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Jenkins to meet Obama invite supporters

Fifteen leaders from student groups to meet with University president and present letter, petition

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Fifteen students, representing over twenty student groups, are scheduled to meet with University President Fr. John Jenkins at 3:30 p.m. today to present a petition and letter in support of his invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement on May 17.

A student involved in organizing the meeting, College Democrats President Henry Vasquez, said that the Progressive Leadership Council, which is composed

of leaders of progressive campus clubs, got over twenty student clubs to sign the letter supporting the invitation.

"It's mostly a symbolic gesture of support," Vasquez said. He and senior Michael Angulo gathered the support of the clubs — including the Progressive Student Alliance, College Democrats, Feminist Voice, the Notre Dame NAACP chapter, Students for Environmental Action and the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC).

The letter states: "As Notre Dame students, we strive to be a concerned community

that recognizes the complexity of the many issues that face our nation and our world. We respect diverse viewpoints on issues and we also believe in concerned and genuine dialogue."

The letter also states that as "students concerned with the issues of social justice," the supporters look forward to hosting Obama and "continuing our University's mission to 'create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice,'" citing the University mission statement.

A petition — started by BCAC — gathered signatures from students, faculty and outside supporters over several weeks.

Khai Thomas, incoming president of BCAC, said not only are there many student supporters, "there is avid support among people outside the community for this petition."

Thomas said his group decided to try to meet with Jenkins in order to present the petition personally.

He said Jenkins' office was receptive to their request to

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D'Arcy disputes Jenkins' argument

Interpretations of USCCB statement cause of disagreement

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Local Bishop John D'Arcy released a statement Wednesday critical of University President John Jenkins' argument that Notre Dame has not violated a statement made by U.S. bishops, saying the University has committed a "terrible breach" by inviting pro-choice President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement.

A line from "Catholics in Political Life," a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2004, states: "Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

Some critics of the

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STUDENT SENATE

Schmidt presents agenda

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Student body president Grant Schmidt discussed his agenda for the 2009-2010 term during his first State of the Student Union to the Student Senate Wednesday evening.

Before laying out his agenda, Schmidt took time to address the controversy that has been fueled by President Obama's invitation to speak at Commencement.

He urged senators to listen to the discussion so they can assess the situation.

"This issue is going to go way beyond May 17th," Schmidt said. "Therefore, as your student body president, I encourage you to recognize that to many, the present controversy deeply conflicts with what they've been taught and what they believe and what they know, but I also encourage you to recognize that for others many see the issue in a different light and are encouraged by the decision."

Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bob Reish, Schmidt said he will continue to work to improve relations with the South Bend community.

"I promise that we will do our part to continue in educating the student body of our rights but also of how to best establish a relationship with the city and how to ultimately understand the culture in which we live in," he

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Gender Studies marks 20 years

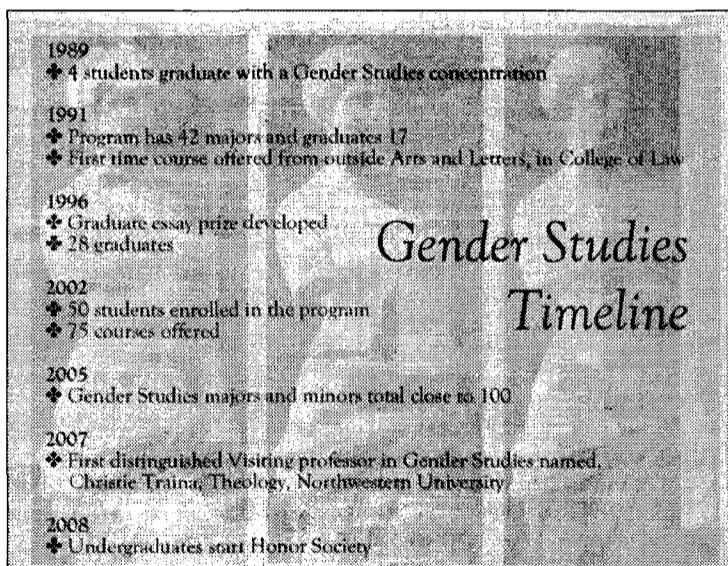
Department hosts reception; faculty members reflect on program's history

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Started in 1989 — 17 years after women gained admittance to the University — Notre Dame's Gender Studies program will celebrate its second decade this weekend with events beginning Thursday.

"Gender Studies has made Notre Dame a welcoming place for hundreds of students and faculty over the past 20 years," Director of Gender Studies Eileen Hunt Botting said.

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ANDREA ARCHER/Observer Graphic

Profs. talk Obama decision

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Continuing the discussion over President Barack Obama's invitation to be Commencement speaker, the third installment of the Orestes Brownson Council lecture series addressed the role of Notre Dame students and American Catholics in the nation's political environment in LaFortune on Wednesday night.

Professor of Law Rick Garnett said the Church and state are impossible to disentangle when it comes to our beliefs.

"Religion will matter to us and will effect what we believe," Garnett said. "Religion and politics always



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Law professor Rick Garnett discusses Catholicism in the nation's political environment on Wednesday in LaFortune Hall.

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Pedestrian struck by car Tuesday

Observer Staff Report

A car struck a pedestrian late Tuesday night on Notre Dame's campus, said Dave Chapman, assistant director of the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

Chapman said the accident took place on Stepan Road, "near where old Juniper Road used to intersect with Stepan Drive."

The victim had been walking on campus, he said.

An EMS unit was sent to the University at 10:18 p.m., according to a WSBT report.

Chapman confirmed the victim was treated at a local hospital, but he said he could not comment on the extent of the injuries.

Because of privacy issues, Chapman said he cannot say whether the victim is a say of the University.

INSIDE COLUMN

Nuggets of wisdom

As I circled the Michigan Street Wendy's for the third time, I finally spotted the miniscule window in which I was supposed to pay for my order. The teller gave me a funny look, but made change for my five-spot. She handed me a greasy bag and a large drink.

Michael Blasco
Sports Production Editor

Large drink? I didn't order a large drink. I ordered a small iced tea. Nevertheless, I pulled away from the teller window and turned south onto Michigan. I took a sip of my drink. Yech. Coke. I haven't had a Coke in years, much less 44 oz. worth. Poking through the bag, I took stock of my order. Fries? Nuggets? Then it dawned on me. While I was circling Wendy's, someone had obviously paid for and driven away with my order, and I was driving away with his.

I couldn't be more delighted. Despite the disappointment of not getting my couple of burgers, I had the chance to probe the mind of a complete and utter stranger. Each bite, each plunge into the unknown would illuminate the soul of a man or woman I would never lay eyes on.

I've always thought that someone's choice of junk food said a lot about his personality - what he finds comfortable, whether he kept healthy, if he was safe and sensible or liked to probe the limits of gastronomic safety. People order junk food without thought of anything except taste and their own sense of contentment. They tend to order the exact same thing every time or at least return to comfortable ground if they don't.

Some people keep it classic and come back time after time to burgers and fries. Some like to remind themselves of home with a heaping plate of eggs and hash browns. Junk food is, well, the real chicken soup for the soul. When you're hungover and your head is throbbing, you head for a big plate of greasy what-have-you. When you're burned out after studying all night, you head to Taco Bell.

So, I had in my hands a golden opportunity to sample the mind of someone else through his choice of junk food. Large drink, fries, nuggets, and a dollar-menu chicken sandwich? Probably not a health nut. Considering it was just past 7 p.m., maybe he's a guy who just finished up a long day and wanted something hearty and heavy as he headed home. Maybe he was trying to fill up before a graveyard shift, or maybe it was a guy who pulled off the Toll Road for a meal.

Next time you're sitting at Steak n Shake at 4 a.m., take a look at what people around you are eating. It says just as much about their personality as the fact that they're eating at Steak n Shake at 4 a.m.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW WOULD YOU GRADE PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE?



Ashley Ahn
senior McGlinn

"B. But I'm a full supporter of his speaking at MY graduation."



Kyle Cheng
sophomore O'Neill

"Not what I expected; he's focusing too much on foreign policy and not enough on the economy."



Seth Sutton
junior O'Neill

"F. Where's my change?"



Alle Hamman
freshman McGlinn

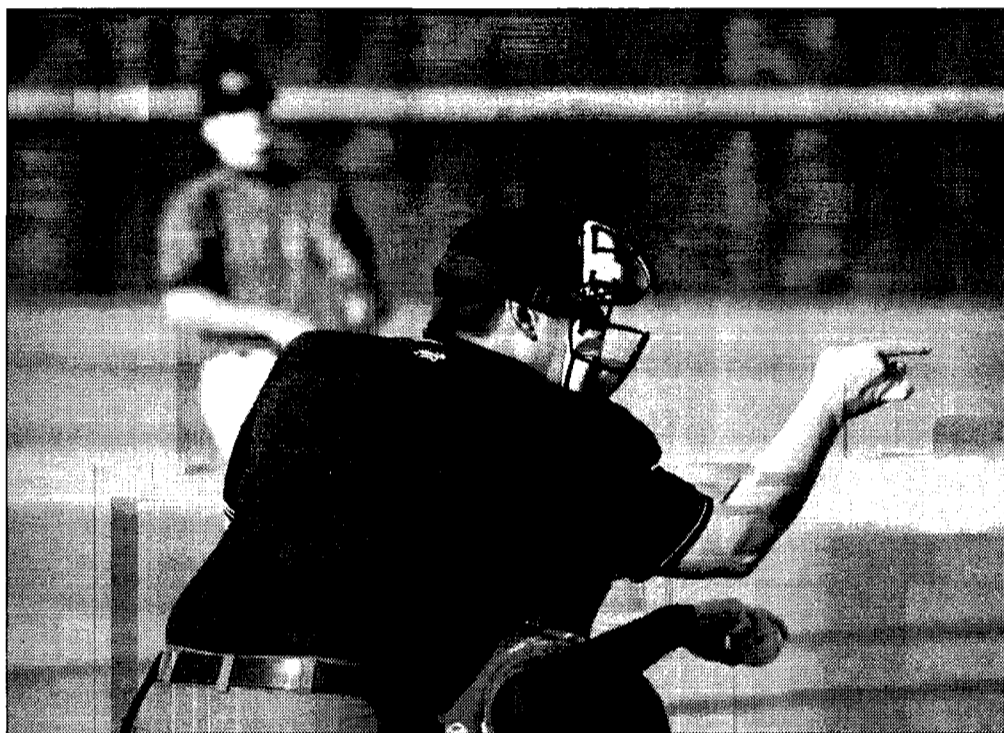
"He fulfilled at least one promise so far: he got a dog."



Brian Powers
freshman Keough

"Better than Bush's first 100."

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



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Home plate umpire Dave Condon calls a strike during the first game in the Notre Dame baseball team's series against Michigan on Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

IN BRIEF

Professor Christine Stansell, a leading historian of American Women will give a lecture titled "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement: General Tensions in Feminism, 1968-2008" today at 4 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. A Reception will precede the event at 3 p.m.

Harmonia, Notre Dame's only all female a cappella group will host their Spring Concert on today 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

There will be a Tag-Team Poetry Reading Extravaganza today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Bookstore. The public is invited to enjoy the diversity of poetry from six different members of the creative writing program's faculty, emeriti and MFA students.

RecSports will be hosting "ND Bike Fest" on Friday from noon to 7:30 p.m. on South Quad. Anyone is welcome to come to register their bike, get a free tune up, learn safety skills, join a bike club and participate in a ride. Free food will also be available.

The Department of Music will present "Spring Gala Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and Notre Dame Glee Club" on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include George Gershwin's An American in Paris, music from operas by Mozart, Beethoven, Weber, and Wagner and selections from West Side Story.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Bra deflects bullet, saves woman from serious injury

DETROIT — A 57-year-old Detroit woman avoided serious injury when the underwire on her bra deflected a bullet shot at her from next door, police said.

The woman, who lives on the West side of Detroit, saw a group of men breaking into a neighbour's house on Tuesday morning. When the men spotted her, one of them fired a shot at her, a police spokesman said.

The bullet struck the underwire on the woman's bra and that saved her from a more serious injury, police

said. "It did slow the bullet down," said Detroit police spokesman Phillip Cook. "She sustained injuries but they're not life threatening."

The woman, who was not identified, was treated at a nearby hospital. The suspects in the shooting drove away.

Postal worker accused of stealing break up book

PITTSBURGH — A Pittsburgh postal worker faces up to 10 years in prison if she's convicted of stealing two items of dubious value from the mail:

\$25, and a book on a woman's perspective of breaking up with men.

Kathleen Evans, 49, has an unlisted number and court records don't list an attorney for her since she was indicted by a grand jury on Tuesday.

Postal inspectors said Evans stole the money from a greeting card. The book she allegedly stole from a package is called "It's Called a Breakup Because It's Broken." The book offers advice to women who have just ended relationships.

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University celebrates Earth Day with rally

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

More than 10 student groups and off-campus organizations converged for an Earth Day rally sponsored by Students for Environmental Action (SEA) at the Fieldhouse Mall Wednesday.

"You hear so much about energy and the Earth, so this is a hopeful event where people who care about the Earth can come together," senior SEA co-president Ann Kelley said.

SEA set up a table at the rally offering buttons, mini frisbees, stickers and reusable bags to students. Another table displayed photography from SEA's wildlife photo contest, which McCabe said represented submissions from 20 Notre Dame students.

As students walked by the rally, SEA co-president Collin McCabe said he was happy to see that many of them stopped to talk to the various groups present.

"The goal of the Earth Day rally is partly a celebration of the Earth," he said. "It's more an awareness of environmentalism on campus and how [students] can get involved on and off campus and how they can do their part."

GreenD, another student group, displayed information about recycling and gave out free bagels. Students representing the Office of Sustainability sold Energy week t-shirts, and a hybrid motorcycle constructed by Notre Dame engineers was on display.

Several organizations from the South Bend community were also present at the rally.

Vendors Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages sold environmentally and socially conscious clothing and other goods.

Kelley said these organizations provide an opportunity for students to learn and get involved.

"We're engaging groups within the community but also on-campus groups," she said. "Students can pick up a pamphlet and know that these action groups are here if they want to get involved."

McCabe said the Earth Day rally has expanded from last year to include more groups.

"We have some different things," he said. "I feel like we've grown a little."

SEA also offered information about compost to show students that it is even possible to create a small compost box in a dorm room, McCabe said.

Representatives from the local branch of the Audubon Society, the Alaska Wildlife Coalition and the Hoosier Environmental Council offered pamphlets and information about their organizations.

A vendor from the South Bend Farmer's Market also offered free samples of cookies to students.

As part of Earth Week, SEA is also sponsoring a film festival Thursday night and participating in a bike festival on South Quad Friday.

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Ambassador discusses U.S. relations

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

With new administrations installed on each side of the Pacific, Australia and the United States will continue to cooperate on key economic issues while ramping up mutual efforts to combat climate change, said Dennis Richardson, Australian ambassador to the United States, Wednesday in the Mendoza College of Business.

Richardson began his lecture on "U.S.-Australia Relations and Highlights of the Country's Green Initiatives" by describing how the transitions of political power in the two countries have influenced policy on climate change.

"Our election in 2007 was the first election we'd had in Australia — in fact, the first one in the world — where climate change was a central part of the policy debate," he said. "Over the last several years we've had a series of rolling droughts. People normally think of droughts as affecting farmers. It's one thing when farmers are complaining about the lack of waters. It's another thing when city folk can't wash their cars."

The sting of Australia's droughts served as a wake-up call to begin more aggressive action to slow down climate change, Richardson said.

"The drought was seen by Australia as Hurricane Katrina was seen by Americans — as symptomatic of something that was much greater," he said.

Since President Barack Obama began his term in January, Richardson said he has noticed an increased effort on the part of the United States government to cooperate with Australia to lower carbon emissions.

"I went to see Lisa Jackson, who's the head of the EPA, and I mentioned to Lisa, 'I've been in my job almost 30 years, and this is the first time I've been inside the EPA,'" Richardson said. "It's only been since the 20th of January that there's been a government in Washington and a government in Australia that have a common philosophical starting point on these issues."

Part of this shared focus, Richardson said, is the belief that climate change efforts cannot be postponed, even as much of the world's economy slips further into a downturn.

"With the economic downturn, there's a big public debate," he said. "Essentially our government is taking the same line as Obama — you can't allow the financial crisis to get in the way of solving a fundamental problem. So we must start making the economy less carbon based."

Australia's economy hasn't suffered for the same reasons as the United States,

but its export industries have nonetheless been hit by decreased foreign demand and the country will soon be in a recession, Richardson said.

"Our banks are in pretty good shape. Our finance system is in pretty good shape," he said. "Less than 1 percent of our housing loans were subprime, compared to 15 percent of yours. Our banks are reasonably well capitalized. But because we are an open economy, we trade 20 to 25 percent of our GDP. So we are very much affected by the world crisis."

Richardson also described his country's interests from the perspective of the global economy, focusing on the fact that Japan or China are regularly Australia's largest trading partners, while the United States is its

eighth-largest source of foreign investment.

"There is an issue is strategy in the transpacific relations between the United States, China, Japan and India," he said. "Those relationships are fundamentally important to Australia, because the nature of those relations determine the political-strategic environment in which we live."

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Australian Ambassador

STUDENT SENATE

Book ISBN database may be established

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Student senate discussed the Online Syllabus and ISBN databases at their meeting on Wednesday evening.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said that while it will take a long time to establish, both processes are on their way.

"Both of these initiatives hinge on professors," she said. "They will require lots of administrative work."

The ISBN database was one of the top four initiatives in the Schmidt-Weber campaign platform.

"The ISBN database is an idea to provide convenient, affordable options," said Weber.

Keough Senator Marc Anthony Rosa, suggested looking to see if there was some sort of faculty list serve that could be used.

"We could send them an e-mail first explaining our initiative, then send another out with a link for where to post the numbers," he said.

Knott senator Andrew Bell emphasized the importance of the ISBN database project. He said that it would help the student body a great deal.

"This should be a priority," he said. "I think that this will great-

ly benefit us a lot and we should get student pressure on teachers."

Weber said there is no way of getting the ISBN numbers through the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore because it would be unprofitable for them to release the data.

The bookstore is owned by the university, but is leased out to the Follett Corporation. According to Follett's website, the corporation is the countries largest operator of college bookstores.

Notre Dame and Follett have a financial relationship established where both the university and the company receive a portion of the revenue generated from the sale of books.

For this reason, Weber said, it would also be unprofitable for the university to release the ISBN numbers.

CEA Ryan Brellenthan said he hopes to have the Online Syllabus Database and possibly the ISBN numbers incorporated into the class search tool.

Weber said the next step in the process is to continue working over the summer on the ISBN and Online Syllabus databases.

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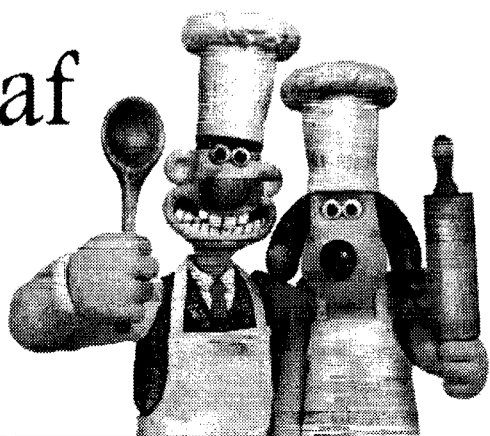
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D'Arcy

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University's decision have referenced the document in public statements.

But Jenkins wrote in a letter to University Trustees earlier this month that administrators have "tried to follow both the letter and the spirit" of the document's recommendations.

The letter, which has been circulated on the internet, was "private correspondence" between Jenkins and the Trustees, University spokesman Dennis Brown said. Brown confirmed the content of the letter as coming from Jenkins' office.

The letter from Jenkins states: "Because the title of the document is 'Catholics in Political Life,' we understood this to refer to honoring Catholics whose actions are not in accord with our moral principles. This interpretation was supported by canon lawyers we

consulted, who advised us that, by definition, only Catholics who implicitly recognize the authority of Church teaching can act in 'defiance' of it."

Jenkins also wrote that he consulted with other university presidents, whose bishops have come to the same interpretation.

D'Arcy's statement Wednesday was a summary of points he included in an April 15 letter to Jenkins, he wrote.

D'Arcy said in the statement that the meaning of the sentence in the document is clear, and the University's interpretation was wrong.

He also said Jenkins should have consulted with him if there were questions about the document's interpretation.

"The failure to consult the local bishop who, whatever his unworthiness, is the teacher and lawgiver in the diocese, is a serious mistake," D'Arcy wrote.

Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the USCCB, told The Observer Wednesday

that the interpretation of the line in question is "up to the local bishop," stating that interpretation of any USCCB statement falls to diocesan bishops.

Walsh said the statement was written in 2004 by the Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Catholic Politicians. She said the Task Force was dissolved after the statement was released, having been approved for publication by the full body of bishops at a June 2004 meeting.

"The [task force] was formed in 2004 and it was prompted by the heated public controversy over Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry's church standing in light of his consistent support for permissive abortion laws," Walsh said.

"The discussion centered on whether Catholic politicians who take such a stand should take communion," she said.

The document states, in relation to the controversy that prompted its creation, that decisions to deny a Catholic

politician communion based on political actions "rest with the individual bishop in accord with the established canonical and pastoral principles."

The statement also says the bishops will "counsel Catholic public officials that their acting consistently to support abortion on demand risks making them cooperators in evil in a public manner."

Brown said that Jenkins has been in correspondence with D'Arcy about matters related to the Obama invitation, but said they are "private communications."

"As we always have, we will continually to speak privately with Bishop D'Arcy on this matter," Brown said.

D'Arcy announced in a March 29 statement he would not attend the May 17 Commencement ceremony, writing, "Notre Dame must ask itself, if by this decision it has chosen prestige over truth."

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Senate

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said.

In addition to ensuring the safety and promoting the well-being of Notre Dame students off campus, Schmidt also addressed the University's obligation to the city, saying they must work to fulfill Notre Dame's role in the community.

Schmidt addressed several other initiatives that student government will work toward during the term.

On campus, he said the Gender Issues Committee will continue to reevaluate the University's sexual assault policy.

"The efforts up to his point have been tremendous and we will continue to insure the safety of students on and off campus," Schmidt said of the committee.

Another area of concern Schmidt spoke about was enhancing campus diversity.

"Comfort is a good thing, but we also need to challenge ourselves to learn more than we already have," he said. "We will work hard to facilitate opportunities for these questions to be

asked and answered."

After touching on other aspects of his campaign platform, such as the Online Syllabus Database, the ISBN Database and the Global Water Initiative, Schmidt turned to words of encouragement.

"Tons of good ideas. It's so easy to sit here and talk about them," he said. "Do something about it."

Turning again to the Obama controversy, Schmidt told members of Senate to use the heated debate to get the student body excited about other issues.

"Prove that this isn't an apathetic campus," he said. "We are the University of Notre Dame and

you better believe that we care about the issues of the past, the issues of the present, and the issues that will affect us in the future."

In closing, Schmidt encouraged the Senate members to take advantage of their leadership opportunity.

"Know that you have the opportunity each day until April 1st and beyond to make a tangible impact on this campus," he said. "Make this place your home."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

South African first lady undecided

KWANXAMALALA, South Africa — There's little question who will lead South Africa after Wednesday's national election. The real mystery lies in who will be the country's first lady.

As Jacob Zuma, the man preordained to be the country's next president, voted in his rural Zulu homeland Wednesday, one of his two current wives stood to the side watching patiently as he was mobbed by cheering crowds and reporters.

But Nompumelelo Ntuli, 34, Zuma's newest and youngest wife, was soon attracting her own crowd of admirers. Women whispered, "Isn't she beautiful!" as Ntuli decked out in an apricot and blue tie-dye outfit beamed happily.

"Jesus is Lord!" is all she would say in response to questions.

Pirates sent to Kenyan jail, await trial

MOMBASA, Kenya — Masked French commandos marched a band of barefoot, glum-looking pirate suspects down the gangplank of a naval frigate Wednesday in Mombasa before turning the 11 Somali men over to Kenyan authorities.

French officials say the suspects will be tried for their alleged April 14 attack on the Liberian cargo ship *Safmarine Asia*.

The pirates, who did not smile or speak to reporters as they left the French warship *Nivose*, appeared to range from in age from 20 to 40. Few wore shoes. They were not handcuffed or shackled and were rushed from the ship into a waiting Kenyan police van.

French officials also handed over the pirates' equipment: two skiffs, three grappling hooks, four rusty assault rifles, two bags of bullets and a ladder.

The three French commandos wore black balaclavas to conceal their identities.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man receives death penalty for slaying

PICKENS, S.C. — A Tennessee man who raped and strangled a South Carolina college student with her own bikini top was sentenced to die Wednesday, hours after he asked a judge to put him to death.

Jerry Buck Inman, 38, showed no reaction when Circuit Court Judge Edward Miller said he should die for killing Tiffany Marie Souers. Inman then apologized to the slain woman's family, though no relatives were in the courtroom.

"There is no excuse for any of the things I've done. There's nothing I can say that will ease any of the pain I've caused them. I'm just sorry for taking their daughter and their sister away from them," he said.

Note found for Ala. killing spree

DOTHAN, Ala. — The man who killed 10 people during last month's shooting spree in south Alabama left a letter for relatives, writing that he wanted people to pay for making his mother and him suffer, according to a report published Wednesday.

In the letter obtained by The Dothan Eagle newspaper, Michael McLendon wrote that he shot his mother to death while she slept, then set fire to the rural home they shared. After leaving the burning house March 10, McLendon went on a 24-mile shooting spree with four guns and more than 200 rounds of ammunition. He killed nine more people, including four other relatives, before committing suicide.

LOCAL NEWS

O'Connor believes in merit selection

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor believes merit selection is the best way to choose judges and keep them independent, saying it is hard for judges to remain impartial knowing their decisions will influence how long they keep their jobs.

She told a crowd of about 500 people attending a St. Joseph County Bar Association luncheon Wednesday that the money being spent by people running for the judiciary in states that don't have merit selection is causing people to trust judges less.

Craigslist murder suspect found

Alleged killer possessed items from victims in his house, collected 'souvenirs'

Associated Press

BOSTON — A Boston University medical student accused of robbing women who advertised erotic services on Craigslist, killing one of them, had items belonging to both victims in his apartment, a law enforcement official said Wednesday.

Philip Markoff is charged with killing a masseuse at the Boston Marriott Copley Place hotel, in the historic Back Bay district, on April 14. He also is charged in the robbery of a woman at another Boston hotel four days earlier.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said police found items belonging to both women in Markoff's apartment in Quincy, south of Boston. The official wasn't authorized to speak about evidence in the investigation.

The official would not confirm a report by ABC News that the items seized by police included the victims' underwear. ABC News said two unidentified law enforcement sources said Markoff appeared to be collecting underwear as "souvenirs" from the victims.

ABC News did not say how Markoff took the underwear, and he has not been accused of sexually assaulting either woman. Prosecutors have said he went through the purse of the first woman he's accused of robbing.

Investigators are looking into gambling as the possible motivation. The law enforcement official said Markoff was a "frequent visitor" to Foxwoods casino in Connecticut.

Markoff, 23, is accused in the death of Julissa Brisman, of New York City, a masseuse who was found dead in the doorway of her hotel room after being bashed in the head and shot three times. A wake for Brisman was held Wednesday in Manhattan, where her parents live.

Markoff also is accused of



Boston University medical student Phillip Markoff stands during his arraignment in Boston Municipal court Tuesday. Markoff is being held without bail.

robbing and tying up another woman, and police have said there could be more victims.

Defense attorney John Salsberg has said Markoff isn't guilty of the charges and "has his family's support." Markoff's fiancée, Megan McAllister, insists police have the wrong man.

Foxwoods Resort Casino, in Mashantucket, Conn., has confirmed it is cooperating with authorities investigating Markoff's gambling habits.

Markoff was arrested on Monday on Interstate 95 in Massachusetts as he and his fiancée drove to Foxwoods.

Business at Foxwoods was brisk Wednesday as gamblers played slot machines and table games and packed

the buffets. But none of the employees coming and going at a parking garage recalled seeing Markoff at the casino. Casino managers referred questions to a Foxwoods spokeswoman, who declined to comment, citing the "integrity of the investigation."

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said that he believes Markoff's original motive was robbery but that he ended up killing Brisman, 26, when she fought back.

The first woman Markoff is accused of robbing said she believes she's alive because she didn't resist.

"I just complied with everything he wanted me to do and I didn't resist him in any way, and I think that's why," she said in an inter-

view with Boston television station WCVB.

Prosecutors have not released her name.

The 29-year-old Las Vegas woman, who also advertised as a masseuse on Craigslist, said she was attacked April 10 at the Westin Copley hotel.

She said she had identified Markoff from the surveillance photos police distributed. She said he was wearing the same clothing and she recognized his face.

The woman said she was able to slip out of the plastic ties she was bound with about a minute after Markoff left and escape. She said she was robbed of \$800 in cash, a debit card and \$250 in American Express gift cards.

PAKISTAN

Taliban strengthens grip on northwest

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Taliban militants have extended their grip in northwestern Pakistan, pushing out from a valley where the government has agreed to impose Islamic law and patrolling villages as close as 60 miles from the capital.

Police and officials appear to have fled as armed militants also broadcast radio sermons and spread fear in Buner district, just 60 miles from Islamabad, officials and witnesses said Wednesday.

Pakistan's president signed off on the peace pact last week in hopes of calming Swat, where some two years of clashes between the Taliban and security forces have killed hundreds and

displaced up to a third of the one-time tourist haven's 1.5 million residents.

Critics, including in Washington, have warned that the valley could become an officially sanctioned base for allies of al-Qaida — and that it may be just the first domino in nuclear-armed Pakistan to fall to the Taliban.

"The activities in the Swat do concern us. We're keeping an eye on it, and are working daily with the Pakistan military," Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker told Pentagon reporters in a 35-minute videoconference call from Afghanistan.

Supporters of the deal say it will allow the government to gradually reassert control by taking away the militants' rallying cry for Islamic law. Many residents are grateful that a semblance of peace has returned. A hand-

ful of officials are back in Swat.

The agreement covers Swat and other districts in the Malakand Division, an area of about 10,000 square miles near the Afghan border and the tribal areas where al-Qaida and the Taliban have strongholds.

The provincial government agreed to impose Islamic law in Malakand, and the Taliban agreed to a cease-fire that has largely held.

In recent days, the Swat militants have set their sights on Buner, a district just south of the valley, sparking at least one major clash with residents. The moves indicate the militants want to expand their presence beyond Swat to other parts of Malakand at the very least, under the guise of enforcing Islamic law.

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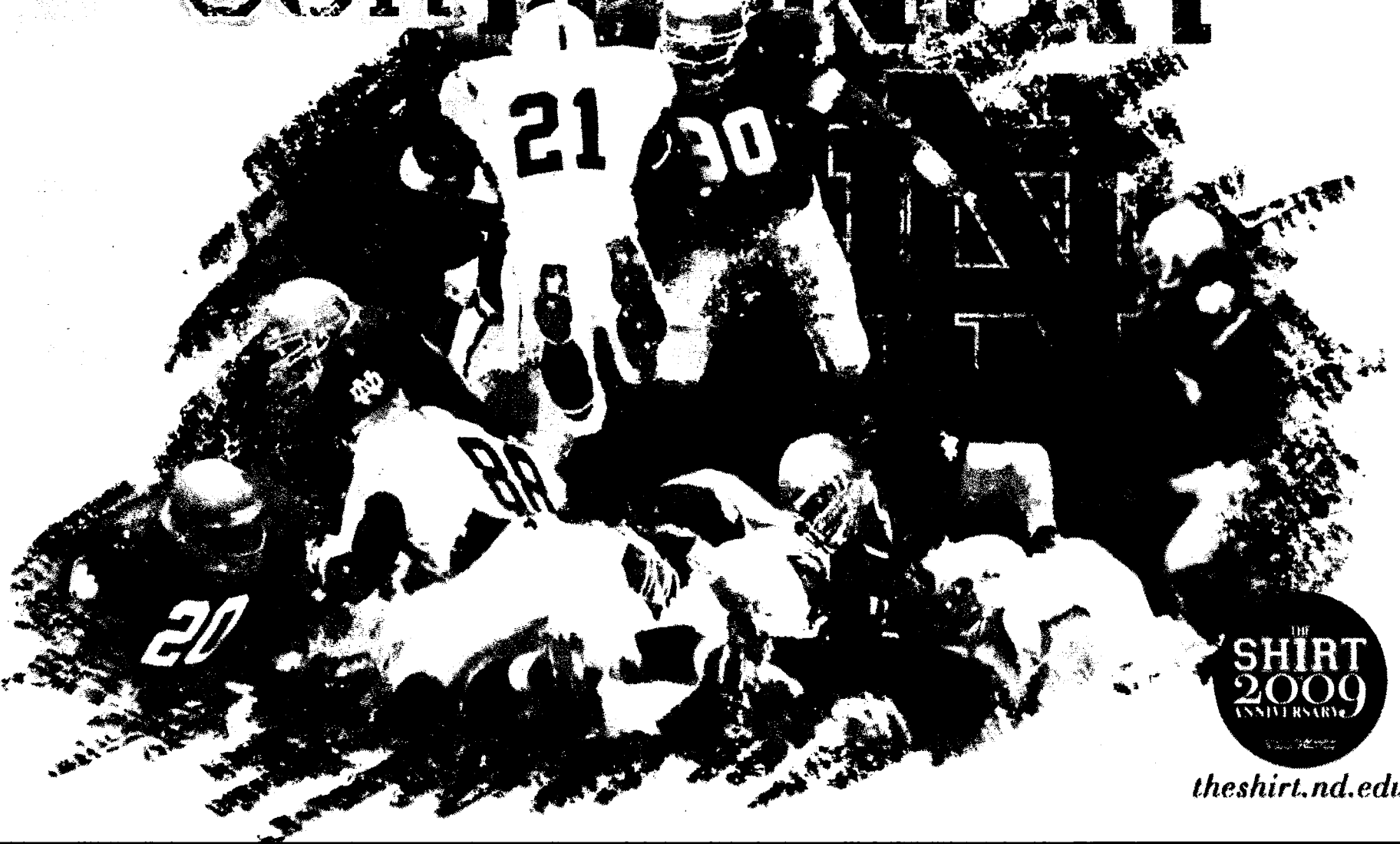
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
2,005	105	1,699	314,240,417
AMEX	1,361.60	-14.59	
NASDAQ	1,646.12	+2.27	
NYSE	5,290.61	-48.98	
S&P 500	843.55	-6.53	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,710.56	-16.20	
FTSE 100 (London)	4,030.66	+43.20	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-5.71	-0.50	8.26
CITIGROUP INC (C)	+0.31	+0.01	3.25
FINANCIAL BULL 3X (FAS)	-9.01	-0.70	7.11
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.61	-0.52	84.54

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+2.14	+0.062	2.960
13-WEEK BILL	-3.57	-0.005	0.135
30-YEAR BOND	+2.35	+0.088	3.830
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.85	+0.053	1.910

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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+9.80	892.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.88	82.60

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IN BRIEF

Obama calls for "new energy"

NEWTON, Iowa — President Barack Obama, standing Wednesday in the shell of a once-giant Maytag appliance factory that now houses a wind energy company, declared that a "new era of energy exploration in America" would be a crucial to leading the nation out of an economic crisis.

With pieces of wind turbine towers as a backdrop, Obama touted the small manufacturing firm as a success and as a step toward reducing the United States' reliance on polluting fuels. But as the president on Earth Day set a goal for wind to generate as much as 20 percent of the U.S. electricity demand by 2030, legislation to make that a reality faced a challenge back in Washington in the Democratic-led Congress.

"The nation that leads the world in creating new energy sources will be the nation that leads the 21st century global economy," Obama said in a state that launched him on the road to the White House with a surprise upset over one-time rival Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Worry over banks stops market rally

NEW YORK — Nagging worries about banks upended a stock market rally Wednesday.

Volatile financial stocks steered the overall market for the third straight day after Morgan Stanley and credit card issuer Capital One Financial Corp. posted lackluster quarterly reports. Investors have been worried about rising levels of souring debt on bank balance sheets.

A late-session drop in banks left Wall Street's major benchmarks mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 83 points, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index ended modestly higher ahead of a quarterly report from eBay Inc.

Banks had tumbled on Monday after Bank of America warned of further loan losses, only to jump back on Tuesday after Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congress that most banks were well-capitalized.

The jumpy trading in financial shares came just as major companies report first-quarter earnings. Results from AT&T, Boeing and McDonald's contained glimmers of hope about consumer spending and the economy in general.

GM to close most U.S. plants briefly

Slump in sales and large inventories could cause a nine-week halt in production

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is planning to temporarily close most of its U.S. factories for up to nine weeks this summer because of slumping sales and growing inventories of unsold vehicles, two people briefed on the plan said Wednesday.

The exact dates of the closures are not known, but both people said they will occur around the normal two-week shutdown in July to change from one model year to the next. Neither person wanted to be identified because workers have not been told of the shutdowns.

GM spokesman Chris Lee would not comment other than to say the company notifies employees before making any production cuts public.

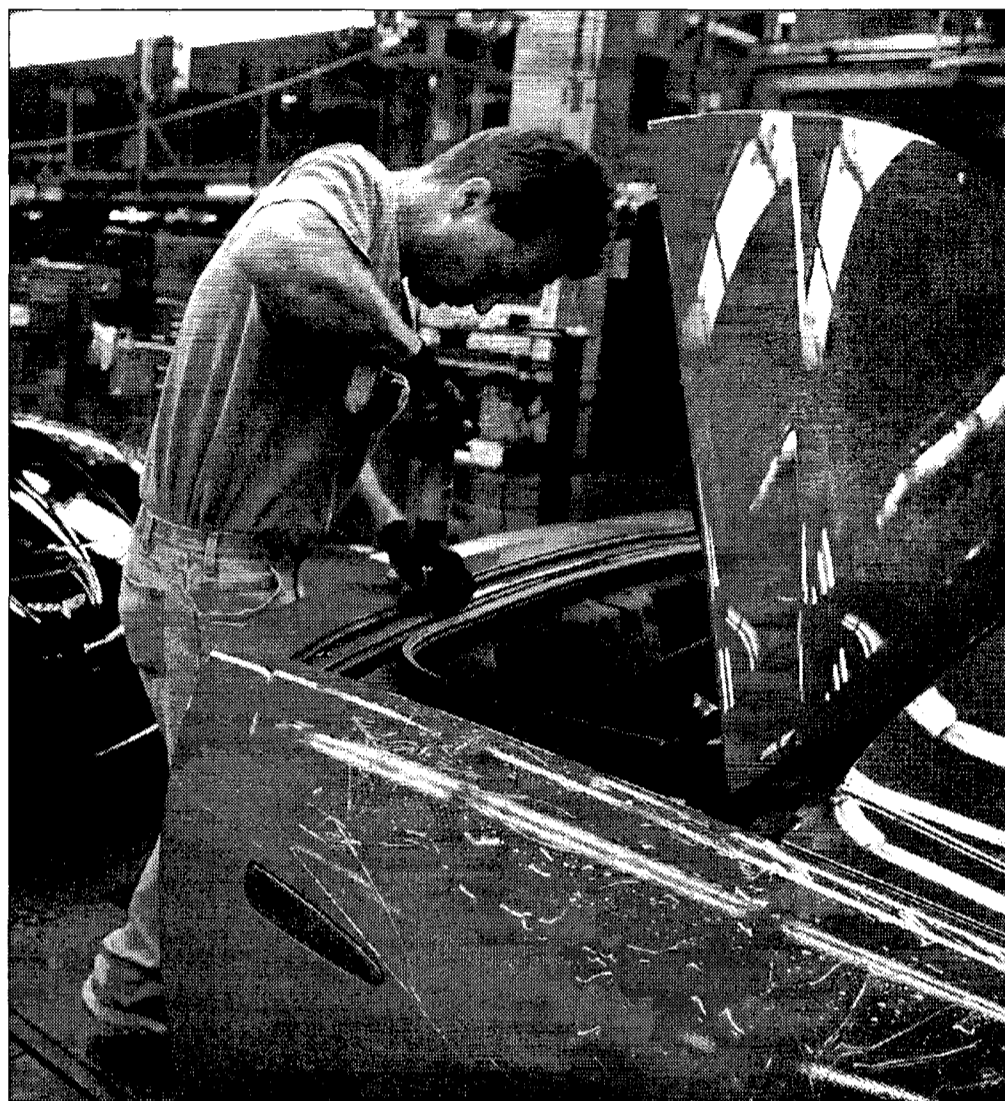
One of the people briefed on the plan said a few plants that make more popular models could remain open for part of the shutdown period, but at reduced assembly line speeds.

Thousands of workers could be laid off but would still get most of their pay because their United Auto Workers union contract requires the company to make up much of the difference between state unemployment benefits and their wages.

GM is living on \$13.4 billion in government loans and faces a June 1 deadline to cut its debt, reduce labor costs and take other restructuring steps. If it doesn't meet the deadline, the company's CEO has said it will enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

UAW officials at several factories said they have meetings scheduled Thursday and Friday with plant managers and GM human resource officials to discuss production changes.

The automaker's sales were down 49 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period last year, and GM had a 123-day sup-



In this Dec. 12, 2008 photo, Scott Campbell, a GM Corvette assembly line worker, finishes a Corvette at the Bowling Green, Ky. plant. GM plants will be shut down for up to nine weeks.

ply of cars and trucks at the end of March, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. That's down from 162 days worth in January.

But as of March 31, the automaker had a more than six-month supply of several models including the Pontiac G5 compact and Chevrolet Silverado hybrid pickup truck. The lengthy shutdown likely means that GM doesn't see its sales rebounding anytime soon, said Tom Libby, an independent Detroit-area auto industry analyst.

"They must be forecasting a sales level that is low enough between now and the summer that they see

their inventories building," he said. "It's sort of an ominous comment on what they see for the industry."

The company could be seeing sales decline because of talk about a potential bankruptcy, Libby added.

GM CEO Fritz Henderson has said the company would prefer to restructure outside of court, but it is preparing for a prearranged bankruptcy as well as one in which good assets would be separated from underperforming ones.

"Just using the word bankruptcy, their (market) share is down a lot just because of this talk," Libby said. "They may be counting

on a further decline."

Libby, however, said GM should be applauded for not building too many vehicles and then having to spend big on rebates and other incentives to move them, something the Detroit Three have been guilty of in the past.

Some GM dealers said a shutdown of up to nine weeks is jarring, but not unexpected given the sales slump.

"Nine weeks seems like an awful long time, but the way business is, not an awful lot of cars are being sold anyway," said George Tasker, fleet manager at Martin Chevrolet in Torrance, Calif.

Freddie Mac CFO found dead in Va.

Associated Press

VIENNA, VA. — The chief financial officer of Freddie Mac, one of the mortgage giants at the heart of the nation's financial meltdown, was found dead in his basement early Wednesday morning in what police said was an apparent suicide.

David Kellermann, 41, apparently hanged himself in his suburban Washington home, said a law enforcement official familiar with the investigation. He asked not to be identified because the investigation was ongoing.

Kellermann was promoted last September when the government seized the mortgage company and ousted its top two executives. Neighbors said Kellermann had lost a noticeable amount of weight under

the strain of the new job. Some neighbors said they suggested to Kellermann should quit to avoid the stress, but Kellermann responded that he wanted to help the company through its problems. The neighbors did not want to be quoted by name because they didn't want to upset the family.

Kellermann oversaw a staff of about 500 at Freddie Mac's McLean, Va., headquarters and was working on the company's first-quarter financial report, due by the end of May. Federal regulators closely oversee the company's books and sign off on major decisions.

That relationship has been tense and stressful, with Kellermann working long hours, a colleague said. Freddie Mac executives recently battled with federal regulators over

whether to disclose potential losses on mortgage securities tied to the Obama administration's housing plan, said a person familiar with the deliberations who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Freddie Mac, which owns or guarantees about 13 million mortgages, has been criticized for financing risky loans that fueled the real estate bubble and are now defaulting at a record pace. The company lost more than \$50 billion last year, and the Treasury Department has pumped in \$45 billion to keep the company afloat. Last month, David Moffett, the government-appointed chief executive, resigned in frustration over strict oversight.

Kellermann worked for Freddie Mac more than 16 years, starting out as a financial analyst and auditor.

Gender

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"It has created a safe and inspirational space for dialogue and discussion of issues pertaining to gender, sexuality and race on this campus."

A reception will be held Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a lecture by University of Chicago's Christine Stansell on "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement," according to the Web site. Friday there will be a panel discussion from 10 a.m. to noon on "The History and Future of Gender Studies at Notre Dame and beyond."

To commemorate the 20-year milestone, several of the department's members reflected on the program's history of helping faculty and students in exploring gender and its related topics, like sexuality, social status and ethnicity.

"When I taught 'Introduction to Gender Studies' in the fall, I was struck by the strength of the students' conviction that gender is an issue that directly impacts their life here at Notre Dame," academic advisor Abigail Palko said.

Palko said students in the program often express philosophical differences, but that they recognize the importance of gender in society.

"While they didn't all agree on the specific direction it should take, all of my students seemed to agree on a need for a kind of feminism that would improve gender-related issues for both women and men," she said.

History professor Gail Bederman said Notre Dame's Catholic affiliation promotes discussion on gender issues,

because of the Church's sometimes-controversial stances.

"Catholic colleges and universities tend to have more Gender Studies majors than non-Catholic schools, because issues of gender and sexuality are unusually controversial at these schools," Bederman said. "Gender programs give Catholic students excellent academic perspectives on how to combine their Catholic and secular beliefs."

Botting connected the University's overall mission with the department's academic goals.

"Gender Studies is important for Notre Dame because of the University's Catholic identity and mission," she said. "As a University named for Our Lady, we should be concerned with the study of the place of women in society, and learning how to elevate women's status and rights."

One major change over the last 20 years is the addition of men's rights into Gender Studies, philosophy professor Janet Kourany said.

When Gender Studies was first popularized, departments examined women's roles in society, since the majority of college curriculums focused almost exclusively on the role of men, she said.

"But now that the university curriculum has become more inclusive of women we have moved beyond the old goal [of women's studies] and our courses and activities in Gender Studies are reflecting the fact that men have their gender issues too, that interconnect in very interesting and sometimes unanticipated ways with women's issues," Kourany said.

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Meeting

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meet.

"This is something they wanted to happen, because this doesn't happen very often," Thomas said. He noted that students often request to meet with Jenkins to discuss their concerns — including those about sustainability and labor unions on campus — but students rarely ask to meet to show their support.

Vasquez said he too asked to meet with Jenkins to present the letter they had written, and Jenkins' office suggested he and Thomas' groups combine their meetings.

Vasquez said his group thought it would be good to have a letter "to express some of the ideas that we have ... and to show a contrast to ND Response."

ND Response is a coalition of 11 student groups that opposes the invitation to Obama. Jenkins recently rescinded a prior invitation to meet with ND Response after its leaders made several specific requests in a reply to his invitation.

Vasquez said it was important to show that the majority of students support the decision.

"We know that there's much more support than opposition out there," he said.

Angulo said Jenkins "might feel isolated, like he made the wrong decision," based on the opposition. He hopes to convey that many students support the decision.

"There are a lot of [students] who are more moderate, who say, 'I'm pro-life, ... but you're not going to get anywhere if you just reject people out of hand,'" he said.

Angulo said, however, he is open to dialogue and even supports those dissenting the University's actions.

"We're going to be open to dialogue, you can dissent," Angulo said.

Angulo said the discussions going on around campus are a sign of the concerned nature of Notre Dame students.

"We consider ourselves a concerned community," he said. "We understand the complexities of all the issues going on our country."

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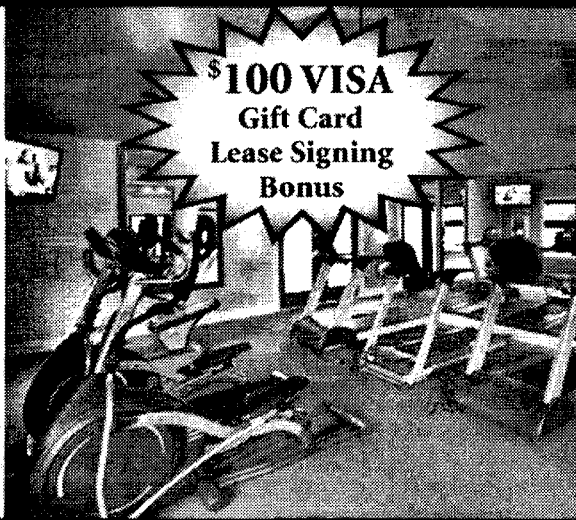
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will be connected."

Garnett explained that people mistakenly take the separation of church and state to mean a total divide of religion and politics. Garnett instead argued that both religious and political voices should have a platform for discussion.

"If you care about a marketplace of ideas, you're only going to get that if you have authentic, distinct voices," Garnett said. "Notre Dame has to have the freedom as well as the willingness to be different. Wherever you are on this invitation, you have to commit to the idea that Notre Dame matters."

The current controversy, Garnett argued, has shown "there is a remarkable consensus that Notre Dame matters."

"It matters whether you support the invitation or not. To matter, Notre Dame has to stand for something," he said.

Professor Dan Philpott, associate professor of political science, also spoke about on the sanctity of life.

Acknowledging the present tension at Notre Dame, Philpott said the debate is an important opportunity to advocate for basic human rights central to

the Church's position on life.

"The unborn is the class of human beings whose rights are more violated than any other in society," Philpott said.

Using the concept of reconciliation as an overall theme in his argument, Philpott argued that the pro-life movement should be understood in the context of other social movements, such as the Civil Rights movement and women's liberation.

"Abortion violates a human right that cannot be overridden by other considerations," Philpott said. "Governments who pass laws [allowing abortion] fail in one of the most fundamental aspects of justice."

Arguing that abortion represents a loss of human life, Philpott and Garnett emphasized the personhood of the unborn child as well as the "culture of healing" needed in a society where abortion occurs.

Both Garnett and Philpott agreed that Notre Dame is a place where this debate should take place.

"Notre Dame, like all of us, is flawed," Garnett said. "Notre Dame is distinctively Catholic, but we can't take anything for granted. It can't be something that becomes a brand. [The Catholic nature] has to pervade the whole enterprise."

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Mystery college donor strikes again

Associated Press

The mystery college donor has struck again — this time at Binghamton University in New York, whose financial aid office phone started ringing off the hook as word of an anonymous \$6 million contribution spread across campus.

Binghamton is the latest of at least a dozen universities to receive donations totaling more than \$60 million in recent weeks. The gifts have arrived with the same, highly unusual stipulation: not only must the donor remain anonymous, but not even the college can know who it is or try to find out.

The recipient colleges seem to have almost nothing in common except this: so far, all are led by women.

Binghamton announced the gift Monday, though it said the check came to its foundation office several weeks ago.

"They said, 'we think you better come and look at this. We can't tell if we're counting the zeros right,'" said president Lois DeFleur. The university was instructed to use \$4 million on financial aid and \$2 million for areas of general need. It will decide how much to spend immediately and how much to put into endowed funds in the coming weeks.

Gifts arriving in a similar, secretive fashion — ranging from \$1 million to \$8 million — have materialized at a diverse list of colleges ranging from smaller liberal arts schools like the University of North Carolina at Asheville to mid-sized institutions like Montclair State in New Jersey to giant universities like Purdue in Indiana.

All have been public institutions except Kalamazoo College in Michigan, which received \$1 million with a note similar to

the others: "It is hoped that this gift will make a substantial difference to your students during these challenging times enabling a more confident, sharper focus on their studies with improved career and life prospects."

It's unclear whether the donations are coming from a single individual, but seem clearly related. On Internet discussion boards, speculation on the source has ranged from a humble philanthropist so selfless as to not even claim a tax deduction, to disgraced financier Bernie Madoff or a soon-to-be-divorced businessman trying to unload hidden assets.

At least one school checked with the IRS and Department of Homeland Security to make sure it was OK to accept.

Binghamton's experience was similar to the others: a bank executive telephoned and said to expect a cashier's check with a letter explaining how it should be spent.

DeFleur said the gift was especially appreciated considering how many students are struggling to pay bills with one or both parents out of work. More than half of Binghamton's students get some form of financial aid, and calls quickly started pouring in from students.

In-state tuition, fees, and room and board total \$17,380 a year, according to the admissions page of the university's Web site. Binghamton enrolls 11,515 undergraduates.

"They wanted to sign up," DeFleur said. "We said, 'we'll have the guidelines out of soon.' That's just an indicator that there is really need. So many students, they want to go to school and they want to go now more than ever, and these are some of the most difficult times."

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Why I love Notre Dame

Josie Jeffries is the reason I love Notre Dame.

For three years, I've worked in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and Josie's sat beside me. Josie's worked in the office for a long time. Back in the day, Josie ran the show but today, she does more administrative work — mailings, clerical work, whatever needs to be done to ensure the office runs as smoothly as she's used to seeing it.

That's not why I love Josie, though. I love Josie because whenever I walk into work, she smiles, stands up from her chair, and hugs me. It's the sort of hug where she lingers for a few seconds and squeezes you a little tighter at the end, to let you know that she really means it. She always, always beams, as if your arrival made her day. She doesn't need to say it — you know that she loves to be part of the office. She loves what she's doing. And everyone who works in that office is happier because of it.

Barring a sudden, depressing turn in my life prospects, this is my last column in The Observer. Forgive my sentimentality.

This isn't a perfect place. Far from it. We're stricter on our women than our men. We go out of our way to reserve the ability to discriminate against someone who has had gay sex. We lose football games to Syracuse.

But I chose Notre Dame four years ago because, unlike other places I visited, just

about everybody on this campus loves being here. You can feel it from the moment you step on campus.

The academics are a given. Even the emphasis on social justice is a given. It's the people that make this place what it is, and the people who have taught me the most enduring lessons of Notre Dame.

People here love to be a part of this place, and love what they're doing for it.

I've seen it in professors like Jim McKenna, whose Last Lecture inspired this column and who teaches with such passion that each year, he gets hundreds of 22-year-old boys interested in the merits of breastfeeding and mother-infant co-sleeping. It's Bill Krier, whose English class inevitably turned into a series of life lessons, as if he couldn't sleep at night without challenging us to think about how we ought to live our lives. It's Susan Ohmer, Valerie Sayers, John McGreevy, Collin Meissner, Fr. Paul Kollman, Bob Schmuhl, Jack Colwell, Tom Kellenberg, Paul Weithman, Jon Coleman and countless others who I haven't had the privilege of taking.

Of course, what unites them is their passion for their subject. But it's also a passion for the process of teaching. They love to share engage students. They love to teach. And because of that, they teach well. My education is better because they do what they love and everybody knows it.

It's staff like Charlotte, who swipes cards in North Dining Hall and takes the extra time to read the name on my ID and tell me to "Have a great dinner, Andrew." It's my usher in Notre Dame Stadium, Captain George, who couldn't help but cheer with a bunch of not-quite-sober Domers dancing a jig in the pouring rain during the

Michigan game. And it's that guy in CoMo — whose name I don't even know, but who has made, scooped and served me perfectly salted popcorn in CoMo for four years while I'm busy wrestling with a column. I can't imagine Notre Dame without them.

This is what I love about Notre Dame, and have since the first day I stepped on campus. Every step of the way, we are surrounded by people who want to be a part of Notre Dame. They want to be part of our mission. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves that serves the greater good. And the way they do that — from Professor McKenna to Josie Jeffries — is by being passionate about their work and, in doing so, cheering up those around them. They do what they love — teach, work, and serve — to the end of being deeply ingrained in a community.

That's what I want to do. That's what I want to be like. I don't know where I'll find that, or even if I'll find that. But thanks to these people — the people who define Notre Dame — I know what I'm looking for: Something that I can't help but enjoy, and something that I can't help but love.

Mawkish and trite? Yes.
But true, too.

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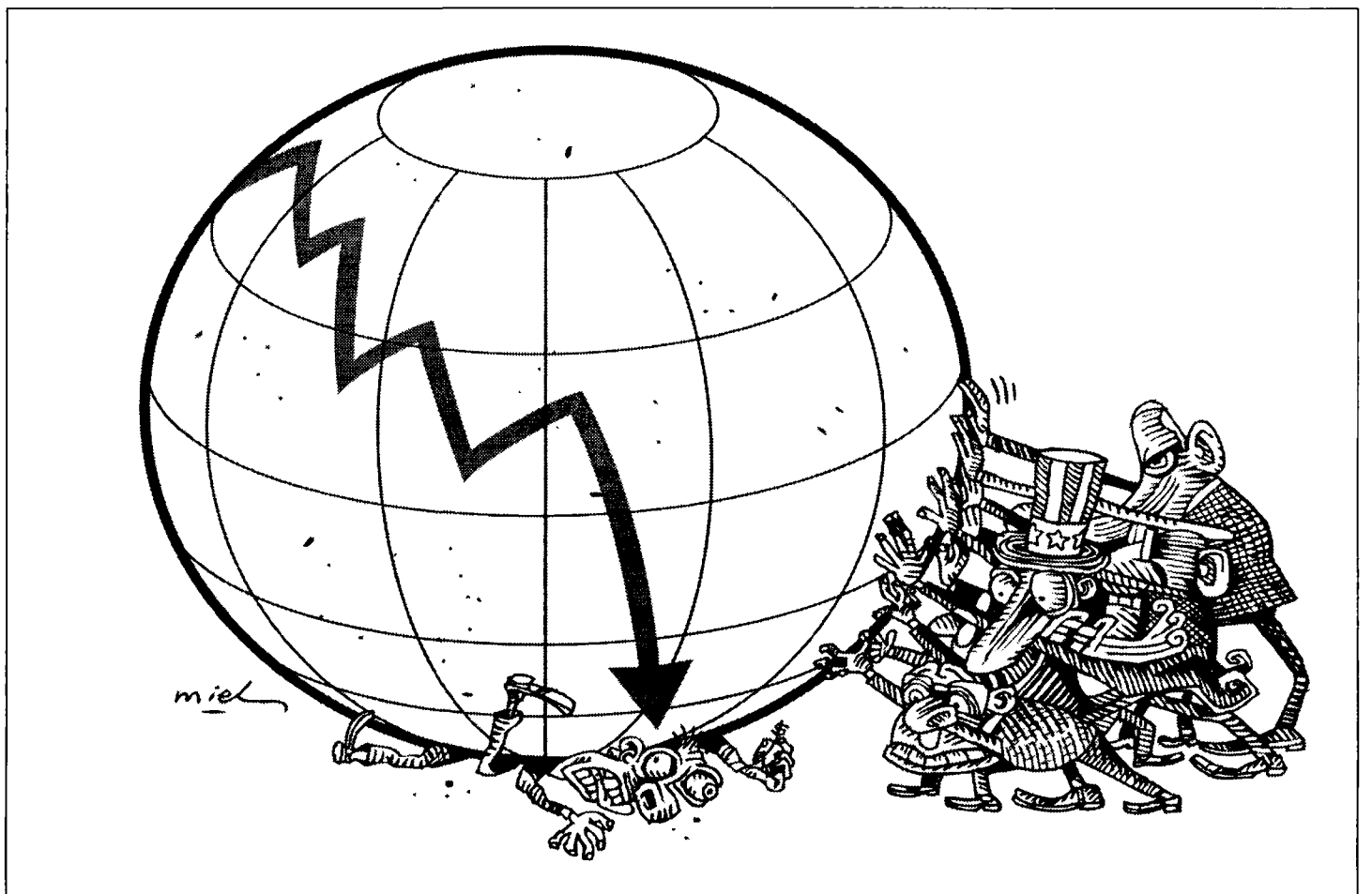
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Andrew Nesi

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's hard to take over the world,
when you sleep 20 hours a day."

Darby Conley
U.S. cartoonist

You'll be glad you did

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I had one of those "don't put off till tomorrow..." moments last week. My father called last Thursday and told me that my grandmother (his mother) would probably not live much longer. "She won't recognize you or even know you're there," he told me, "but if you want to come for yourself, you should."

Katie Barret

Faithpoint

I went the next day, on Friday, and she died on Saturday, at 92. My dad was right; she didn't recognize me, and I doubt she knew I was there, even though she did blink a little at one point when I prayed a Hail Mary right in her ear. I did go for myself, and it's a day I won't forget, in part because I sat with my grandmother on the day before she died, but mostly because I got to sit there with my dad.

My grandmother, I should note, was a complex and difficult woman. We never seemed to please her quite enough, though I think that may have been the only way she knew how to love us — believing us to have

the potential for just a bit more than what we were showing her. As it turned out, her own life never seemed to please her quite well enough either, even if to others it would appear she and my grandfather had achieved every material success. After my grandfather's death, she became more and more adept at re-inventing her own life story, adding more imagined money, travel and prestige every time she told a new audience her constantly improving autobiography.

My mom and dad had cared for her for the last 15 years, since my grandfather's death, guiding her from a relatively independent life through the gradual loss of her abilities and her freedom into the world of the nursing home. She did not make these changes gracefully or willingly, and my dad, an only child, bore the brunt of her ongoing anger, frustration and loneliness.

Over the course of about three quiet hours, I sat with my dad last Friday in her room. If it's true that we learn how to take care of our own ailing parents by watching the way they took care of theirs, then I have learned how to be a hero from my dad. He made the three-hour round trip to see her, first once a week, and in more recent years and months two or three times a week or

more, even though he knew that he might be greeted by a torrent of complaints, frosty silence or a list of imagined affronts. As she grew more frail, she finally seemed to recognize a love and need for my father and mother that she hadn't been able to admit before. My dad, too, found healing and reconciliation in his ongoing pilgrimages, and especially, I think, in his prayer and belief that God's grace worked through what must have seemed at times too heavy a burden.

My grandmother grew up during a time in our Church when faith was driven in part by fear — fear of somehow not fulfilling the obligations a demanding and punitive God seemed to have imposed. She carried that understanding of her faith into adulthood. My dad and I wondered together as we sat, whether she was somehow afraid to die. Did she worry that she hadn't quite gotten it right somehow? That God waited for her with a list of the shortcomings she had accumulated and hadn't yet "erased" with her multitudes of daily Masses and rosaries?

God graced my dad with the gift of forgiveness in his journey through my grandmother's last 15 years, transforming his pain into compassion for her and into hope

and prayers for her healing and peace. Sometimes — maybe even most times — we can't forgive on our own, but only with God's generous help. We find that help in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in our own pilgrimages with those whom God has given us to love.

Though it's now been almost exactly four years since my grandmother died, the lessons she taught me about forgiveness remain with me. Especially as the end of the school year approaches, and for some, the end of four or more years at Notre Dame, this might be the perfect time to ask for — or extend — forgiveness towards someone. Ask God for the grace to leave this place with as many wounds on their way to healing, as many bridges built and reinforced, as many friendships shored up, and as many words of thanks spoken as you possibly can. You will forever be grateful.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spooning for solutions

Dear Notre Dame,

I am writing in to inform you about an awesome event this Thursday on South Quad. Last year, you may have read about some brave and noble scholars setting the Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Spoon Train with 126 people. This was a great deal of fun, largely because spooning is one of the best things in the world. This year, we are going to attempt to shatter the old record in an amazing display of greatness on Thursday, April 23rd. This year; however, we are going to be a little bit more ambitious. All proceeds

from this event will go towards research for cures of childhood diseases through Alpine Children's Charity. It is a great organization and a great way to spend an afternoon. So I encourage you to please come out to South Quad at 3:30 on Thursday and spoon with hundreds of other spooning enthusiasts. Remember its all for the children.

In spooning,

Joel Sharbrough
 senior
 off-campus
 April 19

Where does Notre Dame stand?

In response to the recent Observer article "Students ask to cut ties from HEI" (May 15), we would like to clarify a few details about our position. We, as students in the Coalition for Economic Justice, support a card check neutrality agreement for HEI workers because that is what the workers want.

A recent study by MIT Sloan School of Management professor Thomas A. Kochan looked at over 22,000 union organizing drives from 1999 to 2005. The report found that partly because of employer intimidation in the workplace those who garnered enough support for a union election, only one in five attempts actually saw a union contract from their employer.

Workers at HEI are not ignorant to these facts. Workers have demanded a card check neutrality agreement so that they may make the decision whether or not to form a union in an environment free from fear and intimidation.

The director of the Notre Dame Investment Office, Scott Malpass, has defended HEI's anti-card check stance even as he sat across from HEI employee and union committee leader, Hermen Romero, who had been laid off from the HEI Sheraton Crystal City supposedly for financial reasons when the week before the hotel was at 95 percent occupancy for more than six days out of seven. That same week, the company also laid off two dish-

washers, one of whom is a father of four who had worked at the hotel for 18 years. Like Hermen, both dishwashers have participated in public union actions at the hotel.

Our Board of Trustees's Social Responsibility Investment Policy states that the University will only invest in companies that uphold: "the basic moral values of fairness, respect for human life, defense of human rights and social justice." Is it fair to allow a company to dictate how workers are allowed form and join unions? In signing the Social Responsibility Investment Policy the Board committed itself to "excluding from the portfolios securities of firms whose policies are inimical to the values the University espouses." HEI is such a firm.

We are asking and will continue to ask that Notre Dame lives up to its Social Responsibility Investment Policy and divests from HEI.

Michael Angulo
 senior
 off-campus
Holly Bird
 sophomore
 Walsh Hall
Roman Sanchez
 freshman
 Zham Hall
 April 21

Core values remain strong

Yesterday, Notre Dame alum Ken Koehler posed the question in his Viewpoint letter, are the core values gone at Notre Dame? I, despite having read Mr. Koehler's letter, would like to answer emphatically, no. I cannot understand how anyone with a familiarity with our school's current student body could argue that President Obama speaking at our graduation stands as further proof that the core values have left Notre Dame.

Each semester and during the summers, thousands of students participate in various community service clubs and activities. Every Sunday, students pack masses in all 28 residence halls, celebrating the Holy Eucharist with one another and strengthening the bonds of fellowship. In the classrooms, Notre Dame students and professors continue to exceed expectations, building upon our reputation of a world-class University where young men and women grow academically and spiritually.

I feel bad that Mr. Koehler disagrees with President Obama speaking at graduation this year, on top of Notre Dame students "tearing up" Mr. Koehler's luxury condo community.

To Mr. Koehler and the many other alumni who have written to declare they no longer wish to be members of the Notre Dame community due to the "totally stupid" decision to have the President of the United States speak at this year's graduation, I am extremely sorry. The core values of the University remain as strong as ever, as shown every day by the current student body. I can't imagine what would make you want to cut ties with our great University, of which I, like countless others, remain extremely proud.

Patrick Mulligan
 junior
 Morrissey Hall
 April 22

The real issue

In regards to commencement, it strikes me that some people may be missing the point.

The issue at hand here isn't about race (I acknowledge and appreciate the significance that this country has finally elected a President who is African-American). It's not about political party (I am not registered with either Democrats or Republicans, but usually opt for whatever candidate I think will be best for the job). The issue is not about refusing to engage the outside world or refusing to dialogue. It's also not about being extremist (I think that showing pictures of aborted infants is disrespectful to the lives of those little ones).

The issue here is that regardless of his race or political party, the policies that President Obama has supported are not in keeping with some of our most fundamental beliefs on life as Catholics. This is not just a "single issue" but the most basic of issues! For example, I have done a lot of volunteer work with people in the community with developmental disabilities (such as down syndrome, cerebral palsy, etc.) The rate for abortion of a child with down syndrome is

around 90 percent. How can we serve those who are poor, or suffering, if we don't first establish their basic right to life? President Obama also supports the conscience clause, which would force Catholic medical providers to provide abortions or lose federal funding. That doesn't seem to be in keeping with Catholic teaching, does it?

President Obama has good qualities, and I acknowledge that some of his policies are in line with Catholic Social thought, but some of his policies go against our most basic beliefs as Catholics. They fail to defend the lives of the weakest of the weak. These babies grow up to be the very ones we serve (like my dear friends with disabilities). Why is it that we find it so easy to dismiss those little ones as a single issue? This is not just a single issue ... it is the issue. This is not about being open to listening to different ideas, but being willing to defend those who are the weakest members of society.

Michele Sagala
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 April 22



By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

In January, I learned from my Notre Dame planner that Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza each day, or 350 slices per second. Frankly, I wasn't surprised. What food could be so pervasive in our culture as pizza? The Americanized version of the Italian original is an iconic staple in the modern diet, regardless of budget.

Pizza is about as personal as a food can get. Most people know exactly how they like it and defend their preferences strongly. As with any debate at Notre Dame, the stances are further entrenched when hometown issues are introduced. Most Chicago and New York natives are set in their ways, but these pizza praetorians fight a battle to win over the rest of the students with wavering tastes. To weigh in, I visited five of the South Bend area's most popular pizza places to evaluate only their pizza.

The Outliers – Saylor's (233-5935), The Vine (234-9463)

A good starting point for pizza is an all-you-can-eat lunch, such as the buffet offered by Saylor's Pizza weekdays from 11 to 1:30. At only \$6.50, this is one of the better buffet deals in town. Located about 10 minutes south of campus on Michigan, Saylor's tries most to imitate Pizza Hut.

On a rainy Tuesday, my company was chiefly locals (possibly employees) watching Maury's "Revenge of the Geek." The lack of customers was the reason for the lack of variety; the only two pizzas (half onion & half mushroom, and mushroom & pepperoni) stayed out, unchanged and, aside from my contributions, uneaten.

In their emulation of Pizza Hut, other dishes are offered in the buffet, like unattractive macaroni and cheese, pretty good breadsticks, herb-y mashed potatoes, and slightly vinegary rib tips stewed in barbecue sauce.

The pizza itself is a consistent, zesty, local-type offering. The crust is one of Saylor's strengths, although not for the health-minded. Its bread-y, buttery crust is only a fleeting reprieve from the lightly greasy pizza. Despite the forgetful fare, Saylor's deserves mentioning because of the considerable deal.

On the other end of the spectrum lies gourmet pizza like Uptown Kitchen's pricier 12-inch pizzas, or the five that The Vine has to offer: La

Margherita, Tre Carne, Pesto, Quattro Fromaggio and Tuscan Vineyard.

The Tre Carne (\$7) offers a fairly traditional take on meat-lover's pizza, with pepperoni, bacon and sausage. The mozzarella cheese is runny and good initially, but after the first slice, there is too much of it to allow the flavorful taste of the meats to pervade. The bland sauce is evocative of tomato paste, but the doughy and somewhat thick crust adds to the taste. The best sensation of the small pizza is the combination of the hearty pepperoni and sausage.

The Tuscan Vineyard (\$7) brings several ingredients together for an interesting new kind of pizza. Large Roma tomatoes, crispy bacon, spinach and basil chicken are set on a creamy alfredo sauce, all covered with a mozzarella, provolone, and asiago blend. The asiago adds a welcome bit of bite to the pizza, but altogether, the pizza surprisingly lacks the zest expected from such a diverse combination.

The Family Inn – Barnaby's (256-0928)

This down-home style restaurant has the feel of a big pub, with old-fashioned signs adorning the walls around the dimly lit bar and pick-up window. Trophies of local teams surround the ample seating area, and TVs play sports and family programming. The unique ordering method is easy to figure out, and perhaps even enjoyable for the customer. Barnaby's also offers appetizers, sandwiches and sides, and the square-cut pizzas range from \$8 to \$11 for an individual (10 inches, 12 pieces) or \$16 to \$22 for a large (14 inches, 16 pieces).

The pizza is very greasy, but it's the best kind of greasy. The cheese is fresh and browned in large spots. It is fairly unique in the area, with crust that is crispy, not bread-y, and thin, but not too thin. The sausage is rich and spicy. Collectively, the pizza provides great bites, with memorable blends of full-bodied cheese, warm sauce, robust sausage and almost flaky crust. Barnaby's pizza can induce rabid thirst due to the acidic sauce, which is barely used, thankfully.

The Spin-off – Bruno's (Prairie 288-3320, Roseland 273-3890)

In 1975, an employee of Rocco's started his own pizza place on Prairie Avenue. Today, Bruno's has eight locations and, most notably, delivers to Notre Dame from its Roseland branch. The original location is mostly staffed

by family members, which is definitely a good sign in a pizzeria.

Each of the ingredients is remarkably good and fresh, but it seems as if the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. The zesty sauce adds a delicious flavor to complement the slightly doughy taste. The homemade sausage is touted, and justly so, though the Roseland delivery's sausage has a significantly higher level of taste. Nevertheless, when eaten as leftovers, the sauce and sausage still add a flavorful supplement to the pizza.

The Original – Rocco's (233-2464)

The last stop on my tour was the first off-campus place that I (and many others) went to as a freshman. I have no hesitation saying that Rocco's is a Notre Dame institution that every student should patronize at least once before junior year. For \$20, a meal for two at Rocco's is an essential experience.

In 1951, Rocco started the restaurant to bring the "first original pizza in town" to South Bend Avenue and St. Louis Boulevard. Rocco's Restaurant offers superb Italian dishes, but as proprietors Warren and Linda will say, its strongest feature is the dough. The family secret was kept even from Bruno, who received slightly different dough from Rocco when he was unprepared for his opening night.

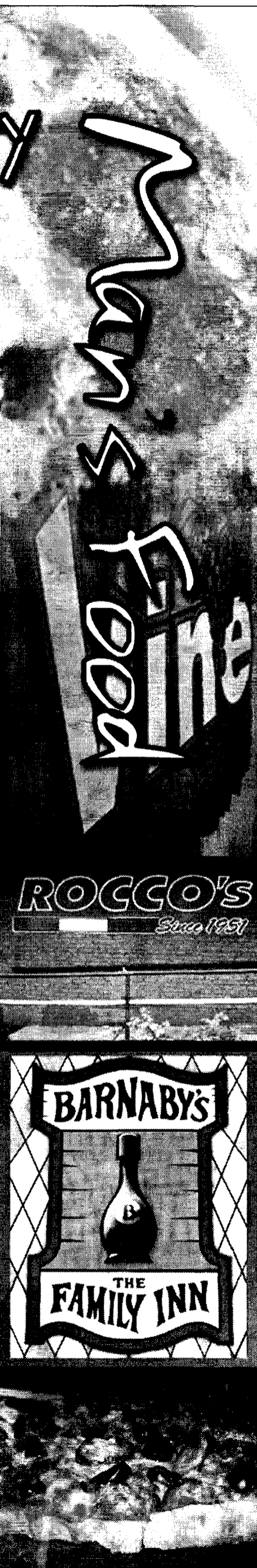
Rocco's serves some of the thinnest pizza in town, which isn't too thick or too doughy. It is cooked excellently, with a firm bottom crust, crisp and floury texture and smaller brown spots on the cheese. Interestingly, the homemade sausage tastes more Polish than Italian, which would be strange if it didn't go so well with the rest of the pizza.

In fact, what makes Rocco's so extraordinary is how expertly each layer transitions into the next. All ingredients convene for an exceptional pizza, especially in the case of the Veggie Combo, with tomatoes, garlic and fresh basil. On a plainer pizza, the tough bottom crust progresses into softer dough, topped with smooth red sauce, fresh and thick-tasting pepperoni, and then consistent cheese.

The Winner? Me.

After a four-day binge of my favorite food, it's still difficult to say which is the best, or even my favorite. As the old joke goes, pizza is a lot like sex. When it's good, it's really good. When it's bad, it's still pretty good.

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Weekend Events Calendar



Aardman Animations; A Brief History; 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Browning Cinema

Did you grow up loving classics like "Wallace and Gromit" or "Chicken Run?" Meet the one of the genius directors and animators behind it all, Merlin Crossingham, Thursday evening as he presents a brief history of the Academy Award-winning company he works under, Aardman Animations. The British animation studio was founded in 1976, brought to life by their first clay character, "Morph," and has since gone on to add feature films and computer animations to their repertoire. Take advantage of this one-time opportunity to journey behind the scenes of the Aardman Animations studio and learn the inner workings of clay animation.

"Luna Negra Dance Theater;" 7 p.m.; Decio Mainstage Theatre

Spirit, passion, power and a little bit of Latino magic is dancing its way onto the Decio Mainstage Theatre this weekend in a performance known for its freeness of expression and revitalization of the Latino culture.

The Luna Negra Dance Theater, one of the most prominent forces of contemporary dance in Chicago, was established 10 years ago and has since gone on to perform for thousands of audience members worldwide. Don't miss the chance to watch as ballet merges with Latin and Afro-Caribbean dance forms in a unique act stealing the stage Friday night.

The Comedy Relief Package with Sommore; Morris Performing Arts Center; 8 p.m.

What do Sommore (a.k.a. the "Queen of Comedy"), Mike Brooks from BET's Comic View and Huggy Low Down The Celebrity Snitch have in common?

They will all be spitting jokes and cracking up audiences Saturday night at the Morris Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Known for her witty and sarcastic way of telling it like it is, she'll burn through laughs and will prove that, as dear old Oprah says, she's "a force to be reckoned with in the new millennium."

Notre Dame University Band and Brass Ensemble, Spring 2009; Leighton Concert Hall; 3 p.m.

Twenty brass instrument players and members of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, staff, faculty and alumni will meet on stage in Leighton Concert Hall to deliver an unforgettable concert Sunday afternoon. What could be a more perfect way to bring an end to your fun and exciting weekend and refocus for the upcoming finals than listening to a classical performance including music by Verdi, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Richard Strauss and von Suppe? Relax for an hour and 15 minutes before you have to jump back to reality and start hitting the books.

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IT'S A PLEASURE HANGING OUT WITH THESE ASSASSINS

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By **STEPHANIE DePREZ**
Scene Writer

"Everyone deserves the right to be...happy!" These are the words you will be humming when you exit Washington Hall this weekend after seeing the outrageous, enthralling, heartwarming tale that is "Assassins."

Led by the eternal gentleman John Wilkes Booth, the motley crew of every American who attempted to assassinate the President lays out their tales of justice, passion, and love.

The musical is extremely inventive, beginning with Booth (who whirls onto the stage and uses his tactful charm and undying sincerity to spin the show's web) and dipping into the personal story of each assassin (or almost-assassin). The show moves in a take-no-prisoners fashion, plopping the audience into the middle of situations, with the only indication being the poster of the "current" president hung for all to see. (More of a figure for shooting practice, one supposes.) The characters often run into each other, blurring time and

relationships in order to show the shared goals and setbacks each assassin faces. The way they interact is very amusing, and at times, becomes outright hilarious.

The show plays into whatever knowledge you might have retained from your high school U.S. History class. There are witty kernels of information that the well-versed American Studies major will get, but the overall presentation is easy enough to follow. If you've ever enjoyed an American history class, there is no excuse for missing this delightful romp through the underbelly of our society.

The cast is ready and rearing through the entire show. Each number, sincere and straight-faced, has elements that make it enjoyable. It's easy to see the characters enjoying themselves - John Wilkes Booth is having a blast - and it's nearly impossible not to enjoy yourself, too. "Let them cry 'dirty traitor,' they will understand it later!" sings Booth, completely convicted in his decision to shoot the "tyrant" Abraham Lincoln.

It is the authenticity with which these characters approach their situations that makes this show so watchable. Every assassin is ready and willing to explain their decision, which they believe makes perfect sense. There is a beautiful duet between two characters who literally take a "shot at love." John Hinckley, who attempted to assassinate Ronald Regan in order to win the heart of Jodi Foster, and Lynette Fromme, who attempted to assassinate Gerald Ford to bring fame to her lover Charles Manson, bear their souls and can't help but garner sympathy, warped though it may be.

Musicals often deal with a big "what if," and the "what if" here is, what if all the assassins from American history met, influenced each other, and shared stories and ideas? It's a morbid, twisted conversation, but you won't help chuckling as you watch them carry on.

The individual plots of each assassination are sprinkled with facts and creative suppositions. What if John Wilkes Booth had begged Lee Harvey Oswald to

assassinate John F. Kennedy? What if he knew that Kennedy's assassination would bring interest (and glory) to every other assassination or attempted assassination before or since?

The show itself is well put together and finely executed. One innovation is putting the pit band on stage.

"It's a smaller band, and it's more exposed," musical director Mark Wurzelbacher said. "We get to interact more than a typical musical. We're somewhat of a character."

The music itself is also a challenge.

"It's definitely different from anything we've done before," Wurzelbacher said. "All the stories are different but interwoven. It's neat to get a different perspective on history."

"Assassins" plays Friday and Saturday at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults.

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HORSE RACING

Horse deaths linked to drug

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Twenty-one prized polo horses that mysteriously died before one of the sport's top championships were given a supplement that likely caused their deaths, the leader of the Venezuelan-owned team told an Argentine newspaper.

Juan Martin Nero, of Lechuza Polo, told the newspaper La Nacion for Wednesday's editions that the horses were given a supplement known as Biodyl, which contains a combination of vitamin B12, a form of selenium called sodium selenite and other minerals.

It is made in France by Duluth, Ga.-based animal pharmaceutical firm Merial Ltd. and can be given to horses to help with exhaustion. It is not approved for use in the United States, but is widely used elsewhere.

It remained unclear whether the Lechuza team used the brand name drug or a copy of it made by a compounding pharmacy in the U.S., which the Food and Drug Administration said could be illegal. Compound pharmacies can, among other things, add flavor, make substances into a powder or liquid or remove a certain compound that may have an adverse reaction in different animal species. They cannot legally recreate a drug that is not approved in the U.S.

Florida authorities have started an investigation to determine if the deaths were intentional or accidental, but so far nothing criminal has surfaced. Toxicology tests are pending, and officials said they would add Biodyl to the list after hearing the reports from Nero.

"For us, the suspicions are

that there was something wrong in the laboratory. They are common vitamins, that are not given to improve performance, but so they recover from exhaustion," Nero told the newspaper in Spanish. "We don't have doubts of the origin of the problem. There were five horses that were not given the vitamin and they are the only ones that are fine."

The horses began collapsing Sunday as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach. Some died at the scene, others hours later. The team was seen as top contenders for the U.S. Open tournament.

"What was given to them is the same as always, vitamins," Nero said. "Once a week. It was just the time to give them the dose the day of the match."

The Associated Press has been unable to reach Nero or the team's owner, prominent Venezuelan banker Victor Vargas, who has not spoken publicly since the deaths.

Merial spokesman Steve Dickinson said the company is confident its product is safe.

"We've had reports of pharmacies compounding a copycat Biodyl in the past, which is of course illegal," Dickinson said.

He said the company has recorded adverse reactions in just about one in more than two million doses over "many years." He couldn't immediately say whether any led to death.

Dickinson said the product has been around for more than 50 years.

Necropsies of the 21 horses found internal bleeding but offered no definitive clues to the cause of death, said Sarah Carey, spokeswoman for the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, which did some of the tests.

A veterinarian who works with polo horses said giving the animals vitamin supplements is common practice.

"In the world of polo, it is customary to medicate horses to assist them in recovery from their extremely strenuous work," Rob Boswell said. "It is not customary to give them substances prior to playing to enhance their abilities. That's dangerous."

Boswell said it's also common practice to use compounding pharmacies in the animal industry, but only reputable ones.

"They don't have to follow the same quality control practices that an FDA approved drug would have to," he said.

High doses of selenium, for instance, could be fatal.

"The big question," he said, "is are we talking about the manufactured product or is it a compounded product? That's huge."

Experts said if the supplement was made in the U.S. at a compounding pharmacy, there could have been an error in the lab.

FDA spokeswoman Siobhan DeLancey said compounding pharmacies are legal, but they are not allowed by law to recreate existing drugs or supplements under patent or to recreate any drugs not approved for use in the U.S., such as Biodyl.

The FDA refused to approve Biodyl for use in the U.S. in October 2008, saying it appeared "to be a new animal drug which is unsafe."

A pharmacy could face criminal charges if it made the supplement, DeLancey said.

The law does not, however, prohibit veterinarians from purchasing and administering each supplement separately.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Purdue point guard sentenced after bust

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue point guard Lewis Jackson must complete community service and spend a year under court supervision after pleading guilty Monday to charges of illegal alcohol consumption and possession of drug paraphernalia.

While Jackson will avoid jail time if he stays out of trouble, Purdue coach Matt Painter has not yet announced any team discipline against him. Jackson's bright future could be in doubt after a freshman season that saw him start 30 games and average 5.9 points and a team-leading 3.3 assists as the Boilermakers reached the NCAA regional semifinals.

Jackson made the plea during a court hearing in Piatt County, Ill. Jackson, 19, was arrested after he was stopped about 2:30 a.m. April 12 for speeding on Interstate 72 near his hometown of Decatur, Ill. Jackson's defense attorney, Daniel Kennedy, said his client was pulled over for driving 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Assistant state's attorney Jerry Johnson said charges of illegal alcohol possession and possession of less than 2.5 grams of marijuana were dropped in the plea agreement.

Johnson said Jackson faced no jail time because it was his first criminal offense and that the conviction would be removed from his record if he completes the requirements of his sentence. Kennedy said no judgment will be entered unless Jackson makes another mistake, and he doesn't expect that to happen.

"He was one of the most respectful clients I've ever had," Kennedy said. "He's deeply remorseful for the impact this has had on his family."

During his court supervision, Jackson cannot enter any establishment that primarily serves alcohol, and he is subject to random urinalysis. He also must complete 50 hours of community service and a drug evaluation.

One reason for the guilty plea, Kennedy said, was that the case could be decided in one day, which would prevent Jackson from having to make multiple trips back to Piatt County during the school year.

A Purdue spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking reaction to Jackson's guilty plea. The school last week released a statement saying Painter was aware of Jackson's arrest and that he would wait for an outcome to the court case before commenting.

Painter has been tough on players who have gotten in trouble in the past.

He suspended Tarrance Crump in 2005 for an entire season after his sport-utility vehicle hit a student on campus.

That same season, Painter kicked guard Corey Spates out of the program for conduct detrimental to the team. Spates was averaging 10.1 points and 2.5 rebounds a game for a team that had already lost four projected starters to injuries or suspensions that season.

In October 2007, Painter threw starting forward Gordon Watt off the team for good after he was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

INDYCAR SERIES

Forty entrants selected to compete in Indianapolis 500

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Defending champion Scott Dixon and former winners Helio Castroneves, Dan Wheldon and Dario Franchitti are among the 28 drivers on the initial entry list for the Indianapolis 500.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced 40 entries for the May 24 race on Monday, with a total of 77 cars eligible to

compete for the 33 starting spots. Twenty-two cars among 12 entries have no drivers listed yet.

The early entries also include Danica Patrick, one of the four Andretti Green Racing drivers, and Sarah Fisher, who runs her own team. Venezuelan Milka Duno, who drove the past two years, is not on the list.

There are four rookies, headed by last year's Firestone Indy Lights champion Raphael Matos,

along with Stanton Barrett, Mike Conway and Robert Doornbos.

With Castroneves' acquittal on tax charges, he'll be one of three drivers for Team Penske, along with Ryan Briscoe and Will Power.

Also entered is John Andretti, driving the first cars entered at Indy by seven-time NASCAR champion Richard Petty.

Franchitti won Sunday's race at Long Beach and leads the

IndyCar standings by 15 points over Power after two of 17 races. The series heads to Kansas City, Kan., this week, the last stop before Indianapolis.

Franchitti, the 2007 Indy winner, missed the race last year while he was competing in NASCAR, and he and Dixon are teammates with Ganassi Racing this season. Wheldon, who drove for Ganassi last year, is now with Panther Racing and will team

with veteran Scott Sharp.

Also entered for the first time in seven years is veteran Paul Tracy, the runner-up to Castroneves in 2002. He's driving a KV Racing Technology entry co-owned by former driver Jimmy Vasser.

Andretti Green also entered cars for Tony Kanaan, Hideki Mutoh and Marco Andretti, the son of co-owner Michael Andretti.

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NCAA Softball

ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll

team	points	record
1 Florida (20)	500	46-3
2 UCLA	476	32-8
3 Washington	452	34-7
4 Stanford	409	37-6
5 Alabama	407	38-8
6 Michigan	397	32-9
7 Northwestern	367	27-9
8 Arizona State	365	36-9
9 Arizona	351	36-9
10 Missouri	333	40-5
11 Georgia	306	30-8
12 Ohio State	269	35-6
13 North Carolina	246	42-7
14 Oklahoma	237	34-13
15 Tennessee	229	35-11-1
16 California	194	29-15
17 Massachusetts	179	27-6
18 Louisville	146	40-5
19 DePaul	126	31-9
20 Georgia Tech	115	35-11
20 LSU	109	27-13-1
22 Cal Poly	88	31-9
23 Texas	52	34-14
24 Florida State	43	35-13
25 Iowa	32	35-11

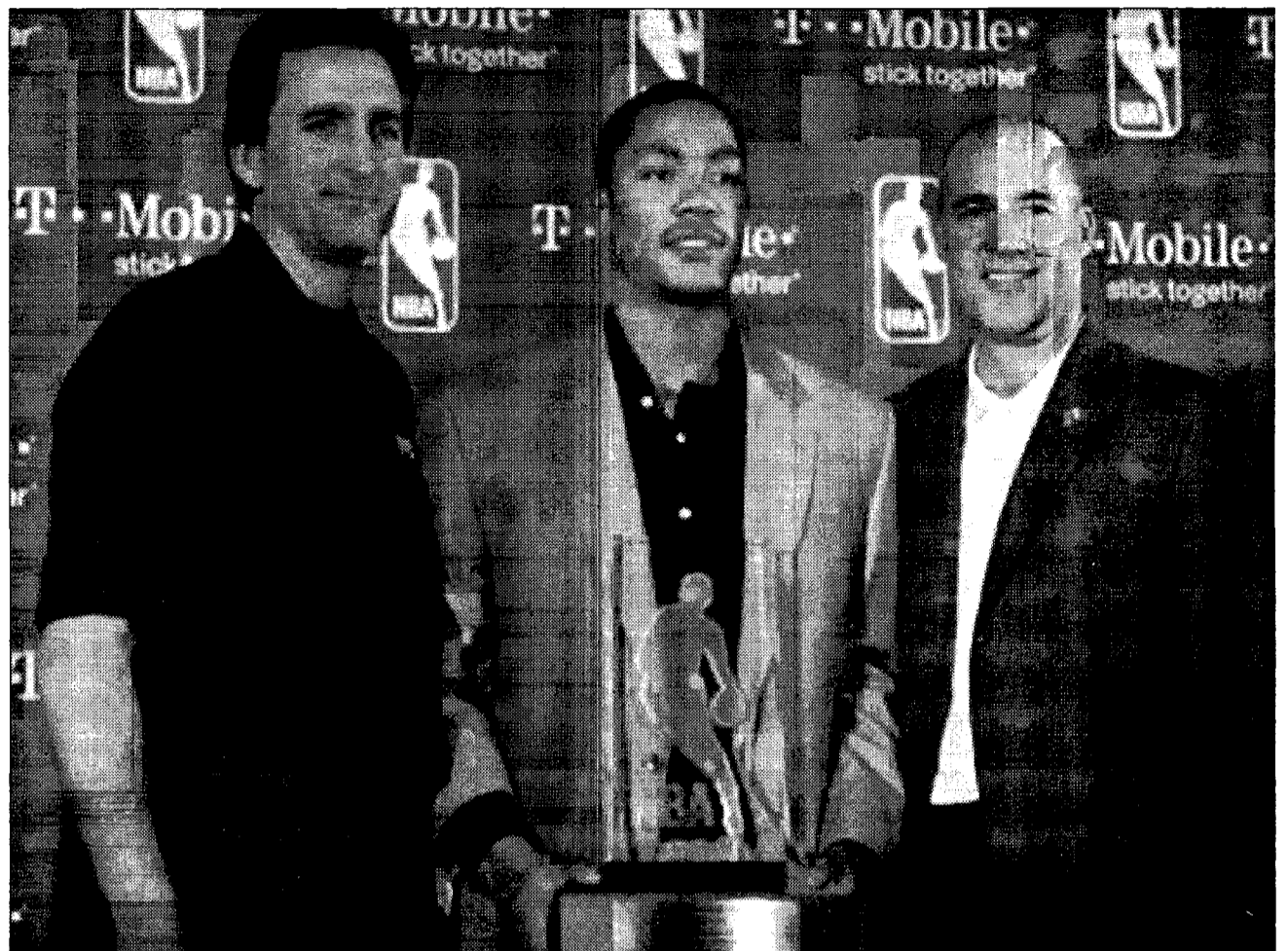
NCAA Women's Lacrosse IWLCA Division I Rankings

team	points	record
1 Northwestern (20)	400	15-0
2 Maryland	376	16-0
3 Penn	361	13-0
4 North Carolina	335	13-3
5 Duke	319	11-4
6 Princeton	287	11-2
7 Georgetown	271	11-4
8 Syracuse	257	12-3
9 Virginia	251	10-6
10 Vanderbilt	219	9-4
11 NOTRE DAME	211	12-4
12 Boston U.	171	11-3
13 Ohio State	130	11-4
13 Stanford	127	10-4
15 Penn State	108	7-7
16 Dartmouth	103	7-5
17 Loyola (Md.)	77	10-5
18 Old Dominion	50	11-3
19 New Hampshire	46	10-6
20 Cornell	42	8-5

NCAA Men's Volleyball Division I-II Top 15

team	points
1 UC Irvine	240
2 Cal State Northridge	215
3 Pepperdine	212
4 Stanford	187
5 BYU	164
6 Penn State	158
7 Southern California	153
8 Long Beach State	138
9 UCLA	116
10 UC San Diego	94
11 Ohio State	78
12 Lewis	50
13 Hawaii	41
14 Loyola (Ill.)	32
15 UC Santa Barbara	29

NBA



Chicago Bulls head coach Vinny del Negro, left, and general manager John Paxson, right, join point guard Derrick Rose at the NBA Rookie of the Year presentation Wednesday. Rose joins Michael Jordan and Elton Brand as the third Bulls recipient.

Rose named NBA's top rookie

Associated Press

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Derrick Rose, who led his hometown Chicago Bulls to the playoffs and restored hope to a franchise in disarray, was the runaway pick as the NBA's rookie of the year.

Rose became the third Bulls player to win the award Wednesday, joining Michael Jordan and Elton Brand (who shared the award with Steve Francis). He received 111 first-place votes and 574 points from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters; runner-up O.J. Mayo of the Memphis Grizzlies received five first-place votes and

127 points.

"When I first came into the season, my biggest thing was to get this award," Rose said. "I was telling you all that I didn't care, but I did. You really do want this award. There was a lot of talent out there that I had to go against."

Rose's selection was hardly a surprise, after the No. 1 overall draft pick led all rookies with 6.3 assists per game and was second in scoring average at 16.8, and established himself as the franchise's first true cornerstone since Jordan.

"I think there are very few people in the NBA who could do what he did this year," teammate Joakim

Noah said. "You tell me another No. 1 pick who got to the playoffs in their hometown, especially in a big city with so many distractions and so many things going on. I mean, he's all about one thing and that's winning basketball games, and that's what I respect about him."

The only other players who received first-place votes were Brook Lopez of the New Jersey Nets and Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder. Eric Gordon of the Los Angeles Clippers rounded out the top five.

A point guard from Chicago's South Side, Rose used his strength, quick-

ness and uncanny maturity to help turn around a team that went 33-49 last season.

Rose's approach, as much as his talent, also impressed veteran guard Lindsey Hunter.

"Not many guys can transfer it from here to there that fast," Hunter said, pointing from his head to the court. "But he's able to do that. I think that's what's so unique about him."

Rose was the Eastern Conference rookie of the month in November and December and again in March, helping the Bulls go 41-41 and reach the post-season for the fourth time in five years.

IN BRIEF

Astros' Valverde to miss time with leg injury

HOUSTON — Houston closer Jose Valverde will likely miss a couple of days recovering after being hit on the leg by a grounder.

Valverde was hit near his ankle and strained his right calf trying to field the grounder by Orlando Hudson that hit him. Still, he remained in the game to get the last two outs and his first save in Houston's 8-5 win over the Dodgers on Tuesday night.

Manager Cecil Cooper, catcher Ivan Rodriguez and members of Houston's training staff tried to get him to leave the game after the injury, but the fiery closer, who led the National League with 44 saves in 2008, flatly refused.

He struck out James Loney and Russell Martin to end the game despite hobbling through those batters favoring his injured leg.

Goodell looking for remorse from exiled Vick

LEXINGTON, Va. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Michael Vick has paid a significant price for doing an "egregious thing" and will have to show genuine remorse and that the experience has changed him in order to get a chance at resuming his career in the league.

Goodell appeared Tuesday night at Washington & Lee University, engaging in a panel discussion about leadership in sports and taking questions from the audience.

Afterward, Goodell said he has not kept up with Vick's legal issues since suspending him from the league after his conviction in a federal dogfighting case. Vick is serving a 23-month prison term and has a team of lawyers trying to settle his finances in bankruptcy court.

Teams showing interest in disgruntled Boldin

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have received inquiries from "quite a few teams" about disgruntled wide receiver Anquan Boldin, and more conversations are anticipated as draft day approaches.

But general manager Rod Graves and coach Ken Whisenhunt repeatedly emphasized at the team's pre-draft news conference Tuesday that they would be happy to keep Boldin and eventually try to sign him to a new contract.

Bobby Carpenter says everybody in Dallas is aware of the expectations and gives us some insight into the life of Tony Romo. "Quite a few teams have called but we have no offers from those teams," Graves said. "Anything can evolve from this point through draft day so that's where it is right now."

around the dial

NBA Playoffs

Boston at Chicago (Series tied 1-1)
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MLB

Yankees struggle to sell costly seats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — At the new Yankee Stadium, the best seats in the house have turned out to be the emptiest.

The most expensive spots in America's costliest ballpark have become an embarrassment packing a financial sting to the proud New York Yankees, as the Legends Suite section in the infield has been filled only once in the six games since the \$1.5 billion stadium opened last week.

On most days, the seats that cost \$500-\$2,500 as part of season tickets and go up to \$2,625 for individual games haven't been close to full. And as TV cameras pick up the patchy attendance with every pitch, it serves as a little tweak to the nation's richest baseball franchise.

"We're done talking about seats," Yankees president Randy Levine said Wednesday. "We're not talking about seats."

But fans sure notice. "It's been pretty phenomenal," said Aaron Feldstein, a native Californian who lived in Brooklyn for a couple of years and now resides in Baltimore. He was part of the far-from-sell-out crowd at the Yankees' 9-7 victory in 14 innings Wednesday over the Oakland Athletics on a showery, cold afternoon. The Legend Suite section was about 80 percent empty, and the upper decks — which have been mostly full — were a quarter empty.

"I remember watching and you couldn't find an empty seat at Yankee Stadium. And now right behind home plate there's 15 to 20," said the 29-year-old Feldstein, who scored a free

ticket from a friend behind home plate — an area that costs \$325 as part of season tickets.

Another snapshot of the problem:

A count by The Associated Press totaled 1,895 seats in the Legends Suite, of which 146 were in the front row from dugout to dugout, costing \$2,500 as season tickets and \$2,625 individually.

— On Tuesday night, only 64 of the 146 seats at the top price level were occupied in the bottom of the second inning. The outermost Legends Suite sections, which each contain 90 seats, were entirely empty until two fans finally emerged to sit in them during the late innings.

— On Wednesday, in the third inning, just 37 of the highest-priced, front-row seats were occupied, although it was impossible to know if some fans had taken shelter in stadium restaurants.

Yet another sign of how the best seats have been overpriced is their resale level.

Legends Suite seats in section 27B, row 2, down the left-field line that originally sold for \$500 were available for \$225 early Wednesday on the online ticket broker StubHub.com. Tickets in section 23, row 7, behind the visitors' dugout could be had for \$263, down from their \$850 original price.

"Yeah, we understand it's not full. We actually understand why it's not," left fielder Johnny Damon said. "It's tough for, you know, business owners to justify those seats. It's either have those seats or lay off people from work, and I think that during this tough time, people are going to want to put it back into

their companies and put it back into people instead of spending that type of money for seats."

A stadium built in boom times — with top-end seats that give fans access to private clubs and an upscale duplex buffet from white-toqued chefs at carving stations — the Yankees' front office doesn't seem to have counted on the recession dampening enthusiasm for the storied franchise.

The team refuses to talk about the financial impact of the empty seats, but if every spot in the Legends Suite were sold, the club would gross \$1.63 million per game, according to AP's calculation.

"I think if anybody in any business had known where this economy was going to go, they would have done things differently," Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said before the team's first workout at the ballpark on April 2.

"Look, there's no doubt small amounts of our tickets might be overpriced. You know, we're continuing to look into that. But the bottom line is, the vast majority of them, it seems like they're right on because we've sold 35,000 full season equivalents, and a lot of the tickets have, you know, sold quite well."

MSNBC broadcaster Keith Olbermann, who owns \$850-a-game Legends Suite season tickets in the seventh row between the dugouts, noted that the downturn has put the Yankees in a tricky position.

"I don't think this was foreseeable when they priced it. I don't think that it was foreseeable when we bought it," he said. "The question becomes what happens as the economy rebounds. To what degree does the economy have to rebound before that type of spending resumes?"

NBA

Tinsley in limbo as Pacers ponder

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tinsley remains on Indiana's roster, but the Pacers still have no desire to let the troubled point guard play for them again.

Tinsley has been with the team since the 2001-02 season, but he has been hampered by injuries and off-court legal problems in recent years. The Pacers told him not to show up to training camp this season, and they did not allow him to play in an effort to improve their tarnished reputation.

That stance has not changed, despite the Pacers' inability to complete a trade and get some value for a player who is owed \$14.7 million the next two years, and the impending free agency of two other point guards. The NBA players' union filed a grievance for Tinsley in February, but team president Larry Bird and the franchise remain steadfast in their refusal to play Tinsley in the future.

"Later on this summer, we'll probably go into arbitration," Bird said this week. "Whether we win or lose, it's going to be the same as it is now — we're going forward without Jamaal. Hopefully, we can trade him before it comes up, but we'll see what happens."

The Associated Press left a phone message seeking comment with Tinsley's agent, Raymond Brothers.

The Pacers traded for Jarrett Jack and T.J. Ford last summer to replace Tinsley and found them to be capable replacements. Bird said the Pacers want to keep Jack next season, and the team plans to extend a qualifying offer to him this sum-

mer to make him a restricted free agent. Jack averaged a career-high 13.1 points per game this season.

"He made a lot of turnovers at the beginning of the year," Bird said. "A lot of them cost us some games. But at the end, really, after All-Star break going forward, he was one of our best clutch players."

Jack has made it clear he wants to return, saying he feels indebted to the Pacers for giving him a chance to play. Bird said he believes the team has the money to keep Jack, but he's not sure what the market will dictate.

"I have a feeling I know what Jarrett's going to be asking for, but I don't know what's going to happen out there," he said.

Ford averaged 14.9 points and 5.3 assists and gained a reputation for hitting important shots. He is under contract for next season, with a player option for 2010-11.

Bird was pleased with both Jack and Ford.

"I think they did very well this year if you combine it," Bird said. "I thought T.J. started off strong, then went through a period where Jarrett was playing better."

"I think both of them guys can get the job done, and they're two different type of players."

Another point guard, Travis Diener, has a player option for next season. He averaged 3.7 points and 2.2 rebounds in 55 games this season. He has said he will sit down with his agent to decide what is best.

"I just told him at the end of the season that it's a decision that he's got to make," Bird said. "I hope he's back here next year. If not, best of luck."

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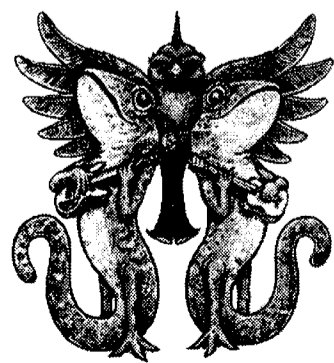
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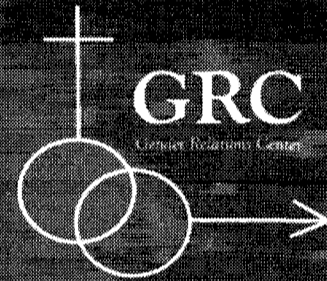
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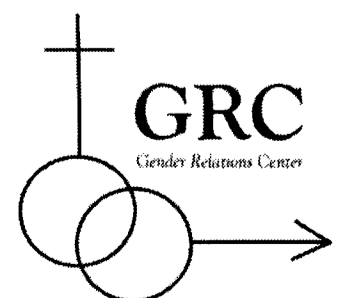
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SWIMMING

Phelps to unveil new free technique

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Phelps is following up his record performance at the Beijing Olympics by changing some of the swimming technique that carried him to eight gold medals.

Hasn't he ever heard of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"? But Phelps isn't chasing the same old goals. As he shifts to focusing on shorter races, he hopes the new freestyle technique will increase his sprinting speed.

"You'll all have to see. I'm not saying anything until we unveil it," Phelps said with a grin when asked how he's tweaked the stroke. "It's a significant change. You'll be able to tell exactly what I did as soon as I take my first stroke."

Phelps will reveal the new technique when he returns to competition May 14-17 at the Charlotte UltraSwim in North Carolina, his first meet since Beijing. He plans to swim four events, including the 100- and 200-meter free and the 100 butterfly.

"I'm going to try it this year. If it works, it works," Phelps said. "If it doesn't, I'll go back to the old stroke."

Phelps was in Manhattan on Wednesday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new store of

longtime sponsor Omega. The watchmaker stuck by Phelps after a British tabloid published a photo of Phelps inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Kellogg dropped Phelps as an endorser, and USA Swimming suspended him for three months.

"This is something in his private life," said Omega president Stephen Urquhart. "Michael reacted very well. He went out, he apologized. This has no bearing at all on what he's done, his sporting activity, what he's done with the media. He's always been fantastic with us."

Judging by the throng of tourists holding their cameras above their heads to try to nab a shot of Phelps during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, he's still a big draw. Inside the store, Phelps signed a photo of the underwater view of his razor-thin victory margin in the 100 butterfly at the Olympics, where Omega is the official timekeeper.

Sporting a goatee, Phelps said he's lost the pounds he gained during his post-Beijing time off. He's altered his weight training as part of his goal to get stronger and faster for the shorter events.

About seven weeks back into serious training, he joked, "I feel like I can swim."

"When I got back in," he said, "I didn't feel like I could move."

MLB

Minor leagues inherit Dodgertown

Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The pathways made of crushed seashells. The dugouts with no roofs. The cozy seating at Holman Stadium.

All of Dodgertown's one-of-a-kind hallmarks again will have visitors.

The governing body for Minor League Baseball agreed to a five-year contract Wednesday to take over operations of the storied Dodgertown complex in Vero Beach, Fla., bringing tournaments and fantasy camps back to one of baseball's most hallowed grounds.

For Ralph Branca and Brooklyn's Boys of Summer, it just won't ever be the same.

"I doubt I'll ever be back," Branca said Wednesday. "The Dodgers meant something special. To see it without them there would be a shame. But I'm glad there will at least be baseball there again. It's the finest training facility in the world."

The deal with Indian River County and Vero Beach will bring high school and college tournaments and camps for players and umpires to the facility, but there still will be no major league team

for spring training.

This past spring was the first time in 61 years that the Dodgers did not occupy the facility. They left for an \$80 million complex in Glendale, Ariz., that they share with the Chicago White Sox. Vero Beach had been the spring training home of the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers since 1949.

But things have changed.

Jackie Robinson Avenue was removed. So was Don Drysdale Drive and Vin Scully Way, packed up and shipped West along with hundreds of other treasures that made Dodgertown unique.

Branca was there from the start, when the players used to stay in old military barracks.

"It was so fan-friendly," the former star pitcher said. "You could walk and talk with players. Just getting up-close with fans was one of my favorite things. I have so many memories, probably more there than anywhere I've been."

County and city officials will lease the complex for \$1 per year, with Minor League Baseball to be solely responsible for maintaining the grounds, according to the agreement. The tenant will collect

revenue from local tourist taxes.

The lease will begin by at least May 1 and leaves open the possibility of a major league team to return.

"We expect a long relationship that will create opportunities for fans to see high caliber baseball in the historic Dodgertown venue," Vero Beach city manager James Gabbard said in a statement.

Officials had hoped to lure a major league team for spring training permanently.

They negotiated for months with the Baltimore Orioles, who have struggled to get a new stadium deal as their lease in Fort Lauderdale is about to expire. But negotiations broke down last year, ending when the county rescinded its offer to the Orioles.

At that point, Minor League Baseball president Pat O'Conner said he became involved in the process.

"The county asked me, with my connections around baseball, to help them brainstorm ways to secure a tenant for the facility," O'Conner said at the announcement in Vero Beach on Wednesday.



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Tefft

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finding an experienced veteran to lead a team into battle, and few teams can claim a more talented leader than Tefft.

The Enid, Okla., native boasts a 105-35 career record in singles and a 147-25 career record in doubles. She was named to the 2008 ITA All-American doubles team alongside long-time juniors and collegiate partner Brook Buck, who graduated last year. Tefft was also named to the Big East All-Tournament team in each of her first three years in both the singles and doubles competitions.

Of all the things she has accomplished in her illustrious career with the Irish, Tefft singled out last year's doubles national championship as the one she won't ever forget.

"Winning National Indoors last year with [Buck]," she said of her best memory with the Irish. "We had won five national tournaments in juniors and had been playing together for over 10 years. We came a long way together."

When asked about the secret to her success, Louderback was quick to point to her team-first mentality.

"Kelcy has been a great example of how you can improve by working hard," he said. "She still puts the team first and is a great example of what a team leader should be and how to handle that leadership. She also expects to win every match she plays, which rubs off on the rest of the team."

As much fun and success as she enjoyed during her four years, Tefft said the one thing she will miss most will be her teammates and her coach.

"I will miss the girls the most. We spend so much time together and we are all very good friends. It will be hard not seeing them every day," she said. "I also owe a lot of my success to [Louderback]. He has been a great coach and has really helped me improve my game throughout my four years."

But she isn't hanging up her racket just yet.

Believe it or not, there is one more achievement that has escaped Tefft and her teammates in three previous attempts — a team national championship.

"I'm really excited for our team this year at NCAAs. We are ranked fourth and we have a good chance of winning the whole thing," she said. "This year, I think we have the most talented team that I have played on in my entire career."

With or without a team title, Tefft couldn't be more appreciative of her overall experience at Notre Dame.

"I have had an incredible four years at Notre Dame," she said. "There is something special about wearing an Irish jersey because of the tradition of the school. I have also been very blessed with amazing teammates who have made my experience everything I could have hoped for."

Tefft will take the court for the final tournament of her career when the Irish suit up for the first-round of the NCAA Championships on May 9 in College Station, Texas.

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Michigan

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in the final inning allowed the Wolverines (22-7) runner to score from second, giving Michigan a 3-2 victory.

Senior Sam Elam took the loss in his first start since last season, allowing just two earned runs and striking out nine in six strong innings.

Although Notre Dame was handed a disappointing result, Irish coach Dave Schrage acknowledged that it wasn't for the lack of pitching.

"[Elam] really hit his spots today. He had great command the whole time," he said. "He pitched well enough to get the victory and you hate to waste great pitching like that."

The Irish offense did not come alive until the sixth inning, scoring two runs to tie the game before giving up the game winner in the seventh.

Junior A. J. Pollock's double down the left field line and senior Evan Sharpley's single in the sixth inning accounted for the only Irish runs in the contest.

The second game began much like the first as Michigan jumped out to an early lead in the second inning behind a solo home-run off freshman starter Ryan Richter.

Looking to keep Notre Dame's offense at bay as they had done all afternoon, Michigan took the field in the fifth inning up 3-0 and just nine outs away from the sweep. The Irish had other plans, however.

After back-to-back walks to sophomore Greg Sherry and Pollock, junior Brayden Ashdown reached on an error by the Wolverines third baseman to load the bases with nobody out. Senior Jeremy Barnes stepped up and pounded a single to center field, scor-

ing Sherry and Pollock and putting the Irish on the scoreboard.

Just two pitches later, junior Casey Martin was hit in the stomach to load up the bases once again. Junior David Mills then got in on the action drawing a walk to force in the tying run.

Unlike in previous games where they have struggled to produce runs with runners in scoring position, the Irish got another one when sophomore Mick Doyle hit a deep fly ball that allowed Ashdown to tag and score.

"That was the third time we had the bases loaded with no outs and Barnes, who has been a big leader for us, really came through. Once he got the hit, it really relaxed us. Mills and Doyle each had great at bats after that and came through to help us get the victory," Schrage said.

That was all the production the team would need as sophomore Todd Miller came in and shutdown the Wolverines offense, picking up the two-inning save in the process.

Sophomore Cameron McConnell made a big play in the seventh inning, throwing out a Wolverine runner attempting to advance to second base, his second of the game.

"That was a huge play for us," Schrage said. "He has done that all year. He's been able to throw guys out. Your defense starts behind the plate and when you can shut down the running game, that's big for us."

Richter allowed three earned runs in five innings of work to get the win, improving to 4-1 on the season.

Notre Dame will travel to Louisville, Ky., to face the Cardinals in a three-game Big East series schedule to begin Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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Dave Schrage
Irish coach

Unbeaten

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the Irish actually fell one spot in the coaches' poll.

To contrast, Virginia had only one game this weekend, and needed an 8-1 fourth quarter to beat Dartmouth, a team the Irish dismantled 19-7 earlier in the year. The Cavaliers were rewarded by regaining the No. 1 ranking they lost a week earlier.

Detractors point to Notre Dame's strength of schedule, which admittedly, is below that of the ACC teams. They say Notre Dame wouldn't be able to hold its own against a quality opponent. Never mind the fact that the Irish beat North Carolina earlier this season, holding a potent Tar Heels offense to just seven goals.

Examples like North Carolina and Dartmouth show that the Irish are at the very least comparable to the other top-5 teams. And if all other things are equal — or even close — shouldn't the undefeated team get the benefit of the doubt?

No, there's something more at work here. Notre Dame isn't one of the bluebloods of college and pollsters are holding it against them. Just because they aren't Syracuse, Johns Hopkins or Duke, the Irish will always get slighted.

If you ask Irish coach Kevin Corrigan, or any players for that matter, they'll say it doesn't matter. They'll talk about how they're just focusing on Saturday's game against Ohio State, as they should.

But when it's time for NCAA seeding, it sure would be nice to have that No. 1 spot. Even if the Irish win out in impressive fashion, and take the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) tournament, it's unlikely they'd be able to jump the teams ahead of them before the tournament starts in mid-May.

Fortunately, the problem should be corrected next season, when the Big East will begin sponsoring men's lacrosse.

Instead of playing in the GWLL, which currently has zero ranked teams other than Notre Dame, the Irish will be playing in the same conference as No. 2 Syracuse, No. 18 Georgetown and Villanova, which is receiving votes in both polls.

For now, though, the Irish will have to take what they can get. Even if all they're getting is the shaft.

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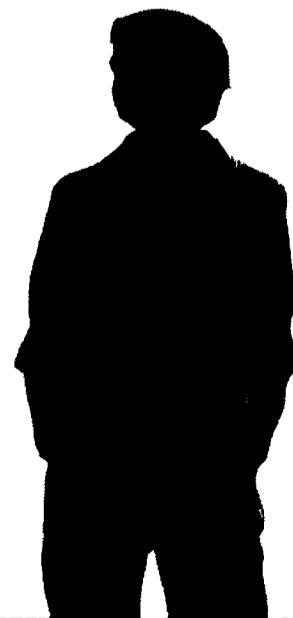
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NFL

Colts like their options in Saturday's draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian is a draft master.

He took Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf and Edgerrin James over Ricky Williams in his first two seasons with the Colts, providing the foundation for a perennial playoff team. He filled in other holes by choosing players such as Reggie Wayne, Dwight Freeney and Dallas Clark outside the top 10. Heck, he even traded out of the first round in 2004 to nab Bob Sanders.

Yet this weekend could be Polian's biggest challenge.

With the Colts undergoing major changes and no certainty about where the NFL's salary cap is headed, Polian knows he cannot afford a costly mistake — anytime, but especially this year.

"If you miss on some high draft choices and you miss on the players of your own that you decide to pay once they're here, then you can't succeed," Polian said in February.

Fortunately for the Colts, Polian's success rate is better than most.

He's discovered gems, like Pro Bowl defensive end Robert Mathis, in the middle rounds. He drafts a year or two into

the future, taking players such as receiver Anthony Gonzalez or Clark to fill projected holes left by free agency. He's even found undrafted contributors, such as three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday and defensive captain Gary Brackett.

But for Polian, this will be a new experience.

Coach Tony Dungy retired in January, turning the reins over to his hand-picked successor Jim Caldwell. The Colts have new defensive and special teams coordinators, which could force Polian to make a few changes when assessing talent. And the franchise's career receiving leader, Marvin Harrison, was released two months ago.

Plus, there were some glaring holes last season.

Indy's run defense ranked among the league's worst after starting defensive tackle Ed Johnson was released in September. Brackett, a linebacker, missed the final month of the season after cracking a bone in his lower left leg, and Freddy Keiaho, another starting linebacker, has not been re-signed.

That means Polian has plenty of options this weekend. The Colts' first-round pick is No. 27 overall.

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of the inning but couldn't score.

"Bargar does an amazing job, and she always comes with her 'A' game," Miller said. "She had an awesome game today."

Sophomore Jody Valdivia ran into trouble in the first inning but got a bases-loaded strikeout to get out of the jam. From there, Valdivia cruised to a shutout and improved her ERA to 2.49.

"Jody did a great job too," Miller said. "In the second game we had more hitting to back Jody up, and that was the difference between the two games for us."

On offense, Irish sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury hit a double that brought in two runs, giving the Irish the first lead of the game. The Irish scored again as freshman Alexa Maldonado was brought home by senior second baseman Linda Kohan.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Irish had their offensive highlight of the night when Kohan hit a two-run homer, moving the lead to 5-0.

"In the first game we struggled offensively, that change-up threw us off," Miller said. "In the second game we picked it up."

Notre Dame will host conference rival Syracuse for a doubleheader Sunday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Belles

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Kosinski said. "I also wanted to be more aggressive on court. I also want to do my best to help the team reach our goal of winning conference."

Sophomore Betsy Reed fell to Danielle Werley 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles after teaming up with Peluso at No. 2 doubles to lose 8-0, against Garcia and Spagnuolo.

Peluso also lost at No. 5 singles 6-4, 6-1 to Mia Savagian, while sophomore Jessica Camp also fell to

Himes at No. 6 singles.

The Belles will travel to Adrian Saturday and will look to get back on track in their last two regular season matches before heading to Kalamazoo next weekend for the conference tournament.

"Adrian is not one of the top teams in the conference," Campbell said. "Coming off a couple of tough losses like the one today and the Kalamazoo match, we hope it will give us a chance to breathe and work on a few things before heading to Kalamazoo."

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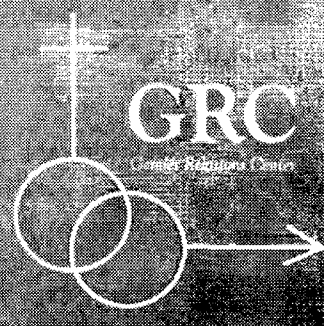
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Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. **Carl Andersen**
 - o 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.
2. **Alex Klupchak**
 - o 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.
3. **Casey McGushin**
 - o 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:

1. **Kathleen Stanley**
 - a. Kathleen Stanley helped McGlenn Hall capture the Interhall Women's Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlenn 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.
2. **Mary Forr**
 - a. 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 McGlenn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.
3. **Jenni Gargula**
 - a. 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:

1. **Matt Hamel**
 - a. 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.
2. **Braden Turner**
 - a. 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.
3. **David Standa**
 - a. 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:

1. **Susan Pinnick**
 - a. 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.
2. **Chrissy Vaughn**
 - a. 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.
3. **Brittany Baron**
 - a. 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:

1. **Interhall Men's Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball**
 - a. 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.
2. **CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction**
 - a. 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.
3. **CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Waivers**
 - a. 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:

1. **Men's Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford**
 - a. 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.
2. **Men's Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan**
 - a. 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.
3. **GFS Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United**
 - a. 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:

1. **Zahm Hockey**
 - a. 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.
2. **Welsh Flag Football**
 - a. 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.
3. **Purple Rain**
 - a. 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.

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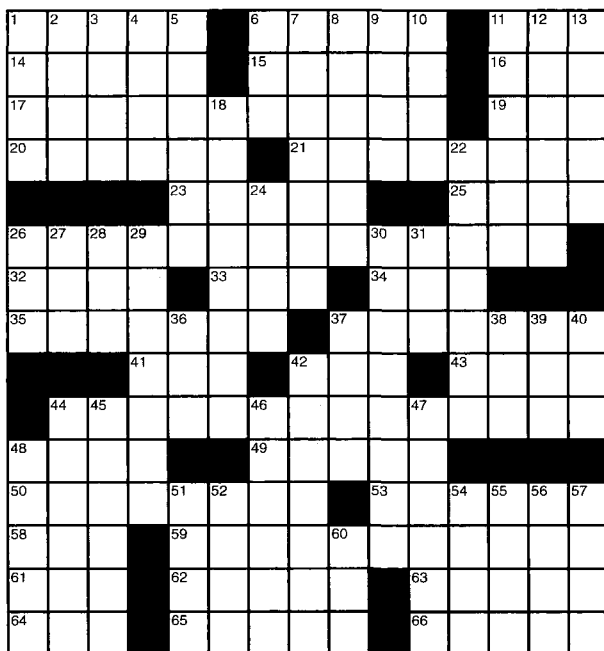
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Happy Birthday: You don't have to back down or take no for an answer this year. You can write your own ticket by being responsible. Stand up and be counted and push to achieve your goals. An unusual turn of events will evolve and you'll be the one in charge. Your numbers are 2, 7, 13, 26, 36, 44, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication is a must if you want to stay in control. Someone may try to upset your position or influence the outcome of something you are working toward. Someone will use underhanded tactics to try to beat you. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go right to the top if you want to get something resolved. You will fall privy to secret information that will give you the edge. Use your charm, coupled with your knowledge and experience and you'll come across as confident and capable. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to whatever will benefit you professionally, personally and financially. You will face jealous and possessive acts if you lead someone on or you make a promise and don't keep it. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should receive an honor or raise or something that will improve your status. Someone may not like all the attention you are getting. Honesty will help you resolve any incident that crops up. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get derailed by criticism you don't deserve. Greater involvement in challenging activities will raise your confidence and prove what you are capable of. Put your cash in a safe place and don't lend or borrow. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are ready to revamp your old ways, habits and lifestyle. Change bring more excitement to your life. There is money to be made if you pick up information or take courses that will broaden your skills. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Say what you mean and mean what you say. You'll be under the spotlight and your conduct will make a difference to the outcome of anything you are currently working towards personally and professionally. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can present and promote effectively. Love will come easy and someone you care for will be accommodating in every way imaginable. Show everyone what you have to offer. Your longtime goals are now within reach. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't stretch the truth if you don't want to be embarrassed. Your reputation may be compromised if you haven't been completely honest about what you are offering others. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will win if you challenge someone. Taking an unusual path will help you learn something about who you are and what you are capable of doing. You can learn from past experiences, as well. ★★★★★

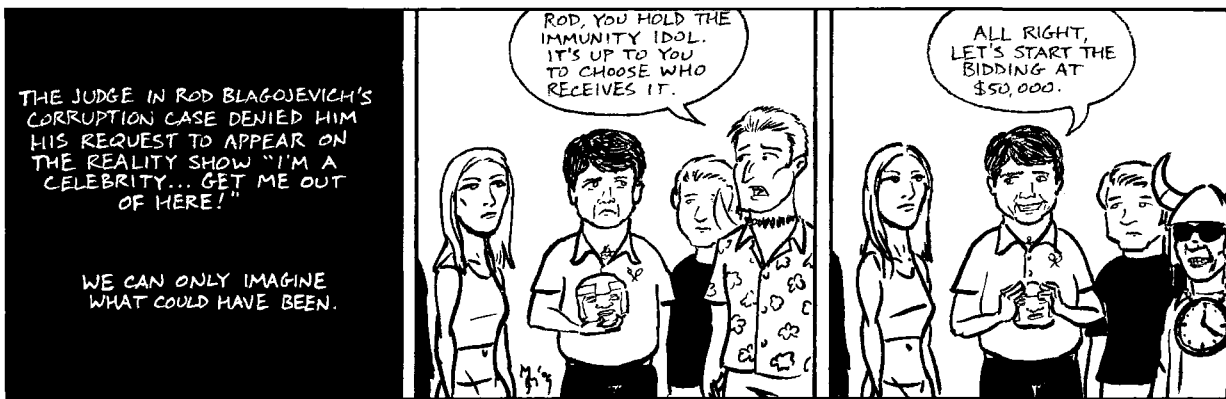
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not everyone will think the same way you do. Expect opposition and prepare to compromise if you want to resolve issues and get things done. It's never too late to start something new or to go back and get something or someone you left behind. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make a noise unless you are prepared to back up your accusations with lots of proof. Someone will push back if you decide you want to take over or have things your way. Personal relationships will be emotional, passionate and full of excitement. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are far-reaching, intelligent and original. You are passionate, caring and can be explosive. You can effectively combine your communication skills with your charm.

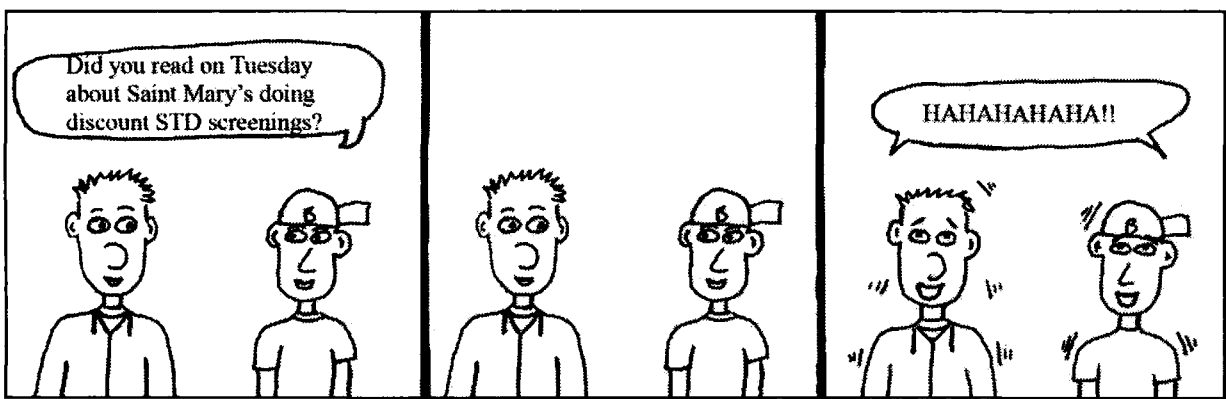
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REVUC
YASUNE
HARKEW

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

Ans: [] [] [] [] THE "[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []"

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's | Jumbles: BALMY TWILL CRAVAT PHYSIC
Answer: What the director said when the mummy scene was shot — IT'S A "WRAP"

THE OBSERVER

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

One last shot

Senior Tefft captains fourth-ranked squad into Championships

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

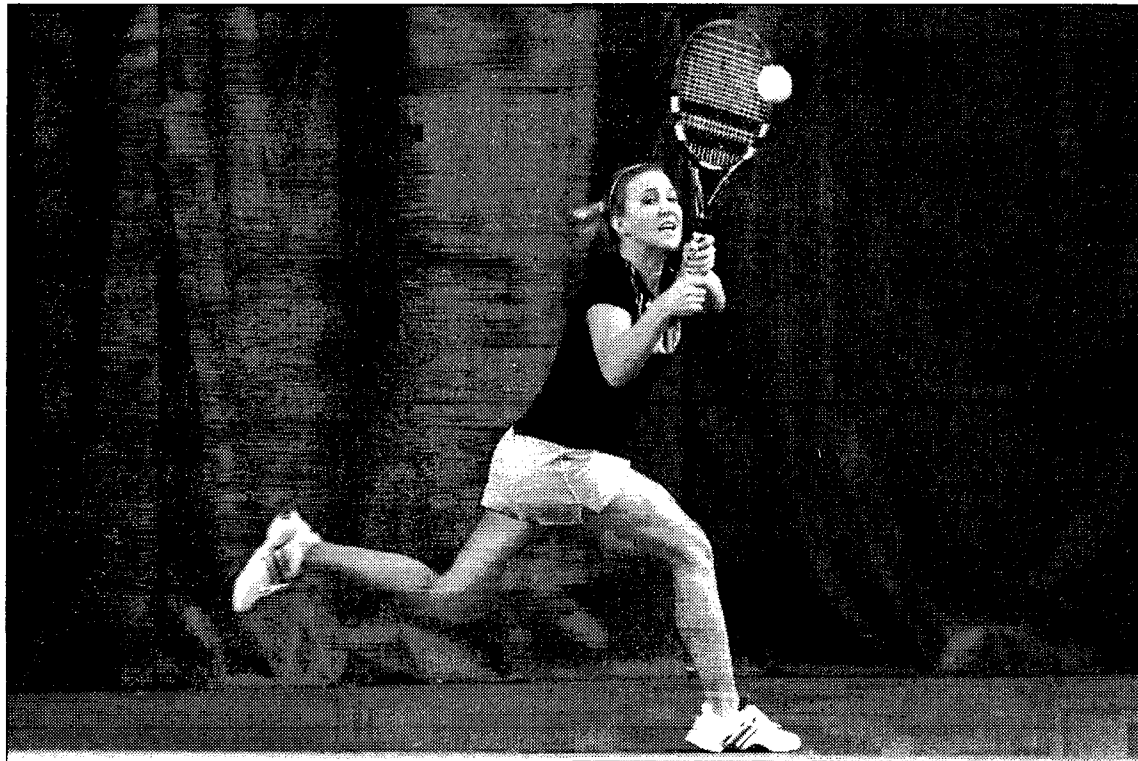
Good leadership skills, a strong work ethic and a slew of natural talent are all qualities any coach would love to find somewhere on his team.

Irish coach Jay Louderback didn't have to look past senior captain Kelcy Tefft before finding all three.

"If I had to describe Kelcy in one word, it would be committed," Louderback said. "She has been our hardest worker and always puts extra time into being prepared to play. She has played with injuries but has done it for our team to succeed."

A major key to success is

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish senior captain Kelcy Tefft returns a shot during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over North Carolina on Feb. 27. Notre Dame will begin play at the NCAA Championships on May 9.

MEN'S LACROSSE
COMMENTARY

Unbeaten ND should be No. 1

They are the only undefeated team in Division I, using a smothering defense to outscore opponents by an average of more than five goals per game. In fact, this past weekend, the Irish gave up just four combined goals in two games on back-to-back days.



Sam Werner

Associate Sports Editor

Sounds like the résumé of the consensus No. 1 team, right?

Well, not exactly. The Irish are currently ranked No. 3 in the Inside Lacrosse poll, one of two major polls in college lacrosse. In the other, the coaches' poll, Notre Dame is an even more puzzling No. 4, tied with two-loss Princeton.

Just what exactly do the Irish have to do to get the recognition they deserve?

Take this past weekend for example. In a sport where one game a week is the norm, Notre Dame played on both Saturday and Sunday — in two different states, no less. In both games, the Irish gave up only two goals, something the teams ahead of them have combined to do only once. Despite the fantastic weekend,

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ND SOFTBALL

Team rebounds for home doubleheader split

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame saw a pair of impressive streaks fall by the wayside in Game 1 of Wednesday's doubleheader against North Dakota State, but the Irish came back to defeat the Bison in Game 2 and salvage a split.

The 2-1 North Dakota State

(25-16) win in the opener ended a 10-game win streak for Notre Dame (32-14, 14-3 Big East), who responded with a 5-0 victory in the nightcap. Game 1 was the first nonconference home contest the Irish had lost since 2007, a stretch covering 15 games.

The first game was truly a battle of the pitchers. Each team only scored during one

inning, thanks to excellent pitching from both the Irish and the Bison.

"They come to play, and they were not a team to take lightly," freshman left fielder Dani Miller said.

Notre Dame struck quickly in the opener, as junior Heather Johnson's first-inning sacrifice fly scored senior Beth Northway, who reached on a lead-off double.

The Bison didn't get to Irish senior pitcher Brittney Bargar until the bottom of the seventh inning. North Dakota State scored twice on Bargar — who holds a sparkling 1.69 earned run average for the season — by taking advantage of an Irish error. Notre Dame had two runners reach in the bottom

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BASEBALL

Irish take Game 2 from UM

Wolverines use seventh inning error to win twin billing's opener

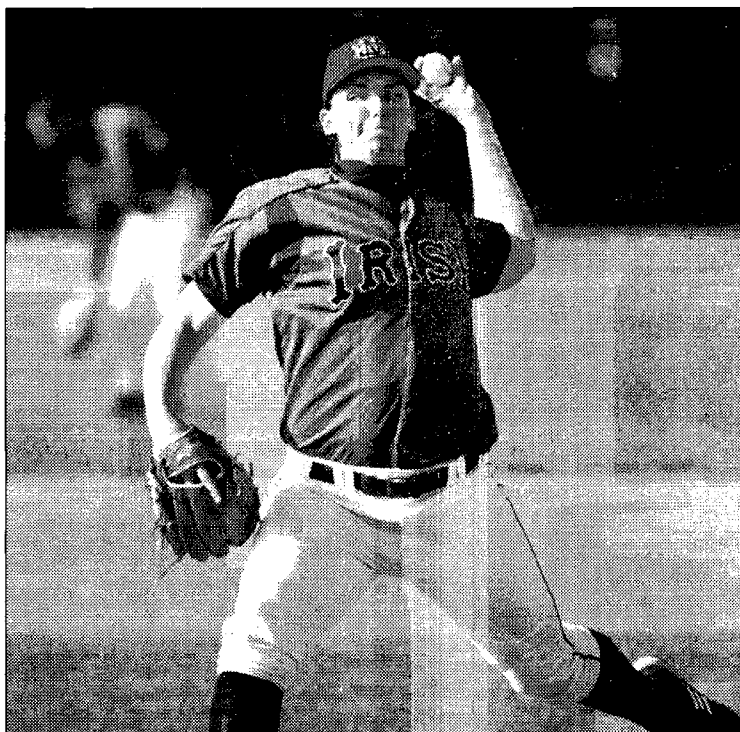
By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After an untimely error cost them the first game of the evening, the Irish were able to ride strong pitching and a giant fifth inning to a split of their shortened doubleheader with Michigan on Wednesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

Each contest only went seven innings as the first game had to be rescheduled because of a rainout Tuesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Notre Dame (23-15, 8-7 Big East) comeback attempt in Game 1 was thwarted when a throwing error by junior second baseman Ryne Intlekofer

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish senior lefty Sam Elam delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Michigan in Game 1 of a doubleheader split Wednesday.

SMC TENNIS

Gebert notches only win in Belles 8-1 loss

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will need to win its last two matches to secure a .500 conference record after falling at Hope, 8-1, Wednesday.

"Hope is really tough and [was] ready for us," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We fought really hard and tried our best and were really close in three or four matches."

The Belles (7-9, 2-4 MIAA) stuck with their lineup changes from the Trine match at both singles and doubles, moving sophomore Franca Peluso up from No. 3 doubles to No. 2 and inserting her into the No. 5 singles slot. Sophomore Mary Therese Lee filled in at No. 3 doubles against the Flying Dutch (14-5, 6-0).

Junior captain Camille Gebert was able to continue her undefeated singles play in the conference defeating Katherine Garcia 6-3, 6-4.

"She hung in well for the long points," Campbell said. "She ran down a lot of balls and outlasted her opponent. Her fitness certainly gives her a lot of confidence."

Sophomore Jillian Hurley fell to Samantha Stille 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, and teamed up with Gebert to fall 8-5 at No. 1 doubles.

Kosinski fell in her No. 3 singles match 6-3, 6-4 against Nicole Spagnuolo, and also teamed up with Lee at No. 3 doubles in an 8-0 loss to Lucy Himes and Beth Olson.

"One of my main goals for the season was to have a stronger mental game,"

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