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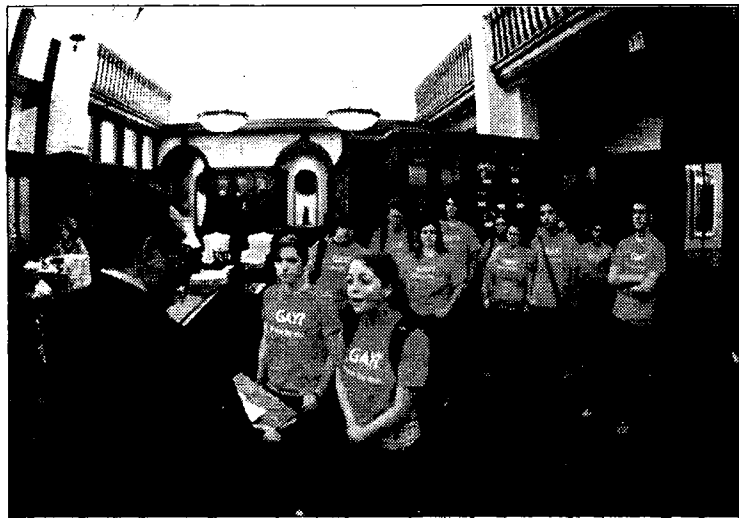
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## No changes made to discrimination clause

Jenkins, University reject petition to add sexual orientation to protected groups



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer  
The Campaign for Human Dignity petitioned the University to add sexual orientation to its discrimination clause on March 18.

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

University of Notre Dame President Father John Jenkins, C.S.C., rejected appeals to add sexual orientation to the University's nondiscrimination clause during a discussion Monday with the leaders of the Campaign for Human Dignity about a petition the group submitted earlier this month.

"From the beginning of the meeting he made it clear that he didn't want to reconsider the nondiscrimination clause," Progressive Student Alliance president Bridget Flores said.

Currently, the clause states the University does not discriminate based on "race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age."

University spokesman Dennis Brown provided Jenkins' rationale for the University's stand.

"He explained that our reasons for excluding sexual orientation from the nondiscrimination clause remain the same now as in 1997," Brown said. "That is, after careful analysis from both the legal and theological perspectives, it was determined that adding the clause may

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## Student leaders converge on campus

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Editor

Student body president Bob Reish said the Intercollegiate Symposium — a conference between student government representatives from Midwest universities that took place at Notre Dame this weekend — is an "investment in the future" for the student body.

"I think the conference went better than expected for a conference in its first year," Reish said. "I think each school brought a different perspective that we could relate to."

The conference involved six breakout sessions in which representatives from Vanderbilt University, Washington University in St. Louis, Purdue University, Northwestern University and Notre Dame exchanged ideas about how student government should work, Reish said.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt, who will take his position as student body president Wednesday, said the symposium offered many ideas for improving student government.

"Something Northwestern does really well is offering an evaluation of off-campus housing options," he said.

Schmidt said he has since looked into creating a similar evaluation system for students living off-campus to complete.

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## Mock trial club sends teams to nationals

Four Notre Dame students won awards at Opening Round competition over the weekend



Photo Courtesy of Allison Ciesielski  
One of the Notre Dame Mock Trial teams, with coach Bill Dwyer, competed in the Opening Round National Competition last weekend.

By IRENE ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

Mock trial is one of the more time-consuming activities available at the University, according to Bill Dwyer, the coach of Notre Dame's mock trial team.

"You know the TCEs they pass out to students?" Dwyer asked. "This class is in the top 1 percent of all classes in terms of time spent working for it."

Mock trial is not only a club but also a credited course. It meets every Thursday night for two hours, and students practice on their own in order to fully grasp the skills taught in class.

Ryan O'Connor, a senior political science major, said preparation gets more intense when the spring semester arrives.

"Fall semester, I practice about four hours a week," he said. "But in the spring when we have most of our competitions, it can be eight or 10 hours a week."

A mock trial competition consists of four rounds. Two rounds are spent presenting the case from the plaintiff's side, and two are spent arguing for the defense, according to O'Connor, who has been accepted into Georgetown University's law school.

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### CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Multicultural clubs must publicize

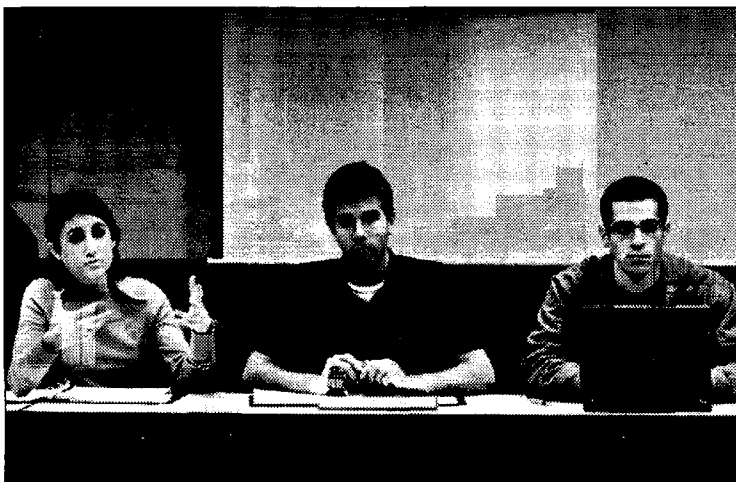
University should focus on retaining minority student, task force says

By SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writer

A survey of international and multicultural students suggested that multicultural and international clubs or events need better publicity, Diversity Council Representative Brigitte Githinji said.

"I noted that people who answered said they had not participated in any of these events or had not heard of them because they were not well publicized," Githinji said. "Because of this, [the clubs] tend to be more inclu-

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TOM LA/The Observer  
Student body president Bob Reish, center, presides over his final Campus Life Council meeting Monday.

## New buildings seek LEED certification

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Writer

Notre Dame emphasizing sustainability through the pursuit of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for current and future construction projects, University architect Doug Marsh said in a lecture Monday night.

"Buildings have the toughest impact of the environment," Marsh said. "There is a huge opportunity to positively impact those outcomes by different designs."

The United States Green Building Council (USGBC) gives LEED certifications

based on buildings' innovation and sustainability in site planning, water management, indoor environmental quality, material use and energy, Marsh said.

Construction projects currently seeking LEED certification include Ryan Hall, Stinson-Remick Hall and the Purcell Pavilion addition to the Joyce Center.

Marsh focused on Stinson-Remick Hall, the new engineering building that is scheduled to open in January 2010, to explain the innovations that contribute to LEED certification.

The building's reduction of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Make a decision

Since the onset of the “Odrama,” I have been very conflicted as to where I stand on the issue and what I should do. A lot of me thinks that since I am a sophomore, I have no real place objecting to anything that happens at graduation. But it does make me think, what would I do if I were a senior? I think the issue merits examination, even if I am in no position to react.

**Stephanie DePrez**  
Assaintant  
Scene Editor

I have been in a number of classes where I felt bad, even guilty, for having the gut reaction of “I don’t want Obama here.” Listening to the mainly one-sided opinions of other students talk about the “embarrassing factions” who are objecting and the “radical, selfish Catholics” who are taking graduation from the seniors, I can see how easy it would be to say, he’s coming, it’s over, get over it.

But I came here because Notre Dame is a Catholic university. We’ve been toeing the line of that title for a while, calling ourselves a Catholic university with great pride and distinction, so proud that we aren’t just one or the other — we have peaceably reconciled being a top research university with our commitment to education with a Catholic identity. But I think the issue’s finally come to a head. That’s what this “Odrama” is really about — which comes first, Catholic, or University?

If we are a university first, then by all means, the President should be speaking here! Education and open-mindedness should come first in all things, and we should operate on a platform of openness to hearing anyone, without questioning speakers who might otherwise be held accountable for positions that are contrary to Catholic doctrine. If we are Catholic first, then why should Notre Dame confer its prestige upon someone who as acted in ways that violate core Catholic doctrine? I think that President Obama coming here has become such a (national) issue because Notre Dame, Catholic University, has never had to choose its ultimate designation in such a public, definitive way.

To listen to students of differing views discuss this topic is to witness negotiations between a person speaking Greek and a person speaking Swahili. They get nowhere, because neither really understands where the other person is coming from. All those against Obama receiving an honorary degree are stating that no matter who he is or what the award is for, he holds a position contrary to a “non-negotiable” teaching. All those delighted to see Obama speak and receive the degree think this is irrelevant because he’s the President and we’re a university.


So the time has come for us to decide. We can no longer live in the limbo of thinking being a Catholic university can appeal equally to both aspects — somewhere along the line, we must ultimately make a decision. After sitting with this for a week, unsure which attitude I would subscribe to, I realized the distinction has already been made by one of Notre Dame’s ubiquitous mantras: God, Country, Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.  
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST ITEM THAT THE DINING HALLS HAVE TO OFFER?




**Sarah Essaied**  
freshman  
McGlinn

*"The barbecue, or the gyros, or those mini sandwiches with the bacon, turkey, lettuce and tomato."*




**Rachel Tran**  
freshman  
Farley

*"Whatever you can smuggle out in your pockets."*




**Tom Pesch**  
freshman  
Morrissey

*"Waffle batter. Straight, uncooked waffle batter."*



**Chase Riddle**  
freshman  
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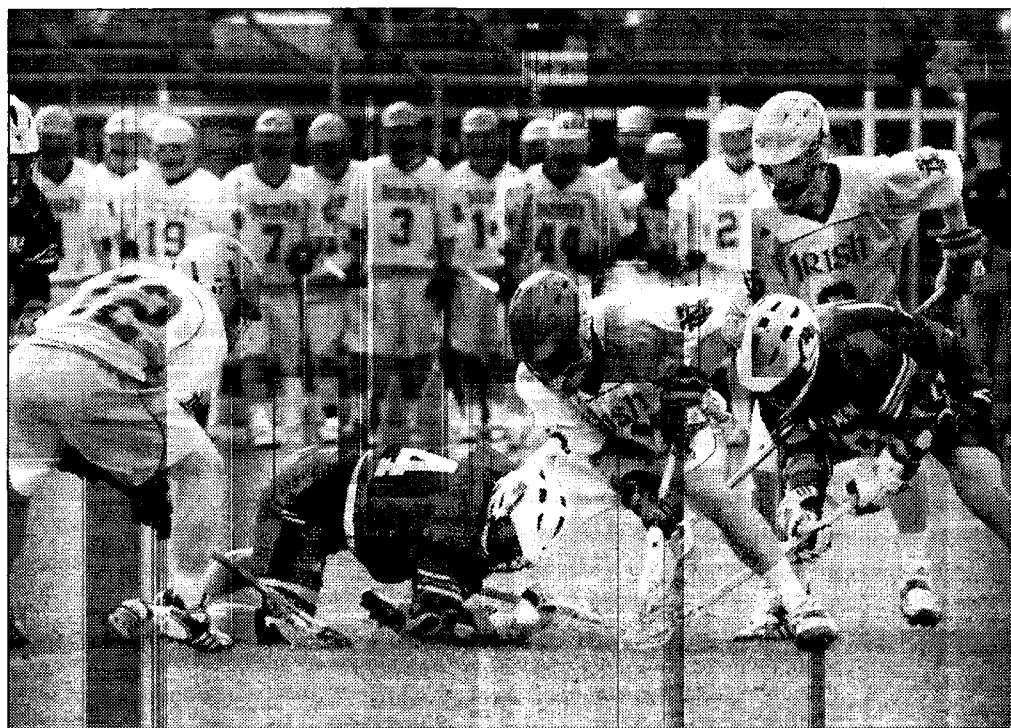
*"Chocolate sprinkled doughnuts."*



**Huong Ngo**  
junior  
P.E.

*"Pita bread."*

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [observer.questions@gmail.com](mailto:observer.questions@gmail.com)



Irish lacrosse player Jake Marmul goes for the ball in the team's 11-6 victory over Bellarmine. They take on Villanova today at 4 p.m.

OFFBEAT

**Man arrested after opening airplane exit**  
NEW YORK — New York City prosecutors have filed criminal charges against an air traveler who got fed up waiting on the tarmac at Kennedy Airport, and tried to open a jet door and get out. Authorities said 60-year-old Robert McDonald, of England, faces reckless endangerment charges for opening an emergency exit hatch as the plane waited out an hours-long delay at JFK.

**20 cat skeletons found at home**  
APPLETON, Wis. — A

woman was charged with animal abuse after a landlord found about 20 cat skeletons in a home she rented. The eight charges filed Friday against 41-year-old Lorie A. Kuehl include five felony counts of mistreating animals. Prosecutors said the landlord entered the home in January after she abandoned it. The landlord found piles of animal feces and cat skeletal remains, some in a plastic garbage bag.

**Teen lights man's pants on fire**  
FERNDALE, Mich. — Police in a Detroit suburb

say a teenager has been charged with lighting an unconscious man's pants on fire and causing a third-degree burn to the man's groin. Police in Ferndale, Mich., said 18-year-old Tyler Quick was arraigned Friday on a charge of assault.

Ferndale police Lt. William Wilson tells The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak that Quick was attending a party at the home of a 51-year-old man when the host passed out.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

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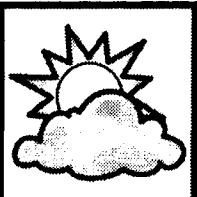

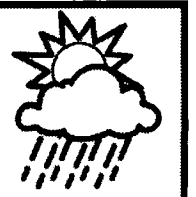
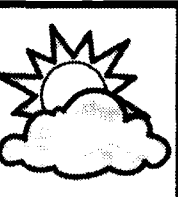
A lecture titled “To Cry or Not to Cry: Heritage, Genetic Identity, and the Ambivalence of Belonging in Argentina” will be given today by Dr. Graciela Cabana of the University of Tennessee at 3 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

The Center for Asian Studies will host a symposium called “The Church in Asia, Part I: East Asia” today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium and Great Hall. The symposium aims to explore the past, present, and future of Catholicism in Asia, and will feature three scholars focusing on the Church in Japan, China and South Korea.

The play “Our Town,” by Thornton Wilder will be shown today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, transforming the simple events of everyday existence into universal truths. Regular ticket prices: \$15 general public; \$12 senior/ND faculty/staff; \$10 students.

The annual Student Peace Conference will be held this Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center. Its theme this year is “Perspectives on Peace.” Admission is free, but registration is required.

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## Petition

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not allow us to distinguish between sexual orientation and behavior, which is a distinction that we must maintain as a Catholic university."

However, Jenkins did say he would be willing to consider alternative ideas to make Notre Dame more welcoming for the GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community, according to Dewey.

"Father Jenkins seemed very open to taking steps to make campus more welcoming for GLBTQ students. He asked us to come up with a list of proposals," said sophomore Mary Dewey, chair of the campaign.

Flores and Dewey based their argument to Jenkins on the following points: that adding such a clause would not conflict with Notre Dame's Catholic identity, that the University has a different standard for responding to harassment targeted at GLBTQ students and that the atmosphere on campus currently prevents the University from living up to the principles set forth in its Spirit of Inclusion document.

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we deserve to be treated," according to the Spirit of Inclusion document.

Dewey said they used the document to support their request.

"We wanted to emphasize that the most concrete step the administration could take to live up to the ideals the Spirit of Inclusion represents is to include a nondiscrimination clause [for sexual orientation]," Dewey said. "We presented him examples of clauses from other universities that have sexual discrimination in their nondiscrimination clause, particularly St. Mary's and Boston College."

"We wanted to give him examples of other Catholic colleges, ways that Notre Dame can still commit to nondiscrimination that are still in line with Catholic values."

Flores elaborated on how Notre Dame could still retain its Catholic identity by broadening its nondiscrimination clause.

"Notre Dame also says that because of its Catholic character, it holds itself to a standard higher than civil law," she said. "We think the best way to hold itself to that standard would be to add sexual orientation to the non discrimination clause."

In presenting her case, Dewey cited a perceived double standard by the University in what described as a weak reaction to students who last year wore inflammatory T-shirts disparaging gay students and a more stern response to racist letters students received.

"There is a discrepancy between the way the University responds to hate speech on the basis of race and the way the University responds to hate speech on the basis of sexual orientation," she said. "We really wanted to challenge that there really isn't a welcoming culture for GLBTQ students. In the past, GLBTQ students have felt like the administration hasn't responded to hate speech and harassment."

While they haven't given up on their fight to change the University's nondiscrimination clause, the leaders of the Campaign for Human Dignity have already responded to Jenkins' suggestion to form alternative proposals.

Flores listed some ideas she plans to offer University representatives who specialize in discrimination issues.

"Better publicizing of the resources available to GLBTQ students who are victims of harassment and other forms of discrimination, so students can know where they can go, separating the channels where students can report discrimination from dorm life, offering alternatives from going to rectors — a private means by which students can report discrimination — as well as more effective response from the University about discrimination," she said.

While these ideas would help make the campus more welcoming for all students, broadening the nondiscrimination clause would have more substantial effects, according to the Campaign's leaders.

"Primarily [the University] would project the idea that it is open and willing to admitting GLBTQ students and that it is consciously trying to make an atmosphere welcoming to students of all sexual orientations," Flores said.

According to law student Kyle Sommer, there is an apparent inconsistency in the implications of including sexual orientation in the University's harassment policy but not in its discrimination policy. While the University must respond to verbal abuse targeted at GLBTQ students, it has no legal obligation to ensure that employees are not fired because of their sexual orientation, Sommer said.

"It has ramifications in employment discrimination, in admissions, in scholarships and in athletics," he said.

The Campaign for Human Dignity will also pursue club recognition for AllianceND and OutreachND.

"We want to work with the University so the Spirit of Inclusion can become a reality," Dewey said.

On this point, the two sides found common ground.

"Over the past decade, Notre Dame has made significant strides in making the campus more supportive for gay and lesbian students, and we look forward to exploring ways in which we can improve still more," Brown said.

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This year, Notre Dame sent four teams to regional contests. Three teams qualified to advance to the Opening Round National Competition, which took place last weekend in Hamilton, Ohio.

Four Notre Dame students won individual awards at the Opening Round competition. Mary Margaret Skelly won an Outstanding Attorney award, while O'Connor, Cameron Shane and Katie Matic won awards for Outstanding Witness.

Allison Ciesielski, the team's current president, said she considers the time commitment one of the most challenging aspects of participating in mock trial.

"It's a lot of travel on the weekends and a lot of individual practice time," she said. "The difficult part is becoming proficient at it and finding the appropriate amount of time to devote to it."

Matic, who was elected team president for the 2009-2010 academic year, said the Mock Trial fosters skills that are helpful in later life.

"We don't only learn about the law and how to speak in front of people," said Matic, who wishes to study corporate law after graduating from Notre Dame. "We also learn how to think on our feet and make spur-of-the-moment arguments in a convincing manner."

Notre Dame's mock trial team consists of 32 students, 16 of whom participated in the Opening Round National Competition. Many of the students wish to

attend law school after they graduate from Notre Dame, but some members simply consider the mock trial team to be an important part of their extracurricular life.

"Most of them have a serious interest in law school," Dwyer said. "But some of them do not. We have a few pre-med and engineering majors."

Dwyer, who lives and practices law in Chicago, said mock trial is very challenging and that the students are often not recognized for their efforts.

"It's kind of an underappreciated activity," Dwyer said. "These students spend an enormous amount of time on it and they're very good at it."

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## CLC

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sive in their nature."

Githinji also said she would like to see more of a focus on helping multicultural and international students who attend Notre Dame want to stay. Currently, groups are focused on increasing diversity in the incoming class, but the problem lies in multicultural or international students wishing to transfer, she said.

"There is nothing focusing on keeping the students here," she said.

Githinji said that from the survey, it seems it is more likely that the multicultural or international students will want to transfer after the first year "because they aren't comfortable."

"The whole first year is a struggle between staying and not staying," she said.

Githinji said in order to help address this issue, she would like to see more of a "joint effort" between the groups within and outside of Student Government that focus on diversity.

She said she foresees the task force carrying over to next year. However, recommendations for next year may include the formation of a task force that focuses on retention, rather than recruiting, of multicultural and international students.

CLC also discussed feasible

ways to apply the idea of the Medical Amnesty Policy, which would protect students who have been drinking from getting in trouble while helping an intoxicated friend who is hurt or sick.

Chief Executive Assistant Karen Koski said her task force was to meet with a representative from the Office of Residence Life and Housing to "get some feedback about our ideas [because] this is definitely going to need to be a collaborative effort."

Koski said her task force plans to send a survey to hall staffs to determine how the policy would affect them. She also said they plan to create a form with which a member of hall staff could give a recommendation of amnesty when the case is sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Koski said her task force hopes to have a recommendation on the Medical Amnesty Policy by the end of the year, but if nothing else, her task force will create an objective report on what they have accomplished this year so that the next administration can decide whether or not they want to continue it.

Student body president Bob Reish said the task force on the relationship between off-campus students and the University is planning to analyze the information that it has gathered from other schools similar to Notre Dame and from the student survey in order to decipher what Notre Dame needs.

He said they will divide the information into three groups — students who are currently living off-campus, students who will be moving off-campus and incoming freshmen — to see "if there is a progression as a student moves through his or her life at Notre Dame."

Reish said the task force plans to make a recommendation by the end of the year about whether the resources currently in place are sufficient for off-campus students or whether they need to be improved.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said his task force is still working on ideas for improving [agenda.nd.edu](http://agenda.nd.edu). He said he will meet with the individual in charge of [agenda.nd.edu](http://agenda.nd.edu) later this week.

Schmidt also said there is a possibility that a student-built Web site could replace [agenda.nd.edu](http://agenda.nd.edu).

"There are several classes that are taking a data base course ... And it's basically a competition to design something similar to what we have with [agenda.nd.edu](http://agenda.nd.edu)," Schmidt said.

"We're going to have to look into that a little bit further," Schmidt said. But ideally, one of these student built Web sites could be used, he said.

Schmidt said his task force aims to finish its goals by the end of the year.

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## Reish

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This system would offer an online store of information about the different apartment complexes and housing areas for students who are thinking about moving off-campus.

Student body vice president-elect Cynthia Weber, who will also take office Wednesday, said the representatives exchanged information about how student government can connect with the student body.

"Northwestern has fireside chats which take student government into the residence halls," Weber said. "They provide snacks and talk with students about things, not even necessarily about student government. It's a great outreach effort."

Schmidt said the representatives from Purdue said their student government offers free legal consultations for students, something he said he is interested in pursuing.

Reish said Purdue's legal offerings include "know your rights business cards" and legal

resource days devoted to giving out information.

"It is simple but effective," Reish said. "It would be interesting to see if we can follow up with that."

Weber said student government will hold the symposium again next year.

"The conference was under 24 hours and all of us learned a lot in those 24 hours," she said. "All of the universities we invited expressed genuine interest in doing it again."

Schmidt said he hopes to expand the conference next year and invite more universities to participate, although the conference will remain among Midwest schools and "peer institutions" that are similar to Notre Dame academically.

Reish said the University of Chicago and Carnegie Mellon University are schools that could be included next year.

Next year's conference will most likely be held at Notre Dame as well, but ideally, the schools will eventually rotate in hosting the symposium, Reish said.

Schmidt said the timing of the conference was especially beneficial because both the outgoing student leaders and the incom-

ing student leaders were able to participate.

Reish and the current chief executive assistant Karen Koski attended the symposium along with Schmidt, Weber and the incoming chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin.

"I think having the old administration and the new administration there is extremely important," Schmidt said.

One of the most beneficial aspects of the conference was forging personal connections with leaders from other universities, Schmidt said.

"This was an opportunity to put a face to a name," he said. "We've already gotten an e-mail from the student body president of Vanderbilt."

Weber said the symposium helped create lines of communication between student government leaders of Midwest universities, and Notre Dame will be able to benefit from the shared ideas.

"It's surprising how many issues are parallel at the schools," she said. "We got a lot of ideas about how to better serve the student body."

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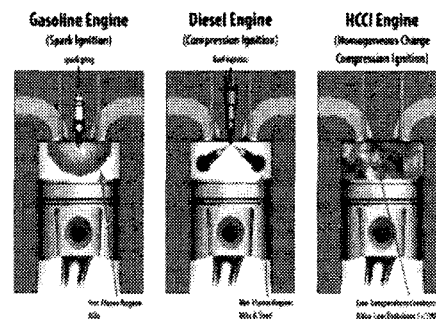
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Sudan's leader, UN chief face off

DOHA, Qatar — The U.N. chief confronted Sudan's embattled president Monday with demands to allow the return of expelled aid groups to Darfur — and was met with a defiant response as Arab leaders rallied to his side to formally reject international war crime charges against him.

The Arab League declaration is likely to boost Omar al-Bashir's willingness to challenge the West and flaunt his wide support among Arabs in opposing the arrest order by the International Criminal Court.

Al-Bashir's attendance among other Arab leaders was his boldest public snub of the ICC's decision, bringing him to the same conference hall as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for the summit's opening speeches. Ban's spokeswoman, Michele Montas, said the two men were in the same room, but did not speak or interact.

### No response to N. Korean launch

SEOUL, South Korea — President Lee Myung-bak said South Korea opposes any military response to North Korea's planned launch of a rocket, while Washington's defense chief said the U.S. won't try to shoot it down.

The remarks by Lee and U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates appear to reflect concerns that any tough reaction could send tensions spiking out of control at a time when the communist regime is warning that even U.N. sanctions would prompt it to quit nuclear disarmament talks.

North Korea says it will launch a communications satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8 as part of its space development program. Regional powers, however, suspect the North is using the launch to test long-range missile technology.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Mom guilty of cult starvation death

BALTIMORE — A former religious cult member pleaded guilty Monday to starving her 1-year-old son to death after making an unusual deal with prosecutors: If the child is resurrected, her plea will be withdrawn.

Ria Ramkissoon, 22, also agreed to testify against four other members of the now-defunct religious group known as 1 Mind Ministries. All four are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Javon Thompson.

According to a statement of facts, the cult members stopped feeding the boy when he refused to say "Amen" after a meal. After Javon died, Ramkissoon sat next to his decomposing body and prayed for his resurrection.

### Killer in NC rampage was after ex-wife

CARTHAGE, N.C. — A painter accused of shooting up a North Carolina nursing home may have been after his recently estranged wife during a rampage that killed seven defenseless residents and a nurse tending to their care, authorities said Monday.

Robert Stewart's wife was working as a nursing assistant at Pinelake Health and Rehab when he attacked Sunday, not long after the two split, said Carthage Police Chief Chris McKenzie. The breakup was part of a rocky relationship that spread over many years and bookended other failed marriages, according to court documents.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Backers push to save children's home

INDIANAPOLIS — Advocates rallied at the Statehouse Monday — sending chants of "Save our home!" echoing through the halls — to urge Indiana legislators to keep open a state home for troubled children.

The State Department of Health wants to close the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home in Knightstown, saying it costs too much money and that its 115 students should be moved into traditional schools in May. The state spends about \$10 million a year on the facility, and the 53-building campus needs repairs that could cost between \$65 million and \$200 million.

# Twelve Pakistani die in bloody siege

*Militants seize police academy and kill six cadets before blowing up selves*

Associated Press

LAHORE, Pakistan — Black-clad Pakistani commandos overpowered a group of militants who had seized a police academy, took cadets hostage and killed at least six of them Monday in a dramatic challenge to the civilian government that faces U.S. pressure to defeat Islamic extremists.

The security forces stormed the compound on the outskirts of Lahore to end the eight-hour siege by the grenade-throwing gunmen, with three militants blowing themselves up and authorities arresting four, officials said. At least three other unidentified bodies were recovered.

Pakistan's top civilian security official said militant groups were "destabilizing the country," suggesting the plot may have originated with Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud.

Meanwhile, a Taliban member claiming to speak on behalf of a shadowy little-known group called the Fedayeen al-Islam said it was behind the attack.

Earlier this month, gunmen ambushed Sri Lanka's cricket team in Lahore, killing seven people and underscoring militants' ability to wreak havoc far from Pakistan's northwestern regions bordering Afghanistan where al-Qaida and the Taliban have proliferated.

Both Lahore attacks followed a crackdown on the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba, blamed for the November 2008 siege in Mumbai, India, that killed 164. There has been speculation that Monday's raid was revenge for the crackdown.

The primary victims of both attacks were Pakistan's undermanned and underequipped police, a militant strategy that appears designed to expose state institutions as weak.



Pakistani police forces react after the recapture of a police training school from a group of gunmen who attacked the school before security forces overpowered them.

Pakistan's inability to prevent the attack appeared to be an intelligence failure. Nonetheless, a massive response was quickly mounted Monday, one that included army soldiers, armored vehicles and helicopters.

The siege ended after security forces cornered several militants on the top floor of a building in the compound, where the gunmen had held about 35 hostages. Afterward, the security forces fired their guns in the air in celebration, shouting "God is great!"

"The eight hours were like eight centuries," said Mohammad Salman, 23, a recruit who had holed up in the building. "It was like I died several times. I had made up my mind that it

was all over."

Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik suggested the culprit could have been Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a Punjab-based, al-Qaida-linked Sunni extremist group implicated in several other attacks in the country.

Lashkar-e-Jhangvi is one of several militant groups that operate well beyond Pakistan's northwest. Some of them, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, have their roots in the Kashmir dispute with India, and Pakistani spy agencies are believed to have helped establish them.

Lashkar-e-Taiba has denied any links to either the Mumbai or cricket attacks.

Malik also said the plot may have originated with

the Pakistani Taliban in the northwest — noting that one of the arrested attackers was Afghan — and added that "some rival country," a usual reference to India, was trying to derail democracy in Pakistan.

"In our country, at our different borders, arms are coming in, stinger missiles are coming in, rocket launchers are coming in, heavy equipment is coming — it should be stopped," he told state TV. "Whoever the anti-state elements are, they are destabilizing the country."

The attacks pose a major test for the civilian administration of President Asif Ali Zardari, which has been distracted recently by political turmoil involving the opposition.

## AFGHANISTAN

# Suicide bomber in police outfit kills nine

Associated Press

DUND, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform blew himself up inside a police headquarters in southern Afghanistan on Monday, killing nine people and wounding eight, an official said.

Five officers and four civilians died in the attack in Dund district, about 10 miles (15 kilometers) south of Kandahar city, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The attack comes as the United States prepares to send 21,000 additional troops to Afghanistan to bolster the 38,000 American forces already in

the country. President Barack Obama last week announced a new strategy for the Afghanistan-Pakistan region with a goal to "disrupt, dismantle and defeat" al-Qaida.

In total, there are a record 70,000 international forces in Afghanistan.

The international Red Cross warned Monday that more Afghans and Pakistanis will be at risk in coming months as a result of worsening political instability and fighting. It urged the United States and others to consider the plight of civilians as they step up their military presence in the volatile region.

Canadian soldiers and Afghan police

stood guard at the blast site in Kandahar and ordered journalists not to take photos, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene. The Canadian soldiers refused to let Afghan police approach the blast site, the reporter said.

A spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, Lt. Commander Chris Hall, said troops later allowed photos to be taken once media credentials were checked.

Kandahar is the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban and continues to be a militant stronghold. Afghan police frequently suffer from Taliban attacks from roadside and suicide bombs.

# Center establishes new pro-life fund

By Amanda Gray  
News Writer

The Center for Ethics and Culture has established the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life, according to the Center's Web site.

Center Director Professor David Solomon said he is excited about the Fund.

"It was set up from an initiative of alumni, especially Bill Dotterweich, to increase pro-life awareness on campus," Solomon said.

Although Notre Dame's campus is quite active in the Pro-Life sector, the Fund is meant to help increase the number of active students.

Since opening last fall, the Fund has been steadily gaining attention and donations, according to Solomon.

"We've had two substantial donations, and many, many smaller, but significant, donations," Solomon said.

These donations help the Fund to protect Human Life support right-to-life actions on campus.

According to the Web site, the Fund is "expendable," meaning the funds can be used as soon as needed, to support organizations such as the Right to Life club. However, the Fund is not meant to replace funding for these ventures, but supplement them if their funds run low, Solomon said.

"Those groups currently receive some minimal University funding, and their fundraising efforts have not

always been sufficient to support their desired agendas," according to a statement from the Center's Web site.

"The fund gave substantially to the trip for the Right To Life March in Washington," Solomon said. Funding from the Center for Ethics and Culture allowed Notre Dame faculty members to attend the March for Life for the first time in January.

The fund also sponsors the Bread of Life dinner each semester, Solomon said.

"[The dinner] is meant to start conversation between students and faculty," Solomon said.

In the future, the Fund hopes to have a two-year volunteer program, according to Solomon.

"We'd ask recent volunteers to donate two years, and we would give three summers of education," Solomon said.

The planning committee for the volunteer program will first meet this summer, according to Solomon.

The Fund is not meant to be negative, Solomon said.

"We're very eager to make activities a positive addition to campus culture," Solomon said. "We want to move the discussion past stereotypes."

The recent abortion-related decisions in Washington, D.C. make a fund like this one more relevant, said Solomon.

"Things are getting tough with regard to early life," he said.

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Student body votes through Falvey's new constitution

By Sarah Mayer  
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College student body passed a new constitution, which student body vice president Sarah Falvey and her committee spent the entire year writing, with 81 percent of the vote last week.

"It was pretty strongly supported and I am very proud of it," Falvey said.

The official turnover to the 2009-2010 Board of Governance is April 1. Student body president Mickey Gruscinski delivered her last commissioners report Monday.

Gruscinski said she met with campus information technology personnel about putting a printer in the Student Center.

"This will be a trial run," Gruscinski said. "A printer will be placed behind the front desk and students will be able to print from their print limit."

Students will be limited to 10 pages per printing session.

Student desk workers will be trained in changing the paper. At the end of next semester, it will be evaluated to see if the printer should stay.

"Hopefully it will work out and you will have a printer to print from in the Student Center next year," said Gruscinski.

Women's studies chair Becki Faunce presented a co-sponsorship asking for funds for three seniors and one junior to attend the North-Central Sociological Conference in two weeks in Dearborn, Mich.

"Not everyone is a sociology major, but everyone engaged in some kind of sociological related project, also involving women's studies, economics, and history," Faunce said.

The three seniors going will present their senior comprehensives to the conference. The College sends students to this conference every year.

"This is an incredible opportunity to showcase Saint Mary's talents",

Faunce said.

## Other BOG news

◆ Returning Student Activities Board President Michele Peterson said they will accept applications for board members starting this week.

◆ Alumnae Chair Emily Perry said there will be a Speed Networking site Wednesday, April 1 in Stapleton Lounge from 6:30-8 p.m. It is an event to provide students a few minutes to talk to professionals in the community to gain networking skills.

◆ Religious Commissioner Sarah King announced several events to celebrate Holy Week next week. The events include Reconciliation in Regina Chapel next Tuesday and campus-wide stations of the cross in the LeMans Chapel next Wednesday.

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# Residents begin clean-up

Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Weary residents of this sandbagged city came together in churches Sunday, counting their blessings that the Red River finally stopped rising and praying the levees would hold back its wrath. A brief levee break that swamped a school provided a warning of the kind of threat that still hangs over them in the days ahead.

Church services that are a staple of life on Sunday mornings in Fargo took on greater significance as people gathered after a week of round-the-clock sandbagging. They sang hymns and held hands, asking together for divine help in avoiding disaster.

"At a time like this, we need to call on God's providential assistance," said the Rev. Bob Ona, pastor of Fargo's First Assembly of God church. "All of you have been heroic in your efforts. All of you have been pushed past the wall of weariness, exhaustion and numerous frustrations in order to do the right thing — help people in the name of the Lord."

The Red River continued its slow retreat Sunday after cresting a day earlier, dropping below record level to 39.88 feet. City officials have said they would breathe easier when the river falls to 37 feet or lower, expected by

Saturday, meaning a lengthy test for sandbag levees that residents hastily constructed last week.

Fargo faces another test this week as a storm approached with up to a half-foot of snow and powerful wind gusts that could send ferocious waves crashing into and over the already-stressed levees.

The sandbag effort resumed Sunday as helicopters began dropping 11 one-ton sandbags into the river to deflect its violent current and keep it from eroding vulnerable areas of the dike system.

The aerial effort also included an unmanned Predator drone used to watch flood patterns and ice floes and provide high-definition information to teams on the ground. North Dakota has more than 2,400 National Guard troops engaged in the flood fight across the state.

The helicopter sandbag effort was focused on an area of the river that put another scare into the city during the night when it burst past a levee and submerged a Lutheran school campus.

Oak Grove Lutheran Principal Morgan Forness said city officials, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Guard unsuccessfully tried to contain the gushing water after a floodwall buckled around 1:30 a.m. The

water kept spreading and "we couldn't contain it. ... it's inundating all of the buildings," Forness said.

"The campus is basically devastated. They fought the good fight. They lost, and there's nothing wrong with that," Mayor Dennis Walaker said. "Those things will continue to happen. I guarantee it."

Crews largely contained the flooding to the campus, preventing more widespread damage in nearby areas. School officials also frantically raced to rescue a cockatiel, parakeet and tortoises, birds, iguanas and snakes kept at the school as part of its science program, while pumping out most of the water in the buildings within 12 hours.

The flooding at the campus — heavily damaged in the region's 1997 flood — represented the type of disaster that could crop up in Fargo throughout the week, with Walaker calling it a "wake up call" for the city.

"The main event is right now, while we have this higher water. And it ain't over till it's over," said U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., comparing the need for vigilance until the very end to the University of North Dakota's stunning, last-second loss in the hockey playoffs the night before. "And it ain't gonna be over until several days from now."

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energy consumption will have the largest impact, Marsh said. Stinson-Remick will contain energy-efficient lighting, solar panels and a heat recovery system for lab fume hood exhausts.

The heat recovery system will have payback within seven years, but the solar panels will not save as much energy due to the northern Indiana climate, Marsh said.

"We'll get there," Marsh said about the solar panels. "The technology is replacing itself and it's becoming more and more efficient several times over."

Stinson-Remick will also feature showers and locker rooms to encourage faculty and staff to bicycle to work, Marsh said. To promote fuel-efficiency, the nine most convenient parking spaces will be reserved for fuel-efficient cars.

The metal roof deck, interior doors and ceiling tiles of Stinson-Remick will be made from recycled materials.

The University buildings will receive LEED certification within a year of their opening, Marsh said.

There are four levels of LEED, determined by the number of points that buildings earn for each

sustainable innovation, Marsh said. The University is seeking certification, the most basic level of LEED, for buildings already under construction.

Marsh said Notre Dame would pursue LEED silver, which is a higher level of certification, for three newer construction projects: the Phase I Innovation Park for research, the Stayer Center for Executive Education and the new hockey facility.

Marsh said University architects must balance the design goals for the campus with the desire to create sustainable buildings. For example, he said University buildings have always had slate roofs. Slate is a sustainable material, but it does not earn points with USGBC, Marsh said.

"[LEED] is a tradeoff with trying to have a comprehensive campus," he said. "We can sacrifice some of our design goals to get the credit."

Sustainability and LEED certification involve a transformation in architecture, construction and materials, Marsh said.

"This is all about trying to create a sustainable environment," he said. "Sustainable for human beings as well as for our planet."

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## MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>7,522.02</b>	<b>-254.16</b>	
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
513	56	3,276	2,653,565,351
<b>AMEX</b>	<b>1,332.45</b>	<b>-17.10</b>	
<b>NASDAQ</b>	<b>1,501.80</b>	<b>-43.40</b>	
<b>NYSE</b>	<b>4,899.05</b>	<b>-197.59</b>	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>787.53</b>	<b>-28.41</b>	
<b>NIKKEI (Tokyo)</b>	<b>8,236.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>FTSE 100 (London)</b>	<b>3,762.91</b>	<b>-135.94</b>	
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-17.85	-1.31	6.03
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-11.83	-0.31	2.31
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-3.46	-2.82	78.79
FINANCIAL BULL 3X (FAS)	-23.50	-1.49	4.85
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.70	-0.047	2.714
13-WEEK BILL	-4.00	-0.005	0.120
30-YEAR BOND	-0.44	-0.016	3.602
5-YEAR NOTE	-4.00	-0.072	1.727
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)		-3.97	48.41
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		-7.60	917.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-2.15	83.75
Exchange Rates			
YEN			97.6750
EURO			1.3188
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.2612
BRITISH POUND			1.4266

## IN BRIEF

### Stocks fall as govt. rejects automaker plans

NEW YORK — Wall Street's March rally is on hold after the White House rejected turnaround plans from General Motors Corp. and Chrysler and gave investors an economic reality check.

Major indexes fell about 3 percent Monday, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which lost about 254 points but finished well off its lows. Financial stocks weighed heavily on the market amid worries that banks will need fresh injections of capital.

Fears of an automaker bankruptcy have been looming over investors for months, and the latest developments, which included the removal of GM's CEO Rick Wagoner, made the market uneasy not only about the industry, but the overall economy. However, analysts said the pullback, which began with a 148-point drop in the Dow Friday, wasn't surprising after the average surged 21 percent over just 13 days.

"The market had a very significant rally off the lows," said David Katz, chief investment officer at Matrix Asset Advisors. "We think it's just taking a breather."

### Black caucus criticizes Obama's actions

WASHINGTON — Members of the Congressional Black Caucus on Monday criticized the lack of minority participation in the government's financial bailouts and suggested that President Barack Obama isn't doing much better than his predecessor to ensure diversity.

Giving Obama some leeway with only two months in office, the lawmakers voiced their concerns during an all-day summit on Capitol Hill that drew several hundred minority- and female-owned business leaders to hear guidance from federal officials such as Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

Many said the officials were receptive to the idea of more diversity but short on details for how to make it happen.

"What I heard today from the administration seemed to be a continuation of the status quo," Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y., said at a news conference outside the event. "It is time that we wake up."

Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., noted that no women were in the group of bank leaders who met with Obama last week and warned that the country could end up relying on the same people who created the need for a rescue if it doesn't branch out.

# Obama puts GM, Chrysler on short leash

President asserts huge control over auto industry in attempt to change it

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant.

Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

"I am absolutely committed to working with Congress and the auto companies to meet one goal: The United States of America will lead the world in building the next generation of clean cars," Obama said in his first extended remarks on the industry since taking office nearly 10 weeks ago. And yet, he added, "our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed."

Obama, flanked by several administration officials at the White House, announced a short-term infusion of cash for the firms, and said it could be the last for one or both.

Chrysler, judged by the administration as too small to survive, got 30 days' worth of funds to complete a partnership with Fiat SpA, the Italian manufacturer, or some other automaker.

GM got assurances of 60 days' worth of federal financing to try and revise its turnaround plan under new management with heavy government participation. That would involve concessions from its union



President Barack Obama, flanked by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, makes remarks on the American Automotive Industry in the Grand Foyer of the White House.

workers and bondholders. The administration engineered the ouster of longtime CEO Rick Wagoner over the weekend, an indication of its deep involvement in an industry that once stood as a symbol of American capitalism.

Obama's announcement underscored the extent to which automakers have been added to the list of large corporations now operating under a level of government control that seemed unthinkable less than a year ago. Since last fall, the Bush and Obama administrations, often acting in concert with the Federal Reserve, have engineered the takeover of housing titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, seized a large stake in several

banks and installed a new CEO at bailed-out insurance giant American International Group.

Other presidents have forced showdowns with major industries, with mixed results. Harry Truman's decision to nationalize the steel industry on the eve of a strike in 1952 was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. But Ronald Reagan succeeded in busting the air traffic controllers' union three decades later.

The latest addition to the list, the once-proud auto industry, has struggled with foreign competition for more than a generation, then was further battered by the recession and credit crisis gripping the economy. Obama said

400,000 industry jobs have been lost in the past year alone, many in Michigan.

Under Fritz Henderson, newly named as CEO, General Motors issued a statement saying it hopes to avoid bankruptcy, but will "take whatever steps are necessary to successfully restructure the company, which could include a court-supervised process."

Chrysler Chairman Bob Nardelli sought to assure customers, dealers, suppliers and employees that the automaker "will operate 'business as usual' over the next 30 days" while working closely with the government and Fiat to secure the support of stakeholders.

# EPA head announces emissions limit

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The head of the Environmental Protection Agency wants to limit emissions along the nation's coastline and within its seaports, just as the agency does along highways, with tougher pollution standards on large commercial ships.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said Monday that the United States and Canada have applied to the International Maritime Organization to create a 230-mile emissions control area around much of their coastline.

The move is intended to ensure the shipping industry does its part to improve the air quality of major seaport communities. Ships moving through the zone would be subject to the tougher emissions standards.

"This is an important and long overdue step to protect the air and water along our shores," Jackson said,

speaking in front of a row of cranes at a press conference in Port Newark.

Jackson estimated that 40 of the 100 largest U.S. ports are located in metropolitan areas that fail to meet federal air quality standards. One of them is the Port Newark facility, which is part of the Port of New York and New Jersey — the East Coast's largest port complex.

The EPA estimates that 90 percent of the ships carrying cargo in and out of U.S. coastal ports are based in other countries.

Ships operating in the proposed zone would face stricter limits on the sulfur content of their fuel beginning in 2015, and new ships would be required to incorporate advanced emission-control technologies beginning in 2016, Jackson said. Sulfur content is directly related to the soot, or pollution, emitted after fuel is

burned.

Jackson made the announcement at a news conference with the Coast Guard and other federal and state officials.

EPA estimates the new emission-control technology will cost shipping companies \$3.2 billion. Jackson said that translates into an increased cost of about 3 cents for each pair of sneakers shipped into the United States.

Gov. Jon Corzine welcomed the proposal and recalled sending Jackson to Washington, D.C., to lobby for it when she headed New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection.

Christopher Koch, president of the World Shipping Council, said international shipping companies have participated in discussions about the proposed emissions control area and are not opposed to tighter standards.

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## No confrontation necessary

Notre Dame is not a public utility. It has no commitment to honor at its capstone ceremony every politician whom the political process deposits in the Oval Office. Nor is there an unbroken custom that, if a president is invited, it must be in his first year.

Our leaders had to know that their invitation to President Obama would imply a general commendation of the man and his policies. In the conflicts over those policies, our leaders have committed, in perception but also in fact, the name and prestige of Notre Dame to the side that is hostile to the imperatives of faith and reason affirmed by the Catholic Church. Our leaders are not only dismissive but also contemptuous toward the Church. The first thing Bishop D'Arcy knew about it was when he was told that Obama had accepted the invitation.

President Obama is a relentless advocate of unrestricted abortion, including the Freedom of Choice Act, which would abrogate all state laws restricting abortion. On his fourth day in office, he overturned the Mexico City Policy that forbade organizations receiving federal funds to perform or promote abortions in other countries. He has restored to the UN Population Fund (the funding that President Bush had stopped because of the Fund's support for forced abortions.) Obama opposes continued federal funding for pro-life pregnancy help centers. He opposes the Hyde Amendment which denies public funding for most abortions. At the other end of life, the Stimulus Package foreshadows the rationing of health care for the elderly and unproductive. "[T]he Obama Administration," said Cardinal Francis George, "intends to remove a ... rule for the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] that [protects] doctors, nurses and others ... who have objections in conscience to ... abortion and other killing procedures ... [S]uch ... would be the first step in moving our country from democracy to despotism." Not surprisingly, Obama's nominee for Secretary of HHS, Governor Kathleen Sebelius, a Catholic, has a strong pro-abortion record, including persistent vetoes of restrictions on late-term abortions. The abolition of conscience protection could spell the end of Catholic hospitals and drive Catholics out of much of the medical profession. That

prospect raises our leaders' honoring of Obama to a new level of scandal and even betrayal.

The definitive "life" issue arises from Obama's authorization of HHS "to fund and conduct human embryonic stem cell research" (ESCR). Adult stem cells, derived from bone marrow and other sources, have been used successfully in relieving various injuries and medical conditions. Embryonic stem cells have never successfully treated a human patient for anything. But federal funding would make ESCR a profitable, if useless, industry.

No moral problems arise in the use of adult stem cells. But every embryo is a living human being. To remove the stem cells kills that embryo. It is, in moral terms, a murder.

ESCR can be performed on embryos left over from in vitro fertilization. The excuse that "they are going to die anyway" does not justify intentionally killing them any more than it would justify involuntary lethal experiments on condemned criminals.

ESCR can also be performed on embryos created by cloning. In cloning, the nucleus of a somatic cell, which is any cell of the body other than a sperm or egg cell, is inserted into an egg (ovum) cell from which the egg cell's nucleus has been removed. The egg is then electrically stimulated to react as if it had been fertilized by a sperm cell. The result is a one-cell zygote which divides and develops. For the first eight weeks it is called an embryo. The cloned embryo is genetically identical to the donor of the somatic cell.

Cloning can be reproductive, in which the embryo is implanted in a woman's womb and carried to term, or therapeutic, in which the embryo is killed by removal of the stem cells for use in research. Both types are condemned by Catholic teaching. See Dignitas Personae (2008), nos. 28-30.

"[W]e will ensure," Obama said, "that our government never opens the door to the use of cloning for human reproduction. It is dangerous, profoundly wrong, and has no place in our society, or any society." He opened the door for the worse evil of therapeutic cloning. The Dickey Amendment, which has denied funds for "creation of a human embryo ... for research purposes" or for "research in which a human embryo is destroyed," is being removed. So the Obama Administration will fund the creation of new human beings by cloning for the purpose of killing them and using their stem cells for research. The experiments performed by Nazi doctors on concentration camp prisoners were unimaginative and primitive by comparison. Our leaders ought not to act like the "good

Germans," who were submissive to their Fuhrer, by conferring Notre Dame's highest honors on the perpetrator of such an atrocity.

Apart from the "life" issues, our leaders were reckless to commit Notre Dame to Obama in the face of mounting and well-grounded opposition to other Obama policies, including his fiscal deficits and such a stunning expansion of executive power and of federal control over private entities and states that it amounts to a constitutional coup. Unmentioned in the background are the pending lawsuits — not yet decided on the merits by the Supreme Court — that raise serious questions as to Obama's eligibility for the office.

Our leaders act in what they think is the best interest of Notre Dame. But that is no excuse. The invitation should be withdrawn. It implies no personal animosity to suggest that Fr. Jenkins and the other Fellows and Trustees responsible for this fiasco should resign or be removed.

What would be a proper response? On-site demonstrations would be counterproductive. You can petition or write to our leaders. But the appeal should be made instead to a higher authority. An alumnus has suggested that students, faculty, staff and friends of Notre Dame ought to — and we will — pray a continuous Rosary of reparation at the Grotto during the time of Commencement, from two to four on Sunday, May 17th. This would not interfere with Commencement which is on the other side of campus. It would not be a demonstration or protest. No signs, marches, or disruption. Just peaceful prayer, in silence or aloud, by individuals and families. If you can't make it to the Grotto, pray the Rosary during that time wherever you are. Incidentally, Professor Mary Ann Glendon, the Laetare Medal recipient, would make a better use of her time at the Grotto than as a warm-up or wind-up act at Commencement.

Parking is limited, but you can park off campus and walk to the Grotto. There should be no objection by Notre Dame officials to students, faculty, staff and friends of Notre Dame peacefully going to the Grotto to pray. It makes no difference how many show up. The objective is simply a union of prayer to make reparation and to petition Notre Dame, Our Lady, for Notre Dame, our University.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves."

Confucius  
Chinese philosopher & reformer



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Spread the word to end the word

Today, March 31, Notre Dame will join over 40 universities worldwide, 100+ high schools and countless citizens in a global effort to bring dignity and respect to people with intellectual disabilities by pledging to end the pejorative use of the word "retard(ed)".

From Stanford to Princeton, Colorado State to American University of Beirut, students are speaking against the discrimination and dehumanization faced by people with intellectual disabilities. As the co-founder of this international "End the R-Word Day", I ask you to join us for reasons of social justice. To the 157+ million with intellectual disabilities worldwide and their families, the word "retard(ed)" is hate speech. It is a derogatory and dehumanizing epithet that invokes a history of institutionalization, shame, and cruelty that continues today. Its effects

are parallel to racial slurs though even more dangerous. While ethnic minorities have the capacity of self defense and the ability to demonstrate the fallacies of the discrimination they face, those with intellectual disabilities are often unable to do so. Many with intellectual disabilities are defenseless to the hate and prejudice society serves them.

Join us and take a stand against hatred and hate speech. As a brother to Olivia, a beautiful young woman with intellectual disabilities, I ask you to join us for reasons of compassion. Rather than dismissing her as "another retard", emulate her capacity to love unconditionally. Take example from her ability to live without hate. Spend one day with her and learn lessons of life and humanity that no university could ever teach you. Join us and support the dignity of

those like Olivia who understand the mysteries of love and happiness in a way that the rest of us never will.

Whatever your reason may be, join us today in LaFortune and the Dining Halls and pledge your support for more respectful language and a more accepting society. We ask not for your time or your money but rather your willingness change your vocabulary to improve the world for Olivia and others with intellectual disabilities.

As an advocate and, more importantly, a brother, I thank you. I love you Olivia.

Soeren Palumbo  
sophomore  
Sorin College  
March 30

### Why so serious?

Recently a letter to the Observer's Viewpoint section by Lori Hoetger was submitted that called into question the ranking of Bookstore Basketball names. I wanted to take the time to voice my concern over this travesty. I honestly believe, as well as others I have spoken with, that many of these names did not belong on this list. Team names about celebrities like Chris Brown, Rihanna, Donte Stallworth, or Plaxico Burress are not funny. They are absolutely hilarious, and should have been much higher.

Bookstore Basketball is a time to celebrate the start of Spring in South Bend (unless you played this weekend), and to review all of the recent occurrences in pop culture. As the captain of the #7 team "Unlike Rihanna, We Get Our Hands Up on Defense" and last year's #1 "Heath Ledger's Sleeper Pick", I wish to complain about the lack of fanfare over a seemingly unprecedented back-to-back top 10 names.

In the end, my teammates (I am unsure about Brett) and I do not support domestic violence or drug overdoses, but we are in favor of laughter. If our team names bring a smile to

ONE person's face, then I am unbelievably satisfied. It is probably the greatest accomplishment in our short lives and I will not have people who claim to have a sense of humor, but then complain about it, take that away from us. If you think the name is funny, then laugh and move on. If you don't think it is funny, then you're probably one of the Domers I see in the Library on a Friday night when I stop into use the bathroom.

I look forward to next year when we try for an unthinkable Tom Emanski-type "Back to Back to Back" accomplishment. It's not our fault that one fourth of women are involved in domestic abuse or that people can't dismount their high horse and take a joke. In the words of the late Heath Ledger, "Why so serious?" Lori, you're a Senior in College not a Senior citizen.

Boom, roasted!

Pat Cassidy  
junior  
Dillon Hall  
March 30

### Family ties

I would like to write in regards to the Pledge to not say the R-word. In my experience, I have heard numerous students discuss tests, professors, and their peers are the r-word ("retarded"), and I never really considered it that offensive until I said the word in front of my grandfather. He immediately chastised my comment because it was an insult that debased an entire group of innocent, wonderful people. He participates in motorcycle rallies in Indianapolis that actually raise significant amounts of money for organizations dedicated to looking for treatments and therapies for the mentally handicapped. He's met many of the families who are raising their disabled children, and their kids are just as precious and wonderful as any others.

In fact, I have just gained a familial relationship with the r-word. My uncle has adopted a 2-year old orphan from China who was

born with a devastating cleft palate. Despite having the boy for two years now, he still cannot properly form words, and is predicted to struggle greatly in school whenever he gets enrolled. He is incapable of being successful in any day care because he still communicates in varied laughs and exclamations. I do not want my cousin to grow up in a world of put-downs, where he is considered inferior and useless to society just because he was born disadvantaged. There is no justice nor respect in his situation, and as a University preaching the ideals of a tight-knit, accepting community, we should all collaborate to support the disadvantaged, and the first step is to deny that they are the r-word.

Deborah Olmstead  
sophomore  
Welsh Family Hall  
March 30

### Thanks for Holy Half

This is a quick letter of thanks to all those involved in working the Holy Half on Sunday. Thanks for arriving early, setting up, taking down, and not merely pointing runners in the right way but offering encouragement as they ran by! Your hard work is much appreciated. Thanks also to all the students who came out and supported the runners. Despite the undesirable weather conditions, your presence and support was wonderful and a true sign of solidarity among students. As a first time Holy Half runner I don't think I could have completed the race without you!

Christine Clark  
senior  
off campus  
March 29

### South Quad Arby's

While walking back to my dorm from class the other day, I noticed something peculiar: somebody had etched an Arby's logo out of chalk in the middle of south quad. I did not think much of it at first, but then I got an amazing idea. We should build an Arby's on campus! Not just anywhere, but right in the middle of south quad. To some this may sound like a bad idea, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized that building an Arby's on south quad is a good thing to do. First and foremost, Arby's has delicious roast beef sandwiches, and students will have another food choice to compliment Subway, Sbarro and Burger King. Secondly, south quad will no longer be a wind tunnel. Instead of hitting people, the wind will hit Arby's, making students more warm and content. Finally, I believe that an Arby's on South Quad would be aesthetically pleasing. I'm tired of South Quad being a wide empty space, and Arby's will fill that void. Don't worry, there will still be plenty of room to play football or ultimate.

Kevin Eller  
freshman  
Stanford Hall  
March 27

### Unions a necessity

For decades, collective bargaining has been one of the most basic tools that workers can employ to gain a voice and power in the face of injustice. Not only do unions have historical legitimacy, but the Catholic Church, The United Nations, and Federal Law all support workers' right to unionize. In order to build a stronger labor movement, however, those interested in economic justice for all should support the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA). This would allow workers who want a union to bypass the election process and instead sign cards indicating their desire for union representation. This change is vital because in the current system, workers have to wait for months between petitioning of the NLRB for an election and the actual voting process. During this time, employers hire anti-union consulting firms, hold captive-audience meetings, and even fire employees to intimidate others into voting against the union. EFCA would level the playing field and, in the words of David Foster of the Blue-Green Alliance, (who spoke on campus last week) "give fairness a fighting chance."

We at Notre Dame should stand in support of workers struggling to organize and form a union. From the HEI hotel workers in California to the building service workers here working at Notre Dame, people across the country are fighting for respect on the job and for the right to organize. We can stand publicly in support of the right to collective bargaining by signing a petition in support of EFCA (available at freechoice-act.org). We should strive to be a campus that does not merely promote an atmosphere full of respect and absent of fear, but also one that actively celebrates the right to organize and empowers workers to challenge their employer to be the best it can be. Let us join with other campuses around the country, which are holding rallies and teach-ins as part of Student Labor Action Week, and make our voice heard in support of EFCA and workers' rights.

Sarah Lyons  
senior  
off campus  
March 29

## More grey space?

## And you were doing so well, too...

## Write in a letter.

## DOOM's new album surprisingly great

By NICK ANDERSON  
Scene Writer

So it's DOOM now. Throughout his career, Daniel Dumile has adopted a plethora of identities. Starting with Zev Love X, he's also been known as Viktor Vaughn, King Geedgrah, Metal Fingers, Supervillain, and MF DOOM. But it's DOOM now, and his name may be the easiest part of his art to understand.

In 1991, DOOM showed huge potential as a member of the group KMD. Soon after their first album was released, DOOM's younger brother died in a car accident. After three years of near homelessness, DOOM reemerged. Since then, he's worn a chrome gladiator mask at near every show, interview or public appearance without explanation. His brother's death and his mask have provided much of the focus for his career.

DOOM started his brief flirtation with commercial success in 2004. A collaboration with Madlib found a wide audience and a short but sold out tour. Three solo albums, a release with Danger Mouse and a scene-stealing spot on a Gorillaz track put DOOM on the verge of breaking into the main stream. Instead of capitalizing on this momentum, DOOM spent five years creating "Born Like This."

For the unfamiliar, it would be easy to give up on this album. After one listen, it would be easy to accuse critics of praising something that is merely confusing instead of good. DOOM tends to shun club beats and typical song structures while embracing short, chorus-less songs, often framed by samples taken from comedians, movies or poets. On successive listens, a certain brilliance can be found in the confusion, and as stated in the first track, "DOOM's got a plan that's gonna shake the heavens."

The most accessible song on the album is "Angelz" featuring Ghostface Killah, appropriately going by Tony Starks. While originally slated to be released on a full album of Ghostface and DOOM songs, it finds its place on "Born Like This." Both Ghostface and DOOM manage to hold on to their signature styles without interfering with one another. The opening verse is carried by Ghostface. As expected, Ghostface is a testosterone-fueled tour de force for the MC. DOOM's verse counters the first with his slow-and-steady flow that slows the track down without losing interest.

Across the album, DOOM provides much of the production, allowing the songs to feel consistent without being boring. The beats build song after song, creating a dark environment and allowing the listener to see the world through the eyes of the mask.

When DOOM allows others to take a role on a song, they become near perfect. J Dilla's production on "Gazzillion Ear" catches the listener's ear like nothing else on the album. Empress Starhh Tha Femcee's verse on "Still Dope" showcases one of the best female rhymes heard in years. And Jake One's production on "Rap Ambush" is a high point purely for the aggression it provides.

The center piece of the album is easily "Cellz." Two minutes of Charles Bukowski reciting his poem "Dinosauria, We" acts as the center upon which the album rotates. These opening two minutes push the listener into the apocalypse; Bukowski's craggy voice is played over weary, bleak beats, punctuated by missiles screaming past. Picking up where Bukowski left off, DOOM welcomes the listener to his own personal end of the world. Bukowski's poem and DOOM's verse end in the same way; a small offering of hope.

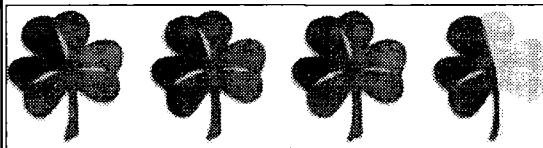
With "Born Like This" DOOM provides a reason to buy albums again. He has presented the audience with something rare; a collection of songs that need to be understood and enjoyed as an album. Even rarer, he has presented an album which makes this effort worth it.

### Born Like This

Doom

Label: Lex Records

Recommended Tracks: Cellz, Angelz, and Gazzillion Ear



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## RockREWIND

What has time told us about old favorites?

### Elliot Smith

Revisited

By JOEY KUHN  
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In 1997, film audiences around the world tearfully watched Rose float away from her beloved Jack as "My Heart Will Go On" wafted into their ears and their hearts. Celine Dion performed the song at that year's Academy Awards and went on to win the Oscar for "Best Original Song."

But many people do not remember the modest, inconspicuous man who also took the stage that night. His song "Miss Misery," featured in the movie "Good Will Hunting," was nominated for the same award, but he expressed no disappointment when he didn't win. In fact, he didn't even want to perform at the Oscars until the producers told him that if he didn't do it, someone else would sing his song for him.

Except for music buffs and a small group of devoted fans, few people today remember this man, but his real life story is more tragic than any fictitious love affair that occurred upon a doomed ship. And that's not even mentioning his music.

The man's name was Steven Paul Smith, but for most of his life he was known as Elliott. Elliott Smith was a talented musician who could play the piano, clarinet, bass, drums and harmonica, but his specialty was the acoustic guitar. He had played in two bands during high school in Portland, Ore., and another one while attending Hampshire College in Amherst, but his musical career began in full when he started recording solo work.

At a time when almost everyone was listening to grunge bands like Nirvana and Mudhoney, Smith was recording wispy, acoustic fantasias with delicately poetic lyrics. After releasing two well-received but not widely circulated albums, director and fellow Portland, Oregon resident Gus Van Sant found Smith and asked him to contribute to the soundtrack of his forthcoming film, "Good Will Hunting." Five of Smith's songs were included in the soundtrack, including the Oscar-nominated "Miss Misery."

After that, Smith could avoid the limelight no longer. He released his third album, "Either/Or," with favorable reviews in 1997, and soon after appeared on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien."

The album title "Either/Or" comes from the book of the same name by philosopher Søren Kierkegaard. It is a fitting title for the album, as most of its songs deal with feelings of cynicism, disillusionment, and indifference. Smith's lyrics maintain a pretty

consistent melancholy, only lifting for a small glimmer of hope on the last track, "Say Yes."

That is not to say that every song is a creeping acoustic ballad; several songs pick up the pace and even reach into the realm of pop for a bouncier sound. Nevertheless, the lyrics remain bittersweet. The pervasive darkness is what makes this album so hauntingly beautiful.

Minimal brushstrokes on the drums and intricate fingerpicking form the backdrop over which Smith croons his often enigmatic, always enchanting lyrics. Every once in a while Smith slips in a four-letter word so smoothly and sweetly that your mother wouldn't even notice it. He must have had himself in mind in "Ballad of Big Nothing" when he sang, "The helpless little thing with the dirty mouth / Who's always got something to say."

Unfortunately, the grimness of Smith's poetry had its sources in his own life. His parents divorced when he was a baby, and his stepfather allegedly abused him as a child. Eventually he went to live with his natural father, but he began experimenting with alcohol and drugs in high school, becoming more and more dependent on them as he became more and more successful in his career.

He also suffered from depression and began to openly talk about suicide starting around the time that "Either/Or" was released. His friends usually managed to talk him out of it, but he made at least one serious attempt to end his own life by jumping off a cliff in 1998. A tree broke his fall and he survived, but his demons had not left him.

After Smith's fifth album he developed a heroin addiction which almost ended his career and his life. He rarely performed in public during 2001 and 2002, and when he did his performances were pitiful as he forgot the lyrics and chords to his own songs.

Finally he went to the Neurotransmitter Restoration Center in Beverly Hills and made a remarkable recovery. He seemed to be perfectly healthy again and was in the process of recording a new album when on October 21, 2003, he died of two stab wounds to the chest. A brief suicide note was left on a Post-It, but some suspected foul play. However, after an inconclusive autopsy there was no further investigation.

Whatever the reason of his death, Elliott Smith continues to be missed by all who knew him, and his music continues to touch new and old listeners today.

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For the packed house at downtown South Bend's Century Center Friday, Latin Expressions 2009, "Ritmo Latino," did not disappoint.

The annual performance revue, organized by Notre Dame's La Alianza organization for Latino students, featured 19 acts by various campus groups, all with a Latino flavor.

The show started with a dance act, the only one sponsored directly by La Alianza. In a mix of ballet and ballroom, 10 dancers acted out a five-minute "West Side Story," complete with blue and red outfits and two star-crossed dance partners. It was a great and dramatic way to begin the evening, since it pulled the audience into a rousing and rather professional routine.

The rest of the show was a mix of group acts and individual dance, singing, or instrument performances by Notre Dame students. Ballet Folklorico Azul Y Oro, Tango ND, La Punta Hondureña and La Bomba Puertorriqueña all had great dance performances. One performance, called "Danza De Los Viejos (Dance of the Old Men)" by Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro, featured four male students dressed up in ponchos and masks who danced with canes and did a comedy routine set to music.

Chorale and instrumental groups like Mariachi ND and Coro Primavera presented two heartfelt songs in the first act.

With Latin Expressions, the Latino students at Notre Dame have a chance to express their cultures, but the annual show also brings in students of all backgrounds, nationalities, and talents. Student groups like Troop ND, First Class Steppers and Project Fresh, which are not necessarily Latin groups, lent their usual routines a new flavor. Troop ND performed to a mix of several Latin songs in their high-energy dance. In the second act, the men of First Class Steppers pounded out a routine, and rhymed "Don't think it's crazy" with "First Class guys like Latin ladies," which got a cheer from the audience. The "First Class Chicas" then took the stage for an entertaining work-out-video inspired routine. Wearing sweatbands and running shorts, they urged the audience to get in shape with the help of Latin dance moves.

The different performances were strung together by two emcees, seniors Maria Moreno and Danny Rosas Alvarez. Besides introducing the upcoming performers, the two were an act all their own. Moreno's obsession with telenovelas and Alvarez's scheming to steal Moreno's choreography were running jokes, but right after intermission, the two also pulled several audience members

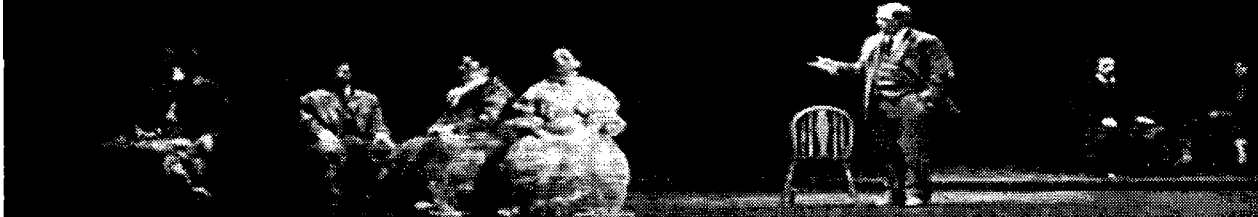
onstage for a dance contest. A mix of high school seniors (here for Notre Dame's Spring Visitation Weekend) and college students competed for audience approval while dancing to some '90s Latin pop. The winner received thunderous applause, but no formal award.

Latin Expressions was a night for real awards, however. Father Tom Eckert, C.S.C., received the Julian Samora Faculty Award for his dedication to improving Latin student life at Notre Dame. Father Eckert, currently the rector of Duncan Hall, started Notre Dame's Latino Student Ministry after his years of working in Mexico, Chile, and Peru. Two Notre Dame juniors also received the Julian Samora Scholarship Award.

"Ritmo Latino" is really an accomplishment for La Alianza and all the students who participated. The show, with more than one hundred performers, has outgrown the campus theaters of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. But it also had no problem filling the huge venue at the Century Center — the tickets sold out at least a half-hour before show time, and for the latecomers seats were a hot commodity. Choreographed lighting, a respectable sound system and a simple but sizable stage really made a professional show.

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## OUR TOWN Cast & Crew Hard at Work



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Scene Writer

Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television, and Theatre presents its final main stage production of the year this week, "Our Town," directed by Jay Paul Skelton. Opening Tuesday, it will run in the Decio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a final performance Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

This week marks only the second time this classic play, written by Thornton Wilder in 1938, will have been performed here at Notre Dame. Mark Pilkington, who continues to teach in the FTT department today, directed the previous production, performed in 1992.

The show begins as Dr. Gibbs, the father of George Gibbs, delivers a pair of twins, revealing the progression of the play as a reflection of life and all of its intricacies. Its careful examination of the life revolving around Emily Webb and George Gibbs reveals not just an immediate connection between two characters, but the impact that each human being has on each other.

With this in mind, Skelton chose to focus closely on the interaction of the characters, utilizing a sparse set. Though Wilder specified this bare approach in his writing, Skelton has abandoned the typical ladders for approximately 250 hanging light

bulbs, which he hopes will lend the viewers increased insight into the message of the play.

"Live love life while you have it" summarizes Skelton as he reflects on the message of the play.

Student stage manager Lisa Tuholski echoes this theme as well. "We don't give ourselves time to think. But every moment of our lives is significant, and I think Thornton Wilder's trying to remind us of that," he said.

Junior Joe Edmonds said death's role in the play adds significance. "It is only by realizing death is a constant presence that we can see how significant every moment of our lives is, how even the most seemingly ordinary events are as extraordinary as any other," said Edmonds, who plays the character of the Stage Manager.

After a week of Suzuki and Viewpoints training, the actors have worked together to create a show that they feel the audience will relate to. "This is a play about people," said freshmen Nick Brandt, who plays George Gibbs. "We don't need scenery to show that, we don't want a spectacle. We want you to see yourselves in these character's shoes like we do."

Many of those involved in the cast and crew have found a personal relationship between themselves and the show. Junior Will Haley, who plays Dr. Gibbs, modeled much of his character upon his grandfather saying, "He

always said to see what needs to be done and then just do it."

Director Skelton has drawn upon his past as well in the creation of this production and the mindset of the characters. "It is personal in terms of my connection to the material since I was born and raised in New England," he said.

Brandt, who sees himself in George's unbridled enthusiasm for life, also believes that this "Our Town" functions on an even higher level as well. "George is sometimes related to the greater American Dream and it's presence in our culture, as well as the potential of everyday life," Brandt said.

The FTT department is also using "Our Town" as an opportunity for outreach in the community. Aside from using 10 community members of various ages and different parts of the South Bend/Mishawaka area, the department has created a study guide and workshop experience with local high school students.

Kassie Misiewicz, a theatre youth director from Arkansas, will lead this event, titled "Theatre Explosion," that allows area students to see the creation process, engage in the production and increase the reality of the characters and themes.

Tickets are available through the DPAC Ticket office at 631-2800.

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"Monsters vs. Aliens" oozed its way to number one at the box office this weekend. Dreamworks' latest computer-animated hit focuses on a group of monsters assembled by the U.S. military to stop an alien invasion.

The film features voices by typical comedy stars (Will Arnett, Stephen Colbert, Seth Rogen, Rainn Wilson) and others one would not expect (Kiefer Sutherland, Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie). The film is co-directed by two relative newcomers, Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon, whose only claims to fame are "Shark Tale" and "Shrek 2" respectively. "Monsters vs. Aliens" is an upbeat light-hearted comedy that is sure to delight viewers of all ages.

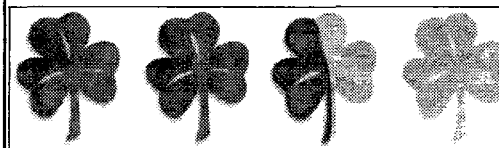
A large chunk of the laughs in the film come from Seth Rogen's performance as a brainless blue blob, aptly named B.O.B. His lack of a brain allows for mindless humor to pervade throughout the film. His antics bounce (pun intended) from the sheer puerility of forgetting how to breathe to a scene where he flirts with a gelatin dessert. Adding to the comedy is Laurie as a mad scientist cockroach complete with a menacing laugh, and Will Arnett as an aquatic monster reminiscent of the Creature from the Black Lagoon.

### Monsters vs. Aliens

Dreamworks

**Directors:** Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon

**Starring:** Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, and Hugh Laurie



Supplementing the antics of B.O.B. is the satire of American politics and bureaucracy that runs throughout the film. A belligerent general is cleverly named W.R. Monger (a word-play on warmonger). The president is portrayed as even more mindless than B.O.B. Throughout the film he screams like girl, mistakes the button that launches nuclear warfare for a coffee machine,

and orders a lieutenant to literally "do something violent." The film also incorporates several pop culture references, including global warming and a parody of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Where the film falls short is in its story. To say the plotline of the film is predictable is a gross understatement. (At this point I would say spoiler alert for anyone who hasn't seen the movie, but there is not much to spoil.) The protagonist, Susan Murphy (Witherspoon), after being hit by a meteor, is forced to deal with the consequences of being larger than life. At first she refuses to accept her new way of life, but eventually she learns to embrace that she is different and teams up with other monsters to save the world from an alien and his robot.

There is also a smaller plotline of Susan's husband who is more concerned with himself than her. Even though it only takes the viewer a few minutes to realize this, the protagonist does not come to this conclusion until the end of the film. Viewers expecting any plot twists from this movie will surely be disappointed.

As for the 3-D animation, I am unable to pass judgment on it because I viewed the film on a regular movie screen. Yet it did look like Dreamworks was making a very conscious effort to demonstrate their technical proficiency. In the first few minutes, the viewer is bom-

barded with meteors and paddleballs aimed right at the screen. If the 3-D is worth any bang for its buck, then an explosion scene towards the end of the film is sure to send viewers ducking for cover.

Ultimately the film will

please most viewers of all ages. Children will delight in the animation and the slapstick humor. Teens are sure to pick up on the many pop culture references. And adults can feel like a kid again and yet appreciate the political satire. While the film may not be anything out of this world, its lighthearted comedic tone will appeal to a monster-sized audience.

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## MLB

# Phillies' pitching excels in 13-3 defeat of Astros

Braves overcome Red Sox in extra innings; Garza strikes out five and walks one in loss to former team

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Chan Ho Park made his final bid for the No. 5 spot in the Philadelphia Phillies' rotation, working effectively into the sixth inning of a 13-3 win over the Houston Astros on Monday.

Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard, Eric Bruntlett all home runs off Houston starter Mike Hampton. Carlos Ruiz also homered, in the sixth inning off of Wesley Wright.

Park allowed two runs - one earned - on six hits in 5 2-3 innings. The 35-year-old right-hander finished his spring campaign with a 2.45 ERA in five games.

"He pitched good," Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel said. "He did a good job."

Whether it was good enough to win a spot in the rotation is still undecided. Park is competing with rookie left-hander J.A.Happ, who has a 3.15 ERA in six games.

"We haven't made up our mind yet," Manuel said. "Both have pitched pretty good."

Park signed with the Phillies as a free agent because they offered him the opportunity to compete for a starting job. The team, however, pursued him in part because of his effectiveness in the bullpen for the Los Angeles Dodgers last season.

"I'm expecting their decision to make me as the starter. That's my goal. That's why I signed with this team," Park said. "I think (my performance this spring) was better than they expected."

Park gave up a run to the Astros in each of the first two innings before settling down. He retired the final six hitters he faced.

Park has allowed six runs in 21 1-3 Grapefruit League innings, striking out 25 while walking two.

"So far, I did my best," Park said.

Manuel and pitching coach Rich Dubee said they expect to make the decision between Park and Happ in the new day or two.

"It comes down to who we think will fit the best," Manuel said.

Hampton allowed seven runs and seven hits in five innings for the Astros.

"We kind of took it on the chin today, but that happens sometimes," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "Mike (Hampton) has been good all spring, but he got some balls up today and they hit them. That's a pretty good lineup

over there."

## Braves 4, Red Sox 3

Kenshin Kawakami relished the opportunity to match up against fellow countryman Daisuke Matsuzaka.

Matsuzaka allowed two hits and an earned run over five innings in his return to the Boston Red Sox from the World Baseball Classic. Kawakami gave up a two-run homer to Rocco Baldelli for his only runs, and the Atlanta Braves rallied to beat the Red Sox in 10 innings on Monday.

More than 30 Japanese media members in the press box made the game a bit more intense for the starters.

"With so many media, I guess I felt a little more excited," Kawakami said through an interpreter. "If I was in Japan, I'd probably enjoy (the matchup) also."

Kawakami, who was signed by the Braves this winter after starring in Japan, pitched six innings and gave up four hits.

Matsuzaka, who was the MVP of the tournament, liked the timing of the pitching pairing as he adjusted from the pressure of the WBC to spring training.

"Luckily today, going up against Kenshin-san on the other side gave me a change to get revved up," Matsuzaka said through an interpreter. "When I'm going up against any Japanese player, whether pitcher or position player, I'm always keeping an eye out on what kind of game they're going to pitch or how they're doing in the batter's box."

With the designated hitter being used, Kawakami didn't get to hit against Matsuzaka. But the former MVP in Japan certainly showed again this spring that he can get major league hitters out.

"I felt like I pitched well," said Kawakami, who struck out four and walked two.

Kawakami has a 1.74 ERA in five Grapefruit League games.

"He was real good again," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He had that knee-buckling curve. I don't think anyone had a good swing at it. There aren't too many good hooks around anymore. It's a big weapon for him."

Matsuzaka walked three but allowed just a single by Garret Anderson in the second inning and a double by Brian McCann in the fourth. One of the two runs that inning was unearned after an error by Boston first baseman Kevin Youkilis.

Anderson, used as the DH for the second game after

missing more than three weeks with a calf strain, was 2-for-3 with a double and a walk. He was hitless coming in.

"He hit the ball hard three times," said Cox, who will play Anderson in the outfield during Tuesday night's game with Houston. "He looks good at the plate."

The Braves tied the game in the ninth on a single by Martin Prado and won it in the 10th on a double by Brooks Conrad.

It was the final Florida home game of the spring for the Braves.

## Twins 3, Rays 2

Matt Garza was focused on preparing for the season. Pitching against his old team was no big deal.

Garza worked six innings in the Tampa Bay Rays' loss to the Minnesota Twins on Monday, allowing three runs and eight hits. He struck out five and walked one.

The Twins traded Garza and shortstop Jason Bartlett to the Rays for infielder Brendan Harris and outfielders Delmon Young and Jason Pridie before last season. Garza went 11-9 with a 3.70 ERA with Tampa Bay and was the MVP of the AL championship series.

"I really didn't think about facing my old team or anything like that," he said. "I felt great. I felt lively."

Rays manager Joe Maddon said he enjoyed watching Garza grow in his first season with Tampa Bay. Garza went 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA against the Boston Red Sox during the ALCS.

"He is one of those starting pitchers who stands in the dugout when he's not pitching and cheers for everybody else," Maddon said. "He'll be one of the first guys to congratulate somebody when they're coming off the field."

"His confidence is at a very high level right now."

Twins left-hander Glen Perkins also is feeling good this spring. He gave up four hits, struck out four and walked one in six shutout innings against Tampa Bay, lowering his spring ERA to 1.73.

Assured of a rotation spot entering camp, Perkins worked on certain pitches in his earlier spring outings without worrying about the results. He said the more relaxed approach paid off.

"I think I timed it well as far as getting my pitches ready," said Perkins, who will have one more Grapefruit League

outing before the regular season begins. "I threw a lot of strikes and pitched well."

"I've got one more to get ready for the season, but I pretty much feel ready right now. There's always a little thing you can do or work on. They all count in different ways. I hopefully can get another confidence boost and take it into the season."

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said he likely would finalize his bullpen Tuesday.

Left-hander Brian Duensing yielded a two-run homer to Carlos Pena in the eighth inning.

"He got a little fastball happy," Gardenhire said of Duensing, who has still had a solid spring with a 1.93 ERA.

## Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston expressed concern about closer B.J. Ryan after he pitched a shaky eighth inning in Toronto's loss to the New York Yankees on Monday.

Ryan gave up one run and two hits, including Angel Berroa's RBI double to left-center. The left-hander, who skipped the World Baseball Classic to work on his mechanics, has a 9.00 ERA this spring.

Gaston said he might consider making Scott Downs the closer and putting Ryan "somewhere else for a while and go from there." He said he wants to see how Ryan does in his final two spring appearances.

"I haven't checked the velocity yet," Gaston said, "but it looked like it might have been down today. So there are still some concerns about him."

Ryan said he's moving in the right direction.

"The runs are just (from) pitching behind," he said. "Pitch behind in counts and you get in predictable counts. Aside from that there were some good things that came out of today."

Andy Pettitte worked 6 2-3 innings for the Yankees, allowing one run and five hits. The left-hander struck out seven and walked none.

"He was exceptional today, threw all his pitches," manager Joe Girardi said. "His curveball was good, changeup was good, he located his fastball well. That's about as good as it gets."

Rookie left-hander David Purcey went six innings for Toronto, yielding a run and two hits. He walked five and struck out two.

"He started the game off a little rough," Gaston said, "but I thought he threw the ball real well. His whole thing is control. If he goes out there and throws strikes he usually pitches a good ballgame."

Mark Teixeira went 2-for-3 with two RBIs for New York.

## Rockies 10, Diamondbacks 3

Jason Marquis hopes this start stops any questions about his abilities. Marquis tossed five solid innings, Brad Hawpe hit a three-run homer and the Colorado Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-3 on Monday. Marquis allowed two runs and three hits. He struggled in his previous three starts, allowing 22 earned runs and 26 hits in 12 innings. "It definitely feels good to get results. It also puts to rest any doubts in my teammates', managers' or coaches' minds," he said. "I went back to my basics and tried to be an athlete and let my ability and talent take over and keep the thought process out of it."

Marquis' only real mistake against the Diamondbacks resulted in a two-run homer by Josh Whitesell in the fourth inning. It was Whitesell's third homer of the spring. "Everything," Marquis said when asked what pitches worked. "I picked the pitch I wanted to throw and tried to be real loose and be an athlete and be myself." The Rockies acquired Marquis from the Chicago Cubs in an offseason trade, hoping to get the solid starter he has been during his career. They saw glimpses of that against the Diamondbacks. Conor Jackson and Mark Reynolds were the only others to get hits off Marquis. "I have been working on new deliveries and trying to get consistent, but that shouldn't take away from being an athlete," Marquis said. "Sometimes I put thoughts in my head that shouldn't be there on the mound." Todd Helton went 4-for-4 with two doubles for Colorado, raising his spring average to .515. Clint Barmes went 3-for-3 with a double, and Troy Tulowitzki had two hits. Yusmeiro Petit, battling for one of the final spots on Arizona's pitching staff, gave up four runs and four hits in three innings. He struck out one and walked one. Petit allowed all of his runs in the first inning, including Hawpe's first spring homer. "I missed a couple of pitches and I paid for it," Petit said. "I was able to make the adjustments later."

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## NCAA Men's Baseball USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Georgia (23)	23-3	737
2	CS Fullerton (3)	18-4	701
3	Arizona State (2)	19-4	679
4	Georgia Tech	18-4	636
5	LSU	21-6	634
6	North Carolina (1)	20-6	607
7	Miami FL	20-7	550
8	Arkansas	19-5	523
9	Rice	17-7	494
10	Oklahoma	22-6	449
11	Texas A&M	18-9	412
12	Baylor	17-6	387
13	UC Irvine	16-7	383
14	Texas	17-7	380
15	Oklahoma State	19-7	319
16	Virginia (1)	22-4	251
17	Clemson	18-7	242
18	East Carolina	20-5	209
19	Coastal Carolina	19-7	161
20	Mississippi	16-8	154
21	Florida	18-8	145
22	Ohio State	20-4	143
23	Florida State	16-8	99
24	New Mexico	24-4	89
25	San Diego	19-10	86

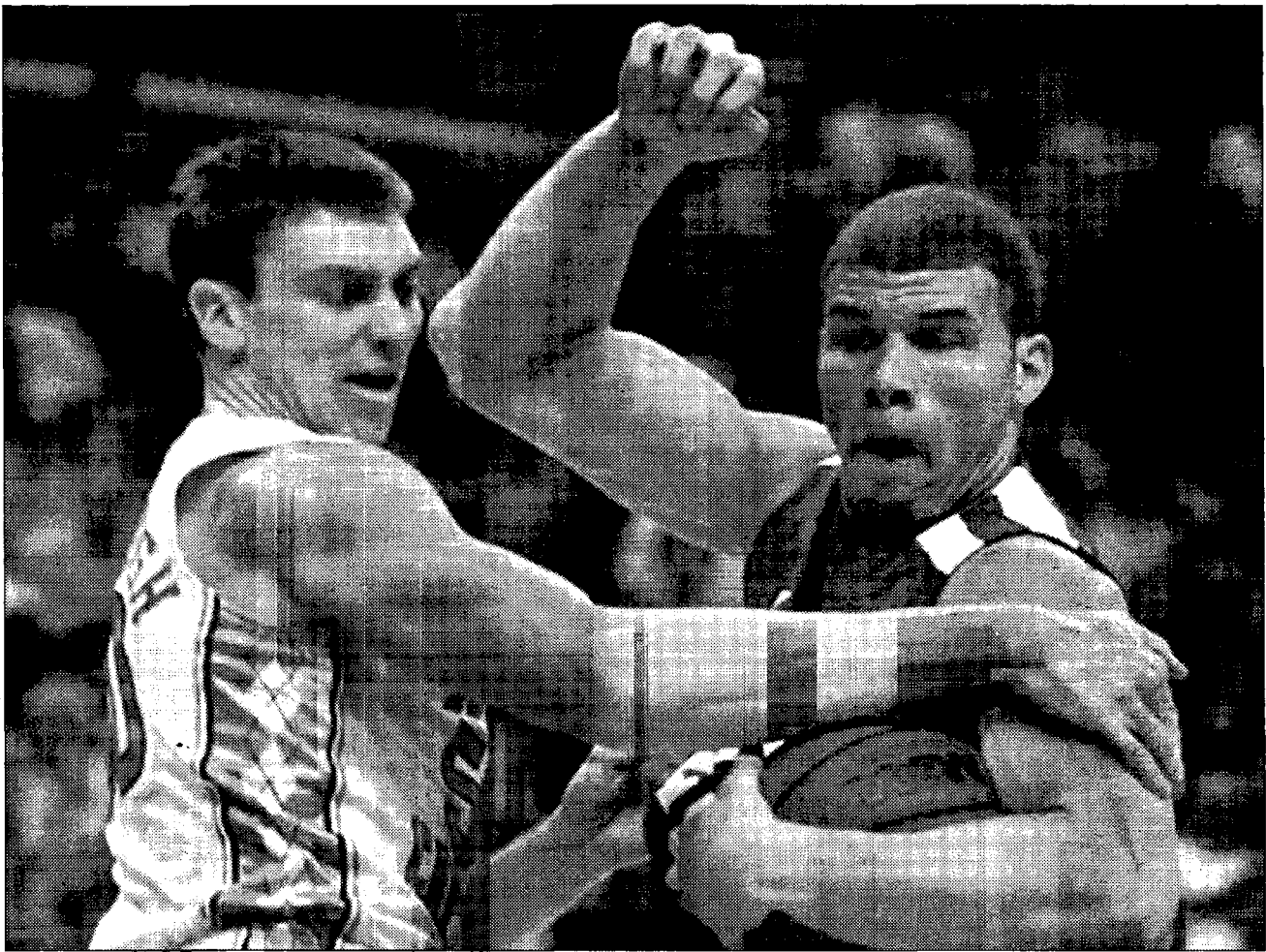
## NCAA Women's Softball ESPN/USA Softball Poll

	team	record	points
1	Florida (19)	32-2	498
2	Washington (1)	27-3	476
3	Stanford	29-1	448
4	UCLA	24-3	438
5	Alabama	26-4	432
6	Oklahoma	25-8	354
7	Georgia	20-4	353
8	Northwestern	15-7	349
9	Arizona State	28-5	340
10	Tennessee	24-6	332
11	Michigan	20-9	312
12	California	22-7	264
13	Ohio State	22-3	263
14	Missouri	26-4	244
15	Arizona	28-7	228
16	Louisville	26-3	188
17	LSU	20-6	186
18	Massachusetts	13-6	144
19	North Carolina	26-7	143
20	Florida State	22-8	84

## NCAA Men's Lacrosse Nike/Inside Lacrosse Poll

	team	record
1	Virginia (16)	11-0
2	Syracuse	7-1
3	NOTRE DAME	7-0
4	Cornell	6-1
5	Princeton	7-1
6	UMBC	6-2
7	Hofstra	6-1
8	Maryland	6-3
9	Duke	8-3
10	North Carolina	8-3
11	Johns Hopkins	3-4
12	Brown	7-1
13	Massachusetts	5-3
14	Navy	7-3
15	Colgate	6-3

## NCAA BASKETBALL



Oklahoma's Blake Griffin, right, and North Carolina's Tyler Hansborough fight for the ball during their Elite Eight game last week. Griffin and Hansborough were both named to the AP All-American team on Monday.

## OU's Griffin named All-American

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Blake Griffin and Tyler Hansbrough spent a lot of time together on the court last weekend and were back together Monday as the top vote-getters on The Associated Press' All-American team.

Griffin, the sophomore forward from Oklahoma who led the nation in rebounding, was the only unanimous selection for the team. Hansbrough, the consensus player of the year last season as a junior, repeated as a first-teamer the day after his Tar Heels beat the Sooners 72-60 to advance to the Final Four.

Joining them on the team

were players from schools with little All-America history, sophomores DeJuan Blair of Pittsburgh, James Harden of Arizona State and junior Stephen Curry of Davidson.

Griffin, who averaged 21 points and 14.3 rebounds while shooting 63.5 percent from the field, became college basketball's image for toughness when he returned from a concussion only to drive headlong onto the scorer's table.

He received 71 first-team votes and 335 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Balloting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Hansbrough, a unanimous pick last season along with Kansas State's Michael Beasley, got 50 first-team votes and 304 points. This is the fourth straight season the 6-foot-9 forward received All-America recognition. He was a third-team pick as a freshman and was on the second team after his sophomore season.

Blair is Pittsburgh's second first-teamer, joining Don Hennon in 1958. Curry, who led the nation in scoring, is Davidson's second as well. Fred Hetzel was Davidson's first first-teamer in 1965.

Harden is Arizona State's first AP All-American.

Griffin, the Big 12 player

of the year, is the third Oklahoma player to be selected and the first since Stacey King in 1989. Wayman Tisdale of the Sooners was a three-time All-America from 1983-85.

"When Coach [Jeff] Capel started recruiting me, he talked to me a lot about changing the culture of this program and getting it back to a place where guys like Wayman Tisdale and Stacey King and those guys came to play," said Griffin, a native of Oklahoma City. "It's definitely an honor."

Hansbrough, who is in his second straight Final Four with the Tar Heels, is the third North Carolina player to repeat.

## IN BRIEF

### Moats accepts Dallas police officer's apology

DALLAS — NFL player Ryan Moats said Monday he accepts the apology offered by a Dallas police officer who stopped him with a drawn gun in a hospital parking lot as his mother-in-law was dying.

The Houston Texans running back said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he hopes Officer Robert Powell was sincere in his apology.

Powell stopped Moats' SUV outside Baylor Regional Medical Center in suburban Plano on March 18 after the vehicle rolled through a red light. Moats' wife, Tamishia, and other relatives were also in the car.

The officer pulled out his gun and threatened Moats with jail as the player pleaded to be allowed to go inside the hospital. Moats' mother-in-law, 45-year-old Jonetta Collinsworth, died while Powell wrote Moats a ticket and lectured him.

### Burress in court Tuesday to plea on gun charge

NEW YORK — Plaxico Burress will return to court Tuesday in his gun possession case as his lawyers and prosecutors haggle over a plea deal and what punishment the New York Giants star should face for accidentally shooting himself in a crowded nightclub last year.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the case said that Burress and prosecutors have been in active discussions about a plea deal, but remain at odds over the terms, with the District Attorney's office pushing for a stiffer punishment than what defense lawyers believe Burress deserves. The individual spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are ongoing.

Burress, who fired a bullet into his thigh at a Manhattan nightclub in November with a gun he'd stuffed in his waistband, has been charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

### Purdue faces OU for Women's Final Four spot

OKLAHOMA CITY — Watching her son Colton's high-school team make an unexpected run in the high school playoffs gave Sherri Coale a fresh reminder of the exhilaration of being the underdog.

It's not a feeling she gets to experience much anymore as the head coach at Oklahoma.

Her Sooners (31-4) take much more than the No. 1 seed into Tuesday night's regional semifinal against sixth-seeded Purdue. There's the added expectation of victory since they'll be playing in front of a home crowd in Oklahoma City and then the matter of All-America center Courtney Paris' national championship guarantee.

All that combines to create an entirely different atmosphere than what she experienced as her son's Norman High School team headed into the postseason.

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Calathes enters NBA draft without an agent

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida guard Nick Calathes could end his college career without playing a single game in the NCAA tournament.

Calathes announced Monday that he will enter the NBA draft. But he will not hire an agent, which would allow him to return to Florida if he's unhappy with his draft stock.

The 6-foot-6 sophomore from Casselberry led the Gators in scoring this season, averaging 17.2 points. He also averaged 5.3 rebounds and 6.4 assists, and was the only player in the nation to average at least 15 points, five rebounds and six assists.

Calathes' passing ability might be his best asset. Other parts of his game, though, might not fare as well in the NBA. His lack of athleticism and his jumper — he shoots 3-pointers and jump shots with his feet on the ground — could hinder his draft status.

Florida coach Billy Donovan, who met with Calathes on Sunday night, hasn't said whether he thought his star player was ready for the next level.

"I don't think it's even about being ready," Donovan said last week. "It's not about that anymore. I think the one thing that people don't understand about the NBA is it's a league of investments. You're making an investment, and a lot of times you're making a long-term investment and hoping your investment gets better and better and better."

"It has nothing to do with whether they're ready or not ready. ... The decision really comes down to the NBA people in terms of do they think this is a good, quality investment for their company."

Calathes said Monday that Donovan supported his decision.

"(He) told me he'd do whatever he could to help me and my family make an educated decision," Calathes said in a statement. "I love the University of Florida and am leaving my option to return open. This is a great opportunity to take some time, look at my future beyond college, collect information and see where I'm at."

Calathes struggled down the stretch, averaging 11 points in Florida's final six regular-season games, and the Gators missed the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive season.

Calathes was better in the NIT and even said he didn't want to leave school without playing in the NCAA tournament. It could happen, though.

If Calathes does leave, the Gators would be without both starting guards going into next season. Fellow guard Walter Hodge was the team's lone senior.

Freshmen Erving Walker and Ray Shipman would be the team's only experienced guards. Star signee Kenny Boynton, one of the nation's top recruits last year, could help fill the void. Donovan likely would be forced to add another guard before next season.

## NHL

## Blue Jackets prepare for playoffs

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Without looking at a calendar, it's easy to tell it's playoff time at Ken Hitchcock's house.

The bills are piling up and so are the dishes. There's a stack of newspapers by the front door. A tower of videotapes sit by the television, past games awaiting further review by the Columbus Blue Jackets coach.

Hitchcock is so focused on his team that he's become oblivious to all aspects of normal life.

"The one thing you find out at this time of the year is that the rest of the world stops," he said on Monday. "All of the things that people do in everyday life, for us, stops. You spend little or no time with it. You exist. It's like you sleep, you come to the rink, you work at preparing your team, you go home and you rest."

The Blue Jackets, who are in their eighth season but have yet to make the playoffs, woke up Monday morning to find themselves with an unsteady grip on sixth place in the Western Conference with 86 points. Nashville, which Columbus hosts on Tuesday night, is seventh with 84 points. St. Louis holds the eighth and final playoff spot with 83 points — with Anaheim (82), Edmonton (81) and Minnesota (80) right behind.

Each of those six teams have six games left.

If the current top eight teams hold onto their positions, it'll mark the first time in 28 years that every team from one division, in this case

the Central (Detroit, Chicago, Columbus, Nashville, St. Louis), puts all of its members in the playoffs.

St. Louis general manager Larry Pleau told NHL.com, "We're hoping that happens again."

Things are so tight and every point so critical that everybody studies the standings, listens for the late scores and ponders every injury and personnel move.

For instance, the Predators lost forward Martin Erat to a broken left leg on Sunday in Detroit, felled by teammate Shea Weber's slap shot. Erat will likely be gone for a month.

"That's a tough loss. Good player," Columbus captain Rick Nash said. But he said this is no time to express sympathy. Everybody has injuries. The Blue Jackets are without several mainstays — Fredrik Modin, Jason Chimera, Ole-Kristian Tollefsen, Derick Brassard — and nobody is feeling sorry for them.

Miss the playoffs and no one remembers that a team was down an important player or two.

"It's tough when any player goes down, but we need points," Nash said. "We have to worry about what we have to do here."

After hosting Nashville on Tuesday night, the Blue Jackets return the favor on Saturday night. They play at home against fifth-place Chicago on Sunday before playing at Chicago on April 8, at St. Louis on April 10 and closing the regular season at home against Minnesota on April 11.

St. Louis is the hottest of the

six teams fighting for those last three playoff spots, but the Blues are at home for only that showdown against Columbus on April 10. Nashville has won its last three, but no one knows how the Predators will handle the loss of Erat, their second-leading scorer.

So bunched are the standings that players are paying as much attention to other scores as their own.

"At this time of year you can't depend on other teams to do you any favors," Blue Jackets center Jason Williams said. "You've got to go out there and basically take care of business your own way."

Nash, the Blue Jackets' top scorer with 36 goals and 37 assists in 72 games, tries to shut out everything that's happening elsewhere.

"We're still in a position where we control our own destiny," he said. "We don't have to worry about scores. No one's going to help us. We're going to have to do it ourselves."

The Blue Jackets made several costly mistakes in a 5-2 loss to St. Louis on Sunday. With the score tied at 1 in the second period, stellar rookie goaltender Steve Mason whiffed on a clearing attempt up the middle and instead sauced a perfect tape-to-tape pass to Brad Boyes, who buried the gift goal.

But players cannot live in fear of such gaffes, Columbus defenseman Mike Commodore said. All the players know what's riding on the outcome of each game, but they cannot afford to be so hesitant to do something wrong that they don't do anything right.

## NFL

## Bengals' QB Palmer ready to get on the field

*Choosing offseason rest over surgery to heal his injured elbow, starting QB back in usual throwing routine*

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Carson Palmer considers his throwing elbow fully healed as he begins offseason workouts with his Cincinnati Bengals teammates.

Palmer chose not to have reconstructive surgery for a partially torn ligament and tendon in his right elbow, which sidelined him for 12 games last season. Instead, he decided to see whether rest would heal the injury.

Before beginning voluntary workouts on Monday, Palmer said he is back to his usual throwing routine because the elbow is fine. The team plans to limit his throwing during preseason workouts as a precaution.

"I was timid at first," Palmer said of his decision to rest the elbow instead of having so-called "Tommy John" surgery. "I was kind of going against a bunch of

doctors and relying on one and what he said, and it turned out he was right."

"It's 100 percent and I'm healthy and I'm happy. Had I gone the other way, I don't know when I'd be able to throw again, but it wouldn't be now."

Palmer has been throwing three times a week near his home in southern California. Several of the Bengals' young receivers have joined him for the sessions, including Jerome Simpson, a second-round draft pick last year.

"I saw that old Carson Palmer I used to look at when I was younger," Simpson said. "He has that strong arm, and he's just throwing the ball around and hav-

ing fun. There was some zip on it. He overthrew me one time, and I hadn't seen that for a long time. I was surprised, but it showed me he's getting back to the old Carson now."

*"It was important for him to come into it healthy, and that's where he is now."*

**Jordan Palmer**  
Bengals' backup  
Quarterback

Palmer's younger brother, Jordan, is a backup Bengals quarterback and worked out with him at the sessions in California. Jordan Palmer was reminded of how his brother over-

came injuries in the past, including a severe knee injury in the 2005 playoffs that required reconstructive surgery. Palmer left knee was hurt on his first pass in a playoff loss to Pittsburgh, but he

didn't miss any games in 2006.

"It's in his nature," Jordan Palmer said. "And that's why he's the man. He's ready to roll, and I think he'll be back and stronger than ever. I think he's really excited about this year. It was important for him to come into it healthy, and that's where he is now."

Palmer's next step is to get his timing back with a receiving corps that has undergone change. T.J. Houshmandzadeh left for Seattle as a free agent and was replaced by Laveranues Coles. Receiver Chad Ocho Cinco was the only Bengals receiver who missed the voluntary workout on Monday.

"I'm not worried about him," Palmer said. "I'm worried about the guys we have here."

After Palmer talked to reporters, he addressed his teammates. Linebacker Keith Rivers said the quarterback told them to

seize their opportunities this season. The Bengals have had only one winning season since 1991, one of the longest streaks of futility in NFL history, and are coming off a 4-11-1 season.

Palmer is entering his seventh season with the Bengals, who made him the first overall pick in 2003 then sat him for a year to learn the league.

"There's no more, 'Well, hopefully next year. Next year we're going to be better,'" Palmer said. "It's going into year seven and I feel like I haven't really played any football yet. I definitely haven't played in any significant games."

"I can't wait. I realize the more years you put in, the more you can't look to next year at any point in the season. The time is now. You need to seize the moment and the year, and this is our year."

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## SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles defeat Calvin in MIAA season opener

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

As a rule, winning the league opener is at the top of any collegiate coach's list of preseason goals. For head coach Erin Sullivan and the Belles, that goal can be checked off the list.

Saint Mary's (16-2) crushed Calvin in the MIAA season opener, sweeping the Knights in a doubleheader. The Belles opened the day by shutting out Calvin 8-0 in a five-inning slaughter-rule contest, and wrapped up the sweep with a 3-2 victory on the back end.

"It was just really clutch for us," Sullivan said. "Our goal is to beat the teams we're supposed to beat, and Calvin was a team we're supposed to beat, which we did in pretty convincing fashion. I know that we're one of those teams that everyone's gunning for, but we're prepared for that."

Staying true to her form, freshman pitcher Monica Palicki lifted the Belles in their first game by tossing a two-hit shutout against the Knights, her fifth of the season. Senior clean-up hitter Ashley Fusaro led the Belles at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two doubles, while short-stop Maureen Healy captained a tight defense.

Healy was recently named conference player of the week for her outstanding perform-

ance both at the plate and on the infield.

"We came out, and the hitting was contagious," Sullivan said. "They just kept stroking the ball, and we just sucked the air out of Calvin."

Calvin added some drama in the second game by tying the game in the top of the seventh when a deep pop-fly was misplayed in the outfield, allowing two runs to cross the plate.

But as they've done all season, the Belles bounced back in the home half of the seventh to execute a textbook comeback. Sophomore Hayley Bojorquez scalded a single to left center to get on base. Katie Rashid followed by executing a sacrifice bunt, moving Bojorquez over to second.

A wild pitch moved Bojorquez to third, and finally senior Cathy Kurczak singled to center to drive home the winning run. Freshman Angela Gillis picked up her ninth win of the season.

Coach Sullivan expressed her satisfaction with the team's performance in the league opener.

"I was very happy with everything we did," Sullivan said. "The only thing I want to improve on is our aggressive base running. We need to be smart and aggressive, and we can't expect our pitchers to always throw shutouts."

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## SMC TENNIS

# Team takes on Trine in conference match

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to carry momentum from an impressive 8-1 win over Alma on Saturday into its match today with MIAA foe Trine.

The Belles (5-5, 1-0) are back to .500 for the first time since returning from their spring break trip in Florida when they were 4-4.

"I feel like we are doing well so far," Belles head coach Dale Campbell said. "We are at 5-5, with three of those losses coming to nationally ranked teams. We are trying to improve on a daily basis."

One of the highlights for the Belles against Alma (5-6, 0-1) on Saturday was the play of sophomore Jessica Kosinski.

"Kosinski had a great come back on Saturday," Campbell said. "She was able to battle back and show her tenacity in the match."

After dropping her opening set, Kosinski was able to rally in the second set and pull out a close one by the score of 7-5 pushing the match to a third set tiebreaker.

Kosinski was able to earn the victory by a score of 13-11 in the tiebreaker.

After securing two of the three doubles matches, the other Belle players were able to earn victories.

Sophomore Jillian Hurley defeated senior Laura McKendry at No. 1 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-2.

Junior Camille Gebert and sophomores Franca Peluso and Laura Arnold all were able to earn victories in their first sets by a score of 7-5, and finished off their opponents for three more wins.

The Belles are looking to continue their success in the MIAA they enjoyed last season.

"We are hoping to do well in the conference," Campbell said. "We want to be in the running for the conference title at the end of the season."

Campbell also noted that the team is working on being more aggressive in their doubles play and get off to quicker starts in their matches in order to gain an early advantage.

The Belles finished fifth in the conference last season with Gebert earning all-conference first team honors and Hurley earning second team honors.

Saint Mary's was able to defeat Trine (0-4) last season by a score of 8-1, dropping only one set in singles and only one match in doubles to earn the victory.

The Belles will look to continue their success today with first serve set for 4 p.m.

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## NBA

# Howard scores 22 in Magic win over Heat

Jefferson leads Bucks in victory over Nets with 29 points and 10 rebounds; Villanueva puts 20 on the board

MIAMI — On the night Miami retired Alonzo Mourning's number, Orlando's big man wrecked the party.

Dwight Howard scored 22 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, passing Wilt Chamberlain as the youngest NBA player to reach the 5,000-board mark, and the Magic kept their grip on the No. 2 spot in the Eastern Conference by beating the Heat 101-95 on Monday night.

Rashard Lewis scored 21 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:32 remaining for Orlando (55-18), which stayed five games behind Cleveland and percentage points ahead of defending champion Boston in the East race.

Dwyane Wade scored 13 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter for the Heat (39-35), whose edge over Philadelphia for the East's No. 5 seed was trimmed to one game.

The series has been one-sided, with Orlando having won 12 of the last 13 meetings between the clubs.

This game, most assuredly, was not.

Hedo Turkoglu scored 16 points, Rafer Alston added 13 and Courtney Lee finished with 10 for Orlando. Mario Chalmers scored 13 points and had seven assists for the Heat, and Jermaine O'Neal added 10 for Miami.

The loss was especially costly for the Heat. Backup point

guard Luther Head broke his left hand during the game and will miss four to six weeks, meaning there likely will be no way he's available for Miami's first-round playoff series.

There were seven lead changes and four ties in the final 5:49, with Wade — as typically is the case — carrying most of the offensive load for Miami. Three times in a span of 2 1/2 minutes, Wade either had a dunk or a layup that gave the Heat the lead, the last of those coming with 2:52 left and putting Miami up 92-91.

Orlando simply wasn't rattled.

Howard rattled home the second of two free throws to tie it, Lewis got free for a 3-pointer from near the Heat bench, and Turkoglu found Howard under the basket for a layup that put the Magic up 97-92 with 50.5 seconds remaining.

Miami got within two on Wade's free throws with 17 seconds left, but J.J. Redick answered those with a pair of his own 2 seconds later, and Orlando escaped — spoiling the Mourning party.

Mourning's friends and family took bets on whether he'd cry during the halftime celebration, and he insisted he wouldn't.

He was wrong.

The 43-minute ceremony featured the reading of a letter from President Barack Obama, plus brief speeches from Gov. Charlie Crist, Heat president Pat Riley, Mourning's former

Georgetown coach John Thompson and fellow former Hoya Patrick Ewing, a longtime mentor. "Just eight short years ago, eight short years ago, I didn't envision this moment happening," Mourning said, moments after the banner bearing his name and No. 33 was raised. "This is probably one of the greatest moments of my life and I'm honored to be here this evening." He was diagnosed with kidney disease in 2000, needed a transplant in 2003, and was told he'd never play in the NBA again. He returned, of course, and got the NBA championship he spent a career chasing in 2006, when the Heat beat Dallas in six games. "I wanted to let you know how proud we all are of your extraordinary career, but also the way you have given back to the community all these years," Obama wrote to Mourning. "You have been, and will continue to be, a great leader. God bless you and your family." As the speeches went on, Mourning's eyes began to water. Tears flowed and his lips trembled when the banner was being hoisted. "Y'all can go and collect your money," Mourning said. It was a night for the Heat to celebrate, coach Erik Spoelstra said before the game, and sure enough, Miami seemed inspired. Orlando led 46-43 after a back-and-forth first half, where the Heat started fast, went ice cold to fall into a double-digit hole, then

clawed back. Halftime for NBA games that aren't nationally televised are typically 14 minutes. Monday's was supposed to be 24 minutes to accommodate the Mourning ceremony, but by the time the game actually resumed, roughly the equivalent of three halftimes had passed. And once again, when the Magic seemed poised to take control, Miami tried to fight back. Lewis made a 3-pointer with 2:01 left for a 70-63 Orlando lead, but the Heat scored the final six points of the quarter and were only down by one heading into the fourth.

### Bucks 107, Nets 78

Richard Jefferson had 29 points and 10 rebounds against his former teammates and the Milwaukee Bucks snapped a season-high, five-game losing streak with a 107-78 victory over the reeling New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

Charlie Villanueva added 20 points for the Bucks, who kept their slim hopes for a playoff berth alive by snapping a seven-game road losing streak and sending the Nets to their fifth straight loss, matching their season high.

The win was only the fifth in 19 games for Milwaukee, which is four games behind Chicago in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. The Bucks (32-43) have seven games left.

Chris Douglas-Roberts had 14 points and Brook Lopez added

10 points and 10 rebounds for New Jersey, which suffered its second embarrassing loss in 24 hours. Minnesota snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating the Nets on Sunday.

That was only a nine-point loss. This one was a blowout, and it was never close after Milwaukee used an 18-0 run in the final 4:51 of the first quarter to 32-13 lead.

Jefferson, traded to Milwaukee after last season, started the run with a 3-pointer and added four free throws before it was over. Villanueva had a big slam and six points, and rookie Joe Alexander, who finished with a career-high 16 points, capped the spurt 3-pointer.

The rest of the game was garbage time, punctuated by boos by the sparse crowd when the Bucks pushed the lead into the 20s and 30s over the final three quarters.

Nets guards Vince Carter and Devin Harris sat most of the second half, combining for 19 points on 6-of-22 shooting.

The frustration got to Nets coach Lawrence Frank in the third quarter. He picked up technical foul for arguing a no-call on a layup attempt by Ryan Anderson.

The Nets futility was never more evident than early in the third quarter when Bucks center Dan Gadzuric stole the ball from Trenton Hassell under the Milwaukee basket, dribbled behind his back and dunked.

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Team to face Baylor at home in second match

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

In a bit of déjà vu, Notre Dame faces No. 4 Baylor for the second time this season, having defeated the Bears 4-3 in the National Indoor quarterfinals.

Back in mid-February, Notre Dame (16-2) felt disrespected by its No. 14 ranking, and set to prove the skeptics wrong. Now, No. 2 Notre Dame aims to hold onto its elite status, while, still at No. 4, Baylor (12-4) still hopes to move up a few more spots in the rankings.

"We had such a tight match [in February], I am sure they are looking to beat us this time around," coach Jay Louderback said. "It should be another close one tomorrow."

But not only the Baylor team is looking for revenge today. In the match in February, the top Irish doubles duo of senior Keley Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling suffered one of only two losses this season. The Baylor duo of Lenka Broosova and Csilla Borsanyi defeated Tefft

and Frilling 8-0.

This time around, the match could hinge on that result.

"It will be 4-3 again. The key will be the doubles point," Louderback said. "Our one team is definitely looking forward to playing them again. They remember that one for sure."

Notre Dame can count among its advantages the fact that the match will likely be held indoors. Baylor has not played much indoors lately, nor have they played on the road in any of their last six matches, going 6-0 at home.

Both teams look to get a strong non-conference win late in the year to prepare for the upcoming NCAA tournament.

"Today the big thing is competing well. I know we are matched up and ready to play," he said. "We just have to compete well at every position."

The match begins at 4:30 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Irish take on IUPUI at home

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will put its seven-game win streak on the line today against Indiana University-Purdue University at Melissa Cook Stadium.

The Irish (17-11) are coming off of a successful Big East road trip in which they won one contest against Georgetown and took two from South Florida.

In addition to their win streak, the team has won nine of its last 10.

"We struggled early in the season," senior outfielder Beth Northway said. "But since we started getting on a roll, we're putting the pieces together, and we're looking good now."

The Jaguars (3-29) have lost their last four games. The team's latest win came in the form of a 10-1 blowout of Valparaiso on March 23. That victory broke an 18-game losing

streak that dated back to Feb. 21.

"IUPUI is not a team we can just overlook," Northway said. "This is just as important as a Big East opponent."

IUPUI does have a potentially dangerous offensive attack in the duo of Sarah Oppelt and Mia Ettl. The women have .377 and .345 batting averages, respectively, and Ettl leads the team with five home runs and 14 RBI.

The Irish offense has been on fire during its win streak, with freshman right fielder Dani Miller and the senior outfielder Northway leading the way.

Miller has three home runs in her last six games, including one in the first game against USEF, and holds a .421 batting average. Northway, who leads the team with a .483 batting average and a slugging percentage of 1.034, also homered in that game.

"The whole team has been hitting really well so far,"

Northway said. "The whole team has been doing extra hitting."

The Irish have now gone deep at least once in each of their past 10 games.

The game against IUPUI will begin a lengthy homestand for Notre Dame. The Irish will play a total of 10 games in South Bend before traveling to Connecticut on April 11.

This could bode well for the Irish, who are currently 6-1 at Melissa Cook Stadium.

"Our facilities this year are so nice, and it makes us appreciate being home," Northway said. "There's nothing like playing at home."

Senior pitcher Brittany Bargar (11-6) will start on the mound for the Irish. Bargar holds a 1.63 ERA in 116 innings pitched.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. today.

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## NASCAR

## Driver Johnson gives testimony at tax trial

Associated Press

MIAMI — NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson was the leadoff defense witness Monday in the Helio Castroneves tax evasion trial, testifying that a lawyer who is also charged in the case has a sterling reputation in the motorsports world.

Johnson, a three-time Sprint Cup winner, said Michigan lawyer Alan Miller has many clients in NASCAR and the Indy Racing League, a circuit where the Brazilian-born Castroneves is a top driver. Both Castroneves and Johnson have received financial guidance from Miller.

"Alan's reputation is about honesty. His character is second to none," Johnson testified in a 10-minute appearance. "He's given me great advice."

Miller, 71, is charged with conspiracy and tax evasion for allegedly helping Castroneves, 33, and the driver's business manager-sister, 35-year-old Katiucia, avoid U.S. taxes on some \$5.5 million from 1999 to 2004. All three face more than six years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors rested their case Monday after four weeks of testimony, much of it focused on Miller's role in handling financial arrangements when Castroneves was hired by Penske Racing in late 1999. Prosecutors say the deal illegally avoided U.S. taxes on \$5 million of the Penske money, which first was earmarked for a Panamanian shell corporation and then wound up in a Dutch deferred compensation account.

Johnson, 33, said Miller — a former professional football player and former NFL Players Association lawyer — has re-

resented him for about 12 years and came widely recommended by racing industry leaders.

"I needed help to grow in my career. Alan was that guy for me," said Johnson, who won his 41st career NASCAR race Sunday at Martinsville, Va.

The defense case for Castroneves, a two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, and his co-defendants is expected to take about a week. Howard Srebnick, attorney for Katiucia Castroneves, told jurors that evidence will show what the Internal Revenue Service claims were improper tax deductions were actually payments to their father for his years in Brazil working to promote Helio Castroneves.

"There was an understanding, and a moral obligation on the part of Helio, to pay his father," Srebnick said.

Castroneves also does not owe U.S. taxes on the \$5 million sitting in the Dutch account because he has not yet received it, Srebnick said. Prosecutors claim the taxes were owed because Penske was ready and able to pay Castroneves, who cannot avoid tax just because he didn't accept the money.

Either way, Srebnick said Castroneves relied on advice from experts like Miller and others for his financial dealings.

"If the best-known lawyer in the racing community gives you that advice, you follow that advice. That's what Helio did," Srebnick said.

Aside from his racing career, Castroneves is perhaps best known for his 2007 victory on TV's "Dancing With The Stars" competition. The tax case does not involve his appearance on that show.

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## Cheerleading &amp; Leprechaun Tryout Information Meeting

5:30 P.M. April 6, 2009 – Gym 2 – Joyce Center (above Gate 10)

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Travis Allen and Luke Nakatsukasa, paved the wave to a dominating second period.

The girls of Do Something Crazy seemed too exhausted to stand in the late going, and Chris Brown Beat Down clinched a 21-10 victory that was closer than score indicated. Ferocious interior defense from Koch and Hoffman did not let their opponents pick up an easy win.

### Team Jarvis All-Stars 21 – Team Oink Oink 8

"No one on the court's got swagga like us," senior Christa Riggins proclaimed when she arrived.

Swagger, Team Oink Oink had; any degree of teamwork or skill, they did not. The Team Jarvis All-Stars had the skills to back up their boasts, putting on a Globetrotteresque show during their victory.

"We've got to hip check and throw these girls down," senior Mike Pearl of the All-Stars declared during warm-ups.

Team Oink Oink opened with a blistering, seven-second offense that put the All-Stars on their heels. Cramps from Riggins and a pants-related malfunction from senior Claire "Cooler than Miles Davis" Hutchinson slowed the Oink Oink offense to a crawl, set off by a game changing fast-break from All-Star senior Fran Tolan.

"The great white hope," senior teammate Ted Dropcho said of Tolan.

Senior Casey Wagner scooped up loose balls and hustled for rebounds for Oink Oink, but the team slumped down the stretch to finish the half down 11-3.

"We just want to finish it up and let that poor girl [Hutchinson] go home," All-Star senior Patrick Keating said. "I think that's what's best for everyone at this point, honestly."

As the second half began, Oink Oink senior forwards Mallorie Croal and Kim Kristoff were swept back by the relentless charge of the All-Stars' innovative "Flying-V" formation. All-Star senior Ryan Frost and the rest of his squad brushed the Oink Oink defense aside to score at will as the game wound down, picking up a victory.

"Despite our malfunctions, we just had a great time," Kristoff said.

Riggins qualified the loss, saying, "Just because they can beat us once, doesn't mean

that can beat us twice."

"Oh my God! We're still in the mix!" an elated Dropcho said after the match. "We're the craziest team on the island!"

It was unclear what island Dropcho was referring to.

### MR. JAM 21, The Shankopotomus 4

An undermanned Shankopotomus squad stood no chance against the offensive balance and strong defense of MR. JAM Monday afternoon in the Frank Leahy sectional.

Right from the start of the game, player-coach, Adam Klene made it clear that he and his teammates had been looking forward to the game.

"We've been very excited to get out here and show off our skills," Klene said. "We came ready to play."

Lockdown defensive specialist Joey Sheehan prevented The Shankopotomus from getting anything started on the

offensive side of the ball.

"I have serious 'D-skills' with a z," Sheehan commented after the game.

On the offensive side of the

ball JAM jumped out to an early 5-0 lead. Klene, Sheehan, Rick Helfrich, Matt Thomas, and Matt Lopez all contributed to a balanced JAM attack that was unanswered by Shankopotomus.

Kelene said his team had a significant height advantage with the majority of players over six feet tall.

"We had a strong showing," Klene said. "Our height and strong zone defense provided us with an advantage over our opponents."

MR. JAM next plays on Saturday at noon at the Lyons courts.

### The Majestic Journeymen 21, Pat Brown and the Super Fun Happy Team 9

A hot streak by Mike DeRusso and solid team play helped The Majestic Journeymen defeat Pat Brown and the Super Fun Happy Team Monday afternoon.

Journeymen coach Matt Jensen was proud of his team's efforts.

"We came out strong and we achieved our highest goal of victory," Jensen said. "We also weren't intimidated by our RA or his height." Jensen was

referring to the RA of the majority of the Journeymen squad from Carroll Hall: five-foot tall Mark McLaughlin.

The Journeymen started the game with a defensive statement when Ben Mall blocked the first Happy Team shot of the game. Journeymen pulled away in the first half, opening up an 11-3 advantage at half-time.

In the second half, Mike DeRusso took over the game for several possessions. At one point, DeRusso hit three outside jump shots on three consecutive possessions for Journeymen.

"My stroke just felt good" DeRusso said. "My teammates gave me the ball so I kept shooting."

The Journeymen next play the tournament No. 1 seed Main Street Pub on Saturday at 4 p.m.

### We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna 21, It Ain't Worth Winning if You Can't Win Big 10

It Ain't Worth Winning couldn't keep up with the up-and-down style of play that We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna brought to the table, losing 21-10. Their sagging 2-3 defense managed to contain their opponent's half-court offense at times, but in the end too many turnovers led to a number of fast break points for Rihanna.

"We aren't as big as other teams so we just like to run up and down, keeping it moving," Rihanna team captain Grant Erickson said.

The team's man-to-man pressure defense forced a number of the turnovers, allowing them to go on a 6-0 run to end the game, with all six points coming from layups.

Captain Kyle Berceau led It Ain't Worth Winning in scoring with six of the team's 10 points. He attributed the loss mainly to a lack of preparation.

"They were just a lot more prepared than we were. You could tell they had practiced and it really showed in what they were doing on offense," Berceau said.

Freshman guard Alex Metoxen had a different perspective on the reasons for the loss. "We just weren't fast enough and we couldn't get the ball to the post, especially to me," he said. "They just couldn't get me the ball."

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## Wildcats

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the country," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I'm sure it was disappointing to them. We expect a heck of a game from them, and you have to count on a hard fought 60-minute game."

The Wildcats play a game quite different from Notre Dame's aggressive, attacking style.

"They control the ball, and they play patiently," Corrigan said. "They take good shots and are very selective in their shot selection. That is challenging as they are not a team that give away possessions."

The Villanova offense is led by senior attack Tim Driscoll, who has tallied a team-high 14 goals in eight matches. Wildcats junior Paul Webber leads the team in points with 19 on nine goals and 10 assists.

To counteract this conservative nature of Villanova, the Irish must maintain their composure throughout the entire 60-minute contest.

"We have to be efficient

offensively," Corrigan said. "We can't trade long possessions for short ones, but we have to keep our aggressiveness and make sure we are attacking the cage to put some pressure on them."

Such a task is often easier said than done, but Notre Dame should be prepared. This season, led by senior goalie Scott Rodgers and his .637 save percentage, the Irish have the No. 7 defense in the nation, as well as the No. 7 scoring offense.

"We are not short on momentum right now; we have not lost yet this year," Corrigan said. "But I don't know how much that will really effect tomorrow. We just have to go in with the mindset of outplaying them and outworking them for 60 minutes."

If able to do so, Notre Dame will match the best-ever start by the program at 8-0, achieved by the team in 1993. Furthermore, the team would also extend the program-record home win streak to 23.

Faceoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at Alumni Field.

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## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Stanford's Appel scores 46 in win over Iowa St.

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Big Appel is headed back to the Final Four after a low-post performance surpassing anything in Stanford's long, illustrious basketball history.

Jayne Appel had a career-high 46 points and 16 rebounds in the third highest-scoring performance in NCAA tournament history, overwhelming Iowa State's helpless defense and securing Stanford's second straight Final Four appearance with a 74-53 victory in the Berkeley Regional final on Monday night.

Stanford's physically imposing center with neon-pink fingernails and a dancer's grace also surpassed Candice Wiggins' single-game scoring record for the Cardinal (33-4), leaving little doubt about Stanford's 20th straight victory and eighth Final Four berth.

Only Drake's Lorri Bauman (50 points in 1982) and Texas Tech's Sheryl Swoopes (47 in 1993) have scored more points in an NCAA tournament game than the 6-foot-4 Appel, who made 19 of her 28 shots before being mobbed by her team-

mates at the final buzzer.

At the Final Four in St. Louis, the Cardinal will meet the winner of Connecticut's Trenton Regional final meeting with Arizona State. Stanford is the last team to beat the undefeated Huskies, doing it in last season's semifinal game in Tampa.

Amanda Nisleit scored 17 points for the Cyclones, who couldn't hit enough 3-pointers to overcome Appel's awe-inspiring effort. Iowa State (27-9) has made the regional final twice, falling short in 1999 and again this season.

Alison Lacey, who scored 29 points in Iowa State's comeback win over Michigan State in the Berkeley semifinals, managed just two on 1-of-10 shooting against Stanford.

Appel scored 27 points in the first half, two more than the fourth-seeded Cyclones' entire roster. The junior barely let up in the second half, breaking Wiggins' school record on one last low-post move with 1:43 to play.

The Cyclones' 38-point loss to the Cardinal back in late November didn't prepare them for the rematch. Appel scored just six points in that meeting.



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dangerous hitters, though. Junior Eli Boiki has a .349 average and five home runs, leading the team, and a .442 on-base percentage. He has also stolen seven bases in nine attempts.

Junior Chris Roberts, hitting .333, also provides a threat for the Spartans.

The team as a whole, however, hits only .248, which is perfect for a Notre Dame pitching staff that has struggled of late. The staff has an ERA of 5.11 and has walked 106 batters this season. Irish pitchers gave up 37 hits to Pittsburgh this weekend, 30 of them in the final two games.

Notre Dame's bats, on the other hand, are doing just fine. Over the past 15 games, junior center fielder A.J. Pollock has batted .448. Last week, he batted .500, had a slugging percentage of .854 and an on-base percentage of .560.

Sophomore third baseman Greg Sherry has been hot recently as well. Sherry hit .500 (7-14) over the weekend

against Pittsburgh.

The Irish also hit four home runs Sunday against Pittsburgh, a season high. Junior Ryne Intlekofer had three hits, including his first career home run. Sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell also hit his first homer.

Those hits didn't always come in timely situations. Notre Dame stranded 29 base runners against the Panthers, 12 in the second game and 11 in the third game of the series.

Fortunately for the Irish, Spartan pitching has not been fantastic either. Michigan State has a 5.55 team ERA and has walked 102 batters this season. The Spartans allowed 10 runs on 13 hits to Illinois Friday and walked six batters Saturday. The Spartan staff pitched well Sunday against the Fighting Illini but got no offensive support.

First pitch today is scheduled for 6:05 p.m. Notre Dame will host another non-conference opponent, Toledo, on Wednesday before facing Villanova at home in a Big East series this weekend.

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## Tight End

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has no limitations, he's competitive, and he's productive."

Pushing Ragone on the depth chart is rising sophomore Joseph Fauria, who saw the field in three games his freshman season.

"He's working hard, all the guys are working hard, but he's really pushing Ragone."

Parmalee said. "He was on the scout team and then got moved up last year to be the second tight end, and was playing catch-up, so he finally has an off-season to get in the system and get some meaningful reps."

Parmalee also said junior walk-on Bobby Burger could also push for playing time.

"He knows the offense, he's a tough kid, and he's a smart kid," Parmalee said. "The thing that stood out [after

transferring from Dayton] was his toughness, and he's looking to get into the mix too."

The foursome of tight ends will look to continue Notre Dame's recent tradition of success at the position — former starters John Carlson and Anthony Fasano were two of the most prolific tight ends in program history and have moved into starting NFL roles.

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everything, we're probably into 125-130 practices," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Coming together, going through the routine, stretching ... I've never been into that territory."

Remarkably, Notre Dame has been able to stay relatively healthy over the past six months, outside of banged up senior forward Zach Hillesland, who suffers a different injury every game, and has avoided burnout along the way.

And to listen to the Irish, practices and the team's attitude toward each other hasn't changed much since August.

"Nothing's really different," Hillesland said. "We're having a good time like we have been the last couple of weeks now. We're having fun together. You look around the country and a lot of teams' seasons are ending."

"Final games are being played, so we're just looking forward to finishing our careers at New York City at one of the most famous arenas in the world."

At that arena, Notre Dame will face a Penn State (25-11, 10-8 Big 10) team that was one of the first teams left out of the NCAA Tournament.

"[They have] great guards," Brey said. "But it's not like we haven't seen great guards this year, coming out of the league we came out of. Really good guards, tough under-sized big kid inside in [Jamel] Cornley, who's tough. But a confident team. They won 25 games. Ten in the Big 10. They go down and win in Florida, they're also playing well."

The Nittany Lions will likely be ready to face Notre Dame. Former Irish assistant Lewis Preston is currently an assistant on the Nittany Lions bench.

"There are probably no secrets," Brey said. "Lewis certainly knows our program

and our system."

The Irish advanced to the semifinals with a win over UAB, a buzzer beating victory courtesy of junior guard Tory Jackson against New Mexico and a victory over Kentucky, in the last game coached by the Wildcats by Billy Gillispie.

If the Irish win, they'll face either Baylor or San Diego State on Thursday at 7 p.m., also on ESPN 2.

"I'm excited that we got out [The Joyce Center] with a win and I want to end it with another win," Irish senior guard Kyle McAlarney said. "The fact that we are very close to doing that is very exciting. We fought and clawed to get to this position, so there really is a sense of accomplishment for us to get to New York, but now it's a whole different monster and we have to win two games. To end it on that note in New York City, that'll be very special."

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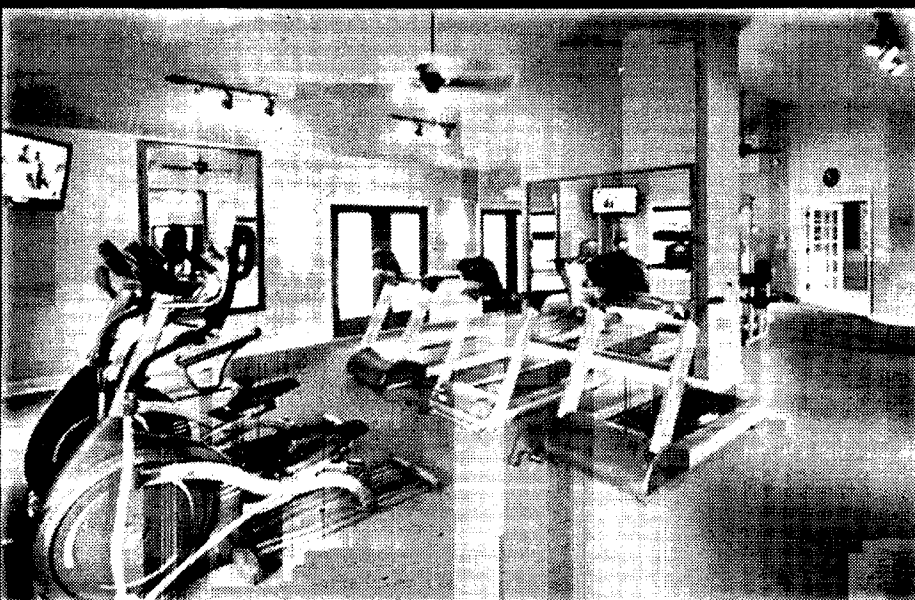
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10 Insignificant type

15 Friend in a sombrero

16 1970s-'80s Dodge

17 Ancient region with an architectural style named after it

18 Root of all Romance languages

19 Margin to maneuver

21 Strain to see over the top

23 [That makes me a little angry]

24 Hammer or tongs

25 Pants half

28 G.P.S. offering

31 River of Hades
- 34 Honeymooners' destination

36 Social finishes?

38 Bum

40 City God destroyed with fire and brimstone

41 Eat humble pie

45 Company newbie

46 Classic Jags

47 One's equal

48 "That's it for now!"

51 Hard throws to first base, say

53 Sound of bacon frying

54 Perform, as one's trade

55 Real pill

57 Line on a receipt

59 Be a street peddler

65 Toothless enemy

68 Terse bridge bid

69 Norwegian coast feature

70 Street that may be a U.S. highway
- Down**

1 1 on the Mohs' scale

2 Five-star Bradley

3 Hummus scooper-upper

4 Cause of some wrinkles

5 Land-use regulators

6 Like golf greens, frequently

7 Friend who's française

8 Unfocused dread

9 Filet

10 Haberdashery accessory

11 Slacker's bane

12 Musician Brian

13 Carnival locale

14 1989 Bond girl

20 First in a string of 13 popes

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25 Part of L.P.G.A.

26 Wears away

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29 Whenever your heart desires

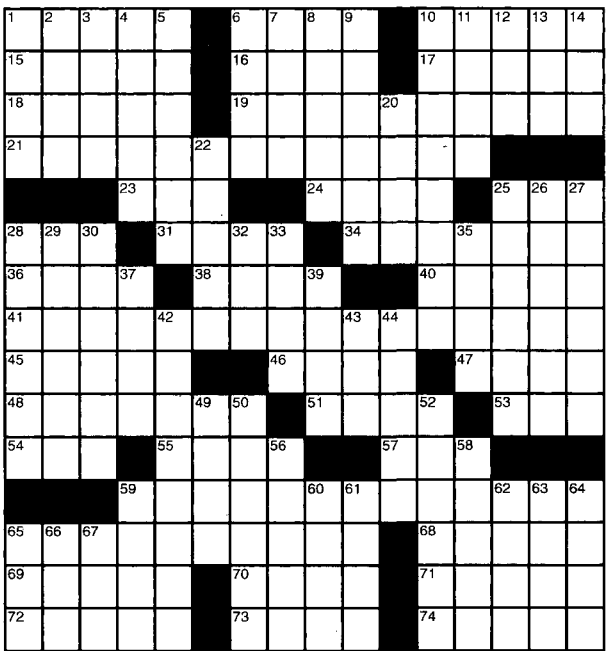
30 \_\_\_ white

32 "Ouch!"

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35 Hiker's snack

37 Musher's carrier



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- 39 Preparing hash for G.I. Joe, say

42 They're spotted in tall grass

43 Wide shoe spec

44 U.S.M.C. noncoms

49 Politico Gingrich

50 One for whom Nome may be home
- 52 Walked to the door

56 Forum attire

58 Tic-tac-toe alternatives

59 Key to the city recipient, maybe

60 Singer Sedaka

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- 62 Stigma borne by Hester Prynne

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scott Moffatt, 26; Norah Jones, 30; Celine Dion, 41; Paul Reiser, 52

**Happy Birthday:** Speak your mind and be open to ideas, activities and events you've never experienced before. Changes to the way you do things or what you do will result in creativity that will enhance the way others see you. Don't be too eager to give away too much; your generosity will be your downfall. Reap the rewards for your hard work. Your numbers are 7, 9, 12, 23, 35, 44, 49

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** When it comes to making money or formulating deals, you have to tell it like it is and let everyone know what you want and need to proceed. Positive results will come from taking proper control. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It's your life and you must be willing to be responsible for the results. Deception is being used in emotional ways to convince you to make unhealthy decisions that will benefit others but not you. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can play the game as well as anyone, so why are you letting your emotions get the better of you? Call someone's bluff and stop him or her from taking over. You can make the changes necessary for reforms and a better life. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Someone you love may be acting childish. Don't get involved in idle chatter or gossip that can only cause you problems in the future. Concentrate on getting ahead and doing things your way. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look for a way to promote your plans. Your ability to communicate your ideas and incorporate what others are doing into your own goals will help you build a strong future. Love is in the stars, so combine business with pleasure. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A fast talker may try to convince you to spend on something you shouldn't. Don't get angry, just play it smart and say no. Put your time, effort and hard work into your home and family. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can form a good partnership that will enable you to reach your goals faster. Your creative ideas coupled with the drive your partner has will make you successful. Love is looking favorable and communication will bring results. 5 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Change may be necessary but don't let it be costly. If someone wants too much, say no. Put your energy to work for you and develop what you need to help you produce the most and the best you can. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You have to look at your personal life and make the right adjustments to achieve happiness. If someone is playing games with you or bringing you down, address the situation instead of running away or ignoring what's going on. Show your true worth. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will find it easy to get along with acquaintances but those you are close to will not be as accommodating. Focus on expanding your circle of friends and you will recognize what true friendship means. It's time for change but only you can make it happen. 5 stars

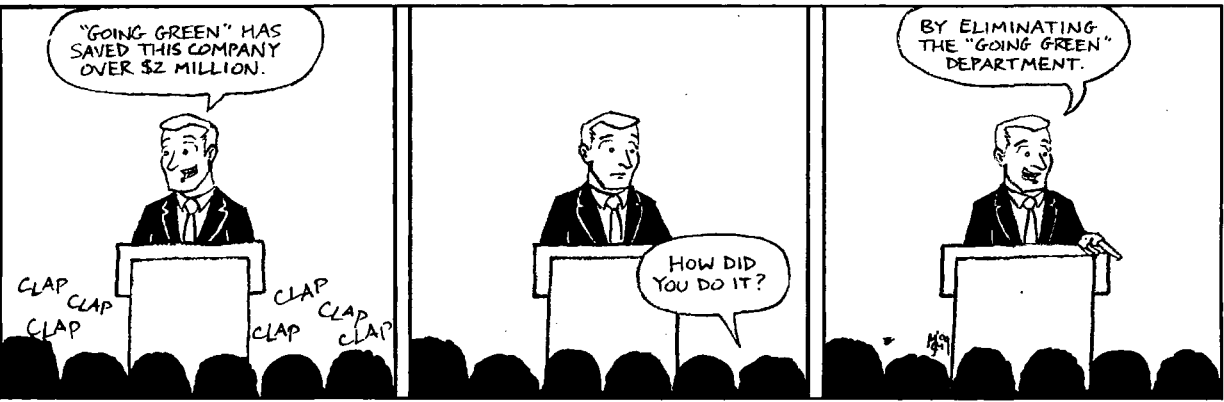
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Emotional matters may escalate if you haven't got a good understanding of the facts involved. Travel and communication will fall short of your expectations. Sit tight until you have a better handle on your situation. 2 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Jumping from one thing to another will unnerve the competition and keep you in the game. You have to be able to keep a secret. Someone may play you for a fool if you believe he or she is really truly on your side. 4 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are charming, engaging and know how to work a crowd. You are a master at getting things done and are gifted and forthright.

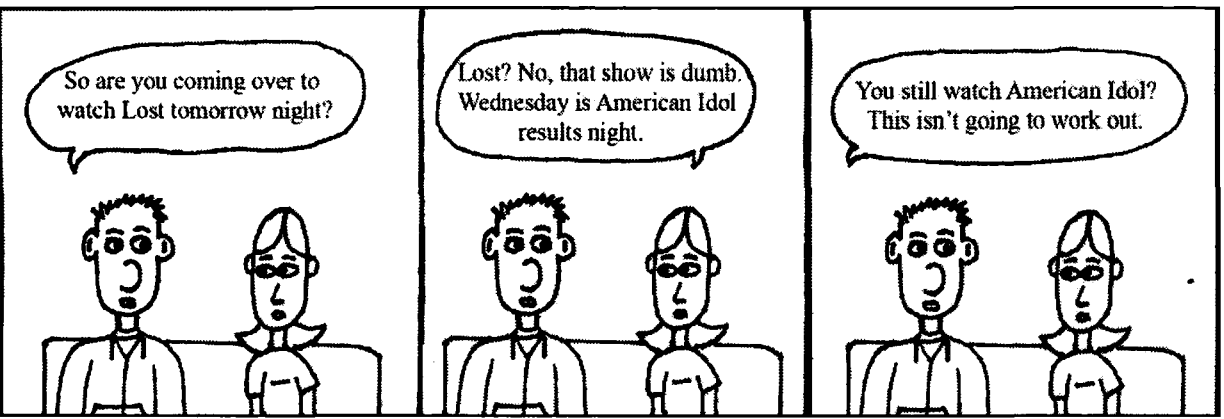
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## FOOTBALL

# Rudolph, healthy Ragone lead talented tight end group

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Associate Sports Editor

After a challenging season that saw the Irish lose sophomore Mike Ragone to an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury and junior Will Yeatman to suspension, Notre Dame appears healthy and reloaded at the tight end position this spring.

Led by the recovery of Ragone

and rising sophomore talent Kyle Rudolph, tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee said this season's depth will help open up the Irish offense.

"[Last year] we couldn't do what we needed to do, we couldn't use certain packages with multiple tight ends because we only had one," Parmalee said. "The more guys we have at that position, the better we are. We have three guys right behind Rudolph that

really can play some ball and allow us to do more things."

Rudolph was thrust into the starting position last season as a freshman after the losses of Ragone and Yeatman, and made an immediate impact in the passing game. The tight end set school records for a freshman at the position, recording 25 receptions for 262 yards and two touchdowns.

Parmalee said the main point of emphasis with Rudolph this

offseason was in the weight room.

"He's smart, and he's got a lot of talent, and he's gotten stronger. The biggest time to make gains is after that first year, then you can really hold the point of attack," Parmalee said.

He also praised Rudolph's efforts his freshman year.

"He was an iron man, you rarely see that in a freshman, coming in playing in this type of

offense, starting every game and taking almost every snap," he said.

The rising junior Ragone also appears healthy and primed for a big season after sitting out last season because of a torn ACL.

"He's out there practicing like everyone else," Parmalee said. "He goes out there and plays his butt off. He's playing well, he

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# The other Final Four

ND faces Penn State in NIT semifinals in another trip to NYC

By CHRIS HINE  
Senior Staff Writer

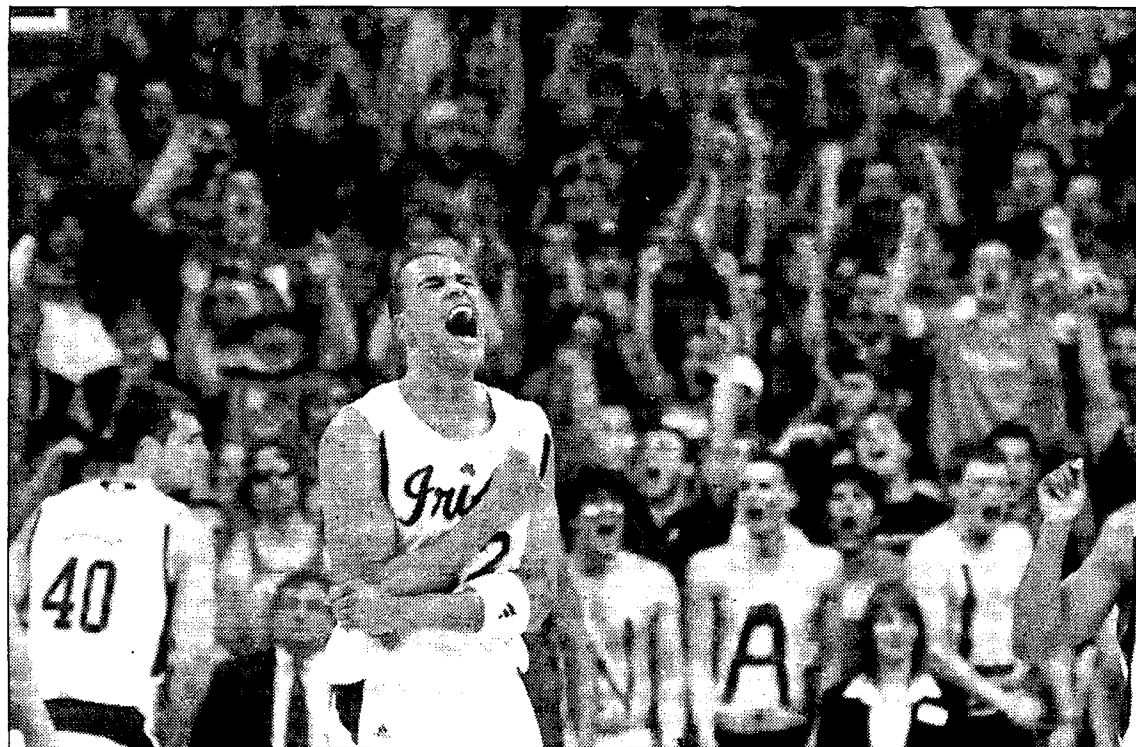
This is it for Notre Dame.

No matter what happens, Notre Dame's long, twisted season will come to an end this week. It could end tonight if the Irish lose to Penn State in the semifinals of the NIT at Madison Square Garden, tentatively scheduled for a 9 p.m. tipoff on ESPN 2, or it could end on Thursday, in either an NIT title or a loss in the title game.

This week will mark the end of a season that began all the way back in August, when Notre Dame took a preseason trip to Ireland.

"If you counted Ireland and

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Senior forward Ryan Ayers celebrates during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over Kentucky in the NIT quarterfinals at the Joyce Center on March 25. Ayers scored 14 points in his final home game.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Team tries for record 8-0 start

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

Undefeated this season and in its last 22 home games, Notre Dame will look to match the best start in program history today at home against non-conference opponent Villanova.

The Wildcats (6-2) are coming off of a tough loss to Sacred Heart and hope to reverse their fortunes at Alumni Field against the Irish (7-0).

"They dropped one the other day. I think they outplayed [Sacred Heart], but Sacred Heart's goalie had a great day. Before that they were ranked in the top 20 of

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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

# Do Something Crazy falls to Chris Brown

By MICHAEL BLASCO, ALEX WEST, and CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writers

The glittery gals of Do Something Crazy walked onto the court with one goal.

"Total domination. Nothing less," senior Liz Slawin said.

But a buttoned-down group of old school street-ballers, the senior fivesome of Chris Brown Beat Down, won 21-10, carrying the day with a fast, physical style of play that left Do Something Crazy huffing and puffing down the stretch.

Senior Kristie Koch of Do Something Crazy lead an early charge, keeping the game close with a concerted offensive blitzkrieg that startled the flat-footed squad of Chris Brown Beat Down.

"That Kristie is a sharp-

shooter," senior Dan Behrens said. Koch's senior teammate Rachel Hoffman added at half, "Kristie's carrying the team so much that her back must hurt."

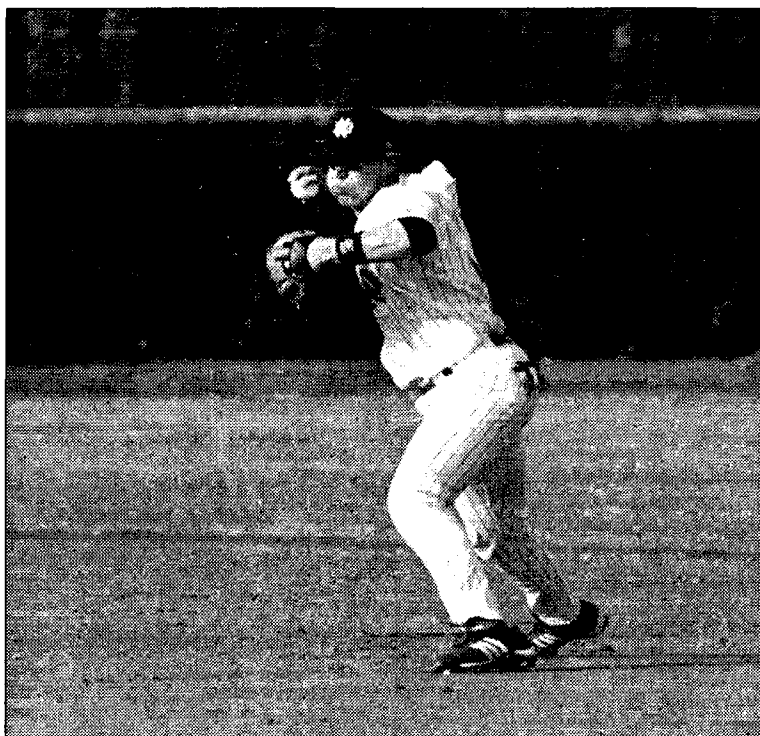
Do Something Crazy kept the game close in the early going, but a complete breakdown in offensive cohesion and repeated turnovers kept them from mounting any sizeable run. However, ineffective outside shooting from Chris Brown Beat Down's Josh Bartrom and Brian Slaboch never allowed their squad to take a sizable lead, heading into half up only 11-6.

A key midrange jumper from Slawin early in the second incited a Do Something Crazy rally, but Chris Brown Beat Down's solid inside game, headed by seniors

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## BASEBALL

# Irish host cold Spartan lineup



Freshman infielder Tommy Chase sets to throw out an Oakland runner in Notre Dame's 6-5 loss at home on March 25.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has a chance to recover from two straight losses to Pittsburgh over the weekend when it faces Michigan State, who lost three straight to Illinois, today at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Irish (15-10, 2-4 Big East) took the first game of the three-game series behind sophomore Cole Johnson's two earned-run complete game Friday. Notre Dame gave up 29 runs in the next two games to the Panthers' bats.

Michigan State (7-17, 0-3 Big Ten) has only scored five runs in its last three games and none in its last game, a 3-0 loss to the Illini in which the Spartans only managed four hits. They do have some

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