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Students ask to cut ties from HEI

Alliance says company 'undermined' dignity of employees; University denies request

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

A coalition of students from the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) met with Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass and a representative from HEI Hotels and Resorts Tuesday to ask the University to cut ties with the company.

Malpass told The Observer the University will not divest in HEI.

"I have checked with the company's public records and their grievances and their record is stellar," Malpass said. "Absolutely stellar."

Coalition member Michael Angulo said PSA has been in dialogue with several employees at HEI hotels who claim the management has used intimidation tactics to keep them from unionizing.

A Feb. 19 Observer article reported the University is one of several colleges nationwide investing in HEI — a company that owns and operates hotels — and the company receives almost \$1.2 billion from university endowments, including the endowments of Notre Dame, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and the University of Chicago.

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ZHIBIN DAI/The Observer

Michael Angulo and other students show support outside Scott Malpass' office Tuesday in the lobby of Grace Hall.

Producer, Tony winner visits SMC

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Hal Prince, winner of 21 Tony Awards and producer and director of over 50 musicals, including West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera and Fiddler on the Roof, spoke at Saint Mary's College Tuesday about his "lucky" career and how the theater industry has changed.

From the time he was 8 years old and saw his first play, Prince "was addicted to the whole habit of going to theater" and right out of college he got his first job in the theater business at the age of 20.

"I was too scared to look for a job, so I wrote a letter," he said. The letter, which he wrote to George Abbott, read, "I do not know what I could do to earn \$25 a week ... so I would like to work for you for nothing. And if you can tell by my performance that you aren't paying me, please fire me."

That letter sparked Abbott's interest, and Prince was hired to work as an assistant stage manager for no pay for the first six months.

"I was energetic, incredibly ambitious and I think probably a painful presence to people in the office," he said of his younger self.

Prince actually had to write the words "Watch it!" on the top of his note pad every day

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Group works to promote community

StaNd Against Hate Week raises awareness

By JOHN TIERNEY
Assistant News Editor

StaNd Against Hate Week began Tuesday with the goal of raising awareness of words and deeds that are powerful, according to Sr. Sue Dunn, the administrative co-chair of Core Council.

"I think what we hope to do is to try to raise awareness of people's language and actions, which have at times an adverse effect on other members of the community," Dunn said.

Patrick Tighe, a student assistant at the Gender Relations Center, which is co-sponsoring StaNd Against Hate Week, said he hopes it will help bring the University community together.

"The goal is to promote an inclusive spirit at Notre Dame, for all members of the community," Tighe said.

Representatives from Core Council, which is the week's primary sponsor, were stationed in LaFortune Student Center and both dining halls Tuesday soliciting signatures for an allied pledge banner opposing hate-speech, according to Dunn.

The banners can also be signed on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the dining halls and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in LaFortune. The banners signed Tuesday and today will later be displayed in LaFortune and the dining halls.

When students sign the banner, they are "saying you're going to live

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D'arcy speaks out against protests

Bishop says Catholics should not support 'unseemly' demonstrations

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy released a statement April 10 urging Catholics to not participate "unseemly" or "unhelpful" demonstrations against President Barack Obama and University President Fr. John Jenkins.

He wrote: "The Notre Dame community is well-equipped to supervise and support discussions and prayer within their own campus."

D'Arcy's statement

noted "a positive meeting" with Jenkins, indicating the bishop expects "further dialogue to continue" on this issue.

His short statement concluded with a request to "work towards a peaceful graduation experience for the class of 2009 at our beloved Notre Dame."

D'Arcy's last statement,



Bishop D'arcy

issued March 29 and titled "Concerning President Barack Obama speaking at Notre Dame graduation, receiving honorary law degree," announced the bishop would not be attending the 2009 Commencement exercises.

A number of national bishops, including D'Arcy, have spoken out against the University's decision to invite the president to speak at Commencement and to confer an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon him.

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Foundation seeks runners in Marathon

By JENN METZ

Touching Tiny Lives Foundation (TTLF), a non-profit with strong Notre Dame roots committed to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa, hopes University students will join their efforts by joining their 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon team.

Registration for the Marathon is still open, and instructions for joining the TTLF team are available on the Foundation's Web site, touchingtinylives.org

TTLF supports a safe-house for HIV/AIDS at risk or affected and acutely

malnourished infants to children age five in Lesotho, Southern Africa and also conducts outreach to villages with little to no access to health care.

The Board of Directors currently has five Notre Dame graduates; two Notre Dame graduates are currently stationed at the safehouse as part of a post-graduate fellowship program. The Governing Board of the Foundation also has University connections, including University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who serves as

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Photo courtesy of www.touchingtinylives.org

The Touching Tiny Lives Safehouse in Lesotho, Southern Africa provides children with shelter, warmth, medical facilities and nurturing for up to 20 children.

INSIDE COLUMN

Free boat ride for one

Ladies of Notre Dame, imagine the classiest, most elegant celebration you could possibly think of. It's complete with fancy dresses, well-dressed (and strikingly attractive) men and downright jovial atmosphere.

Now take that image, put it on a boat (even classier) and you have the 2009 St. Edward's Hall Yacht Dance.

Sam Werner

Associate Sports Editor

As The Lonely Island and T-Pain have proven, anything is 124 percent better when on a boat. That means that if you thought you had a fun normal awesome SYR, you'll have more than twice as much fun at the St. Ed's Yacht Dance (sorry, though, floppy floppies are not included, and climbing buoys is discouraged).

Now, ladies, I'm sure you're saying to yourself, "That sounds awesome! Too bad all the hot guys are probably taken by now." You are, however, sorely mistaken. One gentleman has been waiting for you. Yes, you.

His name is Paul Macias, and he's everything you could ask for in a date and then some. I would know — I've lived down the hall from him all year. In addition to being a model R.A., Paul is President Emeritus of St. Ed's. I'm sure you ladies know it pays to have friends in high places.

Positions and titles are so impersonal, though, and Paul is much more than that. A native of Petal, Miss., Paul is a senior history major who, despite his Facebook relationship status, is still looking for the right girl.

That right girl, though, could be you.

Look in the mirror right now. See the color of your hair? That's Paul's favorite hair color on a girl! And your eyes are just what he's looking for.

Paul is an avid mountaineer, specializing in Aggro Crag climbing, and a knowledgeable historian, having watched nearly every episode of Legends of the Hidden Temple multiple times. He has accomplished more this year, than most people do in a lifetime, leading two teams to NCAA BCS Championships (in the NCAA 09 video game) and captaining an Olympic squad (in the St. Ed's Hall Olympics).

After playing soccer in high school, Paul has stayed in peak physical condition at Notre Dame, leading the St. Ed's soccer and C-team basketball squads to glory. Though his bookstore basketball team bowed out in the first round, Paul scored multiple baskets in a tight loss.

Paul has been described by some women as "rugged" and "a big teddy bear." Let's face it, ladies, who wouldn't want to go on a date with a big, rugged, teddy bear?

He's the complete package — an athlete, a scholar, and a gentleman. Contact Paul at pmacias@nd.edu if you're interested (and, really, why wouldn't you be?).

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sam Werner at swerner@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

In the April 8 edition in the story entitled "SMC class quota per hall ignites controversy," it was stated 95 juniors could live in LeMans. The quota for LeMans is actually 180 juniors. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?



Chris Massad
junior
Keenan

"My MCAT study guide."



Jackie Emmanuel
freshman
Welsh Family

"WWZ: The Oral History of Zombie Wars."



Mike Rodio
freshman
Keenan

"The Hungry Caterpillar.' It gets me every time."



Christina McClain
junior
Lyons

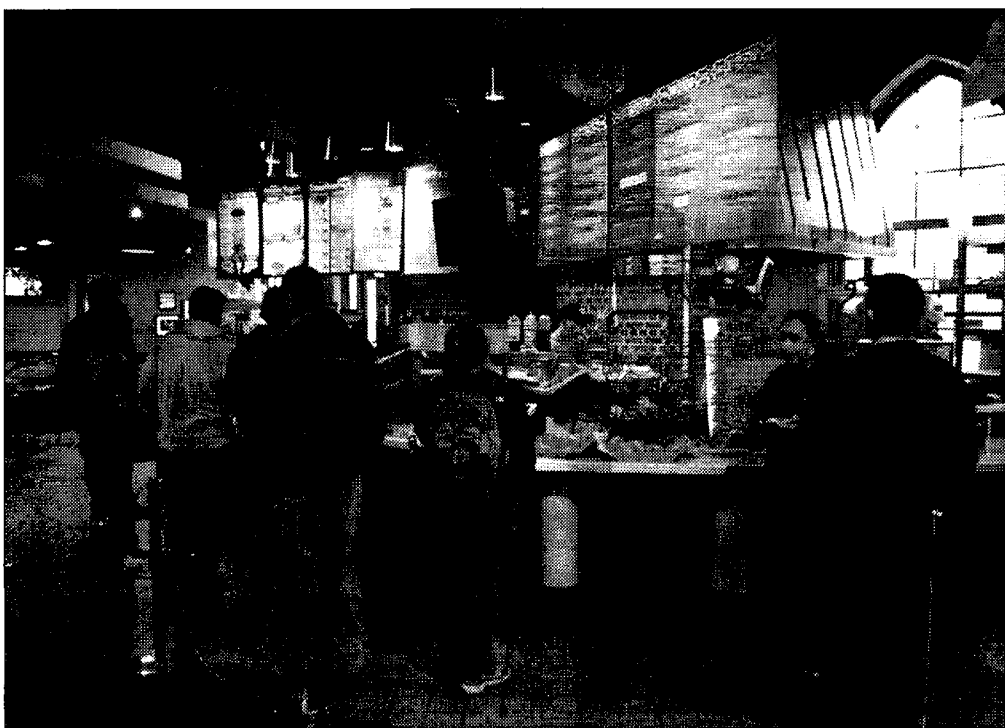
"Brick Lane' by Monica Ali."



Sean Sall
freshman
Keenan

"Reading? Who does that?"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



Students stand in line to order food at Reckers on Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Co. will be performing "Othello" today at 8 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the LaFortune Box Office or at the door.

A lecture entitled "Culture of Life and the Catholic University" will be held today at 8 p.m. in the Sorin Room in the LaFortune Student Center. It will be presented by John O'Callaghan, pastoral teaching on life issues.

A documentary made by Notre Dame alums called "The Road to Fondwa" will be on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune Student Center. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Allan C. Carlson, president of Howard Center for Family will be giving a lecture Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140 of DeBartolo Hall on his book "Third Ways." He will discuss Family Centered Economics and why it disappeared.

There will be a panel discussion entitled "What direction is Catholic education heading?" on Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center student lounge. Students and faculty are invited to attend and participate in the conversation.

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

OFFBEAT

Cash stash in bra stops bullet from piercing heart

SAO PAULO — Police say a wad of cash stuffed in a woman's bra saved her life during a shootout in northeastern Brazil. Salvador city police spokesman Vicente de Paula said 58-year-old Ivonete Pereira de Oliveira was a passenger on the bus that two gunmen held up on Saturday.

He said an armed off-duty policeman on the bus opened fire. In the ensuing gunbattle a bullet struck the left side of Oliveira's chest.

De Paula said Tuesday that the 150 reals (about

\$70) worth of bills that Oliveira hid inside her bra slowed the bullet enough to prevent it from entering her heart and killing her instantly.

Oliveira underwent surgery to remove the bullet from her left breast and was released from the hospital on Monday.

Suspicious package contains leg, not bomb

HILLSBORO, Ore. — A scary situation turned into a strange one when a bomb squad determined that a suspicious package left outside the Washington County

Sheriff's Office contained a prosthetic leg. Sheriff's Sgt. Vance Stimler said deputies called the Portland bomb squad out to Hillsboro Sunday afternoon after noticing a canvas bag with a cylinder-shaped object sticking out.

With the help of a robot, the bomb squad quickly discovered the object was not an explosive.

Stimler said deputies still don't know whose leg was inside the bag, or why it was placed in front of the sheriff's office.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 57 LOW 37	HIGH 47 LOW 37	HIGH 62 LOW 45	HIGH 67 LOW 48	HIGH 63 LOW 40	HIGH 57 LOW 35

Atlanta 65 / 43 Boston 52 / 38 Chicago 54 / 36 Denver 64 / 40 Houston 78 / 57 Los Angeles 66 / 49 Minneapolis 64 / 38 New York 55 / 40 Philadelphia 55 / 40 Phoenix 74 / 62 Seattle 53 / 37 St. Louis 63 / 40 Tampa 77 / 61 Washington 50 / 43

Newspaper program faces issues

Student government discusses cost concerns, lack of newspapers

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Student body president Grant Schmidt and chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said they have received a few complaints in recent weeks about a lack of papers with The Collegiate Readership Program.

The program, which was implemented at Notre Dame in the fall of 2006, supplies The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune and USA Today to students for free in several locations across campus.

"We spoke to our local contact Megan Cox, who is the regional marketing manager at USA Today in Chicago," Brellenthin said. "She then explained to us the situation of what had happened."

Student government signed a contract, which allots a set budget for the number of papers it will consume each year. Based off the general consumption, the paper will tweak the number of copies delivered in order to maximize usage while still falling within the budget.

"Basically, we take a hands-off approach to managing papers per location," Schmidt said.

This year, there was an extremely high level of paper consumption in the fall due to the election. For this reason, USA Today allocated a large number of papers before and

after the election.

"In other years, interest in the paper would normally taper off towards the end of fall," Schmidt said. "This year, they adjusted from the high elections season numbers to lower spring non-election numbers in a sharp manner, which resulted in an apparent drop in papers."

According to USA Today's Web site for the program, newspapers should arrive on campus early each morning, allowing students to obtain copies of their desired newspapers throughout the day.

The reason for students noticing a lack of papers in the dining halls after a certain hour, has to do with the dining hall papers being used earlier in the day, Schmidt said.

USA Today uses the excess newspapers as a way of keeping track of student usage of the papers, providing data to Notre Dame about students' consumption patterns.

The Collegiate Readership Program was developed in 1997 at Penn State by University president Graham Spanier. Their program enjoyed so much success that it became a prototype for programs around the country.

Since then, the program has been implemented at over 500 universities around the country.

According to the USA Today Web site, while the program is

mainly a campus initiative, there are a few components of the program that are the same at every participating school.

These include the standard distribution of three different newspapers to the school, access to online academic resources for use in and out of the classroom, marketing and recycling.

At Notre Dame, the newspapers are distributed at six locations, which include North and South dining halls, the LaFortune Student Center, the Mendoza College of Business, the Joyce Center and the Hesburgh Library.

Schmidt said the dining halls are traditionally the two areas where papers are consumed the fastest, so they are looking into distributing an appropriate amount of papers to those locations.

There are over 300 local and national newspapers that have partnered with USA Today to bring the program to campuses. For the upcoming school year, Brellenthin said they are looking to have more frequent contact with Cox so they will be notified when drastic changes occur.

Brellenthin also said the Schmidt-Weber administration is looking to fill the position of Director of the Collegiate Readership Program, which will be a hands-on manager of the program from the University's end.

"This [program] is a unique service," Schmidt said. "It is a benefit and convenience for students and will hopefully be sustained."

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Africa week now underway at ND

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

The African Student Association's (ASA) annual Africa week kicked off yesterday and will continue until Sunday.

The ASA, the Africa Faith and Justice Network and the Kellogg Institute's Ford Program are sponsoring this year's event.

Brigitte Githinji, ASA's president, said the goal of the week-long series of events is to broaden and enhance the Notre Dame community's perception of Africa.

"The event's goal is to teach people about Africa because I think the information they have is kind of skewed," Githinji said. "People make assumptions, and what our club does is inform them that there is progress there; it's not just poverty and disease. We try to give them a more well-rounded view."

Africa Week is the ASA's signature event, and the group spends all year organizing it.

"We work all year trying to think of ideas for the week. We start planning the year before and we're just constantly planning," Githinji said. "It's a group effort and the whole club works together in planning it. We form different committees which then come together to work on each day's event."

Proceeds from the week's events will go towards the Battery Operated System for Community Outreach Uganda Relief Project — specifically, to former child soldiers in the Lacor Internally Displaced Persons camp in Northern Uganda.

Profits made throughout the week will go towards providing costumes and theatrical equipment for the children, who put on plays and performances as a way of sharing their stories with others.

The events began yesterday with African food in LaFortune's Dooley Room and a screening of the Academy Award-winning movie "Tsotsi" in the Montgomery Auditorium.

Today, two lectures will take place. The first, titled By the Fireside, will discuss several topics, including the experiences of a Kenyan lawyer and reconciliation in Burundi. The lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

At 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse student lounge, a presentation called The Cost of the Crisis: The Outlook for International Development will examine how the economic crisis affects the developing world.

On Thursday, a panel discussion on United States-Africa relations will take place at 7 p.m. in the Notre Dame room in LaFortune.

Africa Night begins on Friday at 8 p.m. on the Fieldhouse Mall, and features performances and traditional food.

The week concludes with an African celebration mass at 10 p.m. on Sunday in the Pangborn Hall chapel.

Additionally, Africa week t-shirts will be sold at every event for \$10 each.

Githinji said she hopes that Africa week will help students understand Africa is more than what they see on the news.

"The ASA works to show that Africa is more than poverty, more than disease, more than what you see on the Discovery Channel," she said. "You just need to look at the big picture. That's what this week does."

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ND and Baird now offer scholarships

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame and Baird, an employee-owned international wealth management, capital markets, private equity and asset management firm, have announced a new partnership to provide graduate and undergraduate students with fellowship and scholarship opportunities for the next five years.

The relationship, which is part of the Notre Dame Corporate Partners for Ethical Global Leadership program, annually includes an MBA fellowship, two undergraduate need-based scholarships and funding for a University organization.

Jay You, a first-year MBA student concentrating in finance, has been chosen as the University's first Baird Fellow. Under the fellowship, You will receive \$20,000 for his second year of study and the opportunity to work with Baird mentors.

"Jay is an outstanding choice for the Baird Fellowship," said Brian Lohr, director of MBA admissions at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. "He's a first-class individual committed to academic excel-

lence, ethical leadership and a sense of giving back to the greater community — all foundational values of Notre Dame and Mendoza College. Jay already has accomplished many things in his life, and I'm confident that he will continue to do so with grace and compassion."

In addition to the MBA fellowship, the partnership includes two undergraduate, need-based scholarships worth \$2,000 each, with preference given to under-represented populations and first-generation college participants. This year's undergraduate scholarships were awarded to Andria Seneviratne, a junior accountancy major from Rockville, Md.; and Jason McClain, a junior finance major from St. Louis, Mo.

The final component of the partnership is a \$1,000 funding commitment to a University organization, with preference given to organizations that work with or target under-represented populations. For the first year, the University's Undergraduate Women in Business Association has been selected to receive the funding.



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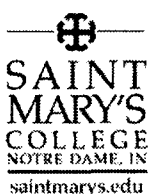
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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group addresses readership issues

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Collegiate Readership Program and student government's role in contacting the class of 2013 were two items of discussion at Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting.

Chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said the costs for The Chicago Tribune, one of the three newspapers involved in the program, will rise nearly 250 percent an issue next year.

Brellenthin asked the council for their input on whether or not they believed the paper should be kept as a part of the program, or if they should look into other options.

Joey Brown, president of the class of 2009, said the committee should possibly look into asking for more money to be put into the budget for the program.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said this option may not be feasible due to the tight budget student government is currently on.

Instead, COR members agreed there is a need for a used paper rack to be added to

each of the dining halls.

With the addition of these racks, it is student government's hope members of the undergraduate population will recycle papers for later use by other students.

Overall, the members of the council felt that student government should look into options other than cutting the Chicago Tribune out of the program.

"Current usage demonstrates that people use the paper," student body vice president Cynthia Weber said in reference to the per day usage, which is estimated at 272 copies.

The Chicago Tribune is the least consumed out of the three newspapers in the Collegiate Readership Program at Notre Dame, with students consuming an average of 394 copies of the New York Times per day as well as 401 copies of USA Today.

COR members also looked at ways in which student government could reach out to members of the class of 2013 before they came to campus during the meeting.

"It would be beneficial for us to contact the new freshmen," Schmidt said. "This is like a sort of branding thing for student government."

President of Judicial Council Ian Secviar said it was important for members of student government to reach out so new students would have a chance to understand what the organization was all about.

"It is important that we are changing their opinions early and often," Secviar said. "We are leaders and need a united front."

One of the ways the council discussed contacting the incoming class was to place a student government card inside one of the various organization packets students receive before coming to campus.

Class of 2010 president Chris Tillett said the group should explore the possibility of sending out an e-mail.

Gus Gari, the director of external affairs said student government should look into the idea of creating a logo specifically for student government.

"The logo would give us a way of branding ourselves like the Student Union Board has," said Gari. "It would bring everything that we do together."

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Ex-Ill. governor pleads not guilty

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich pleaded not guilty to racketeering and fraud charges Tuesday, defiantly embarking on a long journey to clear his name but facing serious money problems and without a team of lawyers in place.

"I'm glad this process has finally begun," the impeached former governor told the media throng that spilled into the street in front of the courthouse after he and his brother, Robert, were arraigned on corruption charges.

"It's the end of the beginning in one respect but it's the beginning of another aspect" of the case, Blagojevich said. "That is the beginning of me being able to prove and clear my name and be vindicated of what are inaccurate allegations."

Blagojevich, 52, is charged with scheming to sell President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat, attempting to extort campaign money from companies seeking state business and plotting to use the financial muscle of the governor's office to pressure the Chicago Tribune to fire editorial writers calling for his impeachment. The accusations led to his ouster as governor, but he repeated Tuesday what he has been saying for months — that he is not guilty.

The former governor appeared to be in his element as the focus of a major political story yet again. He chatted amiably with reporters, and when one television cameraman stood atop a concrete pillar outside the courthouse to get a shot from above, he obligingly looked up and smiled.

Blagojevich was arrested Dec. 9 after authorities said he was heard on FBI wiretaps discussing swapping the Obama seat for a Cabinet post, a new job or campaign money. A federal grand jury returned a 19-count indictment April 2 that alleges corruption beginning before Blagojevich even took office.

At the 10-minute arraignment, Blagojevich and the only attorney currently on his case, longtime friend Sheldon Sorosky, entered a plea of not guilty.

U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel then started a sequence of legal maneuvers that attorneys said would most likely lead to a Blagojevich trial a year or two down the road. Blagojevich faces charges including racketeering conspiracy, wire fraud, extortion conspiracy, attempted extortion and making false statements. Most of the charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Prosecutors must give the defense team mounds of documents and recordings made over years of investigation. Defense attorneys can then be expected to ask Zagel to throw out much of it.

"The circumstances of these wiretaps hasn't been flushed out yet," said DePaul University law professor Leonard Cavise. "We can expect all kinds of motions to suppress evidence. They will challenge the warrants. They will challenge whether the government had

probable cause" to tap Blagojevich's home and campaign office phones.

The sheer bulk of evidence defense attorneys must sift through makes it all the more important for Blagojevich to assemble a full legal team quickly.

"It's just not possible for just one lawyer to defend Mr. Blagojevich, no matter who that lawyer may be," Sorosky told the judge.

The lack of a legal team can be traced to a lack of money.

Sorosky told Zagel he is seeking prosecutors' permission to tap Blagojevich's \$2 million campaign fund to pay additional attorneys because much more legal muscle is needed to mount an adequate defense. Outside of court, Sorosky said even that money won't be enough.

Sorosky recalled that the blue-chip law firm of Winston & Strawn had defended former Gov. George Ryan on racketeering and fraud charges and that chief counsel Dan K. Webb estimated the total cost at millions of dollars. Winston & Strawn defended Ryan for free, but no big-name lawyers are lining up to do the same for Blagojevich.

"What was it that Jerry Maguire said?" Sorosky said as he entered a coffee shop across from the courthouse still trailed by reporters and cameras.

"Show me the money," a television reporter yelled out.

One of the city's top criminal lawyers, Edward M. Genson, had been Blagojevich's chief defense counsel. But he resigned after the former governor was deaf to Genson's entreaties to stop sounding off on television interview shows.

Genson law partner Terence P. Gillespie announced more than a month later that he would be stepping in. But he had to withdraw because he had previously represented a Blagojevich co-defendant, Springfield millionaire William Cellini.

Attention has recently focused on the possibility that veteran defense attorney Thomas Breen might be brought in. But no agreement has been reached so far.

Robert Blagojevich, a self-employed real estate investor, told reporters after entering his not guilty plea that he was "prepared to cope with the charges and work through them."

His attorney, Michael Ettinger, acknowledged the case has put stress on the brothers' relationship. Rod Blagojevich brought his brother on to head his campaign fund after federal prosecutors began investigating an earlier fund chairman, businessman Christopher G. Kelly.

"Everything is going to work out between the two of them and obviously the type of situation they're both in, it's a little strain, but everything's fine," Ettinger said.

Kelly and Cellini are to be arraigned Thursday, as is co-defendant John Harris, a former Blagojevich chief of staff whose attorneys have said is cooperating in the government's investigation. Another former chief of staff, Alonzo Monk, is to be arraigned next week.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

North Korea restarts nuclear program

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it was restarting its rogue nuclear program, booting U.N. inspectors and pulling out of disarmament talks in an angry reaction to U.N. Security Council condemnation of its April 5 rocket launch.

Pyongyang ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to remove seals and cameras from its Yongbyon nuclear site and leave the country as quickly as possible, the International Atomic Energy Agency said.

North Korea told the IAEA it was "immediately ceasing all cooperation" and "has decided to reactivate all facilities and go ahead with the reprocessing of spent fuel," according to a statement from the U.N. agency.

U.S. journalist retained in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Tuesday its national security court put an American journalist on trial behind closed doors on allegations she spied for the U.S. — a charge Washington calls baseless.

The unusually swift one-day trial threatened to anger the U.S. at a time when the Obama administration is showing willingness to engage its longtime adversary after many years of rocky relations.

Roxana Saberi, a 31-year-old dual American-Iranian citizen, was arrested in late January and initially accused of working without press credentials. But an Iranian judge leveled a far more serious allegation against her last week, charging her with spying for the United States.

NATIONAL NEWS

Harsh 'sexting' penalties revisited

MONTPELIER — Parents, school districts and law enforcement have been grappling with what to do with teenagers who take sexually explicit photos of themselves with their cell phone cameras and send them to friends.

Vermont legislators are moving to get rid of one option: child pornography counts that result in lifetime listings on the state's Internet sex offender registry.

Legislation passed by the Vermont Senate and pending in the House would remove the most serious legal consequences for teenagers who engage in "sexting." The bill would carve out an exemption from prosecution for child pornography for 13- to 18-year-olds on either the sending or receiving end of sexting messages, so long as the sender voluntarily transmits an image of himself or herself.

Women accused of staging fake funerals

LOS ANGELES — It was quite a send-off for Jim Davis, or so the people paying his funeral bills were led to believe.

They were told Davis was laid to rest at Abbey Memorial Park in Compton after being placed in an ornate, top-of-the-line casket lined with elaborate floral arrangements. Altogether, the bill to bury Davis at the palm-lined cemetery came to nearly \$31,000.

But there was a problem: There was no Jim Davis. He was dreamed up by a group of scam artists, authorities say.

LOCAL NEWS

Alcohol tax proposal taken from bill

INDIANAPOLIS — Alcohol taxes would double only in Marion County — not the whole state — under a plan advanced by the Indiana Senate.

The Senate on Tuesday made several changes to a bill aimed at rescuing the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board, which expects to be \$47 million short in its operation of the city's professional sports stadiums and convention center.

The revised Senate plan would allow Marion County to raise its alcohol, car rental, hotel and ticket taxes with the extra cash going to the board. But the revised plan wouldn't double alcohol taxes statewide as previously proposed.

KENYA

Somali pirates continue hijack spree

Bandits take more than 60 hostages, seize four more ships on Tuesday

Associated Press

MOMBASA — Somali pirates were back to business as usual Tuesday, defiantly seizing four more ships with 60 hostages after U.S. sharpshooters rescued an American freighter captain. "No one can deter us," one bandit boasted.

The freed skipper, Richard Phillips, will return home to the United States on Wednesday, after reuniting with his 19-man crew in the Kenyan port of Mombasa, according to the shipping company Maersk Line Ltd.

The brigands grabbed more ships and hostages to show they would not be intimidated by President Barack Obama's pledge to confront the high-seas bandits, according to a pirate based in the Somali coastal town of Harardhere.

"Our latest hijackings are meant to show that no one can deter us from protecting our waters from the enemy because we believe in dying for our land," Omar Dahir Idle told The Associated Press by telephone. "Our guns do not fire water. I am sure we will avenge."

On Monday, Obama vowed to "halt the rise of piracy" without saying exactly how the U.S. and allies would do it.

The pirates have vowed vengeance for five colleagues slain by U.S. and French forces in two hostage rescues since Friday.

"The recent American operation, French navy attack on our colleagues or any other operation mean nothing to us," said Idle, 26, whose gang holds a German freighter with 24 hostages.

The pirates say they are fighting illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste in Somali waters but have



The guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge tows the lifeboat from Alabama to the assault ship USS Boxer after the successful rescue of Capt. Richard Phillips.

come to operate hundreds of miles from there in a sprawling 1.1 million square-mile danger zone.

The top U.S. military officer, Adm. Michael Mullen, said he takes the pirates' threats seriously, but "we're very well prepared to deal with anything like that." Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke on ABC's "Good Morning America."

After a lull at the beginning of the year because of rough seas, the pirates since the end of February have attacked 78 ships, hijacked 19 of them and hold 16 vessels with more than 300 hostages from a dozen or so countries.

Pirates can extort \$1 mil-

lion and more for each ship and crew. Kenya estimates they raked in \$150 million last year.

A flotilla of warships from nearly a dozen countries has patrolled the Gulf of Aden and nearby Indian Ocean waters for months. They have halted many attacks but say the area is so vast they can't stop all hijackings.

The Gulf of Aden, which links the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, is the shortest route from Asia to Europe and one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, crossed by more than 20,000 ships each year. The alternative route around the continent's southern Cape of

Good Hope takes up to two weeks longer at huge expense.

In an unusual nighttime raid, pirates seized the Greek-managed bulk carrier MV Irene E.M. before dawn Tuesday. Hours later, they commandeered the Lebanese-owned cargo ship MV Sea Horse.

On Sunday or Monday, they took two Egyptian fishing trawlers. Maritime officials said the Irene carried 21 to 23 Filipino crew and the fishing boats 36 fishermen, all believed to be Egyptian. A carrier the size of the Sea Horse would need at least a dozen crew, although the exact number was not immediately available.

Court halts deportation of Nazi guard

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The return of alleged Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk to Germany for trial on war crimes was delayed again Tuesday by a federal court, shortly after six immigration officers removed the retired autoworker from his suburban Cleveland home in a wheelchair.

A three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay until it could further consider Demjanjuk's motion to reopen the U.S. case that ordered him deported, in which he says painful medical ailments would make travel to Germany torturous.

The government planned to contin-

ue its legal battle in court, said Justice Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney.

An arrest warrant in Germany claims Demjanjuk (pronounced dem-YAHN'-yuk) was an accessory to some 29,000 deaths during World War II at the Sobibor camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Once in Germany, he could be formally charged in court.

Citing the need to act because of the possibility of Demjanjuk's imminent deportation, the court issued the stay without addressing the U.S. government's argument that the court had no jurisdiction to rule on Demjanjuk's appeal.

Former son-in-law and family spokesman Ed Nishnic said the family was relieved the stay was granted.

"We're delighted. We're prepared to

make our arguments with the 6th Circuit, and it's just a shame that Mr. Demjanjuk had to go through the hell that he went through once again this morning," he said as he walked into a federal building in Cleveland where Demjanjuk was being held.

It was unclear whether Demjanjuk would be returned to his home in Seven Hills. Nishnic was allowed access to Demjanjuk while he was in custody but was told that no decision had been made on whether he would be released.

As Demjanjuk's wheelchair was loaded into a van at their home, his wife, Vera, sobbed and held her hands to her mouth. As the van moved down the street, Vera turned and waved, sobbing in the arms of a granddaughter.

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Obama's stance on the protection of life — including issues like abortion and stem-cell research — are seen by some to be in violation of a 2004 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops document titled "Catholics in Political Life."

In his March 29 statement, D'Arcy wrote: "President Obama has recently reaffirmed, and has now placed in public policy, his long-stated unwillingness to hold human life as sacred. While claiming to separate politics from science, he has in fact separated science from ethics and has brought the American government, for the first time in history, into supporting direct destruction of innocent human life."

According to an April 11 South Bend Tribune report, a spokesperson for the diocese office named the anti-Notre Dame and anti-Obama protest scheduled for 10 a.m. Good Friday in Fort Wayne, which was organized by anti-abortion activist Randall Terry, as one of the demonstrations in question.

Although Terry's efforts were not specifically mentioned in D'Arcy's statement, Terry released a response on his Web site, stopobamanotredame.com, accusing the bishop of issuing contradictory statements on the Obama controversy.

According to the South Bend Tribune report, Terry's Good Friday demonstration drew at least 10 participants.

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HEI

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PSA launched the campaign demanding the University divest in HEI in the fall because they claim Notre Dame is "invested in a company who continuously disregards the principles that our University seeks to cultivate," the group said in a letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins.

"HEI Hotels and Resorts has repeatedly undermined the dignity of their employees and denied their fundamental right to organize in an environment free from fear and intimidation," the letter said.

Malpass said HEI supports unions, but not the method of unionizing for which PSA is advocating.

"They're pushing for a card check neutrality method when the law requires a secret ballot," he said. "So the company is not anti-union at all. They are happy to have unions; it's the mechanism used to get unions that is contested."

Malpass said card check neutrality is a method in which employees are required to obtain 50 percent plus one of employee's signatures on a card to be recognized as a union by the company. But the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) requires that a secret ballot be administered to all employees to vote on whether they will unionize.

Malpass said the secret ballot method is more democratic

because the card check method does not require all employees to be asked, so some employees can be disenfranchised from the process.

"The company is very ethical. It has tremendous values," he said. "This is very unfair and misguided and I'm disappointed."

Coalition member Holly Bird, who participated in the meeting with Malpass and the HEI representative, said the group presented Malpass with testimonies from several workers

who claim they were fired after attempting to unionize with the card check method.

Bird said Malpass told the students he researched the company thoroughly and did not find any complaints or violations.

"He said if the workers have an example of a violation, then they need to file an official complaint," she said. "But the problem with that is the legal system takes forever for people's complaints to go through."

When the students asked the HEI representative about the lack of the card check neutrality method of unionizing in the company, Bird said the representative said the company is supportive of unions, but not the card check method of unionizing.

"[The representative] said they all agree at HEI that people should have the right to unionize, but the company is against

card check neutrality because it is not democratic," she said.

Bird said the representative said the method of secret ballots administered by the NLRB is standard because it includes all workers and protects their anonymity.

After the official meeting, a group of students returned without appointment to Malpass' office and asked him to meet with a former HEI employee who was on campus to work with the PSA coalition.

Herman Romero, formerly a cook at an HEI hotel, said, in a statement translated from Spanish by Angulo, that the company fired him, along with two other employees after they attempted to unionize workers with the card check method.

Coalition member Roman Sanchez, who accompanied Romero to Malpass' office, said Malpass told Romero there was nothing that could be done without an official complaint.

"Malpass' stance was that if this worker had a complaint, it should go through the proper channels," Sanchez said.

Although Malpass said the University will continue to invest in HEI, Bird said PSA will continue to support HEI workers.

"We are trying to figure out how we want to approach it in the fall," she said. "We want to have really hard concrete evidence to really refute their claims."

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and uphold and promote the spirit of inclusion statement," Tighe said.

A person who signs the banner is expected to "promote an inclusive spirit here on campus," he said.

Wednesday evening, the film "Prayers for Bobby," which was released in January as a Lifetime movie, will be screened at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The film chronicles the story of a young gay man who is disowned by his mother when he comes out. The man eventually commits suicide, and the film deals with the aftermath of his death for his family, including his mother, who eventually works as an advocate for gay rights.

"It's a pretty powerful movie," Dunn said.

StaND Against Hate Week t-shirts will be distributed from noon-2 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall Thursday. These t-shirts are intended to be worn Friday during the National Day of Silence in support of those who are

affected by hate-speech.

The Day of Silence is a "movement that started several years ago to encourage people to stand in solidarity with people who feel that they are harassed and discriminated against because of their orientation," Dunn said.

The day coincides with the federal government's release of statistics related to hate crimes in school settings, according to Dunn.

Dunn encourages people to wear the t-shirts distributed Thursday to honor the Day of Silence on Friday.

During the Day of Silence, a silent procession will walk with the banners signed Tuesday and today from the Main Building to the Log Chapel. The procession will conclude with a prayer service at the Log Chapel around 3:15 p.m., according to Dunn.

"We tried to tie StaND Against Hate Week to coincide it the Day of Silence," Dunn said. "There's

a connection with persons throughout the nation who are victims of intolerance and hate-speech and, sometimes, tragic hateful actions."

StaND Against Hate Week is in no way connected with the recent petition circulated to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination policy, Dunn said.

"That was generated through a group within a coalition of the Progressive Student Alliance and that is not our intent this week," Dunn said. "This has more to do with the Day of Silence."

The week is "geared towards creating an inclusive environment regardless of sexual orientation and ending hate-speech of any kind directed toward gay and lesbian members of the community," Tighe said.

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Executive pleads guilty in UBS tax case

MIAMI — The second U.S. citizen charged in wide-ranging tax probe of Swiss banking giant UBS AG pleaded guilty Tuesday to filing a false tax return to conceal a secret account at the Swiss bank holding more than \$3 million.

Robert Moran, president of Fort Lauderdale-based Moran Yacht and Ship, entered the plea in federal court the same day the single charge was unsealed. Moran, who reached a plea deal with prosecutors, faces up to three years in federal prison and \$250,000 in fines when sentenced on June 26.

Prosecutors said Moran, 57, failed on his 2007 U.S. tax return to report his interest in a UBS account and did not report any income earned on the account, which was in the name of a Panamanian shell company called Winter Drive Investments.

Moran is the second U.S. citizen charged since February, when UBS turned over dozens of names of account holders suspected of concealing income from the Internal Revenue Service in a deferred prosecution agreement. A Boca Raton accountant currently free on \$12 million bail is scheduled to enter a plea next week to similar charges.

Deere to reorganize, cut 200 jobs

PITTSBURGH — Deere & Co. said Tuesday it plans to combine operations that make its iconic green and yellow tractors with another unit that manufactures products like riding lawn mowers, resulting in about 200 job cuts.

The world's largest maker of farm machinery said the restructured unit will help it better meet customer needs, cut costs and boost global sales of products like riding mowers. Sales of such products have tumbled as the global economic downturn has slowed spending and made it harder to get loans. And while Deere's farm machinery sales have been strong, the company has slashed its 2009 earnings outlook.

The company's agricultural equipment division, with sales of about \$3.26 billion, accounted for about 63 percent of total revenue for the first quarter ended Jan. 31, while sales of \$558 million from its commercial and consumer equipment unit represented some 11 percent.

Obama tempers economic optimism

President believes his broad domestic agenda is the path to recovery

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Aiming to assert control over the nation's economic debate, President Barack Obama on Tuesday warned Americans eager for good news that "by no means are we out of the woods" and argued his broad domestic agenda is the path to recovery.

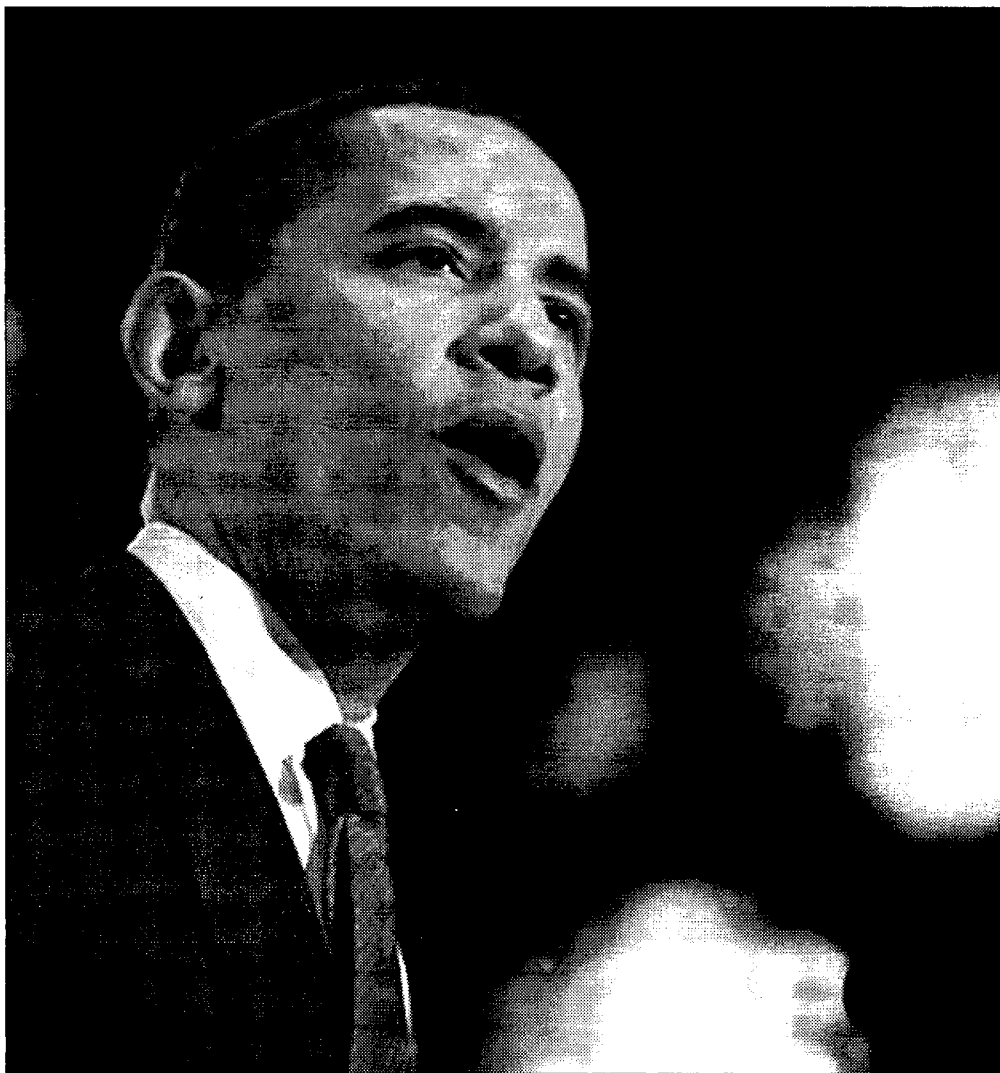
In a speech at Georgetown University, Obama aimed to juggle his recent glass-half-full takes on the economy with a determination to not be stamped as naive in the face of lingering problems. He summarized actions his administration has taken to steady the limping economy and coupled that with a fresh overview of his domestic goals.

The speech, which key aides had signaled in advance would not contain any major announcements, came as Obama nears his symbolic 100-day mark in office, important because that has become a traditional marker by which to judge new administrations.

"There is no doubt that times are still tough," Obama said. "But from where we stand, for the very first time, we are beginning to see glimmers of hope. And beyond that, way off in the distance, we can see a vision of an America's future that is far different than our troubled economic past."

Obama's message came on a day of conflicting economic indicators and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's suggestion that the recession may at last be bottoming out.

It would have been difficult to make that case based on a report the government released earlier Tuesday showing that retail sales plummeted by 1.1 percent in March, a performance much poorer than experts had anticipated. At the same time, wholesale prices dropped sharply, a strong indication that inflation appears to pose little threat



President Barack Obama delivers remarks on the economy Tuesday at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

to the economy.

In a speech at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bernanke talked of flickering signs of improvement, citing recent data on home and auto sales, home building and consumer spending.

But the government's budget message — that a full turnaround might be a long time coming — may not be welcome news for a weary U.S. public.

Obama, in fact, said in his speech that a complete recovery depends on building a new foundation for the U.S. economy and making changes in the political landscape. And he said anew that rules governing the financial system must be

made compatible with Digital Age technology and innovation, telling Congress that "I expect a bill to arrive on my desk for signature before the year is out."

He also said the economy must be transformed from one less dependent on a risk-obsessed financial sector and more on clean energy, good education and health care costs brought under control.

"We cannot rebuild this economy on the same pile of sand," he said, invoking a Biblical reference to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. "We must build our house upon a rock. We must lay a new foundation for growth and prosperity a foundation that

will move us from an era of borrow and spend to one where we save and invest, where we consume less at home and send more exports abroad."

Obama also said the problem is exacerbated by politicians with an outsized interest in scoring points and an impatient media.

"When a crisis hits," he said, "there is all too often a lurch from shock to trance, with everyone responding to the tempest of the moment until the furor has died down and the media coverage has moved on to something else, instead of confronting the major challenges that will shape our future in a sustained and focused way."

Parents find ways to curb cost of kids

Associated Press

GREENBELT, Md. — Jarratt Hughes and Marcia Harris splurged last year on a birthday party for one of their eight children. A show at Medieval Times dinner theater — complete with a four-course meal, Hollywood special effects and a jousting tournament — cost \$500 for the whole family.

On Sunday, another daughter turns 13, but the festivities will be more reminiscent of the 1930s than the 11th century.

"She won't get much," said Hughes, who lost his job as a courier for a doctor's office late last year. "We might just sing 'Happy Birthday' and have cake and ice cream with just the family."

As the recession drags on, moms

and dads are finding ways to dote on their kids without opening their wallets. Fancy birthday parties, music lessons, sports leagues and gifts are being scaled back or eliminated. Even the Tooth Fairy has been put on a budget.

The pain is not limited to the kids. Businesses are also feeling the pinch. And even parents with reliable incomes are saying "no" more often.

"Parents are cutting back across the board," said BMO Capital Markets analyst Gerrick Johnson.

Hughes said the family began trimming costs after he lost his job. But the situation worsened after the recent death of a generous family member who had helped with mortgage payments. The couple decided Harris would support the family through her job as a maintenance

worker for the federal government while Hughes stayed home with the kids, allowing them to avoid paying a heap of money for child care.

"It's a big change," Hughes said at a Target store in Greenbelt as he calmly turned down his kids' pleas. Sons Jonathan and Joshua pointed to toys; daughter Ashley begged for a doll.

It's a change for corporate America, too.

In 2008, sales of toys fell 3 percent to \$21.6 billion from the previous year. Children's clothing fell 2.2 percent to \$36.8 billion, according to the research firm NPD Group.

At RockNfun Music in Falls Church, Va., the number of people, mostly children, taking guitar, piano and other lessons has fallen 5 to 10 percent in the past four months, co-owner Kevin Glass said.

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at work to remind himself to keep his energy under control, and "to get me through the day."

Prince eventually went on to direct his own musicals, but "knew that I had yet to express my own voice, and my own voice was pretty dark."

After going to Russia for vacation, Prince was introduced to a more "flamboyant" style that helped him come into his own as a director.

"Seeing a curtain of light that was used instead of a curtain ... was something that I never dreamed could happen," Prince said, adding that the use of smoke and dynamic, rough scene changes also spoke to him.

"I saw the show and thought, yes, there is a lesson in all of this. You've got to get back to

you," Prince said. "I found a voice."

"You might think that it's all been gravy, but it hasn't," Prince said. "There've been long dry patches in my lifetime ... but I've outlasted it."

Prince said a key component in his success as a producer and director has been luck.

"What I've described to you is a very lucky life," the 81-year-old Prince said. "It's very lucky to be born when you were born. I'm glad that I lived when I lived."

Prince said he was fortunate to be introduced to good values.

"It's lucky to be exposed to values, to the right education and to know to take advantage of that education," he said. "The luck of a chance meeting, networking ... the luck of being able to see luck when it's staring you in the face."

Prince also commented on how times have changed in the theater business due to its high cost and commercialism.

Instead of funding new

shows, the industry revives old ones, he said.

Despite his numerous successful shows, "I'm certain that not one of those shows could raise the necessary funding to be produced today," he said. "It's easy to revive something that you wouldn't put on in the first place, which is a very painful irony."

However, Prince said economic change might end up being beneficial.

"We need to have a moment to go back and think what made the theater what it was at its best," Prince said. And due to the economic change, "that's happening right now."

However, he said his work with young people has taught him that the upcoming generation is "ambitious, disciplined, excited and scared, as they should be, of the future."

Prince ended on a serious note, however.

"I really do feel privileged to be born in an earlier time," Prince said. "What I dearly hope is that we can relive that again. You can argue with me if you want, but it's how I feel. It's passionate. I really feel it."

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"I think the Marathon has the potential to be a great fundraising and awareness initiative," she said.

Participants need to indicate TTLF as their charitable cause during the registration process and return a charity agreement to Costello. The minimum fundraising amount is \$500, and there are three outlined fundraising cate-

gories with commitments to raise \$50, \$75 and \$100 per mile.

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TTLF was founded in August 2005 by Notre Dame graduate Ken Storen after regularly taking children into his home while living in Lesotho in 2004.

According to its Web site, the Foundation's mission is to ensure "the health and dignity of children impacted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Through the provision of clinical care and subsistence support, through the implementations of HIV transmission prevention programs, and through the promotion of

global social responsibility, [TTLF strives] to catalyze processes of healing and hope for the children of Lesotho and the greater international community."

Megan Towle, Notre Dame '07, told The Observer in a February 2007 article the Foundation's main goals are providing children a safe home, serving as an outreach program, preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV and offering academic research opportunities for students regarding the formation of partnerships with international non-governmental organizations.

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NY Gov. to legalize gay marriage

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.— New York Gov. David Paterson plans to introduce legislation this week to legalize same-sex marriage, reviving a bill that died in 2007 and still faces strong opposition despite a new Democratic majority in the state Senate.

Paterson, talking to reporters Tuesday in Hempstead, N.Y., said "there is clearly a problem" when gays and lesbians in civil unions are denied 1,200 to 1,350 civil protections such as health care and pension rights because they're not married.

"The timing was always right. It's just who is willing to take that step, and I am," Paterson said. "I think it is, as other states are showing, the only ethical way to treat people who want to live together in peace under the civil law. So my general feeling about all these issues is the right ethical decision will inevitably be the right political decision."

In radio interviews last week Paterson said he believes it will eventually become law. But polls show legalizing gay marriage remains controversial in New York. And some

gay marriage advocates are worried that bringing the issue up in New York before there's clear support to pass it could set back efforts to legalize it there, as well as in other states.

Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell, a Manhattan Democrat, said he will attend Thursday's announcement and sponsor the governor's bill, which will be identical to the one backed by then Gov. Eliot Spitzer as a civil-rights measure when it passed the Assembly 85-61 two years ago. "I'm hoping to do better than that this time," O'Donnell said Tuesday.

"I'm very happy the governor has made this a priority," O'Donnell said. "When we got the bill from Governor Spitzer in 2007, we didn't have the votes either. I did that in 2007 and I intend to do that again in 2009."

The Democrat-controlled Assembly passed the bill with three Republicans voting in favor, as well as some Democrats who faced criticism in their upstate districts for their support. It died in the Senate, where the Republican majority kept it from going to a vote.

Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith supports the measure but still doesn't believe there are enough votes to pass it, spokesman Austin Shafran said. The Democrats have a 32-30 majority.

"Most significantly, an issue of this importance demands more than a symbolic gesture and empty rhetoric," Shafran said, acknowledging the Senate doesn't have to act on a bill just because it was introduced. "We are committed to the process of securing the votes for passage of marriage equality, and as the leader has said in the past, it will pass as soon as we have those votes."

Mark Hansen, spokesman for the Senate Republicans, said Tuesday that, "Our conference is opposed to gay marriage and that has not changed."

"I think this is an attempt to gain momentum," said the Rev. Jason McGuire, legislative director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, which opposes the measure. "But the simple reality is this is a very controversial issue, especially with this talk about the Senate majority being as razor thin as it is."

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Archbishop urges New Yorkers to embrace faith

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Archbishop-designate Timothy Dolan on Tuesday urged New Yorkers to give up fear and embrace faith in the first of two services installing him as the city's Roman Catholic leader — the most prominent post in the American church.

In his sermon, the former Milwaukee archbishop said Jesus does not force open people's hearts, but waits for them to accept him. He built the homily around a central moment in the ceremony, when he knocked on the doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral before entering.

"That's the ultimate question," Dolan said to the 1,500 well-wishers in the pews. "Will we open up in faith,

hope and love to the God who gently knocks on the door of our being, asking Him to live with us? Or will fear, self-absorption, and darkness keep us locked up in ourselves?"

"The church is at her best, faithful to her mission," he said, "when she invites people to open the door and ask Jesus in."

Dolan, 59, succeeds New York Cardinal Edward Egan, 77, who is retiring after nine years.

The New York archdiocese is the nation's second-largest after Los Angeles, yet is the most visible face of American Catholicism, and has been led by prelates who were giants inside and outside the church.

Among them is Cardinal Francis Spellman, who was so influential in New York poli-

tics that his residence was dubbed "the powerhouse." Cardinal John O'Connor was the most forceful U.S. Catholic voice in the public debates of his era, especially on abortion.

At the start of Tuesday night's prayer service, Dolan grinned broadly and waved to well-wishers outside the cathedral. The ceremony calls for him to knock on St. Patrick's door nine consecutive times. He broke up the knocks into two sets instead — six, then three more at the prompting of an aide.

Dolan, a burly man, said, "Thanks for opening the door wide enough even for me to get in." When he sat in the archbishop's chair for the first time, which was adorned with his episcopal coat of arms, he

quipped, "It's very comfortable."

A St. Louis native and the oldest of five children, Dolan is known for putting a friendly face on Catholic orthodoxy. He holds a doctorate from The Catholic University of America and is former rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, considered the West Point for U.S. priests. He has said that he will challenge the idea that the church is unenlightened because it opposes gay marriage and abortion.

During the ceremony, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican ambassador to the U.S., read a letter from Pope Benedict XVI naming Dolan to the job. Dolan said in his sermon that he was anxious about his new job, which he will formally accept during a Mass on Wednesday in the cathedral.

Across the street from the cathedral, a small group held a 5-foot-wide by 20-foot long canvas banner they had made to welcome Dolan.

The yellow, red and brown acrylic-painted banner included a drawing of the Good Shepherd and a quote in Latin: "Where Peter is, there is the Church. Where the Church is, there is no death, but eternal life."

Donis Santana, 64, of West

New York, N.J., a retired teacher who emigrated from Cuba in 1962, said she did not know much about the Irish-American Dolan, but said "He's the bishop of New York, he represents Peter, he represents the church, he's not Irish, he's Christ."

Jose Francisco, 16, of the South Bronx, said he didn't mind standing in the rain for more than 3 hours to welcome Dolan.

"It's a good thing to be here, to show him our support," Francisco said. "We put our religion before video games, before everything."

The archdiocese covers a region with 2.5 million parishioners in about 400 churches and an annual budget estimated to be at least half a billion dollars.

The vast Catholic service network in the region includes 10 colleges and universities, hundreds of schools and aid agencies, and nine hospitals that treat about a million people annually.

Among the challenges he faces are drawing more men to the priesthood; serving the growing number of New York Latinos; strengthening the finances of Catholic schools and parishes; and leading the church's opposition to gay marriage and abortion in liberal-leaning New York.



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Flood-threatened city urges evacuation

Associated Press

VALLEY CITY, N.D. — Faced with the threat of a major flood, the mayor of Valley City called Tuesday for the evacuation of sick and elderly residents, as well as those living in low-lying areas, so that emergency crews could focus on trying to hold back the swollen Sheyenne River.

Mayor Mary Lee Nielson asked affected residents to leave their homes by Wednesday evening, saying it would help keep emergency routes free of traffic.

"We may need to get people in and out of there in a hurry," she said.

Nielson said the evacuation order is voluntary but "strongly recommended." She said it would affect about 1,450 homes — "not quite half the city" of nearly 7,000 people.

"No one living has seen anything like what's happening in Valley City, Barnes County and the entire area. It's beyond words," said state Sen. Larry Robinson, D-Valley City. Robinson, who was in Bismarck for the legislative session, said he spent part of last weekend sandbagging.

About 450 National Guard members have been called in to help, the mayor said. Crews have had to repair at least three dike leaks in recent days, but Nielson said there were no reports of problems with the dikes overnight Monday.

"It was a blessing," she said.

The Sheyenne River rose Monday above the 20-foot Valley City record set in April 1882. It reached 20.6 feet Tuesday, with a projected crest of around 22 feet later in the week.

Greg Wiche, the director of the

U.S. Geological Survey's Water Science Center in Bismarck, said the flood risk could last a month.

Robinson said community volunteers, students and others are also working to hold back the river. Classes have been canceled at public schools and at Valley City State University and students have switched to sandbag duty.

Linda Sorensen was moving all her furniture to the second floor of her home Tuesday. She and her husband, Ronald, who own a plumbing and heating business, have been helping homeowners prepare for flooding.

"Some of our guys are being hauled to homes by boat so we can keep their pumps up and running," Sorensen said.

The Sheyenne empties into the Red River, which is expected to reach a second flood crest of its own near Fargo this week.

The Red crested at Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minn., late last month just short of 41 feet, after volunteers filled thousands of sandbags to raise levees above that mark. The river's second crest there is projected to reach 37 feet, which is lower than earlier forecasts.

The National Weather Service has posted flood warnings for much of North Dakota. Roads are flooded throughout the state, and state Transportation Department Director Francis Ziegler said some highways will have to be completely rebuilt. A 100-mile stretch of Interstate 94 between Bismarck and Jamestown was reopened Tuesday after an overnight closure because of flooding, but officials imposed a 5 mph speed limit.

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Early last semester, fellow columnist/concerned citizen/love guru Bob Kessler penned an amusing and provocative piece on the Saint Mary's Executive Board stipend. In it, he suggested a few alternate uses for the \$20,000 usually distributed to the Board's members, among them building a beer fort and installing bidets in the dorms (I support the dorm room ball pit initiative, for the record). Things were presumably resolved following the controversy, and the world went on spinning as usual (I say "presumably" because actually knowing the outcome of the story would imply I read articles outside of the Viewpoint, which is patently false).

In any event, graduating seniors have started receiving mail asking for donations to the senior class gift. Before I go any further, let me say that this is a worthy cause in my mind, given all that the university has done for us in our four years. Unlike the Saint Mary's cash, which stinks of the abuse of power, the senior legacy fund does not appear to be shady in any obvious manner. This year's class gift will go toward establishing an "internship assistance fund," which will allow students to defray some of the cost of spending the summer after their junior year in the white collar world's version of indentured servitude. Still, as they are prone to do, Kessler's words from last October continue to ring loudly in my ears. What else can we do with this newfound cash? Are we content to just stick it in the endowment fund



Brad Blomstrom

The Daft Punk

without a second thought? No. Not on my watch. To borrow a line from Maximus in Gladiator: "What we do in life echoes in eternity." An unpaid internship fund is the safest use for these funds, but it is too bland for my palate. Let's achieve greatness, Class of 2009, so that every student that leaves Notre Dame after us will know us not as alums but as legends.

The senior legacy fund's suggested donation is an exceedingly cute \$20.09, with the extra \$.09 providing an excellent way to rid myself of the nine pennies currently stuck to the bottom of my car's center console. With approximately 2,000 seniors, this implies around \$40,000 to use for the betterment of the Notre Dame community, and makes the Saint Mary's stipend look like pocket change. Outlined below is my three-part plan for achieving Domer immortality:

Build a replacement for the X Lot. Right now, the vast majority of you are asking yourselves, "What is the X Lot?" If you are included in that group, I have two things to say to you. One, I'm sorry, and two, get with the program. The X Lot, also known as the Radio Tower Lot, is home to the student tailgates on gamedays and is more commonly known as "the happiest place on earth." Like all good things, however, the X Lot's time is running short due to the new hockey arena that is planned for the site. No.1 ranking be damned, the hockey team is taking something I love and killing it. The largest chunk of the \$40,000 will go toward turning that silly pavilion they just built next to the DPAC into a bigger, better X Lot.

Secondly, a portion of the proceeds will establish a legal defense fund for those cited by the Indiana State Excise Gestapo at the X Lot. I don't care if Indiana's Keystone Cops have undercover agents, camcorders, horses, or

helicopters — when it comes to gameday, future generations should never have to say, "I'm sorry I party."

My last, and best, proposal comes from some research I conducted over Spring Break in Panama City, Florida (a.k.a. America's Sodom). The largest bar/club/den of iniquity in town boasts that it hosts roughly 6,000 revelers nightly. In a place as humid as Florida, that's a lot of body heat. Suffice it to say, I expected my evening there to be about as sweaty and sloppy as the Backer during Amen Corner (a.k.a. Callin Baton Rouge, Rocky Top, and Country Roads in rapid succession). Instead, I was delighted to find an elaborate system of cryogenics suspended above the dance floor that, when employed, lowered the temperature of the room by around 40 degrees in under 5 seconds. When I left the bar, dry and content, I was determined to bring such a marvelous contraption to Notre Dame. Thus, with the remainder of the senior legacy fund, we will install a similar system in the Backer. No more tropical rainforest; now everyone will be able to stand in the Backer sludge with their two-inches of personal space at a reasonable temperature.

This is our opportunity, 2009. With my plan, we will make it so that future senior classes will find no better use for their legacy funds than constructing statues in our honor.

Brad Blomstrom is a senior majoring in finance and economics that hopes everyone enjoyed the free keystones from the Easter Bunny sprinkled across campus last week. He can be contacted in person at the X Lot this Saturday or anytime at bblomstr@nd.edu

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misinterpretations

Cecilia Prinster's column, "Lay Down Your Stones" (April 8), is misleading in its use of the Vatican II constitution "Gaudium et Spes" (GS). The Alumni Association president cites the constitution's condemnation of "whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body and mind, subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit" (No. 26). She notes that President Obama supports this teaching.

However, her citation does not include the first part of that samesentence, which reads, "Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction..." The Vatican Council puts the "life issues" first. Later, that same document bluntly states, "from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes" (No. 51).

We should expect our elected officials to oppose "unspeakable crimes" as their highest priority, even as they tend also to Guantanamo.

Adrian Reimers
faculty
Philosophy
April 8

Thank you

Dear CommUniversity Students,

The work you did on Saturday to beautify, entertain, teach, upgrade and just improve the North East part of the City of South Bend is greatly appreciated.

I was involved with the students cleaning, spreading mulch and painting in the parks and was very impressed with their hard work and the amount accomplished. I heard about how other projects had gone, like the students who helped the electronically challenged at the Robinson Center and the tour of the campus. I went to the cookout at the end and had a great time eating and talking. You even managed to make the day sunny and fairly warm. The Park Department and the South Bend people who benefited from your help thank you! Best wishes and could this be the first annual CommUniversity Day?

Ann Puzzello
member
South Bend Common Council
April 6

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail."

Abraham Maslow
American psychologist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art is making something out of nothing and selling it."

Frank Zappa
U.S. musician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Slamming the doors

Two men went up to the temple to pray, offers the story of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:10). The former rushes to the front of the church, boasting of his tithing and good works; the Publican remains in the back of the chamber confessing his unworthiness even to raise his eyes to the Lord.

The protestors who have rocked the Notre Dame campus are a regrettable second-coming of the Biblical Pharisees, declaring their goodness, proudly dismissing all other views. Their posters are printed, their feet are planted and they know what Jesus would do. They also know they have the support of the majority of Notre Dame Alumni, who likewise believe, absolutely, that the son of Notre Dame would slam our campus door on the President of the United States, preventing him from delivering this year's commencement address at my Alma Mater.

I fear they may succeed.

If Father Jenkins, occupying a Main Building besieged by jammed phone lines, thousands of e-mails and the sound of bull horns surrenders to this noise — or in the more likely event that President Obama decides enough controversy is enough — the holy war will end and Notre Dame will be left to stand alone in the debris of paper cups and grotesque flyers, blowing across a beautiful campus that has always been a place of inclusion, dialogue and, sometimes, reconciliation.

We are headed for a painful moment destined to stain Notre Dame's shining reputation, its values expressed by the image atop our Golden Dome, a symbol recognized around the world for the breadth and depth of the unconditional love of the Virgin, who rises above the tallest trees in northern Indiana, and bears a posture at odds with today's protesters: her arms are open. Our Lady's welcome has always been extended to all who have ever come to the home of the fighting Irish faithful. It is the profile of a loving Mother who, by the way, knows something about slammed doors.

It is a sad irony that as the Obama drama becomes larger and larger, the Catholic Church is shrinking. The chorus of the devoted has diminished, more Catholic schools and parishes are closing, fewer men and women are joining religious orders, and less than 25 percent of us regularly attend Sunday Mass.

The Roman Church has been a giant presence in the twentieth century of American culture, central to the lives of millions whose family members sought refuge there; a place where boys first flirted with girls and shyly learned to dance. Now in their senior years, millions of these teens of long ago stand in tears as the double-doors through which their family members have passed for generations, to be baptized, married and buried, are swinging shut.

As this alarming decline of Holy Mother Church contin-

ues with ever greater momentum, Catholic bishops are publicly announcing the names of notables forbidden Holy Communion.

The list includes our pro-choice Catholic vice president and Speaker of the House. If Obama's Notre Dame visit is canceled, the Bishops will have pulled off a trifecta, stiff-arming the three most powerful figures in the our nation. (Meanwhile pro-choice Catholics Joseph Biden and Nancy Pelosi are just two of the names already on the roster of mortal sinners, a document that adds to another list of damned lesser lights who, like me, are divorced, remarried and, therefore, denied the Eucharist.)

Somewhere within this sad story we may find the answer to why so many faithful are becoming less faithful with each passing year. As my fellow alumni join the righteous Randall Terry in a rush to the front of Sacred Heart Church to boast of their good works, their congratulatory high-fives may obscure another drama unfolding at the back of churches everywhere: the scene of young Catholics rushing past the Publican and out the double-doors, forever.

Phillip J. Donahue

alum

class of 1957

April 12

Church was not misrepresented

I would like to respond to Ellen Burns' April 8 ("Partisan Hand") letter criticizing ND Response spokeswoman Kathleen Donahue. Burns asserts that Donahue misrepresented the Church's teaching on the death penalty in saying that there was more "room for leeway" on the question, and Burns implies that this "misrepresentation" was motivated by political bias. In response, I would like to quote a letter written by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict) to the archbishop of Washington, D.C. addressing the subject in his capacity as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: "Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. For example, if a Catholic were to be at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment ... he would not for that reason be considered unworthy to present himself to receive Holy Communion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities ... to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible ... to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia."

Ratzinger frames the discussion in the appropriate light. The death penalty is not an intrinsic moral evil; while Pope John Paul II gave his opinion that its application in most circumstances in first-world nations is unnecessary, it is incorrect to elevate this opinion of his to the level of a doctrine or dogma. I would say, therefore, that Donahue was mostly accurate in her presentation of the Church's views.

John Gerardi

junior

Knott

April 8

Pro-life, but

Let me start by saying that I am pro-life. I believe that life begins at conception. Barring the extremely rare cases of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or pregnancies that threaten the life of the mother, I believe that abortion is morally wrong. I believe that most of the students and faculty on this campus agree with me. That being said, I refuse to stand behind the pro-life movement on campus because I don't believe that their actions are doing anything to reduce the number of abortions that take place every day. Calling President Obama the anti-Christ ("Bleak Future," April 8) is not going to persuade a pregnant woman to choose adoption. Having the leader of the pro-life movement go on FoxNews to discuss the issue is not going to help struggling mothers-to-be make the right decision. And protesting this year's commencement exercises in May will do nothing to ensure the health and safety of each and every human life, from conception to natural death. These actions amount to political posturing, and I'm sure that they do little to prevent abortions.

Instead, the pro-life movement should perform actions that change the minds and hearts of the general public. Go after abortion in the way that many non-profit organizations went after smoking — with a vig-

orous ad campaign. Organize a fundraiser to raise money to produce and air television commercials that will encourage struggling pregnant women to choose life. Hang posters that show that an unborn fetus is a human being, no matter how far along in development that fetus is. Finally, and most importantly, engage with your pro-choice counterparts. Dispassionately discuss the issue with them. Help them to see that all life needs to be respected. I think that you will find that you have much more in common than you think.

The ultimate goal of the pro-life movement is to reduce the number of abortions that take place. The only way that the movement will accomplish this goal is by convincing the general public that unborn human life is a gift from God and it should be treated as such. When the pro-life movement starts to undertake efforts that might actually reduce the number of abortions, I will be there to show my support. But as long as the pro-life movement continues to focus on political actions, I will not.

Kevin Martin

junior

Fisher

April 8

Does Notre Dame need a union?

First of all, I would like to thank the students of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) and the faculty and staff for supporting your campus service workers. I honestly believe that with their persistence on behalf of us there have been some positive changes within our department of Building Services. For example, we now have an awesome facilities director and we are fortunate to have a new associate director. Of course, continuous improvement takes time. For example, when a supervisor fails to treat her staff with fairness and respect, trust and productivity are eroded. Unfortunately, some staff will be afraid to speak up. Others will complain about the problem but never bring the issue forward. In such a case it is imperative that senior leadership seek out patterns of concern and halt the negative consequences of a poor supervisor. Does Notre Dame Building Services need a union? I don't think so provided that ineffective supervision is prohibited and staff are free to honestly voice their concerns. So, I say to my fellow coworkers don't be afraid to speak up! You have that right!

Mary Beth Sosa

employee

Building Services

April 9

Unions provide a voice

In his letter, "Unions Cause More Harm than Good," (April 2) Mark Easley asserts that collective bargaining is simply a way for employees to bully their employers into unreasonable contracts. However, this is not the case. What Easley fails to notice is that workers don't seek unions when they are satisfied with their relationships with their employers; they seek them when they feel disrespected and their needs are ignored. Employers, not employees, are often the bullies, firing workers without reason, cutting hours so to avoid giving benefits, not respecting seniority in layoffs, firing employees before pay increases, and showing a general level of disrespect. The function of a union is not to be a "mob set out to bully the employer," but to provide a platform on which workers and employers can negotiate on equal footing.

It is very possible for unions and employers coexist peacefully, and many businesses are doing well with unionized workers. What I found most appalling about Easley's letter was his assertion that if workers want to make more money, they simply need to, "get a second

job, increase their skill set by going back to school, or look for a better career." The naivete of this statement is astounding. For most low income workers, none of these suggestions are even options. First, many people work multiple jobs and still find themselves living lifestyles far below middle class comfort, often in poverty. Also, the suggestion of a low wage worker going back to school is unreasonable. School takes time (meaning they can't have that second job Easley suggested) and money, which low wage workers simply don't have to spare.

A union is a way for workers who feel slighted at their place of employment to bargain for fair wages, benefits, and better working conditions, so that they don't have to get a second low wage job and can maybe even spend time with their families and try to live a comfortable life.

Liz Furman

sophomore

Cavanaugh

April 8



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By J. J. REES
Scene Writer

Full disclosure — I'm very inexperienced with Indian food. I could probably count the meals on one hand. A friend's father is from India, so I was somewhat familiar with a few of the tastes, but most of my experience at Taj Indian Restaurant in Mishawaka was very new. Luckily, I had a seasoned guide who pointed out Taj's best, and through the course of the lunch buffet, I became a fan of Indian food.

Taj's menu tells the story of the Taj Mahal and its exquisitely beautiful gardens. The restaurant claims to take its name from the ancient Urdu translation of "The Great Palace." I'm no stickler, but every source

I can find indicates that Taj means "crown." Fortunately, the people who run Taj know their food better than their Urdu.

The no-nonsense décor leads to a threadbare atmosphere, which actually isn't a problem. Our server was helpful and cooperative but extremely quiet. Service and ambiance can best be described as minimalist. The way Taj is set up seems to subtly point the diner's attention to the food. At the lunch buffet, an inconspicuous spread is set up in the back of the restaurant, with simple plates and succinct labels.

I was told that the chicken curry would be a good fulcrum for the meal, and it ended up being one of the best parts. This saturated boneless chicken is stewed in a finely spicy gravy-like curry with tastes of onion, tomato, and ginger. Paired with the aromatic long grained basmati rice, the chicken curry was an excellent food to serve as a primer for tastebuds not very familiar with Indian food.

Next at the buffet was the chicken tikka masala, tandoori chicken (cooked in a tandoor oven made of brick or clay, which uses a smoky open flame) in masala (tomato based sauce and light cream). This chicken was marinated in yogurt with herbs and spices. The chicken itself was not as palatable as the more standard chicken in curry, but paired with the peas pulao (basmati rice flavored with peas and different spices), the chicken tikka masala was a good shift from the other spices.

The sides were an excellent complement to the main entrées. The saag paneer (chopped spinach with homemade cheese, garnished with light cream)

was very cheesy but also somewhat creamy, and along with the dal, it was a good respite from the typical Indian spiciness. The potato fritter was crispy and plain, and it served a similar purpose.

A high point of the meal was the nav ratan shahi korma. This delectably savory dish gets its name from "nine gems," after the nine fruits, vegetables and nuts of which it consists. I never thought I'd seriously use the word "explosion" in a review, but it's a great way to describe the combined taste of raisins, carrots, potatoes, combined in a savory sauce. The garlic naan (unleavened bread with garlic, coriander and seasoning) was a delicious way to salvage excess sauce.

Dessert was an adventure, and not one I'm sure I'll repeat soon. Gulab jamun is deep fried milk balls in a honey and sugar syrup. Three very sweet words should have been a forewarning of this overwhelmingly sweet dessert. The fried globes were too soggy with the syrup, and it quickly ended the meal.

One of the pleasant surprises of the selection at Taj was the mango lassi, a flavorful yogurt drink. Halfway between a milkshake and a smoothie, this was a delicious counterweight to the earthy spices of the food. The sweet mango taste purged the palate of any curry or masala.

Indian food can be a treat, and having such a sound restaurant as Taj in the South Bend/Mishawaka area is a boon. With a lunch buffet for just \$6, at least one visit to Taj is a necessity.

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10 Words or Less: Solid Indian food, excellent lunch buffet deal.



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By ELLIE HALL
Scene Writer

Legends Nightclub has done it again.

On Thursday night, Legends will host Gym Class Heroes, an alternative hip-hop/rock/R&B group that burst onto the national music scene in 2007 with the single "Cupid's Chokehold."

Since then, the band has headlined international tours, spent two summers on the main stage at the Vans Warped Tour and released two CDs. Gym Class Heroes refuses to define themselves to one genre of music, touring with indie rock and pop-punk bands like Fall Out Boy as well as hip hop acts.

Instead of using looped samples or beats, the band features live music along with MC Travis McCoy's wry lyrics and Kanye West

tongue-in-cheek humor. Songs like "Clothes Off!" and the band's current single "Cookie Jar" (featuring The-Dream, who penned Rihanna's smash hit "Umbrella") showcase Gym Class Heroes' hip-hop origins, while "7 Weeks" and "Live Forever" expose a layer of deeper meaning that many contemporary artists have abandoned. Besides all that, they're one of the best live acts touring today.

As if that wasn't enough, Boston duo Chester French will be opening for Gym Class Heroes. The band's upcoming album, "Love the Future" is one of the most anticipated CDs of 2009.

Chester French members Maxwell Drummey and D.A. Wallach formed the band as undergraduate students at Harvard University, finishing a demo tape during their senior year and sending it out to record companies. And Pharrell Williams liked the demo

so much that they entered into a bidding war to sign the band. Chester French eventually signed with Williams and their first single, "She Loves Everybody," has been climbing the Billboard's dance charts since its release in October.

The concert starts at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. and lines cannot form before 5 p.m. No excuses. Finish your papers and lab reports tonight and be ready for one heck of a show.

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Photo courtesy of www.gymclassheroes.com

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE returns to South Bend

By JOEY KUHN
Assistant Scene Editor

This Saturday night, Umphrey's McGee returns to South Bend to play at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Umphrey's was formed on campus at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, and four members of the band are Notre Dame graduates. Their most recent album "Mantis," released in January, has been heralded as "their most progressive, melodic and artistically cohesive album to date" by Amazon.com.

"Umphrey's has achieved a significant level of popularity by constant touring, including several appearances at the Bonnaroo Festival in Tennessee, opening in large amphitheaters around the country for the Dave Matthews Band, and headlining their own shows from coast to coast and in Europe and Japan," Peter Kernan of Pacific Coast Concerts said.

Umphrey's is best classified as a jam band in the tradition of the Grateful Dead, Phish and Dave Matthews Band. Nevertheless, their sound is definitively their own. Most of their songs feature complex arrangements and rhythmical innovation, including the use of odd time signatures. One of their trademarks is their ability to stop and start on a dime, completely changing the direction of a song in an instant without missing a beat. The band also

features dual frontmen in Brendan Bayliss and Jake Cinninger, adding variety to their live shows.

Probably the biggest name in music to come out of Notre Dame or South Bend in the last 20 years (with the possible exception of Ted Leo), the members of Umphrey's still maintain strong ties to the University. Brendan Bayliss is the son of Notre Dame men's tennis coach Bobby Bayliss, and members of Jake Cinninger's family are employed at Notre Dame. The band tours in the South Bend and Chicago areas frequently.

The last time Umphrey's played in South Bend was on Sept. 5, 2008, in St. Patrick's Park. Bayliss gave an interview to The Observer before the show in which he recollected meeting the original bassist for Umphrey's in the basement of Keenan Hall. The band started out playing at Mickey's Pub, which is now known as Finnegan's, as well as the Oyster Bar and other local venues.

At the St. Patrick's Park concert, Umphrey's pulled out all the stops to make the show spectacular, and one can expect more of the same at the Morris this Saturday. The band's live act focuses on lengthy improvisational forays in which the band members dazzle the audience with both their technical chops and their artistic passion. Complex lighting displays help induce an overall effect of psychedelia.

Despite Umphrey's reputation as a jam band,

though, they do not succumb to looking like Grateful Dead wannabes, as their musical influences range from Pink Floyd and Frank Zappa to Led Zeppelin and The Beatles.

Tickets for the show are \$25.50, all seats reserved, and are available at the Morris box office, by phone at (574) 235-9190 or at www.morriscenter.org.

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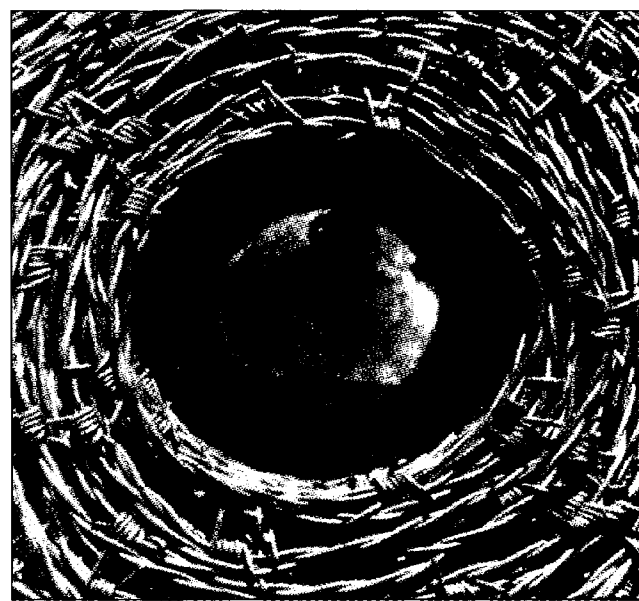


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CAMPUS RANT:

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Before I begin, let me just say that I love the food in the dining hall. Sure, I get tired of it sometimes, just like everyone else, but for the most part, the food is much better than it could be, and much better than it is at other schools. In fact, as I have overheard many a tour guide say, Notre Dame's dining halls are rated the second-best in the country, and I could not disagree. Having said this, I have one, and only one, request — berries.

I do not mean the occasional strawberry topping that comes with angel food cake. I also do not mean the pie filling that comes from a can next to the waffle station. I am talking about fresh berries that would exponentially improve the fruit choices given to Notre Dame students.

Not only are there a wide variety of

berries to choose from, such as blueberries, strawberries, blackberries or my personal favorite, raspberries, these fruits are so universally loved that they would be a sure-fire hit each time they appeared.

Even more than the wonderful taste, berries would offer a plethora of options for dining hall diners to be creative and make dishes that would increase the already wide variety of food choices offered. In addition to eating the berries alone, they would make great toppings for desserts, can be a valid addition to one's everyday bowl of cereal, or could be combined with the vanilla yogurt offered daily to make a parfait dessert of which onlookers could not help but be jealous.

Coming from someone who has a very difficult time choosing a salad instead of a corn dog, berries would also be a delicious way to add healthy foods to one's diet. The USDA now

recommends that both males and females between ages 19 and 30 eat two cups of fruit each day, and what better way to reach that goal than to eat something as delicious as a parfait?

According to the Berry Health Benefits Network, each type of berry has its own unique set of health benefits beyond the normal vitamins that each contains. For instance, strawberries can help prevent such illnesses as heart disease and cancer, as the body uses the antioxidants which make the strawberries red. Raspberries have antioxidants as well, but are also being used in Japan as a weight-loss supplement. And blueberries seem have been shown to have the highest levels of antioxidants, and can also help lower one's cholesterol, which can help prevent heart disease and stroke.

Now, I understand that Notre Dame is in South Bend, Ind., and that the

weather here is not exactly optimal for the growing of fresh berries (or for much of anything, for that matter). I also understand that the University strives to serve as much locally-grown food as possible. I am not convinced, however, that all of the food served in the dining halls comes from the greater South Bend area, which means that berries could be imported from other, more fertile places in the United States.

Please, Food Services, hear my request. You have done a wonderful job of creating many eating establishments that serve our campus well, and, in particular, you have done an incredible job with the two dining halls. I see only one thing as lacking, and have shown all of the benefits that this one addition would bring. We just want our berries.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish come up short in narrow loss at 'Cuse

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Despite a 10-point second half rally, the No. 10 Irish fell one goal short Saturday in their 14-13 loss to No. 8 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome, as sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney's last-minute attempt to tie the game was blocked by the Orange defense.

The Irish (11-3, 4-2 Big East) were down 12-3 at the half, but came back to outscore the Orange (10-3, 5-1) 10-2 in the second period. Blaney led the comeback with four goals, three in the second half. Senior captain Jillian Byers added three goals and an assist in the game, along with two goals each from sophomore midfielder/attack Kaitlin Keena and sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt. Junior Gina Scioscia and sophomore Ansley Stewart both had a single goal for Notre Dame with Stewart earning two assists as well.

Senior attack Katie Rowan led the Orange offense with four goals and two assists, followed by three apiece from junior midfielder Christina Dove and junior attack Halley Quillinan.

Syracuse opened up the match with a goal from Quillinan in the first minute of play. Blaney responded with a goal on an assist from Byers a minute later to bring the game to 1-1.

Dove answered for the Orange by starting a scoring run with 10 straight goals in 15 minutes, bringing it to 11-1. Dove had three total goals in the run, followed by senior midfielder Bridget Looney and Rowan each with two, and single goals from Quillinan, sophomore attack Tee Ladouceur and senior attack Awehiyo Thomas.

With six minutes left in the half, Notre Dame managed to stop Syracuse's scoring drive when Byers scored off a low shot on Orange sophomore goalkeeper Liz Hogan to put the Irish at 11-2. Byers scored the final Irish goal of the half with less than two minutes left off of an assist from freshman attack Maggie Tamasitis. Rowan countered for the Orange by scoring her third goal of the half with four seconds left, moving the Syracuse lead to 12-3.

The Irish team that came

back on the field after the intermission seemed like a different one that had gone into the locker room 15 minutes before as they quickly took control.

Keena jump-started the Notre Dame attack just more than a minute into the half as she scored off an assist from Stewart. Abt's first goal came soon after as she broke away from the pack to net her shot at 26:34. Quillinan broke the Notre Dame run briefly with her third goal of the day at 25:45 to bring the game to 13-5.

After Quillinan's interruption, Blaney re-started the Irish drive when she netted her second game goal off of an assist from Keena at 24:47, the first of six unanswered goals. Scioscia followed with her first goal just more than a minute later before Blaney drove back up to the net a minute after put the game at 13-8. Stewart next scored with help from Scioscia, followed two minutes later by Abt with her second goal to make it 13-10. Syracuse held off free-position shots by Blaney and Byers before Blaney came back with her fourth goal of the day at 7:21, cutting the Orange lead to 13-11.

After stalling the game with two minutes left, Notre Dame failed to force a turnover and Rowan scored on an open net with 1:55 to play, moving them up 14-11. However, the Irish made one last scoring run as Byers netted a goal with 1:08 left and Keena scored her second goal with 58 seconds left to move the score to 14-13.

In the final draw, the Irish worked the ball to Blaney, whose shot was blocked by Hogan with 31 seconds left. The Orange stalled and held onto their one-goal lead and win 14-13.

Notre Dame outshot Syracuse 30-27 in the game and had 15 ground balls to Syracuse's 13, but fell behind on draw controls 18-11. Irish senior goalkeeper Erin Goodman had seven saves and Hogan eight.

Next up for the Irish is the closing game of their four-game stretch on the road as they take on No. 11 Vanderbilt (8-4) today in Nashville at 3:30 central time in a non-conference match-up.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas accepts FIU job

Associated Press

MIAMI — While growing up in Serbia, Florida International forward Nikola Gacesa often heard his father talk about the way Isiah Thomas played basketball.

"He is a big fan," Gacesa said.

Gacesa will soon have his own stories to tell: Thomas is back in coaching, accepting an offer from FIU to revive his career and their program.

Ending a whirlwind courtship, Thomas and FIU agreed on a five-year contract Tuesday — an out-of-nowhere deal that gives the former Knicks coach and president a chance to restore the reputation he built as a Hall of Fame player and tarnished through a series of embarrassments in New York.

"I'm committed to growing something here, and strongly believe that over time, we'll put a team on the floor that everyone at FIU can be proud of," Thomas said.

Thomas helped the Detroit Pistons win two NBA championships as one of the all-time great point guards, then coached the Indiana Pacers before taking over in New York, where an array of problems marred his tenure.

Nonetheless, FIU moved quickly to lock up its top choice for the job.

"Isiah will give FIU a tremendous opportunity to take the basketball program to the highest level," FIU athletic director Pete Garcia said.

In New York, Thomas endured legal and personal troubles off the court, and more losses than wins on it. His Knicks were 23-59 last season, prompting a firing many fans had long awaited. The Knicks never won a playoff game in his tenure as president or coach.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh, who fired Thomas, wished him luck at FIU.

"I think it's a great thing for him and it's kind of what I wanted for him from the day I let him go," Walsh said.

It was more than losses that doomed Thomas in New York.

In 2007, a jury ordered Knicks owner Madison Square Garden to pay \$11.6 million to a former team executive who alleged she was sexually harassed by Thomas, who continually maintained his innocence and was never found personally liable.

This past October, there was more drama.

Officers responded to Thomas' New York-area home after a 911 call reported someone had overdosed on sleeping pills. According to police reports, officers found a man passed out and gave him oxygen until an ambulance arrived.

Authorities never publicly identified Thomas as the victim, but a person familiar with the case confirmed to the AP that it was Thomas.

Still, Thomas' hiring at FIU quickly became a galvanizing story in South Florida.

"This is bigger than basketball and bigger than athletics," said FIU president Modesto A. Maidique. "Having a nationally recognized coach like Isiah at FIU will have a positive impact on our university as a whole, helping us achieve additional national exposure."

With Thomas — whose career record in the NBA was 187-223 (including three playoff seasons with the Pacers) — on board, national exposure is certain.

"It's a testament to the direction of FIU athletics," Golden Panthers football coach Mario Cristobal said. "It's a great thing. There's tremendous amounts of excitement here."

Thomas will face some immediate challenges: FIU went 13-20 this past season, its third 20-loss campaign in four years, and has not posted a winning record since 1999-2000. He'll need to move quickly on filling some roster slots, since the spring signing period for Division I players starts Wednesday.

"If you really think about it,

some of these kids that are coming out of AAU that are going to go to college for one year, that's a pretty good sell," Walsh said. "Come down to Miami, spend a year with me." I think he's positioned to do well with recruiting there."

Miami Heat center Jermaine O'Neal, who played for Thomas at Indiana, said the coach deserved a new opportunity.

"He's a motivator and a teacher and he has some skills that really fit the college level," O'Neal said. "He can take people and make them feel like they have a chance to be anything they want in life."

Thomas replaces Sergio Rouco, who was reassigned Monday after posting a losing record in each of his five seasons as coach.

Thomas' hiring brings another coach with strong New York ties to the Sun Belt Conference's schools in South Florida: Former St. John's coach Mike Jarvis just completed his first year at Florida Atlantic, about an hour north of FIU in Boca Raton.

"I think it is a great day for the league, to be very honest with you," Jarvis said. "Anything that will help bring real media attention to the league, it helps. It helps with recruiting, it helps with perceptions that people have."

Thomas spent his entire NBA playing career with the Pistons, appeared in 11 All-Star games and was the MVP of the 1990 NBA finals, when Detroit won its second straight title.

His new players, Gacesa said, couldn't be more thrilled.

"It's an incredible feeling," Gacesa said. "I think we're still realizing how big this is for us. We still don't realize how big this is, how much knowledge and skills he can offer us and how much he can help us take this school to another level, take this school to where we are supposed to be."

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NCAA Women's Tennis ITA Division 1 Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Northwestern	88	1
2	Georgia	76	2
3	Baylor	72	4
4	NOTRE DAME	70	3
5	Duke	69	9
6	Miami (Fla.)	68	5
7	Georgia Tech	67	6
8	California	66	8
9	Southern California	62	7
10	Stanford	56	10
11	UCLA	56	12
12	Clemson	55	11
13	Tennessee	51	13
14	Fresno St.	44	14
15	Arkansas	44	15
16	Florida St.	40	17
17	Vanderbilt	40	19
18	LSU	40	24
19	North Carolina	39	18
20	Florida	37	16
21	Michigan	37	23
22	Kentucky	35	20
23	SMU	35	22
24	Arizona St.	30	21
25	Alabama	30	25

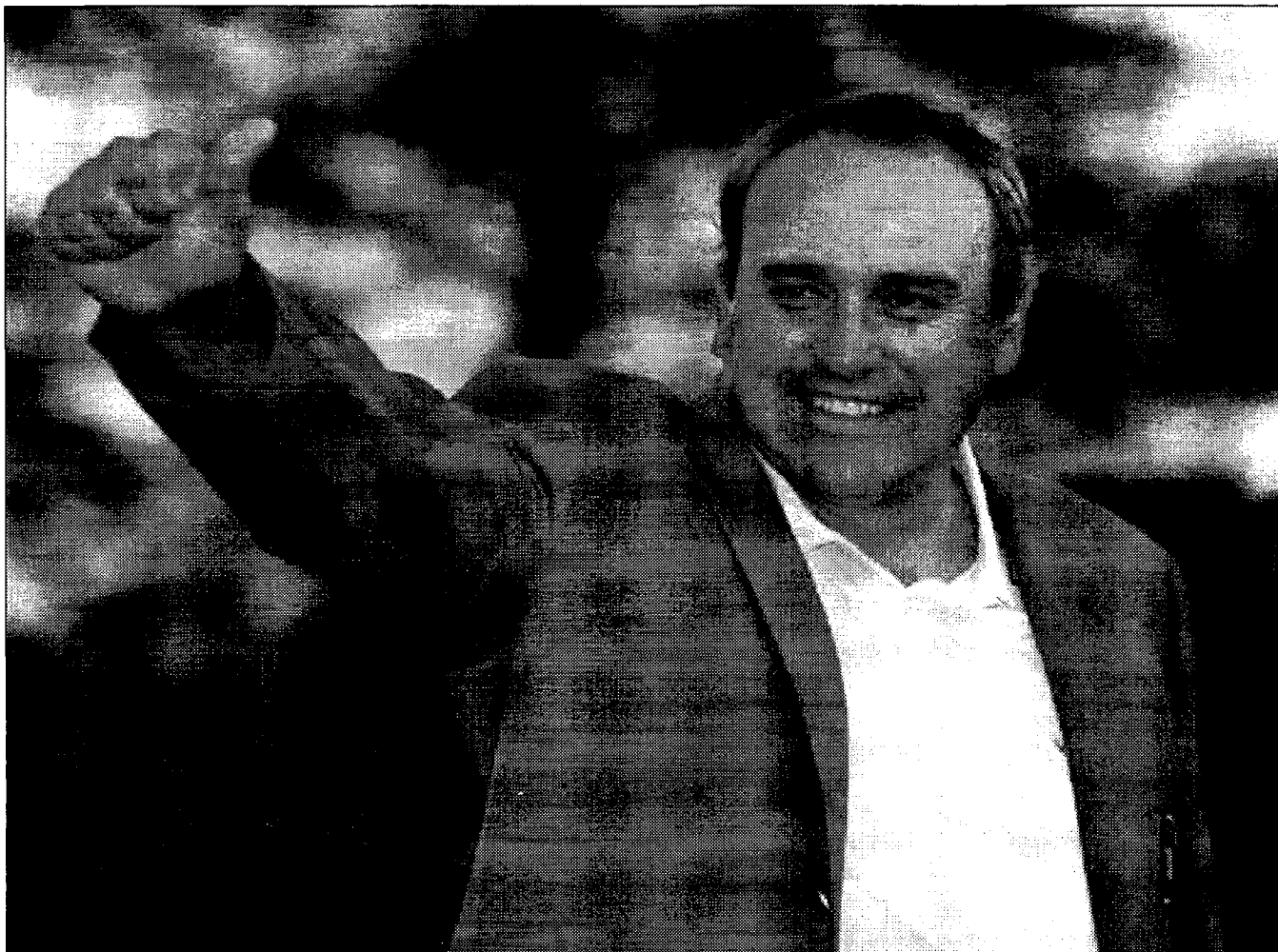
NCAA Women's Lacrosse IWLCA Division 1 Rankings

	team	record	previous
1	Northwestern	9-0	1
2	Maryland	8-0	2
3	Penn	7-0	3
4	North Carolina	7-2	6
5	Duke	8-2	7
6	Georgetown	5-3	4
7	Princeton	5-1	9
8	Syracuse	6-2	8
9	NOTRE DAME	8-1	10
10	Virginia	6-3	5
11	Vanderbilt	4-3	11
11	Boston University	5-3	12
13	Loyola (Md.)	6-1	20
14	Stanford	6-2	15
15	Penn State	4-4	17
16	Dartmouth	3-3	19
17	Ohio State	7-1	18
18	James Madison	4-3	16
19	Cornell	6-2	14
20	New Hampshire	4-3	13

NCAA Men's Golf Nike Division 1 Rankings

	team	points
1	Georgia	497
2	Oklahoma St.	477
3	Southern California	460
4	Clemson	421
5	Stanford	394
6	Florida	374
7	Indiana	346
8	Alabama	309
9	Washington	304
10	Georgia Tech	293
11	South Carolina	276
12	Texas Tech	250
13	UNLV	215
14	Tennessee	201
15	Illinois	190

PGA



Argentinian professional golfer Angel Cabrera tries on his green jacket after winning the Masters Tournament Sunday at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

Angel Cabrera wins Masters Tournament

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — There were so many ways this most thrilling of Masters could have ended.

What if Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson had carried their duel into a playoff? Now that would have turned Augusta National upside down.

Or how about Kenny Perry, the ultimate grinder, winning his first major at an age when most players are prepping for the senior tour? Boy, that would have been something.

Instead, it was a burly man from Argentina who crafted an ending no one could have envisioned.

Down at the 10th green, long after Woods and Mickelson had headed for exits and dragged many of the patrons with them, Angel Cabrera barely beat the setting sun with a gimme of a putt as Perry looked on helplessly.

OK, it wasn't Hollywood. But Cabrera sure earned it.

When his swing got loose and produced two straight bogeys on the front side, he hung in there. When he faced a two-stroke deficit with two holes to play, he didn't give up. And, most impressively, when his first tee shot of the sudden-death playoff rolled to a stop behind a big tree on the

first playoff hole, he never lost hope.

"I only had a spot like this big" — meaning tiny — "and only trees, so I've got to put it through there, that's it," Cabrera said, a translator relaying his words. "Easy as that."

Cabrera hooked his ball around one tree but struck another, and was fortunate to see it carom to the left and out into the fairway, a sand wedge away from the green. He knocked it up to 8 feet behind the hole, and made the putt to save a remarkable par. Perry messed up his approach and had to settle for par, too. The third member of the playoff, Chad Campbell,

missed his 6-footer and the race was down to two.

Only one more hole was needed. Perry found mud on his ball in the middle of the 10th fairway, and his shot veered left of the green. Cabrera knocked his below the hole and — for perhaps the first time all day — he was finally the one in command. Perry's chip raced past the flag, and he missed the putt coming back.

Perry didn't even get a chance to finish. Cabrera's putt stopped next to the hole. He marked it, took a quick look to make sure there was nothing on it, and calmly delivered the winning stroke on his second career major.

IN BRIEF

Pacers' Travis Diener reflects on becoming a free agent

INDIANAPOLIS — Travis Diener has enjoyed his two years as an Indiana Pacer, but that doesn't mean he'll return for a third.

The reserve point guard has a player option on the final year of his contract this offseason. He stands to make \$1.7 million if he sticks around, but he'll become an unrestricted free agent if he doesn't.

Though he became a fan favorite last season for his quickness and hustle, Diener hasn't played much this season while backing up Jarrett Jack and T.J. Ford, and they both might be back for the 2009-10 campaign. Diener isn't sure what the future holds, but he is keeping his options open.

"It's something I've got to sit down with my agent about, and at the end of the day, just make the best decision that will fit me the best," he said.

New book in the works about Beckham's American career

NEW YORK — A new book will offer an up-close-and-personal take on David Beckham's American adventure.

Grant Wahl's "The Beckham Experiment," due out in July from Crown Publishing Group, draws upon interviews with Beckham, and teammates and officials at the L.A. Galaxy. The British soccer superstar signed a five-year contract reportedly worth \$250 million in 2007.

Wahl is a senior writer at Sports Illustrated. According to a statement from Crown, his book will look at Beckham's relationship with his Galaxy teammates, his marriage to Victoria Beckham and his friendship with Tom Cruise.

The book's release is timed to Beckham's expected return to Los Angeles. Beckham, who turns 34 in May, has been on extended loan to AC Milan.

Former Detroit Tigers' pitcher Fidrych found dead at 54

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Former pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych came to the Detroit Tigers in 1976 after going 4-1 with a 1.59 ERA the previous season with the Evansville Triplets, their Triple-A affiliate in the American Association. After a series of injuries, he rejoined the Triplets in 1980, ending 6-7 with a 3.93 ERA.

The 1976 American League rookie of the year was found dead at age 54 on Monday in an apparent accident at his farm in Massachusetts.

Former Evansville catcher Steve Patchin calls news of Fidrych's death "just terrible."

Patchin tells the Evansville Courier & Press that Fidrych "worked harder than anybody" he ever saw and was a "total team player."

He says, "There was no pretense about him. What you saw was what you got."

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SMC GOLF

Belles grab first-round edge

Team leads with two to play in nat'l qualifier

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

No. 21 Saint Mary's cashed in on its home-course advantage in the first round of the MIAA's national championship qualifier, finishing first with a 325, 13 strokes ahead of second-place Olivet.

Three rounds total will determine the league's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Div. III Championships, and the Belles earned the right to host the first of three rounds by finishing the fall season in second place. No. 11 Olivet earned top honors in the fall, so it will host the final two rounds later this month.

"There is an advantage in being at home, and we made sure that we capitalized on that opportunity," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We will be mindful of that heading to Olivet's home course, but we beat them there last time, so we are

looking forward to it."

Playing in top form, the five scoring girls from Saint Mary's all finished in the top eight on the day to top Olivet at Blackthorn Golf Club. The Belles and the field were led by sophomore Emily Gore's 4-under-par 77, highlighted by an eagle on the sixth hole. Fellow sophomore Mary Kate Boyce turned in a 7-over 80 to earn a tie for second place.

"Emily Gore had an outstanding game," Hamilton said. "She had been out for a while and hadn't played much lately, so for her to return in such good form, shooting an all-time low after all her hard work, was great."

Sophomore Rosie O'Connor shot an 83 and snagged fourth place. Two strokes behind her was freshman Natalie Matuszak, who tied for sixth with an 85. In the final scoring position for the Belles was

senior captain Meredith Fantom, whose 86 earned her a tie for the eighth.

"We know we left a few strokes on the course still," Hamilton said. "There are a few things we can shore up before the next round, understanding places where you just can't miss a shot, especially at Olivet's course which has a lot of hazards. We need to be mentally tough."

At the end of all three rounds — the final two of which will be played April 24-25 in Marshall, Mich. — the team with the lowest combined score will go on to represent the MIAA with the conference's automatic qualifier at the NCAA Div. III Championships in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on May 13-16.

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Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

SMC TENNIS

Squad tries to recover from 2 losses

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, fresh off back-to-back conference losses that have sent the Belles below the .500-mark, will try to bounce back today at Bethel.

The Belles (5-7, 1-2 MIAA) fell to Albion, 6-3, on Saturday and were blown out by Calvin, 8-1, last Wednesday. This comes after starting the conference slate with an 8-1 thrashing of Alma on March 28.

In their loss to Albion, the Belles got strong performances in singles from junior Camille Gebert and sophomore Jessica Kosinski and Betsy Reed, but consistency has eluded the young squad at times.

"It's hard to say who will do well at each spot," sophomore Jillian Hurley said. "I am hoping everyone can give their best. We have a much stronger team than last year, so it would be great for everyone to step it up and pull out a win."

Gebert was able to pull out

her victory at No. 2 singles with a double bagel over Cassie Simmelink.

"Her win was not that surprising," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "She has been improving steadily throughout the season. She won our only match against Calvin."

Kosinski won her singles flight at No. 3 singles only dropping two games, while Reed followed up at No. 4 singles by winning a tight match in three sets.

"[Reed] was playing the way she knows she can play," Campbell said. "She was able to fight back after losing the second set, and fought to pull out the third set that kept us in the match."

Again doubles was a downfall for the Belles as they lost all three flights of doubles to open the match.

Bethel head coach John Natali said doubles would be key for his team in the match against Saint Mary's.

"It is crucial for teams to win all three doubles points," Natali said. "The team that wins even two of the three doubles matches has a slight advantage heading into sin-

gles play."

The Belles were up in five of their six singles matches against Albion and were not able to pull out all of them, and that lost the match for them, Campbell said.

"We are continuing to work on improving our doubles," Campbell said. "We are also going to work on finishing our singles matches and becoming more confident. It may not always be pretty wins, but sometimes you have to win ugly."

Saint Mary's has less than a month before it heads to the conference tournament, where the Belles finished fourth overall last season.

"Despite our loss to Albion we want to continue to be motivated," Campbell said. "The loss was tough but we know we are close to breaking through and that should help us the rest of the season."

The Belles will travel across town to face Bethel today at 4 p.m. and then will host Kalamazoo Saturday at 1 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles break out of slump with wins

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's posted back-to-back sweeps of Robert Morris and Albion to end the team's two-game losing streak.

"We bounced back well because we didn't play the way we wanted to against Alma and we just wanted to have a couple of good games against a non-conference opponent with Robert Morris," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "It got us right back to the game we've been playing all year, and our hitters were hitting from the top of the lineup to the bottom."

The Belles (22-4, 6-2 MIAA) took the field Wednesday fully aware of the importance of beating non-league opponent Robert Morris for favorable playoff positioning. They dominated the Eagles (20-17, 7-3 CCAC) from start to finish, taking the twinbill by scores of 3-2 and 8-0.

Senior Cathy Kurczak and freshman Lauren Enyati led the charge for Saint Mary's in game one, driving in all three runs and giving the Belles the edge over the Eagles. Freshman hurler Monica Palicki scattered five hits over the course of seven innings to pick up the win.

In a display of confident hitting and fundamental softball, Saint Mary's crushed any chance of a split for the Eagles by winning their 20th game of the season in the nightcap. Wednesday's win marks the fourth straight season that the Belles have won at least 20 games, a feat that can be attributed to the leadership of Sullivan in her fourth year in the position of head coach.

"My seniors, from the day they got here as freshman, have just changed the program and set a new tone for us," Sullivan said. "Ashley Fusaro and Katie Rashid are two wins away from 100 career wins, which no one has ever been remotely close to."

Freshman Angela Gillis continued her exceptional debut season by going the distance

for Saint Mary's in a two-hit shutout. Enyati and Senior Ashley Fusaro each had three hits in a complete team effort.

But the highlight of the week came on Saturday, when the Belles topped MIAA opponent Albion by scores of 6-4 and 8-1 in a doubleheader.

In game one, the Belles came back from a 1-0 deficit in the first inning by scoring three runs in the bottom of the frame to take a lead they wouldn't give up. Junior Ashley Peterson picked up an RBI after scoring Enyati on a double off the left field wall, which was followed by a single from sophomore Hayley Bojorquez to drive in another run.

Kurczak added an insurance run in the fourth after reaching home on a Peterson ground-out. Palicki lowered her ERA to 2.09 and picked up her 10th win of the season by going the distance.

The back end of the doubleheader quickly turned into a blowout, as the Belles pounded out runs early and often to set the tone. After jumping to an early 2-0 lead, Saint Mary's added three more in the fourth, highlighted by Fusaro's 15th career home run, a soaring drive over the center field fence.

Gillis picked up her 12th win of the year by scattering four hits over seven innings and lowering her ERA to 0.80. Gillis was named MIAA Pitcher of the Week for the second consecutive week as the Granger, Ind. native was honored for her outstanding performances against Robert Morris and Albion.

"She moves the ball well and always hits her spots for the most part," Sullivan said. "When I told her she was the pitcher of the week again, her only response was, 'It's all because of the defense.' She's very humble."

The Belles will host Hope (13-17, 6-6 MIAA) today at 3:30 p.m. as they look to extend their hot streak to six games.

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ROWING

Irish look solid in tune-up regatta

By BRENDAN CORSONES
Sports Writer

Despite victories against Brown, Minnesota and Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, over the weekend, Irish coach Martin Stone described his squad as "not up to speed."

No. 18 Notre Dame fared well in the afternoon, capturing two race victories and improving on five of the six race times from the morning session.

Stone praised the second varsity eight, who were able to improve from their third place finish in the morning session to second in the afternoon, shaving five seconds off their time to clock in at 6:36. The Irish lost only to No. 3 Brown, by four seconds, and bested No. 20 Minnesota by 14 seconds.

The second novice eight also impressed, pulling off first-place finishes in the morning over No. 15 Ohio State and in the afternoon over Minnesota. That squad also improved its time from 7:11 in the morning to 7:04 in the afternoon.

The other squads were not as lucky, and although Stone "made some changes" and saw improvement, the first and second varsity fours could manage no better than third-place finishes in the morning and afternoon.

The first varsity four fell to Brown and Ohio State with a time of 7:24, and then in the afternoon session to Brown again and Minnesota. The second varsity four lost to the same crews in

each session. The first varsity eight was beaten by Ohio State and Brown in the morning, and Brown and Minnesota in the afternoon. The Irish clocked in at 6:31 and 6:27, respectively.

Stone said the "very good" competition had much to do with the finish, and he said he still believes the two varsity four boats could be competitive in the future.

Stone was pleased with the performances of the first novice eight, however, who grabbed a victory in the afternoon session over Minnesota after falling to Ohio State in the morning. He described the novice boats as showing "a lot of promise."

Looking forward to the coming Big East championships, Stone was cautiously optimistic about the tournament that his team was able to sweep all six races in last year. The Irish will be looking for their sixth straight Big East Championship, and Stone said it would be "tough to be great" in all six races as they were last year.

He mentioned Louisville and Syracuse as two teams that could dethrone the Irish and keep them from another Big East crown.

In regard to winning all six races, he said that if it did not happen, it would not be from lack of talent.

"Could it happen? Sure," Stone said. "Can I guarantee it? Of course not, but we have a good shot in all the races."

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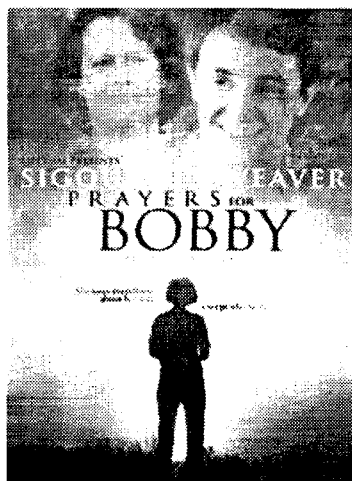
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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad shuts out Ball State after Louisville loss

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Momentum going into the postseason is important in any sport, but it can be essential for a young team like the Irish.

And No. 20 Notre Dame (12-10) took that momentum by finishing off the regular season in dominating fashion with a 7-0 win over in-state rival Ball State Monday. That victory was especially crucial after a 4-3 loss to No. 24 Louisville Saturday, as the weekend was a microcosm of an up-and-down season defined by youth and a daunting schedule.

"Coming into the season we knew we were going to have some highs as well as some lows, but as long as we kept improving we thought that there was a good chance to peak at the right time," senior Brett Helgeson said.

On Saturday, Louisville captured an early lead as their first doubles team of Simon Childs and Viktor Maksimcuk barely upset Helgeson and Tyler Davis 9-8 (7-5). Maksimcuk followed that up with a win in second singles over Stephen Havens, bringing the score to 2-0.

Sophomore David Anderson and freshman Casey Watt tied it

up with straight-set wins at fifth and third singles, respectively.

After Notre Dame dropped fourth singles but won at sixth singles, the match came down to the duel between the two highest-ranked singles players in the Big East: No. 24 Helgeson and No. 41 Austen Childs. Youth overcame experience in that battle, as the sophomore Childs took down Helgeson in the only three-set match of the day.

The Irish brought it all together for the match on Monday, as they swept both doubles and singles against Ball State. Freshman Samuel Keeton, in his first start since March 1 against Wisconsin, put together a good showing with a straight-set win at sixth singles.

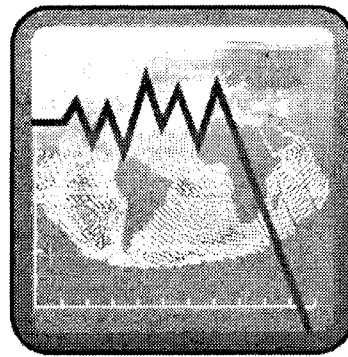
Notre Dame's next stop is in Tampa, Fla., where the Irish will compete in the Big East championships.

"The team has really put in the hours on and off the court and I believe we are prepared to defend our title at the Big East tournament," he said.

Louisville's win on Saturday clinched the top seed, leaving Notre Dame to take the No. 2 spot. The Irish will face No. 7 Georgetown on Friday at 9 a.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Strong showing encourages team

By ALEXANDER WEST
Sports Writer

After a solid performance from the entire team Saturday at the Ole Miss Invitational, the Irish set themselves up for the possibility of a successful run at the Big East championship and possibly beyond.

Coach Joseph Piane couldn't praise his team enough after its strong performance.

"We have some national class kids," Piane said. "Several kids qualified for the NCAA and Big East [championships]."

Headlining Notre Dame's effort were dominating performances in the men's 800-meter run, where the Irish took the first five places and nine of the top 12. Juniors Blake Choplin and Jack Howard led the pack, finishing first and second, respectively.

The men's team boasted several other top finishers. Junior Jake Walker took second in the 1500, and classmate Eric Quick also placed second in the long jump.

Sophomore Greg Davis took home fourth place in the hammer toss, and freshman Joe Miller claimed top honors in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

The women's squad also looked strong, as junior Jackie Espinoza and senior Heidi Rocha won the discus throw and the 5000, respectively.

"Everyone did an all-around great job," Piane said. "It's nice when we go out and perform well, but right now we're starting to focus on the Big East championships."

Other notable finishers for the women included a third-place finish from junior Elise Knutzen in the javelin and sophomore Marissa Treece's second-place finish in the 1500. Sophomore Theresa Cattuna also finished third in the 5000.

The Irish return to action today and Thursday this week at the Mt. SAC Multi Event Relays in Walnut, Calif.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish play well despite poor finish at Kepler

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish ended their weekend tournament on a high-note, shooting their best round of the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate on their way to a 10th-place finish.

"We struggled at [the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate]," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "Yet, we had split our starters between that event and the one that finished up in Chicago today as a preparation strategy for our Big East championship. We felt that each player would benefit from a different preparation arena."

The Irish started the two-day, three-round tournament with a 25-over 309, before stumbling in the second round with a 31-over 315 that put them in 11th place overall after the first day. The Irish fought back on the second day of the tournament, though, recording a 21-over 305 and moving back into 10th place in the 13-team tournament.

"I was disappointed in our finish but pleased with the way our players competed," Kubinski said. "I liked the fact that our guys gave it their best in spite of not getting the scores we had hoped for."

Notre Dame's all-conference junior Doug Fortner led the Irish in the Kepler Intercollegiate, finishing 14 over par, good enough to put him in

a tie for 18th individually, his third top-20 finish this season. His best round was his first, when he shot a one-over 72 in the morning on the first day.

"[Fortner] is a very good college player right now," Kubinski said. "He can be an elite player. His final round was also outstanding except for two mental errors mid-round. He has to learn to stay mentally alert on every shot."

The best score on Sunday in the last round of the tournament for the Irish came from sophomore Jeff Chen, who shot a three-over 74 to lead Notre Dame back into 10th place. Chen finished the weekend at 16-over, which put him in sole possession of 25th overall.

"Jeff finished with a heck of a round," Kubinski said. "I liked the fact that our guys gave it their best in spite of not getting the scores we had hoped for."

The Irish scoring was rounded out by junior co-captain Olavo Batista, who finished in a tie for 55th place, shooting a 25-over 238, and by junior Carl Santos-Ocampo and freshman Tom Usher, both of whom shot plus-26 239, putting them in a tie for 59th overall.

Next stop for the Irish is the Big East championship on April 19 in Dade City, Fla.

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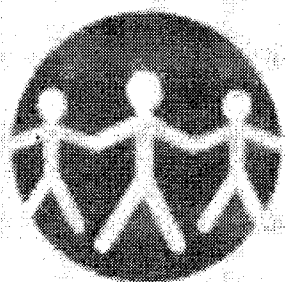
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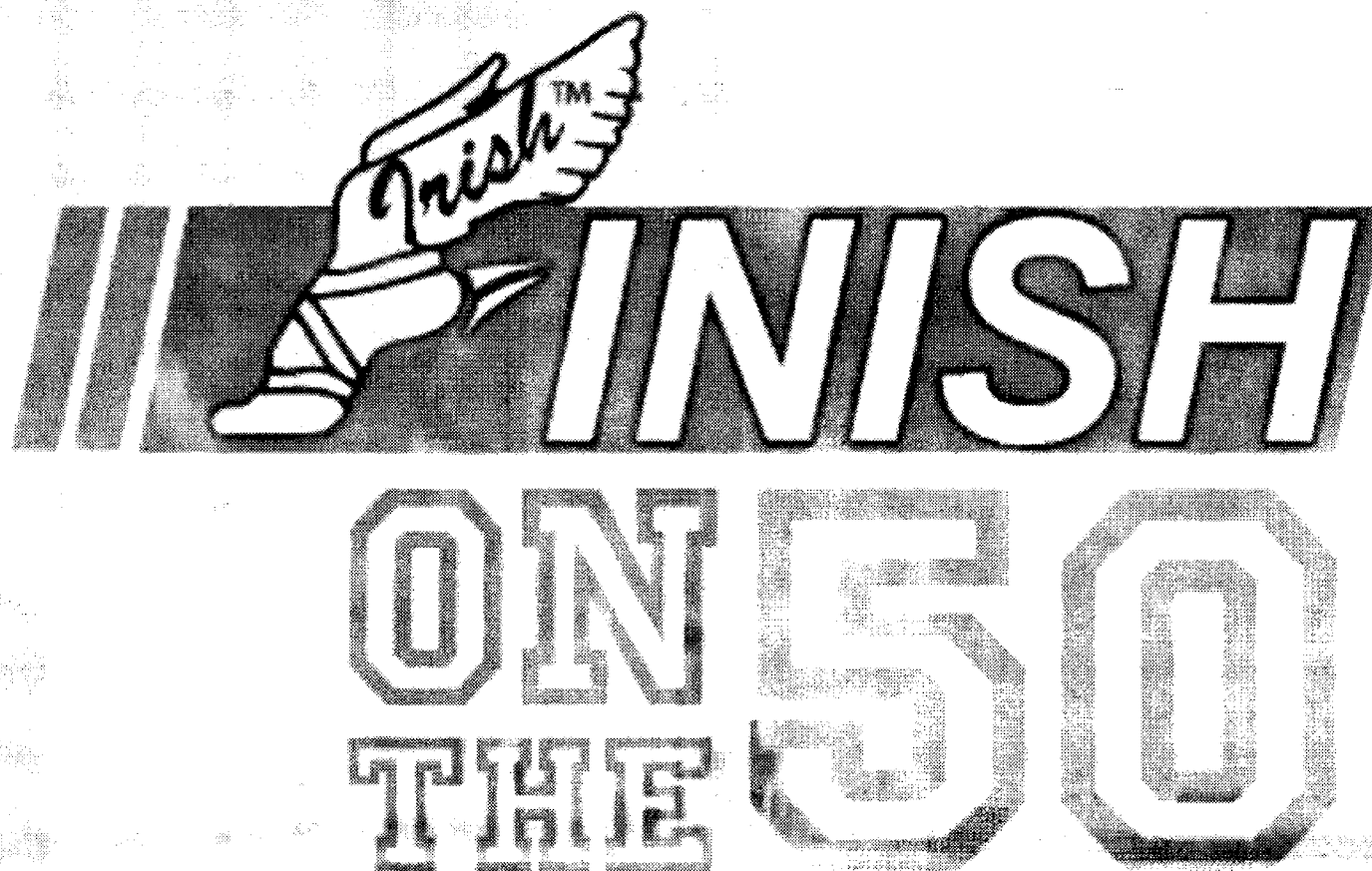
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"We just made plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said of the dramatic finish. "We won a couple faceoffs, and we just had guys make some plays. The most important thing was winning the faceoffs so we had possession of the ball."

Corrigan said Swezey's goal, especially, was the result of individual players taking the game into their hands.

"For Duncan's goal, in all honesty, Pete Christman did a great job," Corrigan said. "He threw a triple team and got the ball to Neal Hicks who made a very difficult catch and throw to Duncan who then made a great move and a great shot to finish it off. So there were three guys that made outstanding plays."

The Pioneers (6-6, 1-2 GWLL) opened the scoring 12:55 into the game, with a goal by Andrew Lay. The Irish responded, though, with four straight goals to claim the lead. Junior midfield Grant Krebs and sophomore midfield Zach Brenneman scored in the opening stanza to give the Irish a 2-1 lead after one quarter, and two goals from Swezey

extended the Notre Dame lead to three.

After Denver's Todd Baxter cut the lead to 4-2, Brenneman found the back of the net again to restore the three-goal cushion.

Another goal from Lay cut the lead back to two, but senior attack Ryan Hoff scored for the Irish just 22 seconds later.

With three minutes left in the first half, Krebs scored again to push the lead to 7-3. The Pioneers, though, refused to go quietly, and two goals from Ben Wahler and Mark Matthews cut the lead to 7-5 at halftime.

Denver continued its comeback attempt in the third quarter, as Matthews' second goal of the game was the only scoring in the period.

The Irish appeared to be in the clear when junior midfield Kelly McKenna scored on a feed from Earl to make the score 8-6, but Denver's back-to-back goals tied the score and set the stage for Swezey's game-winner.

While Corrigan said he was pleased with his team's effort, he wasn't happy with the Irish defense in certain situations, such as man-down or directly off a faceoff.

"We gave up a lot of goals in a lot of different ways," he said. "And that was disappointing

because I think we can do better than that. But our 6-on-6 defense was very solid. We just need to do a better job managing the game."

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers made 15 saves on the afternoon to push his record to 10-0 on the season as well.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish continued to spread the ball around and create chances for multiple players. This time, it was Swezey who ended up with the hat trick, but six other Irish players have also done so this season.

"I think the best thing we've done offensively throughout the year is share the load," Corrigan said. "We've got a lot of people contributing and that does make us hard to scout I think."

Duke's upset win over Virginia Saturday meant that Notre Dame is now the only undefeated team remaining in Division I. Corrigan, though, was quick to dismiss any significance.

"It won't matter if we lose the next three, so we're going to stay focused on trying to beat Quinnipiac on Saturday."

The Irish will face the Bobcats next Saturday in Hamden, Conn.

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Aggies

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Frilling led the Irish doubles with an 8-4 victory, after being tied 3-3. Juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik followed suit, beginning their match with a 4-4 tie, and ending victoriously 8-4. Junior Colleen Rielley and freshmen Shannon Mathews finished the Irish sweep with a nail-biter of a victory, 9-8.

"We have three very strong doubles teams," Tefft said. "We are close to playing to our potential. We should win all of our doubles points."

The Irish never let the Aggies truly get into the match once singles play began. No. 35 Tefft fought back in her match to take the point, 4-6, 6-4, 1-0. No. 37 Frilling then took her match easily, 6-1, 6-1, and the Irish rolled through the Aggies on their way to another victory.

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Ballers

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from the charity stripe for the whole game.

The Ballers began the second half by missing their first four shots, and The Legends drew close.

"We couldn't buy a basket," Ballers senior Doug Susco said. "It had a lot to do with the court too. We couldn't get our grip on the ball."

With the Ballers up 18-17, the court was lined with spectators from baseline to baseline. The pressure seemed to get to both teams, as they both turned the ball over several times before Hughes ended the game on a free throw.

"We let the game get real tight," Ballers captain John Dillon said. "We should have made the free throws but next game we'll hit them."

No. 18 We Didn't Go to Jared's 21, The Smurfs 13

Jared's got off to a slow start but eventually lived up to its lofty ranking to beat The Smurfs by eight.

The Smurfs opened the game strong as freshman Grayson Duren seemed to make every shot he took. Duren scored The Smurfs' final seven points of the first half, as well as the team's first point of the second half.

"We rely on skill a lot more than size or athleticism, so anytime we can make a couple shots we'll keep running and hoping to knock them down," Duren said.

But Jared's closed the first half strong, as Andrew Cavanaugh scored six of his 12 points in the half, and Jared's led 11-10 at halftime. Jared's would then score the first seven points of the second half.

"[Duren] looked like [NBA legend] Pete Maravich so we put our own little Pistol on him on defense," Cavanaugh said. "And we came out like gangbusters in the second half."

Before long, Jared's had scored enough inside buckets to procure the necessary 21 points, and The Smurfs' hot hands went cold.

"They were a lot bigger and a lot more athletic than us," Duren said. "Really, they were a better basketball team, so we were lucky to hang in there as long as we did."

Going Pro In Something Other Than Sports 21, 3D Monkeys 16

Going Pro pulled away at the end to defeat 3D Monkeys in a game that seemed to be tied for the majority of play.

Both teams played competitively, never allowing the other to get on a run or gain any momentum. In the first half, junior center Kevin Brooks dominated the boards and tallied key put-backs to keep his team close.

3D Monkeys broke the 10-10 tie to take the slight lead into halftime, but with the score knotted up at 15-15, Going Pro turned to its defense. The man-to-man pressure forced turnovers that led to lay-ups at the other end.

"I think we performed at a high level, the other team played real strong, but we came back at the end and finished them off real tough," said Going Pro captain Dave Crowley, a senior.

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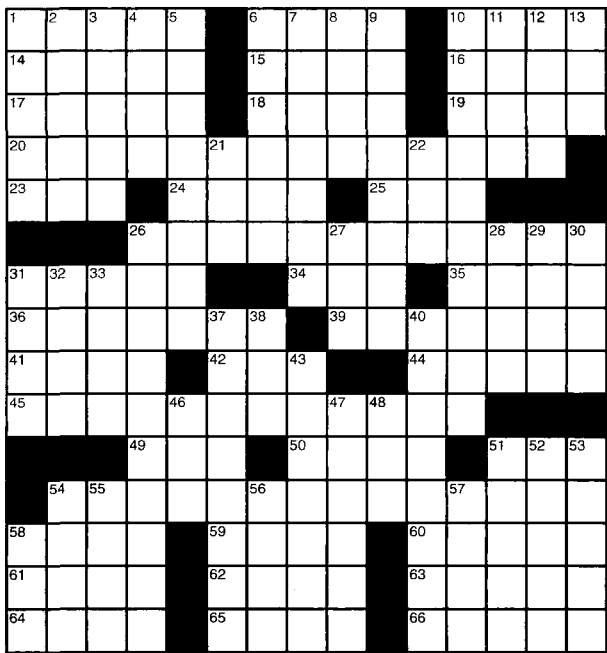
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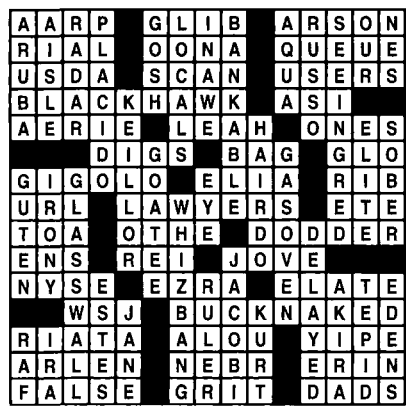
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58 Judging by their names, where the answers to the four starred clues might be found?

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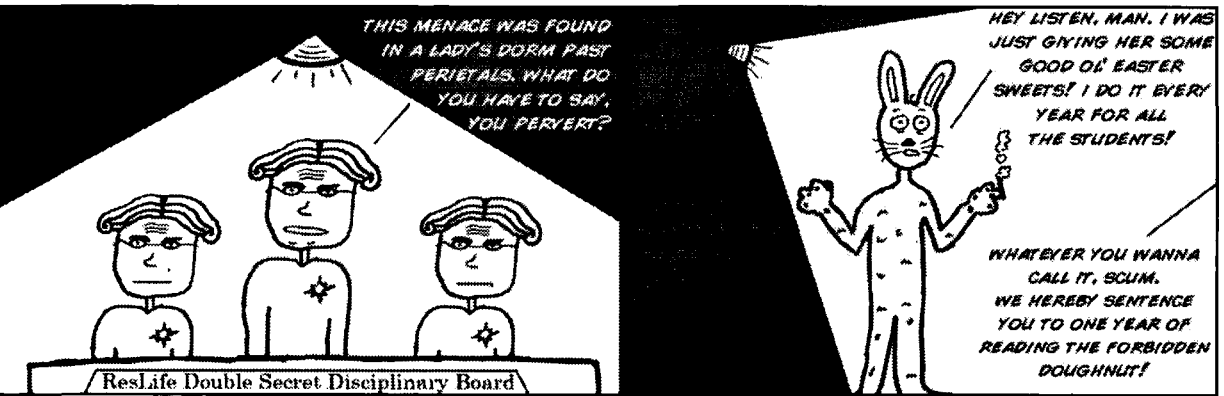


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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Michelle Gellar, 32; Robert Carlyle, 48; Brad Garrett, 49; Julie Christie, 68

Happy Birthday: You can make big changes in your life if you don't limit yourself to a geographical location. Take on projects that are different from what you would have considered in the past. Sudden changes in personal relationships can be expected. Don't waste too much time analyzing a situation from which it is better to walk away. Your numbers are 9, 16, 21, 25, 33, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you become overly zealous and talkative, you may give away an idea you have to someone less creative. Secrets and underhandedness on your part or that of someone else will bring you down. Don't get involved. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a good look at your investments, bank and credit card balances and any joint ventures you are involved in. Assess your position and your alternatives. This is not the time to lend, borrow or take a chance. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let life's little problems cause you grief. If you are irritated by someone you thought you could rely on, you could say something that will cost you down the road. Don't change your plans because someone else does. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have nothing to fear, so jump into a new project or group that offers something a little different from what you are used to. Don't let your feelings confuse you. Don't let anyone play on your emotions. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your big heart, generosity and outspokenness will tempt others to take advantage of you. Don't promise anyone anything unless you can afford it. Trips and negotiations should be put on hold until you have a better chance of getting your way. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You don't have to make a move if you aren't ready. Question anyone who is erratic or using emotional blackmail to coerce you. Now is not the time to spend money on your home or donate or pay for others. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can add a little extra flavor to your life if you try something new. The friends you make and the inspiration you get along the way will lead to positive changes. Team up with someone who values your skills, technique and your friendship. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need to be around people who encourage and inspire you. Personal and professional partnerships will grow if you mingle and network. You can develop or take a new approach. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you haven't built a strong tie to a group you have been dealing with you, may be cut out when you least expect. Honesty and integrity will be a necessity. Underhandedness will catch up with you. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have plenty of good ideas to put into play and, if you give them a distinctive spin, you will attract interest in what you are doing. Don't give in to anyone looking for a handout or donation or negotiating an unfair deal. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be in a generous mood but, before you fall for a sob story, consider where your money is best spent. Take into consideration what you can do to make your life, and that of your family, better. Don't be too eager to make changes or decisions. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sit tight and watch to see what everyone else does. If you jump the gun or make a move that isn't well received, you will have trouble reversing your decision. Problems with personal and professional partnerships will develop. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive unpredictable, energetic and passionate. You are unique and charismatic -- ready for any challenge.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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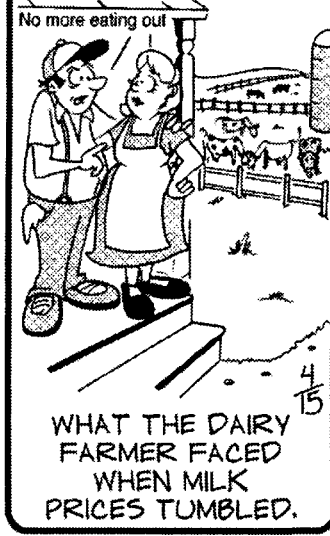
Ans: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: PROVE HAREM WALRUS FLUNKY

Answer: Why she took the job at the coffee shop -- FOR THE "PERKS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Still perfect

Team edges Denver to remain undefeated

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

With five minutes left in regulation, and the score tied 8-8, it looked like Notre Dame's undefeated season might be in jeopardy. Denver had just netted two straight goals, including one man-down score, and the crowd at Invesco Field was ready for their team to spoil Notre Dame's perfect start.

The Irish, though, had other ideas.

Senior attack Duncan Swezey's third goal of the game broke the tie with 2:08 left in regulation, and sophomore midfield David Earl sealed the deal with another goal with 1:02 to give the No. 4 Irish (10-0, 3-0 GWLL) the win in the sixth annual Rocky Mountain Showdown.

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Irish senior attack Duncan Swezey looks to make a pass during Notre Dame's 9-7 win over Villanova on March 31. The No. 4 Irish beat Denver Saturday to remain undefeated.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND routs A&M to end season

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame finished its regular season with a 6-1 rout of Texas A&M on Saturday, but the Irish believe much lies ahead for the Big East's top team.

As has become customary for the team, Notre Dame (21-4) opened the match by winning the doubles point, sweeping all three doubles matches. Throughout the whole season, the Irish have lost the doubles point only four times, twice against No. 1 Northwestern.

The No. 2 doubles tandem in the country of senior Kelcy Tefft and freshmen Kristy

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ND SOFTBALL

Squad crushes Connecticut, sweeps Wisconsin to stay hot

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame won its sixth straight Tuesday, sweeping host Wisconsin in a non-conference doubleheader three days after wiping out conference foe Connecticut on the road.

The Irish (27-13, 9-3 Big East) topped the Badgers 5-0 and 4-2

Tuesday and the Huskies 12-4 Saturday.

Senior Brittney Bargar got the win on the mound against Connecticut, giving up three earned runs and striking out four. Bargar teamed up with sophomore Jody Valdivia for each of Tuesday's wins.

"Both of our pitchers, Valdivia and Bargar, did really well," junior catcher Alexia Clay said. "They

really contributed to our solid defense."

Clay, sophomore Brianna Jorgensborg and senior Beth Northway each homered against the Huskies, and senior Linda Kohan notched three hits.

"Offensively, we've been on fire lately," Clay said. "I was in a hitting slump, so hitting an opposite-field home run against the wind felt really good."

In the first game against Wisconsin, Notre Dame rallied in the seventh inning by scoring four of its five runs. Clay and sophomore Erin Marrone each contributed home runs against Wisconsin.

A successful weekend with three more wins for the Irish should help to prepare them for the challenges that the rest of the season will bring.

"Our team has really come together, and everybody contributed to the win," Clay said. "Everyone is doing their job, and it'll help us get farther in the NCAA Tournament."

The Irish will take on Villanova in Villanova, Pa., for a conference contest Saturday.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Ranked teams avoid upsets

By DOUGLAS FARMER and
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Sports Writers

When sophomore Robert Hughes led the No. 24 Steel City Ballers onto the court against The Legends of Notre Dame, the crowd expected a blowout. While the Ballers did prevail 21-18, they did not blowout The Legends by any means.

The Ballers opened in a 2-1-2 zone, of which the Legends took advantage by hitting two jumpers for a quick 2-0 lead. Soon thereafter, the Ballers' more physical style of play yielded a few layups and rebound put-backs.

At halftime the Ballers led 11-8, with Hughes leading the effort with four points, despite only shooting 3-9 from the field. The Legends would have fared much better if they had done better than their 0-for-3 showing from the free throw line in the first half. The underdogs went 2-for-9

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TOM LA/The Observer

Freshman Grayson Duren, right, of The Smurfs handles the ball during his team's loss Tuesday.

BASEBALL

Irish rained out, set to play at U.S. Cellular

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's scheduled game at Western Michigan Tuesday was canceled because of inclement weather. The Irish (20-12, 6-6 Big East) will resume action tonight against Northwestern at U.S. Cellular Field at 8 p.m.

Notre Dame lost two of three games to Cincinnati over the weekend. The Irish won the second game of a doubleheader, 6-2, Sunday afternoon. Junior Eric Maust pitched 7 1/3 innings and gave up two earned runs on six hits. The Irish broke a 2-2 tie in the eighth inning.

Notre Dame dropped the first game of the doubleheader, 7-3, in part because the Irish defense committed four errors. Sophomore Brian Dupra threw a complete game — six innings

because the game was shortened for the doubleheader and the Bearcats didn't bat in the bottom of the seventh — but gave up seven runs, six of them earned. He struck out six, tying a career high, and walked three.

Sophomore Cole Johnson kept up his stellar pitching, throwing 9 2/3 innings of two-run ball, but the Irish lost Friday 5-4 in 11 innings. Senior reliever Jeremy Barnes walked three batters in the bottom of the 11th and allowed the Bearcats to come back from down 4-2 and win.

The Wildcats (7-23, 1-7 Big Ten) have struggled so far this season. They have two three-game losing streaks in their past eight games and at one point this season lost seven straight.

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