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## Student killed in bus crash in Thailand

Zahm Hall junior Andrew Bunikis, 20, had taken a semester off to teach English to native students

By BILL BRINK  
News Editor

Andrew Bunikis, a junior from Zahm Hall, died in a bus crash in Thailand Friday.

Bunikis, 20, from Phoenix, Ariz., took a semester off to teach English to students in the Asian country. He first worked there last summer as part of Notre Dame's Student International Business Council, the University said in a statement.

According to an article in The Nation, a Bangkok news-

paper, the bus crashed in the Phitsanulok Province at 11:45 p.m. Seven other people were killed and 31 were injured.

"Andrew's family and the Notre Dame family have suffered and shared a tragic loss," University president Fr. John Jenkins said in the statement. "We assure the Bunikis family of our prayers during this difficult time, confident that Andrew will be embraced by the fullness of God's love."

Bunikis was an accountancy major from Phoenix, Ariz., the statement said.

Corry Colonna, Zahm's rector, said he learned of the accident Friday afternoon.

"I actually received a phone call from one of his friends, I'm not sure how she found out," Colonna said. "The most important thing was to get the University in the loop, and spend time confirming things with the U.S. consulate."

After he heard about the accident, Colonna called his hall staff together and told them. After that, he gathered Bunikis' closest friends to inform them in person.

"They were in shock, devastated," Colonna said. "It was not a case where he was sick or anything of that sort. You just say goodbye figuring you'd see him again. It's sad he was so far from home when this happened."

After Bunikis' close friends were told, Colonna sent an e-mail to Zahm residents informing them of the accident.

"[Bunikis] would e-mail me regularly about his experiences there, and the difference he was making with the children he taught," Colonna

wrote in the e-mail. "He was our brother and my friend and I'm sure that all of us will miss him dearly."

"Andrew was an exceptionally kind and giving young man. He cared a lot about this hall and his friends."

Zahm held a mass to commemorate Bunikis Friday. Fr. Mark Poorman and former Zahm rector Fr. Dan Parrish attended, as did approximately 80 Zahm residents, Colonna said.

"He was pretty determined

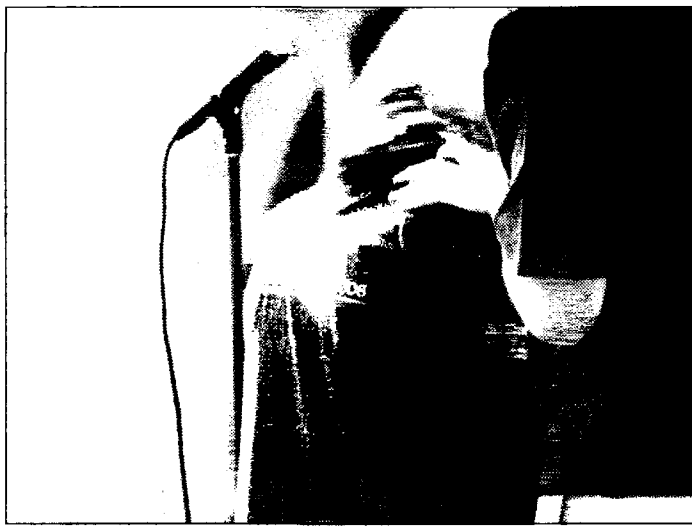
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## Students, fans gather for unveiling of "The Shirt 2008"

Committee says design came from Grantland Rice's 1924 article, meant to "send a message of confidence" in team's future



At top left, Mike Golic addresses crowd. At top right, The Shirt 2008. At bottom right, people wait in line at the unveiling.



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VANESSA GEMPIS

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
News Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame fans crowded outside Hammes Bookstore Friday for the unveiling of "The Shirt 2008." The marching band, Irish Guard, cheerleaders, and the Pom Squad were there to celebrate the newest shirt design.

This year's shirt is navy blue with "Wake Up the Echoes" rising out of the words "Notre Dame Football 2008" in white on the front. The back of the shirt reads: "Outlined against a blue, gray October sky... Notre Dame will rise again." The words surround a picture of a player wearing a number 12 jersey, clutching his gold helmet as he looks out into the packed stadium. The 1977 and 1988 championship banners hang over his head.

"Creating the design is very much a team effort, but the hard work of making the design a reality was the job of Anna Jordan, a senior in Farley Hall," said Jason Gott, president of "The Shirt 2008" Committee.

Inspiration for the Shirt came from Grantland Rice's article written about Notre Dame's football team in 1924. The opening line was, "Outlined against the gray, blue sky, the Four Horseman rode again."

"From there, we decided we also wanted to send a message of confidence in our future," Gott said.

The committee is made up of Gott and seven other members.

This is the 19th version of "The Shirt," and since its first year, it has raised over \$5 million for students in need of medical funding. The funding has been distributed to over 200 different clubs on campus, Gott said. This year, 50 percent of this proceeds will go The Shirt Medical Fund, and the other half will go to the clubs on campus, Gott said.

Mike Golic, former Irish football player and host of the radio show "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN, was the keynote speaker for the event. He invigorated the crowd before the Shirt was available for sale.

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## Holocaust memorial remembers victims

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

Wooden boards lined the paths of South Quad Friday, memorializing the millions who died in the Holocaust during the culmination of "Stand Against Hate Week."

An evening prayer service at the Grotto was also performed.

The posters on the quad portrayed quotes and statistics describing one of history's largest hate

crimes.

"The three words we kept repeating while setting up [the memorial] were 'awareness, education and action,'" Core Council for Gay and Lesbian students memorial organizer Mel Bautista said. "We want the memorial to raise awareness and encourage students to stand against hate."

At the start of the path, the boards were painted with a varia-

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## Clubs dispute in Crossfire debates

By KATIE PERALTA  
Assistant News Editor

With the events of the weekend, including Saturday's annual Blue-Gold game, Notre Dame's student political groups knew the campus would be bustling with people and activity Friday night, and took the opportunity to hold Campus Crossfire Debates on a makeshift stage on South Quad.

"There's going to be people outside [on

Friday]," said junior Mike Scholl, treasurer of Notre Dame College Republicans.

The event was organized by three clubs along with NDVotes, a non-partisan political education campaign.

Notre Dame College Democrats, College Republicans and College Libertarians met to discuss politics in a debate setting, with two representatives from each club on a panel. Two



KATIE PERALTA/The Observer

Political clubs take part in Crossfire debates on South Quad.

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Hope (should) spring eternal

Spring is the season of rebirth, new beginnings and fresh starts. Flowers are in full bloom and students emerge from their winter hibernation in their residence hall to lie out on the quad.

This season of renewal holds true for sports, too. Baseball players head south for spring training where, as the saying goes, everyone is in first place.

But here at Notre Dame, where football is king, the biggest part of the spring regeneration is the Irish gridiron squad getting out of the weight room and on to the playing field.

Especially after last season, we, as Notre Dame fans, are looking for some reason, any reason, to hope that next year will be better. We want to have hope that our Irish will win more than three games in 2008.

Why, then, are people so skeptical about the team's performance this spring?

Whenever someone comments about the improved play of our offensive line, the immediate response is, "Yeah, but it's probably just that our defensive line isn't that good." Why not just at least believe that our O-line made major improvements? Since spring is the season of hope, why are we so pessimistic? 176 rushing yards in the spring game is 176 rushing yards no matter what defense you're playing against.

It may be true that the offensive line is just as bad as last season and Jimmy Clausen will continue to eat more dirt than a five-year-old playing outside, but, for now, why not just believe that they'll be better next year?

The same goes for the passing game. Many have commented on the dropped passes in the spring game, but dropped passes can be a good thing. Maybe they mean that Clausen's arm is so healthy that his receivers just can't handle the laser beams he's throwing at them, and that with some throws over the summer, everything will be alright. So what if that might be a little bit of a stretch? I personally would like to think that next year is going to be nothing like 2007, and if I have to stretch a little bit to get there, so be it.

After last fall, I'm willing to do whatever I have to do to convince myself that we'll be better next season. If we're not, I'll have a pretty terrible fall. But right now, I think we're going to win a national championship, and it feels pretty awesome. People that start getting depressed about next season now are just causing themselves an extra season of disappointment.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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Sam Werner

sports  
production  
editor

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE BEST MUD VOLLEYBALL TECHNIQUE?



Ali Buch

junior  
Farley

"Faceplant."



Christine Morris

junior  
Walsh

"The 'Mud  
Angel.'"



Kelly Collins

junior  
Badin

"Mud wrestling  
— to distract  
the other team."



Robert Plasschaert

junior  
Alumni

"Suffocating my  
teammates in  
the mud."



Katie DeMartini

junior  
Welsh Fam

"Destroying my  
shoes."



Dan Lohmer

junior  
Morrissey

"Camouflaging  
myself in the  
mud."



JESS LEE/The Observer

Students get dirty — and creative with their body writings — during Muddy Sunday, Keenan Hall's volleyball tournament, Sunday afternoon at Holy Cross Field.

### IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Band Chamber Ensembles will perform its spring concert today at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but ticketed.

BCAC will hold a Greek Conference to discuss the history of various greek organizations tonight at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Basement Student Lounge.

The Gender Relations Center will sponsor "Take Back the Night," a prayer service at the Grotto, followed by a march through campus and a reception, today at 7 p.m.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Chicago State Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Student Union Board will show "Back to the Future" Tuesday on North Quad at 9 p.m. Free burgers and brats will be served.

Students for Environmental Action will hold a Vegetarian No Waste Dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The band "The Starting Line" will perform Friday in Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board's AnTostal festivities.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

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

### OFFBEAT

#### Mayor and wife embezzle \$20,000 from Little League

ADELANTO, Calif. — A former mayor of a California high desert town and his wife have been sentenced to 6 months in jail for the theft of more than \$20,000 from Little League coffers.

Jim Nehmens, 50, and Kelly Nehmens, 44, pleaded guilty to grand theft by embezzlement and perjury Thursday.

The eight-year councilman and Adelanto mayor had resigned from his post on March 31, about a week before he and his wife were arrested.

The former mayor was

president of the Adelanto Little League, and his wife was a board member during the years the money from the league's annual fireworks sales went missing. The money was taken over three years starting in 2004.

Nehmens attorney Grover Porter did not immediately return a call seeking comment Saturday.

#### Dog and parrot rescued on remote Pacific island

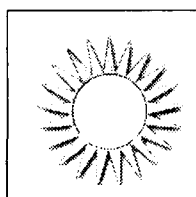
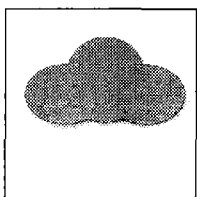
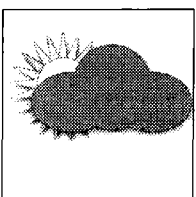
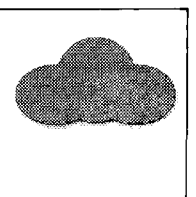
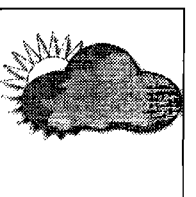

LOS ANGELES — Snickers the Sea Dog is barely more than a pup, but he's already an old salt.

The 8-month-old pooch spent three months adrift in

the Pacific with his owners and a parrot until their 48-foot sailboat ran aground in December on tiny Fanning Island, 1,000 miles south of Hawaii. Snickers and Gulliver had to be left behind as their owners hitched a ride on a cargo vessel.

Then in March, the SOS was sent out in a boating journal that the orphaned critters were to be destroyed on Fanning, one of 33 scattered coral atolls that make up the remote island nation of Kiribati.

Information compiled by The Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 73 LOW 69	HIGH 69 LOW 65	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 70 LOW 45	HIGH 72 LOW 55	HIGH 67 LOW 48

Atlanta 67 / 55 Boston 66 / 43 Chicago 57 / 48 Denver 77 / 38 Houston 80 / 50 Los Angeles 66 / 54 Minneapolis 57 / 39 New York 77 / 56 Philadelphia 78 / 55 Phoenix 91 / 60 Seattle 46 / 35 St. Louis 62 / 48 Tampa 82 / 65 Washington 81 / 57



## Holocaust

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tion of the famous poem "First They Came," commonly attributed to Martin Niemöller. The first board displayed the beginning of the poem, "When they came for the Jews and the blacks, I turned away." The poem continued on several boards detailing other persecuted groups and the indifference of others to their plight, and concluded with the line, "And when they came for me, I turned around, and there was nobody left."

The purpose of this poem was to show how indifference can lead

to hate crimes, Bautista said.

"The poem along South Quad was so that students would realize that a bystander is just as guilty as a perpetrator," she said. "We wanted students walking to class to stop and think about the violence and hate."

Other boards lining the paths exhibited several famous Holocaust statements such as Elie Wiesel's declaration that silence from bystanders aids the oppressors and the Stockholm

Declaration's plea for people to remember the horrors of the Holocaust, lined with appeals like "Never again!"

Another goal of the memorial was to draw attention to other groups that perished in the Holocaust in addition to the Jews, Bautista said. Placed intermittently among the boards were canvas signs, each

with a different colored triangle and the name of a group that was targeted by the Nazis.

"The patches represent groups that were discriminated against in the Holocaust," Bautista said. The blue triangle stood for the foreign forced laborers, the pink triangle represented gay men, and the green triangle stands for the political dissidents who were murdered because they took a stand against Nazi violence, Bautista said.

"The Holocaust did not only affect the Jewish community," she said.

Nearby boards reminded onlookers that 200,000 to 300,000 political dissidents, 10,000 to 25,000 gay men, 200,000 to 800,000 Roma (Gypsies), and 2,500 to 5,000 Jehovah's Witnesses were murdered along with the five to six million Jews.

"We hope that the memorial will remind and encourage students to act against violence," Bautista said. "This whole meet is about taking a stand. Hate crimes are still prevalent in our society."

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**Mel Bautista**  
memorial organizer

## Student

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and working hard in the things he was doing, so he didn't have the largest presence in the hall, but had a small, intimate group of friends that know him pretty well," Colonna said. "They're taking it worst. Several freshmen never met him, having only lived with him for one semester. I was really touched to see how many people were [at mass]."

Students have been grieving together with Colonna, he said, reminiscing about past memories with Bunikis and telling stories. Colonna said the Zahm community may assemble some sort of

memorial for Bunikis' parents as a way to share stories and memories his parents may not have known about their son.

"Parents don't know all the stories," Colonna said. "This is a chance to give them more memories."

Colonna said there will probably be a delegation of students heading to Phoenix for the funeral, but did not know when the funeral was because of the time

needed to retrieve Bunikis' body from Thailand. There will be a Mass commemorating Bunikis on Tuesday at 10 p.m. in the Basilica. Jenkins will preside over the mass and Parrish will give the homily.

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**Corry Colonna**  
Zahm Hall rector

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## Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The following faculty members have had a profound influence on Notre Dame undergraduates through sustained, exemplary teaching.

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- Edward Hums
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The following individuals have demonstrated a deep commitment to Notre Dame undergraduates through outstanding mentoring, academic advising, or career counseling services.

- Paul Grimstad
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- Holly Rivers



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# Crossfire

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NDVotes representatives, seniors Carol Hendrickson and Mike McKenna, moderated the debates.

Representing the College Democrats was outgoing copresident senior Corey Mehlos and junior Spencer Howard, freshman Ben Linskey and senior Mark Poyar for College Libertarians, and Scholl and freshman Andrew Clark for College Republicans.

The panel gathered to discuss their respective party's stance on three current political topics: foreign policy, domestic policy and the state of the U.S. economy.

"We really want to get the campus more aware of party platforms," said Howard, the current copresident of College Democrats.

All three clubs agreed that Iraq and terrorism as the most pressing issues concerning foreign policy, although each offered differing explanations and solutions for the issue.

"We have to keep our commitment to Iraq," Scholl said. "We have to provide security to the people, rebuild institutions, end sectarian violence and make sure the government is self-reliant. Basically, we need to make sure they are not worse off than they were before [the U.S. invasion.]"

College Libertarian Linskey emphasized the importance of peace and freedom in Iraq, along with protection of the American people, and warned of the danger of engaging in "fruitless" affairs abroad.

"We have gained nothing [from this war]. We have become alienated from our friends around the world," Linskey said. "We need to immediately begin withdrawal in a safe and orderly manner."

Poyar said the Libertarian

solution is the only one to the foreign policy debate.

"We cannot trust Democrats and Republicans to end this war. We need to be a beacon of hope for the global community," he said.

The two Democrats agreed that the basic goal of foreign policy is the protection of the United States, and that the war in Iraq has not been successful.

"We have lost sight of our original intent, which was to prevent another [terrorist] attack," Howard said.

Concerning domestic policy, both the Libertarians and Republicans agreed that universal healthcare is not a wise choice for the

country, saying it would necessitate too much governmental involvement.

"Government should be small and effective, not big and overpowering," Clark said.

College Democrats, however, argued in favor of universal healthcare. "Martin Luther King said that injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhuman thing in our country," Mehlos said. "One-third of Americans have no health care."

The two Democratic repre-

sentatives argued in favor of providing affordable health care to all Americans.

"We need to look at health care as a right of all Americans," Mehlos said.

College Democrats lamented the state of the American economy.

"We need to balance the budget, which is now out of control because of the Iraq war," Mehlos said.

"We need to create green jobs and get Americans good wages."

Republicans took a different stance, favoring tax cuts and decreased spending. Libertarians took a similar stance, favoring tax cuts and reduced spending as well.

"A free market can result in prosperity for all," Poyar said.

Poyar also criticized Republican presidential nominee John McCain's economic credentials.

"McCain once said he 'does not understand much about economics,'" Poyar said.

All three clubs said they hope Friday's debates encouraged political interest and involvement on

the campus, especially in light of Indiana's May 6 primary.

"Even if people were here for only 30 seconds, I just want them to hear what we're saying," Scholl said.

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**Spencer Howard**  
College Democrats  
co-president

# Shirt

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"This will be a better year for the Notre Dame football team," Golic said during his speech. "This has become the most tradition laden school in the land and this is a part of that tradition."

Golic said Notre Dame will become great again because it is a program that never dies.

Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, also took part in the festivities.

"We have never said we are better than anybody else, we said we are different, and we are showing that difference today," Lennon said.

The committee brought in the world's largest grill owned by Johnsonville Brats and gave away free brats and Vitamin Water. There was a moon bounce and a large tent to shade the audience. The bookstore began selling the Shirts immediately after the unveiling at 6 p.m.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Army to investigate cameraman's death

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army announced Sunday it will investigate the killing of a cameraman for the Reuters news agency, after a human rights group said it found evidence suggesting that an Israeli tank crew fired recklessly or deliberately at the journalist.

Cameraman Fadel Shana, 23, was killed in Gaza on Wednesday, the bloodiest day of fighting between Israeli troops and Gaza militants in a month. Just before his death, Shana was filming an Israeli tank in the distance, and his final footage shows the tank firing a shell in his direction.

### Authorities forget prisoner for decades

HIPPAUWA, Sri Lanka — Age may have slowed him, but P.P. James wakes up early every day to head into the fields and harvest rice.

The short, wiry 84-year-old pulls a worn red baseball cap over his tousled gray hair, hikes up his sarong and, with quiet determination, swings his scythe through the stalks, methodically cutting his way across the field. While those far younger rest in the shade, he plods on, insistent that no more time be wasted — he has already had a half century stolen from him.

Arrested for killing his father late one night in 1958, James was ruled mentally ill by a judge, sent to an asylum for the criminally insane — and forgotten.

Decades after his doctors pronounced him cured, he remained trapped in a criminal justice nightmare. The hospital could only release him to the prisons authority. The prisons authority could only pick him up under a court order. The courts never called for him because they couldn't find his file.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Sect breaks silence, speaks to media

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Before authorities raided their west Texas retreat, members of a secretive polygamous church spent decades holding as tightly to their intense privacy as the Scriptures guiding their way of life.

Contact with outsiders was limited. Media inquiries were rejected with either stone-faced silence or a polite "no comment."

But after Texas officials removed 416 children from newspaper stories to appearances on morning television, "Larry King Live" and "Oprah," FLDS women are speaking publicly about the heartbreak of being separated from their children and sharing some details of their life.

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### McCain prioritizes economic goals

WASHINGTON — Republican John McCain said Sunday that cutting taxes and stimulating the economy are more important than balancing the budget, and accused both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama of supporting tax hikes that would worsen the impact of a recession.

"The goal right now is to get the economy going again," the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting said on ABC's "This Week," adding that he would put the country "on a path to a balanced budget" by attacking wasteful spending.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Jackson visits low-performing schools

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged students to accept responsibility for their education during an hour-long assembly at Northwest High School.

Jackson, founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, came to Indianapolis Friday as part of his campaign to push students at low-performing schools to graduate. He visited after a national report highlighted low graduation rates in Indianapolis Public Schools.

Jackson told students he wanted to "cut through the madness of why we can't learn, why we aren't learning."

"You must accept responsibility," he said.

He asked students to promise they would study three hours a night, reject violence and embrace their neighbors.

## IRAQ

# Rice denounces al-Sadr in Iraq visit

*Cleric threatened to declare war if U.S. and Iraq maintain military crackdown*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice mocked anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as a coward on Sunday, hours after the radical leader threatened to declare war unless U.S. and Iraqi forces end a military crackdown on his followers.

Rice, in the Iraqi capital to tout security gains and what she calls an emerging political consensus, said al-Sadr is content to issue threats and edicts from the safety of Iran, where he is studying. Al-Sadr heads an unruly militia that was the main target of an Iraqi government assault in the oil-rich city of Basra last month, and his future role as a spoiler is an open question.

"I know he's sitting in Iran," Rice said dismissively, when asked about al-Sadr's latest threat to lift a self-imposed cease-fire with government and U.S. forces. "I guess it's all-out war for anybody but him," Rice said. "I guess that's the message; his followers can go to their deaths and he's in Iran."

In a statement on his official Web site, al-Sadr said, "We denounce the visit of U.S. secretary, asking the government to ban the occupiers of the terrorists' entrenchment to our territory."

The statement asked Iraqis to express their opposition to the visit through peaceful means.

A full-blown uprising by al-Sadr, who led two rebellions against U.S.-led forces in 2004, could lead to a dramatic increase in violence in Iraq at a time when the Sunni extremist group al-Qaida in Iraq appears poised for new attacks after suffering severe blows last year.

In a warning posted Saturday on his Web site, al-Sadr said he had tried to defuse tensions by declaring the truce last August,



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visits Baghdad to meet with Iraqi government leaders and discuss problems caused by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. AP

only to see the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki respond by closing his offices and "resorting to assassinations."

He accused the government of selling out to the Americans and branding his followers as criminals.

"So I am giving my government ... to take the path of peace and abandon violence against its people," al-Sadr said. "If the government does not refrain ... we will declare an open war until liberation."

Rice praised al-Maliki for confronting al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, which had a choke hold on Basra, Iraq's sec-

ond-largest city. The assault was al-Maliki's most decisive act by far against al-Sadr, a fellow Shiite and once a political patron. Kurdish and Sunni politicians, including a chief rival, have since rallied to al-Maliki, and the Bush administration argues he could emerge stronger from what had appeared to be a military blunder.

During five days of heavy fighting last month, Iraqi troops struggled against militiamen, particularly the Mahdi Army. The ill-prepared Iraqi military was plagued by desertions and poor organization and U.S. troops had to take over in some instances. The offen-

sive was inconclusive, with Iran helping mediate a truce. Fighting has continued in the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, home to many of al-Sadr's followers.

"Some of the violence is a byproduct of a good decision," to take on militias and consolidate military power, Rice told reporters following a few hours of meetings and lunch with Iraqi leaders.

"That, I think, is what has given the sense to the Iraqis that they have a new opportunity, a window of opportunity," Rice said. "I don't think you would have seen this kind of unity," before.

# Pope blesses ground zero, prays for peace

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pope Benedict XVI began the final day of his American journey by blessing the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and pleading with God to bring "peace to our violent world."

The visit by Benedict to ground zero was a poignant moment in a trip marked by unexpectedly festive crowds anxious to see the former academic who for three years has led the world's Roman Catholics.

Benedict was driven in the pope-mobile part-way down a ramp now used mostly by construction trucks to a spot by the north tower's footprint. He walked the final steps, knelt in

silent prayer for a few moments, then rose to light a memorial candle.

Addressing a group that included survivors, clergy and public officials, he acknowledged the many faiths of the victims at the "scene of incredible violence and pain."

The pope also prayed for "those who suffered death, injury and loss" in the attacks at the Pentagon and in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. More than 2,900 people were killed in the four crashes of the airliners hijacked by al-Qaida.

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world," the pope prayed on a chilly, overcast morning. "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with

hatred."

Benedict invited 24 people with ties to ground zero to join him: survivors, relatives of victims and four rescue workers. He greeted each member of the group individually as a string quartet played in the background. In his prayer, he also remembered those who, "because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness."

New York deputy fire chief James Riches, father of a fallen Sept. 11 firefighter, said the pope's visit was important and gave him "a little consolation."

Hundreds of people stood just outside the site, behind police barricades, hoping for a glimpse of the pope.

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## IN BRIEF

### Democrats address environment, coal

WASHINGTON — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are walking a delicate line as they promise to aggressively tackle global warming while trying to assure voters that they continue to believe in the future of coal.

In states like Pennsylvania, where voters will cast ballots this Tuesday, and in West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Montana — upcoming primary states — coal sways voters.

While increased mechanization has produced a dramatic decline in coal industry employment, the numbers remain substantial. There are 47,000 coal workers in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and 21,000 in Kentucky, according to the National Mining Association. The three states are the country's biggest coal producers after Wyoming.

Both Obama and Clinton have rallied environmentalists with their promises to develop windmills, solar power and other renewable energy sources and order mandatory reductions in greenhouse gases from power plants to counter global warming.

### Government to increase regulation

WASHINGTON — A heavier federal hand is reaching into American life as politicians in both parties demand an overhaul of government financial regulation and more protection for homeowners in the face of mortgage woes and a weakening economy.

This rush to regulate also was apparent in the recent crackdown on the airlines, resulting in thousands of grounded flights for safety inspections as the government beefs up its enforcement of existing laws. There have been mounting proposals for tougher government rules to address climate change. High corporate salaries have come under attack on Capitol Hill, as have oil industry profits and rising food costs.

Advocates of more aggressive government action see it as a boon to ordinary Americans struggling in hard economic times. But those favoring a lighter federal touch worry that the pendulum will swing too far toward regulation, stifling economic growth and efficiency.

## Bush, Lee discuss trade, N. Korea

South Korea to lift ban on U.S. beef sales, nuclear talks stalled over uranium program

Associated Press

CAMP DAVID — President Bush and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said Saturday they still expect North Korea to fully declare its nuclear weapons programs and proliferation activities in a way that can be verified. Bush tamped down assertions that the U.S. is going soft on the communist regime so the nuclear standoff can be resolved before he leaves office.

After two days of meetings at the Camp David presidential retreat, Bush and Lee urged patience, saying critics need to see what North Korea says in its long-promised declaration before deciding whether the U.S. and its partners are being too lenient.

"Thanks to the six-party framework, North Korea has begun disabling the plutonium production facilities at Yongbyon," Bush said with Lee at his side. "Now North Korea must fulfill its other obligations: Provide a full declaration of its nuclear programs and proliferation activities in a verifiable way."

Lee, a pro-American conservative who took office in February, is the first South Korean president to ever visit the secluded wooded retreat northwest of Washington. Bush's invitation was meant to give the two an informal venue to get acquainted and cement U.S.-South Korea ties, which have been tense in recent years.

Lee has said that repairing relations with the United States is a top priority — that they "lacked trust" under his more liberal predecessor, Roh Moo-hyun. Lee described his conversations with Bush as "open and frank." Bush



President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush greet South Korean President Lee Myung-bak as he arrives at Camp David, Md., Friday.

accepted Lee's offer to visit South Korea this summer.

The two talked about prospects for a free-trade agreement, South Korea's decision to lift its ban on U.S. beef sales, exchange programs and a repositioning of U.S. troops on the peninsula, but North Korea was a key subject of their discussions.

Nuclear talks between North Korea and five other nations, including the United States and South Korea, are stalled over whether Pyongyang will fully declare its uranium

enrichment program and alleged proliferation activities — in return for concessions. The initial six-nation agreement did not expressly require the North to detail its proliferation activities, but the issue took on new significance after Israel bombed a suspected Syrian nuclear site last fall.

North Korea made unprecedented progress last year, including closing its working plutonium reactor at Yongbyon, but talks slowed in a dispute over how much the North had to reveal in the declaration,

which was due in December. The Bush administration has reportedly decided that the declaration's exact contents are less important than an assurance that nuclear negotiators can check to see whether Kim Jong Il's government has told the truth.

"I believe if North Korea's declaration is not satisfactory or if the verification is not satisfactory, we could probably have a temporary achievement, but in the long term, that will cause a lot more serious problems," Lee said.

## Economists fear agricultural crisis

Associated Press

DES MOINES — At a time of record agricultural profits, concerns are mounting that American farmers could be edging toward a financial crisis not seen since the 1980s farm-economy collapse.

Soaring land values, increasing debt and a reliance on government subsidies for ethanol production have prompted economists to warn that what some describe as a golden age of agriculture could come to a sudden end. At risk are the livelihoods of thousands of farmers, the health of hundreds of banks and the vitality of an agricultural industry that has been one of the nation's few economic bright spots in recent months.

"We're in a very risky time, and yet we don't seem concerned about that risk nearly as much as we should be," said Barry L. Flinchbaugh, an agricultural econo-

mist at Kansas State University.

The potential problem, economists said, is that strong demand for corn and other grains has caused prices to reach historic highs. That has led to record farmland values and steadily increasing debt as farmers borrow money to buy more land, finance the higher costs of fertilizer and seed and upgrade their equipment.

As long as the demand remains, good times for farmers should continue. But if demand falls, they could find themselves in a situation reminiscent of the early 1980s when the farm economy largely crumbled.

Among factors that could affect demand would be a change in the federal government's policy on ethanol subsidies, now estimated at about \$6 billion a year, revisions in the farm bill that would lower support payments or an increase in the dollar's value, which would hurt exports.

Farm economists question whether the federal backing for ethanol will continue in the face of complaints that soaring corn prices are increasing food costs. Corn is used in most animal feed and is a key ingredient in myriad other products.

"U.S. energy policy has been friendly to ethanol in the last couple of decades. The question is, will it continue to be. It's running up food prices and that's causing pressure on Congress to limit mandates for ethanol usage," said Neil Harl, an emeritus professor of economics at Iowa State University.

The farm bill appears mired in Congress as lawmakers bicker with the Bush administration, which has threatened a veto if any increases in spending are not offset by reductions elsewhere. Congress on Thursday passed a short-term extension to the 2002 farm bill that keeps programs funded through April 25.



## CHINA

# More anti-Western protests emerge in several cities

*Tibet demonstrations along Olympic torch relay spur anger, media outlets urge for calm to quell nationalistic fervor*

Associated Press

BEIJING — Fresh anti-Western protests flared in several Chinese cities Sunday as people vented anger over pro-Tibet demonstrations along the Olympic torch relay. State media appealed for calm in an apparent attempt to dampen the nationalistic fervor.

Over the weekend, protesters waving Chinese flags have rallied in front of the French Embassy in Beijing and at outlets of French retailer Carrefour in nine cities across the country. They have threatened boycotts of the retailer, whom they accuse of supporting the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader — a charge Carrefour denies.

A front-page editorial in the People's Daily newspaper, the official mouthpiece for the Chinese Communist Party, called for calm, urging people to cherish patriotism "while expressing it in a rational way."

"As citizens, we have the responsibility to express our patriotic enthusiasm calmly and rationally and express patriotic aspiration in an orderly and legal manner," the commentary said.

The editorial seemed to reflect concern about China's leaders about a growing anti-Western backlash, fueled by anger over the demonstrations in Paris, London and San Francisco during the Olympic torch relay. The relay has become a magnet for protests against China's rule in Tibet and its human rights record.

Barry Sautman, a political scientist at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, said the government is trying to rein in the demonstrations in order to ensure calm and project an inviting image ahead of the Beijing Olympics in August.

"That's why they want demonstrations to be very short," Sautman said. "They want to wrap them up as soon as possible so they can go on to restore the image of China as welcoming to people around the world."

He said that Beijing's move to rein in the budding nationalism follows similar patterns seen in the past, such as in 1999 when anti-U.S. outrage erupted after the bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade and in 2001 when a U.S. spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet.

"The government allows people to vent their spleen but then immediately reins it in," Sautman said. "They are certainly afraid it will go too far."

On Sunday, more than 1,000 demonstrators carrying banners gathered for a second day in the tourist city of Xi'an in front of a Carrefour, chanting "Oppose Tibet Independence," "Go China," and "Condemn CNN," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Protests also continued in central Wuhan for a second day, when another 2,000 people, mostly students, waved the Chinese flag and sang the national anthem.

Rallies also were staged in the cities of Harbin, Dalian, and Jinan. An estimated 1,000 demonstrators blocked traffic in Dalian, while another 1,000 protesters in Harbin held up at

a 33-foot-long banner in support of the Olympics, Xinhua said.

Xinhua reported that one protest organizer in Xi'an, identified as Wu Sheng, said the demonstrations were not necessarily aimed at pushing customers to boycott Carrefour.

"We do not support a boycott of French companies because the economy is globalizing. We chose Carrefour's front doors only because we draw more attention there," Wu was quoted as saying.

In an interview published in Journal du Dimanche, Carrefour's chief executive Jose Luis Duran said the company is "taking the situation very seriously," though its earnings had not yet been affected.

With 2 million Chinese customers, "we cannot take the reaction of some of our clients lightly," he said. "It must be understood that a large part of the Chinese population has been very shocked by the incidents that have peppered the passage of the Olympic torch through Paris."

Duran denied rumors spread on the Internet that Carrefour supports the Dalai Lama, saying the company has never supported any political or religious cause. The retailer is the second-largest "hypermarket

in the world after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. It has 122 stores in China employing 44,000 people.

The protests began Saturday, erupting in Beijing and five other major cities — Hefei, Wuhan, Kunming, Xi'an, and Qingdao.

In Beijing, small protests broke out at one Carrefour

and outside the French Embassy as well as the Beijing French School. Dozens of police, some in riot gear, quickly dispersed the crowd in front of the embassy.

Anger also has been channeled against Western media organizations, including CNN, for so-called "distorted" coverage of recent unrest in Tibet

and neighboring provinces. Foreign journalists have received threatening phone calls and e-mails.

Several thousand ethnic Chinese marched outside CNN's office in Hollywood Saturday to demand the firing of a commentator who recently compared China's leaders to a "bunch of goons and thugs."

*"As citizens, we have the responsibility to express our patriotic enthusiasm calmly and rationally and express patriotic aspiration in an orderly and legal manner."*

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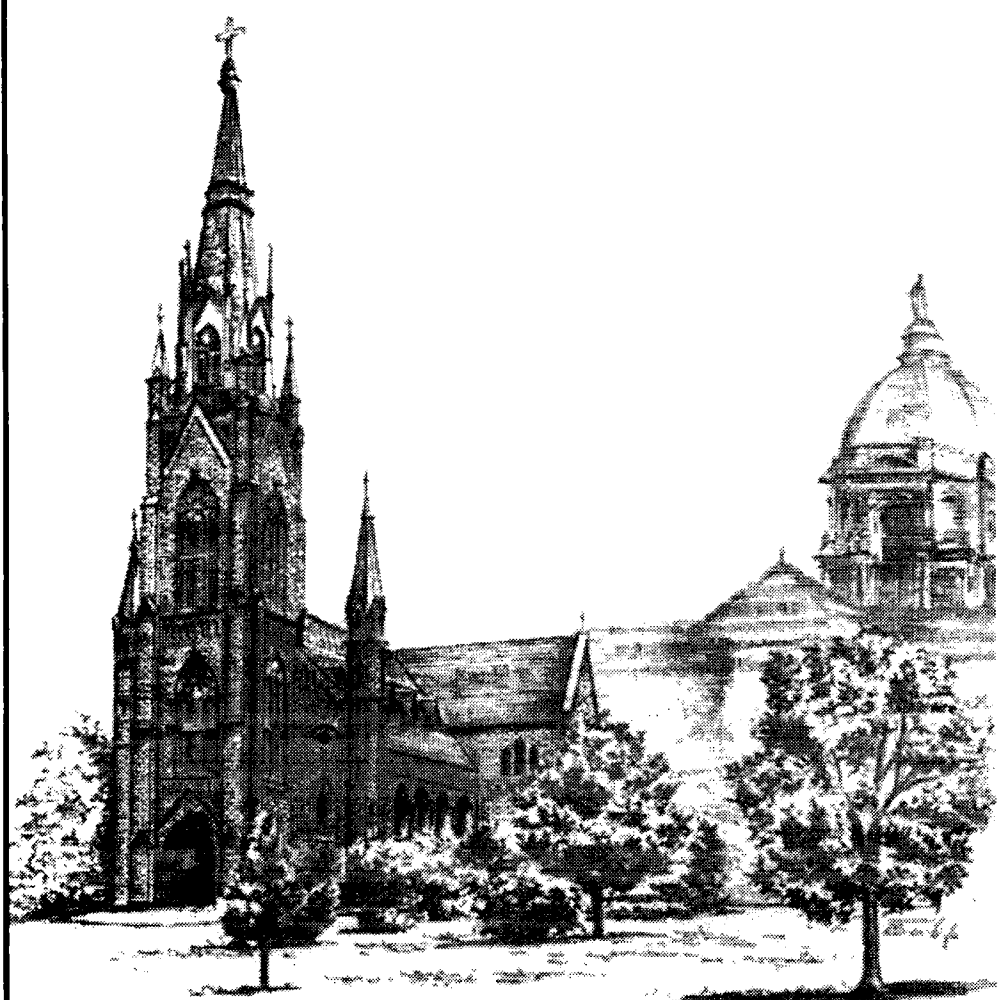
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## Show appreciation for Mother Earth

What does Earth Day mean to you?

I know, I know. You probably sit there night after night, mulling over this question. Finals and papers are of course far from your mind (of course). Tax day is just a blip on the radar screen, a week-left marker before the big event that's on your calendar. But as the spring weather draws you from your studying, maybe you're appreciating the Earth more than you care to admit.

Earth Day, Apr. 22. The first Earth Day ever was Apr. 22, 1970. It was initiated by a senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, who envisioned a "nation-wide grassroots demonstration" (good pun, too, Senator). It worked — there were protests, demonstrations and rallies.

That was the first environmental movement. Associated with hippies, tree-huggers, peace-lovers, war-protesters — nothing in the norm, everything radical. College kids. Bums. Definitely not upper-middle class, working America. And yet the holiday stuck. It's now a national holiday — but does everyone know that?

We learn about Earth Day in elementary school now, maybe make some paper-mache animals or plant a tree for it, and listen to the evening news blurb covering some local rally. My sister's birthday is on Earth Day and I remember her buying the Habitat for Humanity "Earth Day is Every Day" T-shirt. I liked the shirt, too, because of all the pretty animals around the picture of the globe, but she got dibs because of the birthday double-entendre.

But what is Earth Day? We liked the shirt, we heard the news story, we see the marked date on all of our calendars but

do we observe it?

I once asked my mom why there wasn't a "Kids' Day," since we have both Mothers' and Fathers' Day. She told me every day is kids' day. A day commemorating something is intended to allow you to do just that — commemorate it. Take a minute to appreciate what you otherwise take for granted. Kids are always appreciated because of the nature of parenthood but parents need occasional affirmation that their efforts — their sacrifice — is worthwhile and appreciated.

Do we appreciate the Earth's sacrifice? I'm back to the hippie celebration of our Mother now. But stop and bracket "hippie" for just one minute. The earth gives us life. All of our resources come from the earth. Everything man-made is man-made from materials that originated within the earth. We are one closed ecosystem, we have one (albeit enormous) mass of atoms that isn't going to change too much, even with our efforts to defy the limits of earth's boundaries and resources.

We take, we use, we trample, and still we ignore the warnings that Earth sends us. We "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" (thanks Joni Mitchell) then wonder why streams are going dry and soil erosion is uncontrollable.

Parents need that day of appreciation to feel loved. It's easy to take advantage of someone or something that's always there and sometimes in the way of what you really want to do. Children see their parents as an obstacle to desires, often, despite the fact that the parents provide for and bend to the child and really make life possible. Maybe the Earth never tried to enforce your curfew, but admit it — you were peeved when the downpour started just as you were going outside to play

Frisbee. But didn't you like that shower you just took? That water you drank with dinner? The fact that you can flush the toilet, wash your hands, eat off of clean plates?

How do you want to appreciate the earth? Maybe planting a tree isn't the best way. It's nice to get your mom a present for Mother's Day, but think of how happy she is when you do those little things for her all year long. In any relationship, the best way to show you care is through sustaining the love. Showing you care through your lifestyle.

Reflect on it. In what way do you fail to appreciate the resources of this earth — the flawless seams that so fragily balance. The interwoven lives that support our own existence are often outside of our realm of knowledge and our disruptions to the pattern go unnoticed by us. If we want to benefit from the Earth's capabilities, shouldn't we recognize and support them, as well?

So this Earth Day, decide what it means to you. Do you show your mother you care the whole year round? Do you sustain the love? Or do you just send a present to counteract any guilt that might otherwise creep up on you in the upcoming year? You have a day before this year's Earth day — still time to find that present — but you have the rest of your life to show your appreciation.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## America needs Electoral College

To bash the Electoral College ... to suggest that the "Electoral College needs to go" (Maggie O'Connor, Apr. 17) because it is outdated and discourages voting in non-swing states is both poor political scholarship and irresponsible civics. To believe that the Electoral College was set up because the Founding Fathers did not trust citizens to make an informed decision is to recognize only half of the issue — and the unimportant half at that.

In the Federalist Papers No. 39, James Madison clearly indicated that it was a system set up so that both the people and the states could be taken into account for the election of the President. This is why the numbers of the Electoral College reflect the numbers of both the Senate and the House of Representatives combined, giving two Electoral College votes to all states regardless of population. The states do deserve some amount of say in electing the President just as they deserve a say in law-making. After all, we are talking about the President of the United States, not necessarily the President of the United People.

Say that the Electoral College is outdated is to be unaware of the trends of wide-scale government. If the Electoral College were indeed outdated then the European Union probably would not have adopted a similar system to determine the number of delegates each country would receive in the European Parliament. The European Union gives countries themselves a disproportionately higher amount of delegates so that the smaller countries could not be dominated by the larger countries, just as we would not want the 15 most populous states (well over 50 percent of the U.S. population) to dominate the "lesser" 35 states. Specifically, 80 million people — roughly 25 percent of the population of the United States — live in the 15 most populous cities in

the United States. Considering that at most around 50 percent of citizens vote in each election, this would give enormous power to such cities and thus encourage candidates to focus most of their campaign efforts and platform promises on 15 congested areas in the United States. If you were worried about the battle not being fought in a "swing" state or small states such as Wyoming or the Dakotas under the system of the Electoral College, then you should probably be more worried under direct elections.

Finally, to worry that your vote does not count because you are a Republican in California or a Democrat in Texas is irresponsible citizenry to begin with. This is the same folly voters make when they choose to vote for a candidate they only half-agree with but who has an actual chance of winning, over a candidate they completely agree with but has a long-shot of winning. Voting is not about winning; voting is about expressing your opinion. When you vote for a third party candidate you probably won't win, but at least you have told the two bigger parties that the platform of the third parties are relevant and important and that if they want your vote too, they will have to incorporate the third party platforms into their own platform in the next election. The same applies to a Democrat voting in Georgia or a Republican voting in New York: You probably will not win the election but your opinion is nevertheless expressed — an opinion which will not go unnoticed by the competitive world of politics — and you will likely win in the end.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can lead a boy to college, but you cannot make him to think."

Elbert Hubbard  
writer

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Morally elitist attitude unacceptable

In his Apr. 18 guest column "Extend parietals, save your soul," junior computer science major Lenny Meehan makes it painfully clear that he is not getting any. He makes the case for expanding parietals by two hours a night as a way of promoting the Catholic value of abstinence and along the way reveals a staggering amount of social ineptitude and a paternalistic streak so wide that he sounds like a cross between Pat Robertson and a seventh grader at his first dance. Whether or not students doing the horizontal monster mash make good Catholics is up for debate but Meehan's holier-than-thou attitude can't be winning him many friends as he points out that he's definitely a better Catholic than all you kids that are living in sin. And boy, are you all sinning it up. "It is no secret that casual sex is abundant on campus," he declares. Abundant? At Notre Dame? Someone make sure this guy never gets lost and wanders onto a state school.

But my real beef with Meehan isn't over his (fair) declaration that doing the deed while unwed isn't the most Catholic of activities. It's not about his choice to remain celibate, as I don't have much room to criticize in that regard — I haven't exactly been getting many chances to play hide-the-pickle either. My problem is with the condescending way in which he presumes to know what's better for you. Why do the actions of other couples bother Mr. Meehan so much? To be blunt, how is it any of his damn business? It's bad enough that the University enforces such an ineffective rule and restricts the autonomy of its students, but when a guy voices a desire for his fellow students to be governed by his own personal morality, it's downright disturbing. Mr. Meehan argues so strongly for supplanting students' freedom of action with his personal preferences that one can't help but wonder if ensuring nobody else is getting laid is supposed to make him feel better about not getting any himself.

But perhaps I'm overreacting and parietals aren't really that bad. After all, "unless a couple has intentions of having sex, there is no reason why they can't hang out in a public place," he tells us. You and your girlfriend don't mind sharing that couch in the dorm lounge with a bunch of lonely, lonely freshmen, do you?

Rick Adcock  
senior  
off campus  
Apr. 18

### Extended parietals = Heaven?

Thank you, Lenny Meehan ("Extend parietals, save your soul" Apr. 18), for your insightful solution to the morally abominable issue of premarital sex on the Notre Dame campus. During the four years of college, the majority of 18 to 22-year-olds transform into mindless, sex-crazed deviants, uncontrollably succumbing to our animalistic desires. After the sun goes down, any male-female mingling within the privacy of a dorm room will inevitably escalate to debauchery and — yes — sex. Because what other purposes do relationships between young men and women serve? Of course friendships between the sexes would be impossible, given that we are biologically wired to commit mortal sin every time we find ourselves alone together in a cramped dorm room.

The only logical answer to this problem is to remove the temptation to commit this dreadful act: extended parietals. With the fear of ResLife's exacting disciplinary

measures looming over our heads, we will all be forced to abandon our immoral urges and conform to lives of quiet study and meditation because it's common knowledge that students will absolutely never have sex unless it happens in a dorm room after 10 p.m.

Lenny Meehan, I am forever indebted to you for your ingenious proposal to save my immortal soul because I haven't the capacity to do so on my own. It is not the responsibility of this Catholic university to foster an environment where each student can freely cultivate his or her own individual faith; no, the university must impose rigid constraints on the student population to ensure that all of our souls win one-way tickets to those pearly white gates.

Lauren Knauf  
freshman  
Badin Hall  
Apr. 18

### Parietals as punishment

I completely agree with Lenny Meehan ("Extend parietals, save your soul," Apr. 18) and his proposal to lengthen parietals by two hours. As someone who also does not get any, I too would like to punish those with more game than myself.

Kevin Kray  
freshman  
Carroll Hall  
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### College not a prerequisite for wisdom

Although the blandness of Darryl Campbell's columns generally make them easy to forget (or simply ignore), his most recent editorial ("The importance of college," Apr. 14) deserves a brief response. With his usual "I graduated from Harvard" smugness, Campbell waxes (sans eloquence) on what is supposedly the chief benefit of a liberal arts education — namely, the fostering of wisdom in young minds. That is reasonable enough. Broad intellectual pursuits can have that effect. But Campbell goes a step further and implies that the "complete person," while not created by the liberal arts curriculum, cannot be created without it either. This elitist stance treats the university and advanced education as the exclusive gateway to wisdom and naturally makes professors — and Campbell will surely be one someday — the gatekeepers. But even he admits that a liberal arts education can't guarantee wisdom.

I submit that if he would take an honest look around, Darryl Campbell would find the reason for this. A liberal arts education is not the only path to wisdom; sometimes it seems wisdom is achieved in spite of it. In fact, there are plenty in this world with a high school education, GED or no real education at all who are wise as well. An open mind, a good deal of common sense and a humble confession of ignorance when necessary do more for building wisdom than any curriculum a university can offer. I would venture to say that it is entirely possible that the person who serves Campbell his pizza at Sbarro or cleans out his library carrel is just as wise as any professor on this campus. Spend a little time beyond the ivory tower, Mr. Campbell; you'd be surprised at how wise the uneducated can be.

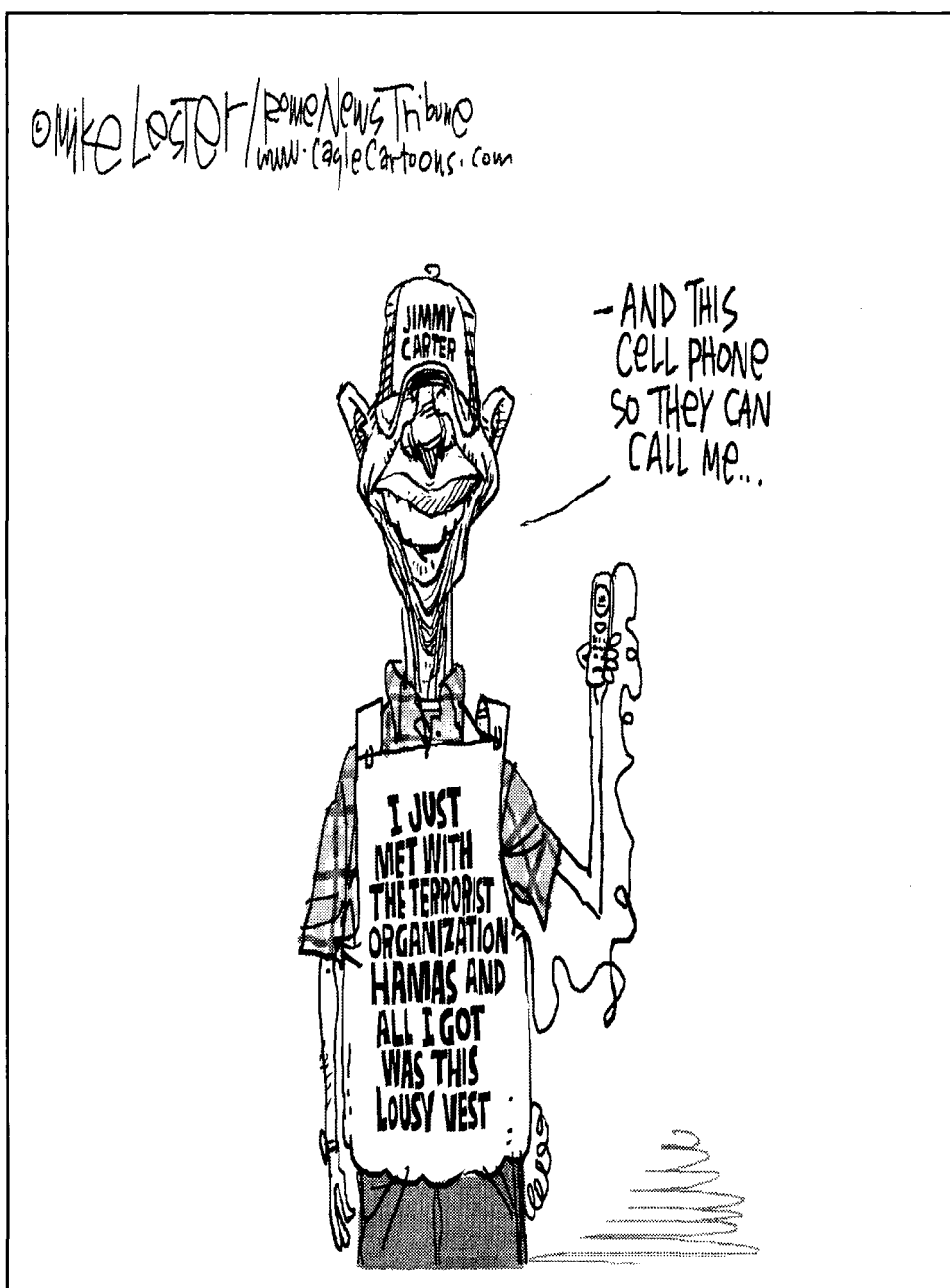
Stephen Morgan  
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### Roe v. Wade error

In his letter "The pragmatically pro-life party," (Apr. 17) Andrew Dreyfuss claims that if Roe v. Wade were overturned, "all forms of abortion" would be "illegal." This is not true. If Roe v. Wade were overturned, the authority to permit or limit abortion would return to state legislatures, where it rested before the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973.

Joseph Nawrocki  
graduate student  
off campus  
Apr. 17

## EDITORIAL CARTOON





## FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL

### a captivating comedy

By CASSIE BELEK  
Assistant Scene Editor

Jason Segel has been a card-carrying member of the Judd Apatow gang since television's "Freaks and Geeks," in 1999, but in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," the actor successfully comes to the forefront as both writer and star.

Segel, who has already proven himself as a television actor as Marshall in CBS's "How I Met Your Mother," took a step on the road to film stardom as one of Ben's stoner roommates in 2007's "Knocked Up." "Sarah Marshall," Segel's first screenplay, should put him in the ranks with previous Apatow stars Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill and Michael Cera.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall," is the self-described "romantic disaster movie" produced by Apatow. It is a much-needed relief from comedies like "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," which feature men constantly joking about sex and women using an excess of foul language meant to shock the viewer into laughing. "Sarah Marshall" still has some of the cruder elements of those comedies (Segel is naked quite a bit), but they are toned down enough to give this untraditional romantic comedy a bigger heart and make it more accessible to a wider audience. This is truly a comedy for both sexes — not just one of those movies in the "women will also enjoy" category.

Segel stars as Peter Bretter, a musician dating TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), who stars in the fictional "Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime." Peter composes the music for "Crime Scene," but his real dream is to finish his puppet rock opera about Dracula. However, after Sarah dumps him for rock star Aldous Snow (Russell Brand), Peter's dreams are put on hold when he loses all motivation to do anything but drink and cry. Peter's step-brother, Brian (Bill Hader), convinces him to move on, so Peter decides to take a trip to Hawaii to get his mind off of his former five-year flame. When Peter arrives at his hotel, he discovers that Sarah and Aldous are staying there too, but hotel receptionist Rachel (Mila Kunis) befriends Peter and helps him cope with the miserable situation.

It may be too convenient that out of every vacation destination in the world and out of all the hotels in Hawaii, Peter and Sarah end up at the same one, but there wouldn't be a movie otherwise. Besides, there are too many other things to focus on and laugh at than this plot point, like Peter's new friendships with the hotel staff, including a surfing instructor (Paul Rudd) and nervous newlywed Darald (Jack McBrayer). Jonah Hill even shows up as a waiter creepily obsessed with Aldous Snow.

There are no weak links in the cast, but if two actors deserved more attention they would be Hader and Brand. Audiences will recognize Hader from "Saturday Night Live" and "Superbad," but "Sarah Marshall" marks a turn for the actor as he isn't doing an impression or playing a dumb cop. Instead, he's playing a normal person just trying to slap some sense into his step-brother. It's a role that could be easily forgettable with a lesser comedian, but Hader manages to steal scenes and stand out.

Brand similarly establishes himself as a scene stealer as pompous rock star Aldous Snow. Brand's acting and Segel's writing manage to make Aldous a multidimensional character that is sympathetic despite his many, many flaws and his mistreatment of Sarah.

Mila Kunis, whose face has virtually been missing from any screen since "That '70s Show" (she continues to voice Meg Griffin in "Family Guy"), also should not be overlooked. Kunis' character is well-developed, complex and funny, and not just an unattainable, unflawed goddess, which is so typical of Apatow films. Kunis, with her exotic looks and comical voice, is a welcome return to the screen, and serves as the ultimate foil to Bell's blond, misguided Sarah Marshall.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is a romantic comedy from the male-perspective, but it still manages to portray the female viewpoint well through the characters of Rachel and Sarah, making it easily accessible and entertaining to all audiences. The film is long at 112 minutes, but this does not matter since the characters are so hilarious and inviting. Peter is a lovable goof who has just lost his way for a little while, and we find ourselves wanting to help him forget Sarah Marshall too, just as long as he keeps his clothes on.

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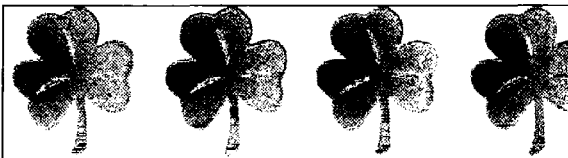
### Forgetting Sarah Marshall

Universal Pictures

Director: Nicholas Stoller

Written by: Jason Segel

Starring: Jason Segel, Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Russell Brand and Bill Hader



# MINUS THE BEAR

provides a revealing interview

By RYAN RAFFIN

Assistant Scene Editor

With their unique music and energetic live show, Minus the Bear is one of the best rock groups out today. Scene had a chance to talk with Alex Rose, keyboardist/vocalist for the band, who played at Legends on Saturday night. Rose discussed topics such as life on tour and the band's future plans.

Scene: How's the spring tour going so far?

Rose: Well, we had a bus breakdown but that's about the only thing that was out of our control. We had to get on a new bus for three or four days.

Scene: Do you play university shows like this often?

Rose: Yeah, we've had about one a week. A lot of smaller clubs and colleges.

Scene: How would you describe Minus the Bear's music for someone not familiar with the band?

Rose: I usually say it's classic rock of the future. I mean, we try to play rock-and-roll that's pushing boundaries, that's not going to become so dated that nobody will be interested in it down the line. We want to make it last, we want to please ourselves, we want to make good music. We listen to a lot of old stuff, but we also have that electronic element.

Scene: In the past you've toured with groups like [rapper] P.O.S., [instrumental group] Russian Circles and [grind-metal act] the Number Twelve Looks like You. What makes the band fit into tours with so many different bands?

Rose: That one [with the Number Twelve], we just got asked to be on the tour. Their music is a little more brutal than we would usually tour with.

Scene: "Planet of Ice" [the band's most recent album] got a very good critical response from a lot of sources, both online and in magazines. Has this attention and positive critical reaction to the album given you even more attention, and are you seeing more people at shows now?

Rose: We are seeing more people at shows, it's hard to know where each person is hearing the band. Yeah, we've been getting a decent amount of press, it certainly doesn't hurt.

Scene: In regards to the songwriting process, do the lyrics get written first, or the instruments?

Rose: Vocals and lyrics come last. All of us hammer out the songs in the practice space, including Jake [Snider, lead vocalist/guitarist], and I'm sure he's got some ideas brewing for vocal stuff during certain points. We tend to build from one of Dave's [Knudson, lead guitarist] guitar riffs, especially recently. For "Planet of Ice," we spent every weekday down in the practice space going over all the different possibilities and parts, throwing out parts, coming up with new ones. Some songs weren't done until four or five weeks after we started, some were done after a week.

Scene: Which song took the longest to write?

Rose: I think "Dr. L'ling" might have taken the longest. It's hard to say, because we would always come back to them.

Scene: This album's a lot more laid back than your previous album, "Menos el Oso," which was pretty concise.

Rose: Yeah, I think everyone was consciously trying to not edit themselves. Whereas before it was like "That's too boring, we have to cut it down."

Scene: What's changed in the way the band operates since your first album, "Highly Refined Pirates"? Is it more serious now, or is it the same as it's always been?

Rose: I think since the earlier albums everyone has had the opportunity to quit their day jobs. So we spend more time touring, practicing and writing.

Scene: Where do you see the band going in the future, over the next couple years?

Rose: We're going to start writing another album this summer. We're going to try to not wait too long [between albums], it's going well now and if we take too long a break, it might fizzle. We're going to write a new album, hopefully record it next year. We'll see where it goes.

Scene: Is "Planet of Ice" going to get the remix treatment like "Menos el Oso" did?

Rose: Well, P.O.S. did that "Knights" remix on the bonus disc, I don't know if we'll go the same route. I'd love to try and remix a few of them, I haven't done it before and it seems like it would be fun. I might do a few, but I doubt it would get a full album. We may go the opposite way, and do stripped-down acoustic versions of these songs. Maybe an EP, or even the full album.

Scene: Are you going to go on any more tours this year?

Rose: We have some festivals. We're doing Bonnaroo, we're doing Pemberton up in Canada, might be doing some European festivals. We're going to spend most of the summer at home. We'll probably do a fall tour. If something came up, we'd love to do an opening tour.

Scene: What's your favorite city or venue to play?

Rose: I don't know, that's tough. New York was awesome a few weeks ago. Seattle recently has become very good. That was probably the most fun I had. The Norva in Norfolk, Virginia, has the best backstage ever. Foosball, video games, hot tubs. The Pabst theatre in Milwaukee is another great backstage. Anywhere that has laundry I'm pretty into.

Scene: What's your favorite song to play live?

Rose: It might be "Dr. L'ling" for me actually. "Double Vision Quest" is really fun to play. A lot of the new ones.

Scene: What's the strangest thing to happen on tour?

Rose: So much bizarre stuff has happened. I don't even know what the strangest thing is, it's almost like it happens on a daily basis and you don't think it's strange anymore. People break into our dressing rooms all the time. I walked into a Wal-Mart bathroom one time, and there was this 300-pound kid sitting in the stall with the stall door open, just singing. Surreal things like that happen all the time.

Scene: What's your favorite band to tour with?

Rose: Got to love touring with [Seattle rock band] These Arms are Snakes, they're our bros from Seattle. We've lucked out, a lot of the bands we take out are totally awesome. Helio Sequence is great, they're a great band.

Scene: That's it, thanks for doing the interview.

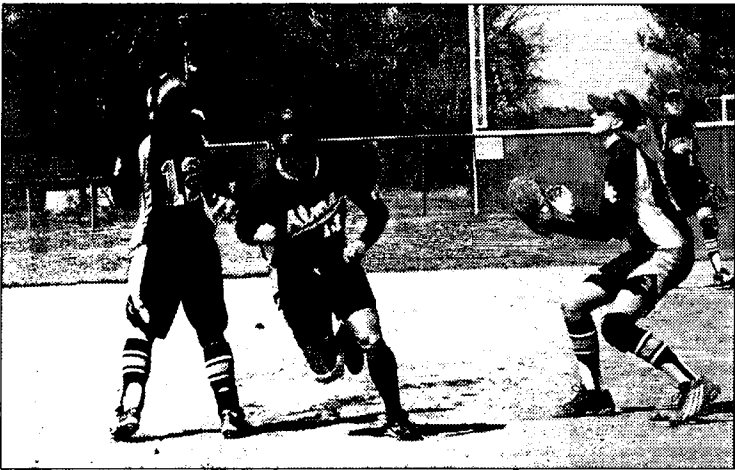
Rose: No problem.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Saint Mary's earns key conference wins



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Stephanie Biernat, right, and Katie Rashid, left, eye a pop fly in Saint Mary's 11-8 win against Alma Apr. 5.

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's positioned itself well for the postseason, going 3-1 against two conference teams this weekend.

The Belles' split double-header against Hope College Friday and their sweep of Adrian College Saturday left Saint Mary's (20-7, 9-3 MIAA) solidly in third in the MIAA with four games left to play.

The top four teams advance to the postseason. The current top two teams, Alma and Tri-State, have yet to play each other, meaning one could fall back in the standings.

The Belles' games at Hope were their first since the funeral of assistant coach Don Miller, who died April 13 after a battle with cancer. Head coach Erin Sullivan said Hope painted a circle in front of the Belles' dugout with the letters "DM" in the middle.

"Hope is one of the classiest teams I've ever seen," Sullivan said. "They made every effort to make us feel comfortable with a tough situation."

The Belles lost game one 6-0 to the Flying Dutch. Hope pitcher Leah VanEink pitched her fifth straight shutout, not allowing a hit until the fifth inning. Junior Katie Rashid and sophomore Ashley Peterson had the only two Belles hits.

Saint Mary's continued its trend of winning the second game of their doubleheaders

after an opening loss with a 7-5 victory in game two. The Belles scored early, leading 3-0 after the bottom of the first. But the Flying Dutch came back and tied it in the top of the fifth at 5-5.

"[Hope is] always a strong team with very strong base running," Sullivan said.

The Belles rallied again in the bottom of the sixth, as sophomore Maureen Healy and junior Cathy Kurczak each scored to bring the Belles' total to seven.

Senior McKenna Corrigan brought her record to 10-0, aiding her own effort by going 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

Saturday, the Belles played at home against the Adrian Bulldogs. In game one, junior pitcher Calli Davison gave up two runs early, but the Belles tied it 2-2 in the third and scored five more in the bottom of the sixth for a final score of 7-2.

Davison also went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and sophomore Ashley Peterson went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

In game two, the Belles held a 9-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Bulldogs put on a rally to bring the score to 9-6 before Corrigan retired the side for her 11th win.

Sullivan said Saturday's rain, which began in the seventh frame, had to do with the late rally, but the team pulled through in the end.

"Our fielders and pitchers really stepped up and played well against these hitters," she said.

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## Smith

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Smith picked off a Jimmy Clausen pass intended for tight end Mike Ragone on the Blue Team's 15-yard line and ran the ball in for the touchdown, flipping over the goal line to celebrate.

"Ragone ran an out route, and I just waited on the ball. I got set up for it and just took advantage of it," Smith said.

Smith surprised himself with the amount of times he heard his name during the game.

"I didn't think I would hear my name that much," he said. "I think a couple of times they [the tackles] actually belonged to [safety Kyle] McCarthy."

Smith is part of Irish coach Charlie Weis' plan to counter three-wide receiver sets. Smith, a safety, will line up with rising senior safeties McCarthy and David Bruton. This formation, Weis said, gives the Irish the versatility to cover three-wide receiver pass plays as well as single-back runs out of similar sets.

"We're trying to get interchangeable parts so that we

can play the same defense with what we call 'base people' with linebackers with a big body like Scott Smith," Weis said. "Then play it with a smaller body that is more of a safety type like a Harrison Smith."

"The reason why you do that is so when you're matched up with all these teams that use multiple wide receivers, if you have a three safety defense out there, and they go ahead and spread you out, you're already in position to play them. But all of a sudden, if you put a three wide receiver and they pack it in, now you don't have to give up a lot of one back runs which we gave up last year."

Smith will go to defensive coordinator Corwin Brown, he said, to learn about the safety position, and to assistant head coach (defense) Jon Tenuta to study being a linebacker. He said he also studies his assignments often.

The offense will not scheme to allow the defense to perfect the system in practice, Smith said. Rather, the defense will react to the offensive package.

"The offense just does what they do. If they think it might

be more of a pass tendency, and we might want to blitz or something, they might throw me out there," he said. "If it's maybe more of a run situation, they might put Scott out there to get a bigger look on the field."

Fifth-year senior linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., said the implementation of the system has gone fairly well.

"Harrison's a great athlete and anytime you have a guy like him, you just kind of have to find a way to get him on the field," Crum said. "Since I've been here it's just been about getting the guys on the field. The guys who make plays and the guys who show up to practice get on the field, and Harrison has been one of those guys."

There are no easy fixes for a defense that allowed 195.3 rushing yards per game last season, but Smith is a part of what appears to be a step in the right direction.

"I gained some confidence," he said. "I can see what I did wrong and correct that, and see what I did right and keep it going into next season."

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## LPGA

## Ochoa wins fourth in a row

Associated Press

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa hustled around the corner, hoping to jump in a car and catch a flight home to Mexico.

No chance.

There were about 100 people waiting for her in the resort lobby, some seeking pictures and autographs, others hoisting glasses of champagne.

Ochoa wanted to sprint away, but she paused for another few minutes. After all, this was deserving of one more celebration.

The 26-year-old Ochoa became the first LPGA Tour player in 45 years to win four tournaments in consecutive weeks. The world's No. 1 player shot a 3-under 69 in the final round of the Ginn Open on Sunday and beat rookie Yani Tseng by three strokes for her fifth victory in six starts this year.

"I'm very grateful. It's been a blessing, you know," Ochoa said. "But I know that bad times will come. It's just the way life is. I'm just trying to enjoy my moment, and I would like to enjoy it for a long time. So even if it's going to be an up-and-down ride, hopefully I can stay there."

Ochoa trailed early in the final

round, but went ahead for good with three straight birdies beginning at No. 8. She finished 19 under and became the second player to win four times in as many weeks.

Mickey Wright did it in 1962 and 1963. Kathy Whitworth (1969) and Annika Sorenstam (2001) also won four consecutive events, but both had a week off during their runs.

Sorenstam (2004-05) and Nancy Lopez (1978) hold the tour record with five straight victories in events entered, but neither of those came in consecutive weeks. Ochoa will give her colleagues a chance to take the spotlight next week in South Florida. She will sit out the Stanford Invitation Pro-Am, and then try to make it five straight in two weeks in Tulsa, Okla.

"She's proven that she's our top player," fellow golfer Paula Creamer said. "She's set that mark pretty high."

Ochoa talked all week about how tiring it was to play four straight events, especially since last week's victory came in her native country and was filled with visits from friends and family members, plus countless media and sponsorship requests.

But even with a little less energy, she was better than everyone else at the Ginn.

"She's really No. 1," said Tseng, who finished 16 under and five shots ahead of third-place Teresa Lu and Suzann Pettersen.

Ochoa was up a stroke to begin the final round, but Tseng pulled ahead with a birdie-birdie start. Ochoa had several chances to move back in front, but she just missed birdie putts on Nos. 5, 6 and 7. She finally grabbed the lead with a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 8, then followed with two more on the next two holes.

The 19-year-old Tseng couldn't keep pace on the back nine, bogeying three of the final six holes and allowing Ochoa to cruise to her latest win. Tseng, who now has two second-place finishes and six top-25 showings in as many starts this year, said she got distracted by thoughts of winning.

"A little bit," she said. "Maybe not just a little bit, more than that."

Ochoa tapped in for par on No. 18, then raised both arms in celebration. She congratulated Tseng and told her they were going to see each other on many Sundays.

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team	record	points
1 Duke	13-1	353
2 Syracuse	10-1	349
3 Virginia	10-2	314
4 Cornell	9-2	272
5 Georgetown	7-3	261
6 UMBC	8-3	228
7 Maryland	7-4	218
8 Navy	9-3	214
9 Army	8-3	192
10 Ohio State	4-5	190
11 Johns Hopkins	8-3	167
12 Ohio State	7-4	162
13 Notre Dame	7-2	157
14 Brown	8-2	143
15 Bucknell	9-2	142
16 Loyola	6-4	113
17 Denver	9-4	98
18 Drexel	10-3	81
19 Princeton	6-4	79
20 Hofstra	6-4	27

## Inside Lacrosse Women's Division I Top 20

team	record	points
1 Northwestern	13-0	240
2 Princeton	10-0	222
3 Maryland	12-1	220
4 Syracuse	11-2	197
5 Virginia	11-3	194
6 Penn	10-1	183
7 NOTRE DAME	10-4	146
8 Georgetown	9-4	146
9 Boston University	12-2	142
10 Duke	8-5	141
11 North Carolina	10-4	119
12 George Mason	10-2	110
13 Yale	10-4	93
14 Vanderbilt	10-4	85
15 New Hampshire	10-4	76
16 Towson	10-4	51
17 Johns Hopkins	6-7	35
18 Denver	8-5	25
19 Stanford	8-7	23
20 Cornell	7-4	21

## Baseball America NCAA Top 25

team	record	prev
1 Miami	30-3	1
2 Arizona State	30-4	2
3 Florida State	31-3	3
4 North Carolina	29-7	4
5 UC Irvine	23-6	7
6 Missouri	25-9	8
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## MLB



Blue Jays designated hitter Frank Thomas reacts angrily to a called third strike earlier this season. Thomas was released by Toronto on Sunday after hitting .167 over the first three weeks of the season.

## Slumping Thomas released by Blue Jays

Associated Press

TORONTO — Slumping designated hitter Frank Thomas was released Sunday by the Blue Jays, who cut the 19-year veteran one day after he became angry for being taken out of the lineup.

General manager J.P. Ricciardi said he and Thomas came to "a mutual agreement" after meeting in the clubhouse early Sunday.

"Our best opportunity is to put other guys in the lineup at this point," Ricciardi said. "Obviously, reduced playing time is not something that he was interested in.

In order to let him go forward and get on with his career, I think it's fair to do it at this point."

The move leaves the Blue Jays on the hook for \$7,081,967, the remainder of his \$8 million salary this year in the \$18.12 million, two-year contract the 39-year-old Thomas signed in November 2006.

Thomas was hitless in his past 13 at-bats and had gone 4-for-35 since homering in three straight games April 5-8. Known as a slow starter, he batted .167 with three homers and 11 RBIs for Toronto this year.

Last season, Thomas

batted .277, leading the team with 26 home runs and 95 RBIs.

"I don't know that we have the luxury of waiting two to three months for somebody to kick in because we can't let this league or this division get away from us," Ricciardi said.

Ricciardi said the Blue Jays offered Thomas "a lesser role playing two or three times a week," but weren't surprised the veteran slugger chose not to accept.

"Out of respect for his career, it's not fair to him to sit around and become a part-time player," Blue Jays manager John

Gibbons said. "I know he wasn't going to be happy with that and you can definitely understand."

Center fielder Vernon Wells praised management for finding a quick resolution to the situation.

"I think it's better for (Thomas), too," Wells said. "He gets a chance to have more time to possibly pick up with another team, with us it may give some of our younger guys a chance to come up."

"We haven't been the best team so far this season. We definitely have some improvements to make."

## IN BRIEF

### NL MVP Rollins to go on DL for first time in career

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Rollins the MVP has two more capital letters next to his name: DL.

Rollins was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday for the first time in his eight-year career because of a sprained left ankle, nearly two weeks after last year's NL MVP was hurt running the bases against the Mets.

"It has gotten a lot better, but it isn't getting better from this point," Rollins said before the Phillies played New York.

Rollins hurt the ankle on April 8 against the Mets, but seemed to believe another day's rest was all he needed to return to the lineup. Instead, their switch-hitting shortstop made no starts and had only four pinch-hit appearances since he was injured. He grounded out against Duaner Sanchez on Saturday and that worsened the ankle.

### Busch wins third straight Nationwide race

MEXICO CITY — Kyle Busch won his third consecutive race on NASCAR's Nationwide Series, holding off Marcos Ambrose by less than a second Sunday in the Corona Mexico 200.

Busch passed Scott Pruett on the 72nd of 80 laps to take the lead. Pruett finished third, followed by Carl Edwards.

There isn't a driver out there on a better run than Busch, who is second in the Sprint Cup standings and entered this race in third on the Nationwide list. He's also leading the Truck Series standings.

This was Busch's 27th career victory in NASCAR's top three series — but first on a road course.

In a race that included two red flags, he stayed out of trouble on the 2.518-mile course at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez before finally moving past Pruett.

### Lethal force approved to stop protest to torch

KATMANDU, Nepal — Soldiers and police in Nepal have been cleared to open fire to stop any protests during China's Olympic torch run to the summit of Mount Everest.

Nepal's Home Ministry says the use of deadly force is only authorized as a last resort.

The troops will first try to persuade protesters to leave during the torch run and will arrest those who stay. If demonstrators defy all nonviolent means of restraint, troops have the option of using weapons.

Twenty-five soldiers and policemen have established camps on the mountain. Climbers will be banned from the mountain's higher elevations during the torch run.

The worldwide torch relay has been the target of demonstrators protesting China's human rights record, including its recent crackdown in Tibet.

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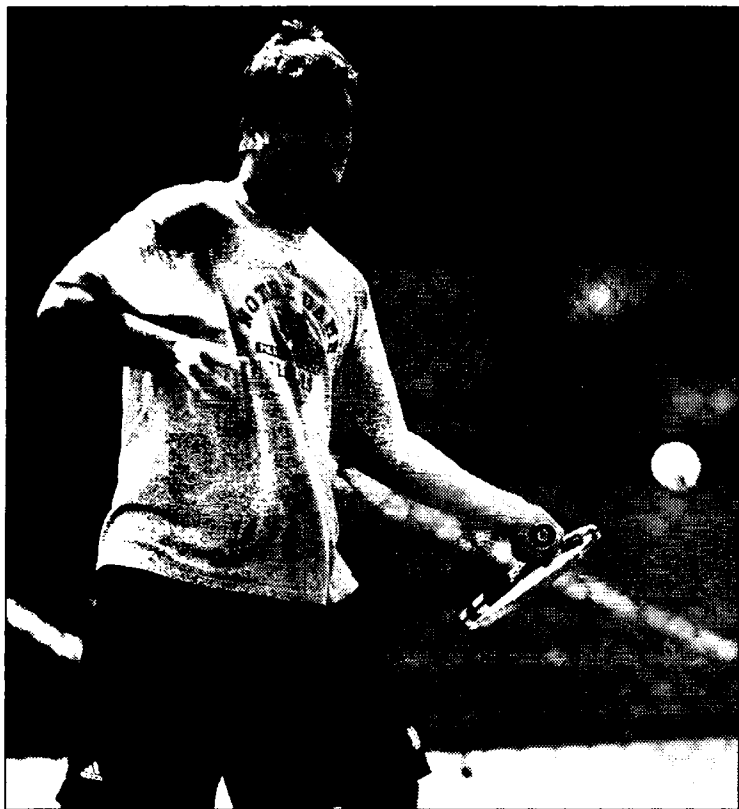
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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish clinch Big East title for second time



Senior Andrew Roth returns a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to William & Mary Apr. 6.

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

Top-seeded Notre Dame won its second consecutive Big East title with three wins this weekend on the University of South Florida campus in Tampa, Fla.

The Irish won their quarterfinal match against No. 8 seed Villanova on Friday by a score of 4-0. It was the second straight year that the Irish knocked the Wildcats out of the tournament. The win also marked Notre Dame's first consecutive victories since February. The bottom two pairs in doubles play of junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Roth and freshmen Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis were both victorious to clinch the doubles point for the Irish.

Notre Dame clinched the win with singles victories from Havens, senior Sheeva Parbhu, and junior Brett Helgeson. Parbhu earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Villanova junior Brian Maher. Helgeson contributed his own 6-1, 6-1 victory over Villanova senior Dimitri Chimerakis. Havens also earned a straight sets 6-2, 6-0 victory over freshman David Shaheen.

With the victory, the Irish advanced to a semifinal match over fifth seeded DePaul. The Irish defeated the Blue Demons 4-1. The Irish earned their first point in the doubles point with victories from the No. 1 and No. 3 positions. The Irish then clinched the win with wins in the top-three singles positions.

The Irish earned their

first singles victory as Helgeson continued his dominance with a straight sets 6-1, 6-0 victory over DePaul junior Jose Moncada. Parbhu also claimed his second straight sets victories in two days with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Blue Demon junior Austin Doerner. Roth clinched the victory for the Irish with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over DePaul sophomore Vanja Grgec.

With the win over DePaul, the Irish advanced to the final for the 13th straight season, and won a thrilling 4-3 match over South Florida.

After winning the doubles point, South Florida won three of the first four singles matches to jump out to a 3-2 lead. The Irish's lone singles win in that stretch was another dominant straight sets victory from Helgeson, who defeated South Florida freshman Lucas Jovita 6-0, 6-1.

Trailing 3-2 with the Big East title on the line, the match came down to the singles matches of Parbhu and freshman Daniel Stahl. Parbhu defeated Bulls' senior Mahmoud Hamed in a closely contested 6-2, 6-4.

With the match tied at three, the match came down to Stahl. Stahl won the first set in a tiebreaker over sophomore Diego Toledo 7-6 (4). He then won the second set 6-4 to clinch the title for the Irish.

The Irish will wrap up the regular season with a match at Florida State next Saturday.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish sweep Rutgers, DePaul

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Building on its late season momentum, No. 17 Notre Dame returned to the top of its conference, winning the Big East Championship with three impressive victories. With wins over Rutgers, DePaul and South Florida, the Irish won the league title for the third time in four years. After shutting out both the Scarlet Knights and the Blue Demons, the tournament culminated in a 4-1 victory over the Bulls, avenging last year's defeat in the title match.

## Notre Dame 4, Rutgers 0

As the Irish entered the tournament with a top seed, they faced Rutgers on Friday who came in as an eighth-seeded long shot. For the 14th time in a row, Notre Dame won the doubles point to get the match started, and used the momentum to handle the Scarlet Knights in singles play as well.

The No. 1 tandem in the nation of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft continued their dominance, picking up a commanding 8-0 win over senior Katrina Elder-Bush and sophomore Katherine Arlak. The win was their second "bagel" in as many matches, and improved their record to 35-5 on the season.

Sophomore pair Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu led their opponents 7-6 before the point was decided thanks to sophomore Kali Krisik and freshman Kristen Rafael's 8-5 win over sophomore Caitlin Baker and freshman Amy Zhang.

Tefft continued her impressive streak in singles play picking up right where she left off, backing up her doubles bagel with a singles bagel as well. The 6-0, 6-0 win over Elder-Bush marked her 25th win of the year and put the Irish up 2-0.

Buck followed suit and gave

the Irish a three-point advantage with her solid 6-0, 6-1 ousting of Zhang at the No. 2 slot for her fifth win in a row and ninth out of 10.

Notre Dame clinched the match with Rielley's 6-0, 6-2 win over Baker putting the score at 4-0, and giving the Irish the nod and a chance at a semifinal match with DePaul who had beaten Marquette in its quarterfinal match.

## Notre Dame 5, DePaul 0

The Irish eventually earned a place in their 13th straight Big East final with their second straight shutout Saturday. Notre Dame stuck to its guns and clinched the doubles point, which then translated into singles success.

Buck and Tefft earned their third straight shutout in doubles play, this time over senior Beatrix Csordas and freshman Selma Salkovic. With the win, Buck and Tefft matched the number of wins they had last season with 34.

Rielley and Ciobanu got their revenge from junior Dunja Antunovic and sophomore Kirsten Gambrell, who had beaten the Irish pair earlier in the month, with a convincing 8-1 win, sealing the doubles point for Notre Dame.

Ciobanu took care of Salkovic in singles play, putting the match at 2-0 for the Irish with her 6-0, 6-2 victory earning her 26th win of the season.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-0 lead as Krisik ousted Gambrell, 6-2, 6-1. The win marked the first singles victory of the tournament and team-high 32nd of the year.

Junior Katie Potts won for the eighth time in nine matches with her straight set 6-3, 6-2 win over senior Anja Mihaldinec, putting the score at 4-0.

Buck clinched the match for the Irish with her 6-4, 6-2 besting of Gergana Ganeva giving the senior captain 12 wins in 13

tries. Next, the Bulls loomed in the path of the Irish as the championship game would be decided Sunday.

Notre Dame 4, South Florida 1  
The Irish took the title, taking down the hosting Bulls, placing themselves in their 13th straight NCAA tournament, giving Notre Dame 14 wins in 15 attempts.

For the 15th straight time, the Irish captured the doubles point, once again led by the nation's top tandem.

Buck and Tefft claimed an 8-5 win over junior Iciri Rai and freshman Janeette Bajikova. Buck have won 19 of their last 20, and the next doubles victory they take will put them in a tie for the program's top doubles mark.

Rielley and Ciobanu clinched the point for the Irish with their 8-2 victory over sophomore pair Jessica Zok and Lauren Schumate. The pair's 20th win put the match at 1-0, and began singles play.

Buck started off the singles victories with her straight-set 6-2, 6-2 win over Zok. The senior now has won seven straight and 13 of 14.

With the match at 2-0, Ciobanu put the Irish up three with her 6-2, 6-4 victory over sophomore Allyn Mueller.

Bulls freshman Natalia Guevara put South Florida on the board with her 6-3, 6-2 win over Potts, but the Irish bounced back with Rielley's 22nd win of the season and the match-clinching win. The sophomore took the contest 6-3, 6-4 over senior Liz Cruz.

Notre Dame has now won two of three Big East title matches over the Bulls, and now must wait until May 9 for the NCAA tournament to begin. The Irish could be a host team depending on the pairings which will be decided in early May.

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## SMC GOLF

# Belles finish sixth in Spring Fling

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's placed sixth in Illinois-Wesleyan's Spring Fling this weekend — a strong finish leaving the Belles optimistic as they head into next weekend's MIAA qualifier finale.

"We played a pretty good tournament this weekend," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said.

"We beat a number of higher ranked teams and shot our best 36-hole score of the season."

Leading the team for the fourth consecutive tournament was freshman Rosie O'Connor. O'Connor shot a 78 on the final day posting the fourth best score of the day and finished 17th overall.

Senior captain Katie O'Brien also took 17th place overall posting scores of 80 and 83 for a total of 163.

With this tournament out of the way, Saint Mary's will turn their focus to the MIAA qualifier next weekend in Angola, Ind.

The Belles are currently 18 strokes behind rival Olivet with two rounds remaining.

The Belles have shown great strides since the first round took place just a few weeks ago.

They have placed well in their last couple of tournaments including a second-place finish at the Vassar Invitational and their sixth place finish this weekend at the Spring Fling.

The Belles will head into the last two rounds of the qualifier equipped with a new feeling of

confidence.

"We tied Olivet on the final day of play this weekend," Hamilton said. "So we have shown that we can play with them and hopefully we will do so next weekend."

If the Belles do not grab the top spot and automatic qualification for the national tournament, they will be thrown into a separate pool and forced to rely on a selection committee to choose them based on head-to-head competition among the other teams.

However, Hamilton is not ready to hand the qualification spot to Olivet just yet.

"Our best is yet to come," Hamilton said. "There is no reason it can't happen next weekend."

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Irish split weekend against Louisville, USF

*Crucial errors cost Notre Dame at Bulls*

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

As the old saying goes, what goes around comes around, and the Irish learned that this weekend. Notre Dame swept two games at Big East rival Louisville Saturday, then promptly lost two to South Florida the next day.

The Irish beat the Cardinals in a nail-biter in the first game, winning 3-1 in eight innings. Louisville took a 1-0 when junior Kassie Stanfill scored after advancing to second on a passed ball. The Irish scored a run in the fourth, though, and in the top of the eighth, junior infielder Lindsay Kohan belted a two-run home run to left-center to break the deadlock and send the Irish to victory. Junior Brittney Bargar pitched all eight innings, giving up only five hits and the one unearned run.

In the second game, the Irish only needed five innings to dispatch of the Cardinals, earning a 12-4 win. Kohan notched another four RBIs in the second game, and sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis added four more. Ellis jumpstarted the Irish offense in the first inning with a three-run blast to center, and sophomore first baseman Christina Lux added a solo homer in the fourth to extend the lead to 8-4.

Freshman Jody Valdivia pitched the first four innings, giving up only three runs on three Cardinal hits. Bargar came on in the fifth, and gave up

one hit before sending Louisville down in order.

Sunday was a new day for the Irish, though. The first game against the Bulls remained scoreless until the bottom of the third, when South Florida pushed across an unearned run. Freshman Kelly McCarver reached on an error, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and after being bunted over to third, scored on a Kit Dunbar single.

Lux knocked a two-run shot to right in the top of the fifth to give Notre Dame a 2-1 lead, but a four-run sixth for the Bulls sealed the win. South Florida needed only one hit in its rally, but a timely error and passed ball were enough to get the win. Bargar pitched all six innings for Notre Dame, giving up only two earned runs and six hits.

Errors continued to hurt the Irish in the second game against the Bulls. In the bottom of the fourth, with South Florida up 3-2 and the Irish already having given up an unearned run, an error by shortstop Katie Fleury allowed Tara Toscano to reach base. The Bulls went on to score four runs in the inning, and put the game out of reach.

Valdivia pitched four and 2/3 innings, and Bargar finished the game. The two combined to give up only three earned runs and strike out six.

The Irish travel to Purdue for a doubleheader against the Boilermakers on Tuesday.

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## MEN'S TRACK

# ND competes at Mount SAC

By EUGENIA ALFONZO  
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Notre Dame once again returns from its chase for qualifying marks to participate in the Big East Outdoor Conference Championship held in May.

The Irish had the chance to show their stuff at Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. The relays are renowned for being one of the biggest and competitive track meets of the year, hosting over 9,000 participants from high school athletes all the way to potential Olympians. As a preview for the Mount SAC relays, some members of the team participated in the VS Athletic Beach Invitational held at Long Beach State in Norwalk, California. Senior Adam Currie finished second with a time of 1:51.69 in the 800-meter run, placing him second and with season best

performance. Currie would improve even more during the Mount SAC Relays where he placed fourth with a faster time of 1:51.38.

Other participants of the VS meet were sophomore Balazs Molnar and senior Austin Wechter who both participated in the 400-meter hurdles. Molnar placed fifth with a time of 53.64, earning him the No. 13 ranking for the Big East meet in May. Wechter followed close behind in eighth with a time of 54.11.

Wechter and Molnar both ran hurdles at Mount Sac. Wechter finished 14th with a time of 54.40 while Molnar finished 22nd. Junior Billy Buzaid ran for the Irish as well, placing 13th in the 400-meter run with a time of 49.11. Buzaid ran the 400-meter dash the next day, running a time of 49.65 to earn him a seventh place.

Junior Blair Macjina also par-

ticipated in the VS meet and placed fourth in the high jump. Macjina would go on to place sixth in the high jump for the Mount SAC relays with a jump of 6 feet, 8 inches.

For the rest of the field events at Mount SAC, sophomore pole vaulter Matt Schipper started the Irish off with a fifth place height of 5.05 meters. Fellow sophomore jumper Eric Quick placed ninth in the triple jump with a jump of 14.18 meters. Quick is currently a double threat for the Big East, ranked fourth in long jump and seventh in triple jump.

The Irish will continue to strive for Big East qualifying marks as the regular season of outdoor track comes to a close. The next meets up for the Irish will be the Drake and Hillsdale Relays starting this Friday.

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## WOMEN'S TRACK

# Team excels at Championships

*Weber, Espinoza earn first place in three throwing events*

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame took it to the competition in the field events at the Central Collegiate championships this weekend, hosted by the University of Western Michigan.

The Irish won every throwing event in the meet and finished very strong in the jumping events.

Junior thrower Anna Weber and sophomore thrower Jaclyn Espinoza accounted for three of the Irish's four first-place fin-

ishes. Weber took first in the shot-put and the hammer throw events, both in which she holds NCAA regional qualifying marks.

Espinoza maintained her dominance in the discus throw taking first and reaching the NCAA qualifying mark. She also took second, behind Weber, in the shot-put.

Sophomore thrower Elise Knutzen was a big contributor for the Irish taking first place in the javelin throw.

In the jumping events, sophomore Jaime Minor led the Irish with a second place finish in the triple jump and

14th place finish in the long jump.

Freshman Jessica Sullivan placed 13th in the Pole Vault.

The Irish also logged some quality finishes in many of the running events.

The 5000-meter run was a successful event for the Irish who placed three runners in the top six. Junior Heidi Rocha and seniors Amy Kohlmeier and Ann Mazur placed third, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Junior Becca Bauman ran a strong race in the 3000-meter steeplechase finishing in second-place.

The Irish also sent athletes to the prestigious Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif.

There, the Irish continued to be best in the field events.

Junior Mary Saxer, the only Irish athlete to compete in field events, finished first in the Pole Vault.

Sophomore Joanna Schultz took first in the 400-meter dash with Senior Crysta Swayzer finishing ninth.

In the 800-meter race, the freshmen duo of Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans posted personal best times placing fourth and sixth, respectively. Each of their times was good enough to qualify them for both the Big East championship meet and the NCAA regional meet.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson finished fourth rounding out a strong Irish showing.

Next week, the Irish will travel to compete in the Drake and Hillsdale relays. These meets will be the last chance for the Irish to improve their times and marks before they will compete in the Big East indoor championships.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish bounce back from loss with huge win

By ANDY ZICCARELLI  
Sports Writer

Resiliency has been key for Notre Dame all season long. The Irish (11-5, 4-1 Big East) have been able to come back from tough and unexpected losses to keep themselves in the picture for both the Big East and National Championships.

Sunday proved to be the ultimate example of that

resiliency, as the Irish bounced back from a tough loss to Vanderbilt on Wednesday with a 20-9 thumping of Rutgers (7-9, 2-3 Big East) in Piscataway, N.J.

Sophomore attack Gina Scioscia highlighted the Irish offense with a career-high seven points on two goals and five assists. She now leads the team with 28 assists on the season after posting her fifth five-assist game on the year.

Junior attack Jillian Byers

notched five first-half goals to bring her season total to 61. Senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney added six points with three goals and three assists.

Junior goalkeeper Erin Goodman had another strong performance, limiting the Scarlet Knights to six goals during her time between the pipes. Some of that can be attributed to the shot disparity, as Notre Dame out shot Rutgers 43-20.

Notre Dame dominated the game right from the start, with the Irish jumping out to an early 4-0 under 4 minutes into the game. They would score 10 out of the game's first 11 goals, and cruised to an 11-5 halftime lead. The second half would prove to be more of the same, as Notre Dame found the back of the net 5 times in the first 10 minutes of the half, stretching their lead to 16-5 and putting the game out of reach for the

Scarlet Knights.

The game was the last regular season Big East game for the Irish, and they next play in the Big East tournament, which will begin on Friday in Notre Dame Stadium. With the win, the Irish have solidified the No. 2-seed heading into tournament play and will take on Georgetown on Friday night.

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## SMC TENNIS

## Belles down Kalamazoo

*Saint Mary's wraps up conference season on positive note*

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished its conference competition this weekend with back to back wins over Kalamazoo and Alma this Saturday and Sunday to move to fourth in conference.

Saturday the Belles (10-9, 5-3 MIAA) defeated Kalamazoo 6-3, winning five of the six singles matches. The momentum continued Sunday in their 8-1 victory over Alma, winning all six singles and two of the three doubles.

Saint Mary's won only one of the three doubles matches Saturday against Kalamazoo. Saint Mary's No. 3 pair of freshmen Jessica Camp and Mary Therese Lee made their debut as a pair, winning 8-3 over the Hornet's Becky Thomson and Amanda Goumas. No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian

Hurley lost 8-5 to Mary Atallah and Lindsay Zuhke. No. 3 pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed were defeated 8-3 by Kari Larson and Geneva Garcia.

The Belles made up for the doubles losses by dominating the Hornets in the singles, winning five of the six matches. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated Atallah 6-1, 6-3 for her 10th win of the season. Hurley continued her successful season with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Zuhke for her 16th singles victory. No. 3 Reed defeated Larson 6-2, 6-1 for her ninth singles win while No. 5 Rubino went 6-1, 7-6, (7-3) over Goumas. No. 6 singles, freshman Laura Arnold, won Saint Mary's fifth singles match in a 1-0 (10-6) tiebreaker after losing 4-6, and winning 6-4. No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski was defeated 6-1, 6-1 by Garcia, her 10th singles loss of the season.

Saint Mary's energy carried

over to Sunday as the Belles won two of the three doubles, and swept the singles division. No. 1 doubles duo of Gebert and Hurley won 8-3 over the Scots' Kelly Schwartzkopf and Margaret Curtiss, moving them to 10-9, 6-2 MIAA. No. 2 pair of Rubino and Reed were defeated for the second day in a row as they lost 9-7 to Lindsay Wagner and Laura McKendry, putting them at 7-10, 3-5 MIAA. Camp and Lee continued their play at the No. 3 doubles spot, winning their second match as a pair in their 8-1 victory over Emily Noss and Kelsey Erwin.

The Belles dominated the Scots in singles play with Gebert, Hurley, Reed, Wagner, Kosinski, Reed and Arnold all winning.

Saint Mary's will end its season this weekend at the MIAA Conference Tournament at Albion Friday and Saturday.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Laxers win two against Quinnipiac, Lehigh

By GRIFFIN DASSATI  
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After beating Quinnipiac 16-6 Friday in South Bend, the Irish decided just one win for the weekend wasn't enough.

They defeated Lehigh on the road 14-7 Sunday for their second win of the weekend. Friday was the first time No. 10 Notre Dame (9-2, 3-1 GWLL) had played since losing a 9-8 heart breaker to Denver April 5. After that loss, coach Kevin Corrigan said the team wanted to take a step back and reconsider where they stood.

"We just said going into the break after the Denver game that we wanted to reestablish who we were and what our identity was going to be," Corrigan said Sunday. "We wanted to use those weeks to improve individually and collectively. We're in a stretch of three games in five days. The job was to win all there and we're just considering ourselves in the middle of it right now."

Corrigan was referring to the stretch of Quinnipiac on Friday, Lehigh on Sunday, and Notre Dame's next game, which comes Tuesday at Air Force.

Junior attack Ryan Hoff started

off the weekend hot, scoring two quick goals against Quinnipiac with 14:09 and 11:14 left in the first quarter. Hoff's goals sparked a 5-0 Irish run that culminated in a goal by sophomore attackman Neal Hicks and set the tone for the game. The Bobcats never recovered from the deficit and didn't get within five goals of the Irish for the entire contest.

Hoff, Notre Dame's leading scorer this season, finished the game with four goals and was supported by two goals apiece from senior attackman Alex Wharton, junior attackman Duncan Swezey, and sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs.

After a Saturday trip to Pennsylvania, the Irish had to again gear up, this time to take on Lehigh.

The game started off fairly even, with each team scoring two goals in the first quarter. Despite another early goal from Hoff, it looked like the Mountain Hawks would put up a much tougher fight than the Bobcats had. That is, until the Irish decided to flip the proverbial switch.

Beginning with Hicks' goal with 5:31 left in the second quarter, the Irish went on an astonishing 9-0 run in which seven different players scored to put them up 11-2 and put the game out of reach for Lehigh.

Hoff finished up with four goals and one assist, making Sunday the fourth time the junior has scored four or more goals in a game this season. After the game, Corrigan talked about Hoff being a product of a team-oriented offense.

"Ryan Hoff scores a lot when we play well offensively," Corrigan said. "He gets the ball from other people and we have to play well together to get him the ball and get him open. Him scoring a lot is a good indication of us playing well."

Corrigan also added that the Irish dominance was due a lot to the possession battle — Notre Dame won 17 of 25 face-offs. Corrigan specifically credited senior midfielder Taylor Claggett as a main reason for the Irish's face-off success.

"Taylor is the one who really broke today's game open," Corrigan said. "He was winning face-offs by the bunch and that really helped us."

After the two wins, the Irish look ahead to Colorado Springs where they will play Air Force on Tuesday in their second-to-last game of the season.

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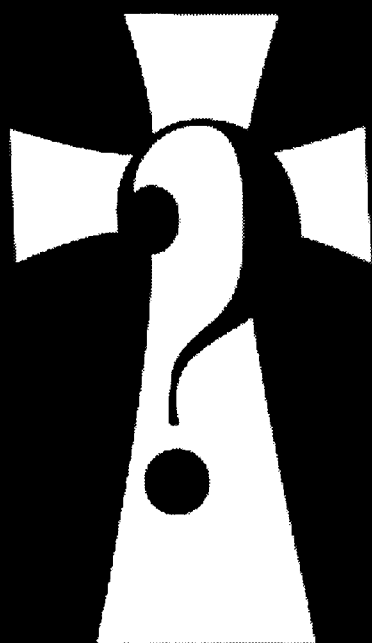
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## BASEBALL

# ND takes Big East road series

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame's big winning streak came to an end this weekend, the Irish took two of three on the road against Big East rival West Virginia. With the wins Notre Dame (25-10-1, 12-3 Big East) preserved its first-place standing in the conference, leading Cincinnati by one game.

## Notre Dame 8, West Virginia 4

The Irish pushed their winning streak to 11 games Friday with a big victory to open the series in Morgantown.

Junior pitcher David Phelps held the Mountaineers (28-11, 8-7 Big East) to three runs and striking out 10 in seven innings of work. West Virginia entered the series batting .364 as a team, tops in all of college baseball.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning, scoring two runs that reached on walks. Freshman third baseman Greg Sherry, who was 3-for-3 in the game, came through with a two-out RBI single to help the Irish out to an early lead.

Junior first baseman Evan Sharpley then extended the Notre Dame lead with a solo home run in the third, his eighth of the season.

The Irish expanded the lead to 5-0 in the fourth inning, with a Sharpley RBI single plating one of the runs. Sophomore center fielder A.J. Pollock was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to score the other run.

West Virginia responded and closed the gap in the fourth, scoring two runs to cut the lead to 5-2. Phelps gave up another run in the fifth, but held the Mountaineers scoreless in his final two innings of work.

Notre Dame added a couple of insurance runs with sophomore David Mills two-run double. Senior Tony Langford and junior Kyle Weiland each pitched a scoreless inning to preserve the win.

## West Virginia 11, Notre Dame 6

Mountaineers starter Steve Morrison was a workhorse for West Virginia, throwing 140 pitches over 8.2 innings of work to get the win on Saturday. The nation's top offense touched up the Irish for eight runs in the first five innings and cruised to victory.

West Virginia snapped the Irish's 11-game winning streak with the win, touching up Notre Dame senior Wade Korpi with four runs in three innings.

The Irish opened the game with an early strike, going up 1-0 off a sophomore designated hitter David Mills inside the park homerun. Notre Dame managed several hits off Morrison early, but left five runners on base in the first two innings.

Morrison then settled down and allowed just one run over the next seven innings. Notre Dame rallied for four runs in the ninth to make things interesting, but fell short of seriously threatening the Mountaineer lead.

Sophomore outfielder A.J. Pollock and senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky each had two-

hit games for the Irish to lead the team offensively.

West Virginia first baseman Joe Agreste was 3-for-4 with four RBIs, including a solo homer. Shortstop Tyler Kuhn and center fielder Austin Markel also had three hits for the Mountaineers.

## Notre Dame 9, West Virginia 4

The Irish took the rubber match Sunday, getting seven strong innings from sophomore Eric Maust and another big homerun from David Mills.

Maust, who played in the Blue-Gold game just a day earlier as a punter, picked up his fourth win of the season. The right-hander struck out six and walked none, giving up four earned runs on the game.

The Mountaineers tagged Maust for three long balls early, getting two solo shots in the second to grab a 2-1 lead. After the Irish went up 3-2 West Virginia struck back with a two-run homer from Jordan

Yost to take back the lead in the fourth.

Notre Dame showed its resiliency, striking right back with two runs in the top of the fifth. Senior catcher Sean Gaston singled home a run, and A.J. Pollock scored on a groundout after a double and a stolen base.

With the Irish holding on to a one run lead, Mills sealed the win in the seventh. With the bases full Mills pulled a 1-0 pitch over the right field fence for his first career grand slam.

Relievers Steven Mazur, Mills, and Kyle Weiland combined to hold the Mountaineers hitless in the final two innings.

Notre Dame will return to action with two non-conference games this week against Chicago State and IPFW Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, before a Big East showdown with third-place St. John's this weekend.

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## WOMEN'S ROWING

# Irish tune-up for Big East at Charles River

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame put together back-to-back successful days at the Charles River Challenge in Boston, Mass., in preparation for next weekend's Big East championships.

On Saturday, the varsity four led the way, winning both of its races. The varsity

eight, second varsity eight and second varsity four also won once each.

On Sunday, Notre Dame beat Boston University in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and novice eight races.

The Irish will compete in the Big East championships next Sunday in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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teams.  
"Give credit to those guys, the day after the Blue-Gold game to keep playing," Andersen said of Duncan, Turkovich and fellow football player junior Kyle McCarthy, a safety. "They were obviously tired, and Turkovich was saying his ankle hurt."

After not playing together a year ago, the Saltines are just looking to clean up some unfinished business in tonight's championship game at 8 p.m.

"My sophomore year, we lost in the finals, so we've been looking forward to this day for two years," Lund said. "We're just hoping this year we can end it the right way."

## No. 7 Mean Girls 21, No. 5 Insurance Waivers 17

Mean Girls used some tenacious defense and a few timely jump-shots to close the game with a 4-0 run to send the higher-seeded Insurance Waivers home.

Junior Alex Klupchak, wearing a sizeable knee brace and sporting a bandaged right hand, showed off his scrappiness by getting on the ground for several steals in the final minutes to set up the win for Mean Girls. Senior Garret Flynn scored a game-high nine points, including four of the last five for the victors.

"I was dead tired and just trying to spend all my energy on defense and getting rebounds," Flynn said. "I guess I was kind of lazy [on the offensive end] and they got off me a little bit, and they got me the ball and I just shot it. I just wanted to end it."

He did so with a running lay-up after the last of Klupchak's backcourt steals. Klupchak, who also scored six points, made it tough on Waivers guards Rob Heroman

and Joe Marnell all afternoon, but especially late in the game to prevent a Waivers comeback.

"We were having some trouble in the half-court scoring, so we were just trying to pressure as much as possible to get out and score some easy baskets," Klupchak said.

*"My sophomore year, we lost in the finals, so we've been looking forward to this day for two years. We're just hoping this year we can end it the right way."*

**Chris Lund**  
Saltines senior

"[Flynn] made a great finish there at the end, but they played great defense so we had to work hard to get our baskets down the stretch."

The game might have turned out differently if it weren't for a controversial call that went

against the Waivers with Mean Girls leading 19-16. The Waivers patiently moved the ball around the perimeter before finding senior forward Matt Gibson alone under the basket for an easy lay-up that would have cut the lead to two.

But the referee had blown the whistle to stop play as the ball from the women's game at the adjacent court rolled onto the men's floor. The basket was discounted, despite protests from the Waivers players, fans and even the referee from the women's game, who was heard advising the men's official to count the basket.

"Any bad call is tough, but we've got to play through it," said Waivers senior forward Matt Hamel, who scored a team-best six points. "The refs don't determine the game, the players do."

Senior Nick Possley, a former walk-on wide receiver for the Irish football team, scored six points for Mean Girls, who are looking forward to a tough title matchup.

"[The Saltines] are a real talented team," Flynn said. "We're going to play some good, solid 'D' and rely on some fundamentals and hopefully [Klupchak] can take us home."

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## WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

# Anthony Travel holds off comeback attempt

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

## No. 2 Anthony Travel 21, The Firm 19

The Firm rallied back from a 19-3 deficit with a 6-0 run, but the comeback effort fell short as Saint Mary's senior Alison Kessler scored Anthony Travel's final two points on free throws to send her team to the title game.

Kessler, a Division III basketball All-American and Saint Mary's' all-time leading scorer, showed a calming presence at the charity stripe with the game on the line and the rest of her teammates icy cold from the field.

"Our problem was that we slowed the ball down too much and got away from running our transition," Kessler said. "That messed with the momentum we had going and that allowed them to get back in the game."

Anthony Travel showcased that transition game with back-to-back fast-break lay-ups to make it 16-12, when it looked like they would cruise to an easy victory after extending an 11-8 halftime lead.

But the outside shooting of sophomore guard Lindsay McMahon coupled with a couple of put-backs from freshman forward Mary Forr kept The Firm in it, as its defense tightened and its shots began to fall.

And when guard Kaitlin Robinson grabbed a rebound and went coast-to-coast through Anthony Travel's defense to cut The Firm's deficit to 20-19, it appeared the momentum had made a definitive turn.

As soon as Kessler was fouled and headed to the line, though, The Firm looked resigned to defeat, as the sharpshooter nailed the final free throw to put the game on ice.

"The shots weren't falling too well, and we were kind of pressing at the end," Kessler said. "Next time, we just need to calm down and control the

ball a little bit better."

## Supreme Court 21, 8th and Main 12

A trio of Saint Mary's basketball players — Meghan Conaty and sisters Erin and Becki Newsom — led the Supreme Court to a blow-out victory and a berth in the championship game.

Conaty showed why she led the Belles this season with 93 assists, getting into the lane early and often and either dishing it off to her teammates or finishing the job herself.

"I'm not much of a shooter — never have been, never really wanted to be," Conaty said. "[My game is] just distributing the ball and driving it in and looking for the open man."

After the teams traded baskets to open the contest, the Supreme Court took an 11-7 edge into the break. When the teams came out for the second half, though, it was all Supreme Court.

"They definitely pulled away in the second half more so," 8th and Main guard Sierre Smith said. "Maybe we got tired, but they were good defensively and our shots just weren't falling."

8th and Main had several two-on-one and three-on-two opportunities in the second half but just couldn't finish, as several of its players expressed their frustration after missing open shots from the lane.

Though the Supreme Court didn't exactly shoot the lights out either, Conaty's play at the point allowed the 6-foot Newsom sisters to get some easy chances and advance to play Anthony Travel — the team led by their old teammate, Alison Kessler.

"We weren't really hitting outside, so we were trying to drive and work the ball in and set more screens," Conaty said. "We knew if we could move the ball inside the defense would have to work to stop us."

"It'll be fun and interesting to finally play against Alison for a change."

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## Offense

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Kamara's touchdown, preceded three plays earlier by a 58-yard pass to rising sophomore Golden Tate off of a go-route, was only the third touchdown of the game. But in a game where a first down earned one point; a sack, a 10-yard run, a 20-yard pass and a defensive stop earned two points; and a three-and-out earned the defense five points — the scored climbed quickly.

The offense dominated much of the first half, jumping out to a 32-13 lead. Rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes carried for 72 yards on 16 carries in the first half, and he finished with 22 carries for 102 yards, earning offensive MVP honors. Blue did not pass the ball on its second drive, going 69 yards on 15 plays capped off by a Hughes 1-yard touchdown run.

But Gold climbed its way back in the second half. On

Blue's second drive of the half, linebacker/safety and defensive MVP Harrison Smith picked Clausen off on Blue's 15 and returned it for a touchdown, giving the defense 10 points and putting it back in the game.

"I call that a happy moment watching one of my defensive players scoring a touchdown on an interception," coach Charlie Weis said. "And a sad moment watching my quarterback throw an interception for a touchdown."

After the play, a small fight broke out in the end zone involving multiple players. Punches were thrown, and in an actual game, penalties, and possibly some ejections might have ensued from the altercation. This spring, Weis has tried to get his players to play with more emotion on the field. The fight Saturday,

Weis said, was an example of taking emotion too far.

"As far as everything else, what would I call it? A perfect example to teach, that's what I would call it," Weis said. "That's probably five minutes of what I talked about in [the locker room after the game]."

That was a perfect example to teach the team about composure."

Blue managed just 45 yards the rest of the half before the final drive.

In the two 30-minute halves, Clausen went 10-for-27 for 183 yards the one touchdown and one interception.

Weis said there was a difference in his quarterback situation this spring, with Clausen the clear-cut starter, as opposed to last spring when four candidates including an injured Clausen were vying for the starting job.

"At this point last year I knew that in a couple of days

he was going to go get his elbow scoped. And it was going to be a recovery time, and it was going to be a while before he could get his arm strength up to be able to throw the ball," Weis said. "It was really that whole quarterback situation was a little bit of a chaotic at the time, I'd have to say. You know, because nothing was really going as I scripted it."

That injury prevented Clausen from throwing with any regularity until the final weeks of summer camp. Clausen's also needed time to recover, and said the long pass to Tate probably would not have reached its target a few months ago.

"I'm a lot healthier right now," Clausen said. "I'm 100 percent. Last year coming off the elbow surgery, and being banged up, I really wasn't able to be 100 percent like I am now. So I'm just happy to be 100 percent."

But Notre Dame came into the Blue-Gold Game wanting to run the football.

Aside from Hughes' 22 carries, rising junior James

Aldridge had six carries for 18 yards and rising sophomore Armando Allen had 11 carries for 53 yards.

"What we wanted to do is make sure we ran the ball about 40 times. That's how it turned out..." Weis said. "I wanted to let the offensive line tee off. You can't build physicality if you don't let them tee off."

Tate finished with three catches for 73 yards, while Kamara had four catches for 48 yards.

### Notes

♦ The attendance at the game was 30,286, the fifth highest total for any Blue-Gold Game.

♦ Rising fifth-year linebacker Maurice Crum Jr., rising senior wide receiver David Grimes and rising senior safety David Bruton were named captains for next season. Crum will captain the defense, Grimes the offense and Bruton special teams.

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## Recruits

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hitting speed, extremely elusive."

Stockton is a 6-foot-1, 280-pound defensive lineman that Notre Dame recruited to play nose tackle.

"He's a guy that plays so hard all the time," Frank said. "He'll remind people of Trevor Laws, very physical and quick player, even though he'll play a different position than Trevor did. You have your pluggers and then you have your guys that make negative plays in the backfield and he's more of a negative play kind of guy."

The Irish also had a number of other recruits on campus who didn't verbally commit, but Frank said overall, they enjoyed their visits.

### Jordan Barrett — linebacker

A high school teammate of incoming freshmen Dayne Crist and Anthony McDonald from Sherman Oaks, Calif., Barrett has Notre Dame high on his list of schools, Frank said.

"I think Notre Dame has a very

good shot. But if some of the local schools like USC or UCLA came calling, neither has offered yet, will he stay loser to home?" Frank said.

### D.J. Adams — running back

Frank said Adams might be on the fence at this point given the commitment from Wood over the weekend.

"If he wants the spot he might have to do something fairly soon I think those are some of the thoughts that are going through his head," Frank said. "I think he really likes Notre Dame, but if he's going to choose Notre Dame, I think he's going to do it fairly soon."

### Devonte Holloman — safety

Frank said the Charlotte, N.C., native probably won't make a decision until summer, but likes Notre Dame's chances of landing Holloman.

"He's going to visit a few more schools and check out some things, but I think he really likes [defensive coordinator] Corwin Brown and likes what Corwin has to say," Frank said.

### Anthony LaLota — defensive end

LaLota received an official scholarship offer from Notre Dame over the weekend.

"I think he wants to sit down and think about things, but I do think the offer moved Notre Dame way up to the top of his list and in the end I'd be surprised if he didn't end up at Notre Dame. But the longer he waits, the more people are going to have an opportunity to influence him," Frank said.

### Craig Roh — defensive end

Frank said he expects Roh to take more visits before ultimately deciding on a school. Roh hails from Scottsdale, Ariz., and stands 6-foot-5, 225-pounds.

### E.J. White — defensive back

Frank said some schools are recruiting White as a safety, while others, including Notre Dame, are recruiting him as a corner, which bodes well for the Irish.

"I think that helps their chances. I think he loved the visit and crowd support," Frank said. "I think the fans did a great job of selling Notre Dame this weekend. He mentioned that a lot when we

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## Hughes

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see him run with his pads lower.

"I think when you're 240 pounds, the higher you run, the more you're giving the defense equalizers," Weis said. "You're letting them get shots at you. I think you have to run with a little more forward leaning, get your pads down more."

Hughes said he and Weis had discussed pad level in the past.

"We had talked about it and worked on it," Hughes said. "It's just something that I've got to focus more on and practice more on and just take a better approach about it."

Despite the fact that Hughes got a preponderance of carries, he still must contend with rising sophomore Armando Allen and rising junior James Aldridge. Allen had 50 yards on 11 carries and Aldridge had 18 yards on six carries during the spring game.

"I think all three of these running backs can play," Weis said. "I don't think there's any question that you can put any of those three guys out there and you'd have a chance of winning in the game."

The change in speed and size of the three backs can throw off a defense much like a pitcher changing speeds can confuse a batter. Allen is small, but quick, and cuts well. Hughes is a powerful downhill runner. Aldridge slides in somewhere between the two. Weis said he can — and will — play all three with a clear conscience.

"You're really not worrying about it, because you're going to play all three of them," Weis said. "They're all going to end up playing, and they all know it. That's a good thing."

Ryan Grant, former Irish running back and current Green Bay Packer, said the competition between the three backs would be a positive occurrence.

"They need to make each other better, compete against

each other," said Grant, who graduated in 2005 and was invited back as an honorary coach. "In that sense will make the team better. That competition is healthy. They can feed off each other; they can make each other better they can learn from each other. Each person has their own style."

Hughes said the competition between the three backs generates a productive yet amicable relationship.

"You see a guy out there doing well and you want to do well too," he said. "You know, it's a friendly competition for all of us."

But Saturday, it was Hughes who led in yards and carries, Hughes who coaches turned to after early passing struggles. This is still spring ball, but Hughes saw the game as a pacesetter for the fall.

"It definitely gives us something to shoot for when we get back," he said.

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## FOOTBALL

# Blue skies ahead

*Kamara grabs late TD to lead offense in win*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

Facing fourth-and-goal from the eight-yard line with 29 seconds remaining, rising sophomores Jimmy Clausen and Duval Kamara connected on a fade pattern near the sideline of the end zone to lift Blue (offense) to a 47-46 victory over Gold (defense) in a uniquely-scored — and at times heated — 79th Blue-Gold Game.

"When we were on the sidelines, we were going to run a fade to one of our receivers," Clausen said of Kamara's touchdown. "And coach is like 'We're going to 18'. And I looked at Duval and said, 'Are you going to catch it or not?' And he said, 'Yeah, I'm going to catch it'. And I was like, 'You better go up and get it because I'm throwing it up.'"

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Wide receiver Duval Kamara, right, makes the game-winning touchdown catch over defensive back Gary Gray during Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

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*Wood, Stockton join Irish recruiting class*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

The Blue-Gold game is a prime recruiting opportunity for Notre Dame, and this weekend the Irish landed two verbal recruits for the class of 2013.

Running back Cierre Wood and defensive lineman Tyler Stockton gave verbal commitments to Notre Dame over the weekend.

Wood, one of the top running back prospects in the country, is an Oxnard, Calif., native who stands 6-feet, 200-pounds.

"He's a big-time player. He's an impact player. He's a guy that [can] take over and change a game," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame for scout.com. "Notre Dame doesn't have a lot of game-changing players on their roster right [now], though they're starting to have more as their good recruiting continues. He brings a different dynamic. He has home run

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*Smith delivers INT for touchdown for defense*

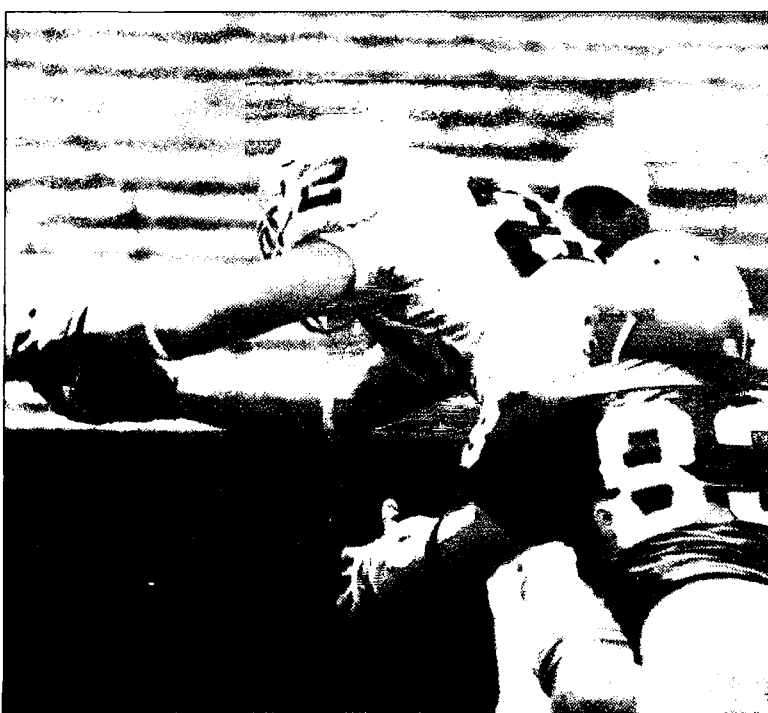
By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

In a spring game with an abridged scoring system and a running game clock, 176 yards allowed isn't a bragging point for a defense. The play of Harrison Smith, however, was.

Smith, the Blue-Gold game's defensive Most Valuable Player, returned an interception for a touchdown and made five tackles in the game.

"Last year you obviously try and help your team with practice and doing show team and all that stuff," he said. "But getting out there with the big boys is a lot of fun."

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Safety/linebacker Harrison Smith, left, flips over the goal line after returning an interception for a touchdown Saturday.

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*Hughes emerges from committee with 22 carries*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

If the Blue-Gold game were real, the coaching staff would have a conniption. Two incomplete passes, a sack and a punt on the first possession don't add up to an explosive, confidence-building start.

In a real game, coaches would do exactly what they did in the spring game — establish a run game in place of a passing game that fell asleep over the winter and was reluctant to get out of bed Saturday.

To build offensive momentum, coaches ran the ball, 15 times in a row, in fact. The first seven of those calls went to rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes, who gained 27 yards during that

span. He finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, part of a 22-carry, 100-yard day that earned him offensive Most Valuable Player honors.

"It felt good," Hughes said of his day. "It felt like I could have got more and keep pounding away."

After Brandon Walker's 31-yard field goal put the Blue Team ahead 10-0 (or 28-10, depending on your scoring system of choice), Hughes busted a 20-yard run to the left side and followed it with a seven-yard burst up the middle.

Hughes rushed 53 times for 305 yards and four touchdowns last season. Although at 240 pounds he's already a downhill runner, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he'd like to

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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

# Saltines, Mean Girls to meet for championship

By MATT GAMBER  
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**No. 2 Main St. Pub Saltines 21, No. 4 Bumped 10**

Junior Carl Andersen scored a game-high 10 points, including eight in the first half, to lead the Saltines to a blow-out victory over Bumped.

The Saltines jumped out to a 3-0 lead and Bumped never got closer than that, trailing 11-5 at the half before getting run off the court by the smaller but quicker Saltines.

"We usually try to take our chances," Andersen said. "We're usually pretty good at rebounding and we can get it up the court quickly to [senior Chris Lund] and [senior] Steve [Joyce]."

The Saltines weren't intimidated by the imposing presence of Bumped's twin towers, 6-foot-7 Paul Duncan and 6-foot-6 Mike Turkovich — both offensive linemen for the Irish football team. Duncan was held scoreless and Turkovich scored three points — but none after his jumper from the

elbow made it 6-4 Saltines midway through the first half.

"Obviously they had about 3,000 pounds on us, so we were just trying to use our quickness to our advantage," said Lund, who scored five points. "They were playing off me a lot, guarding me with a guy who was a lot better, so that helped a lot. Carl [Andersen] was able to get me the ball and I just hit a few shots."

Lund made a living on the glass, scoring three times off of offensive rebounds and cor-

ralling several more on the other end. He scored the final three points of the first half to transform an 8-5 lead to an 11-5 advantage heading into the break for the Saltines.

But Andersen stole the show, establishing his presence by scoring the game's first point on a mid-range jumper before stealing a pass on the defensive end and weaving through three defenders for a transition lay-up for a 2-0 lead.

"It was tough because anytime I could get a step of Carl [Andersen], the rest of the

guys were quick to come in and swarm on me," said sophomore Nick Fessler, who led Bumped with six points. "I played with him last year and he's probably the best player out here. It's tough playing against him because he's such a good competitor and such a good athlete."

The compliments went both ways, though, after a fast-paced, physically intense game between two of the tournaments' more athletically gifted

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