Lacrosse brings hope to Ugandan children

Fields of Growth International, a non-profit organization, works to aid women and children afflicted by AIDS

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Playing lacrosse gives children in Uganda whose parents have been afflicted by AIDS one thing they can’t find anywhere else — something to call their own.

“They love playing lacrosse specifically because they all have their own stick when they get to play, and they don’t really own anything,” said Kevin Dugan, Notre Dame’s director of men’s lacrosse operations at Notre Dame. “That is just an incredible experience for them because they’re just not used to having something [that is their own].” Children in Uganda have been able to play lacrosse and other sports since Dugan created Fields of Growth International, a non-profit organization that strives to facilitate development in Uganda.

Notre Dame athletes, and particularly members of the men’s lacrosse team, work with the organization to empower both children and their parents in Uganda.

“Lacrosse is certainly not the main priority in what we’re doing. The main priority is social entrepreneurship. AIDS education and real, grassroots village economic development,” said Dugan, a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame.

“What we really want to do is be able to intersect the things that bring us passion and joy with the need in the world.”

Sophomore lacrosse player Jake Brems will travel to Uganda this summer to intern with the organization. “I’m excited to get over there and be able to help other people. I’ve never done an international service like this,” Brems said.

Brems will study the effectiveness of the organization’s poultry-rearing project, which is meant to benefit women whose husbands have died from AIDS.

“It’s a $500 project where we build a chicken coop. We buy about 100 young chicks and we buy the family the vaccinations they need to keep the chickens healthy,” Dugan said. “We buy them all the things they need to get the project up and running.

The family can then sell the eggs for profit or use them for familial nourishment, he said.

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ND alum discusses work for Avatar

By LIZ O’DONNELL
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Notre Dame alumn Allan Hemberger told students who packed the DeBartolo Hall auditorium Tuesday evening that the ND alum discussed his work on the movie Avatar.

Hemberger, a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame, has worked for WETA Digital, a five-time Academy Award winning visual effects facility in New Zealand, for several years. He will start work at Pixar in May.

“I spent the last year working on Avatar,” he said. “I carved out a niche at WETA as a person who loved working on really hard problems. It was a lot of headaches and long hours, but I liked having an area to work on.

Hemberger worked as computer graphics supervisor for the Academy Award-winning movie "Avatar" and as a 3D digital water technical director for "King Kong.

He began the presentation by showing students a demo reel he created while working as a computer graphics supervisor on the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still." He transferred over into my work with ‘Avatar,’ he said. While working on ‘Avatar,’” Hemberger said he was in charge of creating the graphics for the

University supports research initiatives

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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The University recently announced the administration will continue to push its goal of becoming one of the best research institutions in the world and announced an additional $40 million of internal funding to support nine projects. “Doing research is fundamental to the University,” Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said. “The goal of the University is fairly simple — to be a source for good throughout the world. We do that through three ways: our undergraduate...
INSIDE COLUMN

Ready? Absolutely

Today my little brother is visiting cam-
pus for the official Admissions Office information session and tour.
I will admit that I selfishly hope my lit-
tle brother chooses, like I did, to go to Notre Dame. Having a
sibling on campus will help keep my
connection to the Golden Dome a little
stronger after I graduate in a little
over two weeks.
How I’ll deal with separation from
campus and whether I’m even ready to graduate has been
on my mind this week.

In a column last semester, I wrote that seniors were reg-
ularly being asked, “What are you doing after graduation?” That question is
being avoided now, because if you don’t have plans at this point, the conversa-
tion quickly becomes an exchange of awkward pleasantries like “Oh, I’m sure
something will work out,” and “Don’t worry about it.”
Instead, the new question du jour is: “Are you ready to graduate?”
My answer is “yes.”

I think most people expect the answer to be “no,” like I’m supposed to be
afraid of the future or sad to leave my college years behind.
On the first point, fear of the future, I’m not. I’m ready for the next adven-
ture. I’m ready to be done with the homework, ready to move out of the
dorms, ready to break out of the campus bubble for good. I’m ready to move on
and do something different. In fact, I don’t think I would enjoy a ninth semes-
ter or more at Notre Dame.

The second point, that I should be sad to leave my college years behind, is a lit-
tle more complicated. I admit it will be hard to give up the closeness of good
friends, the freedom a college student’s schedule provides, or the general adven-
ture that college entails. Notre Dame has become my home in the last four
years. And moving day is never particu-
larly easy.

But the good news is that I’ll be able to
keep, in some sense, my home under
the Dome after graduation, even after I
give up my single in Fisher Hall.
Football games, reunions and strong
friendships will all keep me from being alienated from Notre Dame. If nothing
else, I know the phone center will keep on
calling (they’ve already called me at
least half a dozen times). All of this
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Lilley VanDyke, junior
Badin
“Co-ed dorms.”
Liz Moore, freshman
Ryan
“Move it to New York City.”
Tori O’Malley, freshman
Welsh Family
“Have more carnivals on South Quad.”
Mitchell Myers, freshman
Krouch
“Free football tickets.”
Teresa Keeney, freshman
Welsh Family
“Get rid of parietals.”
Bruno Ayana, freshman
Duncan
“More sunshine.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

Legacies in Stone” will be on exhibit in the School of Architecture all
day today.

“All Art is Propaganda” will be on display in Special Collections Room 202 in
the Hesburgh Library. The exhibit
will open at 8 a.m. today.

The theses projects for the
2010 BFA/MFA candidates
will be on exhibit at 10 a.m.
today in the O’Shaughnessy
Galleries in the Snite
Museum of Art.

The Department of Physics will host a colloquium on “Ab
initio” theory of light-ion reactions in Room 118 of
Newlund Science today at 4 p.m.
today.

The Cushing Memorial Lecture on “Decoherence and
Reality” will be delivered in Room 117 of DeBartolo
Hall today at 4:15 p.m.

The Gender Relations Center will present the “Now
is the Time” festival for vio-
less prevention on South Quad today beginning at
5 p.m.

Collegium Musicum will present its spring concert in the
Reyes Organ and Choral
Hall in the DeBartolo
Performing Arts Center at 7
p.m. and 8:30 p.m. tonight.
Tickets will be sold for $3.

The Danielle Rose Concert will be held in the Keenan-
Standord Chapel at 8:30 p.m.
tonight.

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Mathew Kelly won’t be the only new face on the Notre Dame Stadium sidelines this fall. David Zimmer, a junior from Angola, Ind. and a resident of Purdue, was named the new leprechaun for the 2010-2011 school year, kicking off his new role at The Shirt unveiling Friday at The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

“It’s something I’ve always wanted ever since I came here,” Zimmer said. “I know that I fit the bill. I’ve never been shy in front of crowds.” Zimmer said he has been vying for the position since last year’s tryouts.

“I tried out last year and got the Blue Squad [leprechaun position] ... and came back this year with more experience and knowledge and was able to get the Gold Squad position,” he said.

Zimmer, who transferred from Purdue, wrestled his freshman year and came to tryouts his sophomore year as a cheerleading stuntman. “I actually had never had any cheerleading experience before,” Zimmer said.

As Blue Squad leprechaun, Zimmer led cheers at the men’s and women’s soccer, hockey, volleyball and women’s basketball games.

Zimmer said his experience on the Blue Squad helped him secure the Gold Squad position, but it did have its difficulties.

“They like to see how you can handle yourself in a game time situation,” Zimmer said.

“Being a Blue Squad leprechaun was sometimes difficult because often there wasn’t the same crowd capacity that men’s football or basketball had. But toward the end of the season, women’s basketball was very good and had the chance to travel with them to Connecticut and Kansas City. “It was a very big learning experience.”

Zimmer was named the new leprechaun two weeks ago after an intense tryout that included cheerleading stunts, a three-minute pep rally, a television interview adapted to a game time situation, a jig-off and a pushup contest.

Fifteen men originally came out for tryouts, and five remained for the final round of tryouts. While practicing for the tryouts, Zimmer said he and former leprechaun Dan Collins became friends.

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GRC hosts ‘Festival on the Quad’

By CATHY ALTSCHULER
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The Notre Dame Gender Relations Center (GRC) will end its year-long Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) by hosting its second annual “Now is the Time: Festival on the Quad” event from 5 to 8 p.m. on South Quad today.

In addition to free food and corn hole, there will be live music from 5 to 7:30 p.m. featuring student bands, including The Revelin’ Family Band, Ana Livias Daughtersons and Pat McKellen.

Following the music, there will be readings from “A Time to Write,” the GRC’s journal of writings about experiences with violence. Select student writers will share excerpts of their pieces, and free copies of the journal will be provided to those in attendance.

“Do a public reading of these pieces will remind us of these stories and why we’re here,” said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the GRC. “While we may not have our own story, there are people in our midst who are survivors of sexual violence.”

Senior and student representative Patrick Tigho said the readings are “powerful” to hear and help raise awareness for the cause.

“The festival started last year with five of us students just brainstorming about how to raise more awareness about sexual violence.”

Tigho said, “Through working with GRC, we came up with VPI for a year-long effort to provide support and raise awareness.”

VPI has five major goals, which the GRC hopes to accomplish throughout its year-long efforts: to raise awareness about violence in the local community, to increase understanding about global violence, to promote the healing of survivors of violence, to fundraise for local non-profits invested in violence prevention and/or service to survivors of violence and to serve as a flagship for violence prevention programming on Catholic campuses.

Moriarty said the Festival is held at the end of the year to conclude the year’s efforts.

“We wanted to have something that was more of a celebration to commemorate our efforts in dealing with issues related to sexual violence,” Moriarty said. “It’s not all doom and gloom when working in advocacy and activism.”

Moriarty said Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 is the inspiring message that unites the VPI events.

“Part of Notre Dame’s uniqueness is that we can come together like this to think and we can find our inspiration from scripture,” Moriarty said. “It teaches us how there are times of celebration and times of mourning, and we have to carry them all with us. Not just the happy and pleasant times but the struggles, too. That’s what helps us to heal.”

Aside from being an event to raise awareness about sexual violence, the festival is also a fundraiser for the SOS of the Family Justice Center, the Rape Crisis Center of St. Joseph County.

“We chose SOS because they are in desperate need of money and they work directly with Notre Dame and its students,” Moriarty said.

Moriarty said SOS provides advocates for Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary’s students who have to go to the hospital for sexual violence. They also train advocates, take phone calls for crisis hotlines and provide support people who have suffered from violence.

In addition, the festival is also an on-campus support group for women who are survivors of sexual assault.

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The Council of Representatives

COR talks strategic planning, textbook rentals

The Council of Representatives (COR) brought in two guest speakers at its meeting Tuesday to discuss the Strategic Plan initiative within the College of Science as well as the new service that will allow Notre Dame students to rent their textbooks.

Dean Gregory Crawford from the College of Science discussed the strategic plan that is in the process of being implemented within the College. Crawford said he was there to see what the student leaders thought about the effort.

"This is a really important step in having student input in academic decisions," student body president Catherine Soler said. "This is about moving forward and forming good relationships."

Crawford said his talk would be centered on developments the College of Science is making in order "to enhance and expand research and enterprise."

The plan features seven goals, most of which are centered around creating and providing more research opportunities for students within the College of Science.

"The first goal we have is to enhance and expand undergraduate research in our core disciplines," Crawford said. This includes creating a new institute within the College for 2011 focused on pure mathematics. The institute "will bring in the best math professors from all over the world for a semester."

"That way every year will be different and it will help to expand our international collaborations," he said. Crawford also said Notre Dame recently was awarded $3.5 million to build a new nuclear accelerator for the federal government.

"This is the first accelerator the U.S. government has invested in since 1982 and Notre Dame is going to build it," Crawford said.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Unusual wake draws attention**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A funeral home in Puerto Rico that made international headlines two years ago is at it again.

Marin Funeral Home has embalmed the body of a young man and put the corpse atop a bicycle in a bunker-like setting position. The body wears a black cap, black sunglasses and a long-sleeved black T-shirt.

Local television station WAPA says the unusual tribute to 23-year-old shooting victim will be held Wednesday.

Calls to the funeral home were not returned.

Two years ago, the funeral home embalmed a 24-year-old man and kept the body standing upright for during a three-day wake.

**Senator criticizes ambush site**

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay — A Paraguayan senator who narrowly survived an ambush by gunmen said his country's remote border with Brazil is coming to resemble Mexico's violent crossroads Saturday.

Sen. Roberto Acevedo spoke Tuesday as he recovered in a hospital bed from being shot twice in the arm when gunmen attacked his SUV, killing his driver and bodyguard.

Acevedo said he believes the attack in Pedro Juan Caballero, a border town in far northern Paraguay, was ordered by drug traffickers who put a $100,000 price on his head.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Ariz. law may be challenged in court**

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that the federal government will go to court to challenge Arizona's new law which makes it a state crime to be in the United States illegally.

In Arizona, state Attorney General Tom Horne said that Senator Richard Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, wants to use the federal lawsuit to delay the implementation of the law.

**Senate puts climate bill first**

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he is willing to bring up climate change legislation ahead of an immigration bill, saying he wants to make sure Senate Republicans that threaten a dispute with Senate Republicans that threaten a dispute with the leadership of the House of Representatives.

**FRANCE**

Ex-dictator extradited to France

Former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega set to face money laundering charges


**LOCAL NEWS**

**Prisons to instate DNA testing**

INDIANAPOLIS — When a prison inmate is sentenced to life it's handled.

But the Department of Correctional Services is bringing in "touch DNA" technology tests DNA contained in skin cells left behind where someone has touched something.

**Malcolm X assassin released on parole**

NEW YORK — The only man to admit shooting Malcolm X was freed on parole Tuesday, 45 years after he was convicted of the murder.

Harry Proctor, who helped frame Malcolm X out of anger at his split from the Nation of Islam, is living in Panama and faces no charges there.

A hearing before Paris judge Jean-Michel Macon, Noriega pleaded to be sent home to Panama, citing his prisoner of war status. "I don't agree with the action against me," he said through a translator.

Noriega spoke little during the hearing and appeared tired. Wearing a white button-up shirt and black jacket, his black hair thinning, he periodically rested his head in one hand during the proceedings.

After the judge denied Noriega's request, he was escorted out a side door of the court by armed guards.

Lebourquier said French jails aren't ready to accommodate, and that the charges against him are no longer valid because the acts he is accused of happened too long ago, the lawyer said.

Noriega was declared a POW after his 1992 drug conviction by a Miami federal judge. In Miami, Noriega had separate quarters in prison, the right to wear his military uniform and insignia, access to a television and monitoring by international rights groups.

Panama also has an outstanding request for the former dictator's extradition. He was convicted in Panama in absentia and sentenced to 60 years in prison on charges of embezzlement, corruption and murdering opponents.
Lecture emphasizes advantages of fair trade

Members of Catholic Relief Services explain merits of system for dealing with transactions in Central America

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Fair trade does not just mean fair wages, John Taylor, a member of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), said Tuesday.

The lecture titled "A Piece of Fair Trade" focused on the benefits of fair trade among Central American coffee producers.

The talk was held in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's. Taylor, along with fellow CRS member Jessica Howell, said fair trade is beneficial for impoverished nations.

Taylor said CRS began to assist refugees coming out of Europe in 1933. Today, CRS focuses on international aid and development.

According to Taylor, CRS currently is working in over 100 countries throughout the world to promote fair trade.

Howell said fair trade is much more than just creating fair wages for small farmers.

"Fair trade ultimately is the realization that there's a person behind every item that we purchase, and how we choose to buy that item affects that person in a positive or a negative way," Howell said.

According to Taylor, fair trade is far more complex than fair trade. Taylor explained the process of free, or conventional, trade in relationship to coffee farmers.

Coffee farmers begin the process of free trade by producing coffee beans. The beans are then sent to intermediaries, who are responsible for negotiating the price with the farmer. Once the intermediaries agree on a price, the coffee beans are then taken to a processing mill. There, the hull of the bean is removed.

Taylor said the beans are sent to an exporter, who would then find a place to sell the beans. A broker then works with the exporter to connect with an importer, who brings the coffee beans to the roaster. After the beans are roasted, they are taken to a distributor, who ensures the beans are put in a store to be sold. A retailer then sells the beans to a consumer, and the revenue from the beans is distributed throughout each member of the chain.

Howell said the fair trade system is far less complex and provides more value to the products.

"What's different about the fair trade system is that it's added value," Howell said.

Taylor said typically, the goal for the consumer for any transaction is to pay as little as possible for the products purchased. However, in a fair trade system, consumers look at the wages that the producer will receive instead of the cost of the product.

"After all, the bottom line is to pay as little as possible, regardless of what the producer gets out of it," Taylor said.

Taylor also said there were five main principals in the fair trade system. Those principals include fair wages, cooperative workplaces, long-term relationships, good working conditions and environmental sustainability.

"For each of us who have jobs, or for each of us who are working within a structure, we really care individually about each of these steps," Taylor said.

Taylor said fair trade is to make sure that these five principals are not shown aside in order to provide the lowest price for the consumer, he said.

Howell added that fair trade worked to strengthen communities by utilizing all of these principals.

"It's pretty powerful to know that when you buy a cup of coffee, or a chocolate bar, or a handicraft that is fair trade certified, you know because there is a fair trade certification system that what you are buying with that money is again not just a living wage for someone, but that there is an exploitative child labor, no harsh environmental conditions," Howell said.

Additionally, Howell discussed the ways in which the students can participate in the fair trade system.

Howell encouraged students to purchase fair trade products. Another way to become involved is to learn more about fair trade.

According to Howell, there are a variety of ways to encourage fair trade within local communities. Howell said to organize fair trade tastings, film nights or informational events.

She also said selling fair trade products and hosting fair trade sales around holidays would be beneficial for fair trade communities.

Howell encouraged students to get involved in fair trade practices. Other ways students can become involved, Howell said, is to discuss fair trade with families and friends, change the purchasing practices of stores in the area and call on the College to provide fair trade products.

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IN BRIEF

Calif. bans toys with fattening food

SAN JOSE — In an effort to curb childhood obesity, county officials in Silicon Valley voted Tuesday to ban restaurants from giving away toys and other freebies that often come with high-calorie meals aimed at kids.

The ordinance is largely symbolic as it would only cover unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, meaning only about a dozen high-end outlets and several other family-owned restaurants would be affected.

But the law is still important because it paves the way for other areas to act, may spur action by fast-food chains to offer healthier choices and can help parents by taking away a child’s incentive for wanting less healthy food.

“This ordinance does not attack toys. Obviously, toys, in and of themselves, do not cause children obesity,” said county Supervisor Ken Yeager, who pushed for the ban. “But it is unfair to parents and children to use toys to capture the tastes of children when they are young to get them hooked on eating high-fat foods early in life.”

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SOUTH QUAD
Program will allow students to rent textbooks in the fall

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler said a new program, Follett’s Rent-A-Text, will allow students to rent textbooks from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for a fraction of the cost of buying them, beginning next fall.

“We think that this is a great opportunity for all students,” Soler said. “It gives them another way to address the issue of textbook affordability, which is obviously something that everyone here struggles with. We’re always looking for lower prices.”

The program will allow students the option to rent books at up to 50 percent off the purchase price. Soler said. The program will be available online and in the Bookstore. “Just like you would go to the Bookstore and purchase your textbooks, you can walk in and have the option of renting them,” Soler said.

Books are to be returned at the end of the semester. Soler said. Students do not sell back their rented textbooks — the monetary transaction at the beginning of the semester is the only time money is exchanged.

If students lose or damage a rented textbook, there will be procedures applied on a case-by-case basis. Soler said. “It is a program that you need to be responsible and accountable for. Just like any other textbook renting or purchasing process now,” Soler said.

Soler, along with student body vice president Andrew Bell, said one of the main advantages of the program is convenience. “You’ll be able to buy or rent all of your books at the same time, rather than renting from an online provider or buying your books from various websites and waiting for them to come in,” Soler said. “You’ll be able to get everything from the Bookstore for a cheaper price.”

Bell added: “Convenience is a huge factor. In the past, it’s been that convenience at the Bookstore came at a much higher price than if you spent a lot of time searching online, going to different websites.”

Some of the rentable textbooks will include customized textbooks, which can normally only be purchased at the Bookstore. “[Soler] and I are business majors. In the business school, their customized accounting textbooks include only the chapters we need,” Bell said. “You’re going to have to buy that at the Bookstore. There’s no other option.”

Soler said there is flexibility in the program. In case course textbooks change or a student drops a course, students can also purchase books at the end of the semester, if the student rented the textbook and wants to keep it.

The program was designed by Follett and is used by other 27 schools saved over $2 million, Soler said.

“We’re very excited we can bring this program to the students and follow through on one of our big campaign promises,” Soler said. “We think this is something really valuable for students and is something that will hopefully go forward and stay at Notre Dame, making an impact on everyone that comes through the University.”

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Sophomore Rina Ventrella searches for textbooks in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.
Leadership award honors late business professor

As a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame for more than 34 years, Management Professor Robert Vecchio was known internation- ally as a prolific and respected researcher who studied topics that fell into the nexus between psychology and business. Vecchio frequently provided an expert voice for articles on leadership, workplace emotion and motivation. Students relied on him for advice on management and career matters.

Bob Vecchio tragically passed away in February 2009 as a result of injuries incurred in a fall. In his memory, the Management Department of the Mendoza College of Business announced a new commemora- tive award, with graduating senior Kristen Koch receiving the first Robert Vecchio Leadership Award.

“I know Professor Vecchio made an incredible impact on the business school and the entire Notre Dame community,” said Koch, who served as the president of the Management Club at the Mendoza College of Business. “I am honored to even be remote- ly associated with his memo- ry.”

“The award is given at the dis- cretion of the faculty to a con- sulting or entre- preneurship student who embraces the spirit of Notre Dame and has excelled in developing leadership skills.” said J. Michael Crant, professor and chair of the Management Department. “Kristie received the nomination from several faculty members.”

Recipients of the award will receive a watch and have their names engraved on a wall plaque on display outside the Mendoza College Department of Management office.

A Chicago native, Vecchio was graduated from De Paul University in 1972. He earned master’s and doctoral degrees in industrial psychology from the University of Illinois in 1972 and 1976, respectively. He chaired the management department at the Mendoza College from 1983 to 1990.

In addition to publishing highly regarded articles on a variety of issues in organiza- tional behavior and corporate management, he authored “Organizational Behavior,” the sixth edition of which was pub- lished in 2006 by ThompsonSouthwest. Vecchio was the editor of “Leadership: Understanding the Dynamics of Power and Influence in Organizations,” and he served from 1995 to 2000 as the editor of the prestigious Journal of Management.

“Bob’s leadership of the department dur- ing the 1980s set the stage for the transition to a stronger research cul- ture, while still emphasizing excellent teach- ing,” said Crant. “He actively mentored many of our faculty, and he was a popular and e f f e c t i v e teacher. Bob Vecchio embod- ied the spirit of the management depart- ment, and we honor his memory through this award.”

Koch graduated in December with a bachelor’s degree in management consulting and in May 2009 with a bachelor’s in psychology. She is currently completing a three-year intern- ship in people development at Alli, an electrical engineering company in Koch’s home- town of C le v e l a n d, Ohio. In July, she plans to begin a two- year Human R e s o u r c e s R o t a t i o n a l Program with SPX Corp. in Charlotte, N.C.

For more information about the Robert Vecchio Leadership Award or the M e n d o z a College of Business Department of Management, call (574) 631- 6183 or e-mail mgtd@nd.edu

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Avatar character Jake playing around in the water.

“The first task they gave me when I was working on ‘Avatar’ was to create a river,” he said. “That one scene took about eight months from start to finish.”

As a computer graphic supervi- sor on “Avatar,” Hemberger was in charge of a number of light artists.

“Everything that went into the computer graphics for the scene had to be delivered through me,” he said.

Hemberger showed a video about the ways water graphics can be generated during his out- er program.

Hemberger said film footage shot on a regular camera could previously be used to generate graphics, but that is no longer the case.

“On ‘Avatar,’ the problem was we couldn’t use 2D elements any- more, we had to use all 3D,” he said.

Hemberger said one of the most difficult scenes to create was one that showed the character both above and underwater.

“The scene is infinitely more challenging because the camera breaks the water’s surface,” he said. “What makes it complicated was that there were two entirely different elements at play here.”

Hemberger said he had been working on an animated film for the past few months but dropped the project when he took the job at Pixar.

“This is the long and short of the adventures of my past year or so,” he said. “I’m going to Pixar to be an effects technical director. There, I’ll probably be doing more effects like the ones I did at W I T T A.”

After the presentation ended, Hemberger fielded questions from members of the audience about attaining a career in the field.

Among other projects, Hemberger worked on were “T e r r i f i c: Th e D o l f i n s Re le a s e d” and “X-Men: The Last Stand.”

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering sponsored Hemberger’s talk, which was called “Experiments in Feature Film Visual Effects.”

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2010 Undergraduate Library Research Award winners

Eleanor Huntington, first prize
Title of paper: “Any Soil Can Host a Dead Body:” Land Rights, Displacement, and Genocide
Department: History
Faculty Advisor: Lauren Faulkner

Connor Kobeski, honorable mention
Title of paper: “Identification and Valuation of the Grand Calumet River Ecological System”
Department: Biological Sciences
Faculty Advisor: David Lodge

Jared McBrady, honorable mention
Title of paper: “The Pope, the President, the Bishops, and the Bomb”
Department: History
Faculty Advisor: Rev. Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C.

The Awards ceremony will take place at noon on April 30, 2010 prior to the keynote speaker for The 3rd Annual Undergraduate Scholars Conference. The location is Jordan Auditorium, 105 Jordan Hall.
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Fields of Growth International also works with the children of AIDS widows and teaches them to play sports, such as lacrosse, netball and soccer.

“These kids at this orphan school, they walk out on this field and they touch the ‘Play Like a Champion Today’ sign,” Dugan said. “‘Play Like a Champion Today’ translates to these kids, ‘live like a champion today.’”

Brems said he wanted to combine his love for lacrosse and service, but never had the opportunity before learning about Fields of Growth International.

“There is really nothing else like that in the lacrosse world. I’ve heard people talk about having interest, but there has never really been an opportunity to,” he said. “Most of the [volunteering] events that we do around here are one-day events.”

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Dugan said the Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team has helped generate equipment to send to Uganda and said he hopes to get the team more involved over time.

“We think it’s going to be the start of an incredible team international development project,” Dugan said. “It puts our athletes, many of whom are business majors, in a position to have an experience with micro venturing and social entrepreneurship at the grassroots level.”

Dugan said the project also sends a positive message to the athletes.

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“(We’re) going over there with that humble spirit like, OK. I’m going to learn more from Africa more than Africa is going to learn from me … We need Africa more than Africa needs us.”

Dugan said the organization is currently selling T-shirts, modeled after the TOMS Shoes one-for-one design.

“We make about $6 to $7 per T-shirt. That’s how much a live chicken costs in Uganda,” he said. “You buy a T-shirt and we buy a live chicken for the AIDS widow poultry-rearing project.”

For more information on Fields of Growth International, contact Kevin Dugan at kdugan1@nd.edu or visit www.fieldsofgrowthintl.org

Kevin Dugan, director of men’s lacrosse operations, poses with a Ugandan child.

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The children of Uganda come together on the lacrosse field in the African country.
Students donate unwanted items to charities

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary Editor

Rather than throw away unwanted items at the end of the academic year, Saint Mary’s hopes its students donate items to local charities through the Blue to New program, said Carrie Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSSE).

“We do Blue to New because we needed a systematic way for the end-of-year donations to be organized and sorted to make sure that area agencies benefit as much as possible,” Call said.

Call said OCSSE is responsible for the project. Junior Jessica Robbins has been working on preparing for the program. Call said addition- al student workers will assist in collecting and sorting the donations.

Students can donate items at designated areas in each residence hall. Call said the program will accept any unwanted items, including food, clothing, shoes, rugs, unbro- ken furniture, books, school supplies, glassware, dishes, lamps and functioning small appliances.

Though the program will accept a variety of items, Call asked students to refrain from dumping broken items or half- empty containers of food in the donation locations.

“We implore students to respect the donations and remember that the donations are going to charity,” Call said.

Food, clothing, furniture and electronics will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, Call said. Books will be collected for Better World Books, and school supplies will be distrib- uted throughout local Title 1 partner schools.

“It’s a very important project because it’s one of the largest donation drives we do at the College and it provides great materials for a number of area agencies,” she said.

In addition, Call said other items will also be donated to Navarre Middle School and the area food banks, as well as the Saint Mary’s Free Store, located in the basement of Le Mans Hall.

Call said the program is in need of volunteers. Any stu- dents interested in volunteering should contact Call at ocsse@ saintmarys.edu.

Law pushes for presumed consent

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A New York assemblyman whose daughter is alive because of two kidney transplants wants his state to become the first in the nation to pass laws that would presume people want to donate their organs unless they specifically say otherwise.

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If he succeeds, distraught families will no longer be able to override their loved ones’ decisions to donate upon their death. And eventually, hospitals would be able to assume the deceased consented to have his or her organs har- vested, unless the person refused in writing.

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But serious emotional, med- ical and religious concerns worry families, who currently can stop organ harvests even if their loved ones signed up to donate. So New York will move slowly, Brodsky said.

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program, our research and our Catholic tradition. The funding is part of the second phase of the University’s Strategic Research Initiative (SRI), which began last year and now stands as an $80 million investment. Projects funded examine nanotechnology, sustainable energy, climate change and the interaction of Roman Catholicism and Islam, among other subjects.

“We are studying some very important questions and some very important problems, and the impact of the things that we find is going to influence many important things around the world,” Vice President for Research Robert Bernhard said. “We felt, as a panel, that we have an opportunity to make great breakthroughs in these areas.”

Bernhard said research is different for each field, and the University’s goal encompasses “research, scholarship and creative endeavor.”

“Many people in the humanisties do research, but they often refer to it as scholarship,” he said. “For the social scientist, it’s looking at improving human conditions. For the engineer, it’s solving problems. For the artist and people in architecture, it’s the creative experience of being able to do something that’s limited. The shorthand version is, it’s all research.”

Bernhard said pushing Notre Dame to become one of the premier research institutions would help the University attract an elite faculty. “Faculty from the very best universities are all involved in their best students to work with the best faculty. Each of them is involved in some type of scholarship or research and want the opportunity to continue that work because it helps them have an impact on society and stay current in their subject,” he said. Research is important for people and for impact.”

According to Bernhard, students also stand to benefit from the funding because it will provide them with not only the best teachers but also the opportunity to get involved.

“I think students benefit significantly both from the type of faculty that we will be able to recruit as part of these things and secondly from the opportunity for them to get involved,” he said.

“More and more of our undergraduate students are doing research, and I think that the trend is going to continue.”

Professor of Biological Sciences Jessica Hellmann agreed, adding that expanding research will allow the best students to work with the best faculty. “Of course, research plays a critical role in enhancing undergraduate and graduate student instruction; the best students want to work with the best faculty,” she said. “By having a great research infrastructure, Notre Dame can offer courses and experiences to students that are taught by leaders in their field.”

Hellmann, whose project is titled “Notre Dame Collaboratory for the Study of Adaptation to Climate Change,” said her research will allow her to have a real impact on the world beyond campus.

“Research provides the University with the opportunity to engage and affect the world around us,” she said. “Climate change adaptation will involve difficult decisions that are legal, moral, scientific and political, and Notre Dame is uniquely poised for this kind of interdisciplinary and cross-cultural thinking.”

Engineering Professor Tracy Kijewski-Correa, whose project is titled “Say Something: A Cyber-Adaptive Collaboratory for National Risk Model Development,” said she will mitigate the impacts of hurricanes in a changing climate. “We work to fund research initiatives because it is one of the areas where Notre Dame lags behind its peer institutions,” she said. “As a university with a strong undergraduate educational tradition, we lag behind our peers in this area.”

Kijewski-Correa said her project will help Notre Dame’s mission by finding a way to save the lives that are often lost in disastrous hurricanes. “Notre Dame has had a long tradition of responding with great compassion and generosity to help the affected by the wake of these disasters,” she said. “This project would deepen that mission commitment by helping us to the lead way on developing hazard-resistant technologies using cutting edge research to prevent these losses altogether.”

The panel that evaluated the merits of the research proposals, which included both Affleck-Graves and Bernhard, originally received 45 three-page proposals. Bernhard said the proposals were evaluated based on a set of criteria, which included mission fit, contribution to the research promise of the University, educational benefits for students and whether the project was sustainable in the future.

The University is trying to jump start areas of research that they believe will be important in the future and where Notre Dame can play a role,” said Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Paul Huber, who is leading an initiative called “Assessment of the Impact of Nanoparticles on Human Health and the Environment.”

Of the original 45, 10 were invited to write full proposals. Of those, the panel then sent to be evaluated by the top experts in each of the respective fields.

“My proposal was selected based upon the uniqueness of the research approach, the importance of the research to Notre Dame’s CVY and the potential that the research could provide a significant return on investment in terms of research dollars resulting from the proof-of-concept research proposed,” said Professor of Biological Sciences Malcolm Fraser, who is spearheading the UNR Wheat Initiative, who is also investigating “Developing Group I Intron Antiviral Strategies for Treating HIV and HCV Infections.”

Fraser, whose project will attempt to develop cures for HIV and HCV, said his project will help raise the University’s visibility in the research field while advancing the world’s fight against mankind’s greatest plagues.

“The unique approach we are establishing here provides the opportunity to offer high value and high visibility research for Notre Dame,” he said. “If successful, we will have made a unique and significant contribution in the development of cures for these two extremely important diseases.”

“We think we will be able to get some very high profile papers on that, and we will show (along with the work being done in the NDNano center) that Notre Dame is a serious player in nanoscience at an international level,” he said. “Hopefully, this will also lead to new funding from agencies such as the NSF and DOE.”

While Hartland examines sustainable energy, Huber will be looking at its potential perils, particularly the affinity that some nanoscopic materials have to toxic humans.

“Very different materials are being developed and released into the environment because they’re not regulated,” Huber said. “If the University is going to be involved in research activities, the goal is to get them to make sure everything is safe.”

Projects that were funded include the “Sustainable Energy Initiative” from Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Joan Brenneman; the “Cyber-Eye: A Cyber-Adaptive Collaboratory” from Professor of Biological Sciences Malcolm Fraser; the “University with a Strong Advantage” from Professor of History R. Scott Appleby; and a “Catalyst Laboratory for Enhanced Wind Energy Production” from Engineer and Professor Thomas Corke. Affleck-Graves and Bernhard both said projects have the potential to help shape the way research is done.

“It’s through their research that the faculty can change the world,” added Bernhard. “Each project is involved in a neglected disease, tackling the problem of religious fundamental violence, and energy and the environment — these are all ways that Notre Dame can change the world.”

In the future, Bernhard said he hopes to expand the program to another round of funding will take place, but he stressed that the University’s funding is not yet clear.

“These two rounds of investment are a start but they’re not all of it,” he said. “We’re thinking about whether a three-year round will take place, and we are not sure whether we will do a third round. We’re not decided.”

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Looking ahead to next year

Andy Ziccarelli
Moment of inertia

Today is the last day of class and for most people, it is time to get sentimental about the past year. We’ve already had columns by the senior writers reminiscing about the last four years and what they are going to miss about Notre Dame. Fortunately for me, I am only a junior, so I have one more year to spend in college. Rather than getting all teary-eyed by recounting my favorite memories of this year, I am going to be more uplifting. Instead, I am going to talk about everything that I can’t wait for next year.

More than anything, I am excited to get to know all of my friends back. All Domers have experienced (or will experience) the exodus of students to study abroad programs junior year. I realize that studying abroad is an unbelievable experience, and in many ways I am jealous of those who did live abroad for a semester. But, selfishly, it is tough to lose people that you have lived with and grown close to over the first few semesters of college. I’m ready for the day when the entire Class of 2011 is back on campus, and everyone that I want to see is just a phone call or short bike ride away.

I am excited to live on campus next year (believe it or not). Not many college students live in the same building all four years, but then again, most colleges do not foster the sense of community within the dorms like Notre Dame does. Living on campus is convenient because of how close it is to class, how connected to campus life you are and the fact that you don’t have to be a football Saturday, or a date to find a place to hang out. I am excited for my friends who have decided to move off campus around South Bend. I realize that it is going to take more of an effort on my part to see them, but I also believe that it is going to be an awesome experience for all of them. They are all going to have a great time being independent and, in a sense, I am jealous of that freedom.

Despite the past few years, I am still unbelievably excited for next football season. There is just a different atmosphere around campus during the season. Obviously, I am excited to see what Coach Kelly can do with the team, and I am hopeful that, at the very least, I can see a winning regular season in one of my four years at Notre Dame (I still can’t believe that I just typed that). With that, I am excited for my last year of weekly tailgating – I don’t think that needs much of an explanation.

I am excited to go through the Bengal Bouts season and tournament one final time. Ironically, “excited” isn’t exactly the word that I use to describe how I feel at about 4 p.m. every day right before I trudge through the snow to go to practice. However, looking back, the Bouts have been an amazing experience, and one that I could only have had at Notre Dame. Where else can an average age guy like me sign up and participate in a legitimate, full-contact amateur boxing tournament? I have been blessed with the opportunity to learn the sport of boxing, and it has forever shaped my time at Notre Dame.

What I have realized, though, is that I am just excited to be in college for one more year and am ready for everything that comes with it. It doesn’t have to be a football Saturday, or a dorm formal, or anything special at all. I get one more year of staying up too late, putting off homework and feeling the buzz of students walking to and from class on an average school day, and I can’t wait for it to come.

I am excited about potentially writing a column again next year too. This column has put me in contact with some amazing people and it has been a great experience for me. I want to thank everyone that took the time to read my work and for the feedback that everyone gave. Hopefully, I made people think about things a little more, or at least made lunch in the dining hall on Wednesdays a little more interesting. But for right now, I am excited that summer is here, because I am just about out of things to write about.

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After the fascist regime of General Franco (1939–1975), democratic open-mindedness and critical thinking were repressed by the oppressive regime. The visibility and acceptance of the gay culture in main urban centers and universities, especially in Barcelona and Madrid, became part of the police corps. The visibility and acceptance of the gay culture in Spain, partly because, unlike other contemporary countries, lesbianism hardly visible in Spain. Current scholarship on homosexuality in Spain continues to focus on main gay and bisexual poets like Federico García Lorca, Emilio Prados and Luis Cernuda. They were highly celebrated for their work. Madrid and Barcelona are the only places in Spain for their work. Madrid and Barcelona are the only places in Spain where same-sex marriage is legal and is another of the gay culture in Spain.

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He roams the campus, his textbooks at hand, study cap on. To the untrained eye, he’s just another Notre Dame student going through the daily grind of what it takes to bleed blue and gold. Yet it’s the way Will Thwaites seemingly blends in on campus that makes him so different.

See, behind the textbooks and everything that makes him a Domer, lies a mir, a yearning to throw on his signature sunglasses, and a lyrical prowess that makes Thwaites a breath of fresh air in an industry full of recycled artists.

He’s not rapping about drinking, drugs and scoring chicks. No, unlike the Sam Adamses and Asher Roth’s out there, Thwaites is about a different brand of hip-hop — one founded on intelligible lyrics, actual themes and songs built around more than simply blowing it up and livin’ the thugs life. A moment’s glance at the album cover of Thwaites’ upcoming mixtape, “Be Somebody,” is all it takes to realize what he’s all about: reppin’ the schoolboy image.

The equation, as Thwaites points out in the song “Remix to the Suburbs,” is simple: “I’ve got beats that are sick, rhymes that are luscious, and skills like fine wine, so kid you better not rush us.” Yet what makes Thwaites an artist you ought to know isn’t necessarily his uncanny knack for lyrics, his beats, rhymes, or skills, but the different angle he takes to the whole process. He’s an artist that at first you’d think you’ve seen before, rapping about things you might think you’ve heard before, but this sophomore economics and Film, Television and Theatre double-major is in fact anything but original and recycled.

Thwaites recorded his first song two summers ago, before he came to Notre Dame. What started off as a mere joke has since blown up into a bonafide artist about to release a mixtape with the hopes of making a name for himself. He’s doing what he loves, and to paint a comparison, he hopes to become the Notre Dame version of Mike Posner. It’s Mike Posner’s rise from a small-time campus singer/songwriter at Duke to a success in the mainstream music industry that inspires Thwaites and gives added weight to his aspirations of turning that “mere joke” into his own success story.

Yet Thwaites is not one to ride the coattails of others’ success and simply put out music that sounds like theirs. Instead of being a carbon copy of the artists he can’t avoid being compared to, he’s chosen to buck the trend and lend himself to something unique — like the title of his mixtape suggests.

Being somebody is a process, one that often starts off as a joke and continues with the help of a Rock Band microphone to record songs, a copy of Apple’s GarageBand to mix songs and perhaps most importantly, the help of friends, like Lauren Ruhling (Thwaites’ press secretary/stylist) and Jason Lovell (his secretary/stylist) and Katie Dubinov (his manager and graphic designer).

He’s come a long way, though, from his humble beginnings. We’re not talking “from Marcy to Madison Square” like Jay-Z. More like from video game equipment to legitimate studios where he’s grinded out songs during breaks from school and basically any chance he gets. Luckily for the former St. Edward’s Hall rapper battles champ, Thwaites has the creative chops to hold his own and keep things fresh.

It’s that process — the making of an artist — a wholesome schoolboy rapper rappin’ the suburbs, to be exact, that’s on full display in Thwaites’ debut effort. What’s clear at first listen of “Be Somebody” is that Thwaites is all about showing off his innovative pop stylings, especially in the lead track, “Still Shining,” and possibly even upping the ante on a couple of songs later on in the mix. His tracks run each into the next seamlessly. The quality and mix of Thwaites’ cuts never fail, but instead give an insight into something new and infectiously catchy. And it’s that catchiness and his hybrid style that have earned him over 35,000 hits on YouTube and should drive an even larger audience for him going forward as he puts out more music.

The real standout in Thwaites’ collection is “Daisy’s Lullaby,” a song cut straight from the diamond that is E. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel, “The Great Gatsby.” Here, Thwaites is in tip-top form, with lyrics that epitomize what makes him unique and fresh as a new artist. While straying from the general sound of much of the rest of his songs, Thwaites mixes orchestral splendor and the electro feel of a potential dorm party favorite. And it’s that intelligence and closeness that breathe life into the song, allowing it to play like fine wine, as each listen brings a new appreciation for the song.

From sitting down and chatting with Thwaites, it’s clear that he loves making music. More than that, though, he has actual talent and seems to have found himself as an artist before having ever really put anything out there. Where he goes from here is anyone’s guess, but success is really just a measure of how his music is received both by his fellow Notre Dame students and anyone outside of campus who happens upon his mixtape.

For now, though, this schoolboy rapper has his sights set on finals week. As he best describes himself, “student first, rapper second, but if I get one shot I intend to empty the clip.”

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Find a free download of Thwaites’ song, “Still Shining,” at willthwaites.com
Nothing induces a "study-zone" like the proper music. Let these tracks from an eclectic selection of film scores put you in the mood to buckle down and get work done. Ranging from soft electronic to full symphonies, they will keep you focused without getting you down.

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5   ✓  "Bella's Lullaby" from "Twilight"
6   ✓  "Summer Overture" from "Requiem For A Dream"
7   ✓  "Buffalo Hunt" from "Dances With Wolves"
8   ✓  "Journey to Transylvania" from "Van Helsing"
9   ✓  "Recollections" from "Catch Me If You Can"
10  ✓  "Take Us Out" from "Rudy"

In lieu of providing you with an all-purpose, summer-never-dies musical journey, I recognize that the freedom we all seek stands about a week and a half behind the epic buzz kills that are finals. This week, then, I will focus on getting you through the painful process with as little musical heartbreak as possible.


"Tracks to Tap: "Buffalo Hunt," "The John Dunbar Theme"

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Bay hit his first home run for the Mets to back another stingy outing by Johan Santana, and New York beat the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0 in the opener of a doubleheader Tuesday for its fifth straight victory.

Santana (3-3) worked his way around traffic on the bases, tossing six innings of four-hit ball to extend a run of scoreless innings and Pedro Feliciano finished the five-hitter with its fourth shutout of the season.

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Hawks guard Jamal Crawford attempts to dribble around the defense of Ben Gordon during a regular season game against the Pistons on April 3. Crawford was the runaway winner of the NBA’s sixth man of the year.

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Associated Press

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Rays’ Navarro receives two games for bumping umpire

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay Rays catcher Dioner Navarro began serving a two-game suspension Tuesday for bumping an umpire during an argument.

Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president for discipline, issued the suspension Tuesday. Navarro did not appeal and will also sit out Wednesday’s finale of a two-game series against the Oakland Athletics at Tropicana Field.

“Two games, get it over with. It’s still early in the season. I don’t want to be dealing with none of this stuff,” Navarro said. “Let these two days pass and get back on track and try to help the team win.”

Navarro was ejected by plate umpire Dan Bellino during the sixth inning of Friday’s game against the Toronto Blue Jays for arguing a pitch to Adam Lind that was called a ball. Replays appeared to show the call was correct and Navarro made contact with Bellino.

Sicko signs with Dallas after initially turning down draft

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have signed tight end Scott Sicko, three days after the New Hampshire player said he was turning down the NFL to go to graduate school. Sicko signed a free agent contract Tuesday, reversing course on a decision that he wouldn’t pursue an NFL offer after he wasn’t taken in the draft.

The 6-foot-4, 251-pound Sicko caused an Internet stir with his announcement Saturday. Some applauded the 22-year-old’s focus on academics, while others blasted him for passing up a rare opportunity.

Sicko tells The Times Union newspaper of Albany, N.Y., he was surprised by all the attention. He says he is a "22-year-old kid" who wanted to make sure he made the right decision for himself and fiancée.

Heart surgery to sideline Brewers’ announcer Uecker

MILWAUKEE — Bob Uecker has made a 40-year career out of delighting baseball fans with his self-deprecating sense of humor. Even facing heart surgery at the end of the week, that didn’t change.

Addressing reporters Tuesday afternoon, the Milwaukee Brewers radio announcer opened up by joking that he called a press conference to announce that he was joining the Brewers’ active roster. Then he turned serious — well, as serious as he could be.

“I’m looking forward to getting it done and getting back to work,” Uecker said.

The 75-year-old Uecker will have his aortic valve replaced Friday morning, and will be away from the team for up to three months while recovering.

“I’ve been in baseball 35 years,” Uecker said. “This is all I know. Or want to know, for that matter.”

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Federer loses Rome opener in season’s first clay match

**TENNIS**

Associated Press

ROME — Roger Federer has a long way to go if he wants to successfully defend his French Open title.

In his first singles match of the season, the eighth-ranked Federer lost to 40th-ranked Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 2-6, 6-1, 7-5 Tuesday in his Rome Masters opener.

The top-ranked Swiss will play his next tournament in Estoril, Portugal, and Madrid — before the start of the French Open on May 23.

"I hope I can come back from this. That’s usually what I do after a loss like this," Federer said. "Sometimes it takes a loss to wake up and shake you up for your approach the next week. When you win always, sometimes you forget how hard it is. That’s why today I don’t get too down about it." Gulbis was anything but blase about what happened. "I don’t have a word in English for it," he said. "It’s impossible." Earlier, Novak Djokovic, seeded second and trying to reach a third consecutive French Open final, lost to 40th-ranked Viktor Troicki, defeated France’s Jeremy Chardy 6-1, 6-1, 6-4. Fourth-seeded Andy Murray beat the top Italian, Andreas Seppi, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Lleyton Hewitt, coming back from hip surgery, ousted ninth-seeded Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 6-3, and Victor Hanescu of Romania upset 16th-seeded Juan Monaco 7-6 (4), 6-1.

This was Federer’s first singles match in nearly a month. He took off several weeks after losing in the fourth round in Key Biscayne, Fla., at the end of March.

Federer struggled with his serve, landing only 50 percent of his first attempts to the big-serving Gulbis 71 percent. In the third set, Federer missed one routine baseline shot after another.

"My game was definitely not up to speed," he said. "My serve was not working at all. On clay you can lose the feeling sometimes. At one point I tried to go three-quarters speed but that didn’t work. Either I just kept going for it and hoping that it would come back eventually, and it didn’t unfortunately." Gulbis fought off jitters at the end, winning on his seventh match point after double-faulting twice when within a point of victory.

"I couldn’t put a serve in," he said. "I was shaking. I didn’t know what to do. It was a terrible feeling." Federer teamed with countryman Yves Allegro to win a doubles match Monday. They face sixth-seeded Simon Aspelin of Sweden and Paul Hanley of Australia on Wednesday.

"It will give a good chance to forget today and move forward," Federer said. "I got rain fell during the match on a cool day, but Federer refused to blame the weather.

"I started well and the conditions were kind of like the French Open final last year," he said. "Actually, I wasn’t too worried about this loss." That's why today I don’t get too down about it." Gulbis also hired a new fitness coach. "I have a better system. My father." Federer refused to blame the match on a cool day, but Federer missed his first serves in the game, Federer said. "I think he’s got a great future." The 21-year-old Gulbis began working with a new coach in September, and credits former Argentine pro Hernan Gumy with his improved play. He also hired a new fitness coach.

"I just started concentrating more on tennis, treating it more like my job," Gulbis said. "Last year I didn’t take it as a job. It was more like a hobby. I didn’t have a coach, a system. I didn’t have a coach, a system."

"Before I was practicing twice a day, sometimes I didn’t even practice. I was more like a tennis freak, but I have a better system. My team is perfect now. It’s my coach, my fitness coach and my father."
Woodson contract talks wait

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hawks coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday there have been no talks on a new contract with Atlanta, even amid reports that he’ll be a candidate to take another job after the season.

The most persistent report is that Woodson could wind up as Philadelphia’s coach, which is based on Larry Brown leaving Charlotte to become the 76ers’ general manager. Brown has denied that he’s planning to leave the Bobcats.

Woodson, who worked as an assistant to Brown in Detroit, said he wants to remain with the Hawks. He took over a rebuilding team six years ago and went 13-69, but Atlanta has shown improvement every year since then. The Hawks are tied with Milwaukee in the opening round of the playoffs heading into Game 5 at Philips Arena on Wednesday night.

“They’re out there,” Woodson said, referring to the reports about his future. “But again, my job is right here with the Hawks. I started this gig six years ago and I want to finish it.”

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The GM stressed that he’s merely sticking with the position he’s taken all along. “I’m a Mike fan,” Sund said.

“You’re in a situation where he’s worked with an organization that was totally supportive of him in the early years. When I came in, the first thing I did was give him a new contract. I basically said at the end of the two years, we’ll sit down and talk at that time. That’s just the way I am with contracts,” Woodson said.

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Woodson certainly feels he deserves a new, longer-term contract. “I’ve helped the team grow,” he said. “I think these players respect what we do, me and my staff. I hope ownership steps up and makes it happen to the point where I’m here for a long time, continuing the growth of this team and trying to get it done.”

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Celtics eliminate Heat in Boston in Game 5

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BOSTON — The Boston Celtics are heading to the second round of the NBA playoffs and a potential matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Ray Allen scored 24 points, making five 3-pointers in the second half, to help Boston beat Miami 96-86 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night and eliminate the Heat. With Heat star Dwyane Wade due to become a free agent along with James — it could be an eventful summer in Miami.

Boston advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals thanks to 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists from Rajon Rondo. Paul Pierce scored 24 for the Celtics, who will play either Cleveland or Chicago; the Cavaliers took a 3-1 lead into Game 5 of their first-round playoff series later Tuesday night.

Wade scored 31 points — far short of the franchise postseason-record 46 he scored Sunday in Game 4 in Miami to help the Heat stave off elimination.

The Celtics beat the Bulls last year in an overtime-laden, seven-game series in the first round. Boston hooked up with James and the Cavaliers for seven games in the conference semis in 2008 on the way to the Celtics’ NBA-record 17th championship. Wade, who averaged just under 34 points in the series, now has a chance to test one of the hottest free agent markets in memory. James will be the big prize, of course, but Wade is right behind him and several teams could make a run at both superstars to build a potential contender for years to come.

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Red Sox defeat Blue Jays behind Buchholz's gem

Rays beat Athletics for 12th win in 14 games; Twins ride Liriano's eight scoreless innings to victory over Tigers

TORONTO — Clay Buchholz pitched eight strong innings, pinch-hitter Mike Lowell drove in the go-ahead run with a bases loaded walk and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 2-1 on Tuesday night.

It was Boston’s fifth straight victory in Toronto, and their fifth consecutive one-run game. The Red Sox are 4-1 in those games.

One night after the teams combined for 25 runs and 34 hits in batting 13 pitchers, starters Buchholz and Shaun Marcum gave the bullpens a break.

Buchholz (2-2) allowed one run and seven hits to win for good. Brignac’s homer restored a four-run lead for the Rays in the eighth inning.

Marcum allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and has four no-decisions in five starts this season. He walked three and struck out five.

Scott Downs (0-3) replaced Marcum in the eighth inning and struck out the first batter, then gave up consecutive singles to Dustin Pedroia and Victor Martinez. Pedroia took third when Kevin Youkilis flied to right and Downs left after walking J.D. Drew to load the bases. Kevin Gregg came on to face Lowell, who bunted for David Ortiz, and walked him on four pitches, his first walk this season. Adrian Beltre ended the rally with a liner back to the mound.

Toronto opened the scoring in the first when Fred Lewis singled, took second on a grounder and scored on a two-out double by Vernon Wells.

Boston tied it with a two-out rally in the second. Ortiz walked, went on to second on Beltre’s throwing error and scored on a base hit by Jeremy Hermida.

Boson put runners at first and second with two outs in the fourth and fifth but failed to score each time.

Drew doubled to begin the seventh and Beltre drew a one-out walk but Marcum fanned Hermida and got Darnell McDonald to pop out.

Wells reached second on Beltre’s throwing error in the eighth but Lyle Overbay struck out looking and Alex Gonzalez flied out.

Rays 8, Athletics 6
Pat Burrell and Reid Brignac homered Tuesday night, helping the Tampa Bay Rays match a club record for wins in April with an 8-6 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

The AL East leaders improved baseball’s best record to 15-5. The victory total equals the number they had in the opening month two years ago, when they made a surprising run to the World Series.

Burrell’s three-run homer off Ben Sheets (1-2) snapped a 4-4 tie in the third inning. Brignac’s solo shot leading off the bottom of the fourth gave right-hander Wade Davis (2-1) an 8-4 lead.

The Rays have won 12 of 14 and are off to the best start in the team’s 13-season history. Nevertheless, attendance for the opener of a two-game series against another first-place team drew an announced crowd of 10,825 to Tropicana Field.

Davis weathered a shaky five innings to win his second straight decision. He gave up a three-run homer to Cliff Pennington, who had four hits and four RBIs — both career highs — for the As.

Pennington’s RBI double off Lance Cormier trimmed Oakland’s deficit to 8-5 in the sixth. Adam Rosales drove in a run with his career-best fourth hit — making it 8-6 in the eighth — however the As stranded the potential tying run in scoring position when Daric Barton struck out.

Rafael Soriano picked a perfect ninth for Tampa Bay, earning his third save with opportunities.

The Rays played without catcher Dioner Navarro, who began serving a two-game suspension for bumping an umpire during an argument last week. He also will sit out Wednesday’s finale against the As.

Jason Bartlett’s two-run single was the biggest blow in Tampa Bay’s four-run second inning against Sheets, who allowed eight runs and nine hits in four innings. Carl Crawford and Johnny Damon followed with back-to-back doubles.

Davis, however, couldn’t hold the early lead.

The As struck for four runs of their own in the third, with Pennington’s third homer of the season doing most of the damage. The A’s went on to load the bases with two outs on a walk and pair of singles before Gabe Gross lifted a sacrifice fly to make it 4-4.

Burrell, who’s 8-for-19 with three homers lifetime against Sheets, put Tampa Bay ahead for good. Brignac’s homer leading off the fourth inning restored a four-run lead for Davis, who yielded four runs and seven hits.

Twins 2, Tigers 0
Francisco Liriano pitched eight scoreless innings, leading the Minnesota Twins to a 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Liriano struck out 10 and gave up the first of four hits in the fifth and walked only one. Jon Rauch closed the game for his seventh save.

Justin Verlander gave up an unearned run and struck out a season-high seven over 5 2-3 innings.

Left fielder Ryan Raburn dropped what would’ve been the third out of the sixth to let Jim Thome score from first after he walked. Second base- man Scott Sizemore made a wide throw on what should’ve been the final out of the sev- enth, allowing Michael Cuddyer to score.

Minnesota played the Tigers for the first time since beating them in the 163rd game last year.

The Twins probably will be tough to beat against this series, winning the first six seasons of a series for the first time in franchise history, especially if Liriano looks like this before he shows stunted his career.

They have to hope, though. Justin Morneau’s stiff back isn’t going to be a lingering problem. The star first base- man didn’t play after the fifth inning, but the team said the move was made for precau- tionary reasons.

The 2006 AL MVP played his final game last season on Sept. 12 because of a back injury. He struck out in each of his three at-bats against Verlander after reaching base in each of Minnesota’s first 19 games, hitting in 16 of them.

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Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas catcher Matt Treanor had a solo home run and a two-run double for his first extra-base hits of the season and former reliever C.J. Wilson gave up another solid start for the Rangers in a 4-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

The AL West big game came hours after the Rangers optioned Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Trevor Teagarden, the two catchers on their season-opening roster, to Triple-A Oklahoma City, where he had already been placed on the disabled list Tuesday and optioned him to Oklahoma City, is the other Rangers catcher.

Wilson put the Rangers back in the game. He struck out five batters and allowed two hits.

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MLB

Garland strikes out 10 in San Diego victory

Doumit hits grand slam in Pirates’ win over Brewers; Carpenter wins on birthday to propel Cardinals over Braves

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jon Garland matched a career high with 10 strikeouts, leading the San Diego Padres past the Florida Marlins 4-1 Tuesday night.

Garland (2-2) allowed one run, three hits, three walks in six innings, tying the record for strikeouts he set Aug. 24, 2003 against Texas.

Anibal Sanchez (1-2) allowed three runs, two earned in 6-1 3-innings.

Garland allowed four of the six first basemen to reach base during his 5.2-stripped run.

Cameron Maybin and Chris Coghlan hit consecutive singles to start the sixth. Garland limited the damage by getting Hanrahan on a 1-2-3, but into a run-scoring double play that made it 2-1 before striking out Juan Pierre.

The Padres tacked on two more runs in the seventh when Tony Gwynn led off with a walk and stole second before Hairston’s single off Burke Badenhop. Two batters later, Gonzalez added an RBI single.

Garland lowered his ERA against the Marlins to 2.14 in five career starts, his lowest against any opponent.

Hundley drove in the Padres’ first run in the second, and San Diego added another when left fielder Coghlan’s throwing error allowed David Eckstein to score from third.

Pirates 7, Brewers 3

Ryan Doumit hit a grand slam and Ronny Cedeno had a solo homer in a five-run ninth inning to help the Pittsburgh Pirates snap a 2-2 game losing streak against Cleveland with a victory over the Brewers on Tuesday night.

Cedeno crushed the second pitch from Trevor Hoffman (1-2) over the wall in left to tie the game. After Andrew McCutchen struck out, Andy LaRoche singled for the fourth time and Lastings Millege doubled.

Garrett Jones was walked intentionally before Doumit drove in a 2-0 pitch into the second- deck of the bleachers for his second career grand slam.

Home runs have been Hoffman’s downfall in all three consecutive times from 1952-

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Pirate starter Jeff Karstens, a non-roster invitee to spring training, continued his comeback with a solid first start of the season.

The 27-year-old right-hander was called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Indianapolis. He had 2-1-4 ERA in 13 starts last season before the Pirates removed him from the 40-man roster Nov. 20.

Karstens gave up a run on doubles by Wolf and Craig Counsell in the third, but nothing else until George Kottaras hit a game-tying solo shot leading off the seventh. After a walk to Counsell with two outs in the seventh, Karstens gave way to Joel Hanrahan.

Karstens went six 2-3 innings, walked four and struck out four.

The Brewers had outsourced the Pirates 53-4 in their first four games against each other.

Cardinals 5, Braves 4

Chris Carpenter won on his 35th birthday and Yadier Molina had the go-ahead hit for the second straight game in the St. Louis Cardinals victory over the sagging Atlanta Braves Tuesday night.

Atlanta has totaled 13 runs in a seven-game losing streak, the franchise’s worst since a 10-game skid June 11-

22, 2006. The Braves coughed up an early lead for the second straight game, 2-0 after three innings Tuesday and 3-0 after five on Monday.

Brett Lowe (3-2) was one of seven pitchers who have thrown a no-hitter making starts on Tuesday. He retired the first 10 batters before Ryan Ludwick homered and was chased in a four-run sixth that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa batted the pitcher eighth for the first time since last July before the Matt Holliday trade. He needed four pitchers to exit the seventh as the Braves scored twice to cut the gap to 5-4 and Jason Heyward look a called third strike against Trevor Miller with the bases loaded.

NBA

Cavs eliminate Bulls, will face Celtics next

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James just missed a triple-double despite an apparently sore right elbow, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to a playoff date with Boston by beating Chicago 96-94 in Game 7 of their first-round series in perhaps Vinny Del Negro’s final game as Bulls coach.

James, favoring a tender right elbow that appears to hurt when he’s shot-blocking, hit into a run-scoring double play that made it 2-1 before striking out Jose Contreras in the ninth.

The Bulls, though, had other chances. The Pirates had lost to the Cards 22 straight times at Miller Park and are 13-37 against Milwaukee overall since 2007. The Brewers’ home win-

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SMC TENNIS

Belles face Albion in MIAA tournament

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 5-seed Belles will begin their quest for a conference championship Friday with a first-round match against Albion at Holland Christian High School in Holland, Mich.

Saint Mary’s (11-8, 4-4 MIAA) enters the tournament on a three-match win streak that included a Monday victory over Olivet to close the regular season.

“It’s always good to finish on a winning note,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “It’s good for our confidence going into the tournament.”

Although the Belles are in the bottom half of a conference of eight teams, they expect to come out on top against Albion (11-8, 5-3).

We want to push off some upset, but we don’t see ourselves as the underdogs,” Campbell said. “We expect to win and will have to take care of the details necessary to get that done.”

Saint Mary’s will come in with the same approach that they have taken into every match this season — strong play in doubles, solid singles performances and an overall offensive style of play. Campbell said he wants his players to turn up the intensity to prove to the rest of the MIAA that they are a force to be reckoned with.

“We are playing with the idea of earning respect,” Campbell said. “It will not be given to us, but we want to go after it. We have to step things up a notch.”

The Belles will have two practices this week and will not deviate from the norm of everyday preparation. In terms of actual match play, Campbell does not expect a serious deviation from their normal performance, either.

“We just need to be more assertive and raise our expectations and demands on ourselves,” Campbell said.

If the Belles can beat Albion, their road to an MIAA title will run right through national power Calvin.

But that has not fazed Campbell, who has confidence in his team.

“We expect to do great things this weekend,” Campbell said.

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Club Sports

Squash receives recognition

Special to the Observer

The 2009-2010 Notre Dame men’s and women’s squash teams were honored Thursday, as a team sweatshirt was unveiled on the wall of Hot Box Pizza restaurant in Eddy Street Commons.

The team gathered at the pizzeria for its end of season banquet and to sign the sweatshirt. “We are thrilled,” Irish coach Geoff McCuen said. “There are only four teams represented in the collection, and now squash is right up there with football, basketball and hockey.”

The 2009-2010 season was a tremendous campaign for the entire program. The club attracted a record number of members in the fall, enough to field two full nine-person teams for both men and women.

With the increased interest in squash across the campus, the Irish were able to send the squads to several College Squash Association events around the country, including the National Team Championships held at Yale University in February. This was the first year that a full women’s team participated, and McCuen attributes this feat to the leadership of the club’s co-president, senior captain Kristine So.

The teams are already excited about next season, which kicks off early with their participation in the U.S. Open to be held in Chicago September 25 through October 3. Other highlights include a women’s team trip to the east coast and a men’s team trip to the West Coast Round Robin in Seattle, Wash. next January.

For more information about Notre Dame Squash, please visit the club website at www.nd.edu/~squash or find the group page on Facebook.

NHL

Canucks eager for playoff rematch

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks got what they wanted — a chance to pay back the Chicago Blackhawks.

The post-season rematch was set Monday night when the second-seeded Blackhawks eliminated the Nashville Predators. Now Chicago will try to send the Canucks into summer vacation for the second straight year.

“The Blackhawks took care of Vancouver in six games when the clubs met in the 2009 Western Conference semifinals—the same round as this year’s matchup,” Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo said.

There is a lot of history and bad blood there,” Canucks defenseman Shane O’Brien said.

“The teams are already excited about next season, which kicks off early with their participation in the U.S. Open to be held in Chicago September 25 through October 3. Other highlights include a women’s team trip to the east coast and a men’s team trip to the West Coast Round Robin in Seattle, Wash. next January.

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Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney avoids a defender during Notre Dame’s 15-5 win over Cincinnati on April 27.

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over plays where we didn’t execute right after that. There wasn’t consistency in a number of aspects.”

In the upcoming game against the Huskies, Coyne said she will look to her veterans to demonstrate the composure necessary under immense pressure.

“It’s the captains, as well as the junior class, that we look to as leaders,” Coyne said. “The juniors have championship experience too. They’ve been in the big time.”

That experience will come in handy on the road against a Huskies team that is coming off a 12-11 overtime win over Connecticut Saturday at noon. The Big East Tournament gets underway in Piscataway, N.J., on May 6.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles seeking bid to MIAA tournament

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will host Calvin in a MIAA doubleheader Wednesday as the Belles look to improve their NCAA tournament resume.

The Belles (19-15, 8-4) enter the conference in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage and triples. Sullivan said her team’s offensive onslaught can continue against Calvin.

“We can always count on our batters to do a lot of damage to the other team,” Sullivan said.

Monica Palicki and Angela Gillis are scheduled to be the two starting pitchers for Saint Mary’s today. Sullivan is confident in her two pitcher’s ability to continue their success.

“Monica and Angela have both really bounced back with strong outings against Olivet and Hope in the last couple of weeks, so I am very confident in their pitching,” Sullivan said.

Calvin’s probable starter is freshman Shelby Maan.

“Shebly is a cancer survivor having had a recent surgery to remove her tumor in her chest,” Sullivan said. “She is having a strong finish after pitching nearly every inning for Calvin.”

The first game will begin Wednesday at 3:30 p.m at Saint Mary’s.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

ND to compete in tournament

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This weekend the Irish travel to Cincinnati to compete against a field of 15 in the Big East Conference championships.

With a regular season full of an impressive number of top-five and even first-place finishes, each athlete is looking to emerge with good results.

The men won the Big East Indoor championship two months ago, and are now looking to repeat their success. Sophomore Johnathan Shavel won the men’s 1,000 meter, senior Jack Howard won the men’s 800, senior Eric Quick won the men’s triple jump, junior Justin Schneider won the men’s heptathlon and sophomore Kevin Schipper won the men’s pole vault.

Heading into the spring season, the men hold 29 conference qualifier spots, 13 of which are ranked in the top five in their respective events. The women hold 17 spots, ranking up right top five positions.

“Before the Big East conference meet, all the athletes are preparing physically by focusing on our training, and mentally by rehashing the upcoming performance,” Schipper said. “We try to go into the championships well-rested and with a sense of confidence.”

In the outdoor events, Howard holds the No. 1 position in the men’s 800 with a time of 1:48.60 going into the weekend. Quick holds the second spot in men’s triple jump with a mark of 15.46 meters, while Schipper stands tied at the second spot alongside his brother, senior Matt Schipper, at 5.20 meters.

For the women, senior Joanna Schulz stands at the No. 1 position for the women’s 400 with a time of 58.13.

For the seniors, these championships mark not only a chance to improve, but a chance to do their best one last time at the Big East. “I feel going into my last Big East championships ever that I know it is possible for the team to perform at their best and to go way above and beyond their goals, giving them much confidence going into the national preliminaries,” Matt Schipper said.

The championships kick off Friday at 11 a.m. and will continue Saturday and Sunday.

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hander Cole Johnson, who was held on a strict pitch count of 20 tosses. Johnson excelled in that time, fanning three batters and giving up only two hits and no runs.

“It was exciting to just see him back on the mound,” Schrage said. “A key will be to see how he feels tomorrow. I think he pitched better in the second inning than in the first inning, he got a little bit in and out and looked a little more fluid.”

Even more exciting were the signs of pitching depth coming from the Irish, as both junior right-hander Sharpley (two hits, one walk, two strikeouts) and sophomore left-hander Spano (two hits, five strikeouts) pitched more than three innings without giving up a run.

“The other thing that was really encouraging was Sharpley and Spano,” Schrage said. “If those guys throw like that, that really gives us some pitching depth. That is a good hitting club over there. They came in hitting .232 and they are leading the MAC.”

The Irish were able to take the game right to Toledo in the first inning, opening with a lead-off double from senior left-fielder Ryan Connolly who promptly scored after a single from freshman second baseman Frank Desico and an RBI single from senior first baseman David Mills. Desico was then able to score on a throwing error by Toledo shortstop Jared Hoying.

The Irish kept the pressure on in the second inning, notching two more runs. Toledo pitcher Cody Umbrig was able to settle in after that however, not allowing another run in his seven innings pitched.

That lead would be enough, as the Irish pitching was phenomenal. The Irish added five runs in the eighth inning, including a two-run, bases loaded single from Connolly.

“Connolly getting that bases loaded hit in the eighth inning was really big,” Schrage said. “We have been struggling with runners in scoring position, and him stepping up and getting that hit really relaxes the team a little bit and gets us going.”

Senior righty Steven Mazur came in for the ninth and pitched a 1-2-3 inning to close out the game. Next up for the Irish is a matchup with Valparaiso (17-21) who Schrage believes will be another good test for his pitching, especially probable starting junior right-hander Todd Miller.

“Valparaiso is a lot better team than they have been,” Schrage said. “They have a pretty good offensive lineup.”

Schrage likes the look of his team going into the weekend series against St. John’s (26-12, 10-5 Big East) that is crucial for the Irish in their challenge for the postseason.

“This team is playing a little bit more relaxed right now and a little bit more confident.” Schrage said. First pitch against Valparaiso is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Gary, Ind.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Backs against the wall

ND one win away from NCAA tournament bid

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

With No. 19 Notre Dame’s postseason hopes hanging in the balance, No. 2 Syracuse will visit sold-out Arlotta Stadium Saturday in one of the most anticipated season finales in program history. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he hopes a large contingent of students will attend and make “The Lot” an intimidating venue for the Orange.

“It’s going to be a great crowd. There’s going to be a lot of people there,” Corrigan said. “There’s no question that our guys want to play in front of their fellow students. That’s what it’s all about as a college athlete.”

Though a visit from the perennial powerhouse Orange (11-1, 4-0 Big East) would be an extremely important game under any circumstances, Notre Dame (7-5, 2-3) has a special sense of urgency in Saturday’s contest. A win could mean qualification for the NCAA tournament, while a loss could mean the Irish would likely be left out of the postseason in a disappointing end to the season.

“There’s no question that if we win Saturday, we’re going to the tournament,” Corrigan said. “That’s the position we want to be in, and we’ve got the chance to do that ourselves.”

The Irish bring some momentum into the contest, having won two consecutive Big East contests by comfortable margins. But the Orange have only dropped one game all season, a tight 11-10 loss at No. 1 Virginia.

Syracuse’s style of play will pose a challenge for the Irish, with only three wins on the season.

BASEBALL

Johnson’s return boosts Irish

By JARED JEDICK
Senior Sports Writer

The Irish put up a complete all-around game yesterday evening against Toledo, shutting out the Rockets en route to a 9-0 victory.

The Irish (18-22, 7-8 Big East) jumped on Toledo (23-7, 2-3) early in the first two innings with four runs to build a lead they would not relinquish all night.

To jump out on Toledo like we did in the first two innings, I was happy with that,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Returning to the mound after a shoulder injury for the Irish was junior right-

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Squad hopes to avoid tiebreaker with win

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame is looking at Saturday’s game at Connecticut as a must-win, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

After a road loss to Rutgers, Notre Dame (10-5, 5-2 Big East) must beat the Huskies (9-7, 2-5) to guarantee itself a spot in the Big East tournament. A loss would subject the Irish to a tiebreaker.

“This game, we just need to win,” Coyne said. “If we lose we drop back into a three-way tie and we haven’t even looked at the tiebreaker, which is goal differential, so we just need to go out there and take care of business.”

Squad hopes to avoid tiebreaker with win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Coming off of a three-game sweep of conference rival Villanova, the No. 25 Irish hope to continue their success by taking on Bowling Green and Wisconsin in their final home games of the season.

“For everyone that comes to play at Meloza Cook Stadium, we never think that any of them are going to be easy,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganeff said.

“They’ll throw everything that they have at us.”

Notre Dame (38-9, 14-4 Big East) welcomes Bowling Green (10-20) Wednesday for a doubleheader in which the Irish appear to have the upper hand. The Falcons have yet to win an away game this season.

“It’s going to be a great business.”

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“I know that [Bowling Green] always has a competitive team that comes at you with everything they have,” Ganeff said.

“They usually have a few power hitters on their team.”

The Irish take on Wisconsin Thursday. The Badgers (14-27) are struggling this season with only three wins on the