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## Conversation about Obama invitation continues at ND

*First March for Life observed from Dome to Notre Dame Ave.*

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

Students and community members gathered together Friday afternoon to participate in a March for Life at Notre Dame.

The approximately 200 members of the rally ranged in age, with many adults choosing to bring their young children and Notre Dame students choosing to participate as well. Many were wearing anti-abortion paraphernalia.

"This is our first March For Life at Notre Dame in recent memory," senior Chris Labadie said.

Labadie is the chairman of ND Response, a

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Students participate Friday in the first March for Life event held on Notre Dame's campus.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

*Lay Catholic group discusses significance of debate over visit*

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Writer

A discussion sponsored by Notre Dame's Communion and Liberation student group examined the nature and significance of Notre Dame as a Catholic University Sunday afternoon in response to the University's invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement May 17.

Communion and Liberation is an international Catholic lay movement that seeks to make judgments as a group of friends, president of Notre Dame's Communion and

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## Shirt Project unveils gold 20th anniversary edition

By ANN-MARIE WOODS  
News Writer

After much anticipation from the student body and the Notre Dame community, The Shirt 2009 is finally here — and it's gold.

The annual unveiling took place outside the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Friday afternoon in front of a crowd of more than 4,000 people, who watched the big revealing of the 20th anniversary edition of The Shirt Project.

"The Shirt is something unique to Notre Dame and I wanted to do something unique to Notre Dame," said The Shirt Project president Matt Barloh, explaining why he participated in the project.

Created in 1990 as a way to raise money to supplement the

budget for AnTostal, the Student Union Board's spring celebration, The Shirt has grown into a nationally recognized tradition, as Notre Dame students, alumni and fans wear The Shirt each year in unified support for the team.

Barloh will not know the exact number of shirts sold throughout the weekend, but he said he expects the bookstore will sell out of the shirts, except for the youth sizes, as it has in previous years.

Last year, The Shirt Project sold more than 135,000 shirts, earning more than \$600,000 to help fund student organizations and Notre Dame students in need.

"Of the profits generated, half goes to The Shirt charity fund which helps students facing catastrophic illnesses and accidents," Barloh said.

In addition, The Shirt sales help

support the Rector Fund, which enables students, who otherwise couldn't afford it, to participate in dorm and campus events, such as home football games.

The Shirt unveiling ceremony began at 4 p.m. on Friday and featured speakers, free food and drinks and activities for children. Speeches from former Notre Dame football head coach Lou Holtz and Officer Tim McCarthy of the Indiana State Police, as well as performances by the Glee Club and the Marching Band, generated excitement for the 2009 football season. Members of The Shirt Project honored each year of The Shirt to mark the 20th anniversary, with former presidents and advisors of The Shirt committee present, Barloh said.

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TOM LA/The Observer

Notre Dame cheerleaders rile up the crowd at the unveiling of The Shirt Friday by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

## Talk show host discusses media's responsibility

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

Cenk Uygur, host of liberal "The Young Turks" online television talk show, criticized the mainstream media Friday by arguing that networks often maintain "neutrality" by giving viewpoints of unequal substance equal time at the expense of "objectivity."

Uygur spoke to the College Democrats in the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library Friday. He likened the mainstream media's role in

political coverage to an incompetent football referee.

"You're calling a football game and Notre Dame and Michigan are playing, and if the referee thinks the job is to call an equal number of penalties on each side, then what happens if every play Michigan makes a cheap shot?" he asked.

The mainstream media can be relevant, Uygur said, but major outlets should seek to be objective by applying the same high level of criticism to both sides of an issue in order to reveal to

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## Shack City appears on South Quad

*Annual event raises awareness of and money for the homeless*

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Several dozen Notre Dame students spent Friday night sleeping on South Quad for Shack City 2009, an annual event sponsored by Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity.

"Shack City is an annual awareness and fundraising event our club holds on campus," said senior Jaime Amrhein, the co-president of Habitat for Humanity at Notre Dame. "We sleep out in cardboard boxes overnight on South Quad to raise awareness about the way in which



Photo courtesy of Amanda Chavez

Shack City dwellers make a home of cardboard boxes Friday night on South Quad.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

A  
request

A sophomore in my dorm was diagnosed with cancer in December of his senior year of high school. He has been courageously battling the disease every since.

He underwent multiple surgeries and received several rounds of chemotherapy treatments.

But his body was resistant to the chemotherapy.

Last year, doctors discovered that his cancer metastasized to his lungs.

Earlier this year, he had surgery to remove his lung, pleural cavity, diaphragm and a small portion of his heart.

Last week, he was put under hospice care at his home.

Throughout the surgeries and the chemotherapies, he has continued his life at Notre Dame. He spends as much time at Notre Dame as he is medically capable. He is an important presence in our dorm.

I am not close with this man. I am a year older than he is and we have never lived on the same floor. I mostly know him because we are both regulars at Tuesday night Mass.

I also feel a certain degree of kinship with him because he lived his freshman year in the room I had lived the year before.

He was able to return to Notre Dame for a couple of weeks following spring break. It was good to see him at Mass again.

You may read this column and know the young man to whom I am referring. I have left out his name from this column so I don't reveal his identity. His family does, however, maintain a Web site that provides updates of his condition to the public.

According to the Web site, the family has received prayers and words of support from across the country and from Europe.

Even if you don't know him, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this Easter season.

One thing that sets us apart here at Notre Dame is that we like calling ourselves a family. We are held together by a common mother, the Lady on the Dome.

As a family, it is time to close ranks.

The young man's parents are both teachers in Catholic schools. His mom teaches elementary school and his dad teaches high school.

His roommates are taking up a collection to help his family pay for medical expenses.

His family's Web site is currently requesting prayers.

It also provides information for making online donations to cover his medical expenses.

I am not going to publish the Web site address here, but please email me and I can send you more information.

For our print readers, my email address is at the bottom of the page. For our online readers, you may contact me at [jtierne1@nd.edu](mailto:jtierne1@nd.edu).

I am not associated with the young man's family or with anyone else. I am merely a fellow member of the Notre Dame family interested in helping one of our own.

I request that you consider joining this fight.

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR WEEKEND?



Adebola Giwa

senior  
Alumni

*"My last dance performance at ND—a tribute to the Ibbawocheez."*



Casey Robertson

senior  
McGlinn

*"Witnessing women's lacrosse halftime contest domination by my friend Spud."*



Courtney Ensslin

sophomore  
McGlinn

*"Witnessing my friends actually eating the pig at Pigtostal."*



Diana Harintho

senior  
McGlinn

*"Seeing the Hannah Montana movie in theaters."*

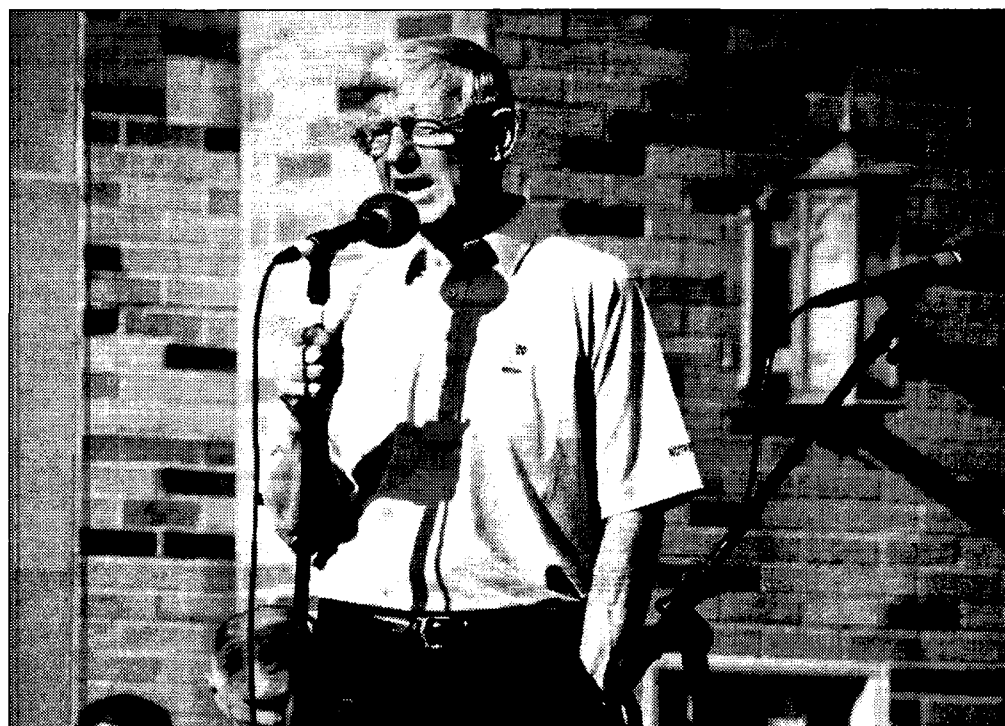


Melissa Harintho

sophomore  
McGlinn

*"I got to eat Bang Bang Tacos."*

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



TOM LA/The Observer

Former Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz speaks to students and fans at The Shirt Unveiling Friday.

## OFFBEAT

## NJ town can't decide what to call itself

WOODLAND PARK, N.J. — Would a New Jersey town by any other name smell as sweet?

West Paterson voters narrowly passed a referendum last November to change the Passaic County town's name to Woodland Park this year. But some supporters of the change claim borough officials are secretly supporting a grass-roots campaign for another referendum that could change the name back to West Paterson.

Among the reasons cited by Woodland Park supporters is that many signs haven't been

updated with the new name of the small community just west of New York City. They claim that's an endorsement by town officials of the Save West Paterson group.

Councilman Keith Kazmark says borough officials decided to gradually implement the name change to save money.

## Teacher takes students to strip club

HAMILTON, Ohio — A school spokesman said a southwest Ohio teacher has resigned after acknowledging she accompanied four female students to a male strip club. Butler Tech school district spokesman Bill Solazzo said

the 47-year-old teacher resigned Thursday.

He said the teacher told Edgewood High School administrators that the students, all cheerleaders, asked her to take them to the bar in February.

The teacher told school officials in an e-mail that she got permission from the parents of the 17- and 18-year-olds to bring them to the club.

The teacher taught marketing at the school and previously served as a coach for the district's eighth-grade cheerleaders.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

An international conference titled "The Quran in Its Historical Context" will take place today from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The conference will address the most recent theories, controversies and discoveries in the field of Quranic studies.

The ND Class of 2009 with the South Bend Medical Foundation will host a blood drive "I Bleed Blue and Gold" today in LaFortune Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. New donors need a photo ID and please bring a medication listing.

A lecture called "Purity, Simplicity and Catholic Politics" will be presented by professor David O'Connor in the Sorin Room of LaFortune at 8 p.m. Curious about your role as a student at our Lady's University in the upcoming months? About the role of a Catholic in America today? Join in discussions led by several of Notre Dame's distinguished faculty.

A lecture titled "Facing the Obama Administration: Economic Policy" will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the first floor lounge of Coleman-Morse. The discussion will feature Michael Pries, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; Nelson Mark, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; Alexander Guisinger, Professor of Political Science.

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

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## CCO offers employment resources

By ALICIA SMITH  
News Writer

From internships to job opportunities, the Career Crossings Office (CCO) at Saint Mary's College is intended to assist students in all stages of their career search. CCO takes assessments of students to help them choose their majors, create resumes and cover letters, and find jobs and internships.

"It's kind of anything on that whole spectrum of your career development while you are in college," said Tricia Dunton, the assistant director of CCO.

The CCO offers a variety of different opportunities for students to gain knowledge about careers and their futures. This year, the CCO held a speed networking night, which allowed students to talk with local professionals about their careers.

"[Speed networking night gave students] a chance to talk with local professionals, learn about what networking is, learn about the options available here in the community for them and really just to practice their networking skills," Dunton said.

Similar to speed dating, speed-networking night allowed student the opportunity to talk with each professional for about four min-

utes. Dunton said the night lasted about an hour and a half, and provided a casual atmosphere for students to learn about networking. By the end of the night, students had spoken to all of the professionals.

"At the end they were able to just go around to talk to anyone that they still had questions for," Dunton said. "Then we took all of the business cards from the professionals, and sent that out to students. Then we put together all the resumes of all the students who were there and sent those out to the professionals, just so they had a reference for each other."

Dunton said the event was successful overall.

"It was very successful. We felt like it was a really good event. The students who came really enjoyed the event and really got a lot out of it and the professionals who came enjoyed it as well," she said.

Another opportunity that the CCO has offered student this year was "CCO on the go." "CCO on the go" gives students the chance to ask

quick questions to the Career Crossings Office without having to make an appointment. It is held each Wednesday in the Student Center Atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Personnel from the CCO are available to answer general questions, as well as offer assistance.

"CCO on the go" is kind of our solution to doing programs every semester," Dunton said. "We're just available. It's a way to make it less formal than coming in

and making an appointment and then we're just available week by week. We answer everything from resumes to grad school, to I've got a job, how do I negotiate my benefits."

The CCO offers a variety of seminars throughout the academic year. The CCO is located in 114 Spes Unica. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is available for every student.

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Tricia Dunton  
CCO assistant director

## 'Finish on the 50' benefits Weis' charity

By NORA KENNEY  
News Writer

As the theme song to the Notre Dame football film "Rudy" played Saturday morning, runners made their way around campus to "Finish on the 50," a 5K race and one-mile walk to benefit Hannah & Friends, the charity founded by Irish coach Charlie Weis.

The race began at 8 a.m. and wrapped around the south edge of campus, cutting through each of the quads before finishing where it began, at the stadium. Racers had the chance to run or walk through the tunnel and proceed to the finish, adjacent to the 50-yard line.

Freshmen Julia Sutton ran the race with her mother, Sherry, and said she was especially excited about finishing to the Rudy soundtrack. She described the excitement of running through the tunnel and onto the field.

"It was really cool to run through the tunnel because so few students get to experience that. I felt relieved the race was over but honored to be finishing inside the stadium," Sutton said.

Freshman Kelly Nolan also ran the race, with her sister, Erin, a former Saint Mary's cross-country runner.

"It was an invigorating race on a beautiful day," Nolan said. "My sister, a graduate, who was in from out of town, and I, were glad to participate in support of such a great cause."

The race was a combined effort of many contributors to Weis' cause, such as Alumni Hall, which co-sponsored the event, RecSports, Notre Dame Food Services and the class of 2012. Alumni Hall residents handed out water halfway through the race and many volunteers were placed along the path to guide participants.

Hannah & Friends was founded by Weis and his wife, Maura. It is a non-profit organization that recognizes their daughter, Hannah, who has been affected by developmental disorders, and helps benefit children and adults like Hannah. The organization is dedicated to "awareness and compassion" for individuals with special needs.

"It was impressive that Charlie took time out of a big day in his spring football schedule for such a charitable event. My mom and I really enjoyed witnessing his dedication to his daughter on such a family-oriented occasion," Sutton said.

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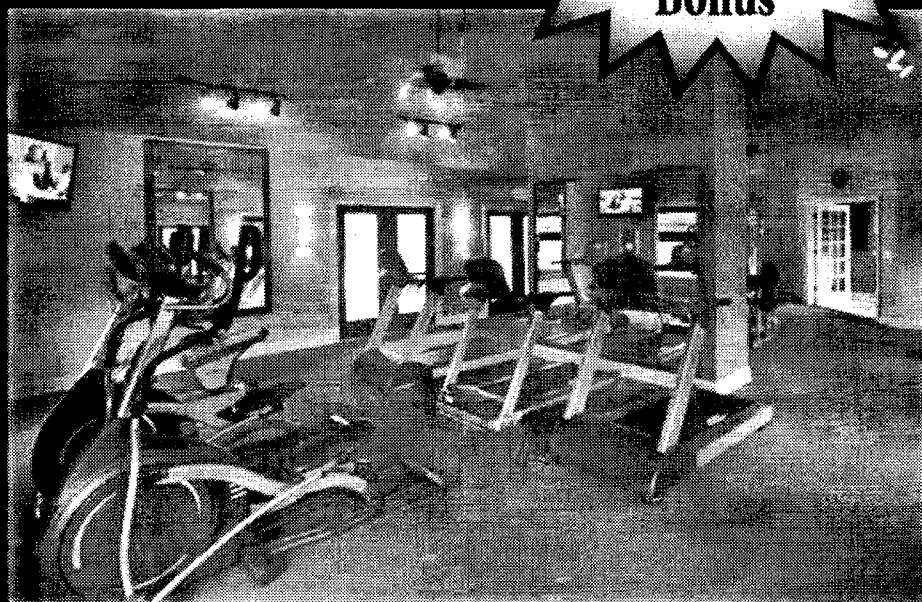
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# WORLD & NATION

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. boycotts UN racism conference

GENEVA — The United Nations opens its first global racism conference in eight years on Monday with the U.S. and at least six other countries boycotting the event out of concern that Islamic countries will demand that it denounce Israel and ban criticism of Islam.

The administration of President Barack Obama, America's first black head of state, announced Saturday that it would boycott "with regret" the weeklong meeting in Geneva, which already is experiencing much of the bickering and political infighting that marred the 2001 conference in Durban, South Africa.

### Aid workers kidnapped in Somalia

MOGADISHU — About 25 masked gunmen armed with machine guns kidnapped two European aid workers in central Somalia on Sunday, aid workers and a witness said.

Michel Peremans, a spokesman for the Belgian chapter of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), confirmed that a Dutch and a Belgian staff member of his relief agency were missing in the Bakool region, where the attack occurred. But for security reasons he declined to say whether they had been taken hostage.

"When we lose contact with teams we can't give much information because it can give problems afterwards," he said. "I hope you can understand that this is too delicate, too problematic at this stage."

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hit-and-run suspect arrested

LOS ANGELES — A man suspected of pulling a badly injured college student off a car windshield after a deadly hit-and-run accident was arrested while trying to cross back into the United States from Mexico, police said Saturday.

Josue Luna, 32, of Los Angeles, was detained by federal agents at the San Ysidro border crossing Friday after his name prompted a computer alert that he was wanted in Los Angeles, LAPD Officer April Harding said.

Luna was jailed on suspicion of being an accessory to the hit-and-run, she said. He was released Saturday on \$50,000 bail.

### Driver charged with manslaughter

HOUSTON — Police filed intoxication manslaughter charges Sunday against a driver who lost control of his car while using a cell phone, plunging the vehicle into a rain-filled ditch and killing five children inside.

Chanton Jenkins, 32, was in police custody facing four counts of intoxication manslaughter, one charge for each of the children found dead so far, said Houston police spokesman Kase Smith. Police said a relative told them Jenkins was the father of three of the victims.

Jenkins failed a field sobriety test following Saturday's crash, which occurred after heavy rain turned the ditch into a torrent. The results of a blood alcohol test were pending, Smith said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Child drowns in family pool

SOUTH BEND — A 3-year-old boy died after firefighters pulled him from an uncovered pool at his family's South Bend home.

St. Joseph County police say Brayden Apple's mother told officers that he and his two young siblings were taking a nap Saturday afternoon when she went to take a shower. She told police that the doors to the house were locked, but that she could not find Brayden when she finished her shower.

Sgt. Bill Redman said the woman searched outside, but that the pool's water was too dirty and muddy for anybody to see the boy. Redman says the pool was not covered and the entrance gate to the fence around it did not have a lock.

## HAITI

# Senate election draws small turnout

*Violence breaks out in some cities after Fanmi Lavalas party disqualified*

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Clear-plastic ballot boxes were nearly empty and Port-au-Prince's streets unusually deserted Sunday as few voters turned out for Senate elections in which candidates from a major populist party were not allowed to run.

The vote had been seen as a key step in the development of Haiti's democracy and in President Rene Preval's bid to retool the constitution and fight poverty. The international community gave the country \$12.5 million to coordinate the elections, including \$3 million from the U.S.

But the vote, delayed since 2007 by political turmoil, hunger riots and storms, drew an extremely low turnout and occasional violence.

Supporters of ousted former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, whose Fanmi Lavalas party was disqualified from the election by Haiti's provisional electoral council, urged an estimated 4 million registered voters not to participate.

On Sunday, poll workers napped during long stretches when no voters came by. Some would-be voters carrying government-issued registration cards said they had been turned away by poll workers who said their names were not on registration lists.

Others said they had trouble reaching the polls because police had ordered public transportation closed in an attempt to preserve order.

"When you see this kind of low turnout, you have to wonder how interested people are in an election," said Edward Joseph, an observer with the Haiti Democracy Project, a Washington-based think tank. He said apathy or fear of election violence could be to blame.



Haiti's President Rene Preval has his thumb marked with ink after voting in Sunday's Senate elections, for which there was low voter turnout and some violent protests.

A total of 79 candidates were vying for 12 Senate seats. No results were expected Sunday. Most races had multiple candidates and were likely to end in run-offs.

Lavalas claimed victory for Sunday's poor showing, crediting a stop-the-vote campaign they nicknamed "Operation Closed Door."

"The people believe in Fanmi Lavalas. That is why they did not come out today," James Derozin, a former Lavalas lawmaker, told a reporters as polls closed around 4 p.m. Other Lavalas loyalists vowed to seek Preval's resignation if Sunday's results are accepted.

Others in the capital

blamed the low turnout on voter apathy after what they said were years of broken promises by elected leaders.

"Since I've lived in Cite Soleil, nobody has come through for us. We don't trust anyone. Who are we going to vote for?" said Fritznor Remedor, a native of the oceanside slum who directs a U.S.-supported orphanage at the site of a former gang stronghold.

There were several violent incidents on Sunday, though calm generally reigned.

Hundreds of protesters raided polling places and dumped ballots in the streets of Mirebalais, halting voting in the central plateau city, police said. They did not know who was responsible

for the unrest. One man was arrested after firing guns to intimidate voters.

In Cite Soleil, supporters of Preval's Lespwa party smashed the windows of a Toyota Land Cruiser carrying Union party supporter and Haitian folk singer Barbara Guillaume, who said she was bringing food and documents to poll workers in Cite Soleil.

Lespwa supporters said she was carrying money and food to bribe voters into supporting her candidate instead. Police fired shots to disperse the crowd, beat the attackers with rifle butts and took them to Cite Soleil's new, U.S.-financed police station, where other Lespwa supporters threw rocks at the building.

# Hurricane Katrina damages trial to begin

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than three years after Katrina stirred up the waters and washed out levees along a 75-mile, man-made shipping channel dubbed "hurricane highway," a judge could soon decide whether the Army Corps of Engineers owes residents and businesses damages because of the massive flooding.

Arguments are set to begin Monday in the trial, which will be heard and decided by a judge, not a jury. And much is at stake: If the five residents and one business in this initial lawsuit are victorious, more than 120,000 other individuals, businesses and government entities

could have a better shot at claiming billions of dollars in damages.

The residents argue the corps' poor maintenance of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, a shipping channel dug in the 1960s as a short-cut between the Gulf of Mexico and New Orleans, led to the wipeout of St. Bernard Parish and the city's Lower Ninth Ward when Katrina struck in August 2005. They are asking for damages between \$300,000 and \$400,000 for each individual.

The corps has argued that it is immune from liability because the channel is part of New Orleans' flood control system, but the judge has allowed the case to move forward because residents claim the shipping channel was a navigation project.

One of the residents suing, 75-year-old Lucille Franz, lost her home in the Lower 9th Ward. "I've been through a lot," she said.

Her sister drowned at St. Rita's nursing home in St. Bernard near the MRGO, also known as "Mister Go."

"They are responsible," she said of the corps. "We wouldn't have had that kind of water if it hadn't been for the MRGO."

The four-week trial will explore in detail the natural history, engineering and politics of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet.

The outlet was authorized in 1958 by Congress. The route went through largely pristine wilderness of marsh and swamp forest south-east of New Orleans.

## March

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coalition of student groups who have united together against the University's invitation to have President Barack Obama speak May 17 at the Commencement ceremony.

"We are a group of 12 student organizations with a common love for Notre Dame and a common cause in defending unborn life," Labadie said. "We joined together to create a unified response and put out one voice."

People participating in the rally met on the steps of the Main Building to pray and listen to speakers before embarking on the march down Notre Dame Ave.

After an initial invocation, Notre Dame law professor emeritus Charles Rice offered opening remarks. Rice is a columnist for The Observer.

He spoke briefly about President Obama's stance on embryonic stem cell research and cloning, before turning his attention to the "conscious clause," which allows pharmacists and other medical professionals the option of refusing to participate in practices that are against their beliefs. Obama is against this clause.

"(We are) honoring a guy who has started the process of removing a person's conscious right to refuse murdering (the unborn)," Rice said.

Rice also said the way ND Response is protesting the presidential visit to the school is proper.

"This is something that's the way it should be," Rice said. "It's not politically disruptive and it isn't a personal thing, instead people are doing it in the best interest of Notre Dame."

Before the group dispersed to begin the march, Rice advised the group to pray for the unborn.

"The most important ingredient we have is prayer," Rice said. "Pray to Mary that she'll take her University back."

Bishop John D'Arcy, who oversees the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, voiced his support for the mission of ND Response in a recent statement.

"I am supportive of all efforts by ND Response or any other prayerful and dignified demonstrations by Notre Dame students," he said.

The group has received national attention and support from people around the country.

Aside from receiving thousands of letters and e-mails in support of their mission, ND Response has also received media attention from outlets such as Fox News and various Catholic news services.

"We have had an amazing e-mail response," Labadie said, "I have received over 2000 e-mails since we released our first statement on March 25."

ND Response chose this weekend to have the march because of the annual Blue-Gold football game, which brought a high volume of people to campus.

Labadie said because of the game, they decided to put up the Cemetery of the Innocents on South Quad, a collection of crosses and flags.

The white crosses signify the 600 fetuses aborted during the time it takes for a Notre Dame football game to be played, and the pink and blue flags stand for the 3,600 abortions performed in America daily.

New York resident Colleen Barry attended the Friday March to show her support for the coalition's mission.

"I have been writing bishops around the country and asking my friends to sign the online petition," Barry said. "I was traveling to Chicago and heard this was happening so I decided to come."

The rally Friday was the second held by ND Response since the group formed. Labadie said the group has other events in the works.

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## Shirt

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"We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day," Barloh said. "The sun made the gold look great."

Barloh, who became involved in The Shirt Project during his freshman year, said the planning of The Shirt began in November of 2008, led by a committee of about five students who designed and marketed The Shirt Project.

"We wanted to create a shirt students would want to wear," Barloh explained.

As The Shirt Project Web site explains, the idea behind this year's design is that no matter what the obstacle, Notre Dame students, alumni and fans must fight and defend their school.

"The design of The Shirt 2009 captures the fanatical devotion of the Notre Dame football faithful and illustrates the need to fight in defense of Notre Dame," The Shirt Project site said.

The "Rise and Strike," emblazoned on the front of The Shirt is inspired by the song, "Hike, Notre Dame," and calls for the Notre Dame community, in support of our team to "fight with force and ferocity," the site said.

"People had questions about

what "Rise and Strike" means, but when we tell them, they tend to like it even more," Barloh said.

The image on the back of The Shirt was taken from the Snow Bowl of 1992 against Penn State "as a tribute to the countless football players who have defended the honor of Notre Dame in years past," the site said.

Sophomore Maureen Champa approved of the new The Shirt.

"I like the gold," sophomore Maureen Champa said. "They've never done the gold before, so I think it's good. I'm excited to wear The Shirt. It's a good purchase."

Other students were not sure of the color choice for this year's shirt, with complaints ranging from the student section looking terrible in such a light color to the fact that you can't fashionably wear khakis with a gold shirt.

Barloh addressed complaints about how the shirt will look in the stadium on game days.

"The best example of how it will look en masse is the band, who all wore the shirt for the Blue-Gold game," Barloh said. "I am absolutely confident that [the gold] will pop when the stadium is filled to the brim."

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BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	+2.51	+0.26	10.60
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## IN BRIEF

### Government to address credit cards

WASHINGTON — The White House says that it will back congressional efforts to clamp down on credit card abuses in an effort to address the recession's effect on Main Street.

The House and Senate are considering a credit card bill of rights to limit the ability of credit card companies to raise interest rates on existing balances and to require greater disclosure. White House economic adviser Larry Summers said people need to save more, but that the government also needs to curb credit card pitches that addict people to plastic.

President Barack Obama is "going to be very focused, in a very near term, on a whole set of issues having to do with credit card abuses, having to do with the way people have been deceived into paying extraordinarily high rates that they wouldn't have paid if they knew what they were getting themselves into," Summers said.

Summers said the administration wants to see a better-regulated financial system, encourage savings and eventually get back to a situation where government spending is not a drain on the economy.

### Customers lock in power prices

DALLAS — At TXU Energy, the biggest electric company in Texas, the fastest-growing billing plan is one that lets customers lock in the price of power for one or two years.

"It's easier to plan that way, and I think you're saving money," says Brian Bell, an advertising salesman who signed a 2-year, fixed-price contract for electricity at the 1,500-square-foot Dallas town house he bought last year.

Other homeowners across the country are locking in prices now on electricity for summer cooling and heating oil for next winter. Heating oil prices are nearly 60 percent lower than they were at this time last year, according to Energy Department figures.

Natural gas prices have fallen as well, which not only affects the price homeowners pay for gas but the price of electricity produced by power plants that run on gas.

## Exxon Mobil tops Fortune 500 list

*Oil company earns top revenue in worst year ever for publicly traded companies*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil Corp. unseated Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in the 2009 Fortune 500 list, shrugging off the oil price bubble and weathering what the magazine called the worst year ever for the country's largest publicly traded companies.

Fortune's closely watched list, released Sunday, ranked companies by their revenue in 2008. Irving, Texas-based Exxon took in \$442.85 billion in revenue last year, up almost 19 percent from 2007. The company also raked in the biggest annual profit, earning \$45.2 billion.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart had held the top spot for six of the last seven years but fell to No. 2 this year. Still, the retail giant's 2008 revenue climbed 7 percent to \$405.6 billion, as the battered economy sent more consumers searching for bargains. The world's largest retailer took in \$13.4 billion in annual profit, an increase of about 5 percent.

Although it may have been a good year for Exxon and Wal-Mart, 2008 was far from rosy for most of remaining companies on the list. Overall earnings plunged 85 percent to \$98.9 billion from \$645 billion in 2007, the biggest one-year decline in the 55-year history of the Fortune 500 list.

"America is getting used to the sound of bubbles bursting," Fortune said.

Energy companies continued to dominate many of the top positions, as last summer's skyrocketing oil and gas prices more than compensated for their plunge later that fall. Chevron Corp. held on to third place with \$263.16 billion in revenue, up 25 percent.



The Exxon Mobil Corp. logo is displayed on a gas pump. The company topped Fortune 500's lists of companies with the largest revenues and biggest profits in 2008.

ConocoPhillips climbed one place to fourth, with \$230.76 billion in revenue.

General Electric Co., the diverse conglomerate whose troubled financial arm has been weighing on recent results, rose one notch to fifth. Battered automaker General Motors Corp. fell two spots to sixth, as revenue fell 18 percent and losses totaled \$30.86 billion amid the imploding car market. Crosstown rival Ford Motor Co. followed, with \$146.28 billion in revenue.

Telecom giant AT&T

Inc. moved up two notches to take eighth place, with Hewlett-Packard Co. and Valero Energy Corp. rounding out the top 10.

Among the hardest hit in 2008 were financial services companies, Fortune said. Banks, securities firms and insurers took cumulative losses of \$213.4 billion, accounting for almost 70 percent of the total dollar decline from the peak year of 2006, the magazine said. Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp., which were No. 8 and No. 9 respectively last year, each slipped a couple notches from the

Top 10.

Thirty-eight companies fell off this year's list, including financial firms Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Washington Mutual Inc. and Wachovia Corp., all of which have either gone under or been acquired by rival banks.

Engineering and construction company URS Corp. moved the most up the list, leaping 185 spots to No. 264. But the title of "biggest loser" went to AIG Corp. The insurer, which has received more than \$180 billion in government bailout aid since last fall, fell 232 spots to 245 in this year's ranking.

## Banks will need more bailout money

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some big banks will need more bailout bucks, Obama administration officials said Sunday, although it is unlikely the government might need to take over any reeling institution.

"We're confident that, yes, some are going to have very serious problems, but we feel that the tools are available to address these problems," senior presidential adviser David Axelrod said.

Regulators now are putting the nation's 19 largest banks through tests to determine their ability to withstand worsening economic conditions. The government hopes to make the results public in early May.

President Barack Obama, speaking at a news conference at the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad, declined to spec-

ulate in any detail on what the tests might show.

"I think what you'll see is that, not surprisingly, different banks are in different situations. They are going to need different levels of assistance from taxpayers," Obama said. "We'll have more information as these stress test numbers are provided. I haven't seen all of them yet."

White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel cited first-quarter reports from major banks showing they are making money as an encouraging sign. "But that doesn't take away that some are going to need resources. We believe we have those resources available in the government as the final backstop to make sure that the 19 are financially viable and effective," he said.

That does not mean going back to Congress for more money now, he

added. Emanuel did not say that he had seen the tests, but said, "I do believe we have the resources to handle what the results will be."

The tests subject banks' balance sheets to scenarios that include rising job losses and declining home prices. The results will help officials divide banks into three categories: banks that need more capital, either from the government or private investors; those that are healthy; and those that are too weak to survive.

Asked on ABC's "This Week," whether the Obama administration will avoid any kind of temporary nationalization of banks, Emanuel responded: "I think we will be able to avoid that. ... I believe we will not have to deal with nationalization, and that's not the goal, nor do we think that's the right policy objectives here."

## Media

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the audience which viewpoint carries more weight.

"I think you still need the referees, you still need the mainstream media, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't have people pushing from both sides," he said. "You need to have people say, 'I've listened to that and I've listened to this. Now here's the reality.'"

Uygur also discussed the power of the media to influence public thought and

political outcomes, drawing on the examples of Rush Limbaugh and Fox News. He argued that Fox News tilted the 2000 presidential election to the Republicans by calling Florida early.

"The 2000 election, you guys might remember it's pretty close. It's a statistical dead heat," he said. "So, it's too close to call and Fox News has hired their top guy to make calls in the election. That guy who makes that decision is the cousin of George W. Bush. They call it for Bush and media and the reporters are lemmings, so they panic."

"They changed the course of history when they said 'We don't care what the facts say, we're declaring George Bush the winner,'" he added.

Voices on the fringe of public opinion cannot be discounted, because of the power of media to reach across geographical markets and consolidate extreme views to form an influential movement, according to Uygur.

"Rush Limbaugh drives the agenda more than any Democrat or Republican congressman," he said.

Uygur also made the case that the new media environ-

ment — the explosion of instantaneous and diversified communication networks of blogs and satellite radio stations — has created more opportunities for aspiring journalists and political commentators.

"So, the media makes an enormous difference and in this day and age you don't have to wait around and hope somebody picks you out of a crowd," he said. "You can go and actually be the media — you can start your own blog and start your own idea on YouTube. You're only remaining job is to win the crowd."

Uygur also shared his own

experience as a rising voice in the political arena. He took an unconventional path that culminated with him founding the first ever live, daily web television talk show.

"In the old days, if you wanted to go down this path you had to become a local TV reporter," Uygur said. "That's the clear path. I hated that path, but it works. David Gregory came up that path. Almost all the people who are anchors or host came up that way."

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## Lay

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Liberation group Juliet Joly said.

Joly, a junior, said Communion and Liberation has not officially aligned itself with any group in response to the University's invitation to President Obama. Rather, the group released a pamphlet titled "A New Commencement," which they distributed and printed in The Observer last week.

Notre Dame Law Professor Paolo Carozza and national Communion and Liberation leader Chris Bacich led Sunday's discussion, which was based on the pamphlet. More than 30 students, faculty and other community members attended and voiced questions and opinions about the true nature of a Catholic university.

"People weren't invited here

... because there's a presumption that we have a common way of thinking about things," Carozza said. "It's an effort to help us understand the truth of things better."

The pamphlet acknowledges the controversy, but neither condemns nor approves of the University's decision to invite President Obama.

"What then is at stake in this Commencement Day?" the pamphlet asks. "Much more than merely defending values — even the most sacred — or affirming

a Catholic institution's 'openness' to the world. At stake is our hope for the future of the University and the future of society."

Bacich said the pamphlet is meant to promote discussion.

"For us, hope begins from the recognition that with Christ we discover a new way to live life, to study, to do research, to be involved in politics and economics, to work in the world," the flier states.

Carozza asked the discussion participants to examine the meaning of Notre Dame as a Catholic University.

Some students argued that

*"We can take the institution as a whole and judge it as an institution and keep tallies of whether they invite a president who's promoting the destruction of embryos ... and many of the other things that rightly exert us and excite us,"*

Paolo Carozza  
Law Professor

Notre Dame is not true to its Catholic identity, yet Carozza and Bacich both said that Catholic identity is based on a presence found within each individual.

"We have to answer these questions for ourselves and among ourselves on the basis of personal experience," Carozza said.

Carozza is currently spending the year as a visiting professor at Harvard, but he said he has chosen to stay at Notre Dame because he sees it as a truly Catholic university.

"We can take the institution as a whole and judge it as an institution and keep tallies of whether they invite a president who's promoting the destruction of embryos ... and many of the other things that rightly exert us and excite us," he said. "But at the end of the day, it is a human presence that matters."

Bacich said the same contradictions of faith that exist in a

Catholic university like Notre Dame are also present in each individual. Both individual human beings and the University as a whole must focus on personal encounters with Christ.

"In this sense, the mind can't be formed in a Catholic way without this opening of the heart," he said. "The essential is the opening of the heart and the encounter."

Carozza said that while several constantly changing factors could define Notre Dame as a University, personal encounters with Christ continue to define it as Catholic.

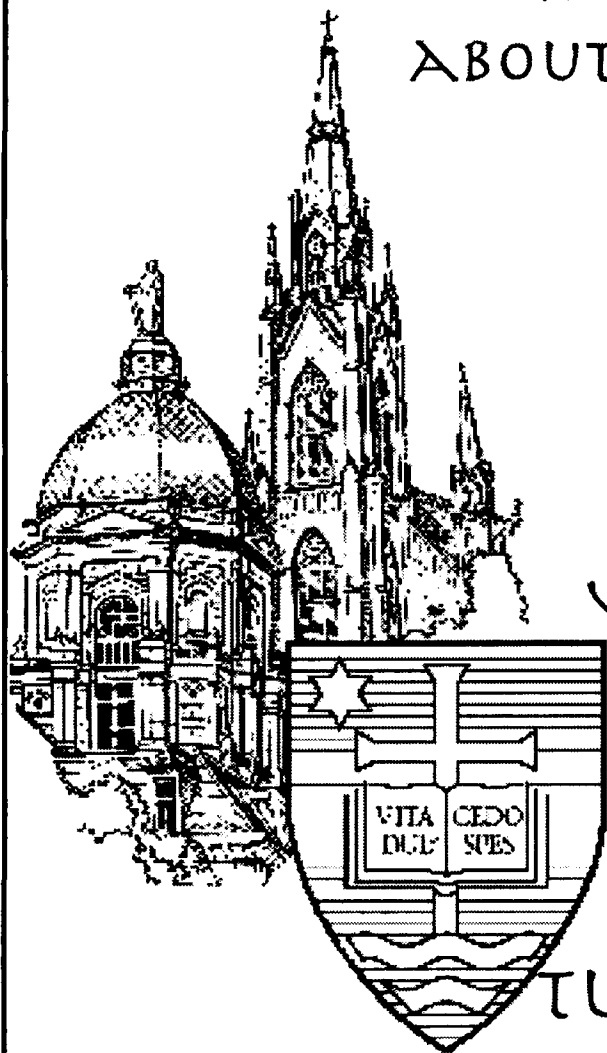
"If we really expect everything from Christ, then that's the thing that doesn't change," he said. "To say that the encounter with Him generates a University, that is infinitely beyond anything that we can build for ourselves."

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# Dutch professor places Quran within historical context

*The organization of the Muslim text, which proceeds in order of length, is important to reflecting divine message, speaker says*

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

According to Nasr Abu-Zayd, a professor from the University of Humanistics in Utrecht, Holland, the meanings and ideologies present in the Quran have changed much over time, but the book still presents a coherent worldview.

Abu-Zayd spoke at McKenna Hall Sunday about the origins of the Quran as part of the "The Qur'an in its Historical Context" conference, which aims to bring the Bible and the Quran back into conversation and explore new readings of the document. The conference will run until Tuesday and will take place at McKenna Hall.

An important aspect of the

Quran is the text's order, according to Abu-Zayd. The book is organized in order of length, not chronologically. The longer chapters come first and the shorter chapters can be found near the back.

Abu-Zayd said he thinks the book is organized this way to reflect a divine message.

"If the Quran was in chronological order, it would simply be the story of the life of Muhammad," he said. "It would not reflect a divine message."

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**Nasr Abu-Zayd  
professor  
University of Humanistics**

This organizational system distinguishes the Quran from the Bible, which is to be read chronologically.

Another facet of the Quran is meaning, which Abu-Zayd said overshadows other important questions that scholars should consider.

Scholars of Islam spend much time trying to determine how the meaning of life is connected to the meaning of the Quran, which is difficult because the text is rife with contradiction, specifi-

cally in the way divinity is portrayed within the text.

"We find contradictions in many aspects of the Quran," Abu-Zayd said. "We find contradictions in the way the divine is presented."

Abu-Zayd said this issue brings forth an essential question: does the Qur'an present a coherent message or should its readers simply do the best they can in connecting all of the different messages to one another?

The Quran's meaning has also changed over time as the political climate in Islamic countries changed.

"Between the 1960s and the 1970s, the meaning the Quran changed 180 degrees," Abu-Zayd said.

In the 1960s, Egyptians considered the Quran a book of socialism and justice, Abu-Zayd explained. As the

political situation in Egypt changed, the book morphed into one that emphasized peace and of protecting private property.

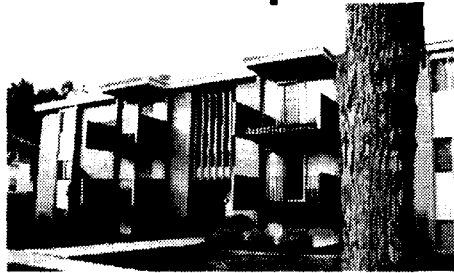
Based on all these factors, Abu-Zayd concluded that there is indeed a worldview present in the Quran, but one that still needs to be carefully analyzed. Since the historical context changes as time passes, the book needs to be reread as a whole, and not analyzed in terms of individual passages.

"There is a world view in the Quran, but we have to read the Quran not in this fragmented way that has been done so far," Abu-Zayd said. "This is a reading we are still waiting for scholars to do."

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## Shack

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many people in our country, even in this area, live each night."

Junior Mike Rohman, one of two co-chairs for the event, was also very enthusiastic about Shack City.

"With the display of the boxes and guest speakers, we hope to remind people of actual substandard housing in this country and abroad," Rohman said.

The event is very helpful as a fundraiser for the group's activities, like building a house in the area, Rohman said.

"Notre Dame is the only University in the country to finance and build its own house," Rohman said. "Needless to say, these types of fundraisers are very important for us as we raise the \$60,000 needed to construct our house."

The event organizers said they were pleased by the turnout.

"The turnout was fantastic," Rohman said. "We had 50 or 60 people spend the night, which is twice the number from last year."

Rohman credits the good weather with helping the large turnout.

"For years, it had been cold and raining for every Shack City," he said.

Jim Williams, the executive director of the St. Joseph County Habitat for Humanity, and Notre Dame senior Michael McDonald, who is involved with local poverty issues, spoke to the Shack City dwellers.

"This event is a beautiful start," McDonald said. "Hopefully it will inspire people to go to South Bend and become friends with individuals who are homeless."

McDonald said there is a big difference between the word

"homeless" and the phrase "individuals who are homeless."

"'Homeless' has a stigma, a tendency to dehumanize," McDonald said. "Whereas 'individuals who are homeless' give individuality."

Freshman Ashley Havens and Christina Chavarin built a large shelter for the night.

"We started hearing people talking about it and we got excited because we weren't just sleeping in boxes," Chavarin said. "You get to know people."

During the event, Finance professor Carl Ackermann held games at a ping pong table, Rohman said.

"He made a very generous donation at the end of his hour-long run," Rohman said. "For every point scored on him, he donated a dollar to Habitat [for Humanity]."

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## McWilliams named MEP director

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's College of Engineering has appointed Leo H. McWilliams director of the Minority Engineering Program

(MEP).

McWilliams served most recently as co-course coordinator and an instructor for a first-year engineering course sequence. In addition to his work as an instructor for these courses, he also will now also be responsible for achieving the vision of MEP, which encompasses involving students in all aspects of academic life at Notre Dame, advocating for the needs of under-represented students and creating opportunities to bring together engineering faculty, alumni and students to work together to achieve success in their academic and professional endeavors.

Prior to joining the University in 2002, McWilliams served as a principal engineer at Honeywell International in South Bend, where his duties included the investigation of advanced control concepts for gas turbine engines, the modeling and analysis of hydromechanical and electronic controls for gas turbine engines, and the design, analysis and integration of landing systems for aircraft.

McWilliams holds four degrees from Notre Dame: bachelor's degrees in economics and electrical engineering, which he earned in 1981 and 1982, respectively; and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering, earned in 1985 and 1993.

The MEP was established in 1987 to encourage minority students in their pursuit of undergraduate degrees in engineering. Although the primary activities in the program are aimed at recruitment, retention and engagement of students, leadership skills also are cultivated throughout the MEP via lectures, workshops, student competitions, scholarships, internships and career placement activities.

Upon graduation, students become part of the MEP Alumni Network, a group of engineering graduates who make themselves available to answer the questions and concerns of current engineering students. The network also serves as a resource for University students whose internships require them to live away from family and friends.



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# Atlanta suburbs have amenities for drug traffickers

Associated Press

LILBURN, Ga. — Azaleas bloom brightly in front of two-story homes on quiet streets where speed humps enforce the 20 mph speed limit. Neighbors wave and smile at passers-by, drawn to the booming Atlanta area by its accessible transportation, increasingly diverse population and urban amenities.

But others are drawn to the quiet suburbs in the hopes that law enforcement or their business competitors will miss what happens inside — the movement of tons of illegal drugs, millions of dollars in cash and sometimes lethal discipline of wayward employees.

"This county's awash in drugs," said Gwinnett County Assistant District Attorney Keith Miles.

The placid nature of Gwinnett County and other nearby counties has drawn workers for Mexican drug cartels to suburbs like Lilburn, northeast of Atlanta. Interstate 85 provides convenient transport, and the area's exploding Latino population makes it easy for Mexican traffickers to blend in.

Over the last five to seven years, the Atlanta area has become the main distribution hub to move drugs and cash throughout the East, Drug Enforcement Administration officials say. The cartels are drawn to Atlanta by the same conveniences that have attracted corporations here over the last decade or so — access to major transportation systems and proximity to large population centers.

But Georgia-based corporations don't bring with them the kind of disciplinary practices the cartel-affiliated workers have imported from Mexico. Dominican citizen Oscar Reynoso, 31, was lured to Lilburn from Rhode Island last July to settle a \$300,000 debt to the Mexican Gulf Cartel. Dehydrated, gagged and badly beaten, Reynoso was found chained to a wall in a basement. The onslaught of law enforcement on the scene shocked neighbors, said resident Maria Ramos.

That same month, police in another Gwinnett County suburb shot and killed a suspected kidnapper as he tried to pick up a \$2 million ransom owed to his cartel bosses.

Authorities have also won a string of high-profile drug busts in recent years, including Project Reckoning, which targeted the Gulf cartel, and Operation Xcellerator, which hit the Sinaloa cartel. In fiscal year 2008, federal authorities seized about \$70 million in drug-related cash in Atlanta, more than any other region in the country, according to DEA records. Already this fiscal year in Atlanta they've seized about \$34 million.

Project Reckoning alone seized \$60 million and more than 40 tons of illegal drugs over nearly two years. That operation also resulted in the arrest of 175 people over two days, including 43 in the Atlanta area.

"We've seen this coming for a while, with bigger seizures of drugs and cash," Miles said.

Whereas five years ago a 1-kilo cocaine seizure was a big deal, said District Attorney Danny Porter, it is common now for law enforcement officers to seize 10, 20 or even 50 kilos in a single bust.

And while the overall number of drug cases has actually dropped, Porter said, the num-

ber of cases involving organized distribution groups has increased.

Chualo Truesdell, a DEA spokesman in Atlanta, said known Mexican drug cartel members have been arrested in the Atlanta area.

While the command and control structures tend to be complicated and compartmentalized, the cartels' basic operations are simple, said Rodney Benson, the DEA special agent in charge of Atlanta.

Drugs destined for Atlanta are brought across the U.S.-Mexico border into Texas in relatively small quantities — 20 to 25 kilos — frequently hidden in secret compartments in personal or commercial vehicles. They are accumulated near the border, and then larger shipments are sent along Interstates 10, 20 and 40 to Atlanta, often in commercial trucks carrying legitimate cargo.

Once the drugs reach the Atlanta area, they are taken to stash houses and broken down into smaller shipments that are

sent via Interstates 75, 77 and 85 to cities like Miami, New York and Detroit. Cash collected is heat sealed in plastic to prevent tampering and sent on the reverse journey back to Mexico.

In suburban Atlanta, Mexican drug trafficking organizations generally rent nondescript houses in middle-class neighborhoods in suburbs like Lilburn. They often have one house for storing and processing drugs, one house for storing and processing money and a third for conducting transactions, so when an arrest happens at one house, they don't lose everything, Porter said.

Unlike the Colombian traffickers in south Florida in the 1980s, the Mexican cartels tend to keep a low profile, said Jack Killorin, director of a government program to fund drug-fighting efforts in the region.

"They tend not to be too bling and high-living," he said. "They're very quiet, they try to stay hidden in the communities. They want to be low key. They prefer not to be observed. They're serious businessmen —

they bring their drugs here and money back, and that's what they focus on."

Drug-fueled violence has increased in Mexico in response to President Felipe Calderon's crackdown after he took office in December 2006, and spillover violence is a rising fear.

The violence in the Atlanta area, like in other distribution hub cities, tends to be limited to those involved in the drug or human trafficking trade, authorities said.

But Miles said he thinks the violence is already increasing and cited about a dozen unsolved homicides in Gwinnett County that he believes are drug related. He cited a case in which two men apparently shot each other to death in a house where a money counter was found. As busts net increasingly large amounts of drugs and cash, he said, law enforcement officers are also finding more and bigger guns.

"You don't have shootouts in the street, but who's to say that's not coming? I think it is," Miles said. "I see it getting worse

before it gets better."

Atlanta was designated a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, or HIDTA, in 1995. The city's designation has been broadened over the last two years to include 12 counties in Georgia and five in North Carolina. The Atlanta HIDTA program, directed by Killorin, uses federal grant money to fund anti-drug efforts by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Porter said he believes the coordinated efforts are paying off, but he acknowledged some problems. While his office would often like to immediately arrest any dealer who's putting drugs on the street, federal authorities often want to hold off to use that smaller dealer as an entry into the operations so they can bring down a larger chunk of a cartel's network.

"That tension is always there and if we don't cooperate well there are issues," Porter said. "In the face of what we're dealing with, though, we have to work together and put our differences aside."

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## Mountain humility

Mountains are big. Some are admittedly smaller than others, but by definition, they're big. Wikipedia's entry for mountain says it is a landmass "that stretches above the surrounding land in a limited area usually in the form of a peak," but also that there is no universal definition (I'm reminded of when westerners scoff at the once-mighty and now quiet Appalachians). However you define them, though, they are awe-provoking, humbling and impressive.

It doesn't come as a great surprise, then, that mountain people tend to be particularly religious. From the overwhelmingly Catholic Alps to the Buddhist mountains of Tibet to the Incans of the Andes to the "hillbillies" of the Appalachians, mountain communities tend to be very close-knit with religion as a central part of communal life.

The German word for religious is "gläubig" [gloy-big]. Gläubig means literally "believing," and it comes from the word "glauben," to believe. I think the German word expresses the believing-ness of the people in mountain communities better than the English word "religious." It doesn't assume that spirituality is connected

to any particular religion or organized faith, but rather expresses the characteristic as having faith — believing — in an undefined something.

When the earth around you is untamable, stacked in massive poles, whole rocks and snow could come crumbling down at any slight wind or temperature change, you learn pretty quickly not to overestimate yourself. We can put trails, ski slopes, even horses or other animals on them, we can cut down their trees and try to redirect their streams, but it's all only to a certain point. Hence the phrase, "trying to move mountains" to express attempting a nearly futile task.

A simple but profound reminder of my own limits occurs every time I go on a long hike here in Innsbruck. At home, if I walk too far, I can take a bus home, I can call home for a ride or I can wait and rest a while before heading back. But if you walk up into the mountains, up onto a remote slope away from highways and roads and miles from home, you'd better have it in you to walk back down, and do it before it gets cold and dark. Somehow that always gets me — that I did it, I'm on the top of a mountain, but I have no way of returning home other than picking up my tired feet and getting back to work. Otherwise, I'm stranded alone in the cold for the night.

We could all learn a lot from the mountains. About the humility of recognizing that something is bigger than you are, something that is unfath-

omably beautiful and dumbfounding and dangerous all in one. In America, we are taught to work hard and continue plugging away to make anything possible. Our optimism and work ethic are some of our greatest and strongest qualities, but they can also lead to an arrogant notion that we really are the best, the biggest, the brightest and that the entire world is at our disposal.

It's time we stepped back and listened to the mountains and the histories of mountains' people and accepted our own limits in the natural world. Most resources aren't renewable, most soil gets worn out and the air and ocean can't absorb our massive amounts of waste forever. When we live too far from the believing-ness that the challenges and beauties of this world inspire, we can easily forget to respect the life in the world around us and instead slowly kill it with our unrestrainable ambition. You don't have to be a mountain person yourself to believe there is something bigger and uncultivable out there whose beauty and worth is greater than us; we can all receive a humbling from these giants.

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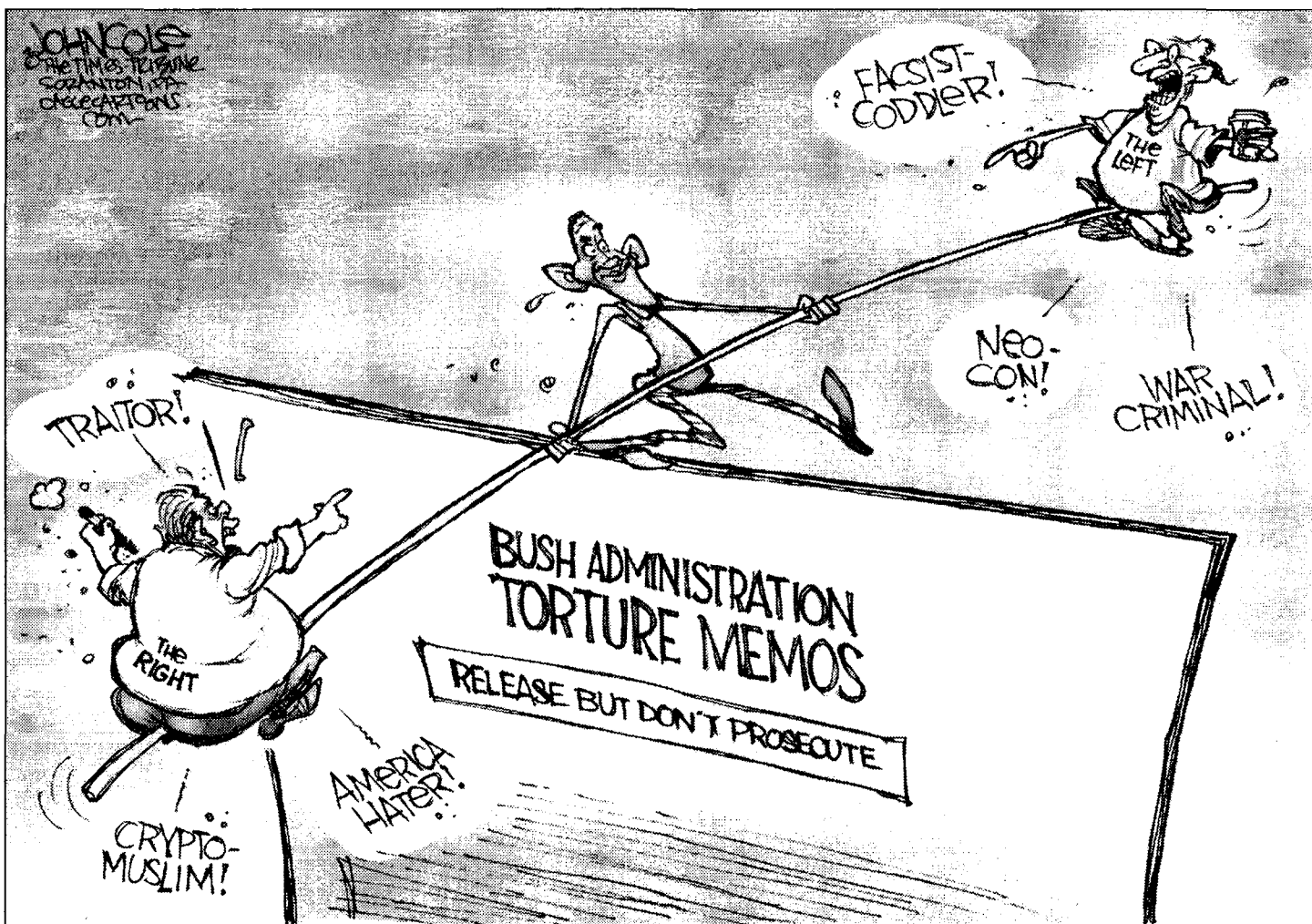
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times. Some people are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney J. Harris  
American journalist

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cover up the crosses

On Thursday, reports surfaced that President Obama, our chosen Commencement speaker, gave a speech on Tuesday at Georgetown University — a Catholic institution — but before he did so, made a request of the University: Cover up and hide all symbols of the school's Catholic identity, including the name of Jesus Christ. This act of Obama's White House should convince any Catholic, and most importantly our president, Fr. Jenkins, that such a man should not ever be invited to speak at a Catholic university. Does Mr. Obama expect us to blot out the cross on our school seal and throw a tarp over the golden statue of Mary on the Dome? This action by Mr. Obama and his White House is clear proof that he values nothing about our Catholic faith besides the millions of votes that Catholics represent.

In addition to his abhorrent views on life issues such as abortion and stem cell research, Mr. Obama has taken a further step and requested a Catholic institution to deny its faith. What is next for Mr. Obama? It appears that his next encroachment of our faith will occur in May when he gives the Commencement address at the most prestigious and well-recognized Catholic university in the nation, the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Jenkins should take heed of this latest betrayal of the Catholic faith and immediately rescind his invitation to Mr. Obama, lest we are asked to do the same as Georgetown.

Brendan Durr  
sophomore  
Knott Hall  
April 16

### Pro-life terrorism?

In regards to A.J. Radcliffe's April 16 letter ("Terrorism at ND") derailing Randall Terry's radical pro-life tactics, I'd like you to consider Mr. Obama's much more radical pro-abortion leanings. While Mr. Randall dresses up with a bloody Obama mask, Obama voted — while an Illinois senator — multiple times against legislation that would protect infants who survived a failed abortion attempt. Think about that. At least Mr. Terry is open about his position. Obama, hiding behind his moderate-sounding rhetoric, is perhaps the most ruthless and leftist abortion supporter to ever reach such high political office. You may call Mr. Terry a terrorist, but he isn't the one supporting the rights of mothers to murder their unborn children.

Brendan Cordial  
sophomore  
Keenan Hall  
April 16

### Where is Fr. Jenkins?

While Notre Dame continues to erupt in turmoil over the approaching commencement and President Barack Obama's presence on campus, I ask myself, where is the President of our university, Fr. Jenkins? Now would be such a great opportunity for him to calm those troubled by his arrival, to remind those so vehemently against Obama's arrival that it is okay for the voices of opposition to have a place on campus ... that engaging in dialogue does not mean jeopardizing your belief system, or that it in any way demonstrates moral weakness ... that instead it, is a good thing to

hear the other side and to debate (respectfully) with them, for that in those conversations you might come out a stronger Catholic, Christian or whatever your beliefs may be. But where is he?

Fr. Jenkins is, as usual, hiding behind closed doors. He is allowing President Obama to come to campus while the warfare continues, simply to increase the prestige of the university, when he could be inviting President Obama in for a conversation, and a symbol to the rest of the world that the university is finally ready to move forward, that we are willing to listen

to what others have to say and that listening to the other side is not a threat to our belief system. By his inaction, if the Commencement blows up in flames and if Notre Dame is embarrassed by the irrational actions of the voices of opposition, then the blood will be on his hands.

Erin Weedon  
alum  
class of 2007  
April 18

### Withheld donations expected in trillions

We would like to thank Mr. DiFranco ("Group of alumni launch Web site to tally sum of withheld donations," April 17) for his efforts to quantify the amount of money withheld from Notre Dame because of Fr. Jenkins' invitation to President Obama.

Below, we quantify for tallying purposes the amount of money we have decided to not donate. We will not donate \$600 million for maintenance of the facilities on campus. We will not donate an additional billion dollars for grounds keeping. Further, to express our heartfelt discontent, we will not donate the \$25 million we expect to win in the lottery. Our crystal ball has indicated a future windfall from sports betting. We would like to not donate this money. Let's call it \$500,000.

To assist Mr. DiFranco's calculations, we propose a simple formula. All money gained by alumni through wages, salaries, 401k investments, tort judgments, insurance, blackjack in Las Vegas, pawned personal items and birthday presents from grandma should be not donated. From this should be subtracted all money not not-donated.

By our estimates, the cost of inviting President Obama to speak at Notre Dame runs into trillions of dollars in not-donations. In the interest of full disclosure, our calculations may be slightly inaccurate simply because, a) we don't exactly have six hundred million dollars, b) we project that tuition will leave us six figures in debt and c) grandma doesn't give us birthday presents. However, because the predictive principle is roughly the same, this makes our calculation no less accurate than Mr. DiFranco's.

Patrick Hines, Ryan Finlen  
law students  
off campus  
April 17

### Panning ND music scene ignorant, disrespectful

Really, Scene? Really? There may not be the type of music scene at Notre Dame that would satisfy an appetite for Pitchfork credibility and hipness, but to dismiss the talents of current Notre Dame musicians is disrespectful and shows an ignorance of the current music scene. The claims made in "Vanishing Act" (April 16) regarding the Notre Dame music scene demonstrate the myriad problems that stifle creativity. The work of South Bend Power '90s exists as a valuable resource for both fans of that scene and new listeners.

To say that the student body should be "ashamed" that things in the campus music scene are not the way they were in Ted Leo's hey-day shows a stuck-in-the-past mentality that goes against everything those older bands stood for creatively. In what way does criticizing a music scene help it develop? Instead of criticizing AcoustiCafé and Legends for not being the same types of venues as the Notre Dame scene of the past, the campus should enthusiastically embrace what it has and encourage it to become better.

Calling for a "counterculture" inside the pages of The Observer shows a limited scope of what is available on and around campus. Bands like Sans Kato and Chicken Jackson have developed and presented themselves to the Notre Dame community. Legends is always looking for student acts to support the national talent that it brings to the campus. Expressing oneself through music is one of the most revealing endeavors a person can undertake. Calling for an overnight music scene full of Vampire Weekends and MGMTs denies this personal nature of music, while keeping the Notre Dame scene mired in imitation rather than letting it expand to be something truly special.

John Siegel  
senior  
Keenan Hall  
April 16

### River of gold

We have seen Notre Dame's stadium as a "sea of green" or "field of blue." Graduation weekend, it would be nice to see the campus turned into a "river of gold." Not to protest ... but to celebrate Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon's reception of the Laetare Medal. What an honor! An award that stands for being Catholic in today's world. Given to a person who models what it means to be Catholic. She is pro-life in a pro-choice world. A woman known as "God's Lawyer."

The Easter Season is a time for celebrating life. Unfortunately, those of us who are affiliated with Notre Dame are in turmoil. Brought up in the Notre Dame family, I love celebrating my Catholic faith. I was taught by my father (class of '52) to see the joy in life and

the good in people. Perhaps it is time for all of us no matter what our political affiliation to celebrate life as Christ would want us to, not by being negative, but by focusing on the positive of Christ's Resurrection and His admonition to celebrate life in Him.

Graduation weekend, I am sending Ambassador Glendon 24 golden roses via President Jenkins' office. Perhaps those in favor of life, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, would want to send Ambassador Glendon just one golden rose to celebrate her honor. Picture President Jenkins' office filled with 65,000 roses. Parents, give your graduates golden bouquets and boutonnieres, and graduates, give golden corsages and rosebuds to your loved ones. Imagine a "river of gold" throughout the

campus, spreading love, joy and life.

I have also sent a donation to the University's Fund to Protect Human Life, in honor of Ambassador Glendon. Send a donation there or to your local pro-life office, because being Catholic means doing something positive. Our Easter colors are white and gold, and Our Lovely Lady atop the Dome is adorned in gold. We all know the song "Peace is Flowing Like a River." Let it flow golden throughout the campus, like the river Jordan, washing away the negatives and helping us celebrate life and another lady who truly deserves to be honored.

Kathleen Daday Merkel  
grad student  
off campus  
April 19

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# Zac Efron 17 Again & You Want to See AGAIN Again...



By CAITLIN FERRARO  
Assistant Scene Editor

A shiny silver car pulls into a parking spot and out steps a hot guy in tight black jeans, Converse, a tight white tee and a leather jacket. The camera rises to meet his face, but Aviators cover his blue eyes. He tosses his trademark hair and struts into school. No, this isn't "Twilight" all over again, but if this image sounds appealing, then "17 Again" is the movie for you. Because more than being a comedy about reliving high school, it's a launching pad for Zac Efron's new career post "High School Musical."

"17 Again" grossed \$24.1 million this weekend making it the No. 1 movie at the box office and beating out the Russell Crowe flick "State of Play." This probably says more about the power of the audience — predominantly tween and teenage girls — than it does about acting skills. However, there is no doubt it was a successful first solo performance for the teen idol.

The film is your basic body-swapping film; picture Tom Hank's "Big" in reverse, that centers on Efron/Matthew Perry's character Mike O'Donnell. Perry is a 37-year old Mike in a rut. He hates his job, his wife is divorcing him, his kids want nothing to do with him and he regrets how his life ended up. He longs for a friendlier year like 1989 when he was on top of world as the star basketball player.

But when a mysterious janitor (later dubbed his Spirit Guide) does some magic, the cheesy special effects follow and Mike is suddenly "seventeen again." He quickly realizes his second chance is not about getting a college basketball scholarship but about helping his family. His wife is unhappy and his daughter is dating a jerk that is beating up her little brother.

Besides the unoriginal premise the film is also cliché at other times. It can be a bit heavy on the messages (we get it — family is important) and the film has all the regular teen comedy moments. But strangely enough, Efron actually seems to pull off that he is a middle-aged man. He is oddly believable when he spouts off an awkward speech about abstinence and tries to teach loose girls to respect themselves.

And it was refreshing to see Efron in a PG-13 role. We all know he can dance and sing; see the "High School Musical" series or "Hairspray" as evidence. But this time around the only thing Mike had in common with Troy Bolton was a few good basketball moves and some really great hair. Disney probably shuddered to see Efron curse, get his teenage girlfriend pregnant and talk about condoms. It is apparent that Efron has matured, and this was the opportunity for him to step out on his own. Efron is actually funny, but if you need confirmation to believe this check out his SNL skit "High School Musical 4".

The film is hardly perfect and defi-

nately awkward at times. The charming Leslie Mann plays Mike's wife, but when Efron leans in for a kiss you can't help but squirm. And the teenage version of Mike also has a horribly tense encounter with his daughter (Michelle Trachtenberg) as she tries to make a move on her dad.

Efron does not deserve all the credit as he is surrounded by much more seasoned comedic actors like Thomas Lennon ("Reno 911!") as Ned the geeky best friend turned millionaire and Melora Hardin ("The Office") as the school principal. Lennon is one of the best parts of the film as he takes on an impossibly dorky character and makes him bearable to watch. When he first discovers Efron after the transformation, the two have an epic sequence involving medieval weapons and light sabers. On the other hand, Perry is horribly underused. This is Chandler Bing we're talking about here, and he just mopes around for twenty minutes. Perhaps, this was a ploy on the director's part so that you are on the edge of your seat for your protagonist to transform and get more interesting.

In the end, "17 Again" knows what it is — a showcase and springboard for Efron. And in the end he is funny, engaging and carries the film. Plus, you get to see him cry. If you are a fan of him, his hair or his six-pack, this is definitely a film for you.

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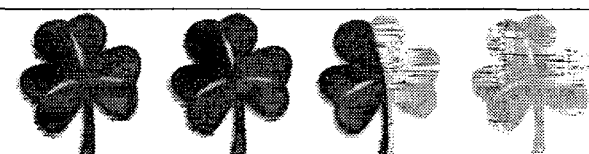
Leslie Mann stars as Scarlett, the wife of Efron's character, Mike O'Donnell, in '17 Again.'

## 17 Again

New Line Cinema

Directed By: Burr Steers

Starring: Zac Efron, Thomas Lennon, Leslie Mann, Matthew Perry



By CORNELIUS ROGERS  
Scene Writer

This year Opera Notre Dame had the arduous task of producing Hector Berlioz's "Beatrice and Benedick." Set in Messina, a city in Sicily, "Beatrice and Benedick" is a story that reminds audiences that falling in love is tricky, especially when it is with the person you hate.

While the play is loosely based on Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," do not expect a direct correlation of plot events. Among other things, the Don John storyline is entirely omitted to focus on the romance of Beatrice and Benedick. The plot omissions help the opera tell a more concise story in a manageable 65 minutes without an intermission. What is not lost in the translation is the humor so prevalent in both Shakespeare's and Berlioz's works. Opera Notre Dame succeeds at getting the audience to laugh with them, and at them.

What is unique about this year's production is that it utilizes two casts — one for the Thursday and Saturday night shows, and the other for Friday night and Sunday after-

noon. The casts contain the fantastic talents of Notre Dame students Joshua Diaz, Dominic Go, Stephanie DePrez, Jennifer Valencia and Dan Crupi. The cast does a great job of responding to the audience, knowing when to make them laugh and when to make them applaud.

The only downside to this opera is that a large majority of its songs are given to female characters, but that does not make the high notes these sopranos and altos hit any less incredible.

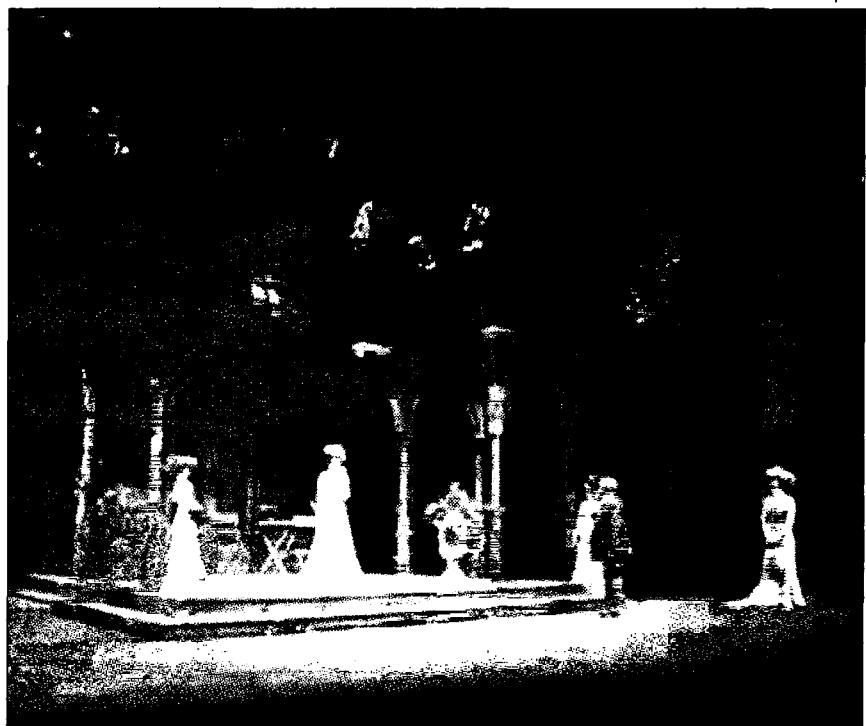
Also making an appearance is none other than the chair of Notre Dame's music department, Louis MacKenzie. His self-referential style of humor includes several Notre Dame images. Yes, the jig and the various hand gestures that accompany football games can be found here. Instead of depreciating the aesthetic value, these allusions further the humorous tone that is so prevalent throughout the opera.

"Beatrice and Benedick" succeeds in making audiences laugh and telling a love story with an upbeat and light-hearted tone.

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*Opera Notre Dame succeeds at getting the audience to laugh with them, and at them.*

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Hector Berlioz's opera, "Beatrice and Benedick," is set in Messina, Italy, and is loosely based on Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing.'





## Gym class heroes bring high energy to legends

By ELLIE HALL  
Scene Writer

Gym Class Heroes played to a crowded and very enthusiastic house on Thursday night at Legends Nightclub. Two hours before the concert began, the line of Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students waiting to get in wrapped around the front of the building and down the side street. By the time opening band Chester French began their set, the venue was packed with students pushing towards the barricade in the hopes of being closest to the front when Gym Class Heroes took the stage.

Sadly, I didn't get to hear Chester French play, because as soon as they began their first song, Gym Class Heroes' tour manager found me and took me outside the club to talk with some of the members of the band. The manager left me outside the tour bus for a minute, as he entered and then reemerged with drummer Matt McGinley, guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasonga and bassist Eric Roberts. I introduced myself, we shook hands and I began to talk with them.

The band just finished a four month tour opening for rapper Lil' Wayne, and I started by asking them what the difference was between opening for rappers and hip-hop groups and opening for a rock band (they've opened for hip-hop icons The Roots and alternative rock acts like the All-American Rejects and Fall Out Boy on other tours).

"It can be a challenge," McGinley remarked, "based on who we're touring with." He spoke of opening for rock shows where he and his band mates were booed during their set. "But at the same time, we get to introduce our music to new people, which is fun," added McGinley.

Guitarist Lumumba-Kasonga added that the support of alternative stars like Fall Out Boy, whose bassist, Pete Wentz, signed Gym Class Heroes to his Decaydance label in 2004, has helped the band attract an audience that normally might not be interested in hip-hop or rap music.

Gym Class Heroes will spend April and May touring colleges, tours they claim to enjoy more than those played in huge venues (at one Lil' Wayne show in the southwest, they played to a crowd of 15,000).

McGinley explained, "It's harder on arena tours, you know, to connect with the audience."

"I love playing colleges," Bassist Roberts agreed, "It's more intimate. Smaller."

Lumumba-Kasonga highlighted the importance of being able to interact with the people watching the show, adding, "This last tour was the first time I've been able to connect with people in [such a large] crowd. It really helps."

Drummer McGinley and MC Travis McCoy met in PE class (hence the band's name) in high school in 1997 and formed Gym Class Heroes the same year, but the group remained a mostly underground band with a strong following in upstate New York until the Lumumba-Kasonga replaced the band's guitarist in 2004 and the new group recorded "The Papercut EP." This led to a record deal and the album "The Papercut Chronicles" in 2005. Soon after that, Roberts replaced the band's bassist and the group was complete.

We talked about colleges and higher education as the band explained Gym Class Heroes's gradual formation. I learned that McCoy attended community college during the band's early years and Roberts graduated from a culinary school in Schenectady before he joined the group. McGinley is currently taking online courses at BU and has yet to declare a major. Lumumba-Kasonga's story is particularly fascinating- he dropped out of Cornell University as a senior to join Gym Class Heroes, despite the fact that his parents are both professors at the school. When I asked him how his parents felt about his decision, he admitted that at first they were disappointed, but "in the end, it's about making yourself happy."

After completing their college tour, the members of Gym Class Heroes plan on renting a house near the Finger Lakes in upstate New York and spend a summer together writing a new album. The band seemed eager to recreate the success of their second album, "As Cruel as Schoolchildren," but McGinley acknowledged, "'The Quilt' [our latest album] gave us the opportunity to make the kind of record we want to make now."

I finished the interview with a question that I — as a longtime Gym Class Heroes fan — have always wanted to resolve. Specifically, I wanted to know why MC McCoy brushes his teeth in almost every one of the band's music videos.

Laughing, Roberts said, "Well he's just a really hygienic guy."

McGinley added, "I think he did it in the first video and decided to make a thing out of it."

About an hour after I finished talking to them, Gym Class Heroes took the stage and delivered one of the most high-energy and exciting shows I have ever seen at Legends. Performing songs from all three of their albums, the band made the people in the club scream, dance, and demand an encore when the group tried to leave the stage. Legends Nightclub could not have chosen a better group to end this school year on a high note.

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## MLB

# Posada home run leads Yankees to home victory

*Cameron home run, Coffey save earn Brewers win at Citi Field; solid outing from Perkins stymies Angels through eight innings*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter Jorge Posada's drive to right in the seventh inning was ruled a two-run homer by video replay, and the New York Yankees spoiled former teammate Carl Pavano's return with a 7-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Balls have been flying out of the stadium at record pace, but the homer that gave the Yankees a split of their first series at the \$1.5 billion ballpark required the first video replay of the year in the major leagues.

Posada sent a high fly to right off Jensen Lewis (1-2) with one out. Trevor Crowe leaped at the wall, but the ball was deflected by a fan and bounced off the top and back into play. Posada slowed his trot between first and second, looking out to right field, before he saw the homer signal from second base umpire Phil Cuzzi.

Crowe ran toward the infield indicating a fan interfered, and Indians manager Eric Wedge came out to dispute the call.

The umpires convened for several minutes near the mound before going to the video room through the visitors' dugout. They returned and summoned both managers to explain the decision.

Posada's homer capped the Yankees' three-run rally in the seventh. Robinson Cano led off with a double against reliever Rafael Perez, and Hideki Matsui hit an RBI single.

Lewis, who gave up Derek Jeter's go-ahead homer Friday, came on and after an out, Posada made it 4-3 to help make up for a wild outing by A.J. Burnett.

Posada's homer was the 20th at Yankee Stadium, the most ever in the first four games at a big league ballpark, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The previous high was 16 in 1996, when Oakland opened the season at Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

Jonathan Albaladejo (1-0) came on with the bases loaded and one out in the seventh to get the win. Brian Bruney pitched the eighth and Mariano Rivera gave up a hit in the ninth to finish the four-hitter.

Cody Ransom added a three-run double in the eighth for New York off Rafael Betancourt to make it 7-3.

Shin Soo-Choo homered in the second inning, a day after he hit a three-run shot in a record 14-run second for Cleveland, and Ryan Garko hit a two-run shot in the third to temporarily take the focus of the boos off Pavano and onto Burnett, who walked

seven and threw three wild pitches — but allowed only three hits.

Pavano was making his first start against the Yankees since the team declined the option on his \$39.95 million contract after four miserable years. The 43,068 at Yankee Stadium let him hear how they felt from the moment he headed to the bullpen. When he was introduced, the closed captioned scoreboard read, "Carl Pavano, (crowd booed)."

Pavano silenced the surly crowd, retiring the first 10 Yankees before Jeter's liner to right-center fell for a double. Mark Teixeira drove him in with a sharp single to right with two outs in the fourth to make it 3-1.

Pavano gave up a run and four hits in six innings, his best outing for Cleveland. In two previous starts he had a 16.71 ERA.

## Brewers 4, Mets 2

Mike Cameron homered against his former team and Todd Coffey escaped a pair of late jams during an eight-out save, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a victory over the New York Mets on Sunday.

Jeff Suppan (1-2) bounced back from two poor starts to begin the season, pitching effectively into the seventh inning and helping himself at the plate. Milwaukee avoided a three-game sweep in its first trip to Citi Field and improved to 28-51 against the Mets since moving from the American League to the NL in 1998.

The Mets went 2-for-13 with runners in scoring position and wasted a credible spot start by Nelson Figueroa (0-1), called up from the minors to pitch in place of No. 2 starter Mike Pelfrey (forearm tendinitis).

Coffey, who hasn't allowed a run since joining the Brewers last September, earned his first save since 2006 with Cincinnati.

The back end of Milwaukee's bullpen is in flux with career saves leader Trevor Hoffman on the disabled list, but Coffey keeps getting the job done.

Suppan hit a leadoff single in the fifth, moved to third on Rickie Weeks' ringing double and scored on Corey Hart's sacrifice fly to give Milwaukee a 2-1 lead.

Cameron, who played for the Mets from 2004-05, made it 3-1 with a shot to left-center in the sixth, his fourth of the season.

Omir Santos' leadoff triple in the seventh chased Suppan, and an infield single by Jose Reyes off Mitch Stetter cut it to 3-2. But Coffey came on with the bases loaded and one out to face slugger Carlos Delgado, who grounded into a 1-2-3 double

play.

New York put its first two batters on in the eighth against Coffey, but Fernando Tatis struck out and Santos lined into an inning-ending double play.

Weeks provided an insurance run with a two-out RBI double in the ninth, giving him three hits. Coffey worked a one-hit ninth and pumped his first when David Wright hit a soft looper for the final out.

The burly right-hander has not allowed a run in 17 innings spanning 16 games since he was claimed off waivers by the Brewers last Sept. 10.

Suppan was charged with two runs and eight hits. He struck out four and walked one.

Milwaukee pitchers have delivered four straight quality starts, though a Brewers starter has yet to go seven innings this year.

Delgado's two-out RBI double put the Mets ahead in the first, but Suppan pitched out of trouble for much of the afternoon. He retired Gary Sheffield on a hard grounder with two on to end the inning, then induced a double-play grounder from Delgado to close the third.

New York failed to take advantage of a break in the fifth, when Hart lost Reyes' high fly in the sun — more evidence that right field can be awfully tricky at Citi Field. Reyes raced to third for a triple but was stranded when Daniel Murphy, who had three hits, grounded out.

Suppan got Tatis on a long fly to left with two on to end the sixth.

Hart singled to open the third, stole second and scored on Prince Fielder's groundout to tie the score 1-all.

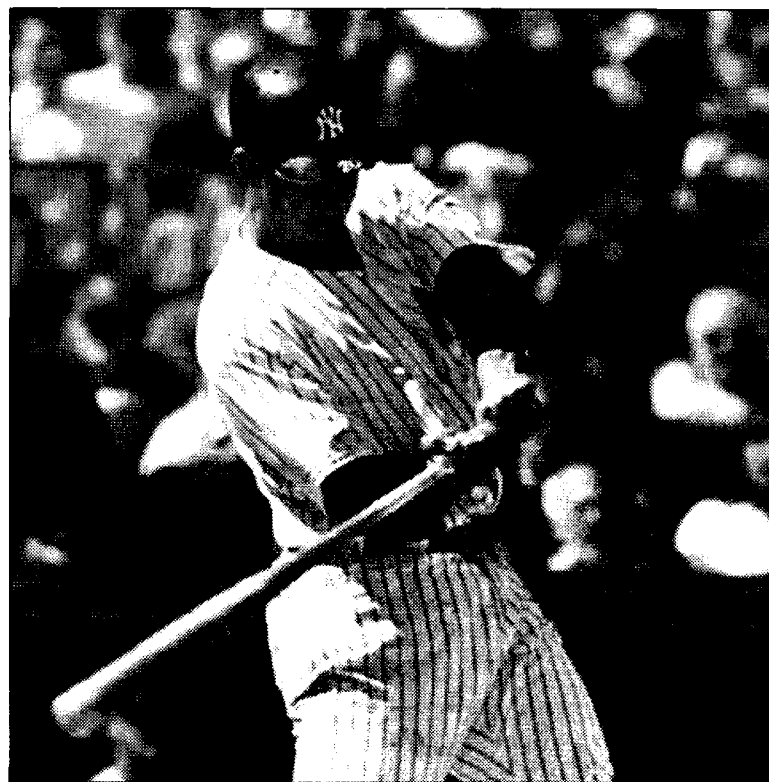
Pitching for his hometown team, Figueroa allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

The 34-year-old right-hander, who grew up a Mets fan in the Coney Island projects, had a storybook night against the Brewers at Shea Stadium last April. With a huge flock of family and friends in attendance — some watching from teammate Billy Wagner's suite — he retired his first 14 batters and beat Milwaukee 4-2 for his first major league win since 2003.

## Twins 3, Angels 1

Glen Perkins is making this look easy. Even a blistering comebacker off Bobby Abreu's powerful bat couldn't keep him from finishing off another fine start.

Perkins walked gingerly around the mound after the scary moment in the seventh, but passed the warmup test, pitched through the pain, and completed eight innings to guide



Yankees catcher Jorge Posada hits a home run in the seventh inning to tie the score at 3-3 against the Indians Sunday.

the Minnesota Twins to a victory Sunday that completed a three-game sweep of the sputtering Los Angeles Angels.

"Trying to get them to hit my pitches, and they weren't able to do it," Perkins said. "That's what I try to do every time: Be efficient and get deep into a game, and right now it's working out."

Perkins (1-1) scattered four hits and walked one while striking out four, needing only 84 pitches. His performance was persuasive enough for manager Ron Gardenhire and pitching coach Rick Anderson to leave him in the game after Abreu's drive bounced off the side of his left leg — just above the knee.

Third baseman Brendan Harris picked the ball up and threw to first for the out, and after realizing he was all right Perkins struck out Torii Hunter and retired Kendry Morales on a grounder. Perkins set down 13 straight before Erick Aybar bunted for a hit with two outs in the eighth. He left to a standing ovation after retiring Chone Figgins on a harmless roller.

"I didn't think he had much of a chance to stay in when you get hit right above the knee like that," Gardenhire said. "Pretty tough. Tough kid."

Anderson asked Perkins in the dugout during the seventh-inning stretch whether the spot where the ball hit had gone numb. Perkins thought his coach said he was done for the afternoon. No, he had one inning left, before turning it over to Joe Nathan for the ninth.

Nathan notched his third save

without a hit, sealing the loss for Los Angeles and starter Shane Loux (0-1). The Angels right-hander gave up 10 hits and three runs in seven innings.

"We pay a lot of money to Joe to get saves, so it's only fair that he gets out there and gets his," Perkins said.

The Twins skimped on the run support again, but it was enough for Perkins' first win. The left-hander and lifelong Minnesotan, who still keeps a year-round home in the Minneapolis suburb of Lakeville, has pitched 24 innings in three starts and allowed only four runs, 16 hits and four walks.

He became the first Twins starter to finish eight innings in three straight starts since Johan Santana in June 2005. The only run against Perkins came in the second inning, when Morales hit a bouncer that second baseman Alexi Casilla stopped with a dive. Abreu came home on the grounder.

Casilla went 0-for-4 and is batting .196, but was flawless in the field and also threw from his knees to retire Morales on a grounder to end the seventh.

From the third inning on this year, Perkins has been nothing short of dominant: 18 frames, seven hits, one run.

Loux's start was a lift for the Angels, who used 11 pitchers in the first two games. But their bats were quiet for a second straight game. On their way to a lopsided victory on Friday, they let the Twins score seven times in the eighth in an 11-9 loss and now head home after a 1-5 road trip.

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	team	record
1	LSU	26-6
2	Rice	25-8
3	UC Irvine	22-9
4	Arizona State	25-8
5	North Carolina	27-9
6	CS Fullerton	22-9
7	Baylor	23-10
8	Georgia	29-6
9	Texas	24-8
10	Oklahoma	28-8
11	Arkansas	24-8
12	Georgia Tech	21-8
13	Miami (Fla.)	25-10
14	Oregon State	25-10
15	San Diego State	20-7
16	TCU	25-12
17	Mississippi	22-10
18	Cal Poly	24-8
19	Virginia	28-7
20	Costal Carolina	29-7
21	Kansas State	26-9
22	Gonzaga	23-10
23	East Carolina	26-9
24	Kansas	23-12
25	Minnesota	20-10

## NCAA Men's Lacrosse Inside Lacrosse Top 20

	team	record	points
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2	Virginia	12-1	298
3	Syracuse	9-2	284
4	NOTRE DAME	10-0	282
5	Cornell	9-2	241
6	Hofstra	9-1	232
7	Duke	9-3	229
8	UMBC	9-2	228
9	Johns Hopkins	5-4	189
10	North Carolina	9-4	171
11	Navy	9-3	154
12	Massachusetts	7-3	122
13	Colgate	9-3	121
14	Maryland	6-5	111
15	Loyola (Md.)	7-4	104
16	Brown	9-2	98
17	Harvard	5-4	58
18	Albany	6-4	32
19	Penn State	6-5	30
20	Bucknell	7-6	16

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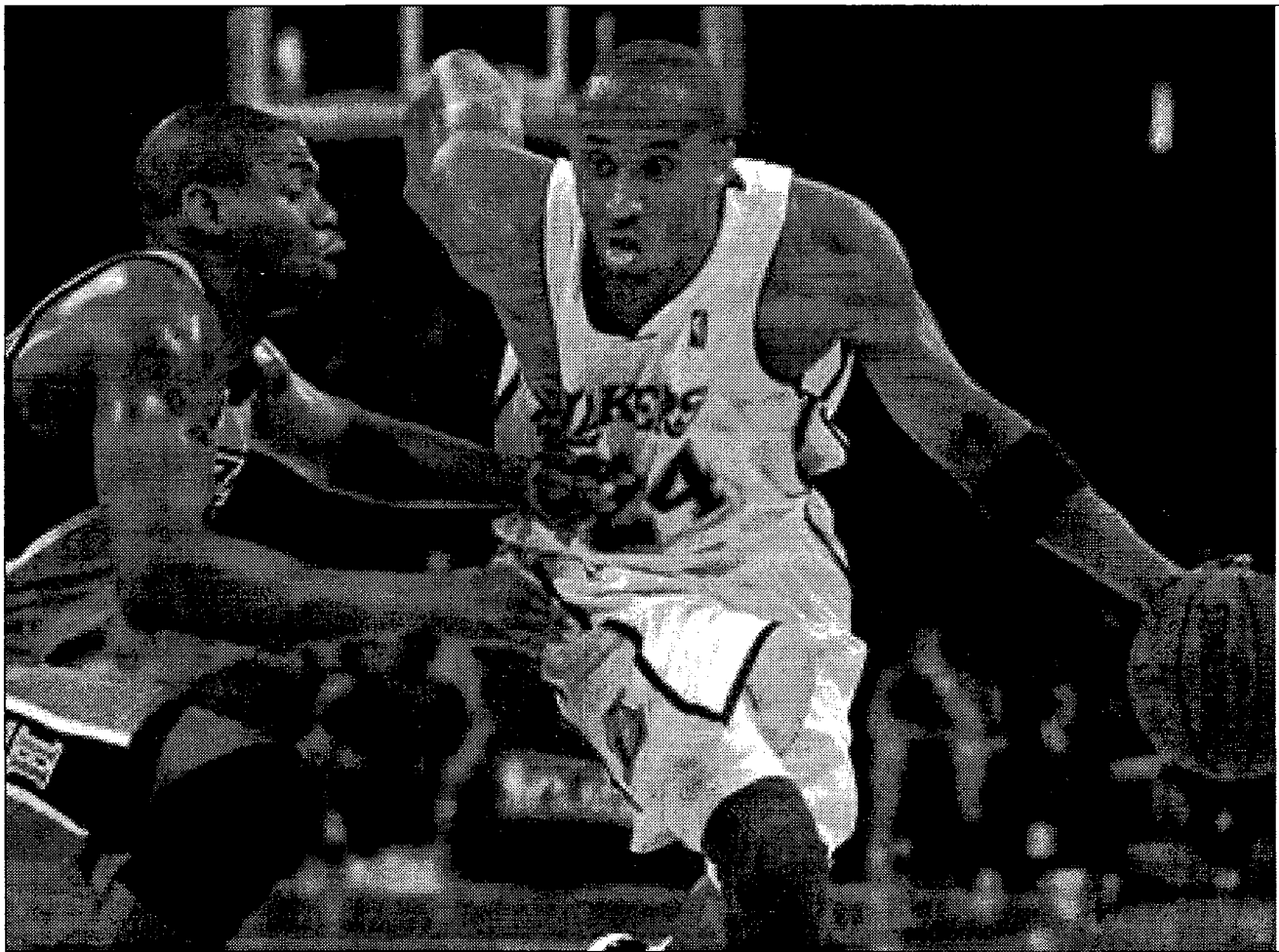
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3	USC	563
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6	Auburn	481
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## NBA



Kobe Bryant, right, drives during the Los Angeles Lakers 113-100 victory over the Utah Jazz Sunday afternoon. Bryant scored 24 points as the Lakers cruised to an easy Game 1 win at home.

## Kobe, Ariza lead Lakers in Game 1

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Lakers won the West in a runaway and they stuck to a similar script in their playoff opener.

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points, Trevor Ariza added 21 and Pau Gasol 20 as Los Angeles defeated the Utah Jazz 113-100 Sunday.

Allowing a Phil Jackson-coached team to win Game 1 of any series doesn't bode well for the opposition. Jackson's teams improved to 42-0 in series openers, including 18-0 with the Lakers.

The Lakers wrapped up the top seed in the

Western Conference with 2 1/2 weeks remaining in the regular season, and eventually won the West by 11 games.

They pretty much had their way against the Jazz, leading by 22 points at halftime and then answered resoundingly both times Utah got within nine in the second half.

Bryant's total gave him 3,710 career postseason points, moving him past Magic Johnson and into ninth on the NBA's list. He trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (4,070) and Jerry West (4,457) for most points in the playoffs with the Lakers.

Carlos Boozer led the

Jazz with 27 points and Deron Williams added 16 points and a career play-off-high 17 assists. Both were in foul trouble, with Boozer getting his third just before halftime when Williams already had two.

The Jazz sorely missed Mehmet Okur, who sat out with a mild right hamstring strain. He averages 17 points and 7.5 rebounds and gives Utah a much-needed inside presence against the Lakers' twin 7-footers, Andrew Bynum and Gasol.

Bynum had seven points and three rebounds playing in foul trouble most of the game.

The Jazz were 15-26 on the road during the regular season, and their luck at Staples Center isn't any better. The Lakers have won 10 in a row, including playoff games, at home against them.

The Jazz outscored the Lakers 33-24 in the third quarter to trail 86-73 going into the final 12 minutes. They opened the quarter on a 9-0 run, then a 9-2 burst got them to 72-63, their first single-digit deficit since late in the opening quarter.

But Bryant scored three in a row and Shannon Brown hit a 3-pointer that kept the Lakers ahead by 13.

## IN BRIEF

### No hard feelings after Murray's shot hits woman

LUTZ, Fla. — One day after she was plunked on the head by Bill Murray's wayward tee shot, Gayle DiMaggio had a request: a signed copy of his movie "Caddyshack."

The actor, meanwhile, was back on the course Saturday for the second round of the Outback Pro-Am. And the course marshals took no chances: They wore hard hats.

DiMaggio lives on the course where Murray hooked his shot far to the left of the No. 9 hole at TPC Tampa Bay. She was hit on the left temple Friday as she stood in her backyard to watch the first round. She never lost consciousness but needed stitches at a hospital.

DiMaggio, who has lived on the course for eight years, recounted her mishap and her encounter with Murray.

"He came over and laid down on the ground with me and he was very concerned, asking if I was OK," she said.

### Lester to start Friday against Yankees, Beckett suspended

BOSTON — Josh Beckett's suspension was reduced from six games to five on Sunday, allowing the Boston Red Sox ace to take his next turn in the rotation.

Beckett threw a pitch near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last Sunday, leading to both dugouts and bullpens emptying. The right-hander was suspended on Tuesday and immediately appealed the ruling.

With the Red Sox off Thursday, the new penalty allows Beckett to switch spots with Jon Lester and start Saturday. Lester is now scheduled to start the series opener against the New York Yankees on Friday.

"We didn't actually have a hearing because everybody has to answer to somebody, and my boss told me that this was the best thing for the ball-club," Beckett said.

### Lebron's 38 in Game 1 helps power Cavaliers

CLEVELAND — LeBron James crossed midcourt and launched the ball toward the basket more than 40 feet away as the horn sounded.

As Cleveland's star, the Detroit Pistons, 20,000 fans and a TV audience watched the shot's arching flight, James never stopped running.

"I was going to chase it until it went in the hoop," he said. Off the backboard, through the rim, then the net. It was halftime. It was over.

James banked in a stunning 3-pointer at the end of the first half and finished with 38 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the Cavaliers embarked on their quest for a first NBA championship with a 102-84 win over the Pistons in Game 1 on Saturday.

James' 41-footer demoralized the Pistons and gave the Cavs the league's most dominant team — home or away — during the regular season, momentum and a 12-point halftime lead.



## NBA

# Iguodala's last-second shot seals comeback victory

*After T.I. introduces lineups, Smith, Hawks hold Wade to 19 and race to resounding victory over Heat*

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Andre Iguodala waited for the clock to tick down, took a few dribbles to his right and let go a high-arching jumper. Swish! The Magic were stunned, their fans silenced.

For the Philadelphia 76ers, it was the sweet sound of stealing home-court advantage.

Iguodala made a 22-foot jumper with 2.2 seconds remaining, and the Sixers rallied from an 18-point deficit to beat Orlando 100-98 in Game 1 of their opening-round playoff series Sunday.

He then stood at halfcourt waving his hands as teammates joined him to celebrate.

"We won one more game than people thought we would win," Iguodala said. "I was pretty amped up."

Iguodala had 20 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and Louis Williams scored 18 to help the Sixers beat the Magic for the first time in four tries this season — and when it mattered most. Hedo Turkoglu's fadeaway 3-pointer missed at the buzzer, and Magic fans stood in disbelief before filing out quietly.

Iguodala had missed two free throws with about a minute left before more than redeeming himself with the game-winning shot.

"He really made up for it, didn't he?" Sixers coach Tony DiLeo said, smiling. "He's like our secret weapon."

Dwight Howard had a career playoff-high 31 points and 16 rebounds, and rookie Courtney Lee scored 18 for the Magic. It was the biggest lead the Magic blew all season, topping the loss on Oct. 31 to Memphis when they were ahead by 15 points. Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in Orlando.

"I was very surprised at the effort," Magic coach Stan Van

Gundy said. "I was surprised not only for our lack of intensity defensively, but I was really surprised with our lack of focus."

The Sixers came into the playoffs losing six of their last seven games but were able to put that skid in the past the same way they did last year, when they won Game 1 at Detroit. The Pistons eventually took the series in six games.

Orlando's inside-out game seemed as if it would too much for Philadelphia.

Lee's shooting and Howard's muscle highlighted a 15-3 run in the third quarter that built an 18-point lead. With Howard banging on the inside, the Sixers were forced to throw double-teams at him, allowing the Magic's perimeter players to break free.

When they did, Howard again took charge.

Rim-rocking dunks, smooth hook shots and even some uncharacteristic crisp free throws by the Magic's center capped the spurt. The only time Philadelphia actually slowed Howard was when Samuel Dalembert inadvertently scratched both his eyes and was called for a foul. Howard said his eyes were pulsating after the game but shouldn't be a problem.

"I got backslapped," Howard said.

Maybe that was all Philadelphia needed.

Howard made the pair of free throws to put Orlando ahead 79-61 and then went to the locker room with a towel to his face. He returned to the game after a few minutes.

The Sixers rolled off eight straight points in the fourth and eventually tied the game at 91 with fewer than four minutes left on a layup by Andre Miller. After Howard's dunk over Theo Ratliff put the Magic ahead 98-95 with 49.1 seconds remaining, Donyell Marshall answered with

a 3-pointer — and 11 points in the four — for Philadelphia and Iguodala did the rest.

"You've got to understand, when I come into the game we're usually down 15 points," Marshall joked. "So my job is just to come in and shoot."

Starting Magic forwards Rashard Lewis and Turkoglu looked rusty in their first games in more than a week after being sidelined with injuries, part of the reason Orlando was pushed back to the Eastern Conference's No. 3 spot.

Lewis said the injury didn't slow him and what hurt after the game was the loss, not the tendinitis in his right knee.

"It's a loss on your home court and now home-court advantage is toward them," Lewis said. "But this is the playoffs. It's not the NCAA tournament. One game is not going to eliminate you."

The Magic could never make up the difference.

The sixth-seeded Sixers were able to withstand an early Magic run and a strong start from Howard, who finished 9-for-11 from the floor. Thaddeus Young had consecutive three-point plays to help Philadelphia rebound from five down to eventually take a 27-21 lead in the first quarter.

But any momentum the Sixers built evaporated on the final play of the period.

In a rare display of speed and power, 34-year-old Magic backup guard Anthony Johnson took it end-to-end and dunked over Ratliff. The throttling one-hand slam in the waning seconds of the quarter had the Magic's bench so exhilarated that Van Gundy had to shove a few of his own players back who had made their way onto the court in celebration.

It was premature.

The Sixers hung tough and bumped back, with Iguodala going for a pair of reverse dunks in a back-and-forth second quarter. Philadelphia had an answer for everything Orlando threw its way. Everything, that is, except Howard.

"This is a game that we should have won," Howard said. "But there's no need to panic. We just have to come out with a better effort."

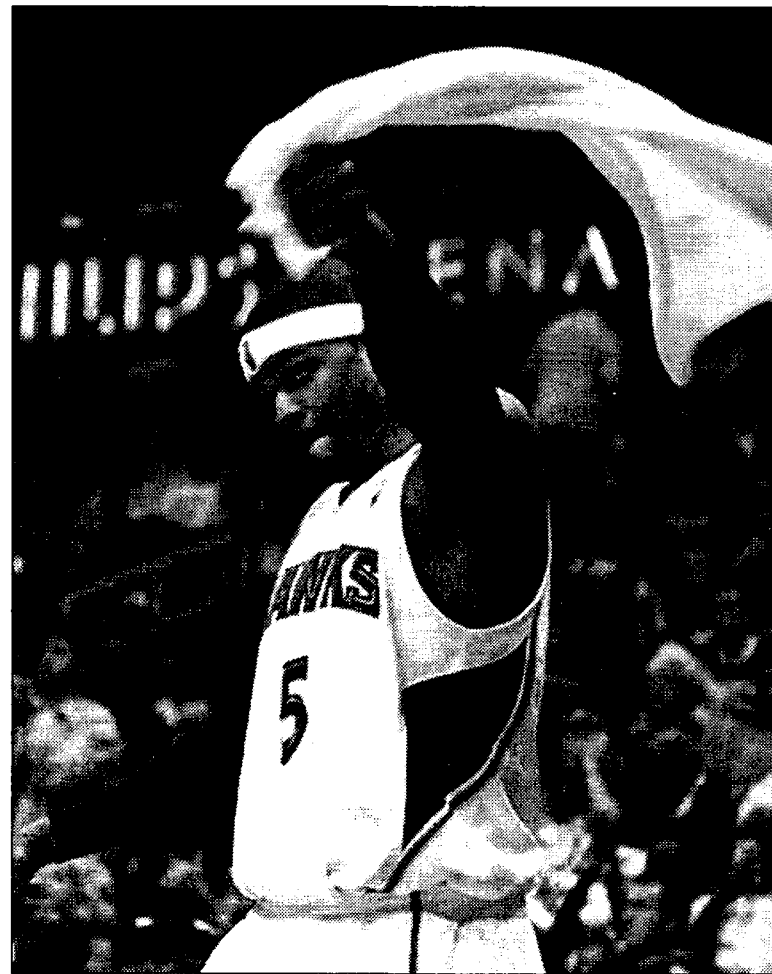
## Hawks 90, Heat 64

This is why the Atlanta Hawks wanted to start the playoffs at home.

With Josh Smith delivering one rim-shaking dunk after another and plenty of teammates chipping in, the Hawks made Miami look like a one-man team, running Dwyane Wade and the Heat ragged for a blowout in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference playoff series Sunday night.

Wade scored 19 points — 11 below his NBA-leading average — and only one other Miami even reached double figures as the Hawks tied a franchise record for fewest points allowed in a playoff game. Wade spent much of the night on his backside or complaining to the referees, his frustration growing as the Hawks turned the opener to the best-of-seven series into a laugh before halftime.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Atlanta.



Atlanta forward Josh Smith begins celebrating the Hawks' game one victory in front of a home crowd Sunday night.

Miami was held to its fewest points of the season — its previous low was 68 — and the Hawks tied the mark they set against the Charlotte Hornets in a 1998 playoff victory.

Smith scored 23 points and every other Atlanta starter also was in double figures. Wade made just 8 of 21 shots, and Michael Beasley added 10 points on a night in which the Heat showed their youth, shooting just 37 percent and managing seven points in the final period.

The Hawks learned a year ago just how valuable that extra home game can be, facing Boston in their first playoff appearance in nine years. Atlanta made a series of it by winning three thrilling games at Philips Arena, but the Celtics won four blowouts in Boston to get started on their way to an NBA title.

From the day the Hawks walked off the court in Boston, they set a goal of gaining home-court advantage to start the playoffs. Atlanta came through, claiming the fourth spot in the East with its first winning record (47-35) in a decade.

Instead of opening in a hostile environment, the Hawks got to play in front of a raucous crowd that cheered their every move. They even brought out Atlanta-native T.I. to make the player introductions, the rap star still a month away from reporting to federal prison to serve his one-year-and-a-day sentence for pleading guilty to weapons charges.

Wade may have been the best player on the court, but the Hawks clearly had the best team. Smith led the way, firing everyone up with three thunderous dunks during a decisive second quarter in which the Hawks outscored the Heat 35-18 to build a 59-39 lead at halftime.

The Hawks made 11 of 16 (61 percent) in the second quarter, outrebounded the Heat 12-7,

doled out eight assists and turned seven turnovers into 10 points. Miami shot just 39 percent (7 of 18), the final attempt a desperation heave by Wade, who ran into an Atlanta player on the follow-through and was sprawled out on the court as the horn sounded.

He got up slowly, clapped his hands in disgust and walked to the locker room.

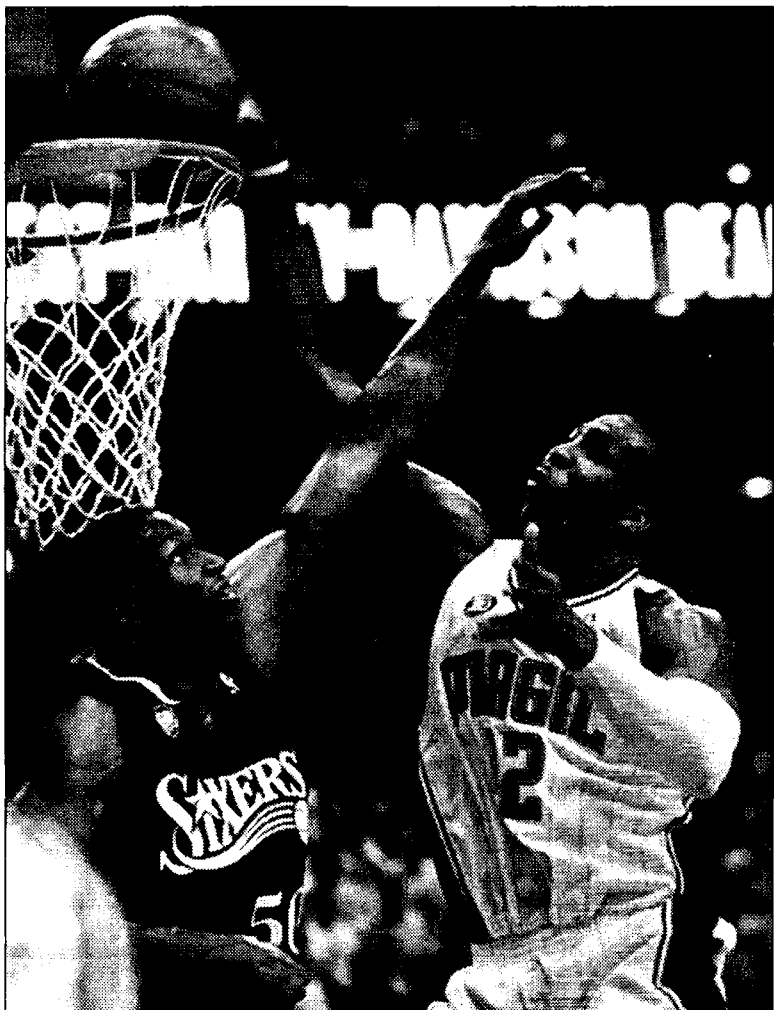
Atlanta actually took control late in the first quarter. After Wade dunked coming off the baseline, the Hawks scored the final two baskets for a 24-21 lead.

The second period was no contest. With Wade getting a quick breather at the start, the Hawks quickly stretched their lead to 30-22. Then Smith took over, scoring 13 high-flying points before the quarter was done.

Al Horford blocked Wade at one end and the Hawks were off to the races, with Joe Johnson lobbing to Smith for a thunderous jam. The former NBA dunk champion was just getting started. His most spectacular play came off a lob by Mike Bibby, with Smith caught with his back to the hoop and slammed through while facing the other way. On the very next possession, the Hawks ran off a Wade miss and Smith rocked the house with another flying left-handed dunk.

Miami rookie coach Erik Spoelstra got a rough initiation to the playoff game. He called three timeouts during the second quarter in a futile attempt to slow the Hawks, but all that seemed to do was give them a little extra rest so they could keep on running.

Bibby, whose acquisition at last season's trade deadline gave Atlanta its first true point guard in years, ran the offense masterfully beyond just throwing up passes for the highlight shows. He dished out nine assists to go along with 10 points.



Magic center Dwight Howard dunks over 76er Theo Ratliff in the fourth quarter of the Philadelphia victory Sunday.



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## MEN'S GOLF

# Irish in middle of pack after first day



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Junior Doug Fortner and the Irish men's golf team look to rise from fifth place at the Big East championships Monday.

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

The Irish put together a solid first round at the Big East championships at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Dade City, Fla., finishing the first day of competition in fifth place with a seven-over par 295. No. 44 Louisville leads the field of 12 with a six-under 282.

Notre Dame freshman Max Scodro, in his fifth collegiate tournament of his career, vaulted himself to fifth overall on the back of eagles on the second and 11th holes. He stands at one-under par after a torrid 33 on the back nine.

"Max is strong through the bag, stays loose out there and just enjoys playing," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

Junior Doug Fortner, the only upperclassman to make an appearance at the tournament for Notre Dame, heads into Monday's play in 14th place. After sitting at three-under par through 11, Fortner fired two bogeys and a double bogey over four holes on the back nine to slide to one-over par for the day. Fortner's strong play leaves open the possibility for back-to-back All-Big East honors for the junior.

Trailing his veteran teammate by only one stroke, sophomore Jeff Chen carded a two-over 74 to end up in 23rd for the day. Chen quickly settled down after opening his round with four straight bogeys. Kubinski has lauded Chen for

his veteran attitude and icy nerves throughout the season.

"Even when he doesn't have his golf swing where he'd like it, he doesn't panic," Kubinski said. "He just goes out with what he has and competes. He now knows he can compete at this level."

Fellow sophomore Dustin Zhang shot a five-over 77. Coming out of the turn with a one-over 37, Zhang struggled down the stretch to fire four bogeys on the back nine. Sophomore Connor Alan-Lee rounded out the Irish lineup with an 11-over 83. Alan-Lee never quite seemed to find his stroke, scattering eight bogeys and two double bogeys in addition to his birdie on the 17th.

Despite finding themselves squarely in the thick of a tight field — only 12 strokes separate the third- and 10th-place teams — Notre Dame has history on their side. In perhaps the finest performance in their long history, the Irish shot an incredible 16-under par on the final day of the 2006 Big East championship at Jovita to come back from 12 strokes down and clinch the title.

"We know we can do something — win — we've felt capable of all year," Kubinski said. "We'll have positive vibes. Lake Jovita was 'our place' the last time we competed there."

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## ND MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish place fourth in Big East

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

After a win over Georgetown to start the Big East championships, hopes were high for the Irish. But after consecutive losses to South Florida and Louisville, Notre Dame finished fourth in the conference.

No. 28 Notre Dame lost a hard-fought match against South Florida, each singles matches going to three sets.

"[South Florida] beat top-25 teams Miami and Florida State this season when they played here in Tampa," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Lucas Jovita and Wael Kilani at the

top of their lineup are two very strong baseliners who will make you earn every point."

The No. 31 doubles team of senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis were able to give the Irish a 1-0 lead with an 8-2 victory over Jovita and Thomas Estrada.

At No. 2 doubles sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt fell to Mahmoud Hamed and Jammal Adderley by a score of 8-4.

"Casey Watt has been a real force for us this year," Bayliss said. "His combination of speed, aggressive ground strokes, and competitiveness separate him from most players."

Senior Santiago Montoya and sophomore Dan Stahl lost the doubles point for the Irish, falling at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-5.

Estrada was able to defeat Davis at No. 6 singles to give the Bulls a 2-0 advantage.

Watt, though, pulled out a third-set singles win over Hamed by a score of 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 to keep the match alive, and earn his team-leading 17th victory of the season.

Adderley defeated Stahl at No. 4 singles to earn the victory for South Florida and clinch them a spot in the finals Saturday.

After the loss, the Irish faced No. 23 Louisville for third place Saturday.

"While they beat us in Louisville last week, the match was within our grasp," Bayliss said. "We found ourselves at 5-5 in the tiebreaker to win the doubles point at No. 1 and we led 4-3 in the third set at No. 1 singles."

The Irish were looking to avenge a 4-3 loss against Louisville from earlier in the season, but again fell just short in their comeback bid losing 4-3 again.

Again, Helgeson and Davis gave the Irish an early 1-0 advantage at No. 1 doubles, but Notre Dame couldn't capitalize.

At No. 3 doubles Austen Childs and Sumit-Prakash Gupta tied the doubles point at 1-1 when they defeated Montoya and Stahl by a score of 8-3.

At No. 2, Havens and Watt battled to take an 8-7 lead late but fell to the Cardinals duo of Alejandro Calligari and Robert Rotaru in a tiebreak where Louisville won 7-2.

The Cardinals jumped out in singles to a 3-0 lead with wins at No. 1 and 2 singles. No. 31 Childs defeated Helgeson 6-1, 6-2, while Havens fell No. 79 Viktor Maksimcuk 6-3, 6-1.

Davis earned Notre Dame's first singles victory at No. 6 over Robert Hall 6-4, 6-3 to bring the match to 3-1.

Sophomore David Anderson won at No. 5 singles, while Watt earned his 18th win of the season at No. 4 singles to tie the match at three wins apiece.

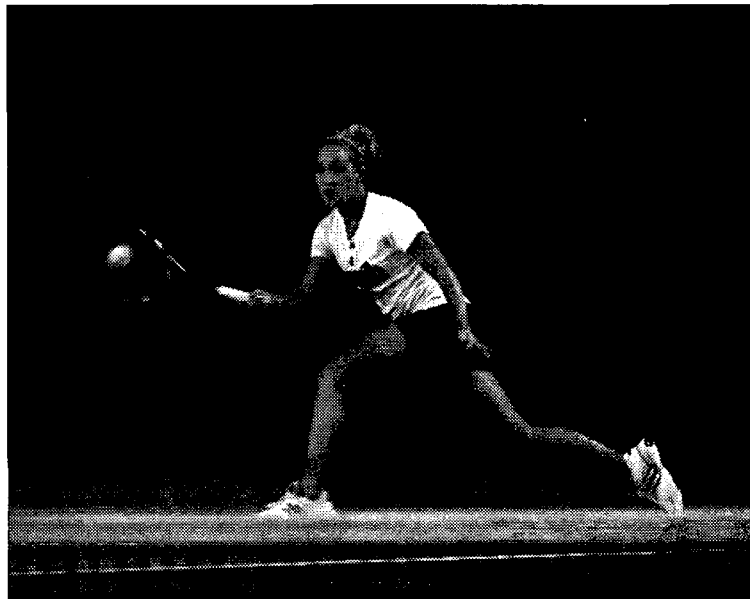
Stahl fell to Caligari in three sets, though, to give the Cardinals the victory.

South Florida ended up winning the event, and the Irish will now await their NCAA first round opponent when draws are announced after the completion of all conference tournaments next weekend.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Team takes third Big East title in four years



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior captain Kelcy Tefft returns a serve against Marquette last April. Tefft and the Irish won the Big East Championship Sunday.

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

After a dominating weekend, another gold trophy has been added to the women's tennis trophy case.

No. 2 Notre Dame (22-4, 6-0) claimed its ninth overall Big East title by winning the Big East tournament Sunday. The team successfully defended last year's title and won the crown for the third time in four years.

The Irish opened the tournament with a 4-0 sweep of Pittsburgh Friday, and then quickly replicated the victory with a 4-0 win over Rutgers Saturday. In the championship match Sunday, Notre Dame won 4-2 over DePaul, the second victory over the Blue Demons in two weeks. As made evident by the lopsided scores, the entire team contributed to this display of Big East supremacy.

"Everyone played well the whole weekend, especially since we hadn't been outside for awhile," senior captain Kelcy Tefft said.

Each of the three matches began with Notre Dame sweeping the doubles point without difficulty — no match came closer than 8-2. The sweeps brought second-ranked Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling's season doubles record to 34-3, and freshmen Shannon Mathews and junior Colleen Rielley's dual match record to 20-8.

These doubles points set the stage for the Irish to cruise to victory. The two points DePaul won equaled the number of points Notre Dame lost in their five victories since last beating

DePaul.

"DePaul is a very good team, and I was a little bit nervous about it going in because we had a pretty tight match with them at their place two weeks ago," Tefft said. "But everyone played really well, and we're all happy with everyone's performance."

This is the third Big East title in the careers of seniors Tefft and Katie Potts.

"Every year it is fun to come down to Florida and even more fun to return home with a victory," Tefft said.

Last season the Irish came away from Big East play laden with awards. Most notably, Tefft won Player of the Year and head coach Jay Louderback was awarded Coach of the Year. The end of the season awards will come out early this coming week, and after earning the Big East championship, more accolades will likely come the team's way.

"We should represent pretty well on all-tournament teams across the board," Tefft said.

Now on a six-match winning streak, Notre Dame approaches the NCAA tournament in prime form.

"We have a few weeks off to recover from some injuries and work on our conditioning a little bit," Tefft said. "Then we just need to be ready in early May whenever we host NCAA Regionals."

NCAA Regionals will be the weekend of May 9, and if the Irish prevail, the team will advance to sectionals at Texas A&M.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles falter down the stretch in MIAA play

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writer

It's coming down the crunch time in the MIAA, and the Belles aren't responding well.

After starting the season 22-4 and in prime position for a MIAA playoff berth, the Belles began a six-game losing streak, four against league opponents. This weekend, they lost 4-3 and 12-4 against Adrian, dropping their league record to 6-6 and knocking them out of the playoffs. A day after those heart-breaking losses, the Belles were swept by North Central 9-5 and 14-2 on senior day.

"We just had a bad week. It started Wednesday, it carried over into this weekend," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We played well, but we just didn't take advantage when we had runners in scoring position."

The Belles were forced to play from behind for almost all of the first game against Adrian after giving up four runs in the top of the first inning. They had nothing going until they sparked a rally with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning. A pair of errors allowed them to plate three runners, but

Bulldogs pitcher Kelly Tomasek eventually shut the door, bringing her record to 19-0.

The second game was similarly close, with the Belles only down 4-2 after three innings. But after the Bulldogs rattled off eight unanswered runs to bring the lead to 12-2, the Belles' hopes for an MIAA title were all but crushed. The Belles managed to add two runs in the bottom half of the six, but it was not enough to avoid the run rule. With no momentum whatsoever to take into Sunday, the Belles were swept again.

"It was rainy, it was cold, and the team was still depressed. I don't think it was a lack of effort by any means, I think they were just a little confused," Sullivan said.

The Belles are now forced to regroup and overcome the shock of falling in the standings so quickly. They will have one more chance to end the season on a high note as they travel to Angola, Ind. to face off against divisional foe Trine University. The double-header is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish bounce back vs. UConn

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

After losing their last two contests, the No. 9 Irish came back with a victory in their final regular-season game as they took down Connecticut 20-5 and senior co-captain Jillian Byers set a single-game record with 12 points.

"It took us a little while to figure out how to beat them," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "But once we did we really controlled the ball in the second half."

Notre Dame (12-4, 5-2 Big East) returned home Saturday after a string of four road games to close out the season and honor the team's four seniors — Byers, co-captain and defender Shannon Burke, goalkeeper Erin Goodman, and midfielder Beth Koulup. The victory over Connecticut (3-13, 2-5) closes out conference play until the Big East tournament starts Friday.

The Irish offense had been struggling to find the net in their last two games at Syracuse and Vanderbilt, but did not have any trouble Saturday. Notre Dame out-shot Connecticut 43-17 and had scored 14 goals by the time the Huskies netted their first. Leading the Irish offense alongside Byers were junior attack Gina Scioscia with two goals and three assists, sophomore midfielder Kaitlin Keena with three goals and an assist and freshman attack Maggie Tamasitis with three goals.

Notre Dame's defense showed its strength as well Saturday, shutting

Connecticut out 10-0 in the first half.

"We were obviously pleased with the first half," Irish head coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's difficult to shut somebody out, and to have that type of defensive performance is exciting."

Anchoring the Irish defense was Goodman, playing more than 46 minutes and making six saves while letting only two shots get past her, the first rolling across the goal line after she stopped it.

"Erin had a great first half," Coyne said. "And a solid 40 minutes."

The Huskies' offense was fronted by senior midfielder Katy Ryan with two goals, followed by single goals from three other players.

Notre Dame got the game off to quick start, jumping out to a 10-0 lead at the break.

"Connecticut rarely got the ball down on our defensive end," Coyne said. "I think that really speaks to the tenacity of our mid-field and defense."

Byers and Scioscia opened the second half in the same fashion of the first before Keena came down the field to put in two back-to-back goals off of a free position shot and an assist from Byers. The Huskies got their first goal at 22:09 in the second half from Crerar to put the game at 14-1.

The Irish defense has been key for the team this season with many players contributing in different games throughout the season. The team had 26 ground balls to Connecticut's 14, 17 draw controls

and 10 caused turnovers.

"We've been pushing to dominate defensively, and seeing so many defenders contribute at so many different times really shows what we've been working on," Coyne said.

A highlight of the game was Byers breaking another school record with her seven goals and five assists. Previously held by her former teammate Cristy Foote ('06), Byers' 12 points beat the former record by one point.

"Cristy was inspirational for Jill," Coyne said. "No matter who you play, you have to be on your game to set a record like this. I'm really happy with the balance Jill had of seven goals and five assists."

Byers wasn't the only senior to have made an impact on the Irish team over the last four seasons. The team's four seniors have the best four-year success the program has seen with a record of 50-21.

Up next for the Irish is the Big East tournament this weekend at Georgetown.

"Our focus is on our defense transition and stopping our opponent before they get into scoring position," Coyne said. "Most important though is to go in with confidence in our game plan and to play a solid 60 minutes."

Notre Dame will take on Syracuse in the first round Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Georgetown's Multi-Sport Facility.

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## Swezey

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League) continued their run as the only undefeated team in Division I. Neal Hicks opened the scoring just five minutes into the game, and Eric Keppeler, Adam Felicetti, Grant Krebs and Nicholas Beattie added goals in the first half. Swezey notched both of his goals towards the end of the period and the Irish had a 7-0 lead going into halftime.

The Bobcats finally got on the board on a goal from Jack Oppenheimer with 11:58 left in the third quarter, but Krebs and senior Ryan Hoff notched two more goals to extend the Irish lead.

After Kevin Kelly cut the lead to 9-2, Notre Dame picked up a goal from Kevin Cullinane to give the final score.

After the final whistle blew, it was a quick turnaround for Corrigan's squad, as faceoff against the Red Storm was just over 24 hours, and 750 miles, away.

The jetlag may have had a slight effect on the Irish, as the first quarter ended with the score knotted at two. Any lingering effects quickly wore off, though, and the Notre Dame offense found it's rhythm, leading to a 12-2 win.

Krebs and Hoff both netted hat tricks, and Neal Hicks earned three assists and a goal on the day.

After the Red Storm took a 2-1 lead early in the game, Hicks tied the game with 2:43 left in the first quarter. Sophomore midfielder Zach Brenneman scored what would eventually be the game-winner just three minutes into the second quarter, and the Irish defense took it from there.

The Irish scored two man-up goals on the afternoon, moving their total up to 18 on the season.

"It's nice to see our man-up click a little bit," Corrigan said. "I think we've got the right people there and we're getting good looks. We're not as consistent this year as we were a year ago, but it's still there."

The two goals equaled season bests for the Irish, and Hoff said the stout effort was a credit not just to the defensemen, but also to the team as a whole.

"Offensively we're not having bad possessions, so it doesn't translate into sloppy goals on the other end," Hoff said. "Early on we were giving up six or seven goals a game, and that was our offense's fault because we weren't having quality possessions."

Hoff also credited senior goalie Scott Rodgers.

"We had the best goalie last year in Joey Kemp," Hoff said. "He left, and now we've got the best goalie in the country this year in Scott Rodgers."

Sunday was senior day at Alumni Field, and the graduating players were recognized before the game. The win against St. John's marked the last regular season home game for the seniors, though they could play at home again in the NCAA Tournament.

"Four years is a long time and it's been incredible," Hoff said. "We try not to make too much out of it, but it definitely means a lot coming out of here with a win."

Corrigan said he wanted to wait until the season was over before he started singing the praises of his senior class.

"They're not done," he said. "They still have, I hope, over a month to play."

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Irish sweep doubleheaders

By CHRIS MASOUD

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The final stretch of the Big East regular season can either propel a team into the playoffs or break its back permanently. For the surging Irish, the home stretch has brought out the best in a young team looking to make a statement in an unforgiving conference.

Notre Dame (31-13, 13-3 Big East) is playing its best softball of the year, sweeping Villanova and Rutgers over the weekend to maintain its third-place rank in the Big East standings. The Irish extended their winning streak to 10 games and have yet to lose a conference game on the road.

The Irish handed the Wildcats (19-19, 4-15 Big East) a pair of losses Saturday, taking care of the Big East's weakest team by scores of 3-0 and 7-1 respectively.

Senior Brittney Bargar picked up her 17th win of the year in game one, striking out five in the four-hit shutout, her seventh of the year.

Although the Irish came out sluggish at the plate in the opening frames, they turned it on in the fourth to the tune of three runs on three hits. Freshman Dani Miller plated two runs after a bunt by junior Heather Johnson and an error by the Wildcats brought in the game's first run.

Game two was a decisive victory for the Irish, as all the pieces

came together in a display of fundamentals and confidence. Solid hitting, airtight defense and shutdown pitching set the tone from start to finish.

Miller continued her hot streak with a home run to left field to ignite the offense in the fourth, followed by a two-RBI single by freshman Alexa Maldonado later in the frame. Junior Alexia Clay added some insurance in the seventh with a two-run fly to give the Irish a six-run lead.

Sophomore Jody Valdivia picked up her 12th win of the season by going the distance, giving up only one run on three hits and striking out seven.

Many teams will fall into complacency, resting on their laurels after picking up a sweep on the road. But not the Irish, who capped off a stellar weekend on the diamond by taking both games of a twinbill against Rutgers by scores of 4-3 and 4-1 Sunday.

Not only did Sunday's victories extend the conference road winning streak to eight, but it also marked the 20th consecutive game in which Miller has recorded at least one hit. Miller reached base safely in each of the four games against Villanova and Rutgers this weekend to build upon her school record.

Rutgers (17-28, 4-14 Big East), second to last in the Big East rankings, had their hands full, as solid defense and clutch hitting highlighted a weekend of trademark Irish softball.

The Irish fell behind in the first

game of the doubleheader when Brittney Lindley doubled in a run in the second to give the Knights a narrow lead. But Bargar was stingy the rest of the way, picking up the win and lowering her ERA to a meager 1.72 to put her fifth in the Big East overall.

Notre Dame broke loose for three runs on five hits in the fourth to overcome the deficit and take the lead. Led by Johnson's 3-for-3 day at the plate and timely team hitting up and down the lineup, the Irish cruised past a struggling Rutgers team that faded away as the game wore on.

The back end of the doubleheader was a much closer contest, as the Irish needed a little bit of heroics in the seventh from Valdivia to complete the sweep.

Rutgers opened the game with a two-run homer from Sarah Kalka to take the early lead. But once again the Irish bats came alive in the fourth, scoring four runs in the frame to pull away from a dangerous Scarlet Knights team desperate for a win. The inning was highlighted by Miller's two-RBI double and an RBI single by sophomore Katie Fleury.

Kate Valiante pulled Rutgers within one with a lead-off homer. But Valdivia put it together in remarkable fashion, striking out two and inducing a flyout to conclude a hugely successful Irish weekend.

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## Bookstore

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**No. 6 Hallelujah Hollaback 21, No. 3 Mathletes 14**

Hallelujah Hollaback continued to impress the Bookstore Basketball community Sunday afternoon with an impressive victory over the Mathletes.

Hollaback, composed entirely of freshmen, was able to maintain a six-point lead consistently throughout the first half. However, some defensive adjustments by the Mathletes

slowed their scoring at the beginning of the second half.

"They switched to a man-to-man defense in the second half and that really slowed us down offensively for a while", Hollaback member Griffin Naylor said.

Hollaback, however, quickly got back on track thanks to the help of big men Dayne Crist, Pat Kelly and Joe Fauria.

"I think our defense got us back on track. The Mathletes had a couple of guys who could really get to the rim but I think they struggled finishing

against our big guys and were forced to take difficult shots," Naylor said. "Offensively we really attacked the glass so we were able to get a good deal of put backs".

Hallelujah Hollaback will face No. 7 Kramer Properties tonight in the final four at 7 p.m.

**South Bend Police Squad — You're Screwed 21, Shirts and Skins 15**

The remarkable run of South Bend Police Squad — You're Screwed continued as they notch their third straight upset

of the tournament, beating Shirts and Skins 21-15

The win yesterday was the most impressive of SBPS's run, as Shirts and Skins were the No. 2 overall seed. "We like the underdog type thing," You're Screwed guard Colleen Flahive said.

Despite being only the No. 23 seed, her team played well throughout and maintained a lead the whole second half. Christine Hamma's back-to-back 3-pointers late in the game helped You're Screwed pull away and eventually cruise on to victory.

"I think we played really well," SBPS captain Liz Shadley said. "We were expecting a big fight and it was a big fight but we overcame."

With the win, You're Screwed advances on to the Final Four of the women's bracket and will face off against SpineCrushers tonight at 7 p.m.

**Supreme Court 22, By All Means Move at a Glacial Pace 20**

In the last semi-final game to finish on Sunday, the two teams were so evenly matched that it took more than 21 points to decide the outcome.

There were six ties and three lead changes in the second half alone, but Supreme Court ended the game on top.

With the wet conditions, By All Means Move at a Glacial Pace chose to utilize the zone defense, hoping to force outside shots. Supreme Court's shooting was effective enough, though, as they hit a number of jumpers down the stretch.

Despite the win, captain Erin Newsom saw room for improvement and felt her team could have done things to close out the game better.

"We made a lot of mistakes today; we came out a little slow. That hurt us, it made it into a longer game, but I think we played pretty well," Newsom said. "We pulled together and all contributed for the team."

Supreme Court advances on to the Final Four to play the winner of the Muffet McGraw region of the women's bracket, enchantEe, at 8 p.m. tonight.

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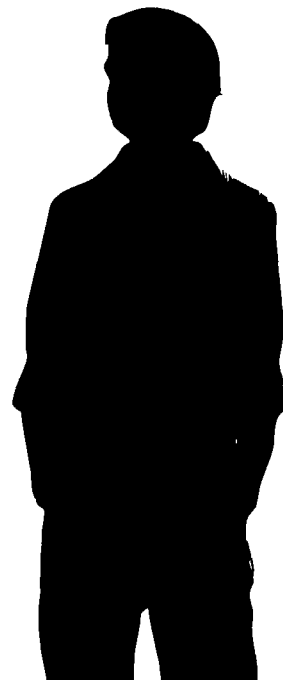
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**Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:**

**Carl Andersen**

Senior Carl Andersen, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morrissey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carl’s athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to playing basketball, broomball and volleyball, Carl also plays Interhall and CoRec football where he is one of the league leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and CoRec football teams.

**Alex Klupchak**

Alex Klupchak, a senior from O’Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Rolfs. Alex has a confidence and intensity that can be matched by few other players and his quickness and ability to both drive the lane and shoot it from deep make him a constant threat. As captain and leading scorer of his CoRec and Interhall basketball teams, he led them both to appearances in the championship games, putting up 23 points in the Interhall Final. When not on the hardwood, Alex plays wide receiver on O’Neill’s Interhall Football team and referees countless basketball and football games.

**Casey McGushin**

Casey “Pistol” McGushin is the captain and leading scorer for Sorin’s Interhall Basketball team where his driving ability and accuracy from deep behind the arc make him the Otter’s number one threat. In addition, Pistol plays quarterback on the Otters’ Interhall Football team and is the captain of the Little Giants flag football team who had an undefeated regular season, beating opponents by an average of 52 points.

**Undergraduate Female Athlete of the Year:**

**Kathleen Stanley**

Kathleen Stanley helped McGlinn Hall capture the Interhall Women’s Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlinn upset the top seeded Purple Weasels of PW in a 41-33 victory to win the Interhall Women’s Basketball title. In addition, Stanley plays in multiple soccer leagues, Interhall Lacrosse, and was a member of DVD Late Night who made an appearance in the CoRec basketball final.

**Mary Forr**

Mary Forr was a major component of Pasquerilla West’s Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Weasels to the number one seed in the Women’s Interhall Basketball tournament where they fell to McGlinn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.

**Jenni Gargula**

Jenni Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family’s Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game in the final minutes. Over the past three years, she has a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwind’s quarterback. Jenni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds’ Interhall Basketball team.

**Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:**

**Matt Hamel**

After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Waivers capture the CoRec Basketball title en route to an undefeated season. Hamel brings an unmatched intensity and determination to all sports as the leading scorer of the GFS basketball team, Flannel, and a strong defender on his CoRec Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.

**Braden Turner**

Braden Turner represents MSA in a variety of sports including basketball, flag football, and volleyball. He was captain of the MSA flag football team and a member of the MSA soccer team that lost in the finals on penalty kicks.

**David Standa**

As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS baseball title with a victory over CEGEOS. Dave played GFS basketball on Team Flannel who made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions. He is also a key contributor to his league leading Floor Hockey team, Threat Level Midnight, who has beaten their opponents by an average of 10 goals.

**Graduate Female Athlete of the Year:**

**Susan Pinnick**

Susan Pinnick represented the MSA program well, playing as many sports as she could. She was a member of MSA soccer team that lost the championship game on penalty kicks and a key component of her undefeated CoRec soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.

**Chrissy Vaughn**

Chrissy Vaughn was the captain of the Mighty Mendoza GFS soccer team that won their league. She always brought enthusiasm and leadership to her team as a key contributor to their successful season.

**Brittany Baron**

Brittany Baron is the leader of MSA athletics as the captain of both their soccer and basketball teams. She was a member of the CoRec championship basketball team, Insurance Waivers, and the GFS soccer runner-up as well as flag football and volleyball.

**Team of the Year:**

**Interhall Men’s Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball**

By averaging 65 points a game, Morrissey Manor completed an undefeated season and claimed the number one seed in the Men’s Interhall Basketball Championship. Led by senior Captain Carl Andersen’s 17 points, they were able to defend their Interhall basketball title with a 69-62 victory over O’Neill Hall.

**CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction**

Weapons of Mass Destruction struggled in the regular season, but a 2-2 record was just enough to get them into the playoffs where their season took off. They upset both the number one and number two seeds en route to the CoRec Flag Football Championship.

**CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Waivers**

Joe Marnell, Matt Hamel, & Joe DeMott led the Insurance Waivers to an undefeated season. Averaging 71 points a game to their opponents’ 38, they captured the CoRec Basketball Championship over DVD Late Night with a 71-30 victory.

**Game of the Year:**

**Men’s Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford**

The #4 seed Siegfried met the #1 seeded Stanford Griffins in the Interhall Men’s Hockey championship after both teams had to go into OT to win their semifinal games. The Siegfried Ramblers pulled off the 3-1 upset over the heavily favored Stanford Griffins to take home the championship trophy.

**Men’s Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan**

The top-seeded Siegfried Ramblers defeated the seventh-seeded Knights of Keenan Hall 14-13 to capture the Men’s Interhall Football Championship trophy and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight’s wide receiver, James Zenker, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan’s attempt at a two-point conversion with just over two minutes to play.

**GFS Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United**

Forty minutes wasn’t enough to settle the GFS Soccer Championship as the game went into overtime tied 2-2. Top seeded Pick Up United pulled out the victory over third seeded Team MSA in Penalty Kicks 5-3.

**Fans of the Year:**

**Zahm Hockey**

Defending Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahm House, could always be found with a large contingent of fans including fans in costumes of all sorts. Even as the team started to struggle, their fan base stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC Ice Rink.

**Welsh Flag Football**

Welsh Fam was never short of fans, especially for Flag Football. Even Father Greg never missed a game. It’s hard not to play well when you have the fan support that the Whirlwinds do, cheering them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.

**Purple Rain**

GFS Flag Football team, Purple Rain, always had a ton of support from their fans, even bringing a mascot. The fans for Purple Rain stayed strong even as the weather turned cold and rainy for the playoffs where the team lost in a hard fought semifinal game to Palin’s Spawn.

## Clausen

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"Coach [Corwin] Brown made a great call," Blanton, who was named defensive MVP, said. "[Jimmy Clausen] just threw the ball right to me. It wasn't too hard. Jimmy told me to thank him later. I had some great blocking from the defensive line and safeties."

Clausen finished the day 8-of-17 for 70 yards and the interception, while freshman Dayne Crist, who sat out last season as a red-shirt, finished 4-of-10 for 40 yards. Crist and Clausen alternated drives, with Clausen getting slightly more snaps.

"He is doing a much better job at running the operation," Irish coach Charlie Weis said of Clausen. "The [evolution] from calling plays to running plays to running the offense is really a three-step deal. First, just call the play, then you run the plays, then you run the offense, and that is where he has gotten. He has gotten to the point where he is running the offense and once you get to that point, the sky is the limit."

In terms of pure statistics, the most effective quarterback was freshman walk-on Nate Montana, son of former Irish quarterback Joe Montana. The younger Montana played sparingly, but finished 2-of-2 for 51 yards.

"It was nice for Nate to get a couple of completions," Weis said. "I think it was good for him to get those under his belt. There's a lot of pressure on him, being a legacy, especially now that you're out there playing in front of over 30,000 people instead of just in practice."

The key to the offense's victory was new-found success in the running game. Sophomore running back Armando Allen was named offensive MVP, gaining 70 yards on 12 carries. Fellow sophomore Robert Hughes also put up impressive numbers, gaining 93 yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns. Freshman Jonas Gray, who saw limited playing time last year, rounded out the trio with 89 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries. In all, the Irish averaged 4.2 yards per carry Saturday, a clear improvement over last year's average of 3.3 yards per carry.

On the other side of the ball, Weis said he was pleased with the perform-

ance of the defensive line, which sacked Clausen twice and Crist once.

"These guys are hungry and they gave a lot of effort," honorary coach and former Irish defensive lineman Justin Tuck said. "These guys are young, and the sky could be the limit for them. They are in a good place. I told these guys that just because it was the spring game doesn't mean that they have to stop working. We need guys to step up on this football team, and Ethan [Johnson] can definitely be one of those guys."

After the game, Weis agreed that the defensive line, while inexperienced, could be a major force this season.

"I thought we ran the ball with power inside and our defense was good to the edge and put a lot of heat on the quarterback," Weis said. "Against our defense, opponents are going to spend a lot of time scheming to get their quarterback extra time

*"Against our defense, opponents are going to spend a lot of time scheming to get their quarterback extra time because [the defensive line] is very athletic."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

because they are very athletic. You only saw about a tenth of what they have dialed up."

Freshman early-enrollee Zeke Motta also stood out on defense, leading the team with seven tackles. "He might have some work to do mentally," Weis said of

Motta. "But he's a very physically gifted athlete."

### Note:

♦ While this year's scoring system gave points for "explosive plays," next year's may have include points for most creative celebration. The defense started with a game of "duck, duck, goose" after Blanton's touchdown.

"I don't know whose idea that was, but it was probably the tightest celebration I've ever seen," Blanton said. "I was running down the field and Kyle McCarthy was yelling 'duck, duck, goose.' Somebody had planned the celebration out before. I didn't worry about looking stupid because you only live once so you have to have some fun."

The offense fought back with a grenade explosion celebration after one of Robert Hughes' touchdowns. Weis said he told the game's officials to not call personal foul penalties, so his players could have some fun.

"I just hope they got it on video so I can see how stupid they really were," Weis joked.

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## Rushing

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for a combined 268 yards on 53 carries. Hughes found the end zone twice and Gray once to lead the Blue team scoring, but it was Allen that was named the game's Offensive MVP.

"We have a real talented group," Allen said. "When any of us is on the field, nothing changes. We don't lose a step."

Allen also praised the efforts of the defense on Saturday, despite the lopsided score.

"I thought the defense played well," he said. "I guess you could say the scoring system kinda screwed them over."

The rushing attack was a focal point in spring practice after Irish coach Charlie Weis looked for common elements in successful teams this past season.

"[The running game] has been a major focus. We looked back

at all the teams that played in the BCS, took the highs and lows, and said here is what the teams in the BCS are doing, and those teams were averaging 4.6 yards per carry and we were averaging 3.3," Weis said.

Weis also explained that each back brings different styles and abilities to the offense.

"[T]hose guys are different types of backs. Allen is the small fast guy, Robert is the pounder guy and Jonas is the guy who's got a lot of both of them in him but with the least experience," Weis said.

One reason for the apparent strides of the running back and blocking units may be new coaches Tony Alford and Frank Verducci. Alford joined the coaching staff this offseason after coaching running backs at Louisville, and Verducci brings 27 years of offensive line experience at the pro and collegiate levels to the ranks.

"Both of them are going to push you beyond the expecta-

tions you have for yourself," Allen said.

Weis said he was pleased with the performance of the running attack, which he said would have a significant impact on other areas of the team.

"It all starts with the run game. If you can run the ball, everything is easier," Weis said. "Protection is easier, throwing the ball is easier, everything is easier. It all starts with being able to control the line of scrimmage."

Honorary coach and former Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks said he was impressed with the gains he saw from the running back corps in his time at spring practice.

"They are still young backs but I am definitely pleased with what I have seen," Brooks said. "It has been a marked improvement."

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## Tate

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Schrage said he wasn't sure when Tate would be available after the spring game and didn't have him in the lineup, but Tate showed up in the locker room — in football pads — before the game. Schrage asked him he could play, and Tate said, "Yeah, put me in."

"I think Golden thrives on these kind of things," Schrage said. "He loves the limelight. He performs better in front of a lot of people."

Mills walked to lead off the sixth inning and a hit-and-run single from Doyle sent him to third. Martin grounded into a double play, but Mills scored to make the score 3-0.

The Mountaineers held the Irish for the rest of the game, but couldn't get anything from Maust. Maust improved his record to 5-2, allowed only singles, didn't let anyone get past second base and lowered his ERA to 3.93.

The Irish got another complete game from sophomore Brian Dupra in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, an 8-6 win. Dupra has now thrown three straight complete games; he struck out three and walked one Saturday.

"[Maust and Dupra] both executed the game plan and they were hitting their spots," Schrage said. "They were able to exploit some of West

Virginia's weaknesses."

The Irish cranked out 16 hits in the game. Tate had three of those hits, scored a run and had an RBI. Martin went 3-for-4 and scored a run.

Mills doubled in the second inning and sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell drove him in to give the Irish an early lead. Tate scored from first in the second inning on Barnes' double. Doyle gave the Irish a 3-0 lead when he hit his first career home run in the fourth inning.

The Irish doubled their lead in the fifth, when Casey doubled and scored on Doyle's fly to right. Junior A.J. Pollock delivered a two-run single with the bases loaded to make the score 6-0.

The Mountaineers first scored in the sixth, when Justin Parks and Dan DiBartolomeo both doubled and Parks scored. Tobias Streich then doubled in DiBartolomeo to make the score 6-2. West Virginia scored in the seventh, but two-out RBI singles from junior Ryne Intlekofer and Tate made the score 8-4.

Parks made it interesting by hitting a two-run home run in the ninth, but Dupra got out of the inning. Dupra is now 4-4 with a 5.59 ERA.

The great pitching Notre Dame displayed Saturday hadn't arrived in time for Friday's game. Sophomore Cole Johnson, who had pitched well of late, suffered his first loss of the season, giving up 11 runs on 10 hits in five innings.

"He could not hit his spots at

all. He was struggling with his location," Schrage said. "His bread and butter pitch is his cutter, and for some reason on Friday it flattened out."

The Mountaineers had 15 hits in the game, with DiBartolomeo responsible for three of them. Jarryd Summers picked up the win for West Virginia with a seven-inning, two-run outing.

Parks scored four times and drove in three runs and Jedd Gyorko had five RBIs for the Mountaineers.

West Virginia scored three runs in the first inning. Three consecutive singles gave the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead, and a double and RBI groundout made the score 3-0. Pollock doubled and scored on a wild pitch in the second inning for the Irish.

West Virginia scored four runs in the fourth and fifth innings and six in the seventh. Freshman Dustin Ispas, who came on in relief of Johnson, gave up six runs on three hits in 1 2/3 innings of work.

The Irish next face Michigan Tuesday on the road, and the Wolverines come to South Bend Wednesday before the Irish travel to Louisville over the weekend.

"I hope Saturday instills in them that they can beat anybody at any day," Schrage said. "Hopefully we look back on Saturday as the turning point of the season."

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## FOOTBALL

# Running wild

*Offense overpowers defense in blowout win*

By SAM WERNER  
Associate Sports Editor

The offense took advantage of a unique, and somewhat complex, scoring system to beat the defense 68-33 Saturday in the 80th edition of the annual Blue-Gold game.

Even though the offense, designated as the Blue team, won decisively, it was freshman cornerback Robert Blanton who stole the show, picking off a Jimmy Clausen pass early in the first half and returning it all the way for a touchdown.

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Irish sophomore running back Armando Allen runs upfield during Saturday's Blue-Gold game. Allen finished with 70 yards on 12 carries and was named offensive MVP.

*Rushing game shows improvement from '08*

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Associate Sports Editor

The scoring system in this year's edition of the Blue-Gold game may have made the game seem more one-sided than was the case. The one thing that was evident, however, was the success and improvement of the Irish rushing attack in the 68-33 exhibition win for the offense.

The three-headed running back team of rising juniors Armando Allen and Robert Hughes and rising sophomore Jonas Gray combined to dominate the scrimmage, rushing

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## BASEBALL

# Notre Dame rebounds with doubleheader sweep of WVU

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

It was a rough 10-day stretch. The Irish had lost five of six, including a 19-3 stomping by West Virginia at Eck Stadium Friday.

But as the weather improved, so did Notre Dame, and the

Irish took two of three from the Mountaineers this weekend by sweeping a doubleheader Saturday.

The Irish (22-14, 8-7 Big East) won 8-6 and 3-0 Saturday behind great pitching performances. Junior Eric Maust, after punting in the Blue-Gold game earlier in the afternoon, pitched nine scoreless innings and gave

up five hits in the second game.

"When a team's hitting .367 as a team that makes the performance more remarkable by Eric," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Sophomore designated hitter David Casey and sophomore Mick Doyle each had two hits and an RBI in the game. Casey raised his average to .407 and

has a 10-game hitting streak going. Schrage said Casey was the team's hottest hitter and attributed it to his work ethic.

"I would bet if you walked over to the cages right now he's probably in there hitting," Schrage said. "He's got a big heart, he wants to do well. The thing with David is he's maturing as a hitter too."

The Irish scored two in the second. Sophomore Golden Tate, who also saw time in the spring football game, doubled to right field. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes walked and Casey singled to score Tate. Junior David Mills then singled to score Barnes.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish win two over weekend

By SAM WERNER  
Associate Sports Editor

While it was a busy weekend for Notre Dame, with the Irish playing games on both Saturday and Sunday, it was a quiet one for opposing attackers. The Irish gave up just four goals combined on the weekend en route to wins over Quinnipiac and St. John's.

"To go back-to-back with two goal games is unbelievable," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

In Saturday's 10-2 win over the Bobcats, senior attack Duncan Swezey led the way with two goals and an assist. The Irish (12-0, 4-0 Great Western Lacrosse

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Irish senior midfielder Peter Christman cradles near the St. John's net during Notre Dame's 12-2 win over the Red Storm.

## BOOKSTORE

# Main St. Pub advances to Bookstore Final Four

By CHRIS MICHALSKI and BOBBY GRAHAM  
Sports Writers

Main Street Pub secured its spot in tonight's Final Four with a commanding 21-4 win over the Monstars.

Last year's runner-up never lost control of the game, cruising to victory.

"We knew they were a really good team," Main Street captain Alex Klupchak said. "We were very surprised by the final score. Their shots just wouldn't fall."

Klupchak attributed his team's performance to good, aggressive defense and noted the poor weather as the main reason as to why both teams may have looked sloppy at times.

"The weather made the ball pretty hard to handle and it definitely influenced our shots," he said.

Klupchak and the Main Street Pub will look for better weather tonight as they face the No. 5 seed, The Delivery Boys, tonight at 8 p.m.

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