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Dissenters criticize Jenkins' statement

Bishop, professors ask University president to reconsider decision

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Three weeks after University President Father John Jenkins issued a largely well-received closing statement permitting "The Vagina Monologues" on campus, prominent voices of dissent are beginning to emerge — including that of South Bend-Fort

Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy, who issued a nine-page statement Thursday denouncing Jenkins' decision.

Jenkins' April 5 decision to not prohibit the "Monologues" came 10 weeks after he appealed to the University community to engage in dialogue about academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

D'Arcy, who said three weeks ago he was "deeply saddened" by the decision, criticized Jenkins Thursday for not "adequately and fully" including Catholic teaching in his closing statement.

"My pastoral concern is not only because of the decision not

to ban the play, but because of the rationale that accompanied the decision," D'Arcy said Thursday in a statement that will appear in the April 30 edition of Today's Catholic. "It fails to give room to the great truths of the faith."

D'Arcy is not alone in his sentiments. At Notre Dame, a series of letters to the editor by University professors printed in The Observer have criticized Jenkins' decision, several asking for Jenkins to reconsider.

Jenkins responded in a statement Thursday, saying the public dissent — which heightened when an April 25 column written

by law professor emeritus Charles Rice called for Jenkins' resignation — is part of a productive, ongoing dialogue.

The University, he said, "benefits from fruitful discussion of difficult issues."

"Often, the voices of dissent present themselves louder than those of support," Jenkins said. "I continue to respect the opinions of those who have shared their views publicly and privately with me and other members of the University."

D'Arcy, who spoke at Notre Dame Law School on April 21

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Shack City to be built Saturday

Founder of Habitat for Humanity set to visit

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will challenge students to think inside the box this Saturday at its third annual Shack City event. Founder and former president of Habitat for Humanity International, Millard Fuller will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday night on South Quad.

In an effort to raise funds for and awareness about the two billion people worldwide who live in substandard housing, Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity co-president Ryan Iafigliola said participants will give up the comfort of their beds to sleep in cardboard boxes on South Quad. Students will write quotes and statistics about poverty on the boxes to aid in the educational component of this unique event.

Shack City was designed with the intention to educate, advocate, raise funds and allow students to experience a night with-



Fuller

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Problems plague Webmail

OIT predicts faster service by finals week

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

In this age of high-speed communication, people can spread news of an event to all corners of the world just minutes after it happens. But for Notre Dame students, opening up Webmail often recalls the days of the Pony Express.

While the problem has been steadily building, during this spring semester in particular e-mail users have begun to notice longer delays in logging onto the e-mail program to read messages. And though officials hope to alleviate the problem before the semester ends, a long-term fix may be more of a wait.

"It goes slow a lot and sometimes it goes so slow you can't really log in," freshman Kyle Peters said. "It usually just takes a couple of seconds, but when it's bad it takes a couple minutes. Usually if it's taking a couple minutes, I just 'X' out and don't even try."

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) is aware of the troubles users have had in accessing e-mail through e-mail clients Webmail, Outlook, Eudora and Thunderbird this semester. Denise Moser, consolidated operations manager for OIT, said her office frequently receives calls from students and faculty experiencing problems opening their e-mail quickly.

Students tend to use Webmail, and faculty and staff use the other e-mail programs more frequently, but all are experiencing the same problems right now because they use the same server, she said.

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Hesburgh picture unveiled

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Although the walls of LaFortune are decked with many pictures of illustrious Notre Dame athletes and legends, nothing quite parallels the image that hangs there now.

Thursday afternoon, the Multicultural Affairs Committee of Student Senate organized an unveiling ceremony of a special photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. linking arms with a young Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus.

The gathering, held in the Dooley Room of LaFortune, celebrated not only the unveiling of the picture but also King's legacy, Hesburgh's

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer
Chandra Johnson, director of Cross-Cultural Ministry, left, and University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh stand by a photo of Hesburgh from the 1960s.

Academic building in the works at SMC



Rendering courtesy of ADG, Inc.

An artistic rendering of a yet-unnamed academic building was revealed to Saint Mary's Thursday.

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Saint Mary's campus was abuzz with change Thursday, as the sounds of drills meeting concrete from the renovation of Madeleva Hall rang out at the same time plans for a new three-story, 68,000 square foot academic building were revealed to the College community.

Director of Public Relations Melanie McDonald said the new building does not yet have a name — it is unclear whether it will be named after a particular donor — but as long as fund-raising goals are met, groundbreaking could begin as soon as fall 2006.

Currently, Saint Mary's is \$800,000 short of its \$16,500,000 goal — which

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Committee pilots new course rating process

By KATIE MCDONNELL
News Writer

It's crunch time. Your DART time is here, but the final spot for your first choice class was just filled. Now it's time to make the decision — do you pull up the vague course description in the undergraduate bulletin, or the heavily slanted opinions in NDToday.com's teacher ratings?

Neither — at least at some point in the near future. Thanks to the efforts of the Committee for Better Informing Course Selection, Notre Dame students will one day have more detailed course information at their fingertips. Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs heads the joint student, faculty and administrator committee working to give students what he deemed a "richer description"

of available courses before registering.

"We want to give students more detailed information — what the course's intention is, learning goals, modes of learning," Jacobs said. "To give students a much clearer picture about what they might be considering."

Currently, students compile information from the course handbook, undergraduate bulletins or department Web sites alongside external sources like NDToday.com. But senior Vijay Ramanan, the student chair of the committee, said the information these sources provide "is sometimes very good and in other situations quite spotty."

While Web sites may be outdated and descriptions often short, teacher evaluations on NDToday.com face the problem containing only a few, strong, variable opinions, he explained.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Thank you,
everyone

Barring a miracle or drunken mishap by someone in the Registrar's office, I will probably not be delivering any graduation day reflections in any public forums (other than standing on a bar with a drink in my hand). Given that this will probably be my final inside column, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank certain people on campus for making my four years at Notre Dame truly unforgettable.

Sam Pandolfo

Advertising
Executive

For four years, I have awoken more times than not to Maurice, Zahm's head custodian, singing 80s pop songs in the bathroom or banging his vacuum into my door at 7 a.m. I'm sincerely and honestly going to miss hearing, "Sam, Sam, what up man ... Yeah, Jibba, Yeah Yeah!" every morning. So to Maurice and all the hall custodial staff members across campus, thanks for putting up with us with a smile.

Officer Kelly, North Quad NDSP night patrol woman extraordinaire. No weekend was ever complete without seeing you in Zahm trying to find out who did whatever out on the quad. I've never seen someone handle drunken idiots with such grace and composure. If I had a vote, I would give you, and all the night patrol safety officers, a huge raise. Thanks for helping us make it home safe, because let's be honest, some nights that walk from D2 or Library Circle can seem like a marathon, and no one wants to spend the night in a bush.

Dining hall card swipers. Despite our differences over the years — the incidents involving Zahm dorm dinners and body paint — you always manage a smile when we come in for a meal. You've actually convinced me in this last year that you know my name, even though you're probably just cheating off my ID. That's okay though, because hearing you say "Hello Samuel" actually eases the pain of knowing that I just spent \$10 on the continental breakfast. So thank you for the smiles, and I hope they get you better chairs.

Library security guards. For almost 20 hours a day, you keep us safe while we study. I can't even begin to imagine how good you are at solitaire on the computer. You've probably even played all 10,000 games of FreeCell. (When you get bored of computer games I recommend SuDoku — you can print free grids at www.boardhell.org, and they can help kill time like you wouldn't believe.) All three and half times I have been in the library in my four years here, I felt extremely safe. In fact, I felt more safe while naked in the library than anywhere else on campus.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Office of Alcohol and Drug Assessment. Most of my friends know you all better than I do, but I'm grateful for the work that you do. By your definitions, nearly everyone at Notre Dame has a drinking problem, so knowing that I'm like my peers and that I fit in has made me more confident in social situations. So, thank you for helping me make friends everywhere.

After four years, things that once amazed me have become dull and boring. But I've noticed the little things, and not so little people that make this place possible. So to everyone else — professors, office workers, rectors and altar boys (and girls) — thank you for making Notre Dame unforgettable.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, in the April 27 edition of the Observer several articles in the News section were not completed. Full text of these articles can be accessed online at ndsmcobserver.com. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK TCEs ARE EFFECTIVE?



Bodie Solomon
freshman
Stanford

"My professors are still here — what do you think?"



Mark Bond
freshman
Stanford

"Of course — they get rid of all the bad teachers."



Noelle Crooks
freshman
Cavanaugh

"No."



Chrissy Derek
junior
Holy Cross

"20 minutes of less class time is fine by me."



Steph Snyder
senior
Holy Cross

"I think it is of the upmost importance that they know what I, Stephanie Nicole Snyder, think of them."



Caitlin Stevenson
first-year
McCandless

"I feel like most people don't take them seriously."



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

The Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs club put on "Dance Around the World" in the student center — a dance with many types of cultural music. Participants included Saint Mary's students as well as girls visiting for "My First Day on Campus."

OFFBEAT

Goose befriends elderly cancer patient

FERNAN LAKE, Idaho — A northern Idaho man diagnosed with terminal cancer says a usually cantankerous goose that befriended him on his walks has helped him live past doctors' predictions.

Last fall Bill Lytle's, 73, skin turned yellow overnight, and doctors diagnosed pancreatic cancer, giving Lytle only months to live. But Lytle continued his walks, having to cut them down to two miles at a nearby lake, where he met the goose who has inspired him to keep going even when he

wasn't feeling well.

The goose, about 30 pounds with a red beak and red feet, approaches Lytle when he calls and rubs its head against his arms. But it snaps at anyone else who gets too close.

NASA says reducing roadkill will save astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Picking up roadkill may save astronauts' lives. Kennedy Space Center managers said Thursday they have launched an effort encouraging workers to notify road-and-grounds crews when they see roadkill.

The theory is that remov-

ing dead animals could cut down on the number of vultures looking for meals at the 140,000-acre center, part of which is a national wildlife refuge.

A vulture struck the fuel tank of space shuttle Discovery during last year's launch, but it didn't cause any major damage.

"We're trying to avoid that again and by doing that we're trying to reduce the food source," said John Shaffer, a scientist who works at Kennedy's environmental program office.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The debate teams from legendary football rivals Notre Dame and USC square off for the first time at 4 p.m. today in the Decio Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The topic will be: "RESOLVED: That the University of Notre Dame should defeat the University of Southern California in the 2006 collegiate football contest."

The dean of the Yale University Divinity School, Harry Attridge, will give a lecture on "The Future of the Faith in an Age of Fundamentalism and Secularism." It will be held from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. today in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Donald Crafton, chair and professor of film, television and theatre, will speak about "The Irish Movie Mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career" today at 3 p.m. in 424 Flanner Hall.

AnTostal continues at 7 p.m. tonight at Legends with the Battle of the Bands. This event is sponsored by SUB, the Class of 2008 and Legends of Notre Dame. It is free and open to ND, SMC and HCC students with ID.

The SMC Irish Dance Club will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in The Little Theater in Moreau Hall.

The No. 17 Irish men's lacrosse team will face Ohio State at 3 p.m. Saturday at Moose Krause Field.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	67	57	65	62	57	60
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Red Rose Gala blossoms at ND

Tonight's dinner and dance will raise money for YWCA and S-O-S

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

When University President Father John Jenkins announced his decision to disallow the fundraising aspect of "The Vagina Monologues" this year, organizers of the hotly-debated performance, members of Feminist Voice, the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination and Student Government officials united to plan an event in hopes of raising a portion of the \$15,000 they had expected to get from the "Monologues" performance.

The Red Rose Gala, to be held tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight in the East Wing of South Dining Hall, is a result of brainstorming and months of planning by students dedicated to providing continued support for the YWCA and S-O-S — two South Bend organizations that have previously benefited from "The Vagina Monologues" ticket proceeds.

The South Bend YWCA is a domestic violence and chemical dependency shelter that is only one of a handful in the nation to allow both women and their children. S-O-S, South Bend's only rape crisis center, also runs a support group for victims of rape. Funds raised by the Gala will be given to these organizations to be used at their discretion.

"These organizations have come to expect and rely on this

donation," said Kaitlyn Redfield, one of the primary organizers of the Gala. "It is unconscionable that survivors of rape and domestic violence and their children, members of our own community, be made to go without because of a political decision made by our University's president."

As of Wednesday, approximately 100 tickets had been sold for the event. Event organizers are hoping for a number closer to 500.

"We want to raise the \$15,000 [in anticipated "Monologues" funds] back. Frankly, unless a miracle happens at the 11th hour and people suddenly become very generous or start buying tickets madly, this unfortunately won't happen," Redfield said. "Far more people will pay to attend 'The Vagina Monologues' than will likely attend this fundraiser, and we can only charge so much for ticket prices and auction items. But, any money is better than nothing."

While the Red Rose Gala is primarily a fundraising event, Redfield and other event organizers hope it will help to raise awareness about some very important issues as well, she said. In addition to a live band,

dancing, food and auction of items — such as a private tour of the tunnels, lunch with Jenkins in his office and hotel accommodations in Chicago — the event will feature speaker Cynthia Mahmood, a University professor and expert anthropologist in the field of gender violence.

"It is crucial that people on this campus understand that

every 16 seconds, a woman is beaten in her own home and every 2.5 seconds a woman is raped," Redfield said. "In South Bend, these women and their children need a safe haven. The only locations available for them are the

YWCA and S-O-S, and these organizations need our support to keep their doors open. As Catholics, as citizens of South Bend, and as members of the very privileged Notre Dame community, this is our responsibility."

Tickets for the Gala are on sale all this week at the LaFortune Box Office. The cost is \$15 for undergraduates, \$25 for faculty and community members and \$5 for the first 50 graduate students.

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"These organizations have come to expect and rely on this donation."

Kaitlyn Redfield
Red Rose Gala organizer

Professor's work set to make world premiere

By NICOLE ZOOK
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It's not every day Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students get the chance to witness a world premiere event, but starting tonight visitors to O'Laughlin Auditorium will do just that.

"Witness," an opera based on the Karen Hesse novel of the same name, was written and conducted by Saint Mary's music professor Zae Munn. The opera's world premiere begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Munn, who teaches music composition, theory and orchestration at the College, said she is excited for the work to open and believes both students and South Bend residents have a lot to gain from viewing the opera.

"I hope people will love the music, be thrilled by the story, and understand that it has real meaning for our lives today," she said.

"Witness" tells the story of a Vermont town infiltrated by the Ku Klux Klan in 1924, focusing on the impact the group has on the lives of two young girls — one Jewish, one African-American.

Munn said that the story is particularly relevant in today's "political climate," and that the "both fascinating and frightening" coalitions formed in the opera can "easily be seen" in America today.

Munn also said the characters in the opera undergo profound

changes and eventually come to know tolerance.

"A central issue of the opera is how characters can change in the midst of a community crisis," she said. "[The entire community] emerges as a more tolerant and diverse community, a better community."

Munn's nine-scene opera version of "Witness" will feature a seven-musician orchestra, 20-voice chorus and eight lead vocal roles performed by Saint Mary's music students and singers from the community.

Munn said Saint Mary's is a great environment for a world premiere opera.

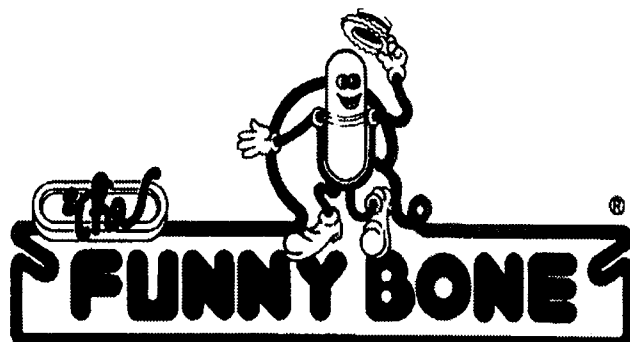
"A hugely important first step [in an opera's success] is to have this first set of performances and an excellent DVD which documents the opera," Munn said. "Doug Boyer, the stage director, has contributed enormously to the likely survival of 'Witness,' because his stage pictures and dramatic vision have taken the music where it could not have gone on its own."

While many students may find opera an inaccessible art form, Munn said her opera — written in English — is both accessible and relevant to young people today, and encouraged them to find out for themselves.

"Opera really is much, much more than the music," she said.

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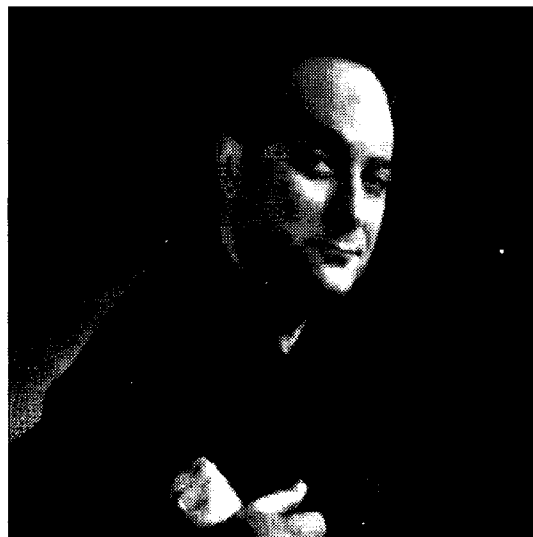


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Webmail

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OIT organizational communications analyst James Cope said the reason for the slowness of e-mail clients like Webmail is not an increase in e-mails sent and received but rather an increase in concurrent users — more people are logging on at the same time.

"What has increased significantly is ... the number of connections to e-mail, so that the number of concurrent connections — different people connecting at the same time to email servers — has gone up 25 percent over the past year," Cope said. "It is a behavioral thing. People simply seem to be checking their email more frequently."

Sophomore Dee Gulis said she checks her e-mail approximately 20 times a day, and sometimes it takes a few minutes to open.

"Especially lately it's been really slow logging in and loading up messages," Gulis said.

Webmail is the preferred e-mail client for students because it can be accessed at any computer connected to the Internet since it is a Web-based service. The Webmail system students use today is about three years old.

Moser said other factors have contributed to the slowing down of the e-mail clients this semester. More people have wireless capabilities on laptops or Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), so they can log onto their e-mail at any time, she said.

Users also slow down the system by enabling an IMAP protocol to store mail on the server so they can access it from any location at anytime. The system can become overwhelmed if users change the preferences on their e-mail client to check for new messages less than every 10 minutes.

Moser attributes the increase in daily usage to "the growing popularity of e-mail and wanting it instantaneously, like Instant Messenger."

OIT does have plans for improving e-mail service, Moser said. She hopes by next week they will begin to move the mail store to faster drives, a process that could take up to a week and a half. Moser said e-mail users should start to receive faster service in the middle of finals week.

Over the summer, OIT administrators will work on long-term changes and improvements to the system to keep up with the increasing demand, Moser said.

English professor Dr. Noreen Deane-Moran uses Eudora to access her e-mail. This semester, she sometimes has waited up to 15 minutes before she can read a message. Deane-Moran mentioned the delay to an OIT employee in her building recent-

ly.

"I said, 'You know I could read a novel in-between the time I click and when [the message] comes up,'" Deane-Moran said.

Deane-Moran typically keeps her Eudora account open on her computer all day and notices her new messages open slowest between noon and four and at some hours during the night — times when people are checking their e-mails in mass numbers.

OIT has prevented some usage problems this year by enabling a spam firewall to block junk mail from entering the inboxes of e-mail users.

"If we did not have the spam controls that we have in place, the system would be totally overwhelmed," Cope said. "Fortunately we filter out a lot of the spam mail that comes through campus."

Cope said though the e-mail clients must be improved to deal with the increasing usage of students and faculty, the system currently in place is still better at handling the communications needs of users than previous e-mail services.

"We've gone from e-mail systems that were routinely down to very highly reliable systems that from time to time may be a little bit sluggish because of the load, but are certainly for the most part available," Cope said.

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Dissent

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regarding the pastoral role of a bishop and his relationship to a Catholic university, also said it is his responsibility "as a shepherd" to point out that Jenkins' decision requires more informed consideration.

"Otherwise, our beloved Notre Dame will go down a road which it has always resisted traveling," he wrote.

Rice, like D'Arcy, not only denounced the decision on the "Monologues" but also criticized Jenkins' rationale, writing that Jenkins "distorted the meaning of a Catholic university" with "persistent incoherence."

On Thursday Rice told The Observer Jenkins' decision "destroyed his effectiveness as a president." He again said Jenkins should step down, leaving the decision for his replacement to the University Board of Trustees.

Rice's piece appeared two weeks after Father Wilson Miscamble's 1,500-word letter to the editor in the April 11 edition of The Observer said Jenkins "was asked to be courageous and settled for being popular."

Miscamble said Thursday he received a stream of supportive responses from alumni after his letter was published.

"[They were] broadly supportive, [and] worried about the direction of Notre Dame," Miscamble

said.

Miscamble, a history professor, wrote his letter "to alert our faculty, colleagues and our treasured students that not all members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which we belong, endorse [Jenkins'] decision."

Another dissenting letter to the editor — this time by theology department chair John Cavadini — was published in the April 19 edition of The Observer. The next day, a letter to the editor was printed from Father John Coughlin, who said he was "stunned" by Jenkins' decision.

Cavadini declined to comment to The Observer Wednesday, and Coughlin was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Despite the consistent appearance of the dissenting letters to the editor, Rice said there was no coordination between the authors. His colleagues have said little in response to his piece, Rice said.

Referring to John Paul II's 1999 papal document, Rice said the recent letters to the editor reflect a "studied reaction on the part of the people who have a concept of a Catholic university which is in accordance with Ex Corde Ecclesiae."

Miscamble said he has spoken with priests on both sides of the issue about both his letter and Jenkins' statement. He said he feels he is most distinctly in the minority among Arts and Letters faculty and said their differing opinions stem from opposing views on how to best enhance the

academic reputation of Notre Dame.

"They [Arts and Letters faculty in support of Jenkins' decision] are deeply worried about what they think a decision to restrict 'The Vagina Monologues' would mean for our academic reputation," he said.

But Miscamble sees it differently. He said not prohibiting the "Monologues" surrendered "our distinct identity and a great opportunity to contribute to American higher education precisely because we are somewhat different because we are a religiously based institution."

D'Arcy said he is not seeking control over Jenkins' decision-making. In his 21 years as bishop, he said he has never "interfered with [University] governance, and I have never required the University to adopt any particular policy, nor have I ever asked, required or demanded any particular action of the University."

But his statement added more weight to a growing opposition to campus events that dissenters say are inconsistent with Catholic teaching.

"Notre Dame, with its vast resources, can do better than this," D'Arcy said. "I believe it will. Its responsibility to its students and to the position it has attained in higher education calls for it to do better."

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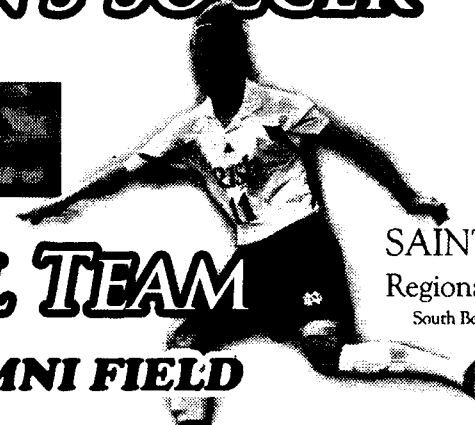


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China rate hike has global impact

BEIJING — China's central bank raised interest rates Thursday in the government's strongest move yet to cool an economy verging on overheating. The news sent resource stocks, oil and commodity prices lower around the world.

The People's Bank of China raised the minimum rate banks charge on one-year loans in local currency, the yuan, 27 basis points, to 5.85 percent. The increase, which goes into effect Friday, was the first since October 2004 when the central bank raised the lending rate the same amount.

Oil prices, which surged in recent months in part on growing demand from China, fell and shares of mining companies tumbled as traders bet that the growing demand for copper, steel and other commodities fueled by China's rapid expansion could slow.

Sunni vice president's sister slain

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Just two weeks ago, Iraq's new Sunni vice president was attending the funeral of his brother, shot and killed while driving in the capital.

On Thursday, Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi was mourning his sister — her white SUV riddled with assassins' bullets only a day after he called for the Sunni-dominated insurgency to be crushed by force if necessary.

The two deaths underscore the risks facing Sunni Arab politicians who have agreed to join the political process. Last year, al-Hashimi broke with many fellow Sunnis and endorsed the new constitution after Shiites and Kurds promised to consider amendments.

NATIONAL NEWS

Freedom Tower construction begins

NEW YORK — Gone were the angry words between politicians and developers, who spent months trading accusations of greed and stalling while ground zero waited for its rebirth.

Replacing them were smiles, applause and construction workers wearing hard hats emblazoned with the American flag, driving huge trucks down the World Trade Center site's ramp to start work on the Freedom Tower.

New York and New Jersey's governors, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and developer Larry Silverstein, embroiled for months in a bitter battle over control of buildings and money at the site, clapped and shook hands Thursday at a ceremonial start on the 1,776-foot skyscraper being built to replace the destroyed trade center.

Libby's indictment not dismissed

WASHINGTON — A federal judge refused Thursday to dismiss charges against I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former top White House aide who was indicted on perjury and obstruction charges last year in the CIA leak scandal.

In a 31-page opinion, U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton turned down a motion by lawyers for Vice President Dick Cheney's one-time top assistant, who challenged the authority of Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald to handle the case.

Libby's lawyers had argued that Fitzgerald was given too much power and that the appointment should have been made by the president with the Senate's approval.

LOCAL NEWS

Man charged in Evansville killings

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Authorities have charged a Vincennes man with three counts of murder in the slayings of a woman and her two children, police said today.

Daniel Ray Wilkes, 37, was being held in the Vanderburgh County jail today, Evansville police said. Vincennes police had picked up Wilkes the day before on a Pike County warrant for failure to pay child support, Vincennes Police Chief Robert Dunham said.

Congress struggles with fuel

Public anger over high gas prices causes leaders to take action in Washington

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress considered billions of dollars in new taxes on oil companies Thursday, looking for ways to punish the cash-rich industry and soothe growing anger over high gasoline prices.

Senate Republicans also proposed a \$100 fuel-cost rebate for millions of taxpayers, and Democrats talked of suspending the 18.4-cent federal gasoline tax for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

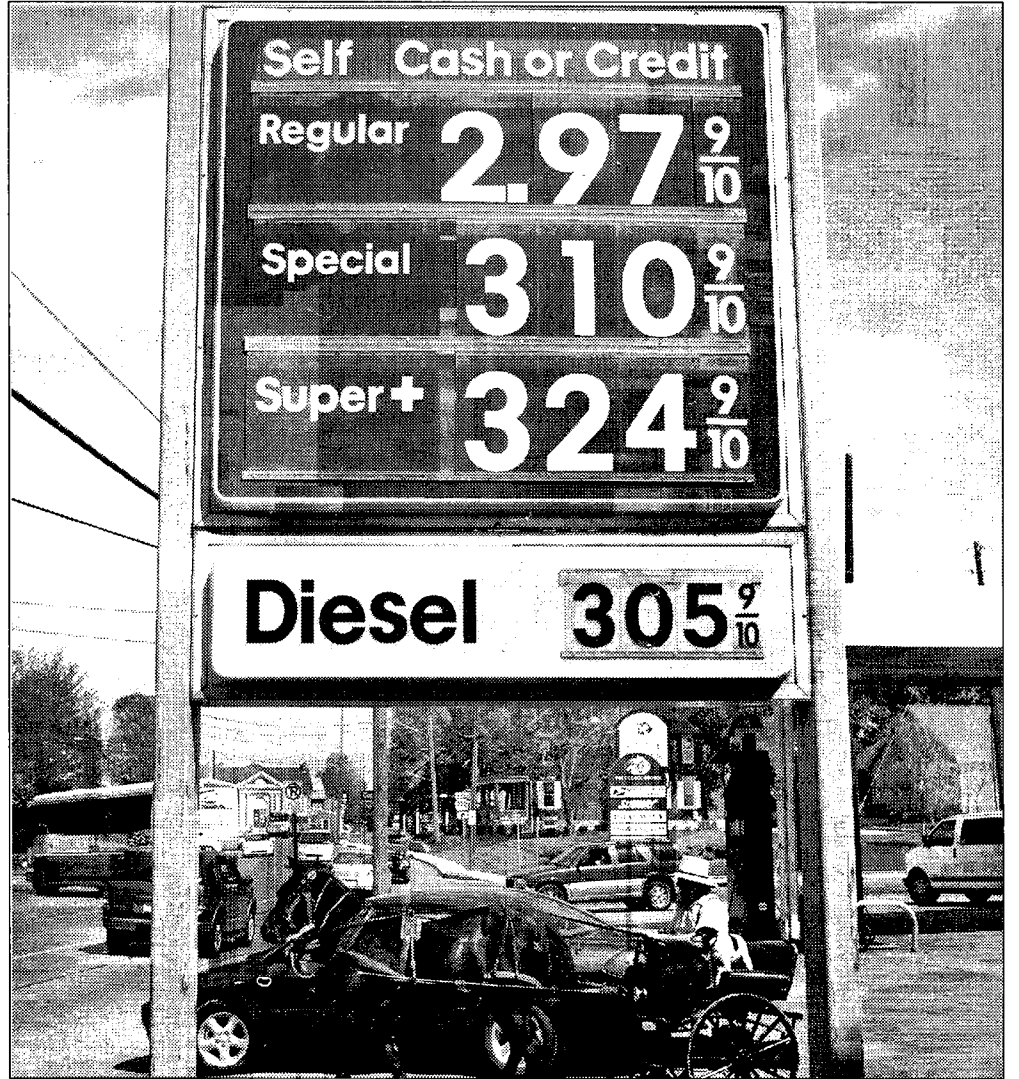
But even as lawmakers jockeyed for political advantage on the volatile issue, there was widespread agreement among economists and energy experts that the government has few if any weapons to quickly drive down gasoline prices that have rushed past \$3 a gallon across much of the country.

"Unfortunately there's nothing, really, that can be done that's going to affect energy prices or gasoline prices in the very short run," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told a congressional hearing.

Still, lawmakers scrambled Thursday to put together legislative packages they hoped would — if at times only symbolically — demonstrate their sympathy for the nation's motorists and their willingness to stand up to Big Oil.

Congressional anxiety in this election year is increasing as major oil companies begin announcing huge first-quarter profits. Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday it made more than \$8 billion during the January-March period, the fifth largest quarterly profit for any public company ever.

"While ExxonMobil executives are popping champagne and celebrating their record profits, American families are popping



Gas prices are shown at a Mobile gas station in Intercourse, Pa., Thursday as pressure increases for Congress to take action on high gas prices. AP

antacids under the strain of searing gas prices," said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J.

Menendez proposed a 60-day suspension of the 18.4-cent federal tax on gasoline and 24-cent-a-gallon diesel tax. Revenue lost to the government, as much as \$6 billion, would be made up by removing some oil-company tax breaks, he said.

Among the tax provisions targeted by both Republicans and Democrats was a measure that has allowed oil companies to save tens of millions of dollars through rules for oil inventories.

A House-Senate negotiating committee appeared close Thursday to changing the accounting rules,

imposing \$4.3 billion in additional taxes on the oil companies over the next five years. Only recently House Republicans and the White House had strongly opposed the change.

The oil industry said it amounted to a windfall profit tax, which oil company executives have said would reduce the amount of money available for oil exploration and development.

Presumably, oil companies also could pass an additional tax burden onto consumers.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, unveiled a 10-point response to high fuel costs including a proposal to give millions of taxpay-

ers \$100 checks. They also proposed for the first time a federal law against price gouging.

"It's a bold package to help consumers ... to help ease the pain," said Majority Leader Bill Frist, who promised a vote on the measures by next Tuesday.

"We are going to ease the burden," promised Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

But Democrats criticized the GOP proposal because it linked attempts at short-term relief with oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, an issue that has divided the Senate for decades.

BULGARIA

U.N. credibility at stake over Iran

Associated Press

SOFIA — Iran seems determined to defy international demands to control its disputed nuclear program, so it is time for the U.N. Security Council to act, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday.

"Is the Security Council going to be credible?" Rice asked after meetings with NATO foreign ministers.

Tehran faces a Friday deadline from the Security Council to stop enriching uranium, a process that can lead either to nuclear power for electricity or to development of

weapons. "It's pretty clear Iran is not going to meet those requirements," Rice said. "When that happens the international community, represented by the Security Council, is going to have a choice."

Quick action by the council to impose economic or punitive sanctions seems remote because of splits among its members. The United States is pressing for a strong response and Rice wants such steps to remain an option.

The United States and European allies accuse Iran of hiding ambitions to build a bomb behind a legitimate

energy program. Iran denies it but says it must retain control of sensitive nuclear technology, including uranium enrichment.

The United States has long sought the Security Council review now under way, but the powerful U.N. body is divided over what to do next.

Russia and China, both veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council, oppose sanctions against Iran. The United States, France and Britain say if Tehran does not meet the deadline, they will make the enrichment demand and other conditions compulsory.

ND priest appointed to Foundation's board

Special to The Observer

Rev. Oliver Williams, C.S.C., director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business at Notre Dame, has been appointed a charter member of the three-person board of directors of the newly established Foundation for the Global Compact.

A non-profit entity that was launched last week, the foundation was created to help fund the work of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan first raised the notion of developing a "global compact of shared values and principles" in business at the World Economic Forum in January 1999.

He challenged world business leaders to "embrace and enact" a set of policies that would increase and diffuse the benefits of global economic development, especially for developing countries, through voluntary corporate policies and actions.

Annan's vision became reality 18 months later with the creation of the U.N. Global Compact.

The initiative sets forth 10 principles related to human rights, labor rights, corporate corruption and concern for the environment.

Companies subscribing to the principles are encouraged to make clear statements of support and to submit an annual report that includes concrete examples of good practices for other firms to emulate.

Joining Father Williams on the board of the Foundation for the Global Compact are the chair, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, and James V. Kearney, senior partner of Latham & Watkins LLP. The board will oversee the foundation's goal of raising \$1 million annually for recurring Global Compact activities such as outreach (especially in developing countries), publications, translations, and the development of practical tools.

An associate professor of management, Father Williams specializes in understanding how the ethics of virtue might inform the ethical conduct of managers.

He is the author or editor of 14 books in the field.

In April 2002, Father Williams hosted the first U.S. meeting devoted to discussion of the Global Compact.

Co-sponsored by Notre Dame and the United Nations, the meeting brought together scholars, corporate leaders and U.N. representatives to advance knowledge of the compact and its implementation among U.S. corporations and higher education.

Picture

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work in civil rights and the role of Notre Dame as an academic institution to educate and promote equality between people of all races and creeds.

"We are holding hands for what was America's greatest need," Hesburgh said.

"This photo is a symbol and a reminder for our University community," former student body president Dave Baron said.

He also spoke of the significance of hanging the picture in LaFortune.

"The LaFortune Student Center is pretty much the central pole for student life on campus," Baron said. "It is where we study, where we eat, where we talk and hang out. It is where we relate."

Chandra Johnson, director of Cross-Cultural Ministry and associate director of Campus Ministry, led the ceremony that unveiled the picture from its covering and blessed it with holy water.

Johnson said President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Hesburgh to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

During a time when clergy members were criticized for not speaking in support of civil rights and not speaking out against racism and hate, "the

President of the University of Notre Dame stood with Dr. King and moved this country forward," Johnson said.

Hesburgh was present throughout the ceremony and gave a keynote address after the picture was unveiled.

Hesburgh explained that the picture was taken more than 40 years ago during a prayer service at Soldier Field when King visited Chicago.

Hesburgh discussed the Civil

Rights Act of 1964 that he, as a member of the commission, helped to create.

He counted the Act along with the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation as the three most important American documents.

"I would hope that there would be more minority students at Notre Dame," Hesburgh said. "We are working on that."

Turning to the picture, he said, "We can create in this spot some sense of what it is to be a child of God. When God created us all, he wasn't worried about color."

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Attention Graduating Seniors!!

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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.55	+0.15	27.25
VITESSE SEMICON (VTSS)	-27.49	-0.69	1.82

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.41	+0.21	50.84
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.00	46.57
30-YEAR BOND	+0.08	+0.04	51.82
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.08	-0.54	49.61

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Pause in rate increases ahead

Bernanke's comment causes an optimistic attitude as stocks close mostly higher

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks closed mostly higher Thursday as Wall Street brushed aside concerns about a Chinese interest rate hike to focus on comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that a pause in U.S. rate increases may be ahead.

In trading pushed and pulled by the cross currents of earnings reports, fluctuating energy prices and international events, Bernanke's comments overrode all other distractions, analysts said.

"What he's coming through very clearly and saying is we will probably pause soon but don't assume we're done because we pause. ... But I think the market is just reacting to 'Hey, hey, Ben said we might be done soon'," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Wealth Management. "Whenever you take a little uncertainty out of the picture, well, the market is going to like that."

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 28.02, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,382.51.

Broader stock indicators also moved higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.31, or 0.3 percent, to 1,309.72, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 11.32, or 0.5 percent, to 2,344.95.

The gains in stocks offset early reaction to an announcement by Chinese officials that they will raise interest rates to slow a churning economy. China's rapid growth has accounted for a sizable share of worldwide demand for raw materials and other goods, and the announcement pushed down prices for oil, commodities and European stocks.

The price of oil fell 96 cents to settle at \$70.97 a



Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange observe the stocks gaining ground as investors embraced Bernanke's comments Thursday.

barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That came after the Energy Department said demand for gasoline rose just 0.3 percent over the past four weeks compared with the same period in 2005. At this time last year, demand had risen 1.5 percent.

But momentum was reversed in U.S. equity markets after the start of congressional testimony by Bernanke.

While the Fed chairman told Congress that rising

energy prices could jeopardize a strong economy and lead to further rate hikes, the market chose to focus on comments suggesting a temporary pause may be coming.

"At some point in the future, the committee may decide to take no action at one or more meetings in the interest of allowing more time to receive information relevant to the outlook," Bernanke said. "Of course, a decision to take no action at a particular meeting does not

preclude actions at subsequent meetings," he added.

That was all investors needed to hear.

"The knee-jerk reaction (to China's rate hike) was simply followed by money on the sidelines that said this is an opportunity to get in," said Richard Cripps, chief market strategist for Stifel Nicolaus. "Then Bernanke's comments just emphasized the larger issue that the market is trying to deal with, which is the Fed is going to get out of the way."

IN BRIEF

McClatchy sells papers to MediaNews

NEW YORK — Six weeks after announcing a deal to buy the nation's second-largest newspaper company, McClatchy Co. has agreed to sell four Knight Ridder Inc. newspapers to MediaNews Group Inc. for \$1 billion.

The four papers — three in California and one in Minnesota — are among 12 that McClatchy has said it intends to sell because they don't meet its acquisition criteria, which include being located in rapidly growing markets. Still to be sold are eight other papers, including The News-Sentinel in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The deal announced Wednesday increases the profile and reach of MediaNews, a privately held company based in Denver and run by William Dean Singleton. With financial backing from Hearst Corp., another newspaper publisher, MediaNews will wind up owning the San Jose Mercury News, the Contra Costa Times, the Monterey County Herald and the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Experts say Macs are prone to risks

SAN FRANCISCO — Benjamin Daines was browsing the Web when he clicked on a series of links that promised pictures of an unreleased update to his computer's operating system.

Instead, a window opened on the screen and strange commands ran as if the machine was under the control of someone — or something — else.

Daines was the victim of a computer virus.

Such headaches are hardly unusual on PCs running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. Daines, however, was using a Mac — an Apple Computer Inc. machine often touted as being immune to such risks.

He and at least one other person who clicked on the links were infected by what security experts call the first-ever virus for Mac OS X, the operating system that has shipped with every Mac sold since 2001 and has survived virtually unscathed from the onslaught of malware unleashed on the Internet in recent years.

"It just shows people that no matter what kind of computer you use you are still open to some level of attack," said Daines, a 29-year-old British chemical engineer who once considered Macs invulnerable to such attacks.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Enron corporate murder mystery is solved. The investors did it.

That is essentially who Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling have blamed by describing the energy trading company's collapse as a "classic run on the bank" during testimony at their fraud trial in Houston.

Had investors and creditors not run scared as the scandal unfolded in 2001, dumping their Enron shares and refusing to lend more money, the company and its purportedly healthy business wouldn't have been forced into bankruptcy, the former top two officers of Enron argued.

There's a term for this type of reasoning. It's called blaming the victim.

From this vantage point, Enron would have weathered the storm if institutional and individual investors, despite their staggering losses on the

stock, had bravely clung to their shares, dismissing all the spooky news reports — another sinister culprit, along with short sellers, in the conspiracy theory being spun from the witness stand. The same would have held if all the lenders had seen through the panic rather than choking off Enron's liquidity.

An underlying presumption required for this scenario to be true is that nearly all investors erred in assessing the company and the financial improprieties that Lay and Skilling have downplayed as the deeds, limited in scope, of an unethical fester.

Irrational market hysteria is a basic characteristic of a "classic" bank run, where word spreads that a financial institution is short of cash and panicked depositors rush to their branch to withdraw their savings before the money is all gone.

Occasionally, the crush of withdrawals can be ruinous for a bank, forcing it to quickly liquidate invest-

ments at fire sale prices until the institution is left with insufficient assets to repay all its deposits.

But the reality is that most banks survive a run on deposits, and any resulting failure is the reflection of a pre-existing financial ailment exposed by a run. Research shows this was true even before the arrival of federal savings insurance to reassure depositors, according to George Kaufman, an economist at Loyola University Chicago who focuses on banks and financial markets.

"The fable is that a run can bring down a solvent bank. What a run does is: It causes an insolvent bank to be recognized as insolvent," Kaufman said.

A run needn't be fatal because an otherwise healthy institution has the wherewithal to raise sufficient cash or borrow it from other lenders that wouldn't risk their money on a bank whose ability to repay was suspect, he added.

Enron defense blames investors

Courses

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"The open ended text boxes tend to be forums for rants for or against an instructor, rather than an objective evaluation of the learning environment in a class, while the multiple choice questions are geared towards a crude numeric identification of 'easy courses,'" Ramanan said.

Last week the Academic Council approved a process that "will unfold over time," Jacobs said, giving students a voice by including five additional questions to the teacher course evaluation (TCE) form. The administration currently uses TCEs to make personnel decisions, meaning students are not allowed to view the results.

The results of the additional five questions, however, will be part of a new, comprehensive description for students, and will not be used by the University as part of faculty evaluations.

"The responses would be represented in a way the students could see if other students were engaged in the course," Jacobs said.

Between 500 and 1,000 students are piloting versions of these questions this spring, Jacobs said. Students are asked to rate, on a scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree, statements such as

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Dennis Jacobs
Associate Provost

"the assignments and activities of this course promoted my learning in this area," "I felt engaged in this course," and "the instructor was accessible to students outside of class time." The results are printed on bar graphs, allowing students to view the full range of responses.

Both students and instructors will benefit from this information, Ramanan said.

"Students who have an idea of the course's character ahead of the start of classes will be better prepared to engage in the kind of thinking that the instructor wants to promote," he said. "As such, I think that learning environments will benefit from this kind of resource, and that will in turn encourage the participation of students and faculty in providing information for this resource."

Information on the forms is also gathered from the instructor and registrar. The instructor answers questions about primary learning goals, use of class time, type of assignments, role of teaching assistants and type of reading materials. The registrar provides information on class size, college and year of students

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and number of times the class has been taught in recent years.

The committee envisions students logging into this resource with a NetID and password, Ramanan said.

Both the Student Senate and the Academic Council accepted the committee's proposal this spring.

But because its implementation requires a number of campus offices — the office of information and technology, the registrars, institutional research, the provost office — Jacobs could not set a date when the information will be available.


"I don't want to promise a particular timeline, but we're trying to put it in effect as quickly as it can," he said.

Jacobs, Ramanan and others have been formulating this project since January and both hope to see the fruits of their work in the near future. Ramanan praised the cooperation of the committee throughout the project.

"Everyone has kept an open mind and has provided a unique perspective," he said. "This has helped us to create a resource that provides a comprehensive picture of the features of a course for students, but does so in a way that will ultimately benefit both teaching and learning."

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Due to a production error, in yesterday's edition of the Observer several articles in the News section were not fully printed. Full text of these articles can be accessed online at ndsmcobserver.com. The Observer apologizes for the inconvenience.



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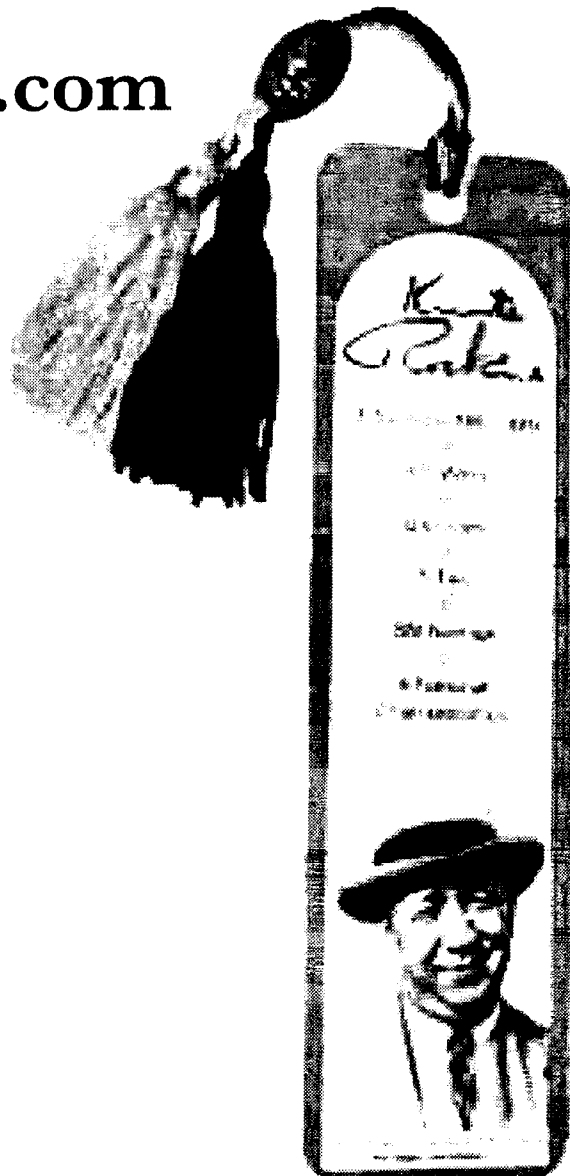
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Habitat

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out shelter.

Entertainment provided by Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will encourage fellowship among participants.

Iafigliola explained the hope for the future inherent in the event.

"Students at Notre Dame are going to become doctors, business executives, politicians, and other leaders of the future," Iafigliola said. "If we can plant a seed with these leaders of tomorrow, then we are one step closer to our goal. But we also hope they can see that there's so much they can do today."

Fuller's participation in Notre Dame's Shack City 2006 makes this year's event even more highly anticipated than it has been in years past. Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976 with his wife, Linda. He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

"Millard Fuller has traveled literally around the world to inspire thousands of Habitat volunteers, packing churches and auditoriums everywhere he goes," Iafigliola said. "In January, when I invited him to our campus chapter's event, he was immediately excited about the possibility. We actually chose the weekend for Shack City based on when he could visit."

Iafigliola encouraged students to go hear Fuller speak, no matter what their interests or inspirations.

"Fuller is a unique and remarkable mix of entrepreneurial genius, social-action visionary and passionate man of faith," he said. "It has always been his Christian faith that has inspired him. Literally everyone has reason to go hear him."

Habitat for Humanity is based upon what Fuller has described as "the economics of Jesus." Habitat's no-profit, no-interest economic philosophy stems from Exodus 22:25, which calls those lending money to the poor to neither charge interest nor act as creditors. Habitat homeowners are partners in the Habitat homebuilding process. They typically invest 500 sweat-equity hours into their home and then pay for the cost of the home at no profit and no interest.

About 200 people have already registered online for Shack City, and walk up registration will be allowed on Saturday evening, Iafigliola said. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come hear Fuller speak, even if they cannot participate in the camp-out.

Habitat is currently a little over \$1,000 shy of its \$5,000 fundraising goal and is asking Shack City participants to obtain a minimum of \$5 in pledges to support its cause.

"Fighting poverty takes personal sacrifice, but that doesn't mean it can't be fun and rewarding — just ask anyone who's ever worked on a Habitat house project," Iafigliola said. "I hope Shack City is not an end, but rather a spark for serving others. Let's not just talk about fighting poverty — grab a hammer. But first ... let's sleep on it."

Shack City is just one of several Habitat sponsored events this week. The successful Keenan-Habitat Muddy Sunday Volleyball Tournament held last weekend served as a kickoff for the week. The official dedication of the 12th student Habitat house and a year-end celebratory luncheon with some of Habitat's supporters will conclude the week of advocacy and action.

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includes \$1,500,000 to establish an endowment fund to assist with future operating costs of the building. McDonald said alumna Jennifer Mathile Prikkel and the Mathile family are the primary donors for the project — Prikkel and her family's donations total \$6,000,000 — but construction will not begin until "100 percent of the project costs are committed through charitable gifts," she said.

The building, which will be located east of the Science Hall and north of Madeleva Hall, was designed by Ballinger Architects of Philadelphia and the Architecture Design Group (ADG, Inc.) of South Bend. ADG, Inc. also designed the Noble Family Dining Hall and the Student Center.

Junior Johnnie Quigley said she had concerns with the location of the building, but also said she understood there were limited possibilities for building sites.

"The building looks really gorgeous," she said. "I wish it could have been built sooner, however, so I could have used it."

While she was disappointed she wouldn't be able to have class in the new building, Quigley said she thought it would benefit enrollment at the College.

"I'm excited to see it go up," she said. "I think it will bring more people to campus."

Architect Jed Eide said the building "is designed to look like a new building, but one that blends in with the best existing architecture at Saint Mary's."

The exterior of the building will be a combination of brick and limestone, similar to Le Mans Hall in color, have pitched slate roofs and "a lot of glass — particularly on the south side to let natural light penetrate deep into the building in the winter," Eide said.

Freshman Danielle Franklin said she felt the building was too

modern looking for the Saint Mary's campus.

"I wonder why they couldn't keep it more old-fashioned looking," she said. "I just don't feel like the building will fit in with the area."

A floor-plan and artistic rendering of the building is currently located in the atrium of the Student Center, and the display has attracted the attention of many students. Freshman Maggie Rippinger said after viewing the plans she thought the building looked "a lot more modern than many of the other buildings on campus."

"At first glance, it looks pretty," Rippinger said. "And there are a lot more seminar-style classrooms, which we really don't have besides the one in Madeleva right now."

Eide said the new building will contain 17 classrooms, including one 60-seat and one 40-seat, tiered classroom. There will also be two "collaboratories" — which Eide said are similar to computer labs — nine "medium" size classrooms with seating for 32 and four "small" seminar rooms with seating for 16.

"In addition, there are eight small group meeting/conference rooms for students distributed around the building, and special rooms designed for conducting experiments in the social sciences," Eide said.

All of the classrooms will be equipped with wireless Internet, and \$300,000 to \$400,000 will be spent on new computers and digital projection equipment, he said.

The new building will become home to all of the departments and programs currently located in Madeleva, with the exception of the education and mathematics departments. McDonald said those two departments will remain in Madeleva, which will undergo an interior renovation once the new building is completed.

The offices of the Center for Spirituality, Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Center for Academic Innovation and the Center for Career Opportunities will also be moved to the new building.

Increasing enrollment and diversifying the student body are current goals at the College, and freshman Ashley Clark said with the growth projected for next year she is glad there will be more classroom space on campus in the future.

"With the population increasing, I think it's good to branch out into a new building because Madeleva seems really crowded right now," she said.

Overall, there will be 80 faculty and staff offices which will be located in six "office suites," Eide said. All of the departmental offices will border central student workstations, which Eide said he hopes will create a "more professional faculty office space that is designed to promote collegiality, cross discipline interaction among the faculty and accessibility to the students."

Creating an environmentally-friendly structure was a major concern during the design and planning phases for the new building. McDonald said the building will have many features, including "furnishings made from recycled materials, dual flush valve toilets, carpet tiles rather than rolled products to allow for partial replacement and energy-efficient windows to maximize natural light," which will add to the environmental sustainability of the building.

Other features of the building will be a two-story lounge area on the first floor, as well as a café with a roof-top terrace, a small reflection room and a student lounge and seating areas overlooking the lounge below, Eide said.

"The building also has a large open stairway connecting the first and second floors, and a sky-lit oval stair that connects the second and third floors," he said.

If plans for the building remain on schedule, McDonald said it could be in use as early as 2008. Once completed, the building "will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the modern-day needs of students and faculty," she said.

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Worker conditions need greater attention

A little more than a week after Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves issued a statement that denied the Campus Labor Action Project's recommendation to institute a task force to examine Notre Dame's labor policies and reaffirmed the University's current employment policies, many workers are still dissatisfied.

It was an explanatory statement from the University — but not enough.

Workers told The Observer that many of Affleck-Graves' arguments — that the University already pays a "fair and just wage," that workers receive substantial benefit and insurance packages — just don't hold weight.

While this may be, the issue is not so simple. The economic implications of raising the hourly wage for campus workers to \$12.10 are substantial.

It is a fundamental tenet of economics that raising the minimum wage will create higher unemployment in the long run. The lowest wages at this University may seem like a trivial percentage of the budget, but they are a percentage. It is easy to imagine the administration spending extra money on hiring more professors for smaller class sizes rather than more cleaning staff for cleaner buildings. By raising the campus wage, Notre Dame could be forced to decide where its priorities lie.

Yes, the trade-offs the University would face represent only a basic economic argument. And yes, there are more complex factors involved. It certainly does not imply that raising the wage isn't worthy of serious consideration. Other prominent universities, such as Harvard, Georgetown and Washington University in St. Louis, have raised wages for campus workers.

CLAP has been working to raise awareness of its cause for most of this semester. After continued demands that Jenkins issue a public statement in support of a living wage, the group submitted an 11-page report to Jenkins, Provost Thomas Burish, Affleck-Graves and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman on March 8. Affleck-Graves' response came April 19 — more than a month later. Until recently, the University has been relatively quiet regarding the issue. The response has been inadequate.

Notre Dame is a Catholic university. Furthermore, it is a university that prides itself on its efforts — especially the efforts of its students — to promote social justice around the world. So Affleck-Graves' emphasis that dialogue regarding campus labor issues should take place between the University and its workers — not students — is nothing less than jarring. By implying that students should not be concerned with the employment conditions of the workers who serve this community daily, the University undermines much of what it stands for.

The wage issue is far from straightforward, a complexity-laden argument that must take a multitude of factors into consideration. One thing is clear, however — no University employee should ever work in fear.

That mentality, Affleck-Graves said, is "deeply disturbing." But just because the thought is disturbing doesn't mean the University can ignore the large number of workers who fear reprisal if they speak up against their employers — a genuine fear that deterred many of them from speaking to The Observer this week.

It's not just wages. It's about respect — respect for the workers, respect for the students and, most of all, respect for Notre Dame.

The Observer Editorial

Thanks for the memories

This is my last column. Lately, I have heard the word "last" thrown around quite a bit. For the most part, it always seems to invoke feelings of sadness, and I don't want to make this a sad article. The last two years I have spent writing for The Observer have been nothing but a great joy, so I don't plan on getting down on myself now.

Being named a columnist was a huge honor for me. Initially, I was surprised to get so much positive feedback — now I am very grateful for all the support I have received. It is always exciting when someone recognizes your name and says they enjoy your column. It is quite flattering to know that I actually have some readership. Most of the letters I received were either those thanking me for what I wrote, those telling me they enjoyed my humor or alums reminiscing. Additionally, every week I also received a number of invitations to parties and request for dates.

Of course, like any journalist, I have also received some negative responses. My "hate mail," as I refer to it, has come mostly from disgruntled Cubs fans and some people who dislike the lighthearted nature of my topics. I cannot say I completely disagree with these people because this has been quite true. I never wrote about "The Vagina Monologues," the Queer Film Festival or the 2004 elections because

I thought I'd leave that for the more erudite writers. Instead, I brought you why Weis is the right man for Notre Dame, tales from celebrating a White Sox World Series, why praying is important, why men no longer wear hats, etc. I figured that we listen to our peers' and professors' opinions on more serious topics on a daily basis — who needs to hear about mine? I highlighted the lighter, more social aspects of college, and have never regretted it.

As this is my last column, I suppose the topic of graduation is inevitable. In keeping with my trend of keeping things blithe, there is not much I can say about graduation except take pleasure in it. Spring in South Bend can actually be a lovely time of year, so enjoy the weekend with family and friends. It is not as though you are saying goodbye, because after four years, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have become homes that will always welcome us back. Of course, this is not to undermine the fact that graduating is a big step in our lives. We are all about to embark on new adventures and encounter vast changes, but this should also be a time of celebration. We have accomplished a great deal in our collegiate careers, so have a celebratory glass of champagne and take your folks to the 'Backer to have some fun.

As we approach our last days of class, senior week and commencement, many fond memories of the last

four years come to mind. I look back on the great relationships I have made with a vast variety of people. Though we've seen each other at our best and our worst, I seem to find myself looking back over these times with rose colored glasses. I keep having happy reminiscences and can't help but thinking that if we hold on to these thoughts, we will maintain these close friendships forever.

Maybe it is just my own lighthearted nature that I have exhibited in my columns, but I believe that just because the time has come to move on, it is not necessarily time to get glum. Instead, I'd like to take heed of that famous humanitarian and comedian, Bob Hope, who so famously used to sing "Thanks for the memories ... How lovely it was." I've certainly made some wonderful friends over the past few years. I thank The Observer for this great honor and opportunity.

It was a pleasure writing every other week and I appreciate your readership. I wish you all the best, and here's to a national championship next year!

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Nobody Likes a Dumb Blonde

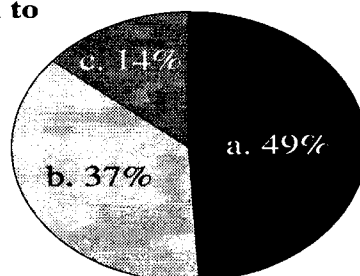
"In keeping with my trend of keeping things blithe, there is not much I can say about graduation except take pleasure in it."

OBSERVER POLL

Do you agree with CLAP's proposal to raise the hourly wage for campus workers to \$12.10 per hour?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. I would have to know more information.

*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 430 responses.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There can be no real individual freedom in the presence of economic insecurity."

Chester Bowles
U.S. diplomat and economist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agree to CLAP

In response to a rise in student action, the University recently released a statement on the living wage which, unsurprisingly, failed to provide a moral rationale for the share of Notre Dame workers who continue to live in poverty. It also included two misleading statements.

In it they claim: "Notre Dame has long recognized the right of our employees to unionize if they wish." The fact is that the last time workers tried to form a union the University was found guilty of illegal anti-union activity by the National Labor Relations Board in 1978.

A second claim is that "The average salary of our service employees is 15 percent above the market." In fact, the gap between low and high paid workers at Notre Dame has been increasing. While national wages for low-income workers are ten percent above those in 1979, those for top quartile of income earners have increased by fifty percent (Economic Policy Institute). The market is creating a large and growing gap between the working poor and rich, does Notre Dame want to follow its lead?

The University maintains that its system of wages is just, but does

not provide a legitimate moral argument to support the idea that it should be spending \$50 million on a new building, paying top-administrators \$300,000, or maintaining a \$2-3 billion endowment, while workers are living at or near the poverty level. Notre Dame workers should be paid enough for their family to be above the poverty level, and more critically enough to provide them with the dignity and recognition that they deserve.

We deserve a public dialogue on why University President Father John Jenkins is making \$300,000 while other workers make \$20,000 or less. Is this level of economic inequality and poverty acceptable for a Catholic university?

Staff, students and faculty should be outraged. The administration should disclose statistics on how wages and economic inequality have changed at Notre Dame for the past thirty years. It should take action to remedy this injustice by agreeing to the demands of the Campus Labor Action Project.

Aaron Kreider
alumnus
Class of '03
Masters Degree in Sociology
April 27

Response to 'no one true faith'

In response to Mr. Ronderos' article "There is no one true faith" (April 25):

I would like to begin by stating two complementary principles which we both agree upon quite strongly: the beliefs that "truth is present in all religions" and that "human logic can never completely comprehend or understand the divine." Any one individual has an extremely limited perspective; thus, in seeking truth, we must look beyond our own customary ways of thinking. The metaphor that George Weigel attributes to Pope John Paul II sums it up perfectly — truth is best found as if ascending upon a spiral staircase, walking around an issue from numerous perspectives and taking what is good from each.

Ronderos proceeds from here to conclude that each individual should develop his or her own unique "fusion of religious ideas." I disagree for two main reasons, both of which follow directly from our shared beliefs stated above.

First of all, by taking such an individualistic stance, one ends up undercutting one's commitment to real, ongoing dialogue. Ronderos suggests that each individual should take what he or she happens to like from each tradition: the problem is that, were each to do this, there would soon no longer be any traditions. Rather, there would merely be many individuals with different beliefs, and with no better standard for holding their particular set than simple personal preference. C.S. Lewis likens the continuity which a tradition provides to the ownership of a set of good maps, made by

hundreds of sailors who have gone before you. The "personal," "empirical" experience of taking a walk on the beach may be quite fulfilling, in the moment — but you will never get anywhere unless you put out to sea with a set of trustworthy maps. Thus a commitment to engaging deeply with the views of others means not merely conversation and exploration, but above all entering into a committed, shared life within an ongoing faith tradition.

Furthermore, we agree that the Divine is inexpressibly above the human: which implies that we can never attain to God by our own efforts; rather, God must come to us. Hence we must look to Revelation of some sort. And though Ronderos mentions "great sages," there is one religious founder to whom that term glaringly does not apply. As both The Everlasting Man and Mere Christianity argue convincingly, Jesus simply cannot be considered a "wise man," equivalent to Confucius or the Buddha. The "Lord, liar, or lunatic," argument may be commonplace, but that does not make it unsound.

I wish Ronderos the very best in his search for truth; as you graduate from Notre Dame, please bear in mind that He who said "seek and you shall find" also said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Brian Boyd
sophomore
Keough Hall
April 27

Rice's critique unfair

Professor Emeritus Charles Rice expressed passionate and personal vehemence in his April 25 column about University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement ("Jenkins' statement a serious misstep"). That is unfortunate for two reasons. First, Jenkins may be the first University president in memory to publicly solicit input from the two principal constituencies — students and faculty — on a matter of important concern. And that would include the presidencies of Fathers John Cavanaugh, Theodore Hesburgh and Edward Malloy — more than 60 years.

Second, the Catholicity of the University is not so fragile that presentation of a play will weaken its fabric, even a play replete with vulgarities and crudities. To establish our resolve to the concept of academic freedom, it should not be necessary to dance to the tune of author Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." Ensler doesn't have a franchise on fighting violence against women. Nor is it necessary to placate those faculty fascinated by seeing the University struggling on this issue.

Rice will never win the award for gentility of expression. His indictment of Jenkins includes such accusative phrases as having "ignored the substantive effects," "fell for the lie" and confirming "that political correctness is the operative official religion of Notre Dame." Rice further suggests Jenkins will be responsible for "creation of a diverse and predictably useless committee to discuss things" from which will emerge a "fig leaf to cover an accommodation

to the relativist, homosexual culture."

With these attacks, Rice moves beyond advocacy to assassination of his target when he writes that Jenkins has "distorted the meaning of a Catholic university" and "did it all with persistent incoherence."

Rice concludes by saying that Father Jenkins should resign or be removed, noting these alternatives involve "no animosity or disrespect toward Jenkins." We can only wonder how Rice would thunder against someone he disrespects and bears animosity toward.

Surely it is unusual for a faculty member, current or emeritus, to declaim so stridently and so personally toward a University president. The tone is one of disparagement. The heat of the peroration suggests anger. This may not have been one of Rice's best case presentations. Father Bill Miscamble's letter on the same issue ("An open letter to Father John Jenkins," April 11) was very direct but well within the bounds of civil discourse.

The issue has left our Bishop saddened and Rice apoplectic. But the University and Jenkins will persist. Academic freedom at Notre Dame will endure and adherence and devotion to our Catholic faith will not be abridged in the least. And Jenkins will serve long and well as Notre Dame's president.

Robert O. Murphy
alumnus
Class of '51
April 25

Open letter to Jenkins

As an alumnus of the University of Notre Dame with two masters degrees — communication arts and theology — I am extremely disappointed in you and your recent sophomoric decision concerning academic freedom and Catholic character.

You unfortunately surrendered good academic reasoning for the more popular phony logic. You confused academic

freedom with academic licentiousness.

I join Bishop John D'Arcy and others in denouncing your unsatisfactory decision.

Please change your mind and decision.

Brother Don Fleishhacker, C.S.C.
Assistant Superior
Schubert Villa/Dujarie House
April 26

Re-open senior week

I am writing to address Kelly Meehan's article "Senior Week" events not open to all seniors" appearing in April 25th's Observer. As a current fifth-year senior, I found several aspects of this article very puzzling. First, if the Senior Class Council insists that students can only celebrate senior week the year that they graduate, then how come not one of the fifth-year students I know, including myself, has been invited to participate in this year's senior week? Second, and more important, Anna Skoien is quoted as saying that "Regardless of if [a student] entered as the Class of 2006, the University's policy is if [a student] does not graduate in May they cannot participate in Senior Week." Not only is this a terrible policy, but it also seems to be a recently invented one.

Despite being a "non-graduating senior" last year, I was invited to all of last year's senior week activities, attended several of them, and was allowed to remain in my dorm for that week. I also knew fourth-year architecture students, both last year and the year before, who were able to do the same. This

seemed natural to me; I consider myself a member of the class of 2005, I appeared in the 2005 yearbook, and I plan on attending reunions with the class of 2005. The students who graduated last year were my roommates, my lab partners, those random people I still remember from Frosh-O, and my best friends. Every fifth-year student I have talked to — whether architecture, dual-degree, double major or just taking his time — agrees that the class they entered with is the class that they identify with.

So why the sudden appearance of this restricting "University policy?" I would encourage the Senior Class Council to stand up for those fourth-year architecture students and other non-graduating seniors, and in the meantime don't forget about the fifth-year students either. Let all seniors celebrate four great years with their friends on senior week.

Stephen Schwall
senior
Off Campus
April 25

Rice defends wrong rights

Reading Professor Emeritus Rice's scatological op-ed piece ("Jenkins' statement a serious misstep"), I was left wondering when did one's personal religious beliefs become a warrant for hatred, homophobia and contempt of difference? His egregious refusal to understand ways of life other than his own is his own business, but to claim that the portrayal of women's lives in "The Vagina Monologues" or those of lesbians and gay men in the Queer Film Festival must necessarily be anti-Catholic is ridiculous. Can Rice not conceive that, in a plural and secular society, lives take place out-

side the ambit of his own limited social comprehension? His evident failure to recognize the value of gay men and lesbians, and of women secure in their non-Catholic identities, reveals the arrogance of the reactionary right, who seem to think they talk to God on the phone daily. Rice's article is another example of the special rights claimed by religious zealots worldwide — the right to intolerance.

Todd Nathan Thorpe
grad student
April 26

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

The ten finest albums of the semester

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

WVFI Station Manager Joe Lattal selects the Notre Dame Web radio station's choices for best albums of the semester, a list that highlights the top independent and mainstream discs that have been released this year.

The list was compiled from the best discs that arrived at the station in the past four months. While it includes several familiar faces, it also has its share of relatively new acts, some of whom have performed at Notre Dame.

Belle and Sebastian, "The Life Pursuit"

WVFI's favorite group from Scotland just wrapped up a successful tour with Matador Records friends New Pornographers. Belle and Sebastian released "The Life Pursuit" just nine months after "Push the Barman to Open Old Wounds," proving that they are as energetic as ever. But where does "Life Pursuit" rank among some of the band's classics such as "The Boy With the Arab Strap" and "If You're Feeling Sinister?" Every fan will disagree if this is their best, but what is certain is that this was the best CD to hit WVFI over the last four months.

Mates of State, "Bring It Back"

Having achieved great success with its last LP, Team Boo, the keyboard-drums duo has done it again. With this album, listeners are treated to a more mature Mates of State that is not afraid to venture forth from its staked claim on the pop map into a more varied territory. This feel good album is perfect for humming along on warm summer days with that special someone.

Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins, "Rabbit Fur Coat"

Rilo Kiley fans anticipated what Jenny Lewis's solo project would sound like, and the result was more than agreeable. Featuring Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes), Ben Gibbard (from Death Cab For Cutie and The Postal Service) and other talent, "Rabbit Fur Coat" is the complete package — full of more laidback, Rilo Kiley tunes, some upbeat material and the alt-country single of the year so far, "Rise Up With Fists!"

The album has been extremely popular

and well-received and has stayed in WVFI's top ten for nearly two months.

Margot and the Nuclear So and So's, "Dust of Retreat"

When Margot played Legends in September as the opening act for Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the Indianapolis band immediately made a fan out of the 500 audience members. Since that performance, the band has earned numerous praises for its successful debut album. Not only did the band execute in the live setting, but the studio album also offers solid indie rock, adeptly combining several influences.

I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness, "Fear Is On Our Side"

Austin's "I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness" debut CD climbed for eight straight weeks on CMJ's Radio 200 chart. The opening track, "The Ghost," sets the tone for the entire album. The music slowly swims through gentle chord progressions until the terrorizing rhythm guitars and percussion enter. The song drifts into a climactic chorus that escapes and returns liberally. Like the rest of the album, "The Ghost" is the most mysterious pop music listeners have heard since Interpol's "Turn on the Bright Lights" and almost as strong.

Yeah Yeah Yeahs, "Show Your Bones"

Karen O and the gang faced lots of pressure after the successful garage punk "Fever to Tell." The New York band took a different direction with "Show Your Bones," using a little bit more of a straight-edge sound. Yeah Yeah Yeahs maintained punk credibility with rougher tracks like "Cheated Hearts" and "Mysteries," but it featured more refined rock dimension, which comes out clearly in the single "Gold Lion" as well as other tracks such as "Phenomena" and "Way Out." The risky move proved successful as the band added other styles to its songwriting besides going all out with screams and distortion.

Islands, "Return to the Sea"

After the explosion and subsequent dissolution of the Canadian Independent stars The Unicorns, two members con-

tinued on together to form Islands. While this new project is clearly influenced by the former band, it has a sound that is more mature and altogether its own. Including complex melodies with a sharp pop sensibility, a significantly darker overall tone and even a bit of hip-hop, this new formation is sure to please new and old fans alike.

Destroyer, "Destroyer's Rubies"

Opening with an epic title track that clocks in just shy of ten minutes, Dan Bejar's (aka Destroyer) latest effort, "Destroyer's Rubies," is a nearly flawless album. Combining jangly, meandering pop tunes with wonderfully spun and creatively clever lyrics, Bejar achieves greatness only hinted at on his previous discs.

Bejar, who is also a member of the critically acclaimed band New Pornographers, has been making solo projects through this moniker for several years and through several albums. "Rubies," by far his most cohesive album, is easily one of the best discs of 2006 thus far.

The Strokes, "First Impressions of Earth"

The Strokes reaffirmed themselves with their latest album — possibly their strongest release ever — which came out in the first week of the year. Julian Casablancas' vocals were clearer and more comprehensible than ever before, guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. finally showed off their talent, bassist Nikolai Fraiture showed some personality, and Fabrizio Moretti's percussion was heavier than ever.

With a more appropriate running time than their previous work and more diligent songwriting, the Strokes finally produced what fans have really been waiting for — a satisfying album from beginning to end.

Morrissey, "Ringleader of the Tormentors"

When Morrissey isn't busy condemning entire nations or penning press releases, he actually makes fairly good music. "Ringleader" features more rocking tunes than Morrissey's last release, "You Are the Quarry." As always, his elegant voice shimmers whether he is pulling for romantic or aggressive effects. Morrissey's undying eloquence makes the typical rock star look like Wesley Willis.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Italian play



The nineteenth century comedic romp "Miseria e Nobilita" will run both Friday and Saturday night. The performance, with all dialog in Italian.

By MAUREEN MULLEN
Scene Writer

The Department of Romance Language and Literatures will present a student performance of "Miseria e Nobilita" ("Miser and Nobility") that will run both Friday and Saturday night in the Philbin Studio Theatre.

Undergraduate students enrolled in the two-credit Italian theatre course will perform the show entirely in Italian.

Miseria e Nobilita

Romance Language and Literature
Where: Philbin Studio, D
When: Friday and Saturday night, 8 and 9 P.M.
How much: \$7 Faculty and seniors, \$5 all students

The play, directed by Professors Colleen Ryan-Scheutz and Jen Testa, presents an illustration of life within Italian social classes of the late 19th century.

Originally written in 1888 by Eduard Scarpetta, the famous Italian comedic actor and master of the slapstick farce, the story was made into a film featuring the young Sophia Loren in 1954.

The tales chronicle life with the likable scatterbrain, Felice Sciosciammocca. As an impoverished and unemployed man, Felice is convinced to masquerade with the rest of his family as nobility. Eugenio, a young noble, requests Felice's disguise, for Eugenio is in love with the beautiful ballerina, Gemma. But Gemma is not noble and Eugenio's family would not consent to such



Graphic by MATT HUDSON/The Observer

Belle and Sebastian's latest release, "The Life Pursuit," tops WVFI's selections for best albums of the semester. The list includes Mates of State's "Bring It Back" and The Strokes' "First Impressions of Earth," among others.



The performance of "Miseria e Nobilita" will run both Friday and Saturday night. The performers handle the Italian dialog.

brings Romance to DPAC



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Miseria e Nobilita ("Misery and Nobility") will be performed in the Philbin at the DPAC this week in Italian, is sponsored by the Romance Languages and Literatures department.

a marriage. Promising payment, Eugenio requests of Felice that he and his family pose as Eugenio's relatives in order to get Gemma's family's approval for a marriage. Felice accepts the proposal and proceeds to don both the attire as well as the attitude of a noble.

As their ruse plays out, and as the scam turns quickly into an utter debacle, the audience is treated to a hilarious characterization of nobility and some surprising revelations that expose prejudices about social classes. Indeed, audiences are in for quite an entertaining evening as they observe

Audiences are in for quite an entertaining evening as they observe Felice and the other characters' amusing antics [in "Miseria e Nobilita"].

Felice and the other characters' amusing antics.

The cast includes Michael Subialka (Felice), Jenna Olson (Louisella), Derrick Testa (Eugenio), Patricia Alvarez (Gemma) and Jason Wittenbach (Gaetano).

Overall, every cast member gives a very respectable performance. The fact that the play is performed entirely in Italian only adds to the impressive and admirable acting.

The language is perhaps what is most interesting and most remarkable about the show. After all, most of the cast members only began studying Italian upon beginning their undergraduate careers at Notre Dame. With only a handful of semesters of

Italian under most of their belts, the students deliver a very professional high-quality performance. Their speech is fluid, and their accents well developed — in short, it is far better than to be expected from students who have taken only a few semesters of the language. For audience members familiar with Italian, the performance is only that much more enjoyable.

But that's not to say that the play is meant only for those who have studied Italian. In the program, the action of each scene is detailed very thoroughly. It is entirely possible to have no knowledge of the

Italian language and attend the performance.

The characters are incredibly animated, gesture a great deal and convey the events of the play through not only their words but also their body language — making the show something that everyone can truly enjoy.

Miseria e Nobilita will be performed twice both days of its scheduled run. Shows are set to begin at 6pm and then again at 9pm on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for faculty and staff, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for all students.

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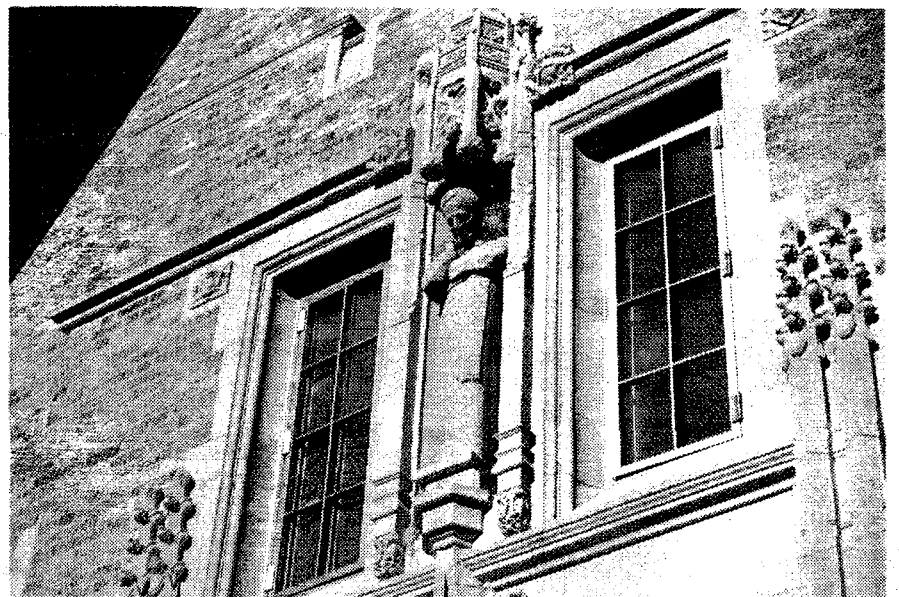


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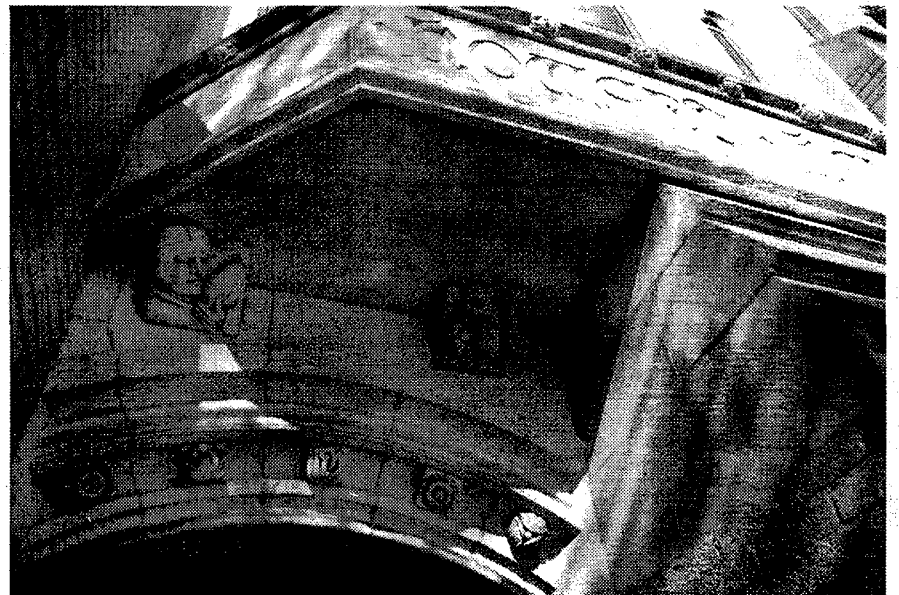
features Notre Dame students from the Romance Languages and Literatures department. Well, though the majority of them have only a few semesters of experience.

NOTRE DAME'S BEST... *Gargoyles*

BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF



PAIN IN THE NECK: Seemingly lost in thought, perhaps this priestly figure overlooking Dillon's west door is contemplating ways to rid himself of a pesky bird's nest.



SPORTS AND SQUIRRELS: Designs of football and campus wildlife adorn the double arches of Howard Hall. Nearby reliefs illustrate an owl and even a student crying over a test.



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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Top seeds prevail on the court in sweet sixteen

No. 1 U Got a Bad Draw defeats No. 16 The Marksmen 21-9; Marksmen's Chris Devitt scores eight baskets in loss

By DAN MURPHY and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

It was business as usual for U Got a Bad Draw, as the top seed defeated the Marksmen 21-9 Thursday at the Bookstore courts.

The Marksmen, the last unranked team remaining in the tournament, put up a good fight early but could not contend with the size of Bad Draw.

Bad Draw towered over the competition and used its power to drive the lane. The Marksmen had to foul early and often and soon found themselves in trouble. Bad Draw big-man David Fitzgerald (five points, five rebounds) was 3-for-3 on free throw attempts, and Chris Devitt added one more from the line. Devitt led all scorers on the game with eight points.

Jay Morris led the Marksmen with three baskets. The team had trouble hitting shots early, despite creating scoring opportunities to stay in the game. The Marksmen trailed by seven at the half.

"They were a pretty good team — they hung with us for a while," said Bad Draw's Brady Quinn, who had four in the winning effort.

Quinn and Chinedum Ndukwe looked for the big play throughout the game — the two attempted two alley-oops but were unable to connect on both. Ndukwe also had a chance to end the game with an exclamation point, but his dunk attempt rimmed out and went out of bounds.

"He can get it there," Quinn said. "We are all just a little tired right now from lifting and running."

The game highlights all came from Marksmen's undersized guard George Fisher. Fisher's 5-foot-6 frame took a beating as he fearlessly stepped in the lane to take charges from Ndukwe and the 293-pound Fitzgerald. Fisher also managed to tie up the senior offensive lineman at one point — earning a jump ball for the Marksmen.

"He showed a lot of heart out

there, he's been doing that throughout the whole tournament," teammate Dan Djondo said.

Fisher finished with two points, and Djondo added two of his own.

"We were happy with the performance overall," Djondo said. "Hopefully, we will be able to come back next year and earn ourselves a seed."

U Got a Bad Draw now moves on to the Elite Eight, only three victories away from collecting its second title in three years.

No. 5 Clover Ridge 21, No. 12 Rocco's Pizza 18

Despite tallying 10 points, Brendon Collins could not lead Rocco's into the Elite Eight as it fell to Clover Ridge 21-18 Thursday at the Bookstore courts.

Collins scored four of the first five baskets for Rocco's and remained hot throughout the contest. He was helped by teammates Kern Creevey (three points) and forward Chris Cavanaugh, who added two.

But the bigger and stronger Clover Ridge team passed the ball with ease, spreading around the offense as all five players dropped multiple baskets.

The team used its size as an advantage as it was able to get to the foul line nine times. John Carlson led the team, hitting two free throws on five attempts. He had seven points in all.

"The difference in the game was John Carlson — his monster play and hustle led us to victory," teammate Pat Devitt said.

Devitt, a Zahm freshman, had two buckets, and his brother Ed added five more. The siblings provided a height advantage and worked themselves into the key against Rocco's defenders.

"I thought we played them pretty tough," Rocco's guard John Paul Lichon said. "They were a big team."

Rocco's was able to keep the game close but couldn't hit the big shot to take the lead. Creevey played well down the stretch, hitting two jumpers from behind the arc. But Clover



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Rocco's John Paul Lichon starts to drive towards the hoop against the Clover Ridge defense Tuesday at the Bookstore courts. Clover Ridge defeated Rocco's 21-18.

Ridge's Paul Hagan answered with his own deep basket to ice the game and push his team to the Elite Eight.

No. 7 Mean Girls 21, No. 10 Saltines 12

With a vicious put-back dunk, Pete Courtney finished off No. 10 Saltines' 21-12 victory over No. 12 Mean Girls and sent his team through to the final eight with an exclamation point.

While Courtney's dunk brought down the house, it was his freshman teammate point guard Carl Andersen who was the crowd favorite throughout the night. Displaying a variety of inside moves as well as a delicate outside touch, Andersen led the Saltines with seven points.

The only freshman member of the team, Andersen played much older. It was clear that the Saltines were his to lead —

and team members said they are thankful they were able to discover their star point guard.

"I played against him a couple of times at Rolfs, and we really needed a point guard so we asked him to play with us," sophomore Chris Lund said. "He's better than some D-1 players I know. We're just glad to have him."

It was not just Andersen, however, who contributed on Thursday night, as all five Saltines scored at least two points. In addition to some fluid ball movement that led to several easy layups, the Saltines were able to get inside the whole game through their big men Courtney, Lund and Brent Locey.

"Our style is impetuous and our defense is impregnable," sophomore Dan Ott said. "We're nasty."

While the final score indicat-

ed a lopsided victory, the game was close throughout much of the evening. After Mean Girls' Nick Ortiz's layup cut the deficit to 13-9, the Saltines went on an 8-3 run capped off by Courtney's dunk.

The bigger problem for the Mean Girls came earlier in the game when they were unable to capitalize on some beneficial foul calls. After an aggressive style of play put the Mean Girls in the bonus with the score only at 4-2, the Mean Girls were unable to take advantage as they went 1 of 4 from the charity stripe for the rest of the half.

"Those are free points, and you've got to capitalize on those," Mean Girls' guard Alex Klupchak said.

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Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll

team	record	previous
1 North Carolina	34-8	1
2 Cal State-Fullerton	31-10	2
3 Rice	35-9	3
4 Nebraska	32-6	4
5 Georgia Tech	32-9	8
6 Alabama	31-12	12
7 Oregon State	28-9	14
8 NOTRE DAME	32-8	16
9 Texas	28-15	5
10 Florida State	33-10	6
11 North Carolina State	31-13	7
12 Clemson	29-13	9
13 Houston	28-15	19
14 Oklahoma	32-10	23
15 Virginia	34-10	18
16 Arizona State	28-14	10
17 Miami (Fla.)	27-15	11
18 Kentucky	30-10	26
19 South Carolina	30-11	13
20 Mississippi State	29-11	15
21 Wake Forest	30-14	24
22 Mississippi	26-15	-
23 Arkansas	30-12	20
24 Vanderbilt	25-16	17
25 Old Dominion	35-8	21
26 College of Charleston	33-9	25
27 Washington	27-15	-
28 Pepperdine	27-16	-
28 Baylor	25-16	-
30 Winthrop	31-12	29

NCAA Softball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
NOTRE DAME	13-1	32-14
USF	11-1	41-20
Louisville	9-3	31-8
Syracuse	12-6	31-19
DePaul	9-5	27-15
Providence	9-7	27-14
Pittsburgh	8-10	27-24
St. John's	8-10	25-23
Seton Hall	6-12	28-24
Connecticut	5-11	18-25
Rutgers	4-14	12-34
Villanova	2-16	13-32

MIAA Softball

team	league	overall
Hope	13-1	25-11
Alma	10-4	21-11
SAINT MARY'S	9-5	25-11
Albion	8-6	20-18
Olivet	8-6	22-10
Tri-State	7-7	19-19
Calvin	5-9	13-19
Adrian	3-13	12-24
Kalamazoo	1-13	6-24

MLB



The Giants' Barry Bonds rounds the bases after hitting a two-run homer on Wednesday against the Mets. Bonds captured his 711th home run in San Francisco's 9-7 loss to New York.

MLB won't celebrate Bonds passing Ruth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds will have to wait until he passes Hank Aaron before baseball throws a party for him.

Major League Baseball is not planning any celebration for Bonds if and when he tops Babe Ruth's mark of 714 home runs, commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday.

"Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record," Selig said. "We don't celebrate anybody the second or third time in."

Bonds has been the subject of steroids speculation

for several seasons. The recent book "Game of Shadows" detailed allegations against him, and a federal grand jury is investigating whether he committed perjury when he told another grand jury that he had never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds hit his 711th homer Wednesday. His San Francisco Giants were off Thursday, and open a three-game series Friday night at home against Arizona.

Selig does not figure to be in San Francisco or in Milwaukee or Philadelphia, where the Giants play next

week as Bonds nears Ruth. "We celebrate new records, that's what we do. We're being consistent," Selig said during the Associated Press Sports Editors annual meeting with league commissioners. "There's nothing to read into that."

Ruth is second on the career home run list, trailing Aaron's total of 755. When Aaron broke Ruth's record in 1974, commissioner Bowie Kuhn was not in attendance. Kuhn's absence rankled many, including Aaron.

Bonds has been hobbled by bad knees, and missed most of last season.

"He's had a remarkable career. Whatever happens, happens," Selig said. "We're going to let nature take its course. Commissioners don't sit around and say, 'I hope this guy breaks it or not.'"

Selig said he had read "Game of Shadows" but not seen "Bonds on Bonds," the ESPN reality show about the slugger's life.

Selig said the book was among several factors that prompted him to launch a baseball investigation into steroids, headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. There is no timetable for completing the probe.

IN BRIEF

Duke accuser previously reported rape

DURHAM, N.C. — The woman who says she was raped by three members of Duke's lacrosse team also told police 10 years ago she was raped by three men, filing a 1996 complaint claiming she had been assaulted three years earlier when she was 14.

Authorities in nearby Granville County said Thursday that none of the men named in the decade-old report were ever charged with sexual assault there, but they didn't have details why.

A phone number for the accuser has been disconnected and her family declined to comment to The Associated Press. But relatives told Essence magazine in an online story this week that the woman declined to pursue the case out of fear for her safety.

The existence of the report surprised defense attorneys, one of whom has sought information about the accuser's past for use in attacking her credibility.

Canadiens fall to Hurricanes

MONTREAL — Carolina felt like it finally caught a few breaks and the Hurricanes can only hope they came soon enough to get their playoff run back on track.

Eric Staal scored a power-play goal 3:38 into overtime Wednesday night to give Carolina a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens as the Hurricanes avoided falling into an 0-3 hole in their first-round playoff series.

Montreal's Tomas Plekanec was sent off for hooking 2:35 into overtime and Staal went it with a drive from the point that went through traffic and past goalie Cristobal Huet.

Huet said he lost sight of the puck and knew it was bad news when the raucous Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 suddenly went silent.

"We needed the win," Staal said. "I didn't get as much wood on it as I would have liked, but I found the back of the net with a good screen in front."

NFL draft still holds uncertainties

NEW YORK — Two days before the NFL draft, even the players who will be picked at the top are tired of listening to the chatter and reading the gossip.

In other words, just get on with it.

"There's so much uncertainty I don't even pay attention to what they're saying anymore," Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart, said Thursday during an NFL-sponsored media session for six of the top prospective draftees. Those players have spent the last few days in New York at similar events leading up to Saturday's lottery at Radio City Music Hall.

"I don't want to watch television. I don't want to look at mock drafts. I just want it to happen."

Of all the top picks and there's a general consensus on the top 10 or 12, Leinart seems to be the one sliding in the final days, although no one is sure why.

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NBA

Cavaliers at Wizards, 8 p.m., ESPN
Spurs at Kings, 10 p.m., ESPN2
Suns at Lakers, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Dallas at Colorado, 4 p.m., OLN

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish, Buckeyes set to square off in conference contest

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame (8-4, 1-2 GWLL) hopes to spoil Ohio State's bid for a share of the Great Western Lacrosse League championship when the two premier Midwest programs renew their longstanding rivalry Saturday at 3 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Buckeyes helped keep the Irish out of the NCAA tournament in 2003 and 2004 with midseason victories that ultimately proved fatal to the Irish, as Ohio State (6-5, 3-1) represented the GWLL in the post-season.

But last year Notre Dame returned the favor, stunning the Buckeyes 16-5 in Columbus in the season finale for the Irish — knocking Ohio State out of a share for the league lead.

An Ohio State win would put them in a position to tie Denver (11-4, 4-0) for the league championship if the Pioneers should falter Saturday against Air Force in Colorado Springs.

Irish senior co-captain defenseman D.J. Driscoll said if Notre Dame is to play the role of spoiler again, it will need all the fight it can bring to tackle the physical game the Buckeyes will bring with them to South Bend.

"Since freshman year, [Notre Dame-Ohio State games have] always been a dogfight," Driscoll said. "Tough games, hard-nosed games. They are just big athletic kids who come for you and you have to be ready for it."

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said Ohio State's rugged athleti-

cism is the team's biggest strength — and one which Notre Dame will have to overcome both on offense and defense.

"It makes them an effective full-field team that they have to defend because they get up and down," Corrigan said. "They ride hard, and they clear well. They're strong on both ends of the field."

"Because of the fact that you have to defend the whole field and they can create situations across the whole field, there's pressure from them, so we'll have to be vigilant in our decision making and what we're doing."

The physical challenge Ohio State presents ensures Notre Dame's GWLL-best .717 goals per game scoring defense must play hard-nosed determined lacrosse Saturday. The Irish effort should be in no short supply, as they face-off against one of their biggest rivals for the 25th time in the 25 years with the series history on the line, tied 12-12 since the 1983 campaign — the first season Notre Dame fielded a lacrosse team.

Although Notre Dame has taken four of the past seven, the seniors must win Saturday to tie the series for their careers.

"Certainly the names Notre Dame and Ohio State [stand out]," Corrigan said. "If our seniors win this game they'll even the series during their time at 2-2. There aren't many teams we have a losing record against during their four years. We definitely look at Ohio State as one of our biggest rivals, because of the proximity, the

league and the history of our two schools."

In light of the added implications of the rivalry match-up, Corrigan is doing his best to keep the Irish enthusiasm from boiling over before the teams face-off Saturday.

"There are different emotional things going on each week," he said, "but the trick is not to get caught up too much emotionally in [rivalry] games. You have to show up ready to execute in what we do. Consistency is important."

The match-up has special significance for Driscoll, who chose to attend Notre Dame over Ohio State four years ago. He is excited about the intensity the game brings out between the two teams.

"It will be tough but it will also be fun at the same time," he said. "It's real energetic and get your emotions in it. ... I look forward to the game Saturday."

Driscoll remembers clearly last year's route of Ohio State. But he also remembers Notre Dame's 12-11 loss to Fairfield last season that dashed the team's postseason hopes. He thinks the Irish are again more committed than ever to make their last games their best — regardless of whether or not they come in the tournament.

"We still have gotten pretty energetic practices coming in," he said. "People have been coming in and working harder than they have all year in practice and hopefully that carries over." Driscoll said Corrigan has forced the Irish to forget about their losses and focus on the present to prepare for their last

contests against Ohio State and Quinnipiac (6-5, 0-3).

"Everyone is just taking it one day at a time," Driscoll said. "We're going out there and enjoying each practice, getting the most out of each person."

Senior attack Pat Walsh has been the exception to that rule, as he missed two days of practice this week with a viral infection lingering from Sunday's 10-7 win against Lehigh (8-6, 4-2 Patriot League). During the game, Walsh scored three of his four goals to lead the Irish fourth quarter surge 4-1. But Corrigan has no concerns about Walsh's time off during the week as long as he's able to play this

weekend.

"This time of year, missing a day of practice is going to hurt a guy like Pat," Corrigan said. "I'm not worried about the effects of him missing a practice. I'm worried about him getting himself healthy and ready for the weekend."

Walsh has sounded progressively better throughout the week, and regardless of how well he feels, he said he will be on the field Saturday to face the Irish rival.

"I played through it Sunday," he said. "And if I need to, I will again."

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TRACK & FIELD

Team sends athletes to two competitions

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

With several important competitions looming in the next few weeks, Notre Dame will send portions of its team to compete in both the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays and the Drake Relays Friday and Saturday.

A week before the Big East Championships, several Irish athletes are looking to post qualifying marks for the conference meet.

"This weekend, we want a few more athletes to qualify [for the Big East]," sprinters coach John Millar said. "Those who have qualified already might just need to get a lighter workout in."

The "Gina" Relays, hosted by Hillsdale College in Michigan, will feature approximately 30 Notre Dame athletes.

"We should be able to get some good preparation in for next weekend," Millar said of the

event.

The Irish will also send runners to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Hosted by Drake University, Millar called the event "one of the biggest meets in the country."

"The only reason we don't send more athletes [to the Drake Relays] is because we have the Big East next weekend," Millar said.

The Irish will be well represented in Iowa. The men's 4x1600, 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams will compete, along with throwers Garek Koxlien and Kyle Annen.

After adding four NCAA qualifying marks to their record last weekend at the Central Collegiate Championship and Oregon Invitational, the Irish are also looking forward to the NCAA Regionals, to be held May 26-27 in Knoxville, Tenn.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish return home to face Orange

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

After a month on the road, No. 7 Notre Dame returns home for its final Big East game against No. 13 Syracuse Saturday at noon.

The Irish (11-3, 3-1 Big East) last played at home March 25, drubbing Canisius 18-2, and since have compiled a 3-2 record away from Moose Krause Stadium — including back-to-back 11-10 losses to No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Georgetown.

The team is looking forward to finally stepping out onto its home turf after the East Coast swing.

"It feels great," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think that it's great to be at home, especially since we're heading into a more difficult academic time so it's just good to have the consistency of not having to worry about packing again for another away trip."

Notre Dame will be led by sen-

ior attack Crysti Foote, the only Irish player to ever score more than 200 career points and a finalist for the Tewaarton Trophy recognizing the best women's lacrosse player of the year.

Foote has tallied 84 points this season on 55 goals and 29 assists, and her total point and goal totals are already Notre Dame single-season records. Her mark of 55 goals on the season places her second nationally, and she is just four assists shy of breaking the Irish single-season mark.

Foote is joined on the offense by sophomore Caitlin McKinney and freshman Jill Byers. McKinney has 51 points on 32 goals and 19 assists, while Byers has 41 goals and 18 assists for 59 points. It's the highest scoring trio in program history.

The Irish offense will face a

similarly potent squad in Syracuse, which operates an up-tempo attack.

"They like to run and they're very athletic," Coyne said. "I think we've been preparing for that."

In the eight meetings between the two teams, the Orange hold a 6-2 advantage, including last season's 14-9 victory over the Irish at Syracuse. But Notre Dame is 2-1 at home against the Orange and excited for the competition.

"I think we're at the stage in the season where ... we welcome tough competition," Coyne said. "We know that we're going to get Syracuse's best game. We've had a good, intense rivalry for years, and it's always a good game."

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"We know that we're going to get Syracuse's best game."

Tracy Coyne
Irish head coach

MLB

Matsui breaks out of slump, leads Yankees over Devil Rays

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield drove the ball to deep left-center in the first inning. It was headed over the wall for a two-run homer, until Joey Gathright

sprinted over from center, leaped and pulled the ball back in.

"You say, that's not a good sign," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

But one night after failing to

take advantage of numerous chances, the New York Yankees rallied past the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-1 Thursday as slumping Hideki Matsui hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in a three-run sixth inning.

Shawn Chacon put his early struggles behind him with his second straight strong outing, and the Yankees bounced back from Wednesday's 4-2, 10-inning loss. In that one, none of the 14 Yankees who walked came around to score. They had three walks in this one, and all three runners came across.

"You'd assume that somebody would score yesterday. That's how it goes," said Derek Jeter, whose walk sparked the sixth.

Jeter raised his average to .408, going 3-for-3 with two singles and a walk against Mark Hendrickson (1-1) and an RBI double in the seventh against Ruddy Lugo.

"I don't really pay much attention to it. We've only played a couple weeks," Jeter said. "I don't overanalyze."

New York, which has won four of five, rallied for three unearned runs in the sixth after an error by third baseman Russell Branyan, who backed up and let Sheffield's two-hop-

per kick off the heel of his glove and roll through his legs.

"I should make that play. I'm a lot better player than that," Branyan said.

He was making his first start of the year at third because Ty Wigginton shifted to second to replace Jorge Cantu, who went on the disabled list Wednesday with a broken left foot.

"If I hit him 100 fungos, he'll make that play 99 times," Devil Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Gathright put Tampa Bay ahead with an RBI single in the fifth inning following Damon Hollins' double. His first-inning catch was the defensive highlight of the game.

"Sheff doesn't like me too much right now, I guess," he said. "I've made some diving catches in the gaps, but never anything like that, bringing back a home run. I've been waiting to do something like that."

Torre said Minnesota's Torii Hunter was the only other player capable of making that type of catch because Sheffield had hit the ball so hard on a line.

"That was a great play — not the fact that he caught it, the fact that he caught up to it," Torre said.

Chacon (3-1) allowed four hits in 6 1-3 innings. In his last two starts, he has lowered his ERA from 8.03 to 4.56.

"Most of it just comes down to being aggressive," he said.

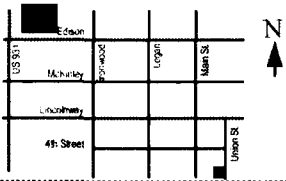
Mike Myers escaped a two-on jam in the seventh, Kyle Farnsworth got the last two outs of the eighth and Tanyon Sturtze allowed a leadoff single in the ninth. Mariano Rivera, who allowed a pair of 10th-inning runs in a 38-pitch outing Wednesday, got three outs for his third save in four chances.

"I was ready," Rivera said. "It didn't matter how many pitches I threw yesterday."

Hendrickson, making his first start after a stint on the disabled list caused by shoulder tightness, gave up just four hits in six innings, and all the runs off him were unearned because of Branyan's error.



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SMC TENNIS

McDavitt, Belles set for MIAA tournament

By KEN FOWLER and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

After losing 8-1 to both Calvin and Indiana Wesleyan Saturday, Saint Mary's knows it needs to turn its ship around — quickly.

The Belles enter this weekend's MIAA Championships at Hope College with a 10-10 overall record and 5-3 mark in league play, tied for fourth in the league with Hope. Hope beat Saint Mary's 6-3 March 29 to win the tie-breaker for the No. 4 seed in the tournament.

"We've learned a lot from the matches we've lost," Belles junior Kelly McDavitt said. "We're going to try to go in with an open mind, stay positive and try to get a big win to make up for the losses we've had over the season."

Saint Mary's last win came April 12 against Kalamazoo, a thrilling 5-4 victory in which the Belles captured the final four singles matches off the court to top the conference foe.

McDavitt sparked the rally with her 6-4, 6-0 victory over Kalamazoo's Laura Spencer for Saint Mary's first singles victory of the match.

But since then — before the two losses last weekend — Saint Mary's has lost to conference foe Albion and non-conference opponent Bethel.

"We all feel that we have the

potential to beat the people that we've lost against," McDavitt said. "It's exciting to have a chance to beat them now, especially those who lost close matches — it's a chance to show all the conference teams how talented we are and that we can be No. 1."

Kalamazoo enters the tournament as the No. 2 seed with a 6-2 MIAA record and a 14-6 mark overall. They earned the tiebreaker with a 5-4 victory over Calvin (12-8, 6-2) earlier this year.

Alma (13-9, 8-0) is the top seed and Tri-State (9-7, 3-5) is sixth. Olivet (8-10, 2-6) enters No. 7, Alma (3-12, 1-7) is No. 8, and winless Adrian (0-12, 0-7) is at the bottom of the MIAA.

Friday's matches will be held on Holland City's Moran Courts and Holland High School Courts. Saturday's matches will begin at 9 a.m. exclusively at Holland High School.

The MIAA crowns champions at each position in the lineup, awarding titles to six singles players and three doubles teams.

"I think we all have a good chance of winning our matches," McDavitt said. "We've had to overcome a lot of injuries and mental struggles, but we're all going in tomorrow with an open mind, take each match one step at a time."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish win rescheduled game against Valparaiso, 6-2

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame rebounded from its 7-4 home loss to Purdue Wednesday with a 6-2 victory against Valparaiso Thursday behind a three-run rally in the third.

A single by shortstop Sara Schoonaert and a fielder's choice by Linda Kohan set up Notre Dame's first run of the third against the Crusaders (18-26, 5-11 Mid-Continent Conference), as Meagan

Ruthrauff's single to right tied the game at two. Second baseman Katie Laing followed with a double to right, driving in two more Irish runs for a 4-2 lead.

Notre Dame had fallen behind early in the game after a two-run Valparaiso second. Irish starting pitcher Heather Booth gave up two runs in the inning — only one of which was earned — on a double and a single, but worked out of the jam by getting Crusaders center fielder Karen Korb to foul out to third base. Booth pitched a four-hit gem other than the sec-

ond, striking out three and allowing only four hits in the game.

"Heather did have one inning when they got some hits off of her, but she got back in control and buckled down," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The third inning was proof of the intensity that the Irish have used all season to win games — something that Gumpf has told her team is necessary to its success.

"The hitters are really confident right now," Gumpf said. "We keep swinging at the good

pitches and just do what we need to do to win."

Notre Dame added a run in each of the next two innings, the highlight of which was in the top of the fourth when left fielder Gessica Hufnagle blasted the first homerun of her career over the left field fence. The Irish capped off their scoring against the Crusaders in the fifth inning. Kohan led off the inning with a hard-hit ground ball up the middle for a single. Ruthrauff followed with a deep double to right field to drive in Kohan from first.

Gumpf said the Irish played well against the Crusaders, especially after the second inning, as Booth allowed only one hit in the last five innings of the game.

The Irish will resume Big East play this weekend with double-headers against Big East newcomers South Florida and Louisville Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The doubleheaders will be two of the toughest tests for Notre Dame this season, as the Bulls and the Cardinals are second and third, respectively, in the Big East behind the Irish.

Notre Dame and USF each have only one Big East loss on the season, and the match-up will be crucial in deciding the top seeds in the Big East tournament.

But the Irish aren't worrying about the Big East yet, knowing they still have tough competition ahead of them.

"I'm not looking past Saturday," Gumpf said. "We have to take care of South Florida, and when we do that we have to take care of Louisville."

"This is going to be a big weekend for us."

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Stovall

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What's more, Stovall's breakout year came during a season when questions remained about how the receiver who graced the cover of Sports Illustrated as a freshman had disappeared in the midst of coaching changes and Irish mediocrity.

But those close to Stovall (6-foot-5, 222 pounds) knew his talent was there all along. It was only a matter of being in the wrong offensive system while simultaneously attempting to live up to the expectations he set for himself his freshman year.

Just ask his father, Maurice Stovall Sr.

"Mo is pretty much the most productive [receiver] in his class," Stovall Sr. said in a phone interview with The Observer Thursday. "If he had gotten the ball a little more [earlier] ... he could have been a lot more productive."

Part of the reason he didn't get the ball more frequently during his sophomore and junior years was because former coach Tyrone Willingham and current coach Charlie Weis had different ideas about how Stovall should be used in the offense. Stovall Sr. said his son was in a position where Weis told him to lose 25 pounds before the 2005 season because he had been asked by Willingham to add the weight earlier.

"The main thing, as I see, whoever gets Maurice is going to get a gentleman," Stovall Sr. said. "He will do everything that you ask him to — and that's the type of young man he is."

And that willingness for the blue-chip prospect from Philadelphia to compromise his individual goals for the team — while other classmates like Ohio State receiver Antonio Holmes and Florida's Chad Jackson were piling up numbers — revealed this character.

But now the issue isn't if Stovall will ever reach his potential and be drafted — it's only a matter of when and where. And this reality has become a frequently asked question leading up to the draft. Many experts have pegged him falling somewhere in the second or third round, including NFLDraftCountdown.com analyst Scott Wright.

"I think he could go as high as the second round [to Philadelphia]," Wright said in a phone interview with The Observer Thursday. "He's really the type of big [receiver] they need."

A return to Philadelphia would be coming full circle. As a high school prospect from Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia, Stovall had his choice of any major college. He was heavily recruited as an Army All-American and chose Notre Dame over Georgia Tech, Michigan, Tennessee and Virginia.

With all the excitement returning to play in Philadelphia could generate for the area and the Stovall family, Stovall Sr. said the family would be satisfied no matter where he ends up.

"That's exciting for us knowing that's a possibility he'll go to Philadelphia with their second pick," Stovall Sr. said. "All you ask for as a young man ... is the opportunity to showcase [your] skills."

"If he's there for [Philadelphia]. Fine. If he goes somewhere else [earlier] ... we'll be elated."

Wright said if Philadelphia does not target Stovall in the middle of the second round, New England, Pittsburgh and Denver might be interested. Wright named New England as the team most likely to pursue a big receiver like Stovall.

In the last two seasons, New England lost two starting receivers — David Givens (Tennessee) and David Patten (Washington) — to free agency. With third receiver Troy Brown quickly aging (he will be 35 in July), Weis' old friend Bill Belichick might be interested in Stovall's services, Wright said.

"You look at the build," Wright said. "The one thing teams are gonna take away from Stovall is the [jump ball ability]."

That same jump ball athleticism is attractive to Pittsburgh as well. Wright said the Steelers could target Stovall as a replacement for Plaxico Burress, the 6-foot-6 receiver who signed with the Giants after the 2004 season.

But regardless of where Stovall lands, he will be fulfilling a lifelong dream for both he and his family. And Stovall Sr. said the most important thing is that he was able to reach this point after a college career that wasn't always on the up — well, until lately, that is.

"He's in the position that we had anticipated he'd be in," Stovall Sr. said. "Last year [the draft experts] were saying he'd possibly go in the sixth or seventh round. We're just excited about ... where he is right now."

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ROWING

Big East title in sight for No. 12 Irish crew

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame enters Sunday's Big East Championship at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. as the favorite to win the varsity eight.

The Irish will compete against Cincinnati, Connecticut, Georgetown, Louisville, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia in the event. It will be the first competition in three weeks for Notre Dame — which last rowed at the Indiana Classic on April 8 and 9 — in which the Irish defeated then-No. 15 Wisconsin in the varsity eight, finishing with a time of 6:55.80.

Notre Dame's varsity eight team, consisting of junior coxswain Maria Romano, sophomores Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson and Allison Marsh, and seniors Melissa Felker, Meghan Boyle and Sarah Palandech, also finished second to reigning national champs California in their second race at the Classic.

Despite the team's success, Notre Dame has continued to work just as hard in practice to prepare for the Championship. Palandech

said.

"We've been doing a lot of hard work, and we've been tired, but we've just been pushing on, getting stronger each day," she said. "We want to row really well, go really fast and win as many events as we possibly can. We want to control whatever we can control."

The Irish are making sure the high expectations and past results don't affect their preparation or their performance.

"[The accolades are] flattering," Palandech said. "But it's not something that we can perform with. You still have to go out there, and the competition is going to be tough, and a label is not going to get the job done."

Aside from not overestimating themselves, the Irish are making sure not to underestimate the competition.

"They're really great teams, and they're not something to mess around with," Palandech said of the Big East competition. "Louisville looks like it's a very talented team and Syracuse will also be a challenge, but it really depends, because there are so many different schools and events."

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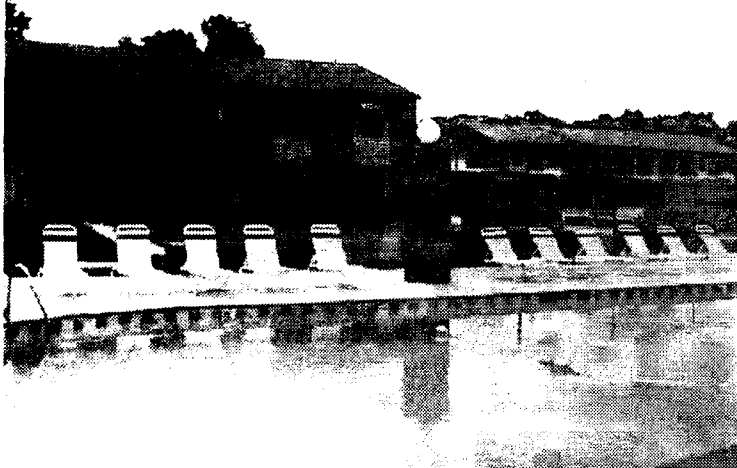
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NFL DRAFT

LeVoir and Stevenson work out for pro teams

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

This weekend's NFL Draft will shape the next few years in the lives of Notre Dame offensive linemen Mark LeVoir and Dan Stevenson.

LeVoir, a native of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Stevenson, from Barrington, Ill., have interviewed with almost all 32 NFL teams in anticipation for the draft.

"The most difficult thing is just the unknowing," LeVoir said. "You have no clue where you're going to go, what's going to happen. ... You're going to be in one of the 32 NFL cities, but you can't plan or do anything until

you know [which one]."

LeVoir started 36 straight games at right tackle with the Irish. He has traveled to Cincinnati and Chicago, and talked to most — if not all — of the NFL teams. He began preparations for the draft immediately after Notre Dame's 34-20 loss in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2.

"All I did to prepare was prepare for pro day and personal workouts," he said. "Some guys chose to stay here — I chose to go down to Arizona for a change of scene."

Stevenson, a right guard, spent time in Houston preparing for various pre-draft events.

"I trained there for five weeks before the combine, went to the combine, came back to school

and I just worked out here with our strength coach here," he said. "We had a pro day [on campus], and a couple individual workouts with teams that I did."

Stevenson has also talked to all of the NFL teams.

"It's no telling where you're going to go in the draft, where you're going to go and the kind of pressure is definitely something. ... You can't understand until you're there," Stevenson said.

Both linemen said it's hard to believe that Draft day is finally here.

"I still don't think it's really hit me all that much," Stevenson said. "Even at the Blue-Gold game last weekend, even that,

it's hard to feel that your time here at Notre Dame is over and you're moving onto something you've obviously always dreamed of."

LeVoir, who is still living in South Bend, has experienced the same sense of a turning point.

"I'm just trying to soak it all in and enjoy my last few days here at Notre Dame," LeVoir said.

An important part of their Notre Dame experience, Stevenson said, was Irish coach Charlie Weis, who proved a valuable resource as the two prepared to make the jump to the NFL.

"I've had a huge support staff," Stevenson said. "I don't think this process would have been as easy without them —

Coach Weis, [Notre Dame offensive line] Coach Latina, obviously my family — just talking to them, they obviously keep my spirits high."

LeVoir mentioned Weis specifically as a significant mentor.

"[He's] the best resource a college player could ever want," he said. "With his experience in the NFL, it speaks for itself."

As for draft day, LeVoir will be playing golf or doing something else to relax, and Stevenson will wait to hear about his friends while focusing on other things.

"What's going to happen is what's going to happen," LeVoir said.

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Fasano

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Athletes First to represent him exactly for that reason.

"They're great guys, and that's one of the best decisions I've made so far," he said of his agents. "You never get lost in the mix. [It's] really a family style type of place."

Fasano said teams have asked him everything from what CD he has in his Walkman to the last book he read and the last nice thing he has done for somebody else.

Brian Murphy of Athletes First said he told Fasano to be himself when fielding questions in interviews because he believes teams will value the type of person Fasano is.

"Teams want players who are

going to make an impact off the field," Murphy said.

Murphy's firm also represents Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer and New York Giants receiver Amani Toomer, both of whom have earned praise for their involvement in the community. Palmer signed one of the NFL's largest contract extensions this off-season that will keep him in Cincinnati through 2014. Murphy said one of Bengals owner Mike Brown's reasons for giving Palmer the contract — reportedly valued at \$49 million — was Palmer's extensive community service and reputation as an upstanding citizen.

Murphy said to attract that type of person is a goal of the firm — and why Fasano fits in as a client.

But Murphy said he also knows Fasano has the skills to make an impact on the field. As

a 1992 graduate from Notre Dame, Murphy said he watched Fasano develop as a receiver and blocker since the New Jersey native started three games in 2004 under Tyrone Willingham.

"What he has done this year under [Irish] coach [Charlie] Weis speaks for itself," Murphy said.

Fasano gives Weis credit for teaching him how to study film better and how to be a professional.

"Coach Weis has done a lot for me not only in the way to prepare but a lot off the field," Fasano said.

But even Fasano's advantages don't make him a sure-fire, early round pick. Murphy said the 2006 draft has as many quality tight ends of any draft he has seen.

Maryland's Vernon Davis is

expected to be a top-15 pick and the first tight end taken in the Draft. Davis is joined by Mercedes Lewis of UCLA, Leonard Pope of Georgia and Fasano as top-line prospects leaving college this year.

"Every team needs an all-around good tight end that's willing to do blocking and pass catching the same," Fasano said. "I think I do have the potential to be an impact player."

Expected to be a middle-round pick in the NFL Draft, Fasano said he is excited to make the jump to the pros.

"Everything's been going real well," he said. "It's been a great whole process for me."

Fasano finished his career second among tight ends in Notre Dame history with 92 receptions. He averaged 12.2 yards a catch for 1,112 yards and eight

touchdowns in three years.

He had two touchdowns and 47 receptions in 2005 and was a finalist for the John Mackey Award, given annually to the best tight end in the country.

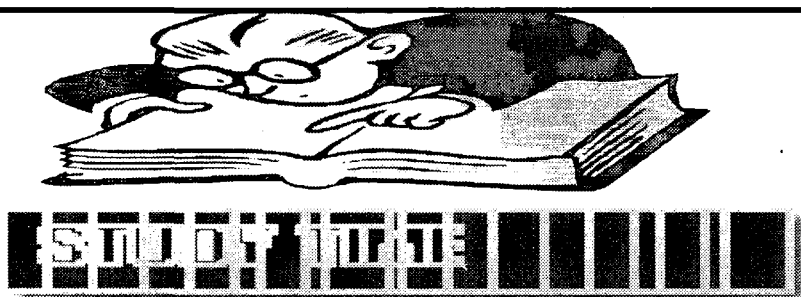
"I just want to get drafted as high as possible, and I hope someone drafts me on the first day," Fasano said. "But you never know."

Murphy said he advises all his clients who won't be drafted early in the first round to stay active in the morning and then spend time with their families in the afternoon.

Fasano said he would take that advice.

"I probably will go play golf in the morning to stay away from the TV," he said. "It's just a long day."

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"What we've done so far has put us in position to have a very special season, but in order for us to finish the job, we have to get the job done over the next four weeks," Mainieri said.

The Huskies come into the series winners of their last 10 and on an eight-game Big East winning streak. They are batting .297 and have outscored their opponents 270-140 this season.

On the mound Connecticut's ace, senior right-hander Nick Tucci, is 7-0 this season with a 2.15 ERA.

Notre Dame will counter on the mound with junior right-hander Jeff Samardzija (6-1, 3.81 ERA) in the first game of a double-header Saturday, senior right-hander Jeff Manship (5-1, 2.25 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Wade Korpi (5-1, 1.56 ERA).

Korpi, who usually starts in Tuesday non-conference games for the Irish, is expected to start Sunday in place of senior southpaw Tom Thornton, who was hit in the leg with a sharp grounder in his last start, Notre Dame's 14-

12 win over Rutgers last Sunday. Thornton had X-rays on Monday and an MRI Tuesday — both came back negative — but Mainieri said the senior is not at full strength.

Mainieri said he expects Thornton back on the mound next week.

After Connecticut, the Irish will play a non-conference game at home against Cleveland State May 2 and then will face Louisville in a three-game conference series beginning May 5 at Frank Eck Stadium.

After taking exam week off, Notre Dame will head to South Orange, N.J. for a three game conference set May 13-14 and will face Michigan in the teams' annual match-up in Grand Rapids, Mich. the following Tuesday.

The Irish will wrap up their regular season in Plymouth Meeting, Penn. May 18-20 against Villanova and then head to the Big East tournament in Clearwater, Florida May 23-27.

The first two games of this weekend's series in Storrs will be played in the doubleheader Saturday beginning at noon. Sunday's contest begins at 11 a.m.

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"What we've done so far has put us in position to have a very special season, but in order for us to finish the job, we have to get the job done over the next four weeks."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

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the top seed.

"One of the players on Anthony's Travel is our former coach, Jill Bodensteiner." Fresh Five captain Stefanie Broderick said. "We learned a lot about defending in the post from her and that's what we will have to do against their height."

Fresh Five features two current Saint Mary's basketball players and one former player.

Another matchup features No. 2 Pastelitas against Team 17. With a majority of its team from McGlinn, Pastelitas defeated Middle School MVPs to earn a spot in the Elite Eight.

"We're going to try to take advantage of our height and run the ball as much as we

"We're the underdogs and that's a good position to be in."

Amy Leonard
Team-17 captain

could," Pastelitas captain Raquel Ferrer said. "We'll definitely be going to the Final Four."

Team 17 hopes to use Pastelitas' confidence as motivation in the game.

"We're the underdogs and that's a good position to be in," Team 17 captain Amy Leonard said.

In the third game of the Elite Eight, No. 4 Build Up Your Assets will take on No. 5 Newsom's Blue Chips.

Meanwhile, Rule No. 76 (Women) will challenge No. 3 Powerhouse.

Rule No. 76 advanced to the Elite Eight by forfeit against Thin, Quick and Nasty, which

was disqualified for having too many volleyball players on the squad. Teams are allowed a maximum of three varsity athletes.

"We haven't played our best yet in the tournament, but we're looking forward to playing our best against Powerhouse," Rule No. 76 captain Brenna Mannion said.

led by Anne Parrett, Powerhouse is fresh off a 21-10 Sweet Sixteen win over No. 14 We've Got Skillz.

"Our center is coming back from a broken foot, so our game plan is to not have her re-break her foot," Parrett said. "It should be a good game. Both teams seem to be legit."

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earned a win from the mound in the first game, and Schoolmaster once again tallied a hit. Hornets outfielder Lauren Millar led the Hornets from behind the plate driving in three RBIs.

The Belles swept Goshen 10-1 and 6-1 Wednesday.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said the team is looking to carry the momentum from the victories into the Kalamazoo game.

"We are going to try and jump on them early," Sullivan said. "Swing a good strike."

Saint Mary's pitcher and outfielder Bridget Grall agrees.

She said that the Belles have looked forward to the post-season all year, and their energy is peaking now.

"The motivation of making the tournament has really been carrying us through," Grall said.

The sweep of Goshen brought Saint Mary's win total to 25, giving the team its highest number of wins since 1984.

Sullivan said the Belles have taken steps to reach the MIAA tournament but need to continue playing their game to get there.

"We are going to look to perfect the little things," Sullivan

said. "Make no mental mistakes."

If Saint Mary's does not qualify for the MIAA tournament,

the game against Kalamazoo will be the last for Belles' seniors Grall, Audrey Gajor, and Meghan Marenkovic. As the seniors head into the last few weeks of their season, Grall says they are focusing on what lies ahead.

"We are not focusing on the past at all," Grall said. "We are only looking to what the future may hold."

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"We haven't played our best yet in the tournament, but we're looking forward to playing our best against Powerhouse."

Brenna Mannion
Rule No. 76 captain

"The motivation of making the tournament has really been carrying us through."

Bridget Grall
Belles pitcher

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BASEBALL

Irish, Huskies set to battle for control of Big East helm

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

With its school-record 23-game winning streak over after an 11-8 loss to Bowling Green Wednesday, Notre Dame will have to refocus this weekend as the team travels to Storrs, Conn.

for a crucial three-game Big East series with second-place Connecticut.

The Irish (33-9, 14-1 Big East) have a one and a half game lead over the Huskies (27-13, 13-3 Big East) in the conference standings. With just three series left in the Big East regular season, this weekend's set will go a

long way toward deciding the conference champion.

"It's pretty apparent that either Notre Dame or Connecticut is going to win the Big East regular season title," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "If we want to call ourselves champions, we have to go to Connecticut and get the job

done."

Mainieri said the series represents a shift in Notre Dame's schedule.

"This weekend we begin the third phase of our season," he said. "The first phase was mostly tournaments at the beginning of the year. Then we played a bunch of games at home, which

was the second phase of our schedule. Now we're in the final stretch run. We have 10 of our next 14 games on the road."

Mainieri stressed the importance of the last third of the schedule in anticipation of the NCAA tournament.

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NFL DRAFT

War room

Stovall hopes to go in first round of Saturday's draft

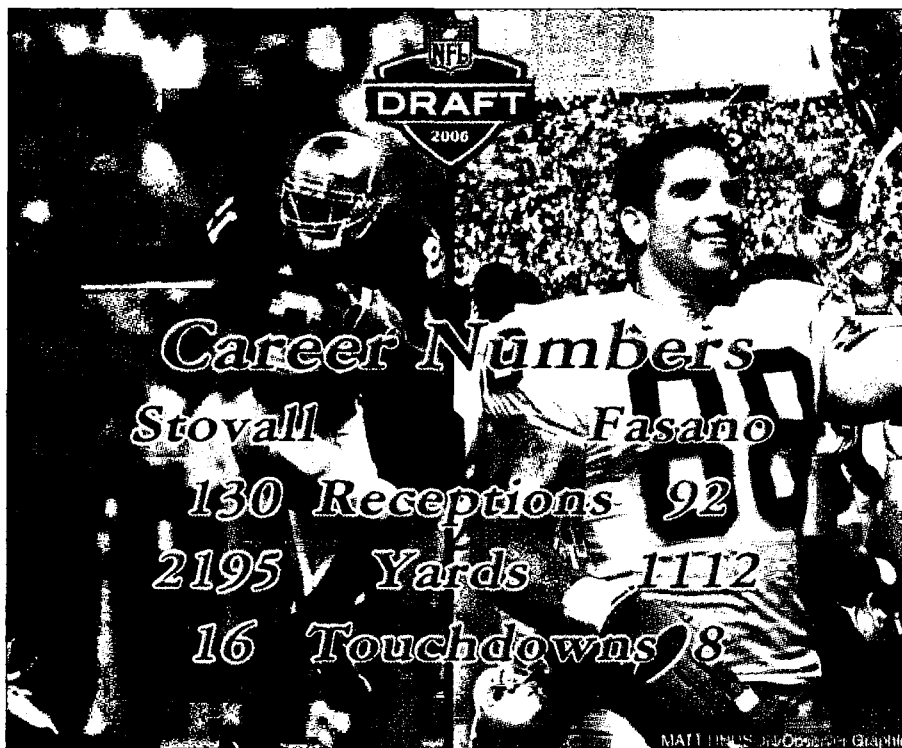
By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame receiver Maurice Stovall is selected in Saturday's NFL Draft, it will be the appropriate culmination of a four-year journey — one that moved from high potential to relative stagnation to, finally, climactic achievement.

This achievement is defined by a senior season where he had 69 catches for 1,149 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns. In two games that season — an eight-catch, 130-yard performance against Navy Nov. 12 and a 14-catch, 207-yard game against BYU Oct. 22 — exceeded his entire production from his junior season in 2004.

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"Lineman ready for draft day"
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Fasano tells teams he'll be tough guy and model citizen

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Anthony Fasano wants two different personas in the NFL.

The former Notre Dame tight end has told the Jets, Redskins, Cowboys and Patriots that he'll be a tough guy between the sidelines and a devoted member of the community off the field.

"I think I'm a real good teammate, where I can work with a lot of people," Fasano said. "And with the way I play, I'm a [physical] every-down player."

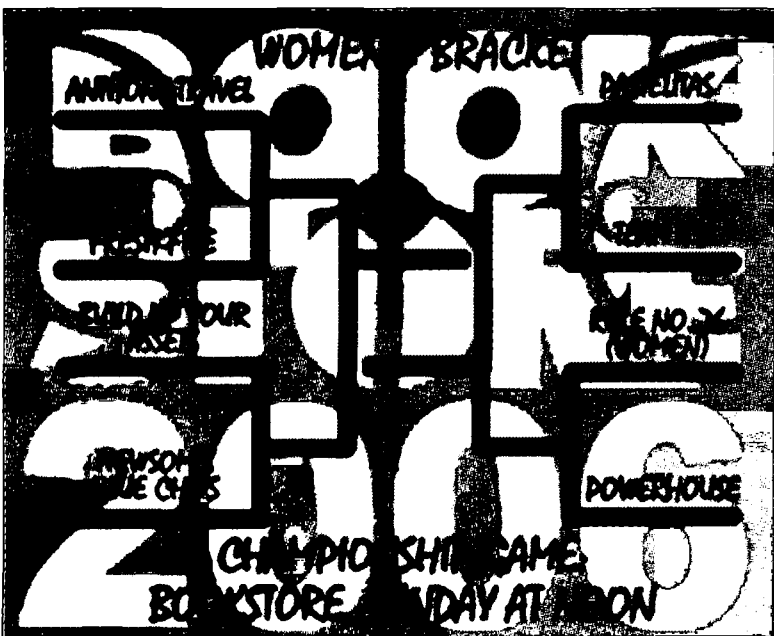
Ahead of Saturday's draft, Fasano has interviewed with a slew of teams in both conferences, mostly in the two Eastern divisions. He said he has tried to get across the first part of that sentiment to the teams he met with in preparation for the draft.

The 6-foot-5, 255-pound senior picked

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Fresh Five ready for Travel



By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

The women's bracket enters its Elite Eight today at 6 p.m. with a schedule of four games at the Bookstore courts before Saturday's semifinals and Sunday's championship game.

In the first matchup, No. 1 Anthony Travel will face No. 57 Fresh Five. Fresh Five is coming off a win via forfeit against Team 39 and has an interesting connection with

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"Top seeds prevail"
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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles battle for berth in the second season

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads on the road Saturday to take on Kalamazoo at 1 p.m. in its last regular season game, hoping to secure a berth in the MIAA tournament.

The Belles are currently No. 3 in the league, leading Albion and Olivet by one game. The top four teams in the conference earn bids to the tournament.

Saint Mary's last squared off with Kalamazoo last season when the Belles swept the Hornets 4-3 and 10-4.

The two wins over

Kalamazoo were the only two conference wins the Belles collected in the 2005 season. But Saint Mary's enters the weekend with a 25-11 record, including a 9-5 mark in league play.

Kalamazoo is 1-13 in MIAA action heading into its final game. The Hornets last played Tuesday against Olivet and fell 11-0 and 12-0.

Kalamazoo pitcher Michelle Brittain and first baseman Emily Schoolmaster each posted a hit in the game.

Before the losses to Olivet, the Hornets swept Goshen 6-5 and 2-1 on April 22. Brittain

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ROWING

Big East Championship

Sunday

The Irish seek another Big East title in Worcester, Mass.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 6, Valparaiso 2

The Irish scored three runs in the third inning to beat the Crusaders Thursday.

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SMC TENNIS

MIAA Tournament

Friday - Sunday

No. 5 Saint Mary's will look for the conference championship in Holland, Mich.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Syracuse at Notre Dame

Saturday, noon

The Irish look to secure a win in their first home game since March 25.

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TRACK

Notre Dame will send selected athletes to the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays and the Drake Relays Friday and Saturday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Ohio State at Notre Dame

Saturday, 3 p.m.

The No. 15 Irish face off against the Buckeyes in a GWL showdown.

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