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## SENATE

### Ad hoc committees, titles finalized at meeting

#### *Multicultural group officially recognized*

By KAREN LANGLEY  
Associate News Editor

MAC is back.

Two weeks after the Student Senate voted down an amendment to grant permanent status to the ad hoc Minority Affairs committee, senators approved a revised amendment Wednesday that established the group constitutionally as the Committee on Multicultural Affairs.

By also renaming the Committee on Diversity Affairs as the Committee on Social Concerns and delineating the responsibility

ties of the two newly titled committees, the amendment addressed the concerns that prevented the passage of the original Minority Affairs committee amendment.

The amendment charges the Committee on Multicultural Affairs with representing and advocating for "racially and ethnically marginalized" students, while the Committee on Social Concerns will be responsible for issues arising from religious diversity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic differences. Both committees will make recommendations to the Senate.

After the Minority Affairs committee was established as an ad

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Student body president Lizzi Shappell speaks at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday in LaFortune.

### University preparing for Easter

#### *Religious services to highlight holiday break*

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

Notre Dame will suspend academic pursuits this weekend in favor of the celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection.

Many students will travel home for the four-day break from classes, while others will join their parents to attend the various liturgies and services at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Senior Madeleine Heck will stay on campus to work on her thesis, but also to be part of the RCIA baptisms while serving as a sponsor.

"The girl I am sponsoring already received her sacraments, but we are both staying here for the rest of the group, and to attend the liturgies at the Basilica together," Heck said.

Sophomore Ali Donovan is looking forward to using the break to spend time with her family.

"I participated in an Appalachia service project over spring break, so I didn't have an opportunity to see my parents then," Donovan said. "I'm just really excited about having a few days off and spending time with my family."

Donovan and her parents will be traveling together to California to visit family during the holiday.

Despite the departure of

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### Meal serves up Jewish traditions

#### *Students of all religions welcomed to Seder dinner on Wednesday*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
News Writer

With most of the Notre Dame community focused on preparations for the end of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday, a small group of students departed from traditional Catholic Lenten practices to observe the Jewish feast of Passover with a Seder meal Wednesday night.

Approximately 30 students gathered in Welsh Family Hall to recall the escape of the Jewish people from slavery under the pharaoh of ancient Egypt. The Seder meal, typically celebrated the first two nights of Passover, tells the story of the Exodus and uses food and drink such as bitter herbs and wine to symbolize events in the birth of Israel.

Members of the Notre Dame Jewish Student Club were present at the meal, but the participants were mostly non-Jewish. The leader of the

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Father Michael Driscoll speaks at a Seder meal Wednesday at Welsh Family, where students ate traditional Jewish foods served according to religious custom.

### College pianist playing for charity

#### *Proceeds will benefit 'Music and Healing'*

By KELLY MEEHAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

When Saint Mary's senior Jill Vlasek takes the stage next Wednesday for her final piano recital at the College, she will not only be gracing the audience with her musical skills, but will also be working to improve the lives of many.

Just one year ago Vlasek, a music major and Atlanta native, was unsure of the direction her post-graduate life would take, but that all changed the day she met Chris Robinson, the director and

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CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Saint Mary's senior Jill Vlasek rehearses for her final piano recital in LeMans Hall Wednesday.

### Senior takes proactive immigration approach

#### *Dingeman confronts issues with local effort*

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER  
News Writer

At a time when immigration is a hotly-debated topic around the country, Saint Mary's senior Katie Dingeman is taking a more constructive, hands-on approach to addressing the issue by coordinating an effort to help local immigrants deal with the challenges they face today.

The South Bend community is home to Meskhetian

Turk immigrants from Russia and Liberian immigrants, with whom Dingeman said she first came in contact through her work at the Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend.

While writing her senior comprehensive project — which focused on the integration of immigrants — Dingeman said she realized there was a "disconnect" between what immigrants expected of American life and what they experienced once they were settled.

"As a case manager at

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pushing the envelope

I've been told, on multiple occasions, that a mouse is more intimidating than me.

I'm not sure whether that's a compliment or a character flaw but perhaps it explains my strong need to

**Mary Kate Malone**

*News Editor*

rule-breaking rebel. On occasion, I'll decide to stop being goody-goody MK and push the envelope. You know, show people that I can break rules and get away with it.

Not surprisingly, I generally fail at doing this. But hey, at least I try.

Case in point:

A few weeks ago my roommate's sister, Meg, was visiting Notre Dame. We were all going to dinner on a Thursday night and decided it was ridiculous to make Meg, who had no ID card, pay \$10 for her meal. Inspired to take charge and solve the problem, I told Meg to use my ID and I would sneak in.

"No one will catch me, I promise," I said. "Come on you guys, I can totally do it without getting caught. I'm good at this kind of thing, okay?"

I convinced everyone easily (though I'm not sure how).

We walked to North Dining Hall planning our scheme. I'd walk in with a crowd and bury myself inside it. Then I'd stealthily sneak into the back room before anyone could notice. When we arrived, I hustled in behind my friends, avoiding eye contact with the food service worker. My friends swept up behind me and we scurried into the back hot food area. Pride swept over me. I did it! I broke the rules and got away with it!

Suddenly, a firm hand grabbed my arm. "HEY! HEY YOU! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? YOU DIDN'T SWIPE YOUR CARD!" The food service woman I thought I had so stealthily deceived was loudly scolding me in front of what felt like the entire student body. My "bad-ass-ness" was crumbling. I panicked and started lying.

"I'm so sorry!" I said. "I forgot my I.D. card and didn't want to go back to my dorm! I'll leave right now. I'm sorry! It won't happen again!"

I wasn't intimidating. I wasn't rebellious. So I walked to the other end of North with my head hung low, and paid \$10 for my meal.

You think that would have taught me a lesson. It didn't.

Tuesday night my section in Farley had a "mandatory" section meeting. I'm not sure why, but I decided I wasn't going to go. Mandatory, schmandatory. So I went to Recker's instead. No big deal, right? Wrong.

I think I talked about skipping the meeting more than anything else all night. I stared at the clock, worried. What if they kick me out of Farley? What if I move to the bottom of room picks? What if my roommates don't cover for me?

I never got in trouble but my own guilt was enough to convince me that I've got a long way to go before I prove my fearlessness to the world.

Okay, so maybe it's taken 20 years to realize I'm not an intimidating, rule-breaking rebel.

But practice makes perfect.







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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR EASTER?

					
<b>Carol Matasci</b> <i>freshman Farley</i>	<b>Erin Rogozinski</b> <i>sophomore Lyons</i>	<b>Sarah Hirschman</b> <i>sophomore Lyons</i>	<b>Tiffany Garcia</b> <i>sophomore Lyons</i>	<b>Kristen Drahos</b> <i>freshman Welsh Family</i>	<b>Mariana Montes</b> <i>sophomore Lyons</i>
<i>"Hitchhiking to Cincinnati, because I'm staying with a friend, but she won't let me stay in her car."</i>	<i>"I'm going on an Easter egg hunt with the Mrs."</i>	<i>"Taking home these two crazy girls."</i>	<i>"I'm eating ham with Ron."</i>	<i>"Guarding Guillermo — my bike — from the squirrels."</i>	<i>"I'm going to the best city in the world — Louisville, Kentucky."</i>



Jesse McGannon, front, makes a diving attempt to block Kasey Farrell from catching a frisbee at Ultimate Frisbee Team practice on South Quad Wednesday. The warm weather had many sport enthusiasts out on the quad.

OFFBEAT

**School books wrong 'Jon Stewart' for gala**

OGDEN, Utah — An embarrassed charter school has discovered it booked the wrong Jon Stewart for its annual gala. The DaVinci Academy thought it had made a deal with comedian Jon Stewart, star of "The Daily Show" and host of this year's Academy Awards, to appear next week.

It sent out 500 invitations to businesses and planned for 900 people.

But last week, it learned that it had booked Jon A. Stewart, a former motivational speaker, businessman and part-time professional

wrestler from Chicago.

**Rescuers go high-tech to save trapped cat**

NEW YORK — Rescuers used drills, miniature cameras, cat food and even a 1-pound raw fish in a desperate effort Wednesday to entice an 11-month old cat named Molly from behind the basement wall of a Greenwich Village delicatessen where she has been trapped for 12 days.

The effort was renewed early in the day when workers heard the cat meowing again after several days of silence that had given rise to fears she had died. "That

was a motivator to try again," said Mike Pastore, field director of Animal Care & Control of New York City, a private agency that handles animal rescues on a city contract.

Pastore led the rescue team trying to locate the peripatetic pussycat with a tiny video camera attached to a plumber's snake. But the sound of the drill may have spooked Molly to retreat further into the maze under the front wall of the 19th-century brick building.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A Tenebrae Service will take place today at 11 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Ben Hur," the 1959 film starring Charlton Heston, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Notre Dame softball will play a doubleheader against DePaul today starting at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

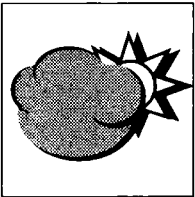
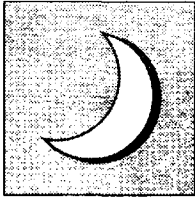
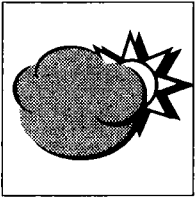
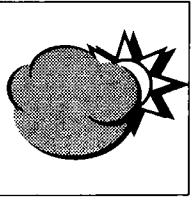


Notre Dame men's tennis will face Louisville today at 3:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Notre Dame baseball will take on St. John's at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The third annual Spring Cut-A-Thon will be held at Salon 301 Spa, Michael and Co. 2 Salon and Spa and Hair Connection Salon and Day Spa April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a \$15 donation participants can get a haircut, manicure or massage. Proceeds benefit Sex Offense Services, the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County.

Notre Dame alum and author Tony D'Souza will give a reading from "Whiteman," his first novel based loosely on his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer April 25. The free reading will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

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

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# Easter brings Catholic beginnings

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER  
News Writer

Blooming flowers, Easter celebration, Opening Day — 'tis the season for beginnings.

At Notre Dame, candidates and catechumen are starting a new journey of their own, into the full practice of Catholicism.

On Sunday April 2, 13 candidates became full members of the Catholic Church. They received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the 11:45 a.m. mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

This Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass in the Basilica, 16 catechumen — those who have not yet been baptized — will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

"With the total number of people involved, this has been one of the biggest years in my time here," said Tami Schmitz, who leads the initiation programs. "For the Easter Vigil Mass, it's the most ever."

After months — and in some cases years — of learning about Catholicism, the candidates stepped forward with their faith.

"My faith has always been important to me," senior candidate Hunter Craig said. "Over the last four years, I came to realize that Catholicism was the best expression of my faith. I felt it allowed me to participate more fully in the love of God."

Candidates are those who were baptized either into Catholicism or another faith, but have not been fully received into

the Catholic Church through the Eucharist and Confirmation.

"These folks have been baptized in a religion other than Catholicism, and they needed to be received into the Church," said Schmitz.

Candidates and catechumen decide to become Catholic for a variety of reasons, she said. Some have Catholic friends or family members who influenced them, some are attracted to the traditions and some have been influenced by Notre Dame's Catholic culture. Regardless of how they came to it, all have a desire to become closer to Catholicism.

"I was at first attracted to the Catholic Church because of Catholic Social Teaching and their emphasis on implementing justice in our world," sophomore candidate Mazie Tsang said. "I liked that Catholics were challenged to live like Christ and to love their neighbor, whomever he may be."

To prepare, candidates and catechumen take classes through a program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Classes begin at the start of the school year and meet every Sunday morning for two hours, Schmitz said. Each candidate and catechumen has a sponsor who leads them through the RCIA process and beyond.

Craig said he chose his girlfriend of two-and-a-half years, senior Lindsay Cook, as his sponsor because he "thought it would also be a nice way to bring our faith experiences together."

Schmitz said about two-thirds of candidates and catechumen find their own sponsors. Others, like sophomore candidate Katie Keyser, choose sponsors from within Campus Ministry.

"The RCIA directors actually chose [my sponsor] for me, and it worked out great. She is amazing, and I am so glad I got to know her," she said.

In addition to teaching students about Catholicism, RCIA creates a community where candidates and catechumen can ask questions, face challenges and grow in faith together.

"The whole community aspect in RCIA is one of the most rewarding features of the entire process," Keyser said.

Candidates said some of the greatest challenges in becoming Catholic were staying patient with themselves, and explaining their decision to others.

"I was nervous because I remained loyal to my home church for almost ten years, and I disliked the thought of abandoning that to which I am loyal," Tsang said. "Yet, I did not feel I was fully nourished in my church, whereas I felt my faith nourished and challenged in the Catholic Church."

As they begin their new paths this Easter, the RCIA students — now Catholics — all have an added reason to celebrate.

"If you ever get a chance to be a part of this beautiful process, don't hesitate," said Keyser. "It's wonderful."

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## GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

# Red Rose Gala put at forefront of meeting

## Group approves \$375 donation for subsidy

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

The Red Rose Gala, an amendment to the constitution and officer elections were the main concerns at Wednesday's Graduate Student Union meeting.

After a request for a ticket subsidy by Kaitlyn Redfield, President of the Feminist Voice and CARE, a \$375 donation was approved unanimously by the GSU council for the "Red Rose Gala: A Benefit to Aid Local Survivors of Violence Against Women." The donation is to be used as a \$5 per ticket subsidy for tickets to the event that are purchased by graduate students.

"Though discussions have often been heated, one point exists on which everyone can agree — violence against women is intolerable, and as a community, we unconditionally stand united to end it," Redfield wrote in a letter addressed to the GSU.

"Together we stand to demonstrate that violence against women is intolerable," she wrote. "Please help us support those in our community who most need our assistance."

In regards to organizational business, the GSU council voted unanimously to amend its constitution to appoint representative to University committees so as to have a stronger role in shaping University policy and advocating for the graduate student population.

The topic of elections was also addressed by the council. Elections for next year's officers will be held April 19, when presidential nominee Michael Lundin and co-vice presidential nominees Timothy Schoenharl and Misty Schieberle will be running unopposed.

One other important topic discussed was the Health Fair to be held at the University Village May 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Health Fair will include a fire truck, a HealthWorks hummer, seatbelt and blood pressure checks, alternative medicine booths, free food and other points of interest.

President of the GSU council Misty Schieberle ended the meeting on a lighter note by saying she suspected people were stealing nice chairs with wheels from the graduate student computer cluster in the library and replacing them with uncomfortable chairs without wheels.

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# Easter

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many students, campus will be kept busy as the Basilica, the choirs and South Dining Hall eagerly prepare for the final days of Holy Week.

"There are many different choral groups participating in this weekend's services, and they have all dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort to their respective repertoires," Director of Campus Ministry Steven Warner said.

Warner said the combined membership of these choirs — which include the Liturgical Choir, the Folk Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Basilica Schola, among others — is approximately 150 musicians, all of whom have been rehearsing on a daily basis this week in anticipation of Easter.

However, these and other preparations for the Easter services —

such as flower decorations and traffic flow arrangements, to name a few — began months ago, Warner added.

Their final efforts will be seen and heard in the liturgies the Basilica has prepared, which include the Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday evening, the

Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, the Paschal Vigil Mass on Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass, among others.

In previous years, attendance at these services has surpassed 1,000 — a figure composed of students, faculty and members of the South Bend community, said the

Office of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

South Dining Hall, which will remain open during the weekend, also expects large crowds. General Manager Marc Poklinkowski said approximately 2,600 people are likely to come to the traditional Easter buffet on Sunday.

The buffet will offer popular menu items, as well as more intricately prepared dishes.

For example, the lamb that will be served on Easter Sunday is in fact prepared in both dining halls, as the oven time required is greater than that of any other meal a single dining hall usually handles.

Visitors can also expect to be greeted by ice sculptures, fruit displays and Easter baskets on every table Sunday.

"We are painting approximately 1,000 eggs to decorate the Easter centerpieces and

baskets, which the students enjoy doing," Poklinkowski said. "Those shifts always fill up a lot quicker than the dishwashing shifts that follow the buffet."

Throughout the weekend, Poklinkowski said he expects roughly 1,300

students at every meal, a good estimate of the amount of students that choose to stay on campus during the break, which is more than the amount that stays here during Thanksgiving or any other break.

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# Passover

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meal, typically the father figure in a household, was instead a Catholic priest. Father Michael Driscoll — who teaches a graduate level course on the Eucharist and has led Seder meals in the past — walked the participants through the liturgy with his knowledge of Hebrew songs and Jewish customs. For sophomore Lisa Zickuhr, Wednesday was her first Seder and she said she was pleasantly surprised by the joyfulness of the celebration.

"I've always been into the Jewish religion and I saw this as a good opportunity to get an understanding of the traditions and maybe participate in them," Zickuhr said.

Rabbi Michael Signer, an Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture, described the experience of being Jewish at a Catholic university as a chance to share his religion's customs with members of a different faith.

"We focus on very different 'events,' but both Passover and Easter disclose a similar focus on remembering the poor and less fortunate, the need to empathize with those who are oppressed and provide occasions for hope in a very dark and cruel world," Signer said.

The structure of the Haggadah readings makes the Seder meal a family-oriented event. The liturgy includes dialogue between parents and their children in the form of question and answer sequences to pass on the symbolism within the meal. In the liturgy, children question their parents about the meaning behind the different food and drink served.

"Parents are having their children eat their history," Driscoll said.

Monica Zigman, the president of the Jewish Student Club, is



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Jewish and Catholic Notre Dame students celebrated the first night of Passover with a Seder meal in Welsh Family Wednesday.

staying at school this year during Passover week and will observe the two Seder meals of Passover without her family.

"You're used to the type of Seder meal your family has and being around your family," Zigman said. "Going to other Seders, it's just different customs."

Zigman said it is sometimes difficult for her to live out her faith at Notre Dame, not because of the Catholic nature of the University, but because of the lack of a Jewish community. Even in the Jewish Student Club, Zigman said, only three or four out of the 15 members are Jewish.

"Hopefully, through the Jewish club growing in population, there will be a more active Jewish community," Zigman said.

Second year law student Rachel Wolock celebrated the first night of Passover in Welsh Family Wednesday, but will return home to eat the second Seder with her family. Wolock said attending a Catholic university has not negatively impacted her faith life.

"I think a lot of people here — their faiths are very important to them so they're respectful of other people's traditions," Wolock said.

During Passover, some Jewish

families in South Bend invite Jewish Notre Dame students to join in their Seder meal. The Jewish Federation of Saint Joseph's Valley, a large community in South Bend, serves a large fraction of the local Jewish community.

The Federation's programming and social services director Ethel Bartky recounted the history of the Jewish people under slavery and the symbolism behind the observation of Passover.

"Through the Seder, we attempt to bring alive for us today that Exodus experience," Bartky said. "We are supposed to feel as though we were slaves in Egypt and we are liberated, because for Jews, history is not a dead thing. It is a very living thing."

Bartky said though the influence of Notre Dame and its Catholic traditions are palpable, the Jewish community has lived and survived as a minority population for thousands of years.

"The minority experience is something that's very familiar. I think for the most part people go about their business," Bartky said. "We live with Christmas all the time... It's part of being in America."

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## The Snite Museum of Art and the Department of Art, Art History, and Design congratulate the following Student Show award recipients

The Emil Jacques Gold Medal of Fine Arts

Erin Prill

The Emil Jacques Silver Medal of Fine Arts

Julie Lewis

Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Art History Undergraduate Level 1st prize

Erik Rocca

Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Studio Art

Jennifer DeAngelo

Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Design

Katherine Powers

Eugene M. Riley Photography Prize

Caitlin Efta

Mabel Mountain Memorial Award

Catherine Schmidt

Fr. Lauck Award (Best of BA Show) Design Studio

Anna Scott  
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Snite Museum's Walter R. Beardsley Award Undergraduate Graduate

Erin Prill  
Ernest Milsted

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Jennifer DeAngelo  
Caitlin Efta  
Lauren Hallemann  
Amanda Kay

Kathryn Lancos  
Julie Lewis  
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# WORLD & NATION

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bomb threat lands British plane

LONDON — Fighter jets escorted a commercial plane carrying 172 people to an airport in Scotland on Wednesday after a passenger passed the captain a note saying there was a bomb on board, and the plane landed safely, authorities said.

Ryanair Flight FR25, a Boeing 737 en route from Paris to Dublin, Ireland, was escorted to Glasgow's Prestwick Airport, which was closed for about two hours while army explosives experts searched the plane. No bomb was found, Strathclyde police said.

### Afghans sell stolen U.S. intelligence

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A shopkeeper outside the U.S.-led coalition headquarters in Afghanistan was selling computer memory drives Wednesday containing seemingly sensitive military data stolen from inside the base — including the Social Security numbers of four American generals.

This shopkeeper was apparently not the only merchant in local bazaars trying to get some cash in exchange for hardware and software containing such files.

The surfacing of the stolen computer devices has sparked an urgent American military probe for the source of the embarrassing security breach, which has led to disks with the personal letters and biographies of soldiers and lists of troops who completed nuclear, chemical and biological warfare training going on sale for \$20 to \$50.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Couple falsely claims sextuplets

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Police said Wednesday they were trying to determine how many donations were received by a couple accused of falsely claiming they were the new parents of sextuplets.

Sarah and Kris Everson of Grain Valley admitted the scam when questioned by police, authorities said, and expressed no remorse. They could face criminal charges for collecting cash and other gifts.

Police Chief Aaron Ambrose said detectives would seek records on donations made through a bank fund set up for the Eversons, a post office box established to receive mailed gifts and an online PayPal account that allowed visitors to the couple's Web site to give money.

### Prosecutors drop Patriot Act case

STAMFORD, Conn. — Federal prosecutors said Wednesday they will no longer seek to enforce a gag order on Connecticut librarians who received an FBI demand for records about library patrons under the Patriot Act.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which sued on behalf of the librarians, said it will identify them once court proceedings are completed in the next few weeks.

U.S. District Judge Janet Hall ruled last year that the gag order should be lifted, saying it unfairly prevented the librarians from participating in a debate over how the Patriot Act should be rewritten.

Prosecutors appealed, but U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Connor said Wednesday that the appeal no longer made sense.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Convicted mother gets court order

FORT WAYNE — A woman convicted of drowning her 2-year-old daughter obtained a protective order against the girl's father after she was released from prison earlier this week.

Judi L. Noe, 36, served one year and 13 days in prison on a charge of voluntary manslaughter for drowning her daughter, Brieana Jaide Noe, in June 2004.

The girl's father, Brad May, said Tuesday he was not surprised by the order, granted by an Allen Superior Court magistrate. He has been critical of the decision to release Noe.

## ITALY

# Prodi to modify U.S. relations

*New Premier staunch critic of Iraq War, promises to withdraw troops by year's end*

Associated Press

ROME — For most Americans, Italy will still be the country of luxury wear, good food and fine wine.

But a new center-left government led by Romano Prodi could bring changes in Italy's relationship with the United States, including a return to the "old Europe" that opposed the war in Iraq and has worries about what it considers Washington's aggressive foreign policy.

Ties with the United States could face their first trial when Prodi is asked to push for the arrest and extradition of 22 purported CIA agents who have been accused by an Italian prosecutor of kidnapping an Egyptian cleric from Milan as a suspected terrorist.

Italy has been a close ally of the United States since the Cold War, playing a leading role in NATO over protests from the Italian Communist Party, the largest Marxist movement in the West.

The country accepted U.S.-built nuclear missiles in Sicily to counter a Soviet missile buildup in the mid-1980s. During the air war over Kosovo in 1999, NATO planes staged air strikes on Yugoslavia from Aviano air base in Italy.

But conservative Premier Silvio Berlusconi raised the relationship to a new level after taking office in 2001, calling President Bush "my friend," breaking with France and Germany by supporting the invasion of Iraq and sending 3,000 soldiers there after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Now, Prodi, a staunch critic of the Iraq war, is set to become Italy's next premier after official results showed his center-left coalition won national elections earlier this week, although Berlusconi has demanded a recount and refused to concede.

Prodi's platform and pub-



Italian center-left leader Romano Prodi delivers his address at a post election rally in his hometown of Bologna, Wednesday.

lic statements make clear he intends to focus on closer relations with other European countries and work for a joint European Union foreign policy, saying only the bloc as a whole can counterbalance American power.

Talking Wednesday with foreign journalists, Prodi used the word "Europe" repeatedly when asked how his government would deal with China, Iran and the Balkans.

He said in a major foreign policy address last year that Washington should recognize a "more united Europe is not a challenge or a threat to American power, but a crucial ally in the management of global prob-

lems."

As for Iraq, he said there was really no difference between his and Berlusconi's policies, since his rival "had come around" and begun withdrawing troops, with all to be out by the end of the year.

Speaking to supporters in his hometown of Bologna on Wednesday evening, Prodi said his Cabinet would discuss the pullout timetable when it first meets, "because we did not want this war," according to Italian news agencies.

Prodi said this week that he wants a "constructive" relationship with Washington, but also has said that serving as a "junior partner" to the U.S. is

not good policy.

"Something is destined to change," said Germano Dottori, an analyst at Rome's Center for Strategic Studies. "The idea is to make the EU a leading player in international politics and this automatically includes a project to reduce American hegemony."

The first test could be over the alleged CIA kidnapping of a radical Egyptian cleric from a Milan street in 2003, an operation believed to be part of an "extraordinary rendition" strategy to transfer terrorism suspects to third countries where some allegedly are subject to torture. European human rights groups have assailed the practice.

# Moussaoui jury hears cockpit tape

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The tape begins with a hijacker saying in broken English: "Please sit down. Keep remaining seating. We have a bomb on board. So sit." A half-hour of chaos ensues before a final utterance: "Allah is greatest." Then nothing but the roar of static.

Jurors and a couple of hundred courtroom spectators got a glimpse Wednesday into one of the remaining mysteries of Sept. 11, 2001: the harrowing final moments of United Flight 93, when passengers tried to retake the plane from al-Qaida hijackers.

They heard a murky 30-minute cockpit recording. It sounded like passen-

gers tried twice to ram their way into the cockpit with a drink cart. Prosecutors thought it would help convince jurors that Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui deserves to be executed.

At least these people may now know why investigators and victims' relatives who have heard the recording before came to varied conclusions about what happened.

"Is that it? I mean, shall we pull it down?" one hijacker asked in Arabic two minutes before the 757 jetliner slammed into a Pennsylvania field with 33 passengers, seven crew members and four hijackers. "Yes, put it in it, and pull it down," another replied in Arabic.

In those remaining two minutes, more voices are heard than earlier, including some saying in English:

"Go. Go."

"Move. Move."

"Push, push, push, push, push."

Then in Arabic: "Give it to me. Give it to me. Give it to me."

Finally in Arabic: "Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest."

The government rested its case shortly after the first public playing — other than for investigators and victims' relatives — of the only audible cockpit recording recovered from the four jetliners hijacked by al-Qaida in the nation's most deadly terrorist attack.

## Senate

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hoc committee at the beginning of the fall semester, confusion ensued about the role of the Committee on Diversity Affairs, which previously had been responsible for addressing issues of multiculturalism and diversity.

Sheena Plamoottil, the new chair of the Committee on Social Concerns, fully endorsed the amendment of her committee's name and mission.

"I think [the mission statement] truly encompasses everything we are and everything we want to accomplish this year," she said.

Refining the committee names was a major element of the amendment.

Chief executive assistant Liz Brown, charged with overseeing both committees, spoke with Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Iris Outlaw about the amendment and its precise wording.

Brown said Outlaw advised her to strip the committee's title of the word "minority," which Outlaw said can be seen as derogatory.

Multicultural Affairs committee chair Destinee DeLemos praised the choice of the new name, which avoids the confusion some senators said existed between committees designed to address "minority" and "diversity" issues.

"This is an effective name not just because [it is] less ambiguous and less offensive, but also because of its institutional relevance," DeLemos said.

The use of "social concerns" is appropriate at Notre Dame, she said, as it parallels the Center for Social Concerns, which addresses similar issues as the committee.

At the fall Board of Trustees meetings, DeLemos said the former Minority Affairs committee received the full support of the Trustees after presenting a statement of purpose very similar to that in the new amendment.

The Committee on Multicultural Affairs has specific goals of working on the recruitment and tenure of minority faculty, improving the experience of residence hall life for minority students and addressing issues of cultural competencies in the curriculum, DeLemos said.

Brown worked to revise the amendment with former student body president Dave Baron, student body president Lizzi Shappell, DeLemos, Plamoottil, former Minority Affairs committee chair Rhea Boyd and former Diversity Affairs committee chair Sarah Liu. The group decided to form a focus group of students with varying levels of student government experience interested in the issue to advise them on revisions to the amendment.

"A lot of work has gone into this," Brown said. "We've looked at it from every angle possible, I can pretty much guarantee."

Discussion on the amendment was brief and focused on the wording of the Multicultural Affairs committee description. Morrissey senator Patrick Brown proposed an amendment to the amendment which would change the term "racially and ethnically marginalized students" to "students of a racial or ethnic minority."

Keenan senator Chris Beesley spoke for many senators when he defended the original choice of language.

"I believe it's clear that everyone who worked on it spent a lot of time and effort working on language making sure it was right," Beesley said.

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## Pianist

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founder of the Foundation for Music and Healing.

"Dr. Robinson did a presentation for the music majors about the Foundation for Music and Healing located in South Bend," Vasek said. "I was totally hooked and wanted to know how I could get involved."

Following the presentation, Vasek approached Robinson to ask how she could work or contribute to the foundation, which gives mentally or physically handicapped children and adults the opportunity to practice and learn both vocal and instrumental musical skills.

Vasek was offered a part-time summer job with the foundation, which allowed her to work with her special needs students in a studio at the Jameson Inn on Route 33.

"I think Jill's enthusiasm for life and ... ambition and drive to meet people help her to do a great job," Robinson said. "You need to have the energy to work in this [job] — this is a more intense kind of work."

Vasek said a typical lesson consists of working with not only the students, but sometimes their parents and siblings as well.

"Some students have a very strict routine, and some you can never plan what is going to happen because if they give you a great opportunity you have to go with them and take it," she said.

"You have to listen to them."

The non-profit foundation holds lessons in instructional studios at Jameson Inn, the Logan Center, Goshen College and Memorial Hospital. Instructors receive a salary, requiring students to play for their lessons — which is precisely where Vasek's vision comes into play.

She said she hopes audience members in attendance at her April 19 senior recital at 7:30 p.m. in Little Theater will make a monetary donation to help fund scholarships for students who cannot afford lessons.

During the first half of her concert, Vasek will play classical piano works, followed by a performance of her own piano and vocal compositions.

Vasek said she anticipates many of her students and their families will be present at her concert and that audience members will "find it in their hearts to share the gift of music with others."

Vasek's May graduation from Saint Mary's will end of her commitment to the Foundation for Music and Healing. She will start working there this summer as a full-time instructor.

Although the Atlanta native always saw herself returning to the south after completing her degree, she said the thought of staying in South Bend is "growing on [her]."

"It is kind of nice [to stay in the area]," she said. "I feel like I have really built my life up here the

last four years ... it is nice not to have to pick up and relocate."

The Foundation is currently only located in South Bend, however Vasek said she believes it has potential to develop on a national level due to its unique nature.

Robinson, who said the foundation receives calls from as far away as Los Angeles and Texas, also shares this vision. He said there is a widespread need for the Foundation's services.

Vasek said the foundation differs from traditional music therapy in that students receive actual musical instruction — something they traditionally might not have to opportunity to have.

As Vasek embarks upon a new era in her life, she said her decision to use her talents to help others has been nothing but a joyous experience.

"Seeing the successes of my students has been the best part of my work," she said. "Students that have trouble talking are talking more. They are gaining huge amounts of self confidence, and they are learning how to really love music."

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EURO	0.8262
POUND	0.5716
CANADIAN \$	1.1492

## IN BRIEF

### Stocks rebound from Tuesday losses

NEW YORK — Stocks ended a quiet session with a moderate gain Wednesday on strong earnings news and a decline in the trade deficit.

Wall Street rebounded from Tuesday's losses after Circuit City Stores Inc. reported its earnings jumped 65 percent. The electronic retailer's news, coming off an upbeat earnings report from Alcoa Inc. early in the week, reassured investors nervous about rising commodity prices and their impact on corporate profits.

In economic news, America's trade deficit improved in February, as the imbalance with China dropped to the lowest level in nearly a year. But the overall deficit was still the third highest on record. The deficit for the first two months of this year is running 13.5 percent above the pace in early 2005, a year when the U.S. deficit hit an all-time high of \$723.6 billion.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the deficit fell to \$65.7 billion, a 4.2 percent decline from January's record imbalance of \$68.7 billion.

We have a minor stabilization of the market after a couple of slightly softer days," said Stuart Schweitzer, global markets strategist at JPMorgan Asset & Wealth Management. "No big surprise."

### Alabama reforms income tax policy

MONTGOMERY — Alabama's dubious distinction as the only state to levy income taxes on a family of four making less than \$10,000 came to an end under a bill Wednesday signed by the governor.

Under tax-cutting legislation that will take effect in January, the threshold at which such families will start paying income taxes will rise from \$4,600 a year to \$12,500.

"For decades, Alabamians have labored under the nation's most unfair tax system," Gov. Bob Riley said. "Well, in Alabama today, that unfair system ends."

The GOP governor worked with the Democrat-dominated legislature and Alabama Arise, a church-funded lobbying group for the poor, to get the tax break passed after years of seeing similar bills fail.

# Skilling testimony continues

Ex-Enron executive denies knowledge of illegal activity at former company

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jurors received another business lesson from Jeffrey Skilling the professor, discovered he's angry at the government for bringing fraud and conspiracy charges against him and heard more repeated assertions he did nothing wrong that led to the implosion of Enron Corp.

Reprising a strategy from the previous day, Skilling's attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, used the 28-count criminal indictment against Skilling as a roadmap Wednesday to counter the government's case against the former Enron chief executive and his co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay.

Skilling is charged with fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors. Lay, who also plans to testify, faces six counts of fraud and conspiracy.

Specifically addressing the conspiracy charges in the indictment, Petrocelli in a series of rapid-fire questions asked Skilling if he and Lay were engaged in a criminal conspiracy, discussed breaking the law, entered any "agreement, wink, bear hug, anything by which you were to do illegal things together."

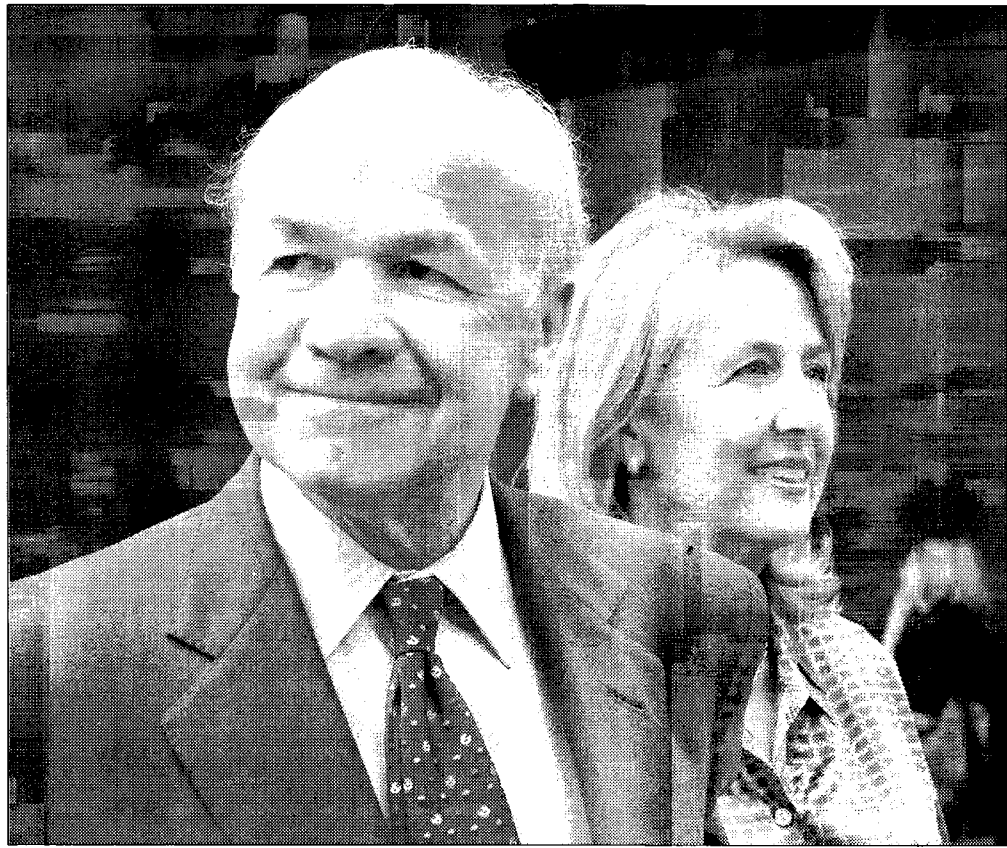
"This is completely untrue," Skilling said of the charge in the indictment.

Instead, he said the pair of executives formed a "good team."

Asked if he was aware of anyone breaking the law at Enron, Skilling said the company had internal controls designed to detect such problems.

"I was aware of no illegal activity at Enron," Skilling replied.

And if he had learned of the criminal activity of then-Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, who skimmed millions from the company and has pleaded guilty to conspiracy, Skilling said he would have called the FBI, adding quickly, "I



Enron founder Kenneth Lay and his wife Linda leave the federal courthouse at the end of the day in the 11th week of his fraud and conspiracy trial Wednesday in Houston.

might have a little hesitation now."

"A little angry at the government?" Petrocelli said.

"Yes," Skilling responded.

"Think you've been falsely accused?" the attorney asked.

"Yes," Skilling said.

Before proceedings began, Skilling prefaced his third day on the stand in his own defense with a hug and kiss for his wife, Rebecca Carter, at the courtroom rail, then walked toward the witness chair. Petrocelli said he was likely to finish his questioning of Skilling by the end of the day Thursday. Cross-examination of the key witness wasn't likely until next week, the 12th week of the trial.

Responding to other specifics in the indictment, Skilling denied lying about use of unreported reserves to pump up earnings and defended his statements that

Enron was not merely a company dominated by speculative trading activity but had hard assets like power plants and pipelines.

Twice Wednesday, Skilling left the witness chair and spoke directly to the jury like a college professor lecturing a class. He drew a chart to explain how energy trades worked at Enron and then a second time lectured them with an explanation of a large illustration that tracked Enron's trading activity and the volatile swings in the energy market in 2000.

In each case, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake left his chair at the bench for another seat in the courtroom to get a better look. Some jurors also stood to watch.

"Does that make sense?" Skilling, wrapping up at one point, said to jurors.

"They can't answer your question," Petrocelli reminded him.

Skilling also disputed earlier testimony that the shift of some functions of Enron's struggling retail business group in early 2001 to its highly profitable wholesale trading unit was to hide losses.

"Not in my mind," Skilling said of the reorganization.

He was countering testimony in February from David Delainey, once one of his most favored executives, who pleaded guilty to insider trading in October 2003. Delainey told jurors he reluctantly went along with the Skilling-approved plan to hide \$200 million in losses.

Delainey said he told Skilling in a March 2001 meeting the move lacked integrity because losses could just be written off. Delainey told jurors Skilling asked him, "What do you want to do?", which he took as code to "get in line" and go along with it.

# GM: Delphi workers won't strike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. executives don't believe Delphi Corp. workers will strike, said Robert Lutz, the Detroit auto maker's vice chairman of global product development.

"We just absolutely refuse to believe that there's going to be a strike," Lutz said Wednesday on the sidelines of the New York International Auto Show. "We're gonna work our way through it."

He added, "None of the three parties would benefit from a strike, not the UAW (United Auto Workers), not Delphi, not General Motors." GM, which owned Delphi until a 1999 spinoff, is the supplier's largest customer.

The industry veteran also said GM is on the upswing and expressed faith in GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner. Wagoner has faced criticism for GM's continued market-share declines.

Delphi, operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, has filed a motion asking a judge for permission to cancel its labor contracts. No action is expected until June. Delphi, the UAW and GM are embroiled in three-way negotiations, as Delphi tries to slash labor costs.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana, most of whom work at the company's Electronics & Safety Division headquarters in Kokomo. It also has about 700 workers at an Anderson plant that's due to close.

Delphi's unions, most notably the UAW, have said a strike would be likely if Delphi receives approval and voids the contracts.

When asked if GM was stockpiling auto parts in anticipation of a Delphi strike, Lutz said the auto maker is "taking prudent planning measures as necessary."

Lutz dismissed speculation that the world's largest auto maker will be forced to file for Chapter 11 protection, weighed down by high labor and raw material costs and competition from overseas.

"Imminent GM bankruptcy was always fiction, created by Wall Street and the media," Lutz said.

GM shares rose 81 cents, or 4.2 percent, to close at \$20.03 on the New York Stock Exchange.

## Refugees

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refugee services, I kept hearing the same questions and problems over and over again from the immigrants, and I thought there had to be a more effective way of addressing them," Dingeman said.

Dingeman said her observation led her to apply last semester for a Bridging College with Community grant through the joint support of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Office for Civic and Social Engagement. This grant funded the creation of the Cultural and Community Orientation for Refugees program at Saint Mary's.

Dingeman heads the program with assistance from sociology department chair Susan Alexander and Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend.

According to Dingeman, the program was created following a "participatory learning in action model," where adult immigrants participate in a series of eight discussion workshops allowing them to "take an active role in their learning."

She said she feels the workshops — which cover topics ranging from the laws and rights of the United States, employment, green card forms, history and culture — better address the problems immigrants face when first arriving in the U.S. than the three-hour orientation session provided by refugee services.

"[The immigrants] are teaching me just as much as I'm teaching them," Dingeman said. "I grow a lot more from the interaction in the workshops during skits and other activities than I do from driving them to appointments or helping them at the

welfare office."

Dingeman said currently the program has 15 Liberian and about eight Meskhetian Turk adult participants, as well as around 15 Liberian and four Meskhetian Turk children.

When Dingeman created the program she said she requested the assistance of her fellow refugee services employee junior Rachael Stowe with the organization of activities for the immigrants' children. Dingeman and Stowe worked

*"During the adult workshops, myself and several volunteers generally do various activities with the children. We have had a craft day, a movie day in Vander Vennet and a game day outside on Library Green."*

**Rachael Stowe**  
refugee services employee

together to select Saint Mary's student volunteers to assist with the care of the children, and according to Stowe they have been able to plan many activities.

"During the adult workshops, myself and several volunteers generally do various activities with the children. We have had a craft day, a movie day in Vander Vennet and a game day outside on Library Green," she said.

Stowe said that she was "very excited" to be involved with the program because it provides "refugees with a place to come together and discuss issues they are facing" and gives "them an opportunity to reflect on American culture — both in contrast and similarity to their own — in order to become part of their new culture in the United States."

After Dingeman graduates this spring, Stowe will be taking over as the driving force behind the program, which she says she will only slightly change if funding is approved again.

"My goals for next year will develop from feedback of the people currently in the program on what they thought was especially good or difficult," Stowe said. "But the only considerable change I can imagine is making the program year-long instead of only a semester."

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## MEXICO

# Many migrants rush to border

*Anticipation of guest worker plan spurs major northern movement*

Associated Press

NOGALES — At a shelter overflowing with migrants airing their blistered feet, Francisco Ramirez nursed muscles sore from trekking through the Arizona desert — a trip that failed when his wife did not have the strength to go on.

He said the couple would rest for a few days, then try again, a plan echoed by dozens reclining on rickety bunk beds and carpets tossed on the floor after risking violent bandits and the harsh desert in unsuccessful attempts to get into the United States.

The shelter's manager, Francisco Loureiro, said he has not seen such a rush of migrants since 1986, when the United States allowed 2.6 million illegal residents to get American citizenship.

This time, the draw is a bill before the U.S. Senate that could legalize some of the 11 million people now illegally in the United States while tightening border security. Migrants are hurrying to cross over in time to qualify for a possible guest-worker program — and before the journey becomes even harder.

"Every time there is talk in the north of legalizing migrants, people get their hopes up, but they don't realize how hard it

will be to cross," Loureiro said.

South-central Arizona is the busiest migrant-smuggling area, and detentions by the U.S. Border Patrol there are up more than 26 percent this fiscal year — 105,803 since Oct. 1, compared with 78,024 for the same period a year ago. Along the entire border, arrests are up 9 percent.

Maria Valencia, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the rise in detentions did not necessarily mean more people were crossing. She attributed at least some of the additional detentions to an increase in the number of Border Patrol agents.

"We've sent more technology and agents there, and I think that's had an impact," she said.

But Loureiro, who has managed the shelter for 24 years, said the debate in the U.S. Congress has triggered a surge in migrants. In March, 2,000 migrants stayed at the shelter — 500 more than last year.

Many migrants said they were being encouraged to come now by relatives living in the United States.

One of them is Ramirez, a 30-year-old who earned about \$80 a week at a rebar factory in Mexico's central state of Michoacan.

He spent an entire night walking through the Arizona desert

with his wife, Edith Mondragon, 29. When her legs cramped, their guide abandoned them and the couple turned themselves in to U.S. authorities. They were deported.

But they said they would try again when they regained their strength.

"We want to try our luck up there," Mondragon said. "We can't go back to Michoacan because there is no future there."

Ramirez said the draw was not only the prospect of work in Minnesota, where two of his brothers milk cows on a ranch. He was also excited about the idea he might be able to do it legally.

"My brothers said there is plenty of work there, and that it looks like they will start giving [work] permits," he said.

Many of the migrants also are being driven by a desire to get into the United States before the likelihood that lawmakers further fortify the border.

Since the United States tightened security at the main crossing points in Texas and California in the 1990s, hundreds of thousands of migrants have turned to the hard-to-patrol, mesquite-covered Arizona desert, risking rape, robbery and murder at the hands of gangs and now facing armed U.S. civilian groups.




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# Analysts gather at war symposium

Gathering evaluates average American's level of interest in Iraq war

Associated Press

CARLISLE, Pa. — What are the implications if a nation goes to war and its people barely pay attention?

Roughly 150 military leaders, policy analysts and academics gathered at the Army War College on Wednesday to address that question, with the U.S. beginning its fourth year of a conflict that has killed more than 2,300 American troops.

A main concern, analysts say, is that Americans may lose patience with the fight against terrorism in Iraq and elsewhere, and ultimately decide that the fight is costing too much in money and lives.

Despite the two fronts in Iraq and Afghanistan, President Bush has not asked for personal sacrifices on the scale of those made in World War II, when Americans bought war bonds and rationed sugar and other goods.

Also, because the U.S. has an all-volunteer military, fewer people have a personal connection to a service member than was the case, for example, during the Vietnam War, when many soldiers were drafted.

"It's extremely important then to ensure that the population itself both recognizes the necessity of the action, but is also willing to accept and bear some of the burden," said Army Lt. Col. Nathan Freier, director of national security affairs at the college's Strategic Studies

Institute.

Opposition to the war in Iraq has been more subdued than it was during the Vietnam War. Attendance at demonstrations last month marking the third year anniversary of the Iraq war was far short of the millions who protested the 2003 invasion and the first anniversary in 2004.

The public's interest in Iraq has dipped since the 2003 invasion, when close to six in 10 were closely following news about the war. Polling early this year found 40 percent paying very close attention to the situation in Iraq — less than the 47 percent that closely followed the mining disaster in West Virginia. And far more people were closely following news about high gas prices in October and November of last year, according to the Pew Research Center.

Bush has said a future U.S. president and a future Iraqi government will decide when all troops leave Iraq — indication that the fight could last years longer. Just 35 percent of the public approves of the way Bush has handled the war — his lowest approval rating on that issue in AP-Ipsos polling.

Army Col. Pete Mansoor, who commanded troops in Iraq, said it is difficult for the administration to call for deep sacrifices.

"Before you ask for shared sacrifice, there has to be consensus of shared goals and objectives, and if you look at any opinion poll, the nation is deeply divided over what the war on terror means, and how to prosecute," Mansoor said.

James Carafano, a research fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank, said he believes Americans have sacrificed by sending troops to war and paying taxes. The amount of resources devoted to the fight should be in proportion to what is needed, Carafano said.

"The notion that somehow a nation is only at war if everyone is growing a victory garden is silly," said Carafano, co-author of the book "Winning the Long War."

In a long war such as the current effort against terrorism, Carafano said, "you are as concerned about maintaining the productive capacity of the state as you are about getting the terrorists, defeating the enemy. That means you have to give equal weight to ensuring the state is healthy and competitive over the long term."

Paul Severance, a retired Army officer who was in the Pentagon when it was struck on Sept. 11, 2001, by a plane hijacked by terrorists, said it worries him that he does not see as many American flags flying today as after the attacks.

"A nation just can't wage a war independent of what the people are willing to sacrifice," said Severance, who now teaches at the National Defense University. "In the longer term, I'm just worried we're going to get complacent."

*"The notion that somehow a nation is only at war if everyone is growing a victory garden is silly."*

**James Carafano**  
author  
"Winning the Long War"

# Bausch & Lomb: Eye infections a mystery

Company scrambles to reassure investors

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Bausch & Lomb Inc. scrambled to reassure investors Wednesday as federal health officials try to unravel the mystery of whether its newest contact lens solution is to blame for a flurry of potentially severe eye infections.

The source of an apparent spike in Fusarium keratitis infections linked to the ReNu with MoistureLoc contact-lens solution remains unknown, and it could be weeks before an explanation is found, its chief executive, Ron Zarrella, said Wednesday.

The eye-care products maker halted U.S. shipments of the cleaning solution Monday while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigates 109 reports of infection in patients in 17 states dating to June 2005. The company had already cut off shipments from its Greenville, S.C., plant to the Far East in February after dozens of reported infections surfaced in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Company and government scientists have looked at more than 100 possible factors, from chemical ingredients, batch tanks and production lines to packaging and shipping procedures, and "through all of that analysis, we haven't found a correlation with anything," Zarrella told analysts during a conference call.

"There's been theories all the way from, 'Has the tsunami ... hurricanes and the effect of environmental factors created mold levels that are unprecedented?'" Zarrella said. "Right now, we're trying to deal with the close-in factors of ensuring we don't have a formula problem or a contamination problem in our manufacturing facilities. And nothing indicates that we do."

Fusarium is commonly found in plant material and soil in tropical and subtropical regions. Without eye-drop treatment, which can last two to three months, the infection can scar the cornea and blind its victims. Symptoms can include blurry vision, pain or redness, excessive discharge and increased sensitivity to light.

Federal health officials have made no direct link between ReNu and the infections. But a high incidence of the affected people had used the cleanser, which contains new-generation moisturizing and conditioning agents. Bausch & Lomb began selling the brand in late 2004 and generated \$45 million in U.S. sales last year — a small portion of its more than \$2

billion in annual revenues.

The company, which also makes contact lenses, ophthalmic drugs and vision-correction surgical instruments, stopped short of recalling the solution but merchants led by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. began removing it from store shelves Tuesday, analysts lowered their ratings and the stock took a tumble.

After plunging 14.6 percent to a 2 1/2-year low Tuesday, the shares fell another \$3.42, or 7 percent, to close at \$45.61 on Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

"We haven't begun to estimate the ripple effect that all this negative publicity will have on other ReNu products or other geographical markets,"

**Ron Zarrella**  
chief executive

other geographical markets" such as China and Europe, where no such eye infections have been reported, Zarrella said.

The company will mount a vigorous brand-building campaign to try to stem the impact, he said, but the reverberations were already widening. Walgreen Co., the nation's biggest drugstore chain by revenues, took the extra step of removing all ReNu brand products and Moody's Investor Service moved toward a possible rating downgrade.

Bausch & Lomb has also been grappling with accounting troubles at its Brazilian and South Korean subsidiaries in recent months, and Zarrella said the company was unlikely to meet an April 30 deadline to file its annual report for 2005.

Soon after stopping shipments of ReNu in Singapore and Hong Kong in February, Bausch & Lomb said it began contacting corneal-treatment centers and eye-care professional groups in the United States to be on the lookout for a rise in Fusarium infections and re-emphasize sanitary lens-care habits among patients.

In some cases where ophthalmologists tested lenses, lens cases and the ReNu cleanser, "the solutions remain sterile and the lenses and the lens cases are contaminated with Fusarium," Zarrella said.

The St. Louis-based American Optometric Association alerted its 30,000 members to "the importance of reinforcing good wear and lens-care practices among their patients," said Angela Panzarella, Bausch & Lomb's corporate vice president for vision care.

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## Politicians also deserve blame

"This country has lost control of its borders." Three years after President Reagan said that, a 1986 amnesty covered 2.7 million "illegals" amid promises of border control. Two decades later, "illegals" have quadrupled to 11 or 12 million. Let's look at this issue in light of Catholic teaching.

The "original gift of the earth to the whole of mankind" entails a "universal destination of goods" which applies to the earth itself — Catechism, No. 2403. This gives rise to the right of a person, in the words of Pope John XXIII, "to enter a country in which he hopes to ... provide more fittingly for himself and his dependents." That right is not absolute. "[P]rosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner." For the "common good," they may condition "the right to immigrate." And "immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the ... heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." — Catechism, No. 2241. We can note here three points:

1. The United States has a right and a duty to regain control of its borders, north and south, so that persons can enter only with permission. "Illegal immigration," said Pope John Paul II, "should be prevented [and it is] essential to combat ... criminal activities which exploit illegal immigrants."

2. "Governments," said John Paul II, have a duty "to regulate the migratory flows with full respect for the dignity of the

persons and ... families ... mindful of the requirements of the host societies." Once the borders are secured, reasonable criteria must be set for future admissions. That involves debatable issues, including doubtfully enforceable "guest worker" proposals to admit immigrants for a limited period. Nor is there any obligation to admit political agitators with no credible prospect of supporting themselves. In any event, as John Paul II said in "Ecclesia in America" in 1999, "the Church in America must [defend] against any unjust restriction the natural right of ... persons to move freely within their own nation and from one nation to another."

3. What about the "illegals" now in this country? Whenever you see a problem that cries out for a government solution, look for the government program that caused the problem. For two decades and more, presidents, senators and representatives of both parties have abdicated their duty to control the borders. Enforcement personnel are too few to protect the borders and to detect illegals within the states. When they are detected, too often nothing happens. Some members of Congress have pressured officials to overlook violations by influential constituents who employ illegals.

In tort law, if you knowingly allow persons to use your land, you may confer a license, or even an invitation, on them, especially if you dismantle the fence that formerly prevented their entry and if you stand by and watch them enter.

The politicians' refusal to enforce the border is, at least in major part, for the benefit of employers who want cheap labor and who support the politicians who enable them to get it. This is the flip side of outsourcing jobs to foreign countries. You

can't readily outsource an onion field, a construction or restaurant job or poultry processing. Non-enforcement of the border brings the cheap labor to the employers, with the medical and other needs of those "illegals" possibly shifted to the taxpayers. This is "neoliberalism" which, as John Paul II described it, "considers profit and the law of the market as its only parameters, to the detriment of the dignity of and respect due to individuals and peoples."

The politicians' refusal to enforce the borders has impliedly invited not only honest aliens seeking better pay but also criminals, security risks and committed terrorists. Such persons, on detection, should be deported if not imprisoned. But otherwise invited by our own officials' dereliction of duty, should be allowed to remain as long as they otherwise obey the laws. They should have a chance for permanent residence and citizenship, but only at the end of the line after those who came here legally. As the Catholic Bishops urge, immediate family members, including at least parents, spouses and minor children, should be allowed to join them.

Popular wrath, on talk shows and elsewhere, should be directed, not at those otherwise law-abiding "invitees" but at the politicians who subordinate the common good to their own benefit and to the bottom-line interests of influential employers. The politicians and those they serve are the real "illegals."

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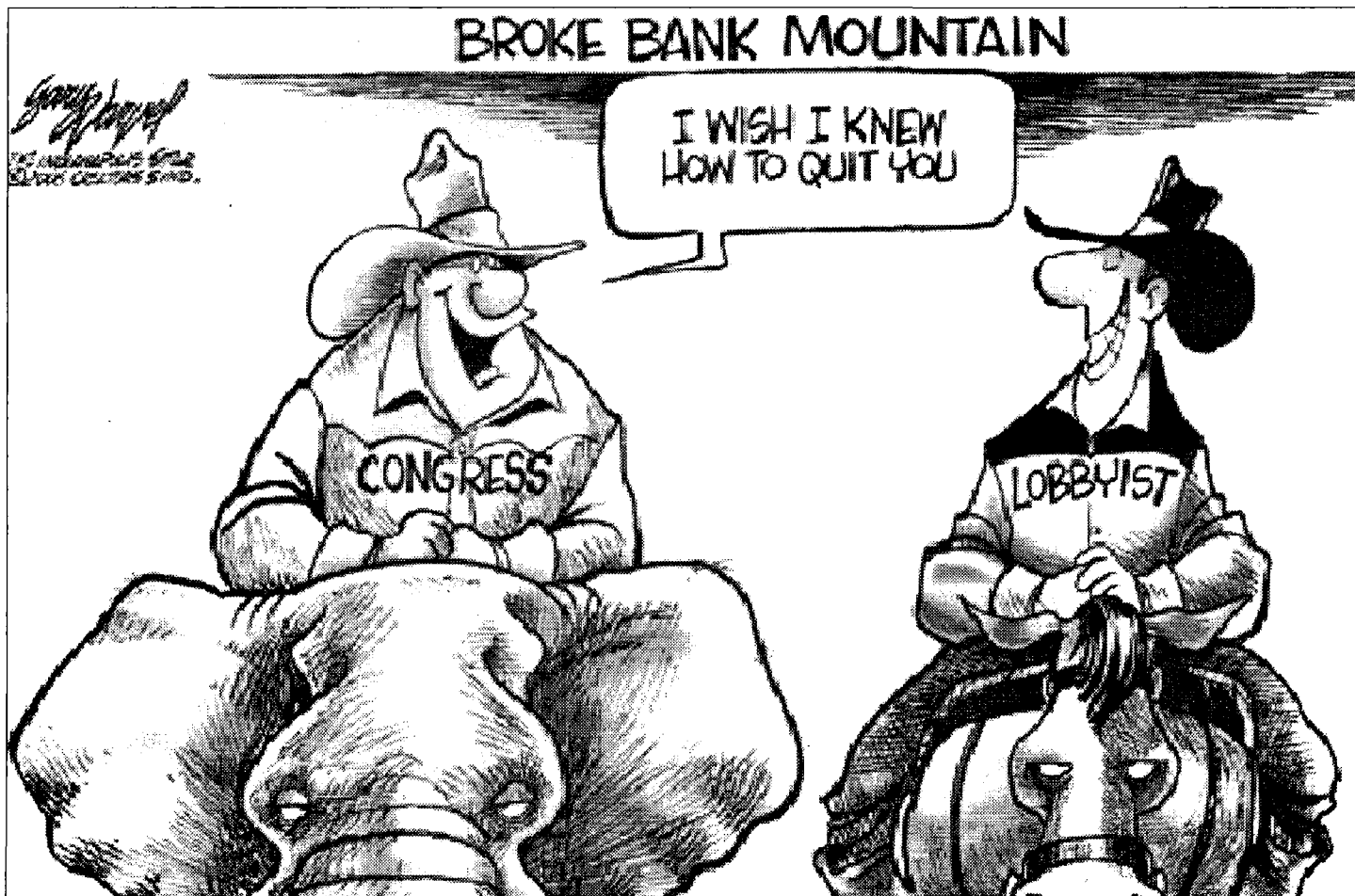
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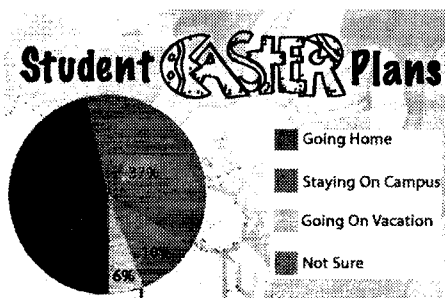
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Right or Wrong?

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"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."

Thomas Jefferson  
founding father

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Of Condi and cartoons

All right, Saint Mary's women, listen up.

Some of us are angry about the Jockular cartoon. Some of us are upset. Some of us are frustrated. I'm sure that some of us think it was amusing, although I've yet to hear from anyone claiming that particular emotion.

After I read the cartoon, I was in the "upset" category, not so much over being called a "parasite" as over the knowledge that the authors of Jockular were going to get exactly what they wanted — that is to say, a colossal uproar.

The purpose of the cartoon was to make us look ridiculous. What Jockular does is not original — the authors of tabloids do it all the time when they make up far-fetched stories about people who are currently in the media spotlight. A story about alien abductions is automatically more eye-catching when it's someone of importance — say, Condoleezza Rice — being abducted.

As a result of the great things our women are doing, Saint Mary's is in the spotlight. Now, while I won't dignify the authors of Jockular with any emotions so complex as jealousy or bit-

terness, I do acknowledge that some Notre Dame students might feel that way. Jockular got wind of this sentiment, mixed a faulty understanding of actual parasitic behavior with some bona-fide sophomore doltishness, and voila — The April 6 strip was born. I say, good for them. Adolescent male stupidity was something I had hoped to avoid in college; that's actually one reason I chose to matriculate to Saint Mary's (which I did, by the way, without any knowledge of our big rooms).

Rice does not react to anything written about her in the tabloids because she knows it's not true. More importantly, she knows that tabloid readers do not expect it to be true because, well, they're the tabloids. As with any victims of obviously untrue press, it's time for Saint Mary's women to recognize that the best way to retain our dignity might be to let some of it go. In the end, we'll find we have more than enough left over.

Kimberly Burkart  
freshman  
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April 12

## Belles — lighten up

Every day I get The Observer and flip to Viewpoint to see what debate is raging. The past few days, after reading the responses to the Jockular comic, I can only say that Jockular has been taken far too seriously. As many comics today, Erik Powers and Alec White are satirists, so obviously they use Jockular to poke fun at everyday events.

We've all seen The Simpsons, Family Guy or South Park. During every episode, they target a different aspect of daily life to laugh at, sometimes even things dear to us. But do we take offense? No. Those of us who can recognize and appreciate satire just laugh and turn up the volume. That's exactly what I'm calling all Belles to do: laugh and turn up the volume. Don't take it personally that Saint Mary's is this week's target of satire, because that's all it is — a little sarcastic fun.

In no way do I feel that I am betraying my fellow Belles through this opinion. I love Saint Mary's; hence the reason I am here and not at Notre Dame. I am proud of this school and the women in it. But I feel that we should not take things so much to heart. Ethel Barrymore said, "You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself." So lower your shields, put down your weapons, pick up today's Jockular — and have a good laugh.

Maggie Yancy  
Andrea Beres  
freshmen  
Saint Mary's College  
April 12

## What's in a joke?

In an April 12 Viewpoint letter, the Saint Mary's Board of Governance defines a joke as "something that is funny and makes others laugh" and then goes on to implicitly characterize the infamous Jockular "parasite" joke as an unfunny lie. But there is never an explanation of what does, in fact, make a joke funny and laughable. In my experience, a reasonably popular description of a successfully funny joke is one that employs a small percentage of truth and a large percentage of exaggeration.

Conveniently, this idea applies to the two comic strips also published on April 12. Jockular suggests that Count Chocula Cereal "may cause heated affirmative action debate" and CroissantWorld says that class registration will be replaced by a "punch the monkey" system. I do not consult the comics as a source of daily news and, therefore, do not believe that people are actually choosing classes by whacking monkeys or getting into arguments about the color of their cereal, just as I do not believe that Saint Mary's students are parasites.

I do, however, recognize that our class registration system is flawed and our campus has a tendency to erupt into debate over almost any issue, and that is why the jokes are funny. The point then is that from my Notre Dame student perspective there is a small amount of truth behind the exaggeration of the parasite joke.

People have recently defended the relationship between the schools as being characterized by equal opportunities, but in some cases that does

not ring true. In my experience, there is no opportunity at Saint Mary's equivalent to attending a Notre Dame football game or a nationally-televised Big East basketball game. The fact that those opportunities are available to Saint Mary's students is not a problem unless it infringes upon the ability of Notre Dame students to take advantage of the same opportunities, as was the case in years past when Saint Mary's received an allotment of basketball season tickets despite the fact that there were not enough to meet the demand of Notre Dame students.

While it may not be an issue of critical importance it is, nonetheless, one reason why students at Notre Dame feel that the relationship with Saint Mary's is slightly unequal. The affiliation between the two schools is not parasitic and it is, in many ways, mutually beneficial, but it is not completely equal either. That observation is not an attack on the character of Saint Mary's, it is simply the truth about the nature of our connection. But for some reason, no one wants to say it in a reasonable manner. I can understand why the parasite joke might not make a Saint Mary's student laugh, but if you cannot acknowledge the comical exaggeration of most jokes then you are not very likely to ever appreciate or laugh at one, because spreading "false statements as hilarity" is what comedy is all about.

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## Immigration serves as a diversionary issue

Immigration in the news. Oh, help, evolution, the two-party system and immigration. Surely somewhere there are radishes engaged in something of more intelligence.

If perception serves, immigration is not an issue of importance, at least no more than it was a year ago, five years ago or 10 years ago. It seems, then, that immigration has become an issue because the politicians wanted one, and the cable networks obliged.

We are apparently to believe that immigration is a problem, although we are not told whose problem it may be.

Having spent much time in New Mexico it does not seem that New Mexicans view immigration as an ill. Spanish is spoken widely, which I am told should be offensive (although Spanish-speakers do not seem to mind that I speak English). There are the standard problems of poverty and violence that one would expect to find in Maine, Alaska or Saskatchewan.

The idea that immigration is a burden is new to them. Congress, though, has obviously given it thought.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in December that would define "illegal aliens" as felons and mandate the construction of a 700-mile fence along the Mexican border to deter immigration. Have these oafs any grasp of reality at all?

Perhaps it should be guarded by unicorns, or maybe talking cabbages. Fantasyland solutions should not be half-assed, after all.

The Senate "guest-worker" program seems logical, with the caveat that bureaucracy will not solve problems bureaucracy creates.

No one, though, has ventured a guess as to why this has become such a burning issue. In recent news, the Iraq war sours, the economy declines, corruption runs like water through our nation's capital, our president approaches censure — yet none of this receives the flash and dalliance of immigration. At last estimate, immigration to America has not been a fresh story since,

say, 1492.

But now that it is laid before us, what do we make of immigration?

The standard arguments follow: national security, territorial sovereignty, economic burdens, unfair competition.

National security and territorial sovereignty may be viable issues, though I have not yet heard of Mexican terrorists, and many immigrants are politically and socially active both here and in their native country.

Economic burdens are often cited, yet numbers to substantiate the claim are lacking. Migrant workers spend money, create capital, open businesses, work and generate tax revenues. This is burdensome?

Unfair competition, or "they're here to take our jobs," is a loud claim. Have you any acquaintances who have lost jobs to migrant workers? Do you know anyone who knows of someone who has?

A recent Associated Press story spoke of workers who traverse the swamps of south Florida, in summer, looking for saw palmetto. The workers were Honduran, Mexican,

Panamanian — no Americans of any sort were to be found.

If migrant workers are willing to perform difficult labor for lower wages, it seems the free market is acting as it should. Nothing prevents our native-born poor from seeking employment in the same manner except reliance upon the welfare state. Perhaps the slothful simply resent the industrious. As far as the intelligent can tell, the immigration debate is diversionary. Real problems exist and worsen every day. Immigration is not one of them but is a convenient scapegoat and allows Congress to avoid action on matter of substance.

The unwashed clamor over imaginary problems, and snarling patriots woof at the border while the nation sinks into decay.

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## CD REVIEWS

# 'Me and My Gang' consistent pop-country

By LIZ BYRUM  
Assistant Scene Editor

Just hearing the title of their latest CD clues country listeners in to the fact that the men of Rascal Flatts don't take themselves too seriously. "Me and My Gang" is the pop-country band's first studio release since 2004's "Feels Like Today." The album is made up of much of the same melodic harmonies that have defined the group since its inception, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Thriving in a musical genre that exists in a constant tango between real country and pop pleasures, Rascal Flatts has continually succeeded in creating entertaining pop-heavy music disguised as country that is okay for adults to enjoy. In fact, the only real evidence of legitimate country that can be found on this album is the song "Backwards," which takes listeners through a fast-paced twangy lesson of "what you get when you play a country song backwards."

Rascal Flatts first formed when second

cousins Jay DeMarcus and Gary Levox enlisted Joe Don Rooney to join them as a substitute guitarist during a gig at Nashville's Printer's Alley. They gained immediate success with the release of their first self-titled CD and its first single, "Prayin' for Daylight." The harmonies that make Rascal Flatts stand out have paid off. Since the release of its first album, the group has won the Country Music Association's (CMA) Horizon Award in 2002, as well as the CMA's Vocal Group of the Year Award for three consecutive years (2003 through 2005).

The first track on this fourth studio release, titled "Stand," is an inspirational, somewhat corny piece about picking up the pieces and putting them back in place. Although it may not be the most powerful song on the album, its strong chorus, which includes the lyrics "Cause when push comes to shove / You taste what you're made of / You get mad you get strong / Wipe your hand shake it off / Then you stand," leaves an agreeable feeling in its wake.

"What Hurts the Most," the first single released from "Me and My Gang" stands out with its beautiful instrumentation. It is once again a prime example of the harmonic ballads which have made Rascal Flatts famous. Enhanced special features on the CD also take listeners to the group's website, where they can



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Since the release of their first CD in 2000, Jay DeMarcus, left, Gary Levox, center, and Joe Don Rooney have won multiple awards for their pop-tinged country music.

view the making of the song's music video. This is their first long-form music video, produced by Shaun Silva, and features a plot line centered on a teenage girl's struggle with the loss of important male figures in her life.

Rascal Flatts makes a departure from its well-known sound on two tracks on the album. In the title track, "Me and my Gang," the band channels Big and Rich as they sing "With me and my gang / We live to ride, we ride to live / Me and my gang / Jump on that train / Grab hold of them reins." The song also steals a talk box guitar sound that was made famous on the well-known Bon Jovi hit, "Livin' on a Prayer."

The second song that could make listeners stop and question if they are really listening to a Rascal Flatts CD is "Yes I Do." This song, with a simple "yes, I miss you" theme, begins with a swaggering

reggae beat that seems more like something on a Kenny Chesney album. However, as soon as the recognizable voice of lead singer Levox chimes in, it once again becomes clear which country crooners are creating the simplistic, reliable sound.

Rascal Flatts goes one step further on "Me and My Gang" to please its adoring fans. There are not only 13 new tracks included on the disc, but additional new live versions of three past hits, "Love You Out Loud," "Mayberry" and one of their most popular hits, "These Days."

Although they don't introduce any ground breaking new sounds on "Me and My Gang," Rascal Flatts continues to succeed at giving their fans exactly what they want — fun, consistent sounds that are pleasing to the ear.

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## Me and My Gang

Rascal Flatts

Lyric Street



Recommended tracks: 'Stand,' 'What Hurts the Most,' 'Me and My Gang,' 'My Wish' and 'Yes I Do'



# 'Sing-A-Longs' a curious cross of feel-good nostalgia

By CHRIS McGRADY  
Assistant Scene Editor

Past sunny days, best friends and fun times — some memories never get old. Jack Johnson's latest effort "Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film Curious George" is a hefty dose of nostalgia, and in this case, is just what the doctor ordered.

While reminiscent of much of his previous work, Johnson's sound on this album never fades or becomes tired. While some artists are criticized for their lack of variety and growth, here it works for Johnson. His feel-good, "warm day on the beach" sound is the type of auditory candy that has the ability to bring the listener back to his youth. This CD in particular is geared toward a younger audience, hiding moral and life lessons in the music.

This effort features Johnson paired up with other popular artists, including up-and-comers Ben Harper and Matt Costa, as well as tried and true favorite G. Love. The best songs on the CD are the ones

that feature the accompaniment of these prominent musicians, including the songs "Jungle Gym" (featuring G. Love), "Lullaby" (featuring Matt Costa) and "With My Own Two Hands" (featuring Ben Harper).

Johnson, famous for his melodic strumming and lackadaisical sound, originally struck gold as a direct result of his professional surfing career. After studying film at the University of California-Santa Barbara, Johnson helped produce a surfing documentary aptly named "Thicker Than Water." Johnson provided the music for the film, which received high praise for both its cinematography and — more importantly — its accompanying soundtrack. Johnson chose to follow a career as a musician, and scrapped his surfboard for a guitar. The direct result of this decision was a beachcomber's dream. Johnson's "no shoes, no shirt, no problem" style has made his sound the theme music for a whole sub-culture of living.

"Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies" opens with the song "Upside Down," an upbeat tune with a Caribbean-vibe. This song is the prototype of one of Johnson's songs — lively and soft-spoken, but definitely not under-spoken. Furthermore is "People Watching," where the usual island-inspired guitar is mixed with some playful piano chords. The result



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Jack Johnson, left, is joined in concert by Ben Harper. Johnson collaborates with Harper, Matt Costa and G. Love on his latest CD "Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies."

is an entertaining mix. Next is the more subdued track "Wrong Turn," that seems to speak of a painful break-up. The song is also typical Johnson, featuring acoustic guitar picking and a soft style of singing that has come to be his signature sound.

"Jungle Gym," featuring G. Love, is the type of sound that can't help but remind the listener of past times. The next song, "We're Going to Be Friends," is a remake of the version by White Stripes and is well done. This track may be recognized from the soundtrack of the popular movie "Napoleon Dynamite."

"Lullaby," featuring Matt Costa, is one of the top two songs on the album. Costa and Johnson's voices compliment each other brilliantly, and the guitar work on the song is soulful and strong.

The best song on the CD — "With My Own Two Hands" — features Ben Harper and is the type of song that the listener

can hear over and over without it growing old. As the song crescendos, it becomes more enjoyable, and by the end of the track, the listener is only ready to hear more. Once again, Johnson's voice meshes wonderfully with his accompaniment, as Ben Harper's impressive — albeit unusual — voice strikes well with Johnson's restrained tone.

"Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies" is a strong album, but not a great one. Despite Johnson's familiar sound and warm tone, the listener cannot help but notice that most of the songs are very similar. However, the fact that his albums can be quite homogenous and still maintain their musical attractiveness is a testament to the effectiveness and talent that Johnson possesses.

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## Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film Curious George

Jack Johnson and friends  
Universal



Recommended tracks: 'Upside Down,' 'People Watching,' 'With My Own Two Hands' and 'Jungle Gym'



## SCENE FEATURE

# Religious movies find niche in Easter season

By MARTY SCHROEDER  
Scene Writer

There was a time when movie pictures were considered the work of the devil — back in the 1920s. This association of religion and the cinema is as old as the medium itself, but there have been points in film history where religion has become the focus of a film. People have their own opinions of how religion should be treated on film and these opinions range from the respectful, to the artistic, to the musical. A plethora of religious films are available this Easter season to anyone with \$3 and a Blockbuster card.

### The Ten Commandments (1956)

Directed by the prolific Cecil B. DeMille and starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brynner as the obstinate Rameses, this film brought the story of Exodus to the silver screen in epic proportions. This film clocks in at 3 hours and 40 minutes so this would be the ideal film for relaxing after that big Easter dinner.

It is notable for the gargantuan cast used in the making of the film, which included 14,000 extras and 15,000 animals.

The special effects were also cutting-edge. To create the sandstorm in the film, DeMille used tied down airplanes from the Egyptian Air Force. The parting of the Red Sea, one of the most memorable scenes in the film, was an amazing accomplishment in 1956.

### Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)

Based on the Andrew Lloyd Weber stage musical, this film is an amalgamation of the Gospels and hippies. With its rock music and Biblical message, it was hailed by some as a way to bring Jesus' word to the masses and criticized by others for associating Jesus with hippies. Judas is chased by tanks and the cast arrives at and leaves the set in a Volkswagen bus.

This may not be for everyone, especially those with a more traditional view of the Gospels. But if viewers are looking for a completely divergent take on the Gospel from the Passion plays performed at churches, this may be the one to check out.

### The Passion of the Christ (2004)

Mel Gibson's controversial film about the last hours of Jesus was one of the most widely discussed films of 2004. Many Jewish groups condemned it for racism, alleging a questionable depiction of the Jews, while many Christian groups hailed it as an accurate representation of the Gospel account of the Passion.

Whatever one may think, this is not a film for the faint of heart. The scourging at the pillar and the crucifixion are displayed in full detail down to a close-up of a nail being driven through Jesus' hand.

Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci put in excellent performances as Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Rosalinda Celentano also performs marvelously as Satan. This film is noted for its exclusive use of Aramaic and Latin for the script but is subtitled for the large percentage of the

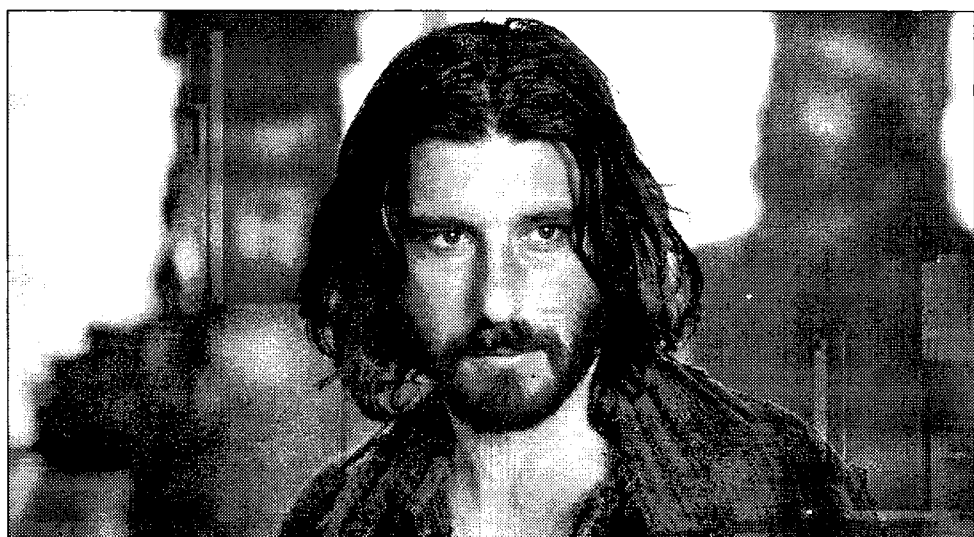


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Jim Caviezel portrays Jesus in Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ*. The movie is an example of Hollywood's attempt to personify Biblical stories in film.

general populace who are not Biblical scholars.

### The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)

On the opposite end of the spectrum from "The Passion of the Christ," Martin Scorsese's vision of the Christ parable focuses on the incarnate Jesus. Starring Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Harvey Keitel as Judas, the film explores the personal difficulties the historical Jesus would have encountered in his ministry. A Catholic himself, Scorsese encountered scathing remarks from many who claimed the film was heretical and the Catholic Church went so far as to place it

on its banned list of films. This is a thought-provoking film that may offend many. But it provides an excellent comparison to "The Passion of the Christ" — both films provide two very different takes from two Catholic directors.

All of the aforementioned films are an attempt to navigate the stories of the Bible through the eye of the cinema. They approach religion from different vantages but are all sincere in their own exploration of humanity's relationship with the divine.

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## CD REVIEWS

# Powter's distinctive, melodic sound crosses Atlantic

By LIZ BYRUM  
Assistant Scene Editor

There's nothing like a song called "Bad Day" to put someone in a good mood. That's exactly what Daniel Powter's first single did throughout Europe in 2005. That mood has now spread to the United States with the release of Powter's self-titled debut April 18.

Powter, born in British Columbia, Canada in 1971, began to hone his musical talents when he began playing the violin at age four. With the influence of his pianist mother, his main instrument became the piano by the time he was a teenager.

Powter eventually studied music at Grant McEwan College for two years before dropping out due to difficulties with dyslexia.

Between his time in college and the release of his debut album, Powter moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, and became entangled in drug use. After almost a decade of cocaine abuse,

Powter entered a rehabilitation center where he dealt with his addiction for almost two years. Although on the first listen the now-famous song "Bad Day" may seem like a carefree tune, it was partly written about those two horrible years Powter spent pulling his life back together. He considers it his way of helping prevent young people from making the same mistakes he did.

Today, "Bad Day" has become a sensation on radio stations all over the world because of its smooth vocals and bouncing beat. The song has even gained commercial success as the theme song for a European Coca-Cola campaign, and as a heavily played song on the fifth season of American Idol. "Bad Day" currently holds the No. 1 position on Billboard's Hot 100 List, and has been present on the chart for the eight consecutive weeks since its debut.

After recovering from his addiction, Powter took his act on the road in 2005, where he toured Europe and played in the Berlin Live 8 benefit concert, which raised awareness for the poverty stricken communities of Africa.

Powter's music is most definitely characterized as "pop," however he creates a unique sound that cannot be heard from other artists today. Piano melodies wind through almost every song on the album, but each one remains



Photo courtesy of bbc.co.uk

Daniel Powter, signed under the Warner Bros/WEA label, first achieved success in Europe in 2005 but is gaining recognition in the United States with his hit "Bad Day."

distinctive and recognizable. The slower songs on the album, including "Styrofoam" especially highlight Powter's vocal and piano playing skills.

The faster paced songs take listeners on a trip to a '70s dance floor. One of the best includes "Hollywood," a scathing tune about the artificial world of stardom in the city. With lyrics that include, "You could be my star for weekends / Do you like your Hollywood?" it's easy to see how Powter feels about the subject.

The only song on the album that appears questionable is "Jimmy Gets High." The song seems to be another reflection of Powter's time as a drug addict, with lyrics like "Jimmy you know / Everybody hates you when you're living off your rock 'n' roll / So you get high tonight." Although the

song begins with a simple but effective sound, it takes a downward turn as Powter's voice continues to climb higher and higher.

As is evident in "Jimmy Gets High," the only thing that keeps this CD from getting a higher rating is the slight screech that echoes out of a few of Powter's songs. Like nails on a chalkboard, it's downright disturbing.

With all of the pop music crowding radio stations all over the world, Powter is a refreshing move away from the norm.

His form of pop gives new meaning to the word, and takes listeners back to another time. If nothing else, "Daniel Powter" will put a little bounce in your day.

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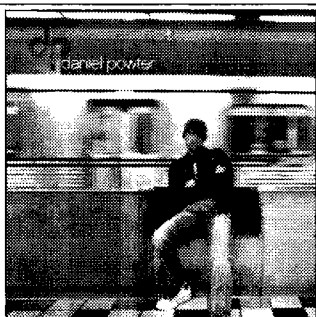
## Daniel Powter

Daniel Powter

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Recommended tracks: 'Bad Day,' 'Hollywood,' 'Styrofoam,' 'Song 6' and 'Free Loop'



SMC SOFTBALL

Belles hope to stay mentally sharp

Five-day rest offers chance to work on game before taking on Tri-State

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

After an eight-game run in which they swept defending MIAA champions Alma, split with Rockford and swept both Bethel and Calvin, Saint Mary's has five days off before taking on Tri-State Monday at St. Mary's Field at 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said the Belles' goal was to go .500 over the eight games, which were played over a four-day stretch.

The team exceeded her expectations, going 7-1 to extend its record to 21-7 overall and 7-1 in the MIAA, good enough for first place.

Sullivan said the Belles will try to improve despite their place at the top of the conference standings.

"If you obtain your goal, you make [your next goal] a little bit harder," Sullivan said.

Freshman right-hander Kristin Amram has helped lead the Belles to the top. Amram was named MIAA pitcher of the week last week for the second consecutive week.

Amram earned three wins over the eight-game stretch, striking out 30 batters in 21 innings. She allowed two runs and walked only six.

Tri-State is ranked fourth in the MIAA with a 3-1 record in league play and 15-13 overall.

The Thunder are led offensively by sophomore center fielder Karly Hooker. Hooker has batted .422 driving in three doubles and two triples. She also scored eight runs, had seven RBIs and five

stolen bases.

Hooker is also a defensive force for Tri-State, making only one error in 13 fielding chances this season.

Saint Mary's hopes to be able to carry the momentum it has gained from the past eight games over to Monday's contest against Tri-State.

"We are going to take what we have learned and tweak it to make ourselves better," Amram said. "We don't want to lose our momentum."

Sullivan says her team is going to use the short break to work on the mental part of its game. She feels the Belles are already physically ready.

"We are going to take this time to relax," Sullivan. "[We are going to] get mentally ready for Tri-State."

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SOCCER

French soccer fans  
ridicule footballer

Associated Press

PARIS — Warming up on the sideline, a black player jogs toward fans at the Parc des Princes soccer stadium. As he gets closer, a barrage of monkey chants explodes — "OOOH! OOOH! OOOH!" — and racist insults fill the air.

Such scenes are increasingly common at the home stadium of Paris Saint-Germain, or PSG, one of France's top soccer teams.

And they stain elite soccer leagues elsewhere in Europe, raising fears a global sport that calls itself "the beautiful game" is getting uglier.

Many of the fans yelling insults are members of white hooligan gangs that prowl the stadium grounds on game day, looking for a rumble with black and Arab members of a multiethnic rival

gang.

Interviews with gang members and repeated visits to PSG games found that racist hooligans operate openly and with almost total impunity at the 43,000-seat stadium on the western outskirts of Paris.

Soccer, with its many black stars, should be a showcase of multiracial harmony — especially in France, which draws heavily on talent from its former African colonies.

Instead, brawling soccer fans have emerged as the extreme fringe of a deeply troubled France — one whose problems include grappling with stiffening resistance to immigration. After the riots that engulfed immigrant-dominated French suburbs last fall, beer-fueled racism in soccer has taken on an even more menacing tinge.

MLB

Maddux earns 320th win to vault Reds out of first place

Griffey leaves game with injury; Pedro retires Guillen to end bases loaded jam, leads New York over Washington

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A classic performance by Greg Maddux two days before his 40th birthday carried the Chicago Cubs to a 4-1 victory over the sloppy-fielding Cincinnati Reds.

Working quickly and using an assortment of pitches and speeds, Maddux (2-0) allowed three hits and a run in six innings Wednesday to get his 320th career win.

One day after hitting six homers, the Reds had five errors — three by third baseman Edwin Encarnacion — to help Cincinnati build a 3-0 lead.

Cincinnati has another concern. Center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. left the game in the fourth inning with stiffness in the back of his right knee. He walked in the first and struck out in the top of the fourth before Ryan Freel replaced him in center in the bottom of the inning.

Maddux didn't surrender a hit until Encarnacion hit an RBI double after a two-out walk to

Adam Dunn in the fourth. The Reds threatened in the sixth after two singles, but Maddux fanned Dunn and got Encarnacion on a fly ball to end the inning. Maddux finished with two walks and seven strikeouts.

Yankees 12, Royals 5

One day as the designated hitter did wonders for Gary Sheffield.

The Yankees' slugger broke out of an early slump with a homer and four RBIs, and Shawn Chacon overcame a shaky start to earn his first win of the season in New York's victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

While many of his teammates started strong, Sheffield entered hitting only .207 with one homer and four RBIs.

He got some encouraging advice before the game from batting coach Don Mattingly and Yankees special adviser Reggie Jackson, plus a bit of a break from Joe Torre.

The manager put the 37-year-

old Sheffield in the DH spot and gave Bernie Williams his first start in right field since Aug. 6, 1992.

"It did help. I didn't have to think about defense," Sheffield said. "I felt good today. I felt strong in my last at-bat."

Jason Giambi had a pair of RBI doubles, Derek Jeter scored three times and Sheffield finished with three hits as New York tagged Royals starter Jeremy Affeldt (0-1).

White Sox 4, Tigers 3

Jim Thome looks like he's headed for a big season — just ask Detroit manager Jim Leyland.

Thome homered for the second straight game and Jose Contreras tossed eight strong innings to lift the Chicago White Sox over the Tigers Wednesday.

Thome has five homers after getting just seven in an injury-shortened final season in Philadelphia, which traded him to Chicago in November. He added a double and scored twice

against the Tigers.

"He looks very healthy and strong to me," Leyland said. "Not having to go out on defense will be a big help for him during the year."

Contreras (1-0), who stretched his winning streak to nine games dating to last season, struck out two and allowed six hits and one walk.

"Today, I was ready from the get go," Contreras said through an interpreter. "I was ready from the start today. I wasn't ready from the first inning against Cleveland."

He gave up two runs to the Indians in the first inning and his first start this season and has only given up one since.

Mets 3, Nationals 1

Pedro Martinez escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam and finished with seven strong innings in New York's victory over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday night for the Mets' fifth straight win.

With both teams playing under

a season-long warning to cut the beanballs after the Nationals' Jose Guillen declared "enough is enough" when Martinez hit him twice in the same game last week, baseball theater at its best was played out in the bottom of the sixth.

Martinez (2-0) struck out Jose Vidro for the first out to bring up Guillen with the bases loaded in a one-run game. After Martinez's first pitch was a ball, catcher Paul Lo Duca called time, gave Martinez a hard "Let's go" pat on the behind as they parted.

Three pitches later, Guillen hit a nine-pitch-per-hour hop to the shortstop on one hop, and Martinez got out of the inning with a routine double play to end the Nationals' last real threat.

Except for that one inning, Martinez was impeccable. No one could accuse him of throwing at anybody because he barely strayed from the strike zone, allowing only three hits and walking one.

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## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	47-31	.603	-
Philadelphia	37-41	.474	10
Boston	32-46	.410	15
Toronto	26-53	.329	21.5
New York	22-55	.286	24.5

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	63-15	.808	-
Cleveland	47-31	.603	16
Indiana	38-40	.487	25
Milwaukee	38-40	.487	25
Chicago	37-41	.474	26

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	51-27	.654	-
Washington	39-39	.500	12
Orlando	34-44	.436	17
Atlanta	24-54	.308	27
Charlotte	22-56	.282	29

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	44-34	.564	-
Utah	38-39	.494	5.5
Seattle	33-45	.423	11
Minnesota	32-46	.410	12
Portland	21-56	.273	22.5

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	51-26	.662	-
LA Clippers	44-33	.571	7
LA Lakers	42-37	.532	10
Sacramento	41-38	.519	11
Golden State	30-47	.390	21

### Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	60-18	.769	-
Dallas	59-19	.756	1
Memphis	46-33	.582	14.5
New Orleans	38-40	.487	22
Houston	33-45	.423	27

## NCAA Women's Softball Top 25

No.	team	record	points
1	Arizona	29-3	495
2	Texas	35-3	470
3	UCLA	28-2	447
4	Alabama	29-4	427
5	Stanford	26-4	418
6	Tennessee	27-4	399
7	Oregon State	25-2	385
8	Cal	29-3	374
9	Arizona State	34-3	356
10	Georgia	28-8	299
11	La-Lafayette	23-6	288
12	LSU	31-5	267
13	Michigan	17-9	266
14	Washington	25-8	262
15	Northwestern	18-8	212
16	Texas A&M	23-9	210
17	Auburn	22-8	172
18	Oklahoma	23-10-1	156
19	Nebraska	20-6	144
20	Baylor	19-13	123
21	Louisville	19-4	82
22	Mississippi State	27-8	64
23	DePaul	11-7	49
24	Fresno State	20-13	43
25	Southern Illinois	19-4	33

## DUKE LACROSSE



Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong is questioned following a District Attorney candidates forum in Durham, N.C., on Wednesday. Nifong is the lead prosecutor in the rape allegations against members of the Duke lacrosse team.

## Duke hires Clinton's former lawyer

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — A small group of boosters and others close to the Duke University lacrosse team have hired President Clinton's former lawyer as part of an aggressive public relations effort to argue that the players did not rape a woman at an off-campus party.

Bob Bennett, a former federal prosecutor and Washington attorney who represented Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, is serving as a spokesman for a group calling itself the Committee for Fairness to Duke

Families.

He is not expected to represent any players, but he has joined the chorus of those who fear for the reputation of the team and the university.

"It is unfortunate that members of the Duke community, players and families are being judged before all the facts are in," Bennett said in a statement. "A lot of innocent young people and the families are being hurt, and unfortunately this situation is being abused by people with separate agendas. It is grossly unfair, and cool heads must prevail."

The group has asked to

meet with Duke President Richard Brodhead. Neither Brodhead nor Bennett returned calls for comment.

No charges have been filed while District Attorney Mike Nifong presses on with his investigation of allegations that a stripper was gang-raped at a team party March 13. Earlier this week, lawyers for the players said that DNA tests failed to connect any members of the 47-man team to the alleged attack.

The players' parents — initially silent — have also started to speak out.

Brian Loftus, who has

two sons on the team, wondered Wednesday why Nifong was continuing to press ahead with the case.

"I don't understand it," said Loftus, of Syosset, N.Y. Nifong has refused requests for an interview. He is running for another term in May and took part in a candidate forum Wednesday evening, in which he reiterated that he believes a medical exam of the alleged victim indicates a crime occurred.

"The fact is, I didn't pick the crime. I didn't pick the time," Nifong said at the forum. "But I'm going to do the case right."

## IN BRIEF

### Ward ready to defend her title at Takefuji Classic

LAS VEGAS — Wendy Ward knows what it takes to win the traditionally low-scoring Takefuji Classic.

"You have to be more aggressive, for sure. I also think a three-day tournament kind of lends itself to that; you have to get off to a fast start out of the gate," she said.

Ward got off to a fast start last year, shooting an opening 7-under 65 over the Las Vegas Country Club layout. Then she kept it up, with all three rounds in the 60s and a 16-under 200 to win the 54-hole event.

Lorena Ochoa finished second at 202, followed by Paula Creamer and Shi Hyun Ahn another shot back in a third-place tie.

The 6,550-yard, par-72 Las Vegas layout presents a different kind of challenge for the LPGA players, said Ward, who had 18 birdies and only two bogeys in the 2005 tournament.

### Lewis remembered on his 25th anniversary

ARLINGTON, Va. — With the laying of a wreath and the playing of taps, Joe Louis was remembered at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday on the 25th anniversary of the boxing great's death.

Family and friends gathered at Louis' grave, beneath the long branches of a splendid oak tree not far from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "The Brown Bomber," the nickname etched on his tombstone, was remembered as a black sports hero who transcended the divisions of race in the segregated 1930s and 1940s.

Louis was heavyweight champion from 1937 to 1949. His most memorable victory came on June 22, 1938, when he avenged a loss to Germany's Max Schmeling with a first-round knockout at Yankee Stadium, a blow to Adolf Hitler's campaign for Aryan supremacy.

### Dechy advances in Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Nathalie Dechy of France won for only the second time in eight matches this season, defeating Anna Tatishvili 7-5, 6-4 Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Family Circle Cup.

Dechy, ranked No. 24, injured her knee in December and has struggled to regain confidence.

"I've been losing (in the) first round lately, so it was really good to have this first win," she said. "I couldn't practice and I couldn't really be fit when I started this season."

All seeded players in early Wednesday matches advanced in the \$1.3 million clay-court tournament.

Marion Bartoli of France dispatched defeated Yuliana Fedak of the Ukraine 6-4, 6-3. American Jill Craybas, named to the Fed Cup team earlier in the day, lost to Maria Santangelo of Italy 6-4, 7-6 (5).

## around the dial

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Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m., ESPN2

### NBA

New York at Cleveland, 8 p.m., TNT  
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m., TNT

## ND SOFTBALL

# Irish battle Demons to kick off Holy Thursday



Allison Ambrose/The Observer

Notre Dame first baseman Linda Kohan stretches for the put out in Tuesday's 6-0 win over Ball State.

## ND looks to stay atop Big East standings with DePaul doubleheader

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to improve its Big East record with a doubleheader against conference newcomer DePaul today.

The double dip against the Blue Demons (18-11, 5-3 Big East) will be games No. 43 and 44 all time with the Irish (24-17, 7-1) — a series which DePaul leads 26-17-1.

After a short Easter break, Notre Dame will head to Evanston, Ill. April 18 for a one game matchup with Northwestern.

The Irish and Blue Demons split a doubleheader in the annual meeting last season.

But this year the Irish hope to outmatch DePaul and stay near the top of the Big East standings. Riding the wave of a 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday — and having just one loss in league play this season — the Irish are confident they can succeed against DePaul.

"DePaul is on a bit of a down slope and I think we can overcome that," senior catcher and captain Mallorie Lenn said. "We just want to stay on a high note and keep winning."

Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf has been working on fundamentals during the team's practices all season, something she said will keep the players focused on their performances.

"We've been working on the basics in practice, doing a lot

with mechanics," freshman starting pitcher Brittney Bargar said. "If we can bring our A-game against DePaul we can do well."

One major aspect for the Notre Dame's "A game" all season has been its mental focus and intensity, Bargar said.

But Lenn feels that the DePaul game will be good for the team to keep its intensity high — possibly as high as it has been in the past three games, in which the Irish have collected 46 hits.

"These are all three important games coming up," Lenn said. "We are playing two tough teams and they will be really good wins for us."

### Notes:

◆ Notre Dame senior third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff was named Big East player of the week.

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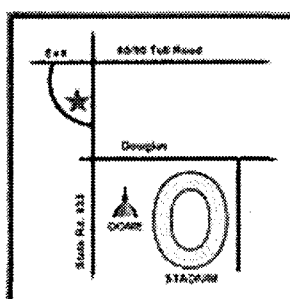
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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Irish try to stick it to Hoyas

*ND forgets Duke loss, travels to Georgetown for league showdown*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Coming off an 11-10 loss last weekend to No. 4 Duke, Notre Dame looks to rebound against conference foe Georgetown Saturday at noon in Washington, D.C.

The No. 10 Irish (10-2, 2-0 Big East) have had success so far this year in conference games and hope to stay focused against the Hoyas (8-2, 2-0).

Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne is confident about her team despite the loss to Duke — and also feels that there are only slight adjustments needed for her team to get back to winning ways.

"We were almost flawless against Duke, playing competitive, hard-fought lacrosse," Coyne said. "The one thing we need to work on is our execution at the end of the game."

One Irish player who excelled throughout the game was goalie Carol Dixon, who was named the Big East defensive player of the week thanks to her 22-save performance in the game against the Blue Devils.

During practices this week, Coyne has reviewed what mistakes from the Duke game the team needs to correct for the Georgetown contest, including extensive film



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Notre Dame defense Kristin Hopson takes on a Cornell player in Notre Dame's 17-15 win March 5.

sessions.

"We know that we do a lot of things really well, and just want to keep working on things that will help us win games," Coyne said. "We would not be where we are now if we weren't good."

By working on fundamentals such as draw controls, Coyne hopes to keep her team focused on itself rather than the opponent. Coyne said the main philosophy for this season's Irish squad has been constantly improving aspects of their own game while thinking of future opponents for only small parts of practices.

"We definitely want to fine-tune our game," Coyne said. "We are a 10-2, top-10 team, and we got that way through executing — which we are

going to keep doing the rest of the season."

Saturday's game against the Hoyas marks the halfway point in Notre Dame's Big East schedule. As only six schools in the league have women's lacrosse teams, the regular season champion will earn the league's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament as there is no Big East post-season championship.

Even with the absence of a conference tournament, Coyne is optimistic about her team's chances this season.

"We have played hard all season and plan on winning the [conference] to get the bid," Coyne said.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

## Top athletes head west to Mount SAC Relays

*Many others attempt to qualify for NCAAs at Indy Relays Sunday*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field team will send several athletes to California this weekend to compete in the Mount San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., while the rest of the squad heads to Indianapolis Sunday for the Indy Relays.

Some of the men's top sprinters, jumpers and field athletes and the women's distance runners will head to the Mount SAC Relays, which will take place from Friday through Sunday.

Meanwhile, more than 50 other athletes will drive to Indianapolis.

Irish head coach Joe Piane said that he would like to see some Irish competitors in each meet post NCAA qualifying times.

Last week, at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational, Notre Dame captured seven victories and five Irish athletes qualified for the Big East Conference Championships.

"Our performance [at Miami] was okay," Piane said.

The conference qualifiers for

Notre Dame were Elizabeth Phillipp in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, Lauren Biscardi in the women's high jump, Kellen Lewis in the men's 400-meter hurdles, Jeff Mensch in the men's discus and Mike Schubert in the men's hammer throw.

Piane added that the team still has several athletes that have yet to qualify but hope to compete in the Big East Championships, which will be held May 5-7 in Storrs, Conn. The coach said he believes that these athletes should be in good position to reach that goal this weekend.

"We rested a lot of athletes [rather than have them compete at Miami]," Piane said.

The Mount SAC Relays is one of the most prestigious amateur meets in the country each year and Piane said he is excited for the Notre Dame athletes who will compete.

"It's gigantic for us," Piane said of the event, which features hundreds of teams from throughout the country.

Competing for Notre Dame in Indianapolis will be sprinter Michael Webber, distance runners Vinny Ambrico and Tim Moore and throwers Garet Koxlien and Meghan Horn, among others.

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## CLUB SPORTS

## Sailing coasts to first, fourth place finishes

*Peris, Bauer overcome adversity to win races*

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's sailing club again raced split weekends in two regattas this weekend, at Wisconsin and Ohio. Five Notre Dame Sailors headed to the annual Wisconsin Three-Way hosted on Lake Mendota in Madison, Wisconsin. The regatta consisted of three divisions: A and B took place in 420s, and C was in tech dinghies. The team finished fourth out of sixteen teams overall. The highlight for the Irish on Saturday was sophomore skipper Tim Roy's first place finish in Race 4 of the C Division.

On Sunday, sophomore skipper John Dailey and freshman crew Paul Cordes finished third and second in the two A-Division races, while freshman skipper Jaci Chase and senior crew Kathryn Hoodecheck finished fourth and second in the two B-Division races.

Wisconsin won the event with Minnesota coming in second.

Four Irish sailors team competed in the Ohio University regatta where the Irish finished first after 20 races with a low total score of 49 points. Sophomore skipper Chris May and junior Crew Amy Becker finished second in the A division taking first in two races, fourth in one race due to an unlucky wind shift, and second or third in the remaining 7 races they sailed.

Despite two capsizes, freshman skipper Joe Peris and sophomore crew Alan Bauer finished first in four of their ten races taking the lead in the B-division and helping to solidify the Irish performance at the regatta.

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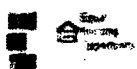
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## SMC TENNIS

## Belles steal final four matches for 5-4 rally

*Dingler wins decisive match to seal comeback win, erase 4-1 deficit*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

In its most important contest of the season, Saint Mary's won the final four matches to earn a dramatic comeback victory over Kalamazoo Wednesday at the Saint Mary's Tennis Center.

With sole possession of third place in the MIAA on the line, things did not look promising early for the Belles as Kalamazoo sprinted out to a 4-1 lead by winning two of three doubles matches and the first two singles matches.

The Saint Mary's duo of Mary Elizabeth Campbell and Tara O'Brien beat the Hornets pairing of Geneva Garcia and Lindsay Zuhlker 6-1, 6-3 in the first match off the courts. But the momentum shifted toward Kalamazoo in the final two doubles matches.

The Belles doubled teams of Kristen Palombo and Grace Gordon, and Kelly McDavitt and Calie Mulcahy both had their doubles matches last for over two hours and end in third-set defeats by the scores of 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3, and 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, respectively.

But rather than pack it in, the Belles used the long matches to their advantage.

"We all wanted to make up for our losing our doubles matches," Palombo said. "The fact that our doubles matches went for over two hours — and then we had to turn around and our play singles matches in 10 minutes — really tested our conditioning."

After losing their doubles matches, Palombo and her teammates used that conditioning to rally the team to victory. Palombo, McDavitt and Mulcahy rebounded from their losses to capture straight-set victories in singles.

With the victory of the Belles' Melissa Dingler over Kalamazoo senior Rashelle Shalimi, Saint Mary's came from behind for the 5-4 victory.

"We all had a pretty good handle of our singles matches," Palombo said. "The fact that we were able to win such a long match really showed us that all our hard work had paid off. I think we were in better shape than them."

After the long doubles matches, the Belles needed minimal time to dispatch of Kalamazoo in the singles contests.

Palombo defeated the Hornets' Megan Fink 6-3, 6-3. McDavitt topped Laura

Spencer 6-4, 6-0 and Mulcahy beat the Hornets' Smita Gudipati 6-4, 6-3 to complement Dingler's win.

Wednesday's victory brings Saint Mary's record to 10-6 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA. It also gives the Belles sole possession of third place in the league.

With Saint Mary's next match at conference leader Albion Tuesday at 3 p.m., the team will have an opportunity to climb further up the conference standings.

"Our win over Kalamazoo really gives us a lot of confidence," Palombo said. "Hopefully we can use it as momentum because we'll need to keep our strong performance going when we play Albion."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish try to clinch No. 1 seed

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

A year is a long time, but the Irish remember Louisville.

On May 14 of last year, then-No. 32 Notre Dame fell 4-1 to the Cardinals, ranked No. 33 at the time.

Sheeva Parbhu had Notre Dame's only victory, and Ryan Keckley and Barry King took one doubles match.

Almost a year later, the Cardinals will face the Irish again, this time at the Courtney Tennis Center today at 4 p.m. in the last match of Notre Dame's regular season.

"I would think the guys remember that match," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We went away feeling that they had played very well and we had not played a good match. I don't think many of our players felt they had given a very good accounting of themselves. I'm confident we're going to be motivated."

The Irish are No. 17 in the national rankings with a 14-7 record, while Louisville is No. 29 with a record of 15-6. The Cardinals are 1-0 in Big East play, and this will be the first conference match for the Irish.

"The winner gets the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament," Bayliss said. "If the Big East Tournament is rained out, the highest remaining seed in the tournament gets the NCAA bid."

Although both the Irish and Cardinals are virtual locks for the postseason, a Big East tournament win is a good way to build momentum before the NCAAs. Despite Notre Dame's higher ranking, Bayliss knows Louisville will provide tough competition.

"They play great doubles and their different players have different styles but most of the top part of their lineup they play good quick strike tennis," Bayliss said. "They're big and strong and aggressive ... and their lower lineup is very, very consistent."

The Irish are coming off a 5-2

win over Southern Methodist University, which junior Ryan Keckley missed due to illness.

The standout doubles player has been crucial to getting points in the singles lineup.

"It certainly helps our comfort level [to have him back]," Bayliss said. "He's had the best record on the team all year and he's been a money player for us. It's got to be reassuring to have him back in the saddle."

The match is the final of the regular season for the Irish and also the final regular-season match for seniors Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp.

Bayliss plans to thank the seniors for the contribution, but wants the team to stay focused.

"I'm confident we're going to be motivated," Bayliss said. "I never know how we're going to play, but I think we're certainly going to have a certainly high effort level."

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NBA

# LeBron sprains ankle in road loss to East-leading Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James left the game against the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night with an injured left ankle and did not return.

"It's sprained pretty good, but nothing serious," James said

after Detroit's 96-73 victory. "You never really know until the next day, but I've had them before, and this is nothing that bad."

James landed awkwardly while being guarded by Tayshaun Prince on a three-point play late in the third quarter. The MVP candidate hopped

on his right foot, keeping weight off his left foot, and was checked out on the court by Cavs athletic trainer Max Benton.

Following a timeout, James made a free throw to complete his three-point play and was taken out a second later. James left the court moments later and had X-rays taken. The Cavs said

his status is day to day.

Cleveland hosts the New York Knicks on Thursday, and the Cavs might decide to play it safe by resting James because they can't improve or hurt their position as the fourth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"If I don't feel 100 percent tomorrow, I won't go," James

said.

James had 22 points on 8-of-18 shooting through three quarters and Detroit was leading 75-51.

Early in the fourth quarter, Cavs forward Alan Henderson dislocated a finger on his right hand on a missed dunk and did not return.



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## Colorado

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vide an opportunity for Notre Dame (7-2, 1-0 GWLL) to seize control of the GWLL standings. Along with Ohio State (4-4) and the Irish, Denver (8-4) and Air Force (6-5) sit atop the league standings.

Two wins will help Notre Dame keep the league's top spot — and a possible automatic NCAA tournament bid — with two games remaining in the conference season.

The Irish are coming off a disappointing 9-8 win at Butler Saturday, in which they failed to break away from the Bulldogs (3-7, 0-1 GWLL) thanks to inconsistent execution that kept them from putting the ball in the net.

"The word that we are using this week is relentless," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have to be relentless in the pursuit of the execution we're looking for. It's something that doesn't snap into place. It's something that you have to keep working at."

Though Notre Dame holds an 8-1 advantage over Denver in the series history, Denver won the last meeting 9-6 last season at Moose Krause Stadium. Friday's game in Denver will be about more than revenge. The Pioneers are the final ranked foe for the Irish this year and should provide the toughest hurdle they need to clear to be able to take the league title for the first time since 2002.

Because of this, although Corrigan and his staff have been preparing game plans for both teams, they are focusing the players' attentions solely on Denver this week.

"We can't prepare for Air Force until we take care of Denver," he said. "It means our timeframe for prep for Air Force is short. The coaches are taking care of that. But we want the players concentrating on Denver. We'll look at Air Force on Saturday morning."

Corrigan said Denver plays a bolder style of lacrosse than the Irish usually see.

"The thing about Denver is they try to get you into a game you're not used to playing," Corrigan said. "They play a chaotic defensive style that tries to get you with pressure and double teams. But then, on the other end, they're not in a hurry on the offensive side."

The Pioneers enter the contest with the fifth-highest scoring offense in the country at 11.25 goals per game. Corrigan believes the key to shutting down the high-powered Denver offense will be found in transition play, an area where Notre Dame has outplayed its opponents with an .800 success rate in clearing, compared to its opponents' rate of .690.

"Their offense comes from their defense a lot," Corrigan said. "They're creating turnovers and converting them. Keeping them out of transition is the key to holding them down, and that starts on the other end of the field."

Corrigan said he believes the Irish will be successful if they can control the game tempo they are accustomed to playing.

"[I]mposing your style on them is important," he said. "[We] don't want to play a reactionary game."

Senior co-captain defenseman D.J. Driscoll said he thinks the Irish's ninth-ranked scoring defense (6.89 goals per game) can contain the Pioneer offense

by eliminating the mistakes they made against Butler.

"Butler kind of gave us a wakeup call," Driscoll said. "Maybe some kids were looking past them to Denver. But we have to treat every game like its win or go home because so many teams are looking to win the league."

Regardless of the outcome of the Denver game, the Irish will have to regroup and prepare themselves for Sunday's contest against Air Force. Though the Falcons play a totally different style than Denver, Corrigan said the coaches' preparation will ensure the Irish are not surprised.

"At this point in the year, we've seen everything we're going to see," Corrigan said. "There's not that much new under the season. We're going to see some zone from Air Force — maybe a healthy dose of it. It's a matter of taking [Saturday] to get our legs back and refresh ourselves a little bit."

Driscoll is confident in the Irish's ability to quickly refocus their attention, especially since the Irish faced a similar situation two years ago when No. 18 Notre Dame downed Air Force 12-2 and followed that with a 14-13 win over No. 17 Denver.

"We've been grinding at it in practice since the fall," Driscoll said. "Mentally it's just concentrating on the task at hand and taking it one step at a time. Just getting our legs back is just getting to be our biggest problem [preparing for Air Force]. I think being a senior, going out there two years ago and having the experience out there will help."

Notre Dame's 14-13 overtime win against Air Force last year was the Irish's 17th straight against the Falcons.

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McLaughlin (Kansas State and Washington). Notre Dame went 120-35 when Davis was with the program.

"I know we're going to have really good candidates to look at for the position and we'll be fine, we'll recover," Brown said. "We'll just miss him. He's brought a lot to the program — he's a great teacher."

Davis worked with the middle blockers, and graduating senior Lauren Brewster recalled how he worked with her and the others at that position, making it a strong point of the Notre Dame program.

"He worked a lot with us. ... He's an amazing coach," she said. "He knows how to motivate players — you'll find that in coaching, not all coaches have that talent and he's able to do it."

Brown said that Davis will bring great recruiting skills to

Boise State as well, where he is scheduled to take over Friday.

"He's a very good recruiter," she said. "He evaluates talents very, very well and identifies potential and all those types of things ... building relationships with prospective student athletes and the parents [is important] and he does a really good job with that."

Brewster and Brown both agreed that teaching — a crucial skill for a coach — was another of Davis' strengths.

"He has played the game, but more importantly he's just a really good teacher," Brown said. "He can help the player make the little adjustments that are going to make big differences in the outcome of the way they play."

These skills will be important for the Broncos, who have never been to an NCAA tournament. The team graduates only two players from the 2005 season after finishing 8-18 following a 17-12 season record in 2004.

Davis graduated from Northern Arizona with a degree

in physical education. Early in his career, he worked as the athletic director and assistant principal at Brethren-Christian High School in California. In addition to his head coaching experience, he spent two years as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona.

Since the beginning of his time at Notre Dame, Brown said she knew his goal was to be a Division-I head coach.

"I think we're pretty lucky to have kept him for five years because he's really qualified, and there's no doubt he'll do a great job as a D-I head coach," Brown said.

Brewster endorsed his qualifications and dedication as well.

"He has been working for this for a long time and he's been working under a great coach, Debbie Brown — he's learned a lot from her," Brewster said. "This is what he's wanted and this is what he's been working for and I know he's going to do great at it."

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If there is one positive the Irish can take from their Butler win last Saturday, Corrigan said that they will be ready if either of this weekend's games come down to another nail biter.

"We've certainly established the fact that in the fourth quarter of the game, we're not going to fold up and back away from the challenge," Corrigan said.

Corrigan expects similar results this weekend.

"The biggest thing is for us to

play smart play and with discipline and to play confidently," Corrigan said. "We need to go out there and play loosely and make the plays we need to play. I'm very confident in our guys right now and how much they care and how hard they're working so I feel very good about where we are going into the weekend."

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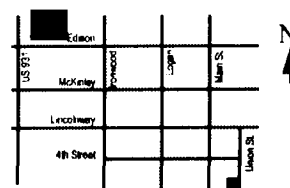
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The freshman worked out of several jams early in the game but settled down and did not allow a runner on base past the fourth inning. He struck out two Spartan batters — the last one looking — to escape a bases loaded situation in the second, and he ended a fourth-inning threat by forcing Manchester left fielder Danner Partridge to ground into a double play.

"I thought [Phelps] showed a lot of confidence and a lot of poise, something that you want to see in a rookie," Dury said. "This is really the first time he's got to come out here and really show everybody what he's got. He's got a great future ahead of him and I was really happy to see him succeed out there today."

Dury's three-run line drive in the fourth opened the flood gates, extending Notre Dame's lead to 4-0. A switch hitter,

Dury batted from the left side of the plate and turned on an inside fastball from Spartans lefthander Marcus Miller with the help of a stiff wind blowing out.

"The three-run homer kind of opened up and let everybody relax a bit including Phelps," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "He didn't have to be perfect with every pitch like he would be in a one-run game. It was a big blow for us."

Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman took a bases-loaded walk later in the fourth to score Alex Nettey, who had reached base on a bloop single to left. Irish shortstop Jeremy Barnes then ripped a two-run single up the middle, opening the lead to 7-0.

Irish infielder Eddie Smith followed Barnes with a sacrifice fly to right field that scored Dressman and gave Notre Dame an 8-0 advantage.

"Usually when the weather warms up, our hitting gets better," Mainieri said of the rally. "I don't know if it's the climate or just the fact that we've

played more and the guys are getting more comfortable."

Irish first baseman Craig Cooper began the scoring for Notre Dame with a leadoff homer in the first that sailed over the wall in right-center.

"Cooper hit that ball good, but I think he got a little help from the wind," Mainieri said. "I don't know if that would have been a home run under still conditions, but you know what — the wind blows here a lot. We teach our hitters to take advantage of the climate if the wind is blowing that way."

Manchester scored its two runs in the ninth inning off Irish freshman reliever Brett Graffy. Spartans designated hitter Zach Scott reached first on an infield single and scored on center fielder Scott Tarnowski's triple to left center. Tarnowski then scored on Manchester first baseman Zac Birely's sacrifice fly to right.

Graffy settled down and struck out Spartan third baseman Jordan Adams and induced a groundout by Treesh to secure the 8-2 win.

Notre Dame takes to the diamond again today at Frank Eck Stadium with a doubleheader against Big East rival St. John's. The opening pitches are scheduled for 12:05 and 4:05 p.m. and the series finale will take place Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

The Irish are currently tied for first place with the Red Storm in the Big East standings — each holding an 8-1 record.

The teams split league honors last season, with the Red Storm taking the regular season title and the Irish reigning as champions of the tournament. Both received NCAA tournament bids — the only two Big East teams to earn berths.

"This is the biggest day of the year, there's no question about that," Mainieri said. "It's going to be an enormous series. We're excited, I'm sure St. John's is excited. Let's get it on."

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## Recruits

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"Harden has length, and he'll really get out there with his length and bother people — a little bit like [Irish guard Ryan] Ayers does," Brey said.

Brey said he would continue to pursue other recruits for the 2010 class, even though Notre Dame has already equaled last year's total of four incoming freshman. The Irish have two potential scholarships left to give.

"[We're] always working, always digging," Brey said. "We are exploring all the time so we certainly feel good adding these two to the two in the fall. But we will continue to explore the transfer avenue as well as the high school avenue."

Brey is familiar with signing players deep in their senior years. Irish guard Russell Carter committed late and has become one of Notre Dame's most productive offensive players. He was named the team's most improved player Wednesday at the 2006 basketball banquet.

Brey also said it is important to find recruits who want to come to Notre Dame. He said because the school is such a unique place, a prospect needs to want to be a part of the program from the beginning.

"[Peoples and Harden] wanted Notre Dame and that's very important with our situation," Brey said. "There wasn't a whole lot of indecision in their thought process, and I love that as much as I love how they handle the ball or feed the post or shoot the jump shot."

Peoples and Harden, both perimeter players, join a Notre Dame team that was among the best offensive squads in the Big East. The Irish were second in points per game (76.4), first in 3-point shooting (40.3-percent) and second in 3-pointers made (9.6 per game).

### Notes:

♦ Notre Dame held its 2006 banquet dinner at the Joyce Center Wednesday night. Irish seniors Chris Quinn, Torin Francis, Rick Cornett and Chris

Murphy spoke for about 15 minutes each before Brey added closing comments.

Despite finishing 16-14 (6-10 Big East) and not advancing to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year, Brey said he felt a closer connection with this group than any previous Irish team. He also praised the team for its character throughout the season.

"We didn't hang a banner or play in the NCAA tournament, but I truly feel this group was representative of this university," Brey said.

Francis, Cornett and Murphy all addressed their time at Notre Dame in different ways. Francis said the challenges he faced at Notre Dame helped him emerge as a man. Cornett joked about his fluctuating playing time and even thanked the fans for their positive chants when he was on the bench. Murphy provided one of the lighter moments of the night when he joked about his role as a walk-on practice player.

"Every single game I played in, we won," Murphy said before wondering out loud why Brey never played him more during game situations.

But the most poignant moment of the night came from Quinn. The Irish guard led Notre Dame on and off the court through its difficult season where numerous games were lost on last-second possessions.

"I love the game of basketball and everything I do; I use basketball as an example," Quinn said. "Because of what I've been through — what my teammates have been through — I think we'll be better in the future."

Quinn was named the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley's Rockne Student-Athlete Award winner. He also won the Notre Dame Monogram Club MVP Award.

Notre Dame handed out individual awards earlier in the night for most improved player (Carter), best defensive player (forward Rob Kurz), best rebounder (Francis), outstanding freshman (guard Kyle McAlarney) and team player (guard Colin Falls).

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Irish designated hitter Mike Dury, center, jogs off the field with left fielder Steve Andres, left, and infielder Eddie Smith after hitting a three-run homer in the fourth inning Wednesday.

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# Captains

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example, and that's kind of my philosophy as well."

Quinn will be the offensive captain for the second straight season, and Zbikowski will take over for graduating senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte on defense.

Thomas was selected for the

special teams role, which was a week-by-week honor awarded by coaches in 2005 and based on play from the previous game. Thomas is a member of the kickoff coverage and return team and has played on punts and extra points as well. As Notre Dame's No. 2 running back last season, the rising senior rushed for 266 yards on 63 carries behind Irish starting running back Darius Walker.

"[Thomas] is not selfish, and he's not looking for any individual credit," Walker said. "Travis works so hard not only on the offensive side of the ball, but also on special teams. I think he's out there on every special teams [play]."

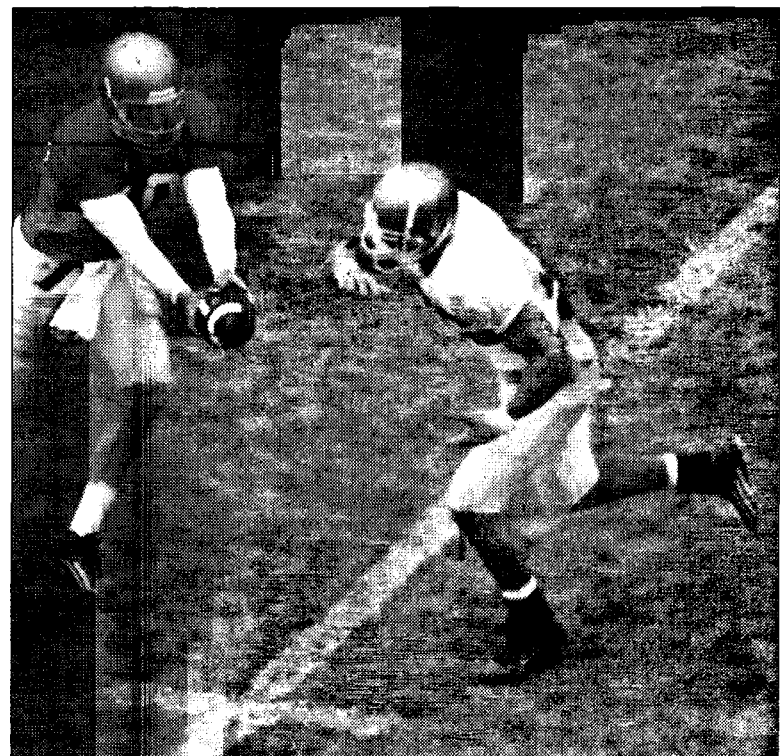
While offensive and defensive players each voted for the captain on their side of the ball, the entire team voted for the special teams' captainship. Quinn won the offensive selection in a "run-away vote," Weis said.

"I think he did a great job as the offensive captain, especially being picked as an underclassman," Weis said. "I was really proud of the way he handled himself on and off the field, and I think that the team really looks to Brady for leadership, which he provides."

On defense, Weis said he thought the players made the right selection because of the way Zbikowski plays.

"I don't know if I'm going to be able to take this — a whole year of having to listen to some guy from the South Side of Chicago," Weis quipped. "But I think he definitely exemplifies the toughness in players that I look for."

In 2005, players voted on the "Irish football House of Representatives," a leadership committee with one member from each position group, at the same time as voting for captains. Weis said the team will choose the leadership committee at the end of fall camp in August.



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**Notre Dame halfback Travis Thomas takes a handoff in practice April 1. Thomas was named a 2006 tri-captain Wednesday.**

## Notes:

♦ Weis said he prepared a scouting report for the team's opening game Sept. 2 in Atlanta, Ga.

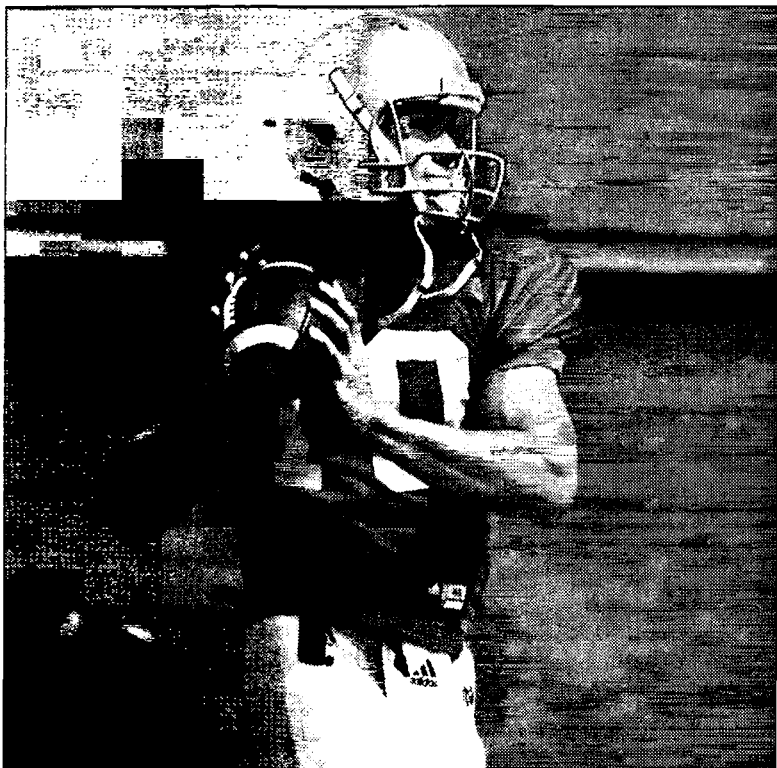
"I was torn between giving you the scouting report on Georgia Tech, which I have right here in this folder, which would have been real impressive, by the way [and announcing the captains]," he said. "I have [Georgia Tech's] injuries in

spring ball; I'm pretty happy with myself."

♦ Weis will announce rosters Wednesday for the Blue-Gold Game April 22.

He said he formulated a style of scrimmage that will accommodate for the team's current lack of depth, especially on the offensive line.

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**Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn sets to throw during practice April 5. Quinn was named a tri-captain for 2006 Wednesday.**

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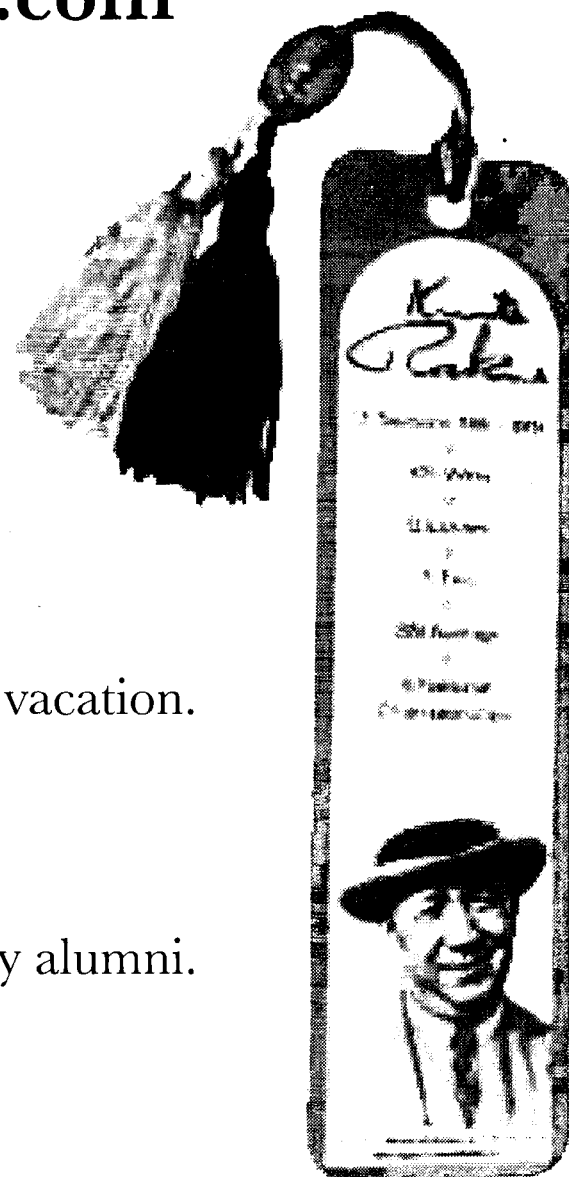
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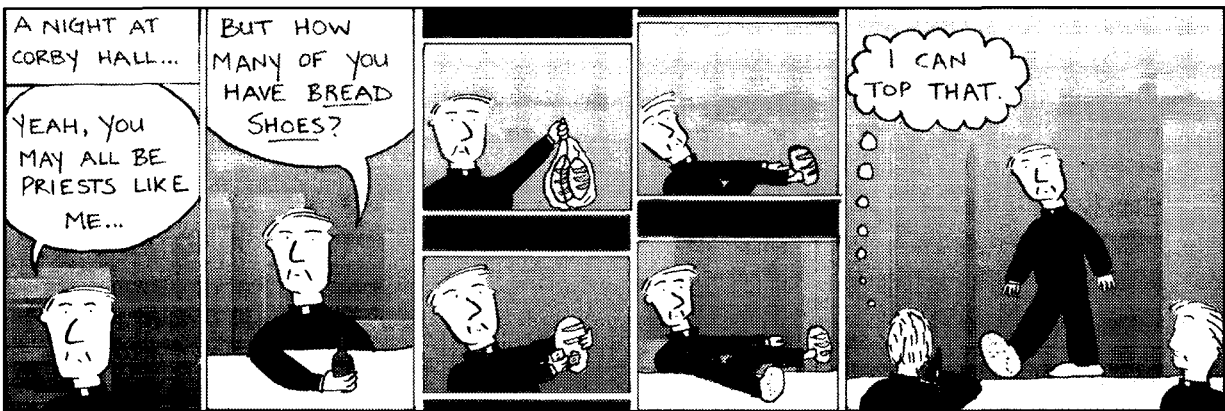
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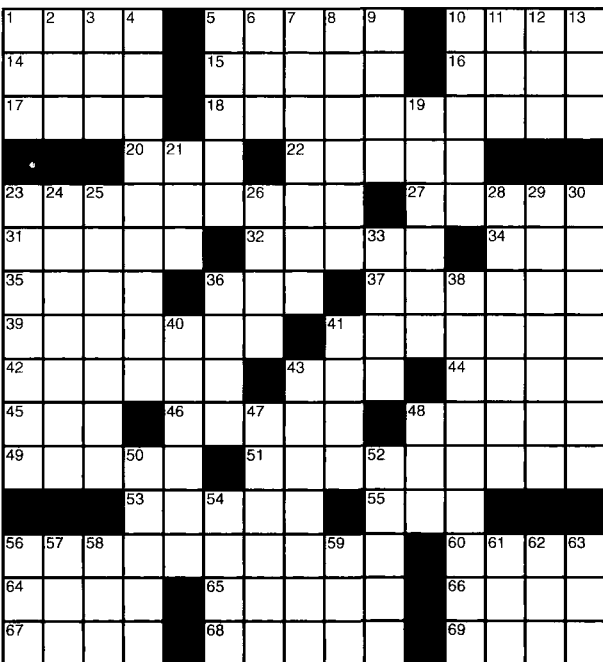
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- ACROSS
- 1 Movement in choregraphie
- 5 Crusades tactic
- 10 Heavyweight champ Willard
- 14 One best avoided
- 15 Synthetic fabric
- 16 "Fear Factor" comments
- 17 Put one's foot down
- 18 Women-only affair? (G.K.)
- 20 Mary's boss on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 22 Pitman, who invented shorthand
- 23 Brownish color? (O.S.)
- 27 Drudges
- 31 Maternally related
- 32 Scarers
- 34 Home sick
- 35 Card game named for an island
- 36 Conditions
- 37 Reason out
- 39 Brewery wagons? (D.E.)
- 41 Your left, say? (A.W.)
- 42 Five-time Super Bowl champs, for short
- 43 Some batteries
- 44 Leaky noise
- 45 Can. province
- 46 Flexibly snouted mammal
- 48 Aquarium fish
- 49 Stall call
- 51 Smelly heart or kidney? (F.M.)
- 53 Set one's sights on
- 55 60's tour site
- 56 What a Hell's Angel might take? (C.P.)
- 60 "\_\_\_ your pardon!"
- 64 False god
- 65 Sri Lankan language
- 66 Blue shade
- 67 With 69-Across, what each set of letters in parentheses represents
- 68 '54 event on Bikini atoll
- 69 See 67-Across

DOWN

- 1 Late-night party attire, for short
- 2 Intoxicated
- 3 Like Bruckner's Symphony No. 7
- 4 Message not left after the beep?
- 5 "Here's to you!"
- 6 Form 1040, line 32 deduction
- 7 They may have twists
- 8 Big spout
- 9 "Lohengrin" soprano
- 10 Power, (on)
- 11 Urge, (slang)
- 12 "Zip it!"
- 13 The U.S.S.R. had the first civilian one
- 19 Former Mideast leader
- 21 Mineral source
- 23 It has a cedar tree on its flag
- 24 Strung out
- 25 Jack who created the film rating system
- 26 Punch elicitations



Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- 28 Making rosy-cheeked
- 29 Purplish-red flower
- 30 Florida university whose mascot is the Hatter
- 33 Popular ice cream
- 36 "\_\_\_ doing ..."
- 38 Winsome
- 40 \_\_\_ Comics
- 41 Key
- 43 Simultaneously
- 47 Biblical mount
- 48 Hosp. designation
- 50 American vintner
- 52 Bent
- 54 It's not true
- 56 "Get \_\_\_!"
- 57 Flutter
- 58 Father-and-son White House name
- 59 Bad-mouth
- 61 Word with code or exam
- 62 Little \_\_\_ of 60's pop
- 63 Court locale

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**Happy Birthday:** Believe in your own abilities this year if you want to prosper. You show great potential but, if you take on too much, you may lose ground or head in the wrong direction. Your numbers are 6, 19, 24, 29, 35, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put your plan in motion but first correct any past mistake. Don't let a change of plans fluster you. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't think that anything is too much to accomplish. Plod along steadily and refuse to look at the magnitude of the job. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't meddle in other people's affairs. Avoid confrontations and focus on what you can do. A little ingenuity will go a long way today. You can expect to upset someone who is jealous of your talent. 5 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Love is in the air. Don't let your stay-at-home attitude stop you from getting out and meeting new people. 2 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Question what you are being told today. The truth is likely to be stretched and that may lead you in the wrong direction in a personal matter. Friends and relatives will help you keep things straight. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't let your emotions take over, especially in the workplace. Remain as confident and calm as possible if you want to be eligible for a raise or new position. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do what appeals most to you. This is a perfect day to engage in a creative hobby, spend time with friends or make personal changes. Short trips will help you make a difficult decision. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can make all sorts of changes to your personal life and living arrangements. An interesting relationship will develop quickly but may leave you confused. 3 stars

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Business is looking very good. Take a unique approach and everyone will want to jump on board. 2 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You really have to set your priorities straight and get down to business. Someone may try to lead you astray but, if you rely on yourself and your own research, you will discover that anything is possible. 5 stars

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Brey announces Harden, Peoples for Class of 2010

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced the signings of high school seniors Jonathan Peoples and Joe Harden Wednesday in a press conference at the Joyce Center — bringing the total number of Irish recruits to four after Luke Harangody and Tory

Jackson committed in fall 2005.

"I like the fact that they've won and they came from good high school programs and they were accustomed to winning," Brey said. "I think because they have pretty good size and strength already, and they have a feel for the game — guys like that have a chance of being in there quicker."

Peoples (Bellwood, Ill.) averaged 15.2 points, four assists and three

rebounds his senior season at St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, Ill. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound guard played varsity four years and led his team to a 28-2 record his senior season.

Peoples helped St. Joseph's win the East Suburban Catholic league title three consecutive years. He received several all-state selections as a junior and senior.

The guard finished his high school career with 1,237 points on 51-percent shooting. He also added 339 rebounds, 285 assists, 120 steals and 54 blocked shots.

"He's got strength, he's got athletic ability and he plays old," Brey said about Peoples. "As far as physical presence ... we certainly can use that on the perimeter."

Harden (Acampo, Calif.) aver-

aged 17 points and 10 rebounds his senior season at St. Mary's High School in Stockton, Calif. The Stockton Record named him co-player of the year following his senior campaign.

The 6-foot-7, 210-pound guard was also a leader on a prep team that went 31-4 and won the Sacramento-Joaquin sectional championship.

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## FOOTBALL

# Calling all captains

Quinn, Zbikowski, Thomas voted to lead team for 2006 season

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

There's a new triumvirate in town.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, strong safety Tom Zbikowski and running back Travis Thomas will be tri-captains for the 2006 season, Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Wednesday.

Quinn said the captains bring different attitudes to the team but all have at least one leadership quality in common.

"Between the three of us, we're pretty different personalities," he said. "I think the biggest thing that [Zbikowski and Thomas] bring is to lead by

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DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Notre Dame strong safety Tom Zbikowski speaks with the media Wednesday. Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Zbikowski will be the team's defensive captain for the 2006 season.

## BASEBALL

# Dury's bat helps slay Spartans

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame freshman right-hander David Phelps pitched seven shutout innings and designated hitter Mike Dury launched a three-run home run over the right field fence with a little help from Mother Nature as the No. 21 Irish (24-8, 8-1 Big East) beat Division-III Manchester College (20-5) 8-2 Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame used a seven-run fourth inning to extend its winning streak to 14 games, and Phelps secured his second career win by scattering four hits and fanning seven Spartan batters.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Irish assistant Davis to be Broncos head coach

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish sidelines will be different this fall, as Notre Dame assistant coach Robin Davis has accepted the head coaching job at Boise State.

Boise State athletic director Gene Bleymaier announced Davis' hire Friday. The Notre Dame sports information department informed local media of the hiring in a news release Wednesday.

Davis spent five years at Notre

Dame, and was head coach at Biola University (Calif.) before coming to South Bend.

"We'll miss him tremendously," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "He's not replaceable because he's just a very valuable member of our program."

Davis becomes the fourth assistant under Brown to go on to a head coaching position at the Division-I level, joining Devin Scruggs (Nevada), Steve Schlick (Cal Poly) and Jim

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# League contest a mile high

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame will face its toughest three-day stretch of the year this weekend as it heads to Colorado to battle No. 18 Denver Friday in Denver before traveling south for an Easter Sunday showdown with Air Force in Colorado Springs.

The two league contests make up the middle of four straight conference road games for the Irish that pro-



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Notre Dame defenseman James Severin moves upfield in an 8-7 win over Dartmouth April 2.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

**SMC TENNIS**  
Saint Mary's 5  
Kalamazoo 4

Saint Mary's took sole possession of third place in the MIAA with a comeback victory.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**  
Louisville at  
Notre Dame

The Cardinals visit the Irish today at 4 p.m. in a battle for the conference title.

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**TRACK & FIELD**  
Mount SAC  
Relays

Notre Dame sends its athletes to the renowned meet in California this weekend.

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**  
Irish at Hoyas  
Saturday at noon

With both squads 2-0 halfway through the league schedule, the contest could shape the conference title race.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**  
Thunder at  
Belles

Saint Mary's is gearing up for a conference showdown with Tri-State Monday.

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**ND SOFTBALL**  
DePaul at  
Notre Dame

The Irish host a Big East doubleheader today at 4 p.m. before taking on Northwestern Tuesday.

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