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White keeps 'unique' role in mind

Under his watch, school has captured four national titles, attained best-ever Director's Cup finish

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the third story in a four-part series looking at Notre Dame's athletic department under the direction of Kevin White as he enters his eighth year at the school.

In a market where a conference of one often draws more attention than a conference of 10 or 12 or 16, Notre Dame Athletic Director Kevin White takes a measured approach to all his public comments out of necessity.

Last May, White met with media members on campus to talk in detail about the athletic department's "master plan" for new facilities and opened up questions on an array of subjects. One of the first was about

his media access and public persona. White only occasionally holds press conferences and is not the main person reporters who cover Notre Dame sports call for comments. That role is often filled by Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, whose primary responsibilities include media duties.

Some interpreted from White's answer in the session that he would rather not discuss every detail about the athletic department. But in an interview with The Observer, White stressed that his availability isn't primarily a personal choice but a decision based on his unique role and standing among the nation's athletic directors. A case in point is the Bowl Championship Series'

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Significant athletic events at Notre Dame under Kevin White

March 13, 2000	White hired as Director of Athletics.
December 5, 2000	Bob Davie signs extension as football coach.
January 1, 2001	Notre Dame loses in Fiesta Bowl, its first BCS appearance.
April 1, 2001	Notre Dame women's basketball captures National Championship.
December 2, 2001	Davie fired after football finishes 5-6.
December 9, 2001	Notre Dame hires George O'Leary to replace Davie.
December 14, 2001	O'Leary resigns after admitting he embellished on his resume.
January 1, 2002	Notre Dame hires Tyrone Willingham to replace O'Leary.
Fall 2002	Notre Dame wins eight straight games to open the football season but falls short of a BCS bid and finishes 10-3.
March 23, 2003	Notre Dame fencing captures National Championship.
Fall 2003	Notre Dame finishes 5-7 in football.
Fall 2004	Notre Dame goes 6-6 in the regular season.
November 30, 2004	Notre Dame fires Willingham.
December 5, 2004	Notre Dame women's soccer wins National Championship.
December 12, 2004	Notre Dame hires Charlie Weis to replace Willingham.
March 20, 2005	Notre Dame fencing captures National Championship.
October 29, 2005	After 5-2 start, Weis signs 10-year contract extension.
January 2, 2006	Notre Dame football loses in the Fiesta Bowl to complete 9-3 season.
June 22, 2006	Notre Dame earns best-ever finish in Director's Cup at No. 6.
December 3, 2006	Notre Dame women's soccer loses in national title game.
January 3, 2007	Notre Dame football loses in the Sugar Bowl to complete 10-3 season.

MATT HUDSON/Observer Graphic

Student's film chosen at Tribeca

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Senior Daniel Negret was in attendance at the world premiere of "Towards Darkness (Hacia la oscuridad)" at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City Saturday, where he watched his family's creative vision materialize on the big screen.

"Towards Darkness," a 94-minute film, is an official 2007 selection in the World Narrative Feature competition at the festival. It stars America Ferrera of "Ugly Betty" fame.

Negret — who was born in Colombia — and his older brother, Antonio, founded their production company, Negret Films, last year. Headquartered in Panama, their parents serve as officers, making their company truly a family-run business.

A Film, Television and Theatre and finance double major, Daniel Negret has background in both the business and creative side of filmmaking. In this undertaking, he steered more toward the business angle, working substantially during the pre-production stages with investors and actors, while Antonio — who wrote and directed the film — took the creative reins.

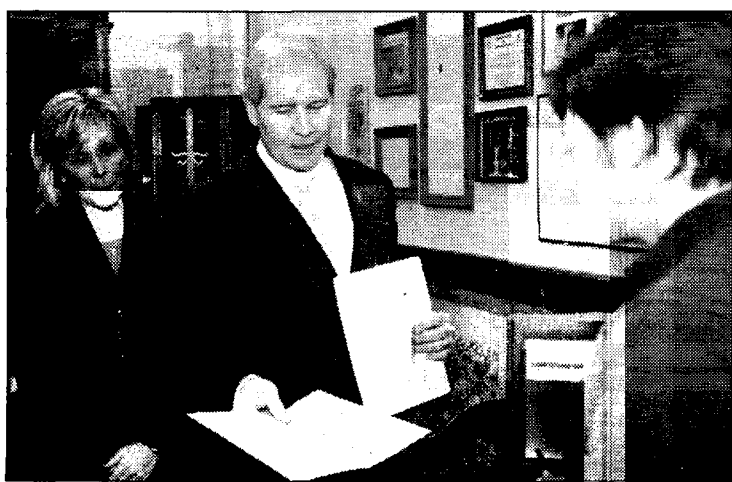
But there was some overlap of the two areas, Daniel Negret said.

The brothers started the company with the "goal of making films [they've] always wanted to see," he said.

"With our own company, we have the freedom to make these films," he said, adding the company is "willing to take risks" with

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Alum joins race for Indiana governor



AP
Jim Schellinger submits his official paperwork seeking Democratic nomination for governor in Indianapolis March 19.

By AMANDA GONZALES
News Writer

Jim Schellinger, a 1984 Notre Dame architecture graduate, has entered the race to become the 50th governor of Indiana with a "moderate to conservative Democrat" platform and a strong desire to serve the electorate, he said.

Born in South Bend, Schellinger would become the second University graduate to ascend to Indiana's executive office. Joe Kernan, a 1968 graduate and former mayor of South Bend, was elected in 1996 as lieutenant governor to

Governor Frank O'Bannon. Kernan took over the office after O'Bannon's death in 2003.

After Schellinger graduated with an architecture degree, he went on to work for CSO Architects — one of the top five architecture companies in Indianapolis — and became the firm's president in 1996.

Schellinger said he hopes to defeat the Republican incumbent, Mitch Daniels, after he defeats his competition in the Democratic primary, State Senator Richard Young and former Congresswoman Jill Long.

"To put it simply, Indiana

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Wedding bells ring for students in springtime

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

If not through personal experience, most Notre Dame students are familiar with the tradition that finds seniors engaged by the end of spring semester — "ring by spring." And while Grotto proposals and Basilica weddings are common among seniors and alumni who met at Notre Dame, some students are choosing to set a wedding date as early as sophomore year.

One such couple, sophomores Dan Amiri and Rachel Miller, has already decided to get engaged. The two met in high school and began dating during their senior year after both decided to attend Notre Dame.

Miller credits Notre Dame with

helping the couple mature enough to the point where marriage seems like the next logical step in the relationship.

"We had a good community of people around us — we were able to build friendships and face challenges together," Miller said.

Amiri also credited Notre Dame's spiritual atmosphere with allowing the couple to pursue a deeper relationship.

"In general, [Notre Dame] has been a big part of our spiritual growth — the Basilica, Mass and praying together," Amiri said, "It's a perfect place for us to focus on the spiritual aspect of the relationship, something that often gets left out."

The sophomores plan to graduate a semester early so they can

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SMC loses official, two professors

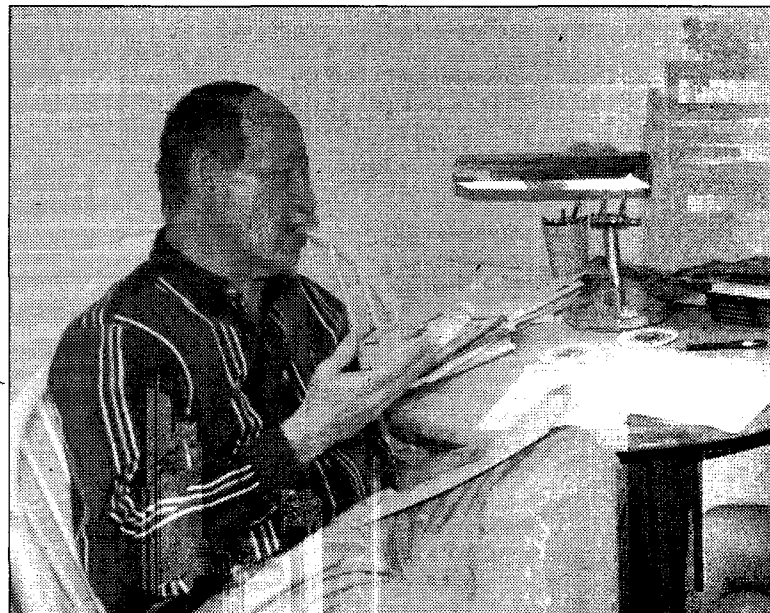
Chief information officer to take job at UV-Wise; 2 teachers also to leave

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

A top Saint Mary's official and two professors will leave the College in the coming months.

Chief Information Officer Keith Fowlkes and communication and performance studies Department Chair John Pauley will finish their service at the College this term. In addition, communications professor Ann Plamondon, who has been at Saint Mary's since 1981, will retire after fall semester next year, Pauley said.

Fowlkes, who has been at Saint Mary's for more than five years, completed his last day at the College Monday and will become the vice chancellor of



KATE FENLON/The Observer
Professor John Pauley speaks with a student at the College last month. Pauley will leave Saint Mary's at the end of this semester.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Off the chest

You know, I'm graduating this semester. It's coming up fast. As stated several times before in various places, as a paid Observer employee I am entitled to write an Inside Column. I reserved this Inside Column space solely for the purpose of cleaning house of all loose ends from my undergraduate years.

Here is a list of things I need to get off my chest before I move on to a new chapter in my life:



Adam Fairholm

Cartoonist

- ◆ To James: I told you I'd turn in that receipt for a reimbursement for the hat. I lost the receipt and the deadline passed. Sorry.
◆ To the Subway workers: I have tried very hard to enunciate clearly and vividly describe what my sandwich should be like in a non-demeaning way. However, you frequently seem sad as a collective whole. I have failed to cheer you. I'm sorry.
◆ To the ND chapter of Amnesty International: I signed up for your e-mail list when I was a freshman but never joined. However, I've been reading your frequent e-mails all the way through for four years. Also, thank you for the free pen.
◆ To the guy who runs the students with disabilities center: I'm sorry I signed up to be a note taker for class and then stopped turning in notes after a few months. There really wasn't anything to take notes on. I didn't put any hours into Ultratime, so I hope everything is cool.
◆ To the one guy in the football office whose fax machine I used in 2004: Sorry for the inconvenience. You seemed kind of pissed.
◆ To Marty: My public deconstruction of your headshot was out of line. I'm sorry.
◆ To Joe Rabbitt, my freshman year Philosophy TA: My paper on Voltaire sucked. I know it did. I'm sorry. I tried.
◆ To the security guard I verbally chastised for not letting me into D2 one football Saturday morning: I'm sorry. I had a bad night, and you also had an attitude.
◆ To the old man who told me it wasn't safe to stand out on St. Mary's lake when it was frozen: I don't know who you are, but you really annoy me still to this day.
◆ To the dining hall card swipers: I'm sorry one time my cousin and I went into the side of North where you can't pay to get someone in, knowing fully well that I couldn't pay for him on that side, and then had you tell me to go to the other side, and then I just walked into the dining hall with him. That was wrong but also surprisingly easy.
◆ To my Drawing I teacher: I never paid my \$70 art fee from 2005. But I e-mailed you about it and you never got back to me. So I'm sorry, but I'm not sorry at the same time, because we had to buy all of our art supplies anyway.

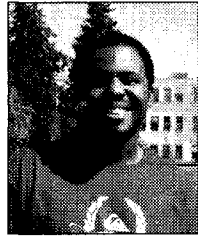
Thanks for letting me get that off my chest. I feel a lot better now. Oh yeah, and thanks for reading CroissantWorld for the past two years blah blah I'll miss it blah blah I love Notre Dame etc., etc. I love all of you yadda etc. blah.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Adam Fairholm at afairhol@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a caption accompanying a picture of Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage in Monday's Observer inaccurately stated that the photograph was taken during Sunday's game in Piscataway, N.J. The photo was actually taken April 24 at Frank Eck Stadium. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING STUDY DAYS?



Cliff Harris

graduate student off-campus

"I'll be taking my take-home final, doing research, grading exams and watching the NBA playoffs."



Peter Hoffman

graduate student off-campus

"I'm going to be in the basement of Fitzpatrick, making breakthrough discoveries."



Katie Mounts

senior off-campus

"Hanging out with Kathleen."



Kathleen Krcmaric

senior Farley

"Hanging out with Katie."



Ryan Duffy

senior Stanford

"Sleeping and forming an alliance with Quad Duck."



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame and South Bend community mourn South Bend Cpl. Nick Polizzotto at his funeral, held in the Joyce Center Monday. Polizzotto was killed April 24 while he investigated reported shootings at a motel.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform tonight at 7:30 in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The Band will be joined by jazz musician Jeff Clayton. Tickets are \$5 for the general public, faculty, staff and students.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against Illinois-Chicago tonight at 6:05 in Frank Eck Stadium.

The last day of classes at Notre Dame is Wednesday.

Finance professor Sophie Shive will deliver the lecture titled "Good Dollars Chasing Bad Dollars: The Impact of Venture Capital Funding on Industry Stock Returns" Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

Penny Peng, the mother of the first woman from mainland China to graduate from Notre Dame, will lead a presentation and discussion of her book "On the Great Wall," Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. This event is free and open to the public.

Purdue University finance professor Laura Frieder will deliver the lecture titled "Separating Up from Down: New Evidence on the Idiosyncratic Volatility - Return Relation" Friday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

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

OFFBEAT

Honey bun used to catch bear in West Va.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Ending a 200-pound bear's nightly ramblings through a subdivision required just a trap and some tempting bait: a honey bun and bacon grease.

For three nights, the bear rummaged through garbage cans, climbed on porches and tore down bird feeders in the subdivision outside Clarksburg, said Gary Foster, a wildlife biologist with the state Division of Natural Resources.

Alarmed residents called the DNR, which advised them to leave the bear

alone and keep their garbage inside. When that didn't work, DNR officials decided it was time to find a new home for the bear.

Inmates take swipe at toilet paper cuts

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Toilet paper is becoming a sought after commodity at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility after officials began limiting inmates to one roll at a time to trim costs.

Officials say the prison has long had a limit, but they learned recently that it hadn't been enforced. Increased enforcement began this month.

Under the prison policy, inmates are restricted to four rolls of toilet paper each month or on an "as-needed" basis.

Steve Schneider, public information officer for the prison, said officials also restated restrictions on other personal items, including soap and toothpaste, as a result of stockpiling and overuse.

The increased enforcement has angered many of the more than 1,600 inmates housed at the facility.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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become the vice chancellor of Information Technology and chief information officer at the University of Virginia at Wise, he said. The job's appeal grew, he said, with its added proximity to his family in Tennessee.

Faculty and staff members held a banquet yesterday to send Fowlkes, his wife and their two children off amid good luck wishes and farewell hugs.

Fowlkes said he will miss Saint Mary's, especially the many friends he made during his five-year stint at the College.

"I hope I've helped Saint Mary's to be a better place," he said. "It's been an honor for me to serve the college community at Saint Mary's. I wish the College so much success in the future. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming years. Thank you guys for being friends and colleagues."

The department of communication and performance studies must also deal with the loss of its chair, Pauley, who will take a job at Eastern University as the department head of communication studies.

Pauley said he wasn't looking for a new job, but that a friend approached him with the offer.

While initially he had no intention of taking the job, he said a conversation with members of his church caused a change of heart.

"I really felt that I needed to be open to that possibility, so I went, and I was open and really felt that this was where God was leading me. So the rest, as they say, is history," he said.

While he is looking forward to his new job, he said he intends to stay in contact with the Saint Mary's women that befriended him during his 16-year tenure at the College.

"I hope that the relationships that we have formed will transcend the fact that I'm no longer on faculty," Pauley said.

The administration was still searching for a permanent replacement Monday, he said, but it will appoint a temporary replacement for him in the interim.

The College's third loss, Plamondon, originally planned to retire at the end of this semester, but when she heard that Pauley was retiring, she decided to stay and teach one more semester, Pauley said.

With the loss of two of its best-known professors, Pauley said, the department would be "in trouble" if it didn't find suitable replacements in the near future, as the demand for communication courses and the size of the

classrooms has increased.

Students in the communication and performance studies major expressed their sadness at losing Pauley, and many wish him well, including junior Natalie Grasso.

"Dr. Pauley has had a huge impact on my academic experience at Saint Mary's," she said. "Though I was disappointed to hear of his departure from the College, I wish him all the best. Eastern University is lucky to have such a talented professor and honorable man coming its way."

Sarah Barnes, a sophomore communication studies major, also expressed how much she would miss Pauley.

"After my freshman year, I actually transferred to Notre Dame, but after a semester there and after many discussions with Dr. Pauley, I decided to transfer back to Saint Mary's," Barnes said. "He was a huge factor influencing me to come back to SMC. I am very sad that he is leaving, but I trust that he is making a decision that is in his and his family's best interest. I also trust that Saint Mary's will do the best possible job in the attempt to find a replacement for Dr. Pauley, although that person will have very big shoes to fill."

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Rossman named top in senior class

2007 valedictorian will graduate with 4.0

Special to The Observer

Michael Rossmann, a double major in theology and economics from Iowa City, Iowa, has been named valedictorian of the 2007 Notre Dame graduating class and will present the valedictory address during Commencement exercises at 2 p.m. May 20 in the Joyce Center arena.

Rossmann earned a 4.0 grade-point average and was a member of the Dean's List each semester. He also is a member of Notre Dame's Arts and Letters Honors Program, International Scholars Program sponsored by the University's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Theology Honors Program, and Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society.

Among his service activities, Rossmann participated in six seminars through

Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and served as a volunteer at the Our Lady of the Road Worker Drop-In Center and Logan Center in South Bend.

He taught English in Uganda, where in 2005 he completed a program in Development Studies at the School for International Training in Kampala. He also studied abroad in Morogoro, Tanzania, and Krakow, Poland, where he completed programs in the Kiswahili and Polish languages, respectively.

Upon graduation, Rossmann plans to study for the priesthood, joining the Jesuits at the novitiate in St. Paul, Minn.

The Commencement invocation will be offered by Carlin Hebert, a civil engineering major from Bennington, Vt., who will graduate with a 3.96 grade-point average.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills.

Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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should be doing better and should have better leadership," Schellinger said. "Running for governor is an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and take a greater social responsibility."

He said he is prepared to give Indiana what it needs to improve the state and obtain better leadership.

"One of my goals is making sure I listen and I hear what Hoosiers want. ... I reflect a

vision that reflects their values," he said.

Schellinger said he believes his major contributions to the state of Indiana will be to listen to the problems and ideas of his constituents.

"I will put forth common sense to solutions and tackle problems in order to unite the state and move it forward," he said.

His campaign co-chairs are Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, U.S. Representative Julia Carson of Indiana's seventh congressional district, former Indiana House Speaker John Gregg and Bob Schellinger,

his brother who is the head football coach at LaPorte High School.

The campaign for the primary elections, which will be held in May 2008, has taken over his agenda these days, Schellinger said. Even though catering to the needs of 6.4 million Indiana citizens keeps him busy, he said that it is a "fun busy."

While growing up, Schellinger

never had any political aspirations. But after he became a partner in the architecture firm,

it was "a catalyst to help people develop their core person" from a top administrative position, he said.

He credited Notre Dame with helping him cultivate social responsibilities and a commitment to making

contributions to the community. Schellinger said he often returns to his alma mater to

visit his family and attend football games — and he hopes to talk to more students during his campaign, he said.

Schellinger and his wife, Laura, live in Indianapolis with their three sons, Nick, John and Zack. He is the sixth of eight children and one of three that attended Notre Dame. His brother, Joe, an alumnus, works at the University as director of academic space management. Schellinger's mother, Pat, worked at the University for 19 years, he said.

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White

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committee, which includes the commissioners of the 11 Division I-A conferences and White, who is the only member representing just one institution.

"What I tried to say to the media on that given day is that I'm not going to chase every issue because of the unique position we're in, especially in the sport of football — we're sort of in a conference of one — and it's just not in our best interest for me to take strong positions on lots of issues," White said. "But if it's an issue that warrants a strong position, I'll take it."

For White, the benefit of his backing — and thus the force of the University's support — would have to outweigh the cost of responding and perhaps appearing defensive. Among the things that would meet his criteria for a public response would be a challenge to the tax-exempt status of university athletic departments.

After Alabama hired former Louisiana State and Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban for a \$4 million annual salary, interest about the possibility of revoking the not-for-profit status of college sports piqued in Congress.

Within a day of Saban's hiring, White responded in a statement about the fear of college sports losing its non-profit status.

"At some point, there was some concern that the academy itself, that the University, wouldn't catch the virus from athletics ... and there might be some attempt at Congressional intervention," White said, explaining his decision to vocalize his opinion on the issue. "If we were to lose our non-profit status ... it

would be highly problematic as it relates to intercollegiate athletics."

A response's value

But there are other times when a cost-benefit analysis says that putting the effort into responding to criticisms from afar isn't worth the benefit. And most of the criticism of Notre Dame is directed at its football operation.

White has sealed deals (either initial contracts or extensions) with four football coaches in his seven-plus years at Notre Dame — one with Bob Davie in 2000, one with George O'Leary a year later, at least

one with Tyrone Willingham and two with Charlie Weis.

Some columnists criticized Notre Dame for signing a 10-year contract extension with Weis in 2005 after he started 5-2. They pointed to Willingham's 8-0 start three years earlier and said it was inconsistent that Notre Dame would reward Weis and not Willingham.

But Notre Dame's contracts have mutual confidentiality clauses, which opens up possibilities of gray areas and unannounced contract details. For instance, Weis' extension has been the subject of great speculation, its total compensation estimated between \$20 million and \$40 million.

"I think all the indicators there were when we hired Charlie — and certainly shortly thereafter — that he is going to be, I think, an outstanding college football coach. He is going to be a tremendous recruiter. And he really does all understand all the uniquenesses of Notre Dame, and he has the ability to market the tradition and culture," White said last month. "And if that's the read you make, then you want to protect your investment, and you want to make darn sure that the

person that you just evaluated in that way is here for the long term. It's very simple."

When asked last month if any commentators criticizing Weis' deal had asked if Willingham received an extension, White declined to comment on the issue as a whole. Like in other cases, White had to decide if defending Notre Dame — and himself — from written or verbal attack would only fuel the fire, or if a response could be worthwhile.

At least in part because of Notre Dame's independent status and history of success, the University is a large target for pundits, White recognized.

"I listen to the conversations on the other side of the table. I knew how people felt about Notre Dame — I kind of had a good sense before coming," White said. "If I went public with everything I think or feel, it wouldn't be very smart. It would not be very bright."

Public image at ND

But there have been times when White has been forced into a much more visible role, and for an athletic director, that often indicates hard times for a program. In December 2001, after Notre Dame finished 5-6 in football, White fired Davie as head coach 12 months after signing him to a multi-year extension.

When White announced O'Leary as a successor within 11 days of Davie's dismissal, things seemed to be under control. But five days hence, O'Leary admitted to lying on his résumé — he falsely claimed to have earned a master's degree from New York University and said he was a three-year letterman on the New Hampshire football squad, though he only attended New Hampshire for two years — and promptly resigned.

With national attention fixated on Notre Dame once again, White issued a brief statement on December 14, 2001.

"I have accepted the resignation of George O'Leary as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame," White said in the statement. "George has acknowledged inaccuracies in his biographical materials, including his academic background. I understand that these inaccuracies represent a very human failing, nonetheless, they constitute a breach of trust that makes it impossible for us to go forward with our relationship."

"I intend to restart our search for a new head football coach immediately."

It was the measured response that has become a trademark of White's tenure at Notre Dame.

Two weeks later, on Jan. 1, 2002, White introduced Willingham as Notre Dame's new coach. That marriage lasted for three seasons, and White was faced with another tough challenge.

"To the people at the NCAA he's a man of impeccable integrity," White said of Willingham at

the coach's introductory news conference. "To the recruiting gurus, he's among the very best in attracting talent even while maintaining the highest SAT scores in the nation, he's a disciplinarian whose players love him."

Those virtues were not questioned in 2004, but Willingham's ability to lead the Irish to football success was. White walked a fine line between presenting a positive image of the University while not unnecessarily insulting Willingham.

"But I think I need to say, as I was thinking about it this morning, from Sunday through Friday, our football program has exceeded all expectations in every way," White said in the news conference to announce the firing. "The academic performance is at a fever pitch; it's never been better. Tyrone has done some wonderful things."

"But again, on Saturday, we struggled. We've been up and down and sideways a little bit, a little bit inconsistent. I think the program is closer than when he arrived, and I think we were making progress, by my view and view of the University, just doesn't make enough progress."

The "Sunday through Friday" comment struck some — both inside and outside Notre Dame circles — and critics of the school claimed it indicated the University was compromising its academic values in pursuit of football success.

Since then, White has been vocal in his support for the job Weis has done with the football team on the academic side — the athletic department has boasted about all-time-high team GPAs under Weis. Nevertheless White's words have been used against him.

But that's life as Notre Dame's athletic director.

"Whenever you throw something out there, just because it's Notre Dame, it's going to realize a pretty loud sound," White said. "Had I been at Arizona State, we wouldn't be having this conversation."

"You make the very best decisions that you can with all the information that's in front of you, and you just work really hard to make those decision work out in a successful way and do everything you can to support the decision you made. That's what you do because that's what your competitors are doing. This is not a precise or exact decision-making profession. A lot of variables, lots of elements to weigh in a decision."

Worry about "our competitors"

White's decisions, perhaps

more than those by any other athletic director's in the country, receive an unwavering level of scrutiny. There are complaints by columnists and commentators, message board posters and letter-writers about everything from scheduling considerations to basic word choice. But that's what happens at the highest-profile athletic department in the nation.

"To respond to every little issue, all I would be doing all day long — I would be in a responding mode, I would be in a defending mode. Sometimes if you let yourself get into that mindset, you fall into a state of paralysis. And we've got a lot of things to do here," White said. "Our competitors are USC, Michigan, Syracuse. We've got to spend our time and energy on people to compete with. That's what I think our coaches try to do, and that's what I think our administrators have to do."

And not get into those conversations when you don't get a lot of return on investment. Maybe that's an arrogant way of saying it, but if there's not a lot return on investment, I'm not going to spend a lot of time worrying about it."

What he is worried about is increasing the success of Notre Dame's 26 sports teams — something that has happened under his watch to a level never before seen in school history.

In 2006, Notre Dame finished an all-time best No. 6 in the Director's Cup, which measures success based on point values for finishes in all NCAA sports. Notre Dame has won four national titles under his leadership — women's basketball in 2001, fencing in 2003 and 2005 and women's soccer in 2004.

The hockey team reached No. 1 for the first time ever this season, which was the second for coach Jeff Jackson. Women's tennis has established itself as a national power, and men's soccer reached the national quarterfinals for the first time in 2006. Football has been to back-to-back BCS bowl games, and the men's and women's swimming squads have combined for more than a dozen Big East titles.

But challenges remain ahead, the biggest of which may be in terms of facilities.

Part IV of the series will look at White's "master plan" for Notre Dame sports facilities, and what the future may hold for the athletic department and White.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

5 al-Qaida terrorists jailed for life

LONDON — Five al-Qaida-linked men were sentenced to life in prison Monday for plotting to bomb a nightclub, power plants and a company doing work in Iraq — a plan that exposed links between their terror cell and the suicide bombers who attacked London's transit system in 2005.

The five, all British citizens, were convicted Monday of plotting to attack the London targets with bombs made from a half-ton stockpile of fertilizer after a yearlong trial in which prosecutors and an FBI informant claimed the group was linked to al-Qaida leaders. It was Britain's longest terror case.

Surveillance teams tracking the five men stumbled onto the transit attackers over a year before they killed 52 commuters on July 7, 2005, but officials failed to piece together intelligence in time to halt the blasts.

Olmert criticized over Lebanon war

JERUSALEM — In extraordinarily strong language, a high-level investigative panel sharply criticized Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday for "severe failure" in his handling of the war in Lebanon — a potentially fatal blow to his political survival.

Whether Olmert can hang on to his job will depend on how the Israeli people respond to the panel's report, which blamed him for "hastily" rushing into a war the army was not prepared to wage — and that many Israelis think emboldened the Jewish state's enemies.

An expressionless Olmert stared straight ahead and slumped against the back of his chair as the panel's chairman read the report, which cited "a severe failure in the lack of judgment, responsibility and caution."

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush still to veto withdrawal timetable

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday he wants to work with Democrats on compromise legislation to pay for the Iraq war but will carry through on his threat to veto any spending bill that sets a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal.

"I'm optimistic we can get something done in a positive way," Bush said in a Rose Garden news conference with leaders of the European Union.

The bill, which Bush has long threatened to veto, was expected to reach his desk on Tuesday. The House and Senate voted last week to approve the \$124.2 billion measure, which also calls for troops to begin being pulled out in October.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., urged the president to reconsider his veto.

More offshore drilling to be allowed

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department announced a major expansion of offshore oil and gas development Monday with proposed lease sales covering 48 million new acres off Alaska, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and in the central Atlantic off Virginia.

The 3 million acres that are 50 miles off Virginia's coast would require Congress to lift a long-standing drilling moratorium that has covered most ocean waters outside the western Gulf of Mexico for decades. The Democratic-controlled Congress has given no indication it is willing to lift the longstanding moratorium.

LOCAL NEWS

220 prisoners transferred after riot

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Prison officials have transferred a total of about 220 inmates from the New Castle Correctional Facility in the wake of Tuesday's riot, in part to free up room in segregation units for inmates who took part in the disturbance.

Eighteen inmates who had been in segregation cells at the New Castle prison were transferred to the Miami Correctional Facility on Wednesday to free up space for the inmates involved in the riot, said Ann Hubbard, a spokeswoman for that prison, which is near Kokomo, officials said.

IRAQ

Increased troops meet greater violence

104 American troops killed in April in sixth deadliest month since start of war

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Five U.S. troops died in weekend attacks, pushing the death toll past 100 in the deadliest month for American forces since December, the military said Monday as a wave of violence battered Iraqi civilians including a suicide bombing at a Shiite funeral.

The attack against the mourners north of Baghdad — claiming more than 30 lives — was the deadliest in a series of bombings and shootings that killed at least 102 people nationwide.

The rising toll for U.S. soldiers also pointed to a potentially deadly trend: More troops exposed to more dangers as they try to reclaim control of Baghdad.

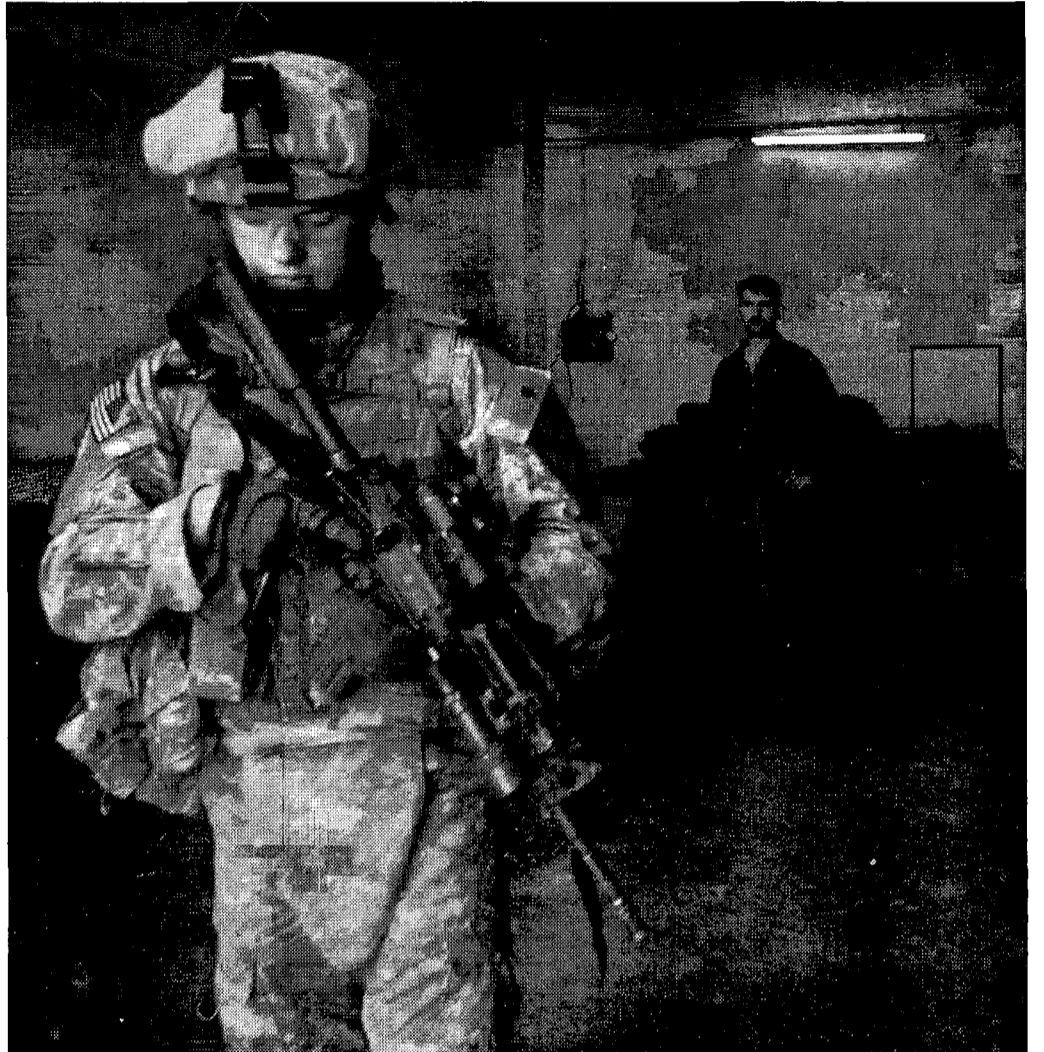
All but one of the latest U.S. deaths occurred in Iraq's capital, where a nearly 11-week security crackdown has put thousands of additional American soldiers on the streets — making them targets for both Shiite and Sunni extremists.

After sunset, thunderous explosions rocked central Baghdad — apparently from rockets fired toward the U.S.-controlled Green Zone. Warning sirens sounded in the heavily protected district, and witnesses saw smoke rising from the area. The U.S. military said it had no immediate information about damage or casualties.

The rockets appeared to come from a part of eastern Baghdad where Shiite militiamen operate. But the barrage suggested that Shiite gangs could be regrouping after falling back when the Baghdad security sweeps got under way.

In a statement Monday, the U.S. command said three American soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter were killed by a roadside bomb the day before in eastern Baghdad. Another U.S. soldier was killed Saturday by small arms fire in the same area, the statement said.

A Marine died in combat



Spc. Jeff Delaroy, 20, of the 1st Cavalry Division searches a building to determine the cause of bombings Monday in Mosul.

Sunday in Anbar province, a Sunni insurgent stronghold west of the capital, the military said.

The deaths brought the number of American service members killed in Iraq during April to 104 — eight fewer than December's toll of 112 and the sixth-highest figure for a single month since the war started in March 2003.

Last week, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, warned in Washington that "there is the very real possibility" of intense combat in the coming months and "therefore, there could be more casualties."

President Bush has committed some 30,000 extra American troops to the security operation in Baghdad,

but he is facing legislation by the Democratic-led Congress calling for U.S. troops to begin withdrawing from Iraq by Oct. 1. Bush has promised to veto the measure.

While American casualties are rising, U.S. officials say the Baghdad crackdown has reduced civilian deaths in the capital since the security operation was launched Feb. 14.

But figures compiled by The Associated Press from police reports show a rise in civilian casualties outside the capital, where extremists to refuge to avoid the Baghdad operation.

Police said 32 people were killed and 63 wounded when a suicide bomber struck the Shiite funeral in Khalis, about

50 miles north of Baghdad. The bomber walked into a tent filled with mourners and detonated a belt of explosives hidden beneath his clothes, police said.

Attacks on funeral gatherings are not uncommon. Suicide attacks are the hallmark of Sunni religious extremists, notably al-Qaida in Iraq.

"I saw panicked people running from outside the tent," said a mobile telephone dealer who was talking toward the tent when the bomber struck. "It was the most horrible scene I ever witnessed. I was shocked that somebody could commit this crime against people who were honoring a dead person."

Tenet: Revitalize Palastinian peace efforts

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former CIA Director George Tenet says the United States needs to revitalize the Palestinian-Israeli peace effort and do a better job leveraging its own diplomatic and economic strength to offset Iran's growing influence in the Middle East.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Tenet said discussions about Iraq need to be broadened to consider the entire region — with an eye toward "cauterizing and minimizing" Iranian political influence.

His to-do list for the Bush administration is long: "Change the political dialogue. Create a better sense of hope for the region. Talk to the regional partners about issues they

care about."

"The Palestinian-Israeli peace process has to be resuscitated at some point," said Tenet, whose new memoir, "At the Center of the Storm," provides details about his involvement in the peace talks during the Clinton administration.

Tenet said Monday that he worries about Iranian influence for a number of reasons, including Iran's sway over Syria and an influence in Palestinian politics that affects Israeli security.

He said U.S. political, diplomatic and economic strength is enormous — and can be used to offset Iranian influence. "We need to look at this region. Iraq's a problem. We are working through a difficult environment today," he said.

Tensions between Iran and the United States have grown. The Bush administration accuses Tehran of helping destabilize neighboring Iraq by supplying deadly weapons and stirring sectarian strife. On Monday, the State Department released a report saying that Iran remains the biggest supporter of terrorism around the world, with elements of its government backing groups throughout the Middle East.

Although recent tension has raised the prospect of a military confrontation between the United States and Iran, Tenet said he could not recall that any senior Bush administration officials were thinking along such lines when he stepped down in July 2004 after seven years as spy chief.

Festival

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the films they produce.

"Towards Darkness" is Negret Films' first production. It was one of 4,500 submissions to Tribeca and was among the 18 chosen to compete in its category, which also features a film produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, called "Gardener of Eden."

"It was exciting to be a part of something that also included something made by one of the greatest actors of our generation," Daniel Negret said.

The festival, founded by Robert De Niro, will continue throughout the week. Antonio Negret and his parents are still in New York, but

the younger Negret brother had to return to campus to prepare for final exams. The judging of the competition will take place Friday.

The film's production was a two-and-a-half-year-long process, Daniel said, but the concept began long before — when his older brother was still in college.

"Towards Darkness," a bilingual film, follows the kidnapping of a young man (played by Roberto Urbina) in Colombia and is "the story of what a family goes through," Daniel Negret said.

The brothers were able to land Ferrera as the female lead before she gained national recognition on the ABC sitcom.

"Towards Darkness" deals with a reality that is very personal to the Negret family and is inspired by "experiences we shared as a fami-

ly," Daniel said. Though the narrative is fictionalized, the film is a symbolic account of the "human side of a kidnapping," according to the film's Web site.

The film's shoot lasted 24 days on location in Panama. Daniel Negret couldn't be on location because it conflicted with his classes, but he flew to Los Angeles various times throughout the production.

He flew to New York Friday night for the premiere, and said he "tried to keep [his] expectations at a realistic level."

"I saw a lot of people at the cinema on line and then was so excited. The premiere sold out. They even had to refund some people," he said.

He and his brother walked the red carpet into the cinema, something he said he never expected to

do. Though he didn't have any major celebrity encounters, he said Elijah Wood and Eva Longoria were both premiering movies that weekend as well.

"It was a bit surreal, being there," he said.

The brothers hope a studio will pick up the film, which also stars Tony Plana of "Ugly Betty" and David Sutcliffe of "Gilmore Girls," at the festival.

On Sunday, critics and potential buyers had a press and industry screening of "Towards Darkness." The critical reviews have not yet been released, but Daniel Negret said the audience reaction — which was "fabulous and very emotional" — was "as good as it gets and everything we have ever wanted."

He said Negret Films does not

have any new projects planned for the near future.

"We want to see how our first film does first ... economically, emotionally," he said. "Our goal is to make more films eventually."

To accomplish everything necessary to make the film took a lot of work, Daniel Negret said the company needed "a lot of contacts" in the film industry just to get people to read the script.

"As unrealistic as it sounds, sometimes you just need to pursue it." Daniel Negret said of his childhood dreams. "We didn't know whether or not to go through with it because of money, but sometimes you just have to hold your breath and jump."

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Weddings

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be married in the Basilica during what would have been their senior spring semester. They decided to wait so they could be "financially independent" of their parents, who supported the couple's idea to get married, Miller said. And, Miller said, their parents have continued to support them even after MTV unveiled a show documenting the troubles faced by engaged couples under 22 years old.

"Our families were surprised but they know that we know what we're doing," Miller said. "The show 'Engaged and Underage' came out a week after we were engaged, but that's the opposite of what we are — we have an obvious calling to each other."

Amiri and Miller plan to be married in the Basilica, one of three venues available for weddings at Notre Dame, according to Basilica Wedding Coordinator Amy Huber.

"Campus weddings may only be performed in the Basilica, the Lady Chapel [inside the Basilica], and the Log Chapel," Huber said.

Students, alumni, and staff — people with an "association with Notre Dame" — are the only ones allowed to get married in the Basilica, Huber said. While she fields many calls from seniors and graduate students, most weddings in the Basilica involve alumni.

"I think the reason why most alumni choose to get married here is because Notre Dame is close to their heart and a lot of times this is where they have made that connection with that special someone," Huber said.

Interested couples are also advised to book early, Huber said. She schedules weddings a year or more in advance — while 2008 has "a few dates open," 2007 is "totally booked."

Undergraduate students who choose to marry cannot remain in their residence halls, according to Molly O'Neill, rector of University Village, which provides housing for married students. Students that are engaged but not married are allowed to remain in their dorms.

"Undergraduate residence halls are intended for single students," O'Neill said. "Students who get married are therefore invited to move to University Village, to live among a wide variety of student families."

Married students who decide to live in University Village are subject to similar conditions and rules as residence halls, but also benefit from events catering to married students, O'Neill said.

"We also follow many of the same rules that undergraduate dorms follow — except parietals, of course," O'Neill said.

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AMEX	2,195.28	-9.71
NASDAQ	2,525.09	-32.12
NYSE	9,627.73	-77.63
S&P 500	1,482.37	-11.70
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,400.41	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,449.20	-20.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.83	-1.24	148.29
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-1.31	-0.61	45.96
ISHARE RUS 2000 (IWM)	-2.11	-1.74	80.74
LEVEL 3 COMM (LVLT)	-3.47	-0.20	5.56
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.60	-0.18	29.94

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-1.45	-0.068	4.630
13-WEEK BILL	-1.46	-0.070	4.725
30-YEAR BOND	-1.39	-0.068	4.817
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Commodities

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POUND	0.5000
CANADIAN \$	1.1097

IN BRIEF

Supreme Court sides with Microsoft

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sided with Microsoft Corp. on Monday, finding that U.S. patent law doesn't apply to software sent to foreign countries.

In a 7-1 decision, the court rejected AT&T's position that it is entitled to damages for every Windows-based computer manufactured outside the United States using technology that compresses speech into computer code.

The telecom company had said computers running the Windows operating system infringe on AT&T technology for a digital speech coder system.

The decision could impact other lawsuits against Microsoft and save the company billions because of the global scope of its operations.

The Supreme Court said software should be treated like exported blueprints and schematics, to which U.S. patent law does not apply.

The court cannot say that Congress intended "to place the information Microsoft dispatched from the United States in a separate category" from blueprints, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in the majority opinion. "The presumption that United States law governs domestically but does not rule the world applies with particular force in patent law."

Delta exits bankruptcy protection

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. waved farewell to bankruptcy protection Monday and put down a welcome mat for a redesigned logo after surviving a hostile takeover bid during a 19 1/2-month reorganization that saw it shed billions in costs.

The board of directors of the Atlanta-based company will now turn its attention to picking a new leader to replace outgoing Chief Executive Gerald Grinstein and deciding whether to sell or spin off regional feeder carrier Comair.

Grinstein, 74, said in an interview during a bankruptcy exit celebration at Delta's headquarters that he expects choosing a successor for him to be the first priority for the board. He said he believes the board, which consists of seven new members, will spend May getting acquainted with the candidates and make a decision sometime after that.

Wolfowitz has no plans to resign

World Bank president says he acted transparently in securing girlfriend's promotion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz decried what he called a "smear campaign" against him Monday and told a bank panel he had acted in good faith in securing a promotion and pay raise for his girlfriend. He said had no plans to resign, and President Bush gave him a fresh endorsement.

In a statement prepared for the panel, Wolfowitz said the institution's ethics committee had access to all the details surrounding the arrangement involving bank employee Shaha Riza, "if they wanted it."

Wolfowitz told the panel, "I acted transparently, sought and received guidance from the bank's ethics committee and conducted myself in good faith in accordance with that guidance."

The special bank panel is investigating Wolfowitz's handling of the 2005 promotion and pay package of Riza, who was assigned to duties at the State Department to avoid a conflict of interest.

Riza, who appeared before the panel late in the day, said she didn't want to move in the first place and wasn't satisfied with the arrangement.

"I continue to believe that I should not have been asked to leave and that I was unjustly treated for reasons that I had no control over and still do not understand," she said in a statement to the panel. She also defended her pay.

"I should not be singled out for isolated finger-pointing when my salary level is within the same range as staff in my grade level who were not forced to leave their jobs," Riza said. She said the "media circus" over the issue has done "significant harm to my career, my personal well-being and my prospects to continue the work I love."

The controversy has led to



World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz is under investigation for promoting and giving a raise to his girlfriend, Shaha Riza, shown above in a photo released April 11.

calls for the resignation of Wolfowitz, who was an architect of the Iraq war in his previous job at the Pentagon. The bank's 24-member board is expected to make a decision this week.

Bush, meanwhile, said Wolfowitz "ought to stay. He ought to be given a fair hearing."

Wolfowitz contended that the controversy over the pay package was part of an effort to oust him from the office, which he has held for nearly two years. The institution's mission is to fight global poverty.

"The goal of this smear

campaign, I believe, is to create a self-fulfilling prophecy that I am an ineffective leader and must step down for that reason alone, even if the ethics charges are unwarranted," Wolfowitz said.

"I will not resign in the face of a plainly bogus charge of conflict of interest," he said.

As to his future leadership, Wolfowitz said: "only when the cloud of these unfair and untrue charges is removed, will it truly be possible to determine objectively whether I can be an effective leader of the World Bank."

Bush said Wolfowitz's fate

did not come up during a U.S.-European Union meeting at the White House. The European Parliament has called on Wolfowitz to resign.

As part of his defense, Wolfowitz, among other things, cited a Feb. 28, 2006, letter that he characterized as showing that bank's ethics committee had looked at the arrangement.

The panel's chairman, Ad Melkert, said in the letter that an allegation relating to "a matter which had been previously considered by the committee did not contain new information warranting any further review."

Consumer spending weak as gas surges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending rose at the weakest pace in five months in March as a surge in gasoline prices left shoppers with little left over for other items.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that consumer spending on all items was up 0.3 percent last month, the slowest increase since a similar rise in October. That lackluster gain came even though personal incomes rose by a healthy 0.7 percent last month.

The spending performance in March was even weaker when the effects of higher gasoline prices were removed. After adjusting for price increases, consumer spending actually fell by 0.2 percent in March, the poorest showing since September 2005 when the economy was suffering the aftershocks of Hurricane Katrina.

"People spent more in March but may be enjoying it less as the rising price of energy is cutting into what they actually take home," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, a private consulting firm.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 58.03 points to close at 13,062.91. But even with the loss on the final trading day of the month, the Dow still posted a 5.7 percent gain for all of April, its best performance since April 2003, as investors put aside worries about weak economic growth to focus instead on strong corporate earnings reports.

The weaker-than-expected consumer spending report on Monday added to worries that the economy could be in danger of stalling out if consumer confidence falters further in the face of rising gasoline prices and a slumping housing market.

"Unless spending posts unusually

large gains in May, the second-quarter consumption number is practically guaranteed to be awful," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital. He predicted that consumer spending will rise at an annual rate of around 1 percent, far below the 3.8 percent rate of spending growth in the January-March quarter.

Stanley said such a sluggish growth rate for consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, will translate into overall economic growth as measured by the gross domestic product of slightly above 2 percent in the current April-June quarter.

The government reported last week that the GDP expanded at an anemic 1.3 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter, the weakest showing in four years, raising new worries about the durability of the current five-year-old economic expansion.

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The end of senior year is a time to have fun with friends, get senioritis and reflect on the past four years of college. Whether we like it or not, this is the time to wrap things up and start thinking about the next leg of the journey. When I started with The Observer at the beginning of the year, I began keeping a list of topics to write about. As part of the general theme of wrapping things up, I'll share with you (in no particular order) the remaining topics that never quite made it to full column status. Enjoy!



Jonathan
Klingler

Forward the
Revolution

10. The restrictions imposed by the CCC and the Student Activities Office (SAO) are simply too much to handle. I've been involved in one club or another since freshman year, and simple tasks like changing officers or reporting expenses become sinkholes of wasted time. Things have improved with SAO Online, and the people at the SAO are great, but the bureaucratic hurdles are still awful, particularly with the CCC.

9. Student groups should focus their energies on action and not just some vague form of "awareness." Does a display of shoes, crosses or pinwheels on South Quad lead to action which will deter terrorist slaughter in Iraq, alter the composition of the Supreme Court or provide further investment for alternative energy? I think not, but action can be combined with a demonstration, like Shack City for example.

8. In general, people at Notre Dame are genuinely and sincerely committed to doing the right thing. I've met many people elsewhere who engage in protests and activities without really understanding what they're doing, but that is rare here. Despite accusations that Notre Dame students are apathet-

ic, most of the people I know here are idealistic, informed and active people who are committed to making the world a better place.

7. The Registrar and the Office of International Studies have no control over room assignments in the dorms. If you are mad that you don't have a place on campus when you come back from being abroad, don't go complaining to them, talk to your hall staff. Also, it's just sad that hall staff can effectively force allergic students out of their dorms for the sake of their pets.

6. There are problems that only force can solve. Campus crime alerts ensure that we are constantly reminded of the dangers which pervade our fallen world. I can't imagine that anyone would seriously disagree that a well-armed domestic police force is necessary to establish justice and prevent evildoers from destroying society, despite occasional, prosecuted, abuses. Members of our armed forces are doing the same in Afghanistan and Iraq to eliminate disorder there and prevent terrorists from attacking us at home. Lives lost in pursuit of justice are never wasted, whether they are in South Bend or Kandahar.

5. Don't pull a stop and chat on the sidewalk. I once saw two people sitting on the ground and reading in front of the busy doors of DeBartolo during class time. I'm serious. It's really annoying to have to walk around clumps of people having full conversations in the middle of the walkway when you're almost late for class. Kindly move to the side, and enjoy yourselves without being a roadblock.

4. There is no unanimous consensus on climate change. Over the past year, there has been a concerted effort to shut down scientists who object to the theory that global warming is caused by human activity. There's a significant body of peer-reviewed research in support of natural climate change. If global warming is the greatest threat humani-

ty faces, we really should have a free and open public debate regarding its causes rather than the McCarthyite labeling of those who disagree with Al Gore as "global warming deniers." Truth can be inconvenient for everyone.

3. I've never been turned down by, in a relationship with, or dumped by a Saint Mary's student. I'm saying this simply to set the record straight for a number of angry readers who had convinced themselves otherwise. Unfortunately, many people read a lot more into my Feb. 13 column ("Saint Mary's — we need to talk") than what I wrote, and I'm sorry for underestimating the long history and intense emotions of the issue. No hard feelings.

2. The drinking age should be lowered to 18, but you should still be 21 to buy alcohol. Many people already begin drinking in high school, and many of our parents were able to drink legally before we were. If people are really concerned about binge drinking, they should make sure that we all can start drinking in high school when we at least have parents around rather than have people go crazy freshman year.

1. Use your leftover Flex Points to buy supplies for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. This week, the College Republicans will be collecting food at the Huddle, and those who donate will receive raffle tickets for a few prizes and other goodies. Rather than waste your Flex Points on junk or let them expire, use them to help out those in need!

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I detest that man who hides one thing in the depths of his heart, and speaks for another."

Homer
Greek poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not who wins the fight that's important, it's being willing to fight. If you get challenged and renege, everyone wants to take a shot at you."

Barclay Pager
hockey player

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Proud of strides made by gender-relations committee

Dear Members of the Notre Dame Community:
 In April 2006, I formed an ad hoc committee to foster a wide-ranging discussion on our campus of gender relations, roles and ways to prevent violence against women. The committee discussed, and various members of the committee helped plan and produce, three events. In November, the student-produced play *Loyal Daughters* addressed issues of sexual assault and other forms of sexual coercion that affect members of the Notre Dame community. In February, two events were presented. The Edith Stein Project hosted a two-day conference, *Toward Integral Healing for Women and Culture*, focused on ways in which victims of violence may be healed, extending its discussion to the healing of all who are negatively impacted by a social context which promotes eating disorders, pornography and sexual violence. Later in that month, a panel discussion, enti-

led *Sex and the City of God*, used an episode of the popular television series *Sex and the City*, to bring Catholic teaching into conversation with contemporary issues of sexual morality, feminism and relationships between women and men. Taken together and in conjunction with offerings of various departments such as the Gender Relations Center, I believe these initiatives were valuable in contributing to a deeper awareness of the tragic reality of sexual violence, a more serious engagement with questions of sexual morality, and a greater openness to addressing questions and issues with the resources of both reason and faith guided by the Catholic tradition. I am proud of the efforts of the committee as it worked together, sharing perspectives and plans. My sincere thanks go to the members of this committee for their commitment and service. I chaired the committee, and its members are the following:
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 As we approach the end of this academic year, committee members believe there is still work to do. At our last meeting, the consensus of the committee was that the group should continue its work for another year, building on the successes of this year. I concur. We will continue the work of the committee for another year, replacing some members who are graduating or, for other reasons, can no longer serve.
 My thanks as well to everyone in the community who contributed to these discussions.
 In Notre Dame,
 Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
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Society has progressed toward rejecting conformity

These days, it's tempting to think individualism is dead here in corporate America. Spend a few minutes on the Quad and you can't help but notice all the North Face jackets and the Ugg boots. And of course, don't forget the white earphones wrapped around people's heads, signifying their status as iPod groupies. On first thought, you might think the "i" in iPod represents individualism. But if you consider the millions of other people sporting the same device, you'll quickly change your mind.
 The cynics see all this, too. The problem is they see only this, while ignoring how different people are today compared to past generations. There was a time, a few generations ago, when all the girls wore dresses and headbands and all the guys wore slacks and dress shirts. True, not everyone was wearing the same designer label, but almost everyone wore the same style. Thankfully, that's not true today.
 There was a time, a few decades ago, when drug use was not only cool and common, it was also expected. If you didn't smoke dope, then you weren't an individual. You were a goody-two-shoes loser. If you couldn't play an instrument — specifically, the guitar — you weren't called an individual. You were called an outcast. True, people weren't all buying weed and guitars from the same person or store, but a lot of people were buying them. Thankfully, that's not true today.
 You might say the same is true today of alcohol. But I disagree. I've always been surprised by the number of straight-edge people on campus and the level of acceptance they receive from their peers.

Zac Cummings
 Daily Orange

The cynics say TV continually promotes the homogenization of American culture. They used to be right. Almost all our grandparents watched "I Love Lucy." Almost all our parents watched "The Brady Bunch." But thanks to cable TV, most of us watched a list of shows so long there isn't enough room on this page to print them. We weren't spoon-fed one or two messages. We had a buffet to choose from.
 While we're talking about media, let's not forget the Internet, specifically pages like MySpace and Facebook. Sure, we all feel pressured to join the same network, but we can customize our own corner of it however we'd like. The "About Me" section of my Facebook profile is chock-full of my favorite quotes and snippets of poetry I've written.
 Even the insidious world of iLife contributes to our own individualism. iTunes allows us to access a greater array of music than any previous generation ever dreamed of. We can tailor our iPod playlists to our exact tastes and rock out to the beat of our own bass line.
 Members of our generation not only have more freedom to be ourselves, but we can prove it, too. Unlike past generations, we won't have trouble identifying our differences. Our greatest challenge will be identifying — and building upon — our similarities.
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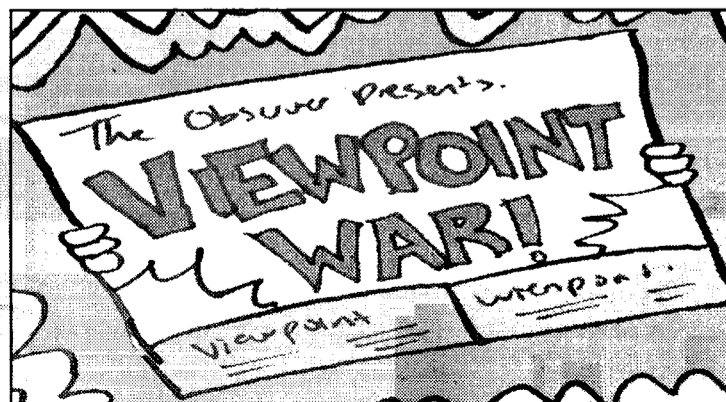
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'Samurai' simply stunning cinema

There comes a time in every man's life when he realizes that only his friends read what he writes and everyone else ... well, they just don't care.

These are the life and times of an assistant scene editor at The Observer. Some people have devoted most of their college career to this paper, whereas I made out like a stowaway and jumped onboard only this year. The experience has been fun, heartwarming and all around scene-tastic. Working for the best, yet oft ignored section in the paper has made me realize that a good graphic goes a long way and not everyone will agree with you.

One of the foremost jobs of any Scene writer is to review DVDs. I've reviewed some good ("THX 1138," "Patton") and some bad ("Stick It," "Night at the Museum"). That being said, there is one DVD I never reviewed, but wish I had. It is a Criterion release (read: "totally badass if you're a nerd like I am"), and it comes from the one and only master of the samurai film — the oft-impersonated, never-duplicated Akira Kurosawa and his legendary "Seven Samurai."

This three-disc set was given to me one Christmas, and it is one of the best gifts you could give a cinema buff — ever. The film is spread across two DVDs, restoring the flick to the glory it had when first released.

If you take an introductory course on filmmaking and then watch this film — your enhanced appreciation would make it like watching Pollack paint or Beethoven conduct. It is like watching a genius that has a knowledge of the cinema that moves beyond mere technicality and enters an arena that we call

art.

As a disclaimer, I am going into what is called "auteur" theory in the biz of film studies, which — for those of you who know me — I think is mostly a load of horse dung.

Kurosawa, however, restores my faith that cinema can be masterfully done as both an art form in style and pleasurable in story. The samurai master not only composes and cuts shots together well, but he knows how to weave an engaging yarn that shifts from drama, to humor, to tragedy and all those little emotional nooks and crannies in between.

If I sound like a fan-boy, it's because I am a fan-boy. The three-disc set of "Seven Samurai" may be one of the best DVD releases, well, ever. The people who run the Criterion Collection know what they are doing and have set the benchmark in film to DVD transfers.

My time at the Scene section of The Observer now comes to a close but I would like to leave The Observer with a few parting words.

In the immortal lines of Emmett "Doc" Brown, "And so, The Observer, I now say farewell and wish you Godspeed. You've been a good, kind and loyal friend to me, and you made a real difference in my life. I will always treasure our relationship and think on you with fond memories, warm feelings and a special place in my heart. Your friend in time, Marty Schroeder."

Whoever knew I could write something so touching.

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The good, the bad and the ugly

There are a lot of good movies coming out this summer, "Spiderman 3," "Shrek 3," "Pirates 3," "Transformers" — and the list goes on.

Its another summer of sequels (it seems like every summer is the summer of sequels these days, which makes you wonder if there's any creativity left in Hollywood), many of which will bring storylines to an end that have been in progress for years, perhaps even as long as some of us have been in college.

While these will surely pull in billions of combined dollars and dominate news headlines (see tomorrow's Scene section), I would like to take this chance to inform readers of some other, lesser-known sequels premiering this summer that "could" be just as worthy of our money as any of the "tentpole" movies coming out in the next month.

"Surf's Up" (June 8)

Maybe this isn't exactly the sequel to "Happy Feet," but it's close enough. Here, animated penguins will compete at the Penguin World Surfing Championships in what is being termed an animated mockumentary. Shia LeBouf (who's in pretty much every movie these days) voices the lead surfer penguin in what is the third or fourth penguin movie to come out in the last few years. I'll admit that penguins are cool animals, but this has seriously gone too far.

"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" (June 15)

I'll admit, I haven't seen the first movie, but that's because it looked really, really awful. Pretty much every critic in American seemed to think so

too, and the movie wasn't the hit the studio thought it would be. And now they're making a second one? Do we need to see more bad writing, poor effects and lame acting tarnishing the genre of superhero movies? Unfortunately, the answer is yes.

"Underdog" (Aug. 3)

This remake of the old television show where a dog receives super powers already promises to be a smash hit — in Disney's pocket book. While the original cartoon was fun, and sometimes even funny, this looks like it will

have fairly mediocre computer graphics and a storyline filled with so many spoofs that it'll get lost along the way.

"Daddy Day Camp" (Aug. 10)

This sequel to 2003's "Daddy Day Care" brings back none of the main original cast, instead placing Cuba Gooding Jr. in Eddie Murphy's role as the boss of a Day Camp for kids. Fred Savage (yes, that Fred Savage) directs what should be a poor sequel to what was originally quite an entertaining film.

Hopefully this list will help the discerning moviegoer keep in mind ALL of the sequels coming to theaters this summer and maybe even help whittle down the list to what needs to be seen in theaters ("Underdog," anyone?) — and what might be a more of a wait-for-it-to-come-out-on-video thing.

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Film students have unique

I didn't arrive at Notre Dame as a film student, but I leave as one.

People have said that I'm obsessed with cinema, and they're right — but why not? What other medium speaks to us with such force and power? It evokes emotion with such clarity and vigor that we are moved. No other medium is capable, on such a consistent basis, of making us laugh or cry — or to make us react in fear or anger or disgust.

I'm often asked if studying film as a discipline has inured me to it; if rigorous and detailed examinations of movies I love have made it impossible for me to simply enjoy them.

If anything, it's been the opposite — I've spent much of my time here watching films, reading about films and writing about films, all of which has only deepened my appreciation. As with most things, understanding how something works only adds to the intrigue and sense of wonder — seeing a particularly well-made film can be a breathtaking experience.

There are few things more magical than being swept away by a great movie. I can remember sitting in theaters watching films like "Children of Men," "The Departed," "300" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" with a sense of awe, while I thought to myself, "There are men and women out there who made this." Men and women who dreamed of a great picture, and found a way to make it reality.

When I interviewed legendary cinematographer Haskell Wexler earlier this



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"Patton" and "Seven Samurai" are two films that fall into the category of classics, and both films approach an art form.



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Along with movies such as "Pirates of the Caribbean 3" and "Spiderman 3," this summer's lineup will inevitably include busts.



The unique viewpoint afforded an films such as "Children of Men" and

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Students unique view

semester, he told me that it's amazing that so many great films are made every year — and he's right. We are fortunate because the golden age of cinema is not behind us in some distant mystical world, it's here and now.

It's not unfathomable to me that in a hundred years people will watch the films being made today, turn to each other and say, "Wow ... they sure don't make 'em like that anymore."

I didn't arrive at Notre Dame as a film student, but I leave as one — I don't just mean the kind of

student that sits in a classroom or takes tests. I mean the kind of student who learns from the cinema, who understands and respects its power, who believes in its endless capabilities and (most importantly) its ability to inspire us to dream.

Godard once said that the cinema is life. I believe this to be true, even more now than I did when I arrived at Notre Dame four years ago. I believe in the power of cinema, and I know that there are men and women out there who believe as I do — men and women with names like Coppola, Fincher, Aronofsky, Nolan and Cuarón.

Men and women who believe and dream that there's still some magic dust left in that old silver screen, and if there is, that they're determined to catch it and mold it and bring it to life.

Believe it.

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TT major affects the way great "300" are seen.

Criticism proves a hard pill to swallow

Criticism is a dangerous dish — it's easy to serve, but hard to digest.

The biggest element of writing for Scene is being a critic — making personal judgments and assessing those to the readers.

As with any subjective opinion, there are a lot of people who disagree with our views. We frequently run multiple reviews of a single movie since we recognize divergence of opinion, even within our staff.

One of the biggest lessons that I have learned in working as a staff member is how to deal with criticism and backlash regarding stories I have written. Generally speaking, the most feedback that I have received has been through e-mail (and once, Viewpoint). These tend to directly address specific problems or debate a point within an article.

It's amazing though how often — and how easily — criticism can transform from a constructed argument against a piece of writing and into a personal attack. We've all seen it happen on the grade school playground where arguments quickly devolved into scathing attacks of "well, you're fat!" or "so, you're stupid!"

A quick and easy Google search will lead to one of American Idol Kellie Pickler's fansites, on whose message boards one of my reviews has been quite unpopular.

Although I positively reviewed her album, the uber-fans misunderstood many comments in my review and retorted with lots of negative feedback. A few are legitimate comments, while the rest have simply mocked me for my apparent lack of understanding about the music industry, or that the article came from a student newspaper. These insults don't actually solve anything, nor do

they address any actual problems with the article.

As college students at Notre Dame, it's nice to think that kind of childish behavior would have ceased by now.

The hardest events to review are those that take place on campus, since negative criticism can be taken personally and not objectively. The difference between reviewing a campus event and reviewing a movie, however, is that the makers of "Robin Hood" aren't likely to read my review at all — let alone take it as a personal attack. When it's a campus event that you've taken part in,

however, it's easy to take the smallest amount of criticism personally.

But this should not happen. Much like the rabid Kellie Pickler fans, calling someone a "slow-witted numbskull" doesn't actually address complaints against an individual article.

So as we seniors go out and enter the world, there's one lesson that I would like to make sure all Notre Dame graduates carry with them — gracefully accept criticism. If a boss or a co-worker doesn't like your report, that doesn't mean that you should go and write graffiti in the bathroom.

Instead, learn, listen and respect the opinions of others — even if they aren't the same as your own. And if you disagree, then find constructive ways to make your own voice heard — without resorting to attacking another person.

After all, we are heading out into the real world — not to recess.

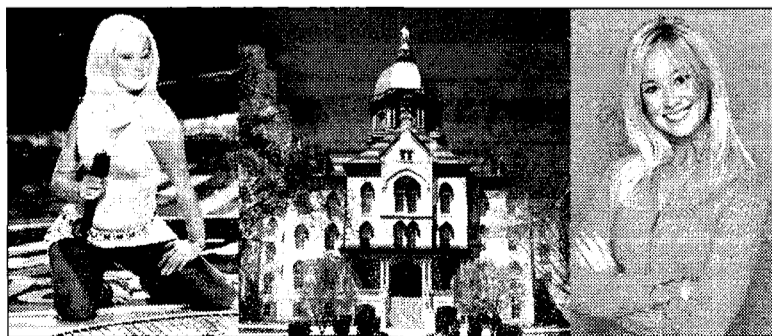
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Even within the protective environment of the Notre Dame bubble, harsh criticism of musicians — and critics — is a fact of life.

The movies that shape us

As far back as I can remember, movies have been the language I've never been able to unlearn. Over the years, I have had my fair share of dialects go in one ear and out the other. But more than English, Hindi, Telegu and Spanish — all tongues I can speak fluently — film has become one of my fluencies, as it is for millions of others.

More than the words of any particular region, film has been the most useful and effective cognate in my life, one that bridges the barriers of culture, class and particularly language.

To say I was raised as a global child would not be much of an exaggeration. I was born in India, raised in England and matured in America. All told, I've called 10 different cities home on three continents. Now, on the eve of graduation, I'm set to find a new home.

To mark the occasion, here's a look back at a few films that mattered to me.

◆ "Mr. India" (1987)

Think "Indiana Jones" meets "Inspector Gadget." My parents inspired me with their deep love for Indian cinema, and this story of a 30-year-old man who looks after orphaned children is the optimistic person's "Oliver Twist." Both rousing and heartwarming, it continues to remind me of my heritage, no matter how far I may travel from it.

◆ "The Land Before Time" (1988)

Yes, the death of Littlefoot's mother traumatized me, like Mufasa's plummet would a few years later. But more than any other movie outside of "The

Sandlot," it captures the never-ending wonders of childhood innocence. It was the film I watched on repeat for afternoons on end. (I can't say the same for its two billion sequels.)

◆ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)

I have yet to meet a person who dislikes this gem, which is a rare distinction. No movie holds the human spirit more highly than this one. It's the very definition of a modern classic, a film that will be talked about for decades to come.

◆ "Fight Club" (1999)

No movie speaks to teenage rebellion quite like David Fincher's dark masterpiece. Those looking for pointers on how to win a fistfight are missing the point. Edward Norton's conflicted but well-intentioned protagonist is the star of the show, despite how close Brad Pitt's smoldering Tyler Durden comes to stealing it.

◆ "The Lord of the Rings" (2001-2003)

I was 14 when I saw my first "Star Wars" film. As a result, I tragically missed the golden hour in my childhood for one of the cinema's great fantasy epics. Fortunately, Peter Jackson's epic filled that gaping hole nicely, sweeping us away on an epic adventure that felt as real and tangible as the one in George Lucas' far-flung galaxy.

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Films like "Fight Club" and "The Shawshank Redemption" are more than just flicks — they can shape who we truly become.

CLUB SPORTS

Irish spring teams wrap up regular seasons

Special to The Observer

Sailing

For the first time in over a decade, Notre Dame qualified for the National Championships by finishing second in a tough 11-team field to earn one of two automatic bids.

The Irish fought tough battles in both divisions. In the 'A' division Saturday, Irish skipper John Dailey began with crew Ali Donahue. But as the breeze built, heavier crews Jaci Chase and Joe Peris rotated in to help deal with the 20-knot winds. 'B' Division skipper Tim Roy began Saturday's racing sailing with Kerry Kilbourn, but went to the heavier Chris May as the day progressed.

At the conclusion of first day, Notre Dame held second, with Northwestern, Michigan Stat, and Minnesota all close enough to make a move Sunday.

Racing Sunday was postponed until mid-morning due to lack of wind. When the breeze filled to eight to 12 knots, the Irish skippers went back to their light air crews.

In the final 'A' division race, Dailey and Donahue used their superior speed to overcome questionable tactical decisions and finish second. Roy and Kilbourn won the final 'B' division race, easily holding the lead from the beginning.

The Irish finished second behind Wisconsin, holding off Minnesota by seven points. Northwestern and Michigan rounded out the top five finishers.

Cycling

Notre Dame headed south to Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Ind., this weekend for the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference championships, and secured starting spots for the USA Cycling Collegiate National Championships. Junior Matt Prygoski also earned an individual conference championship.

A 12-mile team time trial and a

road race were held Saturday. The road race finish was on top of Bean Blossom Hill, rated the toughest climb in Indiana by Bicycling magazine. In the men's 'B' race, Ty Baker competed and finished with the pack.

Meghan Johnson and Jenn Perricone lined up for the elite women's 'A' race. Johnson finished outside of placing, and Perricone came just short of scoring points in 21st place.

Andy Steves, Matt Prygoski, Mike Lavery, Neil Griggs and Tim Campbell took the line in the 65-rider, 60-mile 'A' race field. The race consisted of four laps of a 15-mile circuit, requiring the riders to climb Bean Blossom four times during the race along with another tough climb in the middle of the course. Campbell kept the Irish represented in breaks that attempted to escape the peloton, but none of them managed to stay away. This allowed the rest of the Irish team to rest inside the peloton and exhibit their climbing skills for the hill finish.

Prygoski came on strong for a fifth place finish. Lavery was caught behind a slow group but still placed 15th, with Griggs close behind at 18th. Campbell was forced off the road into a ditch before the climb and finished with Steves, both a minute off the lead.

Prygoski, Griggs, Lavery and Campbell started the 12-mile time trial also. The course was difficult, being primarily uphill and into the wind. Speeds were slow for the 'A' teams and the Irish hit the time checks ahead of the competitors. Unfortunately for the Irish, time trial specialist Mike Lavery's chain malfunctioned, causing the rest of the team to take off without him. Without Lavery's power sticks, the team slowed and limped into an eighth place finish.

A mile loop at a small park in Mooresville, Ind., was host to Sunday's criterium.

Baker signed in for the Men's B race and rode aggressive early, but

fell to the back of the peloton and finished outside of placing. Perricone and Johnson started the Women's 'A' criterium and fell off the fast pace early. They chased hard, but were pulled towards the end of the race and unable to finish.

Campbell, Steves and Prygoski took the line in the 65-minute elite men's 'A' criterium. Prygoski took 10th, while also collecting a prime sprint and securing his spot as the top rider in Notre Dame's division. Steves raced well, finishing 16th, with Campbell behind him just outside of placing.

Men's Rowing

Based on its performance through this past weekend, all five of Notre Dame's boats qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships. This past weekend's Indianapolis Collegiate Invitational was an ECAC qualifying regatta, and the Irish turned in stellar performances.

Radhika Deva raced the varsity-four with Taylor Donaldson, Josue Rodriguez, Craig Wiborg and Tomas Castillo, and earned a fourth-place finish during the morning heats, qualifying for the petite finals.

Notre Dame's top novice boat barely missed qualifying for the grand finals, taking fourth in a tightly contested race. Julie Lambe's second varsity-eight qualified for the afternoon grand finals by finishing fourth in their morning heat.

Lambe's crew finished just over two seconds behind two Michigan boats and a Minnesota boat. The varsity-eight crew also qualified for the grand finals by taking third in their heat, behind Marietta and Purdue.

The first final of the afternoon was the second novice-eight, which earned a fifth-place finish in its final. Deva's varsity-four (7:26.1) dominated the four-boat petite finals, putting nearly nine

seconds between themselves and second-place Northwestern (7:34.9). The first novice eight also won their petite final over Dayton, Miami, Butler and Northwestern.

Ultimate

This weekend Notre Dame traveled to Rantoul, Ill., to compete in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament of the UPA College Series to compete for a spot at the national championships.

The Irish were the seventh seed in the 16-team field, but failed to qualify for nationals after two losses in the double elimination tournament.

Play started Saturday with a rematch against sectional opponent Northwestern. Notre Dame had lost to the No. 10-seed Wildcats two weeks ago. Notre Dame came out firing with strong offensive play from sophomore Daniel Reimer and took an early 8-3 halftime lead. But Northwestern responded in the second half with added intensity. Notre Dame kept its composure and held on for a 17-15 win.

The next game was against second-seeded Illinois, who had defeated the Irish in the sectional finals. The Irish fell behind early on sloppy play, eventually losing 15-5 despite strong scores from captain Steve Kurtz.

Notre Dame entered its match with No. 16 Ohio Northern, which just came off an upset win. The Irish started off strong with solid handler play from junior Mike Florack and sophomore Thomas Rivas, cruising to a 15-3 win.

In Notre Dame's next game, Miami came out with intensity and took an early 5-1 lead. Notre Dame then began to dominate on both offense and defense and slowly took control of the game. Miami could not recover as the Irish went on to capture a 15-8 win.

Sunday morning saw the Irish challenge top-seeded Ohio State. Inspired play by the Irish led to an

8-6 lead at the half. But the Buckeyes controlled the second half and prevailed 15-10, despite strong play from Chris O'Neill.

Notre Dame finished tied for fifth in the conference, ending the season with a 32-19 record.

This weekend, the Notre Dame women team played in their Regional qualifying tournament in Rantoul, Ill. The tournament featured the top 12 teams in the Great Lakes region, with the winner of this tournament advancing to the Ultimate Players Association National Championship in Columbus, Ohio.

Notre Dame played in five games Saturday during pool action. The wind proved to be a tough opponent all day, with upwind break points the difference in many games. Notre Dame went 3-2 on the day, beating Wheaton 9-3, Oberlin 11-6, and North Park 11-6.

The toughest games for the Irish were against Illinois and Ohio. Notre Dame faced Illinois first, a team with a significant height advantage that had shut down the Irish throughout the season. The Irish kept the game close and were tied 9-9 as the game neared its cap at 11. But Illinois scored a final upwind point and the subsequent downwind to take the game 11-9.

Notre Dame entered Sunday's bracket seeded third and slotted to play Northwestern — another sectional rival and frequent opponent.

The teams had met twice in the Sectional tournament two weeks prior, with Northwestern winning both matches. Notre Dame came out strong, keeping the game close early. Notre Dame took the first half 8-7 and struck first after the break.

Northwestern threw a zone that shook up the Irish, shifting the momentum away from Notre Dame. The Irish lost 15-10 to Northwestern, who then went on to defeat Illinois and Michigan to take the Regional Championship and the Great Lakes bid to Nationals.

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NCAA Div. I Women's Tennis FILA Collegiate Rankings

	team	avg.	prev.
1	Stanford	94.29	1
2	Georgia	87.81	3
3	Georgia Tech	87.30	2
4	Florida	84.57	4
5	Northwestern	82.78	5
6	Clemson	80.21	7
7	NOTRE DAME	79.50	6
8	USC	78.04	8
9	Miami	75.34	9
10	California	73.66	10
11	North Carolina	72.67	12
12	UCLA	69.90	11
13	Baylor	61.70	15
14	Fresno State	58.79	16
14	William and Mary	58.79	13
16	Vanderbilt	58.50	14
17	Florida State	48.43	18
18	Arizona State	47.39	19
19	Wake Forest	47.26	17
20	Pepperdine	46.82	21
21	Tennessee	44.10	20
22	Duke	42.59	22
23	Michigan	42.39	26
24	Indiana	37.30	25
25	South Carolina	36.18	23

MIAA Softball Standings

	team	conf.	over-	percent
1	Alma	14-2	27-9	.875
2	Tri-State	12-4	28-8	.750
3	Hope	12-4	24-11	.750
4	SAINT MARY'S	8-6	23-7	.571
5	Olivet	7-8	19-12	.467
6	Calvin	6-8	10-18	.429
7	Adrian	4-8	15-11	.333
8	Albion	3-13	10-24	.188
9	Kalamazoo	1-15	4-23	.062

Men's Div. I Baseball USA Today Poll

	team	record	pts.
1	Vanderbilt	39-8	761
2	Rice	37-11	711
3	Florida State	39-7	706
4	Texas	37-12	681
5	Virginia	37-10	614
5	North Carolina	37-10	614
7	Arkansas	35-12	578
8	South Carolina	33-13	510
9	Oregon State	34-9	507
10	Arizona State	34-12	463
11	Wichita State	36-12	428
12	Texas A&M	35-11	396
13	Mississippi	30-16	317
14	Pepperdine	30-15	287
15	Arizona	32-11	281
16	San Diego	34-14	280
17	Clemson	29-15	272
18	Coastal Carolina	36-9	214
19	Oklahoma State	31-13	186
20	Cal State Fullerton	27-15	182

CRICKET



Pakistan cricket coach Bob Woolmer, right, speaks to player Imran Nazir March 13 after a loss in the Cricket World Cup. Woolmer, 58, was murdered March 18 in his hotel room after Pakistan was knocked out of the Cup.

Drugging unconfirmed in coach's murder

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The top Jamaican policeman investigating the homicide of Pakistan's cricket coach said on Monday he has not confirmed that Bob Woolmer was incapacitated by a drug before being strangled.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that a toxicology test on Woolmer's body shows the presence of a drug that would have incapacitated him.

Mark Shields, the deputy police commissioner in Jamaica, emphatically said his investigators have not concluded that Woolmer was drugged.

"No results and we have

NOT confirmed anything," the former Scotland Yard policeman said in a text message to The Associated Press from his cell phone. "Work is ongoing."

Woolmer, 58, was found unconscious in his room in Jamaica and within an hour declared dead in a hospital on March 18, the day after his squad was upset by Ireland and eliminated from the World Cup. Police said he was strangled.

Shields said toxicology tests were done in Jamaica and sent with British police officers to a government-owned laboratory in their country, The Forensic Science Service, to be "independently verified."

Shields has not yet heard back from the British laboratory. He would not discuss whether the toxicology tests indicated the presence of a drug that could have incapacitated Woolmer.

An employee who answered the phone at the laboratory's headquarters in Birmingham, England, after business hours said nobody was available to comment.

The BBC's Panorama program did not identify the drug or the source of its information, and said toxicology tests were due to be given to Jamaican police next week. In London, Scotland Yard said it has no information and that the investigation and all inquiries are being handled

by police in Jamaica.

Shields has said in the past that foreign investigators would examine theories that Woolmer may have been drugged. He said that would have made it easier to strangle a man as large as Woolmer, a former England test batsman.

"A lot of force would be needed to do that," Shields told the BBC. "Bob Woolmer was a large man and that's why one could argue that it was an extremely strong person, or maybe more than one person, but equally the lack of external injuries suggests that there might be some other factors and that's what we're looking into at the moment..."

IN BRIEF

Steinbrenner backs Torre despite Yankees record

NEW YORK — George Steinbrenner has spoken: For now, Joe Torre has his backing to turn around the Yankees following a start the owner termed "clearly not acceptable."

Torre was joined by general manager Brian Cashman on the team's charter flight to Texas for a three-game series against the Rangers that starts Tuesday night.

Steinbrenner challenged players and staff "to show me and the fans what they are made of" and said of his \$195 million team: "I believe in them."

Steinbrenner previously had refused comment on the last-place Yankees, who went 1-5 against the Boston Red Sox the past two weekends. New York has lost eight of nine and is last in the AL East at 9-14. Entering Monday night's games, only Kansas City and Washington (both 8-17) had poorer winning percentages.

Ginn Jr. unsure if he'll be healthy by training camp

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins coach Cam Cameron might want to brace for another round of boos: Top draft pick Ted Ginn Jr. says he's unsure whether he'll be healthy for the start of training camp.

Ginn paid a visit to the Dolphins' complex Sunday and said his sprained left foot will be in a boot for about a month. Rehabilitation will follow, and Ginn said there's no guarantee he'll be ready to practice when camp begins in three months.

"It's whatever the training staff says," the speedy Ohio State receiver-returner said. "I hope that I'm going to be able to be there day one."

Ginn will miss mini-camp May 4-6, but the Dolphins said they expect Ginn to be healthy for the start of training camp.

"We feel good about Ted's foot," general manager Randy Mueller said.

Tank Johnson pleads guilty to weapons misdemeanor

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — Chicago Bears defensive tackle Terry "Tank" Johnson pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor weapons charge Monday as part of an arrangement with prosecutors that will keep him from serving additional time in jail.

The 25-year-old Johnson pleaded guilty to one count of possessing a firearm without an owner's identification, said Mary Stanton, chief of the Lake County Court's misdemeanor division.

He was ordered to serve 45 days in jail, which will be served concurrently with a four-month sentence he's already serving in the Cook County Jail for violating his probation, she said.

Johnson also was ordered to donate \$2,500 to the Gurnee Police Department and \$2,500 to the Gurnee Exchange Club's child abuse prevention program.

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NBA

Nets at Raptors
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9:30 p.m., TNT

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Sabres at Rangers
7 p.m., Versus

Ducks at Canucks
10:30 p.m., Versus

NBA

Spurs headline defensive squad

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Duncan made his 10th straight NBA All-Defensive first team Wednesday, and San Antonio teammate Bruce Bowen was the top vote-getter in being selected for the seventh time.

Completing the team were: Denver Nuggets center Marcus Camby and guards Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Raja Bell of the Phoenix Suns.

Bowen, a forward, received 42 votes, six more than Duncan. Camby, the Defensive Player of the Year, was chosen for the first time.

"Honestly, besides winning a championship, that was the only other goal I had," said Camby, who had made the All-Defensive second team the last two seasons.

Bryant earned his seventh selection and Bell his first.

Duncan is tied with former Chicago Bull Scottie Pippen for the second most All-Defensive team selections. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is first with 11.

Bowen and Duncan helped the Spurs hold opponents to 90.1 points (first in the NBA) and .433 shooting from the field (third). San Antonio has finished in the top five in both categories in each of Duncan's 10 seasons.

Camby led the NBA in blocks per game (3.30) and was tied for fourth in rebounds (11.7). Bryant ranked 17th in steals (1.44). Bell often matches up against the opposition's best offensive player.

The second team was: Chicago's Ben Wallace and Kirk Hinrich, New Jersey's Jason Kidd, Detroit's Tayshaun Prince and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett.

Voting was done by the league's 30 head coaches, who were not allowed to vote for their own players.

Cavs complete sweep of Wizards

Rockets defeat Jazz to take 3-2 lead in their first-round series

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's sweeps week in the NBA. Even the Cleveland Cavaliers got in on the act.

The Cavaliers completed a playoff sweep for the first time in franchise history Monday night, beating the Washington Wizards 97-90 with yet another unconvincing performance, doing just enough to beat a depleted team that nearly emptied its bench in the first half.

LeBron James labored through an 8-for-22 shooting night, but he made 14 of 17 free throws to finish with 31 points for the Cavaliers. He also had 11 rebounds and seven assists, including back-to-back assists to Zydrunas Ilgauskas in the decisive final minute.

Ilgauskas finished with 20 points and 19 rebounds, and he and Larry Hughes (19 points) scored 18 of Cleveland's final 20 points.

The Cavaliers became the third Eastern Conference team in three days to finish a first-round sweep. Detroit dismissed Orlando on Saturday, and Chicago ended defending champion Miami's season on Sunday.

The Cavaliers have won only six playoff series in their history, and this series was the first time the franchise has won consecutive road playoff games. The Southeast Division, meanwhile, went 0-12 in the playoffs.

"Last year, going into the playoffs, it was all about making the playoffs," James said. "I

hadn't been there in my NBA career, and Z hadn't been there since his rookie season, so that was our main focus, 'Let's make the playoffs, let's make the playoffs.' We've got bigger and better things now. It's about winning (the) championship, and we're one step closer."

The Cavaliers beat the Wizards in the first round a year ago — winning three games by one point — but Washington had Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler, who both missed this year's series with injuries. Washington had its season end with a playoff loss on its home court for the third straight year, but this one will be remembered with an asterisk because of the two missing All-Stars.

Once again, Antawn Jamison carried the Wizards, and once again his team came close to pulling the upset.

Washington trailed by one point with less than two minutes to play, but two doses of the James-to-Ilgauskas combination essentially settled the game. In between those two baskets, Jamison had the hard-luck moment of the series when he committed a turnover by dribbling the ball off his left foot.

Jamison finished with 31 points. Darius Songaila scored 12 of his 16 in the fourth quarter, and Antonio Daniels had 13 points and 12 assists for the Wizards, who lost their last eight home games — six in the regular season and two in the playoffs.

Rockets 96, Jazz 92

A change of scenery was just what the Houston Rockets needed to regain control of their

playoff series with Utah.

Tracy McGrady had 26 points and a career-high 16 assists, and the Rockets beat the Jazz Monday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Yao Ming scored 21 points, sealing the victory with two free throws with 11 seconds left. Yao also grabbed 15 rebounds, the last one in the closing seconds after Deron Williams missed a desperation 3-pointer.

Back home after two lethargic losses in Utah, the Rockets rediscovered their shooting touch, going 35-for-75 from the field (47 percent) and 12-for-24 from 3-point range. They also outrebounded Utah 42-39.

The Rockets can clinch their first postseason series victory since 1997 in Game 6 on Thursday in Utah. Utah dominated the first two games there and hasn't lost to Houston at home since March 2005.

Carlos Boozer scored 26 points but had only eight rebounds, denied a double-double for the first time in the series. Derek Fisher added 17 and Williams had 13 for the Jazz, who've lost three straight Game 6s.

Utah's last win in a Game 6 was a 103-100 victory over Houston in the 1997 Western Conference finals.

McGrady left the game in the first quarter with a hip pointer, but came back to score 20 in the final three quarters. He hit 11 of 25 shots and also grabbed four rebounds.

From the start, McGrady was more aggressive driving to the basket than he was in Utah.

He was fouled with 3:09 left in the first quarter, then drove for another layup with 2:40 left.

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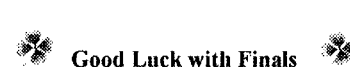

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MLB

Toronto beats Texas thanks to Halladay's gem

Atlanta's Hudson pitches well a day after the death of college teammate; Pirates down Cubs in late innings

Associated Press

TORONTO — Roy Halladay threw a five-hitter, Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 6-1 Monday night.

Troy Glaus and rookie Adam Lind also homered for the Blue Jays (13-12), who secured their third straight winning April with the victory.

Halladay (4-0) struck out eight and walked none in his second complete game of the season. He went 10 innings in his first one, leading Toronto to a 2-1 victory over Detroit on April 13.

Halladay has worked at least seven innings in each of his past five starts. He retired eight in a row between the first and fourth and 11 straight between the fourth and the eighth against the Rangers.

Toronto got to Vicente Padilla (0-4) for three runs in the second. Glaus led off with his third homer, Matt Stairs followed with a single and Hill homered into the second deck in left, his fifth. Padilla then retired three in a row to get out of the inning.

Lind hit a two-out solo drive to right in the seventh, his third. All three of Lind's homers have come in the past four days.

Padilla gave up four runs and six hits over seven innings. He walked four and struck out four.

Braves 5, Phillies 2

Tim Hudson honored college teammate Josh Hancock with another strong outing and Andruw Jones won it for the Braves with a three-run homer in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

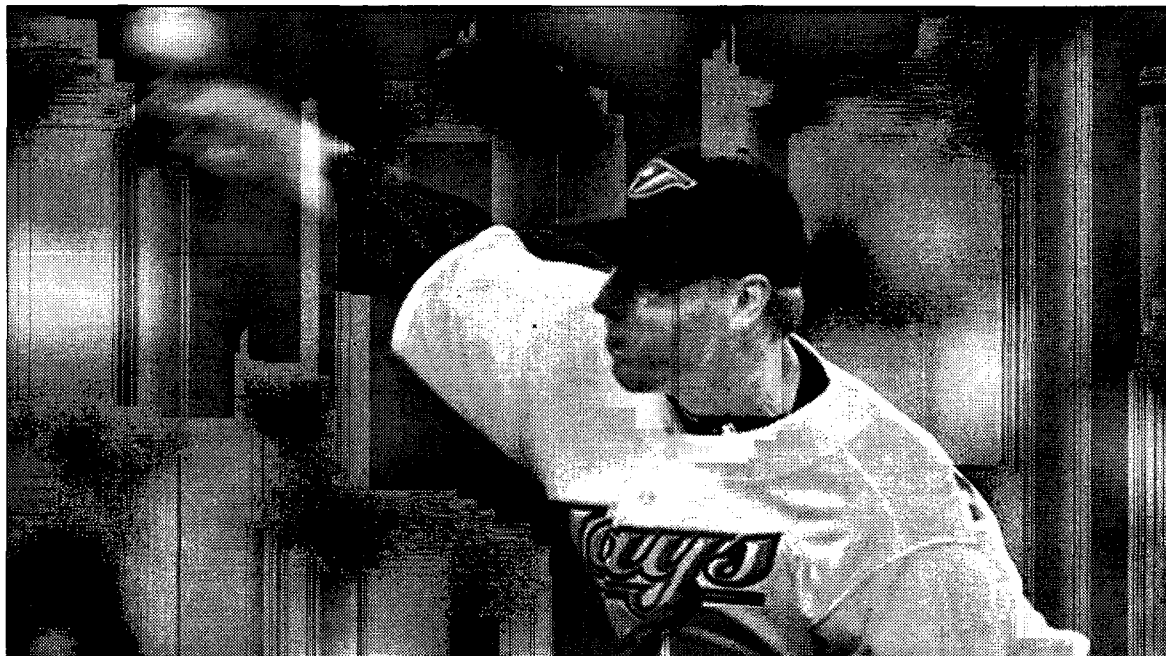
Pitching with a "JH" on the front of his jersey, Hudson allowed only four hits in eight innings though he didn't get a decision.

In the bottom of the ninth, Kelly Johnson led off with a single, Chipper Jones walked and Andruw Jones hit a towering drive into the left-field seats off Antonio Alfonseca (1-1).

Chipper Jones also homered for the Braves.

Hudson was good friends with Hancock, the St. Louis pitcher who died early Sunday in a car crash. The two played together at Auburn in 1997, when Hudson was the Southeastern Conference player of the year and Hancock was a freshman. Together, they helped lead the Tigers to the College World Series.

While Hudson failed to improve to 4-0 for the first time in his career, he has clearly regained the form that made him one of baseball's top starters in Oakland. He struggled last season for the Braves, going 13-



Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay delivers during Toronto's 6-1 triumph over Texas at the Rogers Centre Monday night. Halladay struck out eight batters in nine innings.

12 with a career-worst 4.86 ERA.

This season, Hudson has lasted at least seven innings in each of his first six starts, not allowing more than three runs in any of them. His ERA is 1.40.

Hancock's death wasn't the only loss on Hudson's mind. The right-hander's long-ailing grandmother also died over the weekend, and he'll be heading to Columbus, Ga., on Tuesday for

her funeral.

Pirates 3, Cubs 2

Jason Bay hit a one-out homer in the eighth, an inning after Pittsburgh tied it on Ronny Paulino's double, and the Pirates came back from a two-run deficit to beat the Chicago Cubs Monday night.

Bay's homer, an opposite-field shot off Michael Wuertz (0-1) that barely reached the right-

field bleachers, was his fourth of the season and his 100th with the Pirates. Bay is the 20th player in club history to hit that many.

Salomon Torres, the Pirates closer who had been scored upon in six of his previous eight appearances, pitched a scoreless ninth for his eighth save in 11 opportunities.

Matt Capps (2-0) won it by pitching the eighth.

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said. The first game went scoreless until the third inning when Belles senior shortstop Sarah Miesle doubled to right center, driving sophomore pitcher Calli Davison home.

Adrian responded with a homer from sophomore Carmen Batway, pulling the Bulldogs into the lead at 2-1. The Bulldogs scored again in the fifth on a sacrifice fly.

In the sixth inning — the Belles' most successful this season — senior designated player Laura Heline, Rashid, sophomore Cathy Kurczak and freshman Maureen Healy all scored unearned runs to vault Saint Mary's to a 5-3 win.

Belles sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram was dominant in the second game, fanning 10 batters while giving up seven hits in

a 10-3 thrashing of the Bulldogs. Riding the momentum from game one, the Belles came out swinging. Rashid knocked a two-run shot to left — her fifth homer of the season. Healy scored on a wild pitch, and Davison scored an unearned run.

The Belles continued their spectacular play as Miesle drilled a grand slam in the second; freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, Davison and Healy scored on the play. Miesle and Peterson scored the final two runs in the game during the fourth inning on Heline's double.

In 2006, the Belles were 11-5 in MIAA — a win better than this season — but they are still content with their regular-season performance.

"We're happy with how we're finishing the season and heading into conference play," Rashid said.

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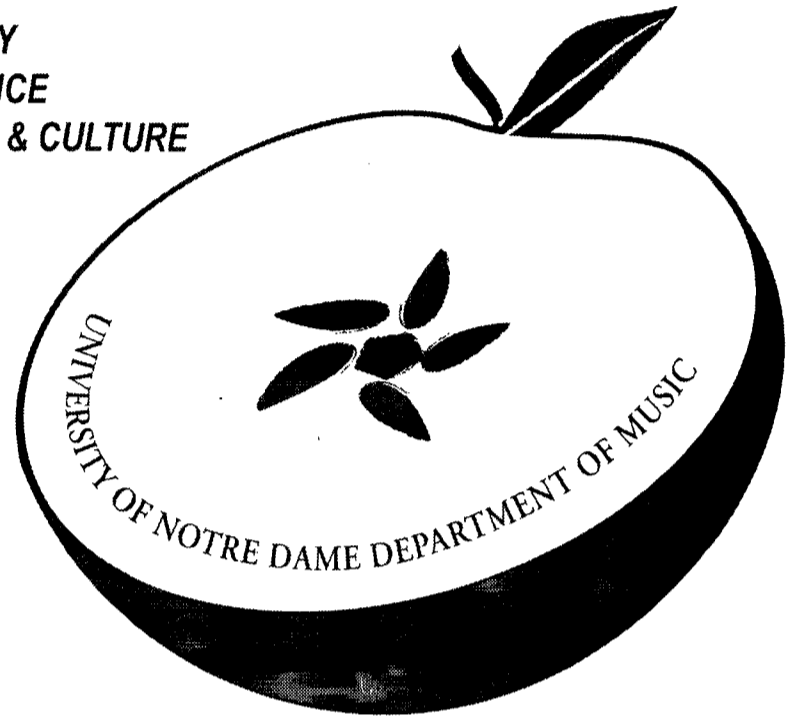
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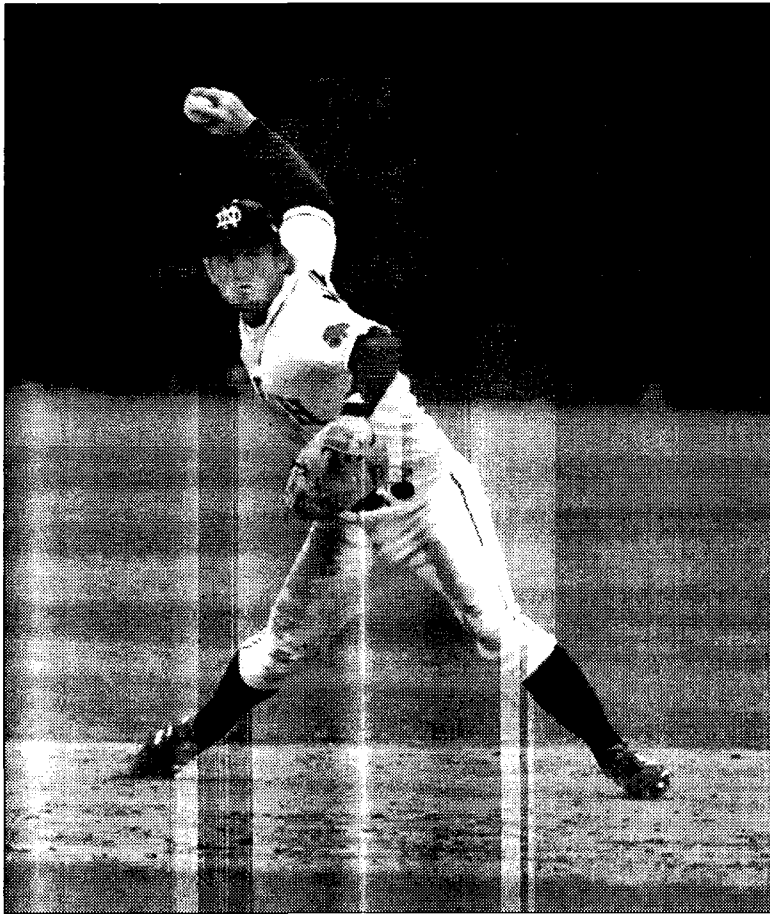
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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish shortstop Brett Lilley throws to first during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Purdue April 18 at Frank Eck Stadium.

UIC

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hope to maintain their momentum before taking on Seton Hall in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium beginning Friday.

"We just want to keep playing like we have been the last three weeks," Schrage said.

The Irish took the rubber match against Rutgers on Sunday after splitting a double-header Saturday. Sunday's win was the 500th of Schrage's career and put the team in a sixth-place tie with West Virginia in the Big East standings. The top eight teams in the conference earn a bid to the tournament.

In today's contest, the Irish will send either senior left-hander Wade Korpi or sophomore righty Brett Graffy to the mound. Notre Dame had not announced this week's starting rotation as of Monday night.

After leading the Irish with a 7-2 record last season, Korpi is just 1-5 in 2007, although he boasts a respectable 4.15 ERA. Graffy, meanwhile, is 2-2 with a

5.13 ERA. He has struck out 22 batters in 33 1-3 innings of work.

Whoever that starter is, he will attempt to cool down a Flames offense that has plated at least six runs in eight of the team's last nine contests.

UIC also had not announced its probable starter Monday night. But it may not matter who take the hill against the Irish.

The Notre Dame offense, like that of UIC, comes into the contest on a roll. The Irish scored in each of the final two innings against Rutgers to pull out the 6-4 win.

Shortstop Brett Lilley and third baseman A.J. Pollock — the first two hitters in the Irish lineup — have set the tone for the rest of the order. They lead the squad with batting averages of .375 and .364, respectively.

Sophomore second baseman Jeremy Barnes, meanwhile, continued his hot hitting against the Scarlet Knights. He went 4-for-11 and delivered the game-winning triple Sunday.

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Relay

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400 open. The only difference is a short running start and you have a baton in your hand."

Although the races themselves are similar, both Powell and Molnar mentioned mental discrepancies.

"The biggest difference is there's a lot more pressure in a relay because you're just running for yourself, you're running for your teammates," Powell said. "One bad leg can ruin the whole race."

"I just really want to show the other guys that I can run fast," Molnar said.

Even though the training for the race does not differ from the training for the open 400, one leg is not equal to another. The fastest athlete usually anchors the race and the second-fastest begins it. The second and third spots are interchangeable.

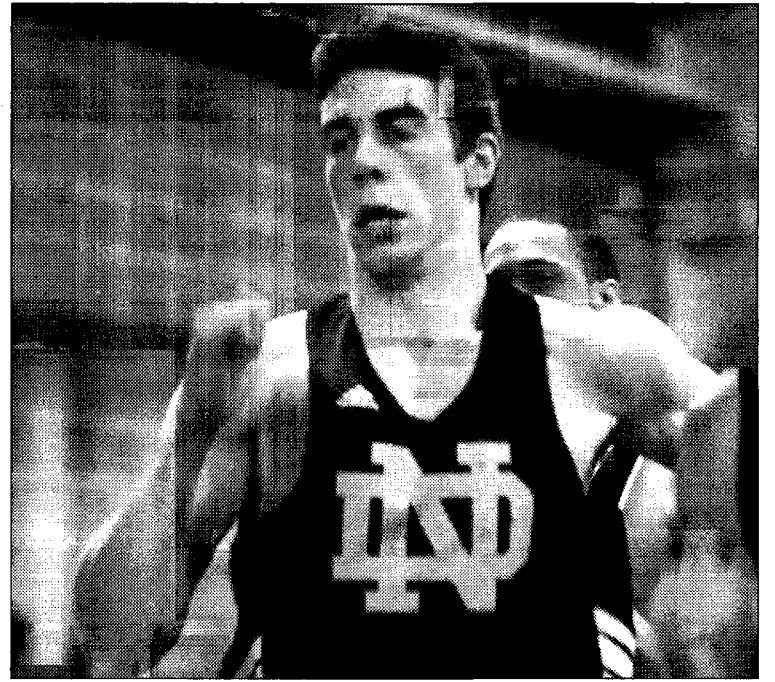
"You want to have a really strong leg to start off because you want to be in the race," Powell said. "We were having problems with that last year, we didn't have a strong lead-off and after the first leg we weren't in the race and we couldn't compete."

The difference between relay races lends itself better to some runners than others.

"Relays are really fun compared to a regular race," Postel said. "You definitely don't feel as tired when you run, there's a team aspect to it and your adrenaline's pumping more. You typically run better in a relay just because it's more fun. But sometimes I just like the idea of running by myself."

Molnar agreed with that sentiment.

"I really prefer the individual



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Fifth-year senior Ryan Postel is one of four Irish racers in the team's successful men's 4x400 relay.

because the success is bigger than a relay," he said. "The success of a relay is split into four parts."

The competition to make a relay team is fierce; Powell said six or seven members were in a tight race for four spots since late August. But rather than hurting the team, the competition can serve to improve their running, he said.

"We're always competing in practice and always competing to be top runners," Powell said. "I think it's really helped probably everyone's performance."

Relays can also breed friendship. Powell and Postel, who have run the 4x400 relay together since Powell's freshman year, live together off-campus. Postel lived off-campus last year and, when looking for a roommate, felt Powell would be a good fit.

"We'd been good friends since freshman year, and it

seemed like it would work perfectly," Postel said.

"I've always kind of looked up to Ryan as kind of a leader and example, especially in running," Powell said. "I thought living with him would probably improve my running and overall lifestyle."

Heading into the Big East Championship meet, the team hopes to add to the Irish point total. To do so, they require the support of every member.

"Sometimes we speak about the relays, especially right before the competition," Molnar said. "We always shouted, 'Come on, let's win', all together, all members of the team. And it's like touching my heart and I'm gaining a lot of energy before the race. It's kind of helpful and the atmosphere is better if you run more relays."

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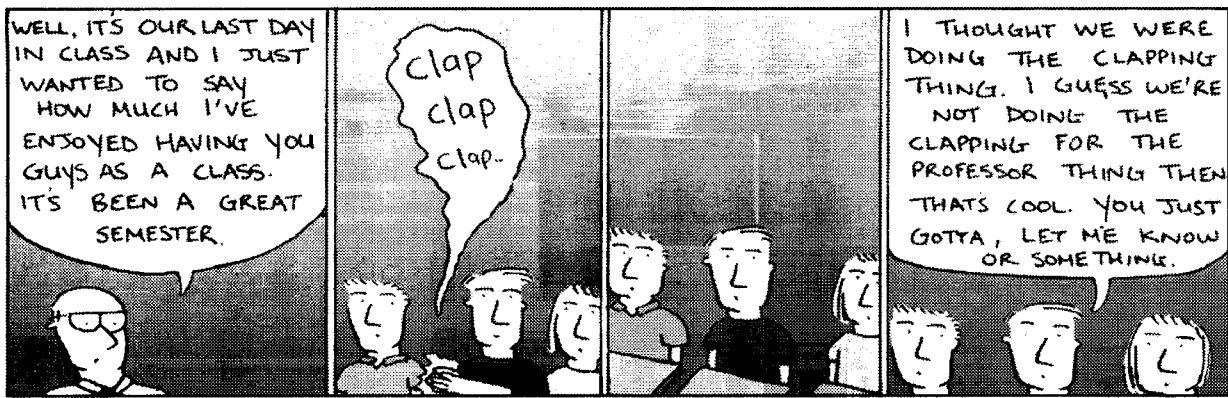
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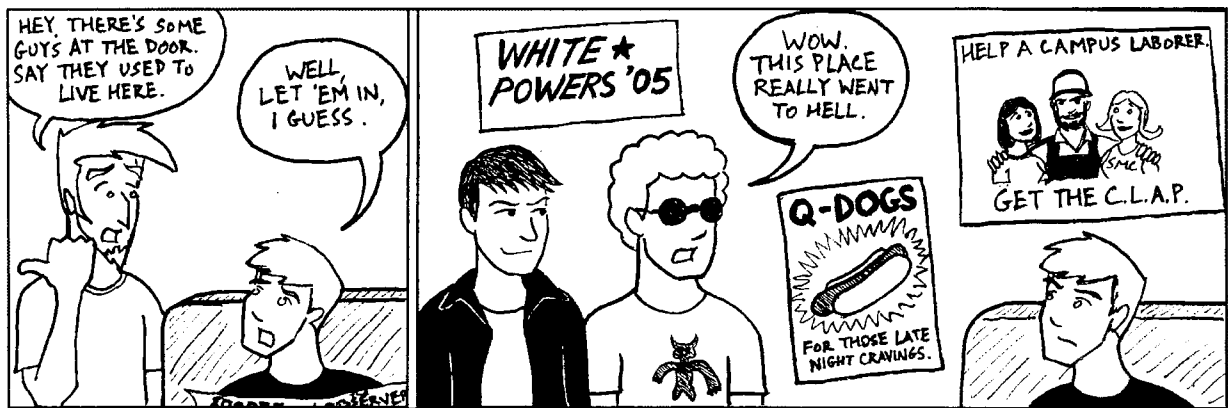
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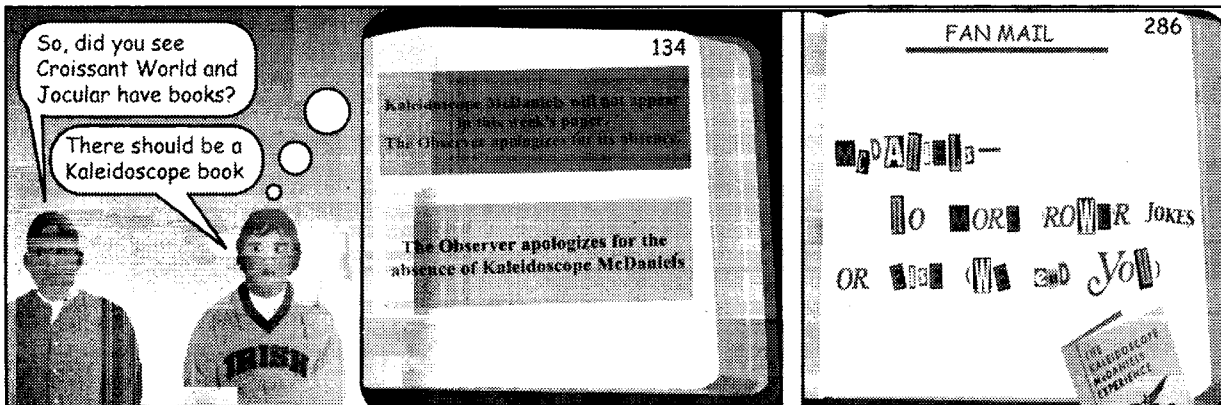
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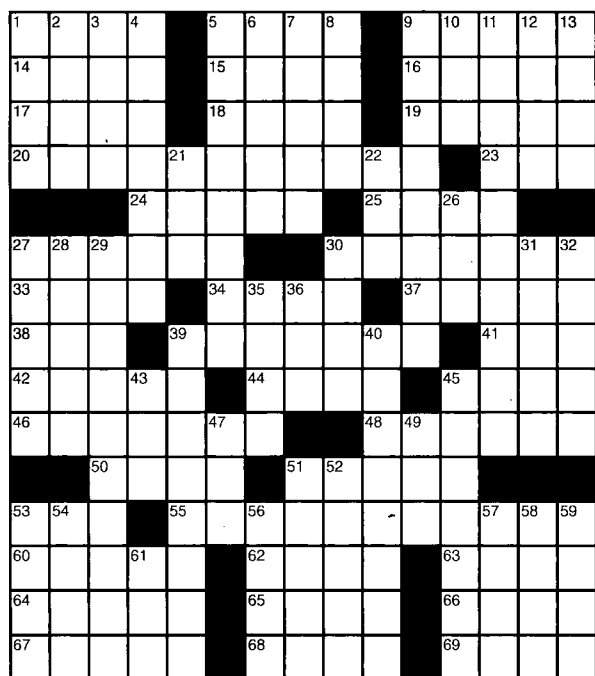
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46 Like the B-2 bomber
48 Quaking in one's boots
50 "Diana" singer
51 Dote on
53 Big Blue
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60 Whistle-blower's exposure
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63 Out of kilter
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5 Where we are
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11 Love something offered at home improvement stores?
12 Gossipy Barrett
13 Joint that may jerk
21 A, in Ardennes
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29 Wow Willie?



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40 Like Betamax
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45 Examine by touching
47 Brewpub fixture
49 Org. in "The Good Shepherd"
51 Wise old heads
52 Fabric fold
53 "In that case ..."
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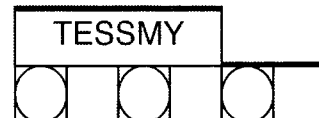
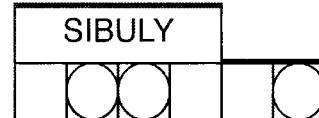
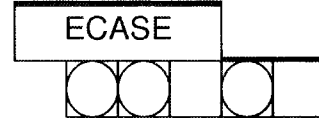
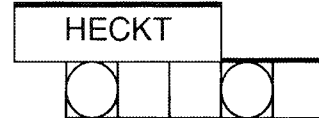
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Happy Birthday: Clear up odds and ends so you can make a fresh start. You will have lots available to you this year and you don't want to be stuck finishing things that should have been done long ago. Overspending must be kept to a minimum. This is a year to save, not squander. Someone you have worked with in the past will recommend you for a position that interests you. Your numbers are 14, 21, 28, 33, 42, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make plans to do something you know you will enjoy. Pay extra attention to details and focus on being the best you can be. You will achieve greater confidence leading to greater success. *** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is a chance to make some extra cash if you are quick to pick up on an opportunity. A few extra hours spent fine-tuning or finishing something you've been working on will pay off. A partnership looks promising. *** GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may find yourself attracted to someone you work with. Be careful not to step into territory that may hinder you professionally. If you can keep this connection as a friendship, you will prosper far more in the long run. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay away from anyone who is trying to coerce you into spending money on something you don't really need. Focus on making cash, not spending it. An opportunity to try your hand at something new could turn into a new job. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Making changes to your home or spending more time with someone with whom you want to partner or form an intimate relationship will pay off. You don't have to overspend to impress. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Nothing is likely to go according to plan, even if you are organized. Problems at a personal level will surface but, if you meddle or try to manipulate the situation, it will backfire. Focus on getting ahead professionally. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will probably find it difficult to make up your mind today. Confusion will set in, along with emotional ups and downs. Visit the person who is occupying your mind or causing your bewilderment. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get to the bottom of things by asking questions. Someone you are close to may be trying to withhold information he or she feels will upset you. A creative cycle should allow you to produce some of your best work. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Help is on its way but be careful not to take advantage of someone who is being overly good to you. There is always a price to pay, so don't be too willing to take without offering something in return. Love is on the rise. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do whatever it takes to make the changes needed at home. You should be able to please the ones you love. Something you are good at doing could easily turn into an enterprising venture. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your head and you will come up with some moneymaking ideas. Be a little frugal and you will see how fast your money grows. A love interest will be impressed with you and what you are doing. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make hasty decisions. You will discover that people you thought you knew aren't really as they appear. Your ability to see things clearly will be hampered by your desire to have things your way. ***

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NFL

Five undrafted former Irish players sign free agent deals

Observer Staff Report

Four former Notre Dame players who were passed over during the NFL draft this weekend signed free agent contracts late Sunday night, and a fifth signed Monday. Running back Darius Walker

and defensive end Chris Frome signed with the Chicago Bears, wide receiver Rhema McKnight inked a deal with the New Orleans Saints. Tight end Marcus Freeman and defensive lineman Travis Letiko were picked up by the Baltimore Ravens.

Walker had a year of eligibility remaining but decided to forgo his senior season to enter the draft. During his final season, Walker had 1,267 yards rushing and was third on the team with 56 receptions for 391 yards. Walker also scored eight touchdowns his jun-

ior season — seven rushing and one receiving.

McKnight suffered a knee injury and earned a medical red-shirt in 2005. He returned as a fifth-year senior in 2006 and caught 67 passes for 907 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Freeman caught nine passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns in 2006, seeing action in all 13 games.

Frome returned from a season-ending injury against USC in 2005 to play in all 13 games last season.

TRACK

Relay men thrive on teamwork

3 of 4 on squad that set school indoor record

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Track and field is a sport filled with individual performances. Athletes compete against time, distance and themselves. In an arcane sport such as this, relays are the exception to the rule.

Rather than pitting athlete against athletes, relays combine the athletic ability of four runners with the skill of passing a baton between them at high speed. The Irish men's 4x400 meter relay fits the bill nicely.

The team — comprised of fifth-year senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordan Powell, junior Austin Wechter and freshman Balazs Molnar — has enjoyed great success this season. This is the team — with junior Bob Kueny running in place of Molnar — that set the school indoor record at the Alex Wilson Invitational earlier this season, posting a time of 3:08.38.

After Kueny suffered from an allergy problem that affected his running and breathing, the team picked up right where it left off when Molnar joined. The new group of four ran its relay in 3:09.38 — the second-fastest outdoor time in school history — at Arizona State's Clif Bar Invitational.

"We run just as fast, pretty much, with Balazs," Postel said. "As far as Bob versus Balazs, it's not going to make a difference."

The ability to switch runners may be due to the similarity between the legs of the relay and the 400 meter dash. The training remains the same for both events.

"You don't train for a relay. Period," Postel said. "A relay is just a juxtaposition of four 400s. There's no additional training for a relay. The only thing you train for on a relay — and I wouldn't even call it training, I would call it practice, because training is something completely different than just practice — that would be just handoffs. You run a 400 relay just like you would run a

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BASEBALL

Fanning the Flames



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish pitcher Brett Gaffy pitches against Toledo during Notre Dame's 8-7 win over the Rockets April 17 at Frank Eck Stadium. The Irish face Illinois-Chicago today at Eck Stadium at 6:05 p.m.

ND faces surging UIC in non-conference game

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After taking two of three from Rutgers this weekend in Piscataway, N.J., Notre Dame returns home today at 6:05 p.m., looking to cool off the red-hot Illinois-Chicago Flames, who have won 17 of their last 20 games.

The Irish are on a winning streak of their own, coming out on top in 10 of their last 13, including taking a majority in their last three conference series.

Notre Dame feels it is playing at its highest level of the season heading into the matchup with UIC, a team the Irish have beaten 25-of-29 times in the all-time series. Irish coach Dave Schrage said his team looks to continue its solid play until the Big East tournament, which will be held in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 22-26.

"This is what we needed to do," Irish coach Dave Schrage said after the Rutgers series. "You want to be playing your best baseball when it comes close to tournament time."

Against UIC (23-15), the Irish

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles gear up for tourney after sweep

Clutch hitting, strong pitching guide team in doubleheader

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (25-7, 10-6 MIAA) proved it belongs in the league tournament by sweeping Adrian 5-3 and 10-3 Monday in Adrian, Mich.

The fourth-seeded Belles will face top-seeded Alma College (27-9, 14-2 MIAA) in their first matchup of the MIAA league tournament this weekend. The Belles lost to Alma 9-1 in their first conference game of the season, and then lost 4-0 on March 31.

Belles sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid says the team's strong finish boosts its confidence.

"We had momentum and I think we'll carry it to Alma and the tournament," she

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Belles first baseman Katie Rashid stretches to record an out during Saint Mary's win against Adrian April 24. The Belles swept a doubleheader Monday at Adrian.