79 percent) in the third quarter. Nowitzki was only 1 of 6 for seven points at the half, then scored 13 in the third on 5-of-6 shooting before the starters took a seat for good.

Kidd left the team following Friday's 92-81 loss in Philadelphia to return to Dallas, with owner Mark Cuban saying it was for a family reason. Erick Dampier was inactive with a left knee injury but was easily replaced by Gooden, who badly out-
played Knicks All-Star hope-
ful David Lee in the middle.

Lee finished with 11 points on 5-of-16 shooting and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Knicks lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Dallas led 27-25 after one, with the Knicks staying close behind 12 points from Jared Jeffries, the best quarter of his career. It was a six-point game midway through the second before Beaubois made two 3-pointers and Nowitzki knocked down a jumper for his only field goal of the half to make it 50-36 with 3:15 left.

Dallas made eight of its first 11 attempts — the Knicks started 11-1 — from behind the arc, including Terry's that increased the lead to 17 with 1:20 remaining in the half. The Mavs led 59-43 at the break.

Barea drove into the lane unimpeded for layups at least two of the 16 times the Knicks appeared to sim-
ply stop trying. It was an embarrassing effort light-
ning up when Jeffries botched a layup and the ball was batted off his head out of bounds on the rebound.

NBA

Nuggets surprise Hornets in overtime

Kaman and Camby combine for 32 points to help Clippers break eight-game road losing streak

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored four of his 30 points in over-
time and added 11 rebounds and the Denver Nuggets beat the New Orle-
ans Hornets 116-110 on Saturday night for their season-high sixth straight victory.

Kenyon Martin added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Chauncey Billups had 20 points and nine assists, and Arron Afflalo had 19 points, hitting two 3-pointers in overtime.

Chris Paul had 26 points, seven in overtime, and 10 assists for the Hornets. Daruss Songalla added a season-high 20 starting in place of the injured David West.

Afflalo's second 3-pointer came right after Paul pulled the Hornets to 108-106 with his only 3-pointer of the night.

Antony rolled his ankle after landing on Devin Brown's foot with 1:04 left, but stayed in the game and hit two free throws to give Denver a 113-106 lead.

The Nuggets led 101-99 with 24 seconds left in regulation, but Paul hit a shot to tie it with 18 seconds left.

Anthony missed two shots in the final seconds that would have won it in regulation.

Stojakovic hit three 3-pointers in the third quarter as New Orleans surged ahead, but the Nuggets came storming back. Anthony hit a turnaround and after New Orleans missed, Martin's path back dunked it 75-72 with 2:59 left in the frame.

Denver led 75-78 heading into the fourth.

West, the Hornets' second-leading scorer, missed the game after spraining an ankle against Minnesota on Friday night. Songalla started in West's place and scored eight points in the first quarter to help New Orleans take a 33-32 lead.

Clippers 92, Wizards 78

Chris Kaman scored 20 points and Marcus Camby had 12 points and 19 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 92-78 win over the Washington Wizards on Sunday.

Los Angeles had six players in double figures and snapped an eight-game road losing streak, and a three-game skid in Washington, as the Clippers won for the third time in eight games.

Baron Davis had 11 points and 11 assists and Rasual Butler scored 14 for Los Angeles. The only real problems for the Clippers came on the perimeter, they shot 3 of 16 from 3-point range.

Los Angeles (20-23) has now eclipsed its win total from last season.

Antawn Jamison scored 20 points and 10 rebounds for Washington, which has lost three straight. Brandon Haywood added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Jamison was held to a total of 15 points in the past two games on a combined 6-of-24 shooting, the only time this season he has failed to reach double figures in back-to-back games. He avoided his first such three-game streak since Feb. 7-10, 2004.

The Clippers outscored Washington 21-10 in the fourth quarter. The Wizards shot 3 of 16 from the field.

Los Angeles took the lead in the opening minutes and held onto it the rest of the game, although momentum swung back and forth as the teams traded long runs starting just before halftime.

The Wizards closed the first half on a 9-0 run and trailed 48-
46 at the break. The Clippers used a 12-0 run early in the third quarter to take a 13-point lead with 7 minutes left in the quarter.

Clippers scored 25 points in the fourth quarter, and the Wizards scored only 11.

Los Angeles pulled away with a 29-16 run midway through the fourth as the teams traded long

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NFL

Indy favored as bets open for Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts opened as a four-point favorite to beat New Orleans in the Super Bowl.

Oddsmaker Sean Van Patten of Las Vegas Sports Consultants said the firm gave that line after watching New Orleans struggle to beat the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game Sunday night. Las Vegas Sports Consultants provides betting lines for roughly 90 percent of sports books in Nevada.

“The big factor here is that Indy has been there,” Van Patten said. “The experience factor is such a huge thing when it comes to the Super Bowl.”

Patten said oddsmakers like the big factor here is that Indianapolis has succeed against two top NFL defenses in consecutive games. The top-seeded Colts beat the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship game. Indianapolis was a 4 1/2-point favorite in the Giants-Culver line, with the over-under at 55 1/2 points.

Sports books gave Indianapolis 8-1 odds to win the Super Bowl at the start of the season, compared with 18-1 for New Orleans.

“I think the Saints are very fortunate to be in there,” said Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton. “To get five turnovers at home and having to go to overtime to win it, I don’t think they were playing that well.”

New Orleans outlasted Minnesota 31-21 in overtime, even though the Vikings gained 218 more yards and had nearly twice as many first downs as the Saints.

Jay Roed, race and sports book director for casino operator MGM Mirage, said bettors began favoring Indianapolis after New Orleans won and the odds were posted.

Rood said that was because the Colts have been consistent all year, while Saints bettors who lost Sunday because New Orleans didn’t cover the spread didn’t want to take the team again so soon.

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No. 25 Cavaliers outlast No. 22 Yellow Jackets in Virginia

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — No. 3 Tennessee’s offense struggled in its 55-43 victory over No. 18 LSU on Sunday night, but coach Pat Summit was still pleased — with a tough zone defense.

“I thought our coverage out of the zone was really good,” Summit said. “We extended it. We were aggressive, we got after it. Obviously we wanted to make sure we were not just giving them good open looks or a lot of chances to get in the paint.”

The Lady Volunteers, who scored about 20 points below their average, held LSU to 26 percent shooting from the field.

Alyssia Brewer made the most of her third Southeastern Conference start, scoring 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds for Tennessee. Kelly Cain added 11 points and Angie Bjorklund had 10 for the Lady Vols (17-2, 5-1).

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“I think during those plays we had a lot of break-downs,” said Hightower. “We fouled the shooter and put them on the line. They got a few easy looks in the post. I guess we had a lot of break-downs at key moments in the game — blocking out and rebounding.”

Tennessee, playing its second straight road game, led by as much as seven in the first half and took a 24-22 lead at the break.

LSU took its only lead of the game with 12:18 remaining in the second half, going up 35-32 before the Vols answered with an 18-2 run to put the Lady Tigers away.

The much bigger Lady Vols gave LSU problems under the basket, holding the Tigers to only 12 points under the basket, holding them to 12 points.

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Virginia 57, Georgia Tech 55

Mondaire Wright scored 15 of her game-high 23 points in the second half to lift No. 25 Virginia to a 57-55 win over No. 22 Georgia Tech on Sunday.

Leslie Gerson added 10 points for the Cavaliers (14-5, 3-2 ACC), who survived a wild final 10 seconds.

Brigitte Ardossi missed a potential tying 3-pointer, and after a missed foul shot by Virginia, Tech guard Sharena Taylor was fouled with 1.2 seconds.

Taylor made the first free throw but had to miss the second intentionally, and the Yellow Jackets (16-5, 2-3) could not gather in the loose ball.

Ardossi paced Georgia Tech with 18 points and Deja Foster added 11. Sashia Goodlett and Alex Montgomery finished with 10 points each.

Virginia trailed 20-7 early in the game, then used a 14-0 run to take the lead. The Cavaliers held on thanks to their foul shooting (16 of 17) and their bench play, where they outscored Georgia Tech 21-2.
Women finish first, men second at Invite

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish women came out on top Saturday at the first scored meet of the season, the Notre Dame Invitational. Notre Dame’s women won the meet with a score of 126.6 points, followed by Louisville with 108 and Michigan State in third with 102.5 points.

The men’s squad finished second with 113.5 points behind Michigan State, who scored 126. Louisvile followed the Irish in third place with 100.5 points.

A major highlight of the meet for the women was senior Joanna Schultz’s NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 400-meter race with a time of 53:82. This was the second provisional NCAA mark set by Notre Dame this season.

Other highlights included the continuing dominance of Irish freshmen. Sophomore Kevin Schipper and his senior brother Matt finished first and second, respectively. The brothers put forth Big East qualifying marks at last week’s meet and continue to dominate the competition.

The Irish took honors in a number of other events. Junior Dones Veres finished first in the shot put with a throw of 17 meters and senior Samantha Williams out-sprinted the competition in the 500-meter race with a time of 1:14.94. Freshman standout Nevada Sorensen produced a first-place finish, accompanied by a Big East qualifying time of 8.56, in the 100-meter hurdles.

Irish coach Joe Plane had previously identified winning the Big East as an immediate goal for the team, and both the men and women’s squads outlasted their solo Big East opponent, Louisville, in this weekend’s meet.

The Irish will travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend for the Indiana Invitational.

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SMC Swimming

Belles end season with tie

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

This weekend brought improvements for the Belles on many fronts. In its last home meet of the season, against Albion Friday, Saint Mary’s first place finish in eight of the night’s 13 events and tied the Britons 115-115.

The night began with relays, in which the Belles won second and third place. From there the rest of the meet only got better.

Coming in, the swimmers said they were confident in their abilities as a whole. “I believe our team is a group of girls who are motivated and hard-working both in and out of the pool and we are always supportive of our teammates in every aspect,” freshman Calla Poitress said.

Senior Sara Niemann started off a long stretch of first-place finishes for the team when she pulled ahead by more than 12 seconds in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Freshman Katie Griffin then took first in the 200-yard freestyle.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Murphy scores 22 points in loss

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s lost its second conference contest in as many games Saturday, falling 62-57 at Trine.

The Thunder (9-9, 2-4 MIAA) had never defeated the Belles (10-8, 4-4) as a member of the MIAA, which accepted Trine in 2004. The game was back-and-forth early and knotted at 12-12 after 14 minutes left in the first half when Trine hit a 3-point shot to take the lead, a lead they would maintain at halftime by the count of 31-26.

Coming out of halftime, the Thunder went on a 9-2 run to take what would be their biggest lead of the game at 40-28. The Belles, however, were not about to quit easily and countered with a run of their own, tying the game at 46 with more than eight minutes to play. Sophomore guard Patcy Mahoney even gave Saint Mary’s a two-point lead shortly afterward by converting two free throws, but Trine immediately regained the upper hand.

With just over two minutes to play the Belles again went up by a point at 56-55. Defense dominated for the next minute and a half of play, but the Thunder’s Kelly Costello was able to get open and make a 3-point shot, giving Trine a 58-56 lead with 22 seconds to go.

Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy made one free throw and cut the lead to one point with just 11 seconds left, but the Thunder hit all of their free throws at the end to seal the win.

Murphy led the Belles with 22 points and 10 rebounds and senior forward Anna Kammrath followed with 14 points. Junior guard Liz Wade’s six steals moved her to third all-time in school history. The Belles, however, were only 38.2 percent from the floor compared to Trine’s 42.6 percent.

The Thunder also spread the scoring with three players in the double digits and a fourth with nine points. Despite the loss, Saint Mary’s was able to hold on to third place in the conference, but now only one game ahead of four teams. It is three games behind second-place Calvin, whom the Belles host Wednesday night in an opportunity to gain ground in the conference.

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 6 Duke survives scare against Maryland

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Playing for the third time in seven days, No. 6 Duke could have really used a breather against struggling, rebuilding Maryland.

Instead, the weary Blue Devils were forced to expend every bit of their remaining energy to squeeze out a 56-54 victory Sunday night.

Jasmine Thomas scored 20 points and Bridgette Mitchell made the go-ahead basket with 1:29 left for Duke, the lone remaining unbeaten team in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

The victory capped a week in which the Blue Devils were soundly defeated by Connecticut before defeating Virginia Tech.

“I’m extremely proud of our team’s character,” coach Joanne McCallie said. “A lot of things were working against us throughout. I thought Jasmine showed incredible poise in terms of what she did defensively and, of course, offensively.”

Thomas accounted for more than a third of the Blue Devils’ points, grabbed three rebounds and had three steals.

Duke (17-3, 5-0) labored away an 11-point lead and trailed 54-53 before Mitchell hit a runner in the lane as the shot clock expired.

After a missed shot by Maryland, Duke’s Jay Cheek made two free throws with 20 seconds remaining for a three-point cushion. Anjale Barrett then missed a three-point attempt for the Terrapins, and Thomas made one of two free throws before Barrett connected on a 3 at the buzzer.

“We did more than survive,” McCallie insisted. “I thought we really handled adversity well. A lot of teams don’t play Connecticut. We did. Then we had a great game against Virginia Tech and you’ve got to travel. I think we really believed as a team in the sense of our toughness. Not everything was going our way — at all.”

Lori Bjork scored 11 points for Maryland (14-6, 2-4), which committed 19 turnovers. The Terrapins, who had their 48-game home winning streak broken by Miami on Thursday, have lost three straight overall — matching their longest skid since February 2004.

It’s also the first time since February 2006 that Maryland has lost two in a row at home.

“Obviously, there are no moral victories. But I am proud of this team,” coach Brenda Frese said. “I think it’s a great statement game for us, the fact that our teams know they can play with anybody.”

Maryland trailed 30-25 early in the second half before Lynetta Kizer made a layup to ignite a 9-0 run that gave the Terrapins their first lead since 2-0.

Mitchell then scored on a putback, and Thomas scored the Blue Devils’ next 13 points to make it 45-38.

“I really was just taking the shots that were there,” Thomas said. “In the first half, I forced a lot of things, over-penetrated and passed up a few shots I should have taken. They were still there in the second half, and I just hit them.”

After Thomas’ scoring spree, the lead expanded to 51-40. Bjork then hit consecutive 3-pointers to begin a 14-2 surge that put Maryland back in the game.

Following a series of missed shots and turnovers, Mitchell hit her pivotal shot.

Although the Blue Devils battled fatigue, they made more shots left at the end than the Terrapins.
were able to get the Mountaineers (18-2, 5-1 Big East) into foul trouble, forcing West Virginia to play less aggressively as the game went on.

"They play aggressive, we can't play aggressive. They can beat us, we can't because of foul trouble," said Mountaineers coach Mike Carey.

"We weren't as aggressive as we were in the second half because of foul trouble.

The game started off shaky for the Irish, as they lost the battle on the boards 9-1 in the first five minutes. This rebounding advantage allowed the Mountaineers to take over the first half and set the tone of the game.

"I knew that the seniors would just get it done," McGraw said. "They would step up. They knew what they had to do, they don't need to do that very often. I thought they took care of business pretty much on their own.

The Irish used a 16-3 run in the second half. Ten points of which came from Schrader, to take the lead back from West Virginia for good and to cruise to their second straight victory.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish improve standing with win over DePaul

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Irish led from start to finish and went back ahead 500 in Big East play with an 87-77 win over last-place DePaul Saturday. Notre Dame started the game on fire offensively, jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes. Junior forward Tyrone Nash scored on the Irish’s first two possessions, and the Blue Demons were forced to take an early timeout.

“We wanted to come out right away and boost the energy,” junior forward Tim Abromaitis said. “It helped to get those big stops right away.”

DePaul kept the game from getting out of hand, however, overcoming Notre Dame’s quick start to narrow the lead to 20-15. The Irish built up a 10-point lead in the first half and led 42-31 at halftime.

“I thought our depth wore them down,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “It was good for the kids to start playing together again,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

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In contrast to Friday’s offensive show, The Irish displayed defensive strength Saturday night to tie the Lakers 1-1.

Irish win two, lose one in weekend play

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish began a winning streak of their own Sunday with their second consecutive come-from-behind victory, a 74-66 win over No. 16 West Virginia squad that came into the day boasting a 16-game winning streak. The Irish recovered from a 42-31 halftime deficit to put the Mountaineers away in the back of a dominant 13-point second-half performance from senior guard Lindsay Schrader.

“I thought our depth wore them down,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We were able to rest.”

The Irish (17-1, 4-1 Big East)

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Winning streak begins again

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Big Ten no match for Irish squad

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

In their first two tests of the spring season, Notre Dame kicked off its dual-meet season with a 6-1 win over Iowa and a 7-0 win over Wisconsin.

Since we had so many players out in the fall, it was good for the kids to start playing together again,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

During Saturday’s match at the University of Iowa, sophomore Kristy Frilling, currently ranked No. 30 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, defeated Iowa’s No. 65 Sonja Molnar in the first singles competition in only two games. Last season, the Irish lost in the top singles position against Molnar on transition, it gives us a fourth man on the rush and allows us to generate more.”

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Freshman goalie Mike Johnson saved 45 of 46 shots. See FRILLING page 22.