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## Week to address sexual violence

*Task force tries to raise male awareness of issue*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
News Writer

The members of a new task force, Men Against Violence (MAV) have decided the male population of Notre Dame can no longer listen passively to criticism from women about rape and sexual assault — and to address this concern, they are leading an initiative to encourage men to take a proactive stance against sexual violence.

The MAV, a task force that originated within the Gender Relations

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Garrett Mandeville, bottom left corner, and Michael Redding, sitting to his left, work an information table asking men to sign anti-violence pledges inside South Dining Hall Monday.

PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

## SMC tuition increase to grow for 2006-07

*Students express dissatisfaction with rising tuition bill; College credits inflation, high costs*

LAURA BAUMGARTNER  
News Writer

As costs and inflation continue to rise, tuition increases will once again lighten Saint Mary's students' pockets next year.

The March 21 announcement of a planned five percent increase in tuition and fees and three percent increase in room and board at the College has raised concern among students across campus.

The Board of Trustees considered the proposed increase at meetings on Feb. 23 and 24, and voted to approve a greater change in tuition than it originally planned. The average cost of attendance for a resident student will rise from \$32,538 this year to \$34,005 next year.

"A three-percent increase in the room

and board rate is the amount used in the multi-year projections we utilize as part of our planning process," Vice President of Finance and Administration Laurie Stickelmaier said. "We had originally projected a four percent increase in tuition, but substantial increases in utilities and benefits costs last year moved the Board to approve an increase of five percent."

Though some students are concerned about the increasing cost of attending Saint Mary's, Stickelmaier said rising inflation rates and expenses incurred by the College have rendered the increase inevitable.

"Saint Mary's, like colleges and universities across the country, raises tuition and fees in an effort to keep pace with inflation and stay operationally strong," Stickelmaier said.

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| Saint Mary's Tuition Increase                 |                            |
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| Cost of Attendance 2005-2006: <b>\$32,538</b> |                            |
| Cost of Attendance 2006-2007: <b>\$34,005</b> |                            |
| Increases for 2005-2006                       | Increases for 2006-2007    |
| <b>4% Tuition and Fees</b>                    | <b>5% Tuition and Fees</b> |
| <b>3% Room and Board</b>                      | <b>3% Room and Board</b>   |

ALEXA ANTEKEIER/Observer Graphic

## Alleged assault reported

*SMC says NDSP will lead investigation*

By AMANDA MICHAELS  
News Editor

A Saint Mary's student was allegedly sexually assaulted on Notre Dame's campus late Friday evening or early Saturday morning, according to an e-mail sent to Saint Mary's students Monday morning by Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm.

In the e-mail, Timm said the alleged victim had "just informed" College officials of the situation and "all campus services have been offered to [the alleged victim] for her support and [Saint Mary's] will continue to provide assistance to her throughout her healing process."

The alleged victim went to the hospital for "appropriate medical attention," the e-mail said, though information on when that visit occurred was not made available to The Observer.

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie McDonald would not comment on the details of the situation, noting the investigation of the alleged incident is now in the hands of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP).

"Saint Mary's responsibility was to issue a warning e-mail to students about what had been reported to us, and we did that," McDonald said. "Saint Mary's also has the responsibility to offer all the support we can to the student who came to us, and right now we are doing all we can for her."

NDSP associate director Phil Johnson said NDSP is currently investigating the report of an alleged sexual assault that

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## Professor lectures on moral disagreement, Natural Law



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Notre Dame philosophy professor Alasdair MacIntyre lectures Monday as part of the "Scholar in the Classroom" series.

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

Renowned Notre Dame philosophy professor Alasdair MacIntyre questioned 13th century Catholic theologian Thomas Aquinas' idea of the universality of primary precepts — morals such as honesty, the preservation of human life and respect for others' property — at a lecture delivered to a nearly-packed hall Monday.

"My aim is to open up questions, not to secure agreement," MacIntyre said. "I hope to leave you more troubled."

While Aquinas' Natural Law teaches that primary precepts are the same for all individuals

and should therefore be obeyed by everyone, MacIntyre said Natural Law is questionable because it suggests people should find a greater sense of uniformity and agreement concerning issues of morality.

MacIntyre examined disparities in Aquinas' argument caused by five types of moral disagreement — varying approaches to upholding human life, instances of torture, human sexuality, honor and loyalty and economic fairness.

"Rationality requires being together with other people," MacIntyre said. "[When we engage in dialogue with others] we find that we disagree radically. We should treat solitary

deliberation as always resulting in error. Rationality is essentially social."

MacIntyre is recognized internationally for his contributions to moral philosophy. His published books include "After Virtue," "Whose Justice? Which Rationality?," "Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry" and "Dependent Rational Animals." He has also taught at Oxford, Princeton, Duke and Vanderbilt.

The lecture — "Moral Disagreement" — was part of the Scholar in the Classroom lecture series sponsored by the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Potty Training 101

You can stop searching through your course schedule; this is not a class that is being offered next semester as an easy "A." Not yet at least. In case some of you failed to realize, I would like to point something out. Unfortunately, we are not living in a five-star restaurant equipped with kind bathroom attendants to hand you a towel and clean up after you once you are finished using the facilities. Most of us are in fact living in dorms. This can only mean one thing — public bathrooms. Which translates into no bathroom attendant, and no, sadly our mothers aren't here to clean up after us either.

**Laura Baumgartner**  
Wire Editor

Enter "Potty Training 101." This is designed to give college students a crash course in bathroom etiquette. Now, some of these concepts may seem radical and possibly even crazy. Just try to stay strong and keep an open mind, and hopefully we will all learn a little something.

Lesson One: Keeping Your Business Where Your Business Belongs. Now, you might think that since we are college students that by this stage of our lives we would fully understand the purpose of toilets and urinals. The evidence we leave behind however, could lead people to believe otherwise.

This lesson is a simple one, but you will be tested later so if you feel it is necessary please take notes.

First, there is only one place to go number two — this may seem like common sense, but believe me for some people this concept is still a mystery — and that place is in the toilet. That's right I said IN the toilet, not near the toilet on the floor, or on the toilet seat, but actually IN the toilet. (And after that you flush. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves here — flushing is a later lesson).

Second, number one also belongs IN the toilet. Little dribbles on the seat will result in a lowering of your grade. There's paper in the bathroom for a reason, crumple some up (unless you're a folder, then by all means fold) and put it to good use. No one likes a wet seat.

Lesson Two: These Aren't Bedpans, They Do Actually Flush. There has been some confusion around campus about this subject, so we are going to clear this situation up early. Yes, some of the toilets are old and don't have the power of a Flush-o-matic 2006, but that shiny silver handle-like object on the back of the toilet does serve a purpose. It's not just there to make the toilet look pretty. While it might require more than one push, the little guys can get the job done and remove any unsightly material that might be occupying the bowl.

Well, we're running short on time here and I don't want to overwhelm anyone on the first day. Quick review of the key concepts and then class will be dismissed. Remember the key concepts here are "in the toilet" and "flush."

Practice makes perfect, people, so get out there and use your new found knowledge.

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

## CORRECTIONS

Due to an editorial error, the headline "Changes to CWIL policy spark student reaction" in the March 24 edition of The Observer was inaccurate. The policy has not changed this year. Due to a reporting error, the same article states applicants did not receive grants for as much as 65 percent of their proposed budgets without mentioning this year, 10 high-need and high-merit proposals were awarded 75 percent of their proposed budgets. The Observer regrets the errors.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT TEAM WILL WIN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT?



**Katie McCann**  
freshman  
Welsh Family

"George Mason."



**Tom Junker**  
freshman  
Keenan

"I think we should demolish Stanford to make room for the Keenan Revue Auditorium."



**Heather Elson**  
freshman  
Lyons

"LSU."



**Brian Kantor**  
freshman  
Keough

"LSU - Big Baby is an unstoppable force."



**Patrick Nugent**  
freshman  
Keough

"Duke will rise from the ashes to win it all ... but LSU will really win."



**Erin Simon**  
freshman  
Cavanaugh

"Notre Dame ... wait, never mind."



KATIE RIVARD/The Observer

Genetic counselor Gretchen Neff delivered a lecture on breast cancer in the Cavanaugh Hall basement Monday. This week is Cavanaugh's Women's Concerns Week.

## IN BRIEF

Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Midwife's Tale," will be giving a lecture on why "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History" Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. as part of the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture Series.

Internationally acclaimed collage and montage artist Winston Smith will be Visiting Artist in the Saint Mary's Art Department Wednesday through Friday. He will be giving a public presentation of his works at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 232 of the Moreau Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlinn — Thursday at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Stepan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Go to bed married, wake up divorced

NEW DELHI — A Muslim couple in India has been told by local Islamic leaders they must separate after the husband "divorced" his wife in his sleep, the Press Trust of India reported.

Sohela Ansari told friends that her husband Aftab had uttered the word "talaq," or divorce, three times in his sleep, according to the report published in newspapers Monday.

When local Islamic leaders heard, they said Aftab's words constituted a divorce under an Islamic procedure known as "triple talaq." The

couple, married for 11 years with three children, were told they had to split.

The religious leaders ruled that if the couple wanted to remarry they would have to wait at least 100 days. Sohela would also have to spend a night with another man and be divorced by him in turn.

The couple, who live in the eastern state of West Bengal, have refused to obey the order and the issue has been referred to a local family counseling center.

### Dial N for naked

LONDON — Up to a third of telephone users in Britain make calls in the nude, with

men more prone to do it without clothes than women, a survey revealed on Thursday.

Research commissioned by Britain's Post Office, which offers a fledgling home phone service, revealed that 40 percent of men admitted to chatting naked compared with 27 percent of women. The results were based on a survey of 1,500 telephone users.

The research also showed that people were so busy that one in 10 people admitted to wandering off and leaving the caller talking to themselves.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

|               | TODAY             | TONIGHT           | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY          | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY          |
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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# New officers take over

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

Student government officers said goodbye to senior leaders and welcomed fresh faces at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night at the second floor of the Student Center.

The transition meeting took place with all members of the old BOG board present so the new board could get a better understanding for how the meetings operate, student body president Kellye Mitros said.

"This is a little bit different [than normal], but you guys get the idea," Mitros said.

Student body president-elect and current student body vice president Susan McIllduff introduced the new board members who will officially take their positions at next week's meeting.

McIllduff and vice president-elect Maggie Siefert have appointed 16 of the 23 board members, seven of whom they introduced at the meeting. These board members will be presiding along with Seifert over the BOG meetings during the 2006-07 school year.

After introducing the new board members, current Residence Hall Association president Jackie Wright reminded members the Dance Marathon is taking place April 21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

"It is 10 dollars per dancer, but

you do get a free t-shirt," Wright said.

Dancer sign-up packets are due by Friday afternoon, freshman class president Francesca Johnson said.

At the end of the meeting, Mitros became tearful as she addressed the board for the last time as president.

"I just wanted to say thank you to all of you ... from the bottom of my heart for making this such a wonderful experience for me," Mitros said.

### In other BOG news

♦ "We already started our Facebook ads, and tickets are already being sold [for the Saint Mary's Tostal]," Student Activities Board [SAB] president Megan Cahill said.

The Tostal will take place Thursday, April 6 and will feature nationally touring music group Phantom Planet.

♦ SAB and Student Diversity Board [SDB] are hosting a dance April 28 from 8-10 p.m., Cahill said. Proceeds will go to the new SDB scholarship.

♦ The F-word, a women's issues news letter, will be distributed the week of April 3, women's issues commissioner Katie Kelly said. The publication is accepting submissions of poetry and essay excerpts until April 3.

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Group concentrates on transition

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL  
News Writer

At the final Council of Representatives (COR) run by the current student government administration Monday night on the second floor of LaFortune, members discussed the year's operations and approved a number of key council members for next year's term.

The meeting focused on transition, as COR members evaluated this year's progress and planned for the student government turnover April 1.

Student body president Dave Baron thanked council members for their time and effort, and cited the difference COR has made this year in student government, particularly in the area of community relations.

He then opened the floor to suggestions as to how the Baron administration could have done a better job running student government.

Representatives praised the administration's progress and offered suggestions to improve relations with the entire student body in the face of increasing apathy. Topics of discussion included ideas for improved campus stall notes, a general student homepage with links to all aspects of student government and programming and

more open student government meetings in order to increase student input.

President-elect Lizzi Shappell said increasing student participation by holding public student government meetings is a central part of her platform. She said students could expect to see this in the upcoming year.

The group made administrative progress by approving nominees and discussing their plans for the upcoming administration. Patrick Vassel, confirmed as Student Union Board (SUB) Manager, plans to increase the participation of the hall representatives who are a relatively recent addition to SUB.

Beth Melia, Agus Galmarini and BethAnn Viscelgia were confirmed as co-director of programming, director of operations and director of publicity, respectively, for SUB executive board 2006-2007.

In a prepared statement, Judicial Council president-elect Liz Kozlow said she intends to improve the peer advocacy program and initiate a get-out-the-vote cam-

paign. Campus voter participation is approximately 50 percent, she said, and she proposed a number of initiatives with the goal of 67-percent participation in the next election.

Chris Harris was approved as an academic delegate. He said he plans to continue

work on teacher course evaluations. Harris said the committee has worked with the administration for a portion of the evaluations to be available for all Notre Dame students to view.

"Basically, there will be about six multi-

ple choice questions sometime in the next academic year added to the teacher course evaluations," Harris said. "All students will be able to access the results online."

In addition, Catherine Martinez was confirmed as Student Union Secretary, and Chris Mueller and Kadeja Gaines will be assistant Student Union Treasurers for the upcoming year.

*"Basically, there will be about six multiple choice questions sometime in the next academic year added to the teacher course evaluations."*

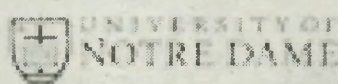
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## Assault

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occurred in a Notre Dame residence hall early Saturday morning. But he could not confirm whether this case was the same as or related to the one reported by the Saint Mary's student.

When asked whether the cases

could be related, Johnson said NDSP did not use school affiliations as classifications in police reports.

He said only one alleged sexual assault was reported to NDSP last weekend.

In the case under investigation by NDSP, Johnson said the alleged victim knew the alleged perpetrator.

Johnson said he could not provide any further information and

said the case was undergoing further investigation.

On the March 25 NDSP crime blotter, an entry was made at 6:10 p.m. regarding a "sex offense" incident involving "deviate conduct" that occurred in Zahm Hall

between 2:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

Johnson could not confirm whether this was either the alleged sexual assault case under investigation or the alleged incident reported by the Saint Mary's

student, but again said NDSP received only one report of an alleged sexual assault last weekend.

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## Awareness week to address sexual assault

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

Notre Dame student government has dubbed this week Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and has planned several featured events to educate University students about sexual assault and other gender relations topics.

The Senate Gender Issues Committee, chaired by Ali Wishon, is responsible for planning the week.

This is the second year for the event, which began when Senate Gender Issues Committee then-chairperson Lizzi Shappell was charged with starting an awareness week challenging the campus to think about issues of sexual assault.

The first flagship events marking this year's week is "Dating, Relating and the Hook-up Culture," a performance in which FIREstarter peer educators perform sketches and involve audience members in a presentation designed to address campus relationship and sexual assault issues. The first event took place in Pangborn Hall Monday night and the second will take place tonight at 9:15 p.m. in Farley Hall.

The play "Sex Signals: The Real Life, Funny, Sort-of Improv Show about Dating and Other Stuff" is an educational play

about issues of sexual assault and date rape relating to the college experience to be performed Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium.

"Must Sex T.V.," is a video showing that will take place Thursday, March 30 in various residence halls.

The video uses childhood television shows to "assess how we may have been exposed to gender stereotypes and sexual assault in our favorite programs," Shappell said.

Shappell said those interested in watching the video should talk to their hall president for more information about showings.

In addition to specific events, Sexual Assault Awareness Week is related to the launch of the newly created Men Against Violence (MAV) group, a Gender Relations Committee (GRC) task force composed of men committed to ending sexual violence and domestic abuse.

"Student Government Sexual Assault Awareness Week has brought together the Student Senate Gender Relations Committee and the Gender Relations Center (GRC), in addition to many generous sponsors, to offer programs and awareness campaigns," Shappell said.

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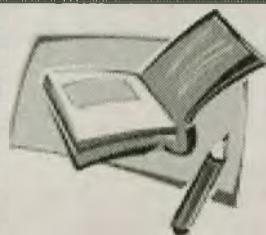
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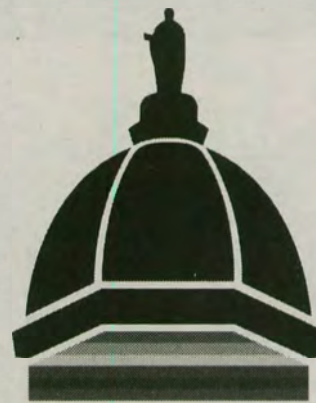
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Raid stifles Iraqi government talks

BAGHDAD — Shiite politicians raged at the United States and halted negotiations on a new government Monday after a military assault killed at least 16 people in what Iraqis claim was a mosque. Fresh violence erupted in the north, with 40 killed in a suicide bombing.

The freestorm of recrimination over Sunday's raid in northeast Baghdad will likely make it harder for Shiite politicians to keep a lid on their more angry followers as sectarian violence boils over, with at least 150 dead since Sunday. A unity government involving Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds is a benchmark for American hopes of starting to withdraw troops this summer.

The U.S. military said in a statement that "no mosques were entered or damaged during this operation." It said the raid targeted a building used by "insurgents responsible for kidnapping and execution activities."

### Afghan convert evades death penalty

KABUL — An Afghan man who faced the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity has appealed for asylum in another country, the United Nations said Monday after hundreds of Muslims marched against a court's decision to dismiss his case.

Afghan officials did not say whether Abdul Rahman had been released after the case against him was dismissed Sunday, but the U.N. statement came amid unconfirmed reports that he was being freed.

"We do understand that he will be released," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Panel clears immigration legislation

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee approved election-year immigration legislation Monday that clears the way for millions of undocumented workers to seek U.S. citizenship without having to first leave the country.

After days of street demonstrations that stretched from California to the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, the committee also voted to strip out proposed criminal penalties for residents found to be in this country illegally.

The panel's vote cleared the way for the full Senate to begin debate Tuesday on the emotional immigration issue.

"All Americans wanted fairness and they got it this evening," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat who played a pivotal role in drafting the legislation, approved 12-6.

### Disguised mother abducts children

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. — A mother charged with abducting her two children was accused of posing as a man while on the run, and authorities say the heavyset woman with cropped hair and a slight mustache even had the kids calling her "Daddy."

Shellie White, 30, said it was all a misunderstanding, claiming in a jail interview with The Associated Press that she never tried to hide her identity or change her appearance.

White was arrested in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, more than two years after she allegedly took her children from Arizona when they were 3 and 5. Investigators said she and another woman were living together as the children's father and mother.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Survey finds sex education lacking

INDIANAPOLIS — Many Indiana sex education classes are skipping important information on AIDS, pregnancy and other topics, according to a survey released Monday.

Indiana University conducted the online survey commissioned by the Get Real, Indiana! coalition, a group of organizations that support comprehensive sex education for all Indiana students.

It includes information from about 400 high school and middle school teachers, counselors and other school personnel — including 175 teachers who said they were responsible for sex education.

## SWITZERLAND

# U.N. rights commission closes

*New Human Rights Council plans to set tougher standards for member countries*

Associated Press

GENEVA — The discredited U.N. Human Rights Commission held its last meeting Monday before being replaced by a new body, ending a 60-year history in which some of the world's worst offenders often used their membership to protect one another from condemnation.

Peruvian Ambassador Manuel Rodriguez Cuadros, chairman of the 53-nation commission, gaveled the final session to an end in a packed meeting hall at U.N. offices in Geneva as young campaigners took photographs and lamented the loss of a rights forum they said was unfairly disparaged.

The new 47-member Human Rights Council will hold its first meeting June 19 in Geneva and the U.N. General Assembly will vote on new members May 9.

The commission, which originally was inspired by the United States, came to be discredited in recent years because it admitted countries with terrible human rights records — such as Sudan, Libya, Zimbabwe and Cuba — who tried to shield each other from censure. China and Russia lobbied heavily to avoid having their performances held up to scrutiny.

"The commission will not be mourned by many who value human rights," U.S. Ambassador Kevin Moley told The Associated Press. "The good news is the commission is over. The bad news is that what replaces it isn't much better."

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour said member states should now seize the opportunity to improve the U.N.'s tarnished rights record.

"We are, truly, in the midst of a quiet — or even maybe not so quiet —



Peru's ambassador Manuel Rodriguez-Cuadros, president of the 62nd Commission on Human Rights, opens the Commission's last meeting at the United Nations Monday.

human rights revolution," Arbour said. "Much will rest on the profound culture shift that must accompany this institutional reform. The protection of human rights will thrive in a rigorous, frank and cooperative environment."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the commission had been discredited when he called last year for it to be replaced with a new, strengthened body that would review every nation's right record.

The General Assembly voted earlier this month to replace the commission with the new council, ignoring U.S. objections that not enough was done to prevent abusive coun-

tries from becoming members.

The United States was one of only four countries to vote against the council, but it has said it will cooperate with the new body. It has yet to decide on whether it will seek election, Moley said.

Rights groups said the requirement that members receive at least a majority 96 votes will keep out the worst offenders.

Monday's session was largely subdued by commission standards, with most speakers expressing their support for the council and praising certain elements of the commission they believed needed to be preserved.

One exception was Saudi Arabia, speaking for the Asian group of countries, which vowed to continue the "campaign against foreign occupation and its implications in the occupied Palestinian territories, the Syrian Golan and south Lebanon."

Israel's ambassador in Geneva told The Associated Press his country would support the new council, even though it had voted with the U.S. against its creation two weeks ago.

Many advocacy groups, however, were uncertain as they left a forum where they commanded great attention, sometimes for issues largely ignored in their home countries.

# Moussaoui reveals failed 9/11 plans

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui testified Monday that he and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid were supposed to hijack a fifth airplane on Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House.

Moussaoui's testimony on his own behalf stunned the courtroom. His account was in stark contrast to his previous statements in which he said the White House attack was to come later if the United States refused to release an Egyptian sheik imprisoned on separate terrorist convictions.

On Dec. 22, 2001, Reid was subdued by passengers when he attempt-

ed to detonate a bomb in his shoe aboard American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami. The plane was diverted to Boston, where it landed safely.

Moussaoui told the court he knew the World Trade Center attack was coming and he lied to investigators when arrested in August 2001 because he wanted it to happen.

"You lied because you wanted to conceal that you were a member of al-Qaida?" prosecutor Rob Spencer asked.

"That's correct," Moussaoui said. Spencer: "You lied so the plan could go forward?"

Moussaoui: "That's correct."

The exchange could be key to the government's case that the attacks might have been averted if Moussaoui had been more cooperative following his arrest.

Moussaoui told the court he knew the attacks were to take place some time after August 2001 and bought a radio so he could hear them unfold.

Specifically, he said he knew the World Trade Center was going to be attacked, but he asserted he was not involved in that part of the plot and didn't know the details.

Nineteen men pulled off the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington in the worst act of terrorism ever on U.S. soil.



## MAV

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Center has put posters up around campus that show campus leaders committed to ending violence for Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Graduate student Alex Chapeaux, founding member and co-adviser of MAV, sat outside South Dining Hall Sunday night to encourage men to sign the pledge against rape and other violence. The pledge campaign will continue at both dining halls through Tuesday night.

"Our main goal is to ... educate men and to redefine masculinity in a positive way," he said.

The idea to organize a task force featuring men talking to other men about sexual assault grew out of a conference at DePauw University attended by Heather

Rakoczy, director of the Gender Relations Center, student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell in April.

Men are often uncomfortable talking about violence against women in the manner in which it is usually presented, Chapeaux said.

"The issues have always been approached from a woman's approach — women telling men what's right and what's wrong," he said.

Rakoczy said the use of male leadership could be instrumental in decreasing the incidence of rape and sexual assault.

"Women have been doing this work ... since the women's movement in the '70s ... but when it comes down to it, men are the ones who hold the special power in this culture," she said. "In order for the violence to actually end, it

requires men and women collaborating together."

Chapeaux said men need to take the initiative to prevent assault.

"Some of what society has accepted of them, has told them what it means to be a man, isn't truly what it means to be a man,"

he said.

Baron, who played an active role in founding MAV, said he hopes the group can facilitate future discussion about what it means to be a man at Notre Dame.

"It is readily apparent that there

is a ... Notre Dame male identity," he said. "There are very good things about it but also very destructive things."

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## Tuition

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Despite the logic behind the increase, online campus forums have been flooded with unsatisfied student reactions spurring debates about the reasons for and necessity of the decision.

"It can be understood, to a degree, why increases are made," sophomore Mary Catenacci said. "But it is faulty policy, given the economic climate, for students to bear the brunt of increased administrative expenditures, some [of which] may be questionable in validity."

While students recognize the influence of economic changes on the cost of attending college, sophomore Erin Scott said the reality of student loans and the incurred debt many students will face after graduation has created a negative perception of rising costs.

"Scott doesn't understand why the tuition increase is so large each year.

"I am faced with the very real prospect of quite a lot of debt," Scott said. "The current issue of rising tuition costs does absolutely nothing to ease my worries."

Questions have also been raised about the effect the increase will have on enrollment and the diversity of students who will consider Saint Mary's as an option — something the College has struggled with in recent years.

Senior Stephanie Mason said

tuition increases are nothing foreign to her, as they have occurred annually since her freshman year. She expressed concern, however, that the most recent change will be taking it too far.

"Before we know it, the [number] of students here will probably decrease because tuition plus room and board are going to hit the roof and be too expensive for most students to afford," Mason said.

Stickelmaier said she did not believe the increase would have a negative impact on enrollment.

"As a tuition-driven institution, the money will fund basic operating costs at the school," Stickelmaier said.

The Saint Mary's tuition increases also compare favorably to those at other colleges and universities across the nation, she said.

"Based on a recent analysis, the average tuition increase for selected private institutions last year was 6.2 to 6.4 percent. The tuition increase at Saint Mary's is also significantly below the rate of increase at many public colleges across the country, which can reach the double digits."

Next year's increase will be higher than the four-percent rise in tuition and three-percent rise in room and board students paid this year, but the change will still be below increases made at other institutions, she said.

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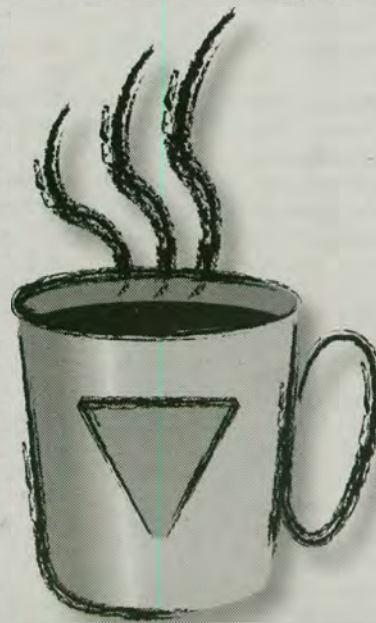
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Tuesday, March 28

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316 Coleman-Morse

The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.





## MARKET RECAP

| Stocks           |                  |               |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Dow Jones</b> | <b>11,250.11</b> | <b>-29.86</b> |

Up: 1,415 Same: 166 Down: 1,842 Composite Volume: 2,042,266,620

|                         |           |         |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| <b>AMEX</b>             | 1,916.59  | +1.23   |
| <b>NASDAQ</b>           | 2,315.58  | +2.76   |
| <b>NYSE</b>             | 8,232.02  | -20.37  |
| <b>S&amp;P 500</b>      | 1,301.61  | -1.34   |
| <b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>    | 16,500.93 | -149.17 |
| <b>FTSE 100(London)</b> | 5,972.20  | -64.10  |

| COMPANY                | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)    | +0.40   | +0.02  | 4.99  |
| INTEL CP (INTC)        | +0.77   | +0.15  | 19.75 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)    | 0.00    | 0.00   | 27.01 |
| NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)   | +0.02   | +0.01  | 41.31 |
| ENCYSIVE PHARMA (ENCY) | -49.34  | -4.48  | 4.60  |

| Treasury     |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10-YEAR NOTE | +0.56 | +0.26 | 47.01 |
| 13-WEEK BILL | -0.40 | -0.18 | 45.17 |
| 30-YEAR BOND | +0.68 | +0.32 | 47.27 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE  | +0.56 | +0.26 | 46.88 |

| Commodities              |       |  |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--|--------|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)    | -0.10 |  | 64.16  |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)       | +6.90 |  | 567.40 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | -0.45 |  | 87.68  |

| Exchange Rates |          |
|----------------|----------|
| YEN            | 116.8400 |
| EURO           | 0.8329   |
| POUND          | 0.5727   |
| CANADIAN \$    | 1.1685   |

## IN BRIEF

### Biomet CEO resigns, stays consultant

CHICAGO — Biomet Inc. said Monday that Dane Miller — co-founder, president and chief executive of the orthopedic products-maker — has resigned and is retiring after nearly 30 years leading the company.

The Warsaw, Ind.-based company said its board named General Counsel and Senior Vice President Daniel Hann as interim CEO and president. Biomet will consider internal and external candidates to fill the top executive post, and hasn't set a timeframe for making a decision.

"It's difficult to predict how long that process will take," Hann said in an interview.

Miller, 60, will remain a Biomet director and will serve as a consultant. He is one of Biomet's four founders and has been president, CEO and a director since the company's formation in 1977. Hann, 50, has been with Biomet since 1989 as an officer and director.

### Metals soar amid silver trade rumors

NEW YORK — Silver rose to a new 19-year high Monday, prompting a rise in other precious metals as buyers poured in amid anticipation of final approval for a silver exchange-traded fund.

The May silver contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange reached \$10.94 an ounce Monday, then later settled at \$10.895 an ounce, up 16 cents.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the first part of the ETF proposal for trading on the American Stock Exchange. The market is awaiting final approval as the SEC goes through a registration transaction period. A formal launch date is not yet known.

Silver's buying momentum did run into some profit-taking late in the session, but the white metal is widely expected to extend its rise.

Analysts at MKS Finance said it expects silver to challenge major resistance at \$11 an ounce, due to the strong anticipation of the silver ETF listing. The rally in silver spilled over into the gold market where the most active April gold settled the day up \$6.90 at \$567.40 an ounce. Earlier, the contract reached a three-week high of \$568.60 an ounce.

Spot gold rose \$7 to \$567 an ounce.

The most active April platinum contract settled \$16.90 higher at \$1,068.50 an ounce. Earlier, the contract rose to a 5 1/2-week high of \$1,072.

# Techs build rural data centers

Microsoft and Yahoo to move into farmlands for increased online storage space

Associated Press

QUINCY, Wash. — In the heart of potato country, a high-tech boom is taking place.

Technology giants Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc. are planning to build massive data storage centers amid the sagebrush and farm fields of rural central Washington.

The draw appears to be the region's relatively cheap land, inexpensive hydropower and wide-open space, and although neither agreement has been finalized, local officials are hopeful that Grant County will become more than the nation's leading supplier of spuds.

"This could be a real boon to Quincy and to Grant County," said Curt Morris, Port of Quincy board president. "It's bringing renewed optimism to the people of the town, especially the business owners. We're interested to see where it takes us."

The developments come as Microsoft, Yahoo, Google Inc. and Time Warner Inc.'s America Online, as part of efforts to compete for customer loyalty, are boosting e-mail, video and other services that require lots of storage space.

"Data centers like this are what contains the family jewels," analyst Rob Enderle said. "They're looking for low-cost real estate and stable sites in terms of weather and geographic activity. It means they've done some work and determined it's one of the least-expensive, safest places they can build."

Quincy, population 5,300, has long been an agricultural hub in Washington. Trains carry railcars loaded with



Curt Morris, Port of Quincy board president, stands on a bluff overlooking a new residential development on the banks of the Columbia River west of Quincy, Wash.

apples, potatoes, onions and hay to points both east and west, and food processors and packing sheds comprise most of the city's industrial base.

The city sits hundreds of miles from Microsoft's lush Redmond headquarters near Seattle, yet the Fortune 500 company has signed a tentative agreement to buy 74 acres in one of Quincy's five rapidly filling industrial parks. The price: \$1 million.

"The Quincy area is attractive to Microsoft for a number of reasons: space available, the land, the access to power, and the close proximity to our headquarters here, which is always good for us," Microsoft spokesman Lou Gellos said by telephone

from Redmond.

And, as tech companies take work as far afield as India and China, the company clearly sees an advantage to boasting of local expansion.

"Washington state is our home. It's where the bulk of our employees reside and work, and here's another example of Microsoft in our state. We're very excited about that, and the folks in Quincy are very excited, too," he said.

Microsoft hasn't released many details about the deal, which could be completed any day.

Documents filed with the city show plans for up to six buildings, totaling nearly 1.5 million square feet, to house racks of

computers to store data. The plans include an electrical substation and a diesel-powered generator for backup power "because they can't afford to let it go down for a minute," said Tim Snead, city administrator.

"My understanding is their objective is to increase their capacity for the Internet, search engines," Snead said. "All I know is there's a lot of computers."

Still unknown is whether those computers will hold consumer information, miles of code or backups for data stored on servers elsewhere. Gellos declined to provide further details, saying company officials were still finishing plans for the site.

# Zurich American settles fraud suit

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Thousands of companies and governments nationwide that bought insurance through a broker expecting the lowest rates will share in the proceeds from a \$153 million settlement of a bid-rigging scheme involving Zurich American Insurance Co.

The victims, which include small, mom-and-pop retailers, school districts, governments and large corporations, will receive \$88 million, said New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who led the investigation and announced the settlement Monday.

Zurich American, a subsidiary of Switzerland's Zurich Financial Services, also agreed to pay penalties and costs of the investigation to the three states in the settlement: \$39 million to New York, and \$13 million each to Connecticut and Illinois.

Zurich, which admitted no wrongdoing in agreeing to the settlement,

will also adopt reforms. Among them will be an end to "contingent commissions" in excess casualty insurance, the line of business that Spitzer said involved bid-rigging. Zurich will also stop paying contingent commissions on other products if 65 percent of the industry drops the fees that Spitzer said can cause conflicts of interest that hurt consumers.

Zurich will also disclose more about its transactions.

"With our significantly enhanced compliance structure, and our companywide commitment to ethical behavior and outstanding service, we have in place standards that promote the best interests of our customers, agents, brokers and Zurich," said Zurich Financial CEO James Schiro.

The settlement is part of Spitzer's investigation of Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc., the nation's largest property and casualty brokerage. Marsh settled with Spitzer last year for \$850 million over allegations of

bid rigging and price fixing as well as hidden commissions.

Zurich was one of the companies Spitzer and state Insurance Superintendent Howard Mills accused of participating in an insurance bid-rigging scheme that used phony bids to fool customers into choosing a pre-determined company within the scheme. The scheme eventually provided all participants with steered contracts and prices not determined by a free market.

"Zurich's willingness to acknowledge problems, adopt reforms and provide appropriate compensation to customers will help the company move forward to help promote full and fair competition in the insurance industry," Spitzer said.

Spitzer said Zurich was among a few companies that would submit bogus high bids to help steer some contract to one company and could expect to have the same done for them.



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Jimi Hendrix's stunning and unorthodox version of 'The Star Spangled Banner' is rife with truth and beauty concerning the nature of existence. It is particularly poignant for the times in which we live, and indeed offers much knowledge about statecraft and power for any age. Hendrix's version, although made famous by his Aug. 18, 1969 Woodstock performance, was a concert staple as far back as the fall of 1968 and was played into the summer of 1970. The song was symbolic of the entire spirit of the age and generation.



Ian  
Ronderos

Liberated

Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner' is a maelstrom of sonic power that instantly grips the listener with shrilly-sustained notes, wailing feedback, and loud distortion. The terrible sounds of war are reproduced by Hendrix's guitar, and his genius. One can hear Jimi's Stratocaster belting out the simulated sounds of guns and bombs whistling through the air — indeed a skill Hendrix would later perfect in the song 'Machine Gun.' As I once heard 'The Star Spangled Banner' described, it seems to be a hulking behemoth that appears to be collapsing under its own burden.

The state of American society was reflected in Hendrix's song. The nation was torn apart by civil unrest and the Vietnam War. America, like the great dying beast that is Jimi's rendition, seemed to be falling apart at the seams due to her own exertions. This was a quite apt critique of the times and indeed, had change not occurred, America very well might have fallen into chaos. What makes Jimi's song a more apt criticism is that he did not intend for it to be a political statement. During his appearance on the Dick Cavett Show, Jimi responded to

being pressed about the nature of his song by stating, "I thought it was beautiful." The song was a manifestation and interpretation of the spirit flowing through the air. It was spontaneous and real; as such, it contains an honest interpretation of this spirit, whether Jimi intended it or not.

America changed so that the spirit embodied in the apocalyptic version was not borne out, and society stabilized. It would do Americans well to listen carefully to Jimi's version now, as America is heading down a similar path of discord and unrest. The state of affairs has not yet plunged Americans into the same level of discontent that was present in the late-1960s, but things are clearly progressing towards that end. American foreign policy has become increasingly aggressive and arrogant. The religious right is making an attack upon the secular nature of our government, which our Deist founders determined to be an essential part of the republic. Civil liberties are being eroded in the name of national security. Ire is growing for many. Many others buy into our government's policy, which makes a culture clash more than imminent.

The essential problem that confronts us is power. America is the strongest nation in the world, and this has begun to play with our leaders. We understand that we can vent our strength more effectively than any of the other powers in order to achieve what we will. Sometimes this is effected for the betterment of mankind, and other times it is effected for our advantage. This arbitrariness has created resentment domestic and abroad. The government has decided to rule in such a manner as to increase the prosperity of America as an institution, and the nation is conceived of as an abstract concept, rather than a collection of unique individuals. It is their conception of this abstract idea and the desire for its promulgation that has led to politicians' current fetish for foreign adventurism.

Power is the same problem for Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner.' His guitar screams and wails to point of breaking. The sheer sonic explosion can no longer contain itself and the song becomes literally too strong to sustain its sharply violent trajectory. The song descends into sonic dissonance and chaos. As stated above this is the same problem that contemporary America is facing. The more the nation forcibly imposes itself upon the individual and upon the world at large, the more backlash it creates. America puts pressure upon the common bonds that link all people and nations together; this is a tension that cannot last.

The solution can be found in the life and music of Jimi Hendrix. He was a man who based his life upon love. This quotation of his best explains his outlook on life: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." That is the answer; individuals need to make a personal change so that they look upon the world as what it is and affirm the beauty and love found within it. This leads to an appreciation for the common bond all people share. Everything and everyone is beautiful, because they are all contained within the same existence. Jimi Hendrix understood the power of all-encompassing love. When more people can feel this, they will make political change, just as the 1960s generation did. Jimi's life was tragically short and maybe the world cannot endure men like him, but I sure hope it can.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Every gun that is made ... signifies ... a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is ... spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
former U.S. president



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# U.S. Army doesn't honor ROTC contract

I wanted to follow up on Gary Caruso's March 24 article, "Examining the decline of President Bush."

I am the Notre Dame '96 alum who was referenced in the article as having filed a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Army because they would not honor my contract. I signed a ROTC contract at Notre Dame in August of 1992 while I was 18 years old. In return for a partial scholarship, I was to serve eight years in the Army or Army Reserve.

I enjoyed the time I spent in the Army Reserve, but quickly realized that it wasn't going to be a career for me. After my eight year service obligation was completed, I resigned my commission. My resignation request was denied. I have resigned five times in the last two years and am approaching 10 years of service on an eight-year contract. I am now 32 years old and the contract that I signed as an 18-year-old at Notre Dame still affects my daily life. I have been told by Army reserve personnel that I can be retained until I am 50!

A month after I filed a federal lawsuit, I was transferred to a reserve unit in North Carolina (I am from Massachusetts) for the sole purpose of involuntary mobilization to Iraq. I am to be mobilized on April 28 if my motion for a preliminary injunction fails in federal court.

I am confident that I will prevail in my federal suit, as four other officers who previously filed lawsuits were successful. After the cases were filed and motions were made, the officers were granted their Honorable Discharges before going to trial. Unfortunately, these cases cannot be having a positive effect on recruiting. I don't know of many 18-year-olds who want to make what they think is an

eight-year decision but is slanted so that it directs the rest of their lives. I just hope that my suit results in a fifth Honorable Discharge.

On Sept. 6, 2004, after my second resignation was denied, I contacted both Father Edward Malloy and Father John Jenkins asking them for help in dealing with the Army, as the eight-year ROTC contracts being signed on Notre Dame's campus didn't appear to be really eight-year contracts according to the Army or the Department of Defense. Since Notre Dame provides the Department of Defense with hundreds of new officers annually (and since the Secretary of the Army is also an ND alum), I thought that Notre Dame would try to protect its students and alums against these deceitful practices that I described to the then-President and President-elect.

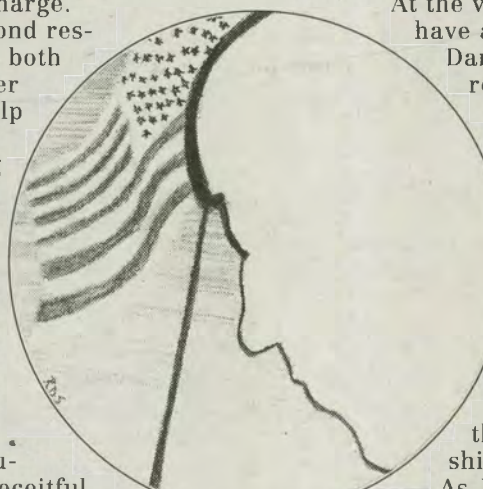
I received no response from then-President Malloy. I called his office and faxed a copy of my letter to him since he wasn't receiving e-mails. I did receive a response from Jenkins, who explained as President-elect, he didn't feel he had the authority to intervene in this situation and this was a contract that I entered into with the Army. At the time, I thought Jenkins' explanation was fair as he hadn't been elevated to President. However, my opinion changed on Nov. 30, 2004 when I found out that Jenkins, not yet the university president, was a catalyst in the firing of Tyrone Willingham, another

contract controversy. I felt that his lack of authority explanation was insincere.

At the very least, Malloy or Jenkins could have asked someone from the Notre Dame legal team or law school to review the contracts being signed on campus to ascertain whether I was correct or to point out that in accordance with Page X, paragraph Z of the contract, the Army could actually keep me until I was 50. If I was correct, the University could have initiated a dialogue with the Department of Defense demanding that the terms on ROTC contracts be honored. Otherwise, the University could threaten to reconsider its relationship with all of its ROTC programs. As Jenkins promotes "Catholic character," should he also not look out for the

18-year-old students who might not realize that their signatures could bind them until they are 50? It seems immoral and downright wrong for the University to turn a blind eye to its students and alums as the Department of Defense turns an eight-year contract into a 28-year contract. To me, deceitful language by the military seems a lot more harmful to the students at Notre Dame than watching the Vagina Monologues.

Jonathan E. O'Reilly  
class of 1996  
March 27



## It's time to get your Irish up

Alas, it had to happen. The one Irishman without a sense of humor crawled out of his personal bog of self-regard and registered his disapproval of an athletic mascot. How noble, how original.

Well, let me establish my bona fides too: I am Irish-American, a citizen of this great country and Ireland, by virtue of my parents' birth. Growing up in Brooklyn as a child of the urban working class, I can state to the supercilious Richards that the moniker "Fighting Irish" represents more than a slur. It represents a measure of pride in what William Butler Yeats called the "indomitable Irishry."

It also represents the survival of a people who were relegated to the dustbin of history by their colonial masters. And finally, it represents an ironical appreciation of the role history forced upon us.

When G.K. Chesterton wrote his masterful aesthetic biography of George Bernard Shaw he attributed certain characteristics to Mr. Shaw that proved his status as an Irishman. Indeed, Shaw was a friend of Chesterton and

reveled in the portrait. One of these characteristics was a ferocity of intention and a clarity of result. As the great Gilbert Keith wrote:

"This is probably why the Irishman succeeds in such professions as require a certain crystalline realism, especially about results. Such professions are the soldier and the lawyer; these give ample opportunity for crimes, but not much for mere illusions. If you have composed a bad opera you may persuade yourself that it is a good one; if you have carved a bad statue you can think yourself better than Michelangelo. But if you have lost a battle you cannot believe you have won it; if your client is hanged you cannot pretend that you got him off."

So, Richards, earn your kudos elsewhere. You do not understand what it means to be Irish. I rest confident in the knowledge that if this letter upsets you, then I have proven my point.

Michael Ryan  
class of 1975  
March 24

## 'Irish' is an ethnicity, not a race

I find that recent letters decrying the athletic moniker "Fighting Irish" contain factual inaccuracies and suggest that people may have misplaced priorities.

First, I was not aware that the citizens of Ireland (and their descendants) were a distinctive race of humans. Yes, "Fighting Irish" may be perceived as an ethnic slur, but it is not racist. Second, what would these protesters prefer for an athletic nickname? How about the "Athletically Gifted Irish"? Perhaps in years when the teams were not performing well, we could call them the "Athletically Challenged Irish."

If it's any reference to Irish that gets them ired (hmmm... I wonder if there's any connection between ire and Ireland; probably not, but it does make one wonder), then all that's necessary is to change Irish to something else. How about the "Fighting Student Athletes from the University of Notre Dame"? There's a catchy name.

In case my point isn't getting through, consider other athletic nicknames: Fighting Saints, Fighting Quakers and Fighting Bishops. I don't think anyone seriously considers these ethnic or religious slurs. In fact, there's something catchy, almost poetic, about the oxymorons. Or do you really believe that "Great Danes" (University of Albany) is an ethnic slur that I should consider offensive to my paternal heritage? After all, Great Dane implies dog, and we all know what dog connotes when applied to a human. Speaking for my maternal side (German-Irish), I am not the least offended by "Fighting Irish." Perhaps that's because I recognize "Fighting Irish" for what it is — an athletic nickname that says nothing about people of Irish origin.

Dr. Richard Jensen  
Professor of biology  
Saint Mary's  
March 27

## What's in a name?

A note from an outside observer to the President of Notre Dame in regard to recent remarks made about freedom of speech:

The sponsors of the football program at Notre Dame have "many laudable goals;" however, I fail to see how the annual performance, at a multi-million dollar cost to the University, is an "appropriate means to these ends." I fail to see how it in any way conforms to the development of a "scholarly temperament" or nurture a "very distinct intellectual character." I am not entirely sure what "sacred values" it upholds in comparison to other value-promoting exercises on a college campus, such as enthusiastic student productions of contemporary plays or alternative film festivals. Indeed, it could be argued in many ways that the football program at Notre Dame is clearly "at odds with" or "egregiously contrary to or inconsistent with certain fundamental values of a Catholic University." Thus I would "invite you to consider" that "wide publicity and prominence given such events," through monetarily enriching television network contracts, is hardly a way to "instrumentalize" the "collective identity" and "higher meaning" of a Catholic University. I am most concerned about

the meaninglessness of the "community and culture" centered on entertainment and other false values it "strives to create." Therefore, I invite you to consider the witness of one Telemachus, a fourth-century monk who met his death at the hands of an angry crowd because he dared to challenge the legitimacy and sacred value of the gladiatorial games of his era and to abandon the current obsession with what may be faddish artistic experiments which nonetheless leave much of value in their wake. Perhaps in truth the problem simply lies in the label. The emotion-eliciting appellations given to either "The Vagina Monologues" or a "Queer Film Festival" may just as well get in the way of the artistic integrity of the productions as would calling the football program at Notre Dame "Grunting Men Bashing Each Other About for the Blessed Mother."

Keith Wimmersberger  
Tully, NY  
March 21





## Are you a music snob?

Are you a music snob? Music snobs are the kind of player-hating kids who saunter daily around our campus, noses held high, as they are supremely smug in their knowledge that the iTunes blasting through their headphones are "good music."

What, pray tell, makes some music good and some bad? Is it that "rap is crap," as it is sometimes suggested? Does good music have to have a guitar? Is classical music to be reserved for wakes, funerals and masterpieces theater? Or is it possible that different music can be suitable for different occasions, and that we can all join together using a universal splitter and sing Cumbaya?

Granted, Shania Twain has a better chance of joining G-Unit than everyone agreeing on a common taste in tunes. But can't we all live and let live, or at least live and let die? Hey, it worked with the Spice Girls, right?

Let's start with the most common of all musical biases — rap is crap. How appropriately white, middle-to-upper class American suburbia. Honestly, have you ever tried getting your freak on to Dave Matthews Band? Sorry, but that's one sure way to guarantee there'll be "Space Between" dancers on the dance floor (and also, for Notre Dame students, room for the Holy Spirit.)

It has also been argued that today's rap is all about gangsters, profanity, illicit sexual terminology and guns. Well, this is America. If you don't like sex and firearms, get the hell out. In all seriousness, there are rap creative artists such as Outkast and The Roots that appeal to the less-criminally inclined music aficionado.

On the other side of the campus music spectrum are the soft rockers — people who think the only type of guitar is acoustic, who generally shun barbers and their scissors in lieu of growing their hair out and tend to listen to stuff like "Dashboard Confessional." You can probably find some of these sweet dudes parked on benches out on the quad, serenading females and strumming generic chords while crooning their latest batch of bad poetry.

Soft rockers also like slow ballads about being hopelessly in love and the unfathomable pain and unprecedented heartbreak of such phenomena as dating breakups and unreturned love. However, these soft, emotional types are mostly harmless and content to spend their time quietly strumming their guitars behind

their desks.

By contrast, the angriest music fans are the rebel rockers. Shunting the corporate propaganda machine that is radio, they go off on underground jaunts decked out in trucker caps to find bands who haven't "sold out" yet. Then they sneer at the rest of the world for falling victim to grandiose conspiracy theories involving airwave monopolies and subliminal brainwashing.

Many of the rebel rockers have concert t-shirts that proudly authenticate the fact that they were there and provide proof they were in fact fans before their bands got big. Even bands that were fresh and original often lose their luster over time — a common phrase you might hear from a rebel rocker would be, "their old stuff was better," in reference to a band's halcyon early days before they were tainted by success.

Unfortunately, herein lies the conundrum: if the masses were to convert to this path of pure, unadulterated fresh music — these novel bands would lose their novelty and become the very objects of their hatred. They too would be "sell-outs" who have fallen victim to mainstream music making.

If everyone liked underground music, it wouldn't be underground any more. So instead of sneering at the rest of society, perhaps these rebel rockers should thank the mainstreamers for not ruining their insurrection.

However, despite the many differences in musical taste, there is still some common ground to be found. For better or worse, it may very well be that drugs provide the missing link between music fans of all genres. For example, whether the guy hitting the hookah in front of you at the concert is chillin' to DMB or illin' to 50 Cent, the second-hand marijuana smoke you're inhaling is the just the same.

Is it true that only the oldies are but goody? Is music like a fine wine, which has to age to a certain point before it can be savored? Perhaps all music fans can find some common ground in their joint liking for old-school hits, whether the classics you savor are Ace of Base, Sir Mix-a-Lot or Elton John. Regardless of the genre, everyone loves strolling down old memory lane with their headphones on.

Maybe music snobbery is just a permanent phenomenon. On second thought, scrap that Cumbaya thought. Maybe it's just better that we all walk around as plugged-in podheads. After all, that's why it's called an iPod, not an ourPod.

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### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

## Local jazz band lig

By MARK BEMENDERFER

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The Don Savoie band. While the name may not ring a bell with the average Notre Dame student, its musical talent and prowess is undeniable.

Made up of members of the Notre Dame community, the band plays a variety of contemporary songs, ranging from the famous to the obscure. Its sound is a mixture of blues, bass and rock and roll — creating an enjoyable experience for listeners.

The group's latest performance was Saturday night at the Bookmaker's Pub. Playing to a packed audience consisting primarily of Notre Dame students, Frontman Don Savoie and his band easily kept the crowd entertained with a vast library of songs and abilities. They played songs by famous musicians, such as Tom Petty, but they put their own spin on the music, often taking time to simply jam.

Savoie, an adjunct Notre Dame music professor for the past six years, is a veteran musician and blues player. He led the band through the night's selections using a variety of instruments, including the guitar, harmonica and keyboard. He also provided the primary vocals, spoke to the audience directly between songs and boosted audience involvement with the performance.

His experience consists of 35 years of musical work in various parts of the world. Attending the University of Michigan, he learned blues and jazz in Detroit. He then went on to play music abroad in Europe, and has played with such performers as Stevie Ray Vaughn.

Backing Savoie were several proficient musical members from Notre Dame.

Consisting of members from the student group "Appetite for Destruction," Matt Marnocha, Uel Pitts and Brendon Collins demonstrated great stage presence and complimented each other well. Their diverse experience, ranging from Battle of the Bands to the recent production of "Footloose," was evident as they performed with Savoie.

Matt Marnocha played the guitar to great effect, and showed his ability throughout the night in a variety of complex songs. Playing the bass commendably was Uel Pitts, who provided back-up vocals in several songs to Savoie. Providing the rhythm for the band was Brendon Collins on the drums, who entertained the audience with an extended solo midway through the night.

Each of the members of the band had a moment to shine as the night progressed, as the music they played kept space for improvisation and soloing. The band obviously enjoyed performing together, and the enthusiasm proved infectious, spreading to the crowd and boosting the overall performance.

The evening broke down into several segments. During the rests, Savoie and the rest of the band would mingle with the crowd, chatting and having a good time. They were personable and friendly, creating a casual environment with listeners.

Audience participation was obviously high, to the point that one of Savoie's students, junior Tom Huffman, contributed his abilities with the guitar midway through the performance on a couple of songs. Savoie said such participation is common fare for the band, as students often play contributing roles in the band.

Overall, the performance was a success

### VIDEO GAME REVIEW

## 'Powered Up' Capc

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Assistant Scene Editor

Gaming platforms live and die by third party support. If a company can't get games from developers, then the console is destined to struggle. Nintendo's Gamecube is a prime example of this, as its third-place ranking in the current console race can be attributed to the lack of quality non-Nintendo games.

Sony is the current leader for a good reason. Being able to muster strong third party support from the likes of Capcom and Namco, the Playstation 2 has proven itself as a strong leader. Their PSP is still trying to secure the same success of its bigger brother however, and Sony has contracted Capcom to bring several quality titles to the tiny handheld to expedite the process.

One of the latest offerings on the PSP is "Mega Man Powered Up." The second "Mega Man" title that Capcom has ported, this is a remake of the original Nintendo classic. Like "Mega Man Maverick Hunter X," this new release features updated three-dimensional graphics, an improved storyline and added sounds.

For those unfamiliar with Mega Man's legendary beginning — it starts with a bang. A

mad scientist (Dr. Wily) decides to take over the world. To do so, he kidnaps eight robots created by the good Dr. Light. He then reprograms these good robots, transforming them into tools for global domination.

His laboratory in shambles, Dr. Light is short on options for stopping the mad Dr. Wily. However, his assistant robot, Mega, offers to retake the wayward robots and stop Wily's plans of world domination. Dr. Light agrees and upgrades Mega, dubbing him Mega Man.

Thus the game begins. The player controls the newly formed Mega Man on his quest to defeat the robot masters and save the world. As Mega Man defeats each of the robot masters, he assimilates a new special attack from his fallen foe, which can be used to defeat a different bad robot. Essentially an exaggerated version of paper-rock-scissors, each of the robot masters has a particular attack they are weak against. As an obvious example is how fire beats oil.

However, this game is called "Powered Up," and it does earn that title. The first noticeable upgrade from the original is the graphics. Done in a three-dimensional, vaguely cartoon style; the vibrant colors and shapes help compliment the game.

Also powered up is the story itself. There is a new playable intro to the game, and scripted spoken dialogue has been added as well. Mega Man will have a short conversation with each of the robot masters before they battle.

But the primary area that has been upgraded has been the gameplay value. Featuring a wealth of unlockables, the option for downloadable content and a level builder,

### Mega Man Powered Up

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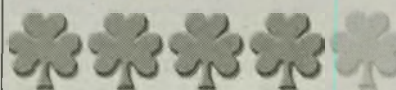


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Music fans participate in a "Live 8" concert. Live performances are points of gathering for music fans and snobs alike.



# nts up Notre Dame



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**Matt Marnocha, Uel Pitts, Don Savoie and Brendon Collins performed together at Bookmaker's Pub Saturday evening to a full audience.**

and enjoyable for everyone in attendance. The music selection was exemplary, as well as the musicians who performed it.

Future performances include opening for Pat Green in the Stepan Center April 7, and an April 22 reappearance at Bookmakers. Fans of jazz, blues and music in general

would do well to watch for Don Savoie, and the veterans of "Appetite for Destruction." A more enjoyable experience would be hard to find.

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# om classic hits PSP

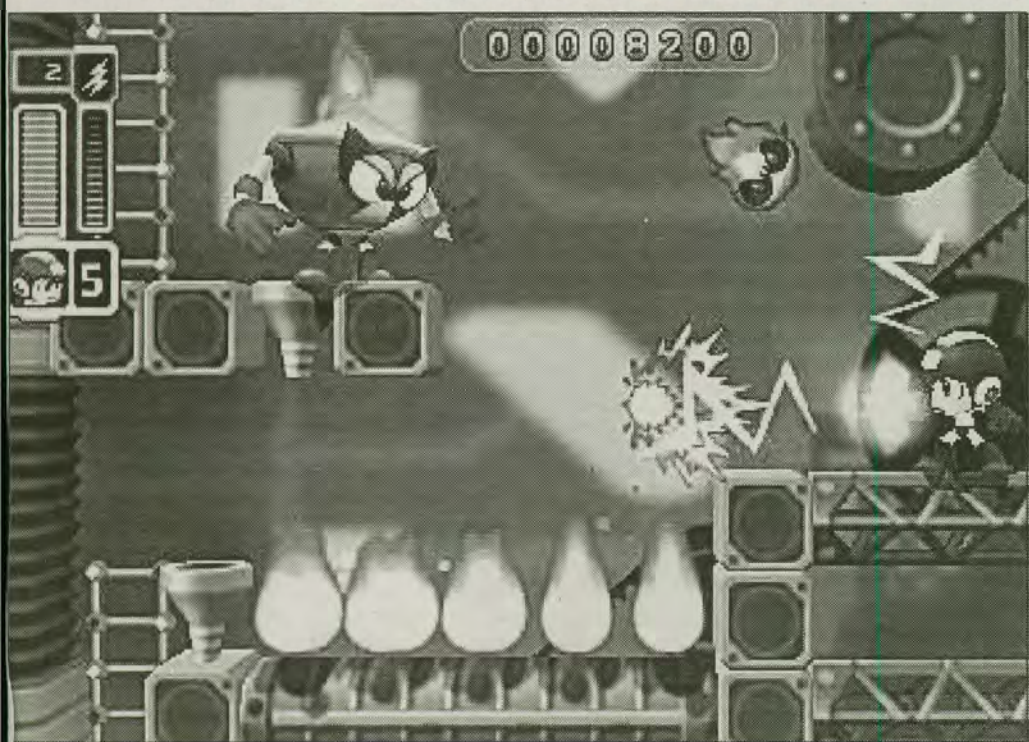


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**Mega Man faces off against one of the minions of the robot masters. This PSP remake of the Nintendo classic offers near-limitless replay value.**

"Powered Up" has near limitless replay value.

One of the better unlockables is the robot masters themselves. If the player plays through the updated version of the game, they can play as the masters after they defeat them. Each of the masters has their own storyline, and unique gameplay that adds to the replay value of the game.

There are also hidden unlockable and downloadable characters, boosting the current character total into the double digits.

This adds a great deal of depth to the game, ensuring a lengthy shelf life in most gamers libraries.

"Mega Man Powered Up" is everything it claims to be. For Mega Man fans, it proves to be an excellent remake of the original classic. New people should also check it out, as a remake of the original is a great starting point for any gamer.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## Miserable 'Date' fails to deliver

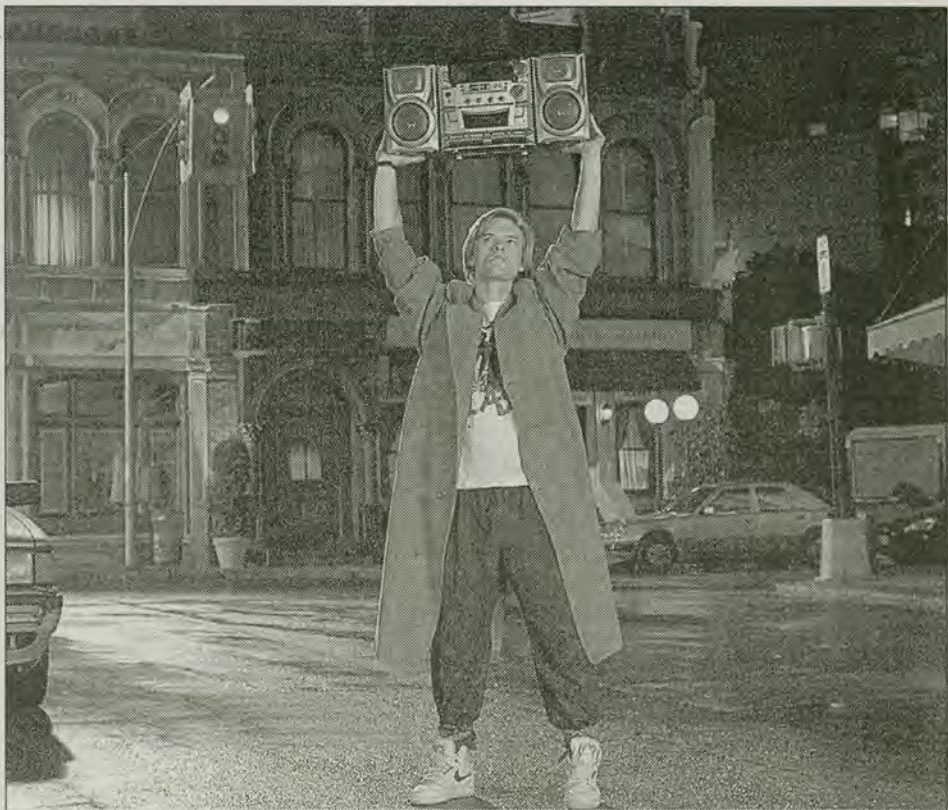


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**Grant, played by Adam Campbell, will do, or say anything to win the heart of Julia Jones, played by Alyson Hannigan, in the abysmal "Date Movie."**

By CASSIE BELEK  
Scene Critic

"Date Movie" miserably and awkwardly crawls its way through 83 minutes to become the worst and least funny movie of the year.

Co-writer Aaron Seltzer makes his directorial debut, and with any luck, he won't get behind the camera again. The tagline for the movie exclaims, "From Two of the Six Writers of 'Scary Movie!'" Clearly the other four writers are desperately needed to craft a funny script. And the absence of the Wayans brothers (Damon and Marlon) makes "Scary Movie" appear like a Picasso painting and "Date Movie" look like the scribbling of a three-year-old.

The plot combines elements from various romantic comedies — so many romantic comedies in fact, that the audience misses many of the references. Julia Jones (Alyson Hannigan) is an obese waitress at her family's Greek restaurant. It's love at first sight when she spots Grant Funkyerdoder (Adam Campbell), a suave Hugh Grant-like character who sees the true beauty in her. But Julia thinks the only way she can win the man is with a complete beauty makeover (Miss Congeniality) and hook-ups (Hitch). At the end of the day, Julia is 200 pounds lighter and ready to win Grant's heart on a reality game show.

The two fall in love, decide to get married, meet the parents, meet the best friend who is still in love with Grant and break off their engagement, among a series of other predictable occurrences. The ending is no surprise given the movie's title. But just because we know what will happen doesn't excuse the movie from offering us at least one surprise — at least one gag that makes us laugh at loud.

Instead, the funny moments can be counted on one hand.

Gags are taken too far and it depends so much on recycled lines from its spoofed movies that it leaves little room

for original jokes or witty dialogue. The most painful gag comes when Julia and Grant go to couples' therapy (Mr. and Mrs. Smith) slowing down any momentum the movie had.

Equally painful to watch was the "My Best Friends Wedding"-like song at dinner. Instead of singing a classic, the characters sang an original song — or unoriginal considering the lack of humor — and had the sound quality of a high school film project.

Everything in the movie reeked of poor quality, from the script to the cutting to the sound editing. A film production student could have better crafted this movie. The movie also underplayed the resources it had, especially Fred Willard and Jennifer Coolidge who portrayed Grant's parents — Bernie and Roz. Both were very funny and could

have been better utilized over the course of the film.

Hannigan's performance was nothing special and the actress should not have taken this role. She proved her comedic tal-

ent in the "American Pie" movies and currently in CBS's "How I Met Your Mother." She should be beyond appearing in grossly sub-par movies whose star cameo is Carmen Electra in a leopard print bikini.

Bottom line? This movie should have never been made. It is not "Scary Movie." It's not even "Dude, Where's My Car?" For a parody to succeed it must be funny and it must not undermine its audience's intelligence. Viewers don't go in to "Date Movie" expecting cinematic excellence, but they also don't go in expecting the 12-year-olds in the front row will be the only ones laughing by the end. And chances are, those 12-year-olds haven't even seen half the movies referenced.

The concept of this movie had tremendous potential, but two untalented writers — one of whom is an even less talented director — killed any chance the project had.

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## Date Movie



**Director:** Aaron Seltzer  
**Writers:** Aaron Seltzer, Jason Friedberg  
**Starring:** Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Tony Cox



## NBA

## Heat eke out victory as Haslem ejected for altercation

*Nets hold Suns to their lowest point total of the season*

Associated Press

MIAMI — Tempers flared during the game and more fighting words came afterward. At least the Miami Heat were able to leave happily.

Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Dwyane Wade endured a tough night to score 22, and the Heat rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to beat the Indiana Pacers 96-91 on Monday night.

The Heat beat the Pacers for the second time in 16 regular-season meetings, doing so after getting hit with five technical fouls and Haslem's second-quarter ejection for scuffling with Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal.

"Sort of an ugly game," Shaquille O'Neal said afterward.

Haslem and Jermaine O'Neal got tangled with 5:25 left in the half, and the two exchanged heated words. Both were issued technical fouls, but Haslem also was charged with an offensive foul and was issued a second technical after arguing that call.

"Only three people thought the foul was on me," Haslem said afterward, apparently taking a thinly veiled shot at the officiating crew. "I don't understand it."

Well, at least four people thought Haslem was guilty.

"He tried to bend my arm back," Jermaine O'Neal said. "I don't know when he became tough, but all of a sudden, he became tough. It's in his best interest to concentrate on getting a rebound and be quiet."

Jason Williams added 18 points for Miami, which outrebounded Indiana 53-32 and moved closer to wrapping up its second straight Southeast Division title. Antoine Walker had 11 for Miami.

Stephen Jackson scored 22 points for Indiana, which got 19 more from Peja Stojakovic and 17 from Jermaine O'Neal, who fouled out in the final minute. Jamaal Tinsley scored 10 for the Pacers.

Indiana led 58-44 early in the third quarter, before Shaquille O'Neal and Williams led Miami's rally. Each scored 11 points in the period, and when the Heat center hit a turnaround with 33 seconds left, Miami had clawed back into a tie at 71.

"In the first half, Tinsley and Anthony Johnson were sagging off of me, especially when Dwyane had the ball," Williams said. "So I just wanted to come out and be aggressive."

With 7 minutes left, the Heat took their first lead since the second quarter on a spectacular play by Wade. After Jermaine O'Neal blocked Wayne Simien's shot, Wade scooped up the loose ball, drove on O'Neal, scored and got fouled; the three-point play put Miami up 80-79, and the Heat wouldn't trail again.

"He made a couple of great plays at the end," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said.

"Great players are going to make great plays. In the grand scheme of the game, the third quarter was our undoing."

Stojakovic and Jermaine O'Neal scored back-to-back hoops to tie the game at 83 with 4:49 left, but another three-point play from Wade and two clutch baskets from Simien helped the Heat build the lead back to 92-85 with 1:57 left.

"We just let a game slip we could have had," Tinsley said.

Jackson hit five of his first six shots — including all three of his 3-point tries — in the first 7 1/2 minutes, helping the Pacers take a 29-28 lead after the opening quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, things got heated with the Haslem-O'Neal exchange. And Miami did not respond well, ending the half in an 0-for-11 drought. All five points the Heat managed in the final 5 minutes of the half were from the foul line, and Indiana built a 53-42 lead at the break.

"We came totally unglued after the altercation," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "As a team, when the emotional level gets ratcheted up somewhat, you have to maintain what I call 'it,' a real high competitive level but keep it together. We didn't (but) we gathered ourselves

really well in the third quarter."

The Heat made 12 of their first 18 shots in the opening 11:01, then missed their final try of the first quarter and 24 of 28 attempts in the second quarter. Haslem was the only Miami starter to make a field goal in the period; the Pacers held the other four Miami starters to an combined 0-for-14 showing.

No Miami player was disrupted more than Wade, who was 4-for-5 from the floor in the first 7:51 — but needed 12 attempts to make his next basket, a reverse layup with 9:19 left that tied the game at 75.

"Every time we play them, it's a rough game," Wade said.

### Nets 110, Suns 72

New Jersey's dominance of Phoenix was so stunning that Nets coach Lawrence Frank had trouble keeping track of it.

Nenad Krstic had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and the Nets won their ninth straight game, holding the Suns to their lowest point total of the season in a rout on Monday night.

"Midway through the third quarter, I was working on my math skills," Frank said. "I said to one of the assistants, 'We're up what?' I couldn't figure out what it was. No one could have expected this. I had to look up at the scoreboard a couple of times to make sure the math was right."

Vince Carter added 20 points for the Nets (41-28), who trimmed their magic number to clinch the Atlantic Division to five and the number to clinch an Eastern Conference playoff berth to two.

The 38-point margin of victory was the biggest of the season for the Nets, whose previous best was a 28-point victory over Golden State on Dec. 18. That came during the Nets' season-high 10-game winning streak from Dec. 16 through Jan. 8.

The Suns shot a franchise-worst 26.8 percent (26-of-97). The previous worst shooting night occurred 35 years ago, when the Suns shot 29.7 percent against Atlanta on March 10, 1971.

"It was just one of those nights," the Nets' Richard Jefferson said. "It was a combination of us playing good defense and getting good looks and good shots. We were fortunate to get them on a night



Indiana center Scot Pollard, right, defends Miami guard Jason Williams during the Heat's 96-91 victory Monday.

where they didn't hit their shots."

It was the second impressive victory in two nights for the Nets, who won at Detroit 79-74 on Sunday night.

"It was a rare opportunity in this league to take on two elite teams on back-to-back nights, playing teams with two different styles and come away with two wins," Frank said.

### Hornets 104, Jazz 80

Deron Williams had 20 points and five assists, and the Utah Jazz ended a two-game losing streak by beating the New Orleans Hornets Monday night.

All five Utah starters scored in double figures and the Jazz pulled away with a 14-0 run in the third quarter while improving to 33-37 — passing the slumping Hornets (32-37) in the Western Conference standings.

Both teams still trailed Sacramento (35-35) for the No. 8 seed in the playoffs.

Matt Harpring had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Utah, which shot 56 percent (37-for-66) from the floor and outre-

bounded the Hornets 45-23.

Carlos Boozer had 21 points and eight rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko finished with 13 points, eight assists, five blocks and six rebounds.

The Hornets lost for the 12th time in 13 games and fell to 0-3 on a road trip that wraps up Wednesday at Golden State.

Rasual Butler led the Hornets with 15 points.

Leading scorer David West wasn't with the Hornets on Monday because of a sprained left ankle. The Hornets could have used him, especially in the second half as they scored just 28 points.

Speedy Claxton scored 13 for the Hornets in the first half, then was shut out in the final two periods. New Orleans led by six in the second quarter before Utah took over the lead for good just before halftime.

The Jazz selected Williams over Chris Paul with the No. 3 overall pick in the draft last summer and Williams outscored his fellow rookie 20-11, although Paul did have two more assists.

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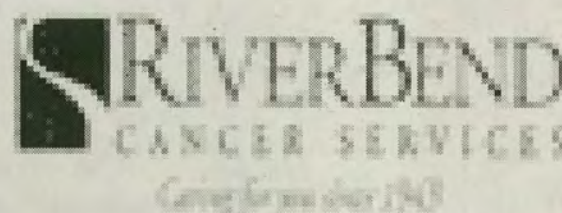
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## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| team         | record | pct. | GB   |
|--------------|--------|------|------|
| New Jersey   | 40-28  | .588 | -    |
| Philadelphia | 32-37  | .464 | 8.5  |
| Boston       | 29-42  | .408 | 12.5 |
| Toronto      | 26-44  | .371 | 15   |
| New York     | 19-50  | .275 | 21.5 |

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

| team      | record | pct. | GB   |
|-----------|--------|------|------|
| Detroit   | 54-14  | .797 | -    |
| Cleveland | 41-29  | .586 | 14.5 |
| Indiana   | 35-33  | .515 | 19.5 |
| Milwaukee | 35-35  | .500 | 20.5 |
| Chicago   | 31-39  | .443 | 24.5 |

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

| team       | record | pct. | GB   |
|------------|--------|------|------|
| Miami      | 46-23  | .667 | -    |
| Washington | 35-33  | .515 | 10.5 |
| Orlando    | 27-43  | .386 | 19.5 |
| Atlanta    | 21-47  | .309 | 24.5 |
| Charlotte  | 19-52  | .268 | 28   |

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

| team      | record | pct. | GB   |
|-----------|--------|------|------|
| Denver    | 40-31  | .563 | -    |
| Utah      | 32-37  | .464 | 7    |
| Minnesota | 29-41  | .414 | 10.5 |
| Seattle   | 28-41  | .406 | 11   |
| Portland  | 20-50  | .286 | 19.5 |

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

| team         | record | pct. | GB  |
|--------------|--------|------|-----|
| Phoenix      | 47-21  | .691 | -   |
| LA Clippers  | 41-28  | .594 | 6.5 |
| LA Lakers    | 38-34  | .528 | 11  |
| Sacramento   | 35-35  | .500 | 13  |
| Golden State | 30-38  | .441 | 17  |

### Western Conference, Southwest Division

| team        | record | pct. | GB |
|-------------|--------|------|----|
| San Antonio | 54-16  | .771 | -  |
| Dallas      | 54-16  | .771 | -  |
| Memphis     | 41-29  | .586 | 13 |
| New Orleans | 32-36  | .471 | 21 |
| Houston     | 30-40  | .429 | 24 |

## Golfstat NCAA Women's Golf Top 20

|    | team                | record | vs. top 25 |
|----|---------------------|--------|------------|
| 1  | Duke                | 207-0  | 24-0       |
| 2  | UCLA                | 205-2  | 21-2       |
| 3  | Oklahoma State      | 204-3  | 21-3       |
| 4  | Cal                 | 204-3  | 18-3       |
| 5  | Vanderbilt          | 203-4  | 20-4       |
| 6  | Auburn              | 201-6  | 15-5       |
| 7  | New Mexico          | 199-8  | 15-8       |
| 8  | Ohio State          | 199-8  | 16-8       |
| 9  | Southern California | 197-10 | 13-10      |
| 10 | Georgia             | 196-11 | 13-11      |
| 11 | Texas               | 196-11 | 13-11      |
| 12 | Arizona             | 196-11 | 12-11      |
| 13 | Washington          | 196-11 | 12-9       |
| 14 | Stanford            | 193-14 | 8-12       |
| 15 | UNLV                | 192-15 | 11-13      |
| 16 | Wake Forest         | 192-15 | 9-15       |
| 17 | Tennessee           | 192-15 | 10-14      |
| 18 | Florida             | 189-18 | 8-15       |
| 19 | North Carolina      | 187-20 | 4-20       |
| 20 | Furman              | 186-21 | 3-20       |

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### NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Regional Finals, 7 p.m., ESPN

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Old Dominion vs. Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN2

South Carolina vs. Louisville, 9 p.m.,  
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## NCAA BASKETBALL



Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison answers questions at a March 22 press conference before playing UCLA in the Sweet 16. Morrison, along with Duke guard J.J. Redick, was named a first team All-American Monday.

## Redick, Morrison named All-Americans

Associated Press

J.J. Redick of Duke and Adam Morrison of Gonzaga spent all season locked in a bicoastal scoring race. Fittingly, they ended it as the only unanimous selections for The Associated Press' All-America men's basketball team.

Redick, the most prolific 3-point scorer in college history, was a repeat choice. He and Morrison were joined on the first team Monday by Redick's teammate Shelden Williams, Randy Foye of Villanova and Brandon Roy, Washington's first All-America in 53 years.

Indiana's Marco

Killingsworth and Chris Quinn from Notre Dame, both seniors, were honorable mentions.

Redick and Morrison gave fans a "Can you top this?" scoring competition that ended with both receiving all 72 first-team votes from members of the national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting took place before the NCAA tournament.

Morrison, the only junior on an otherwise all-senior first team, won the scoring title with a 28.4 average, just ahead of Redick's 27.4. Morrison shot 43.7 percent from 3-point range, while Redick hit 42.1 percent

from beyond the arc.

"It is a testament to the type of season each of us has had," Redick said. "Adam is certainly a great player and it is an honor to be unanimous pick along with him."

Morrison said being an All-America isn't "something you think about receiving when you start your collegiate career, but to be associated with some of the great names of college basketball is an honor. I guess to be a unanimous pick with J.J. seems only fitting since the two of us have been followed so closely this year. He's a great player."

Morrison is Gonzaga's

second All-America, joining Dan Dickau in 2002.

This is the second time in three years there were two unanimous selections. In 2004, Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's and Emeka Okafor of Connecticut were unanimous.

Redick is the first repeat first-teamer since Jason Williams, another Duke guard, in 2001 and 2002.

Redick and Williams, a senior center who averaged 18.4 points and 10.3 rebounds while shooting 58 percent from the field, are the ninth set of teammates to be selected to the first team and the first since Jason Williams and Shane Battier of Duke in 2001.

## IN BRIEF

### Roddick ready for Greul

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Andy Roddick heads into the fourth round of the Nasdaq-100 Open with only sketchy information about his next opponent.

"I know what he looks like," Roddick said.

Qualifier Simon Greul is a 24-year-old German ranked 130th. He came to Key Biscayne with a career record of 1-5 on the ATP Tour. Unnerved playing on the stadium court Monday, he won a total of four points in the first set against Tim Henman.

But the upset from Stuttgart rallied to beat Henman 0-6, 6-1, 7-5, and he'll face Roddick on Tuesday.

"I'm going to ask around and try to get more of an in-depth scouting report," Roddick said.

It's an improbable pairing in a section of the draw that included Grand Slam champions Marat Safin and Lleyton Hewitt. Greul outlasted both and eliminated three top-60 players.

### Man convicted of assault for punching Ron Artest

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — The man accused of sparking the brawl between players and fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills in 2004 was convicted of assault Monday for punching Ron Artest.

John Green was acquitted, however, of throwing a cup at Artest — who was playing for the Pacers at the time — before the forward charged into the stands and began fighting with Detroit Pistons fans.

Green was the last person with a case pending after the brawl, one of the worst in U.S. sports history.

He faces up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Sentencing was scheduled for May 1.

The 41-year-old contractor showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. Green and his attorney, Shawn Patrick Smith, said afterward that they would appeal on grounds that Artest was not present for the trial.

### NFL announces portion of its 2006 Schedule

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Thursday night season opener featuring Miami at Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh, and a Thanksgiving night game at Kansas City highlight a portion of the NFL scheduled announced Monday.

The league's new tradition of opening on a Thursday night moves to NBC, which has taken over one of the prime-time television packages. The Dolphins, who finished 9-7 last season, will play at the Steelers on Sept. 7 at 8:30 p.m. EST.

NBC's first Sunday night matchup will be a brotherly quarterback feud between the Mannings as Peyton brings his Indianapolis Colts to the Meadowlands to play Eli and the Giants at 8:15 p.m. EST.

The main national TV double-header game for the full opening day Sept. 10 has Dallas at Jacksonville at 4:15 p.m. EST.



## CLUB SPORTS

# Men's volleyball reaches tournament semis

*Men's and women's Ultimate host, win tournament crowns*

Special to The Observer

The No. 21 Notre Dame men's volleyball club took to the courts for the first time since breaking into the top-25 national rankings for the first time in three years. The Irish opened play at Marquette against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and won decisively 25-15, 25-16. The Irish dropped their second match to No. 2 seed Lakeland with a score of 25-23, 25-18. In the final opening bracket play, the Irish were victorious over Illinois-Chicago, 25-28, 25-24, behind aggressive serving and solid defense.

In their fourth match, the Irish avenged a defeat earlier this season to Northern Illinois, riding the serves of Mike Toomey to a 25-17, 28-30, 15-13 win. The Irish then fell in the semifinals to Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the number one ranked team in the country, 25-17, 25-16.

"We played a great tournament," Irish captain and middle blocker Ryan Goes said. "We beat the teams we should have and fought with the teams who were better."

## Sailing

Six members of the Notre Dame sailing team headed south last weekend for a break from the snow and a chance to sail in the Eckerd Invitational at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Irish took 10th among the 12 teams that competed.

Eighteen races were held on

Saturday, taking advantage of the winds that increased from five to 15 knots as the day progressed. Notre Dame sophomores John Dailey and Caroline Nally began the regatta with a strong presence, taking eighth in their second race in the A division. Sophomore Chris May and junior Amy Becker followed with a fifth-place finish in their second race in the B division.

Conditions Sunday began with winds around 12 knots, which slowly lightened as the last six races of the regatta were completed. The dying winds did not hurt the Irish performance. Notre Dame sophomore Tim Roy and junior Kathryn Hoodecheck finished third in the last two races to secure the team's overall finish.

Notre Dame finished ahead of follow MCSA representative Ohio and close behind Miami (Ohio).

## Cycling

The cycling club participated in two criteriums this weekend, hosted by Marian College. The first was in Indianapolis and the second raced on Marian's campus, also in Indianapolis. Veteran cyclists Geoff Gisler, Matt Prygoski, Tim Campbell, Ty Baker and Meghan Johnson were joined by Jonathan Weyerbacher, Peter Nistler and Nathan Menendez for the Irish.

Prygoski, Gisler and Campbell raced the men's B Division and all finished in the middle of the pack, while teammate Johnson had the club's strongest showing in the women's B event, finishing among the front riders.

Weyerbacher competed with Nistler and Menendez in the D Division, and finished among the top-10, with Menendez not far behind.

Sunday's course was a very technical layout, and Prygoski led the team with a top-20 finish. Campbell and Gisler both finished with a chase group in the low 30's.

## Men's Rowing

Notre Dame's eight-man and four-man crews began their spring racing season in Grand Rapids, Mich. The crews raced in the traditionally inclement weather conditions and varying river current of the early-season Lubbers Cup Regatta. The race course was adjusted to 1,700 meters to account

for the crews rowing into an unusually strong current. The Notre Dame men squared off against crews from Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley State, Western Ontario, Western Michigan and Northern Michigan.

The novice men's eight-man crew opened its season of racing in strong form. Notre Dame coxswain Bryce Chung led his crew of Karol Grzesiak (stroke), T. Riley Mazzacavallo, Andrew Matasic, Ray Schleck, Taylor Donaldson, Matt Napierski, Rob Bowen and Matt Degnan to a third-place finish in 6:48 after a slow start. Notre Dame's top four-man crew of Dan Pearson, Nick Mathew, Karol Grzesiak and Nick Catella was coxed by Gianna Gutierrez to fourth place

(7:17) in the varsity 4A event. Tara Morin coxed the lightweight four of Nick Kluesner, Dan Murphy, P.J. McAward and Jordan Frankel to a fourth place finish in a time of 7:52.

Two Notre Dame boats raced in the varsity 4B event. Radhika Deva's crew of Brandon Carroll, Andrew Baker, Brendan McNutt and Michael Giordano took fifth in 7:56, while Julie Lambé's crew of Teddy Hawks, Steve Maher, Jake Teitgen and Joseph Blakely took fourth in 7:24 after being barely edged out by the Michigan (7:19) and Grand Valley (7:22) crews. Chip Brady's novice 4-crew of Andrew Matasic, Johann deSousa, Craig Wiborg and Tomás Castillo placed third in their event with a time of 7:32.

Lambé's second varsity eight-crew of Scotty Campbell (stroke), P.J. McAward, Bill Blosky, Andrew Baker, Michael Lutkus, Michael Giordano, Nick Kluesner and Dan Murphy raced into third place with a powerful sprint, finishing in 6:26. Notre Dame's first varsity 8 crew lost to Grand Valley by one second to finish fourth in its event. The oarsmen in the top men's boat, coxed by Gianna Gutierrez, were Dan Pearson (stroke), Nick Mathew, Jake Teitgen, Joseph Blakely, Teddy Hawks, Steve Maher, Kane Pithey and bowman Nick Catella.

## Sailing

The Notre Dame sailing team hosted the annual Freshmen Icebreaker this past weekend on St. Joe's Lake. Fourteen teams from throughout the Midwest competed in the regatta. Notre Dame was led by skipper Jaci Chase and crew Joe Peris, who won the B division by consistently finishing in the top three. Paul Cordes and Tricia Hughes sailed in the A division and finished in sixth place in their division, helping the team to a third-place finish overall behind Michigan and Owens College.

A total of 13 races were held in both the A and B divisions. The remaining field, in order of finish, was Wisconsin, Bowling Green, John Carroll, Marquette, Michigan Blue, Miami (Ohio), Michigan State, Purdue, Iowa and Western Michigan.

## Ultimate

The Notre Dame ultimate club held Whitesmoke, its 10th annual home tournament, this weekend at Riehle and West Quad fields, the first on campus venue in seven years. Ten men's and women's teams from throughout the area participated in the two-day event, including a team of Notre Dame women's ultimate alumni. The Irish women's squad defended their tournament title, finishing undefeated for the weekend.

During pool play on Saturday, the Notre Dame women opened up strong in their first game against Valparaiso. The stellar play of Notre Dame sophomore Loretta Brown and senior Kasey Farrell opened up the field and allowed the Irish to score easily against the Valparaiso defense, leading the team to a 13-2 win. The momentum of this win carried over to the team's next game against Michigan State B, where the experienced handling duo of seniors Chrissy Hedges and Lizzy Shiel broke down the zone defense and maintained strong offensive flow. This game

was also a win for Notre Dame by a 10-1 margin.

The third game of the day was against Illinois. Senior Chris Dube led Notre Dame to its third win of the day (12-6). Notre Dame sophomores Shannon Morrison and Shields Duss also looked more confident as handlers and made a number of great long passes to open up the game. Notre Dame's final Saturday game was against the alumni team. Both teams were evenly matched and traded points throughout most of the game. Irish juniors Rachel Meeks and Jen Pruchnik aided the Notre Dame effort with their abilities both as handlers and as receivers. The undergraduate team was unable to overcome the years of experience on the alumni team and lost 11-8.

The tournament bracket began Sunday, and Notre Dame opened up against North Park. Notre Dame sophomore Libby Whiting played solid defense and Kerstin Palm had multiple endzone receptions that helped the team coast to a 13-0 victory. In the semifinals, Notre Dame defeated Ohio Northern, 13-5. The tournament finals featured a rematch of last year's finals, with the Irish facing off against Michigan State. The Spartans employed a zone defense to keep the score close in the first half, but in the second half Notre Dame pulled away, earning a 13-5 win. For the second straight year, the Notre Dame women's team won its home tournament.

The men's squad opened play against Marquette. With handlers Kyle Engoian and Andy Huffman swinging the disc well and throwing several big breaks, the Irish won handily with a final score of 13-4.

Notre Dame then faced off against Western Michigan. The Irish came out strong, with freshman cutters Daniel Reimer and Danny Collom making good deep cuts and stretching the Western Michigan defense out. With the score 12-0, Ryan Butler threw a picture-perfect Hammer for a score to make the count 13-0. The Irish went on to win the game 14-1.

Next, the Irish faced off against the Minnesota club team, Dingwop. The Irish traded points early, but as the game progressed a few key defensive breaks by Notre Dame freshman Ryan Gorman, helped the Irish win the game 13-8.

For the last game of the day, the Irish played the Notre Dame alumni team, which boasts many players that play for nationals-caliber club teams. Patient offense helped the Irish score every time they received the disc and tight defense gave the alumni no slack. An early layout D by Notre Dame sophomore Michael Florack helped set the tone for the entire game. When the alumni looked for deep hucks, Notre Dame junior Steven Kurtz and graduate student Christopher O'Neill were right there to sky the alumni. Going to their own deep threat, senior Barrs Lang, Notre Dame capitalized on turns and slowly worked their way to a 15-11 victory. For the last 10 points of the game, the alumni ran an excellent zone defense against the Irish, but good work on the wings, especially on the part of Irish sophomore Nick Chambers, helped spread the defense out.

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## SMC GOLF

## Belles finish 11th at Northern Kentucky

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's turned in an overall score of 674 and finished 11th out of 17 teams last weekend at the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational.

The Belles turned in a solid team performance on the 5,983 yard, par-72 course, despite dealing with cold weather and snow during their rounds on Saturday.

Saint Mary's senior Megan Mattia led the Belles with a two-day 161 (17-over par). She shot an 82 on the first day and a 79 on the second day — good enough for 30th place in a field of 91 golfers.

"We played well this weekend," Mattia said. "We beat a couple division two teams and a division one team, which is always fun."

Saint Mary's displayed its depth with contributions from sophomore Katie O'Brien and freshman Alex Sei, in addition to strong performances by three seniors that allowed them to finish higher than several Division I teams, including

Dayton.

Drury's Tonya Choate was the medalist of the weekend. She was the only player in the field who finished under par (143, one-under par). Bolstered by Choate's score, Drury finished with a first-place 626, 40-over par. Second place Ferris State trailed Drury by four strokes.

The other Belles' tallies this weekend were O'Brien's 169 (49th place), Nicole Bellino's

171 (56th), Kirsten Fantom's 175 (63rd place) and Sei's 177 (66th place).

O'Brien said the team has been putting in a lot of hard work that is starting to pay dividends.

"I am very proud of the team and look forward to what our future as a team holds," O'Brien said.

The Belles have a chance to improve their season when they travel to Capital University in Lockbourne, Ohio for a two-day tournament Friday and Saturday.

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*"We beat a couple division two teams and a division one team, which is always fun."*

**Megan Mattia**  
Belles golfer

## MLB

## Bonds hoping to 'stay sane' as season begins

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Seven home runs shy of passing Babe Ruth, this should be a time of unbridled joy and excitement for Barry Bonds.

Not so, he says.

"My life is in shambles. It is crazy," Bonds said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press. "I couldn't get any crazier. I'm just trying to stay sane."

Then, clearly joking, he went for shock value:

"Go to the Empire State Building and jump off, commit suicide and people can say, 'Barry Bonds is finally dead.' Except for in San Francisco," he said. "I'll leave something for them."

Despite those pronouncements, the 41-year-old Bonds has been upbeat and approachable — by his standards — this spring despite the recent release of "Game of Shadows," the book detailing his alleged longtime regimen for taking performance-enhancing drugs.

He appears unfazed at the plate. He's 10-for-16 with four homers in exhibition play despite being held out of San Francisco's lineup for the third straight day because of a tender left elbow.

Bonds starts the season next Monday at San Diego with 708 homers, close to Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron's mark of 755.

Asked how he blocks out distractions, he says:

"What's my job description? That's what I'm doing at that time," Bonds said. "No, I don't

forget (what is said). I will never forget. I forgive you but I don't forget. I forgive everybody."

Bonds teased about starting the season on the disabled list, — saying "it could happen" — then changed his stance completely and said he "will" play in one of the Giants' exhibition games back in the Bay Area later this week.

Bonds certainly looks healthy and vibrant, though still a little heavier than usual.

He spent the morning slurping a smoothie while sitting in his corner locker, and wrestling with his personal videographer in the clubhouse. He stopped by the card table to socialize with teammates, too. Later, he had a lengthy sitdown with players' union head Donald Fehr.

Bonds is scheduled to return to California on Tuesday — one day before the Giants officially break camp in Arizona — and work out Wednesday in San Francisco.

Bonds played in only 14 games last season, all in September, following three operations on his troublesome right knee. An exam over the weekend on his elbow revealed inflammation.

"It's fine," Bonds said. "The knee is good. ... I've just got to get my strength back. My legs are fine. I just took a couple weeks off from training."

Bonds joked that he is ready for the season to start because then "it's closer to being over." He is in the final year of a \$90 million, five-year contract and will be eligible for free agency after the World Series.

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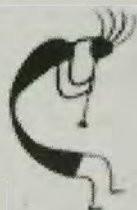
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ranks Notre Dame 15th in the Central region.

Before the season began, Irish head coach Debby King said one of her team's long-term goals was to secure a spot in the NCAA tournament. King said the goal is still very much within reach but the Irish have not played as well as the coach would have liked.

With poor performances in the Central District Classic February 19-21 and the 'Mo' Morial Tournament March 10-12, Notre Dame almost killed its chances for a post-season NCAA

berth.

The team placed 11th in a field of 14 teams at the Central District in Parrish, Fla. Two weeks later at the 'Mo' Morial, Notre Dame finished last place in a field of 18. In both events, the Irish played many of their Central Region rivals.

"After the first two tournaments, we were obviously very disappointed with our overall play," King said.

But last week in the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu, Notre Dame found redemption with a fourth-place finish against solid competition.

"I talked to the team before the tournament in Hawaii and told them that they had to play really well in order to have a thread of hope [for an NCAA appearance]," King said.

It was important for Notre Dame to beat UTEP and Kansas State and the golfers executed with an impressive 54-hole total of 906 — good enough to win those important head-to-head battles.

The Irish head to Virginia for the James Madison Invitational April 8 and 9 where they will compete in their final tournament before the Big East Championship. Neither of these

two competitions will feature other teams from the Central Region and the squad will concentrate solely on maintaining a low scoring average.

"The tournament bids are determined based upon both scoring average and head-to-head records, so we obviously still have something significant to play for," King said.

The players also realize the importance of earning a spot in the NCAA Regional round.

"We've gone to the tournament the past two years so it would definitely be a letdown if we didn't get in," senior co-captain Katie Brophy said.

At the same time, Notre Dame understands how few teams make the tournament and how difficult it is to secure an invite. Unlike some the other major conferences, the Big East champion does not receive an automatic berth so the Irish have to rely on an at-large bid.

"[The NCAA tournament] is so prestigious so it would definitely be a huge honor to be chosen again," Brophy said. "Hopefully, we can finish strong and get rewarded for it."

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# Softball

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"Amram has been doing a stellar job," captain Bridget Grall said. "She has been a standout in the past couple of games."

The Belles will look to leaders like Grall and Amram to continue their success against Robert Morris and through the rest

of this season.

Captain Audrey Gajor said that the Belles have already discovered one of the keys to a successful season — the ability to wait.

"We definitely saw what patience and discipline brings and we hope to continue this," Gajor said of the team's wins over Rose-Hulman.

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Dame. Hubschmann took advantage of his chance to start his sophomore year after playing sparingly the previous season.

Hubschmann started 11 games in 2004, notching 18 goals and 11 assists — good for 29 points

(third most on Notre Dame). These numbers came on a team that finished second in the nation in scoring offense at 12.50 goals per game and his performance was good enough to earn himself a spot on the Second Team All-Great Western Lacrosse League.

Inside Lacrosse named Hubschmann Preseason Honorable Mention All-America before his junior year. Everything seemed to be in a place for a breakout 2005 season until a cruel twist — literally.

Hubschmann tore his ACL nine days before the season opener and he quickly knew his junior year was going to be spent watching from the sidelines.

"I took a hit and my whole body collapsed over my knee," Hubschmann said. "I remember being so disappointed because I knew we had something special that year. If you had asked me before the season, I would have said we had the best attack in the country."

What began as a promising season ended up being spent in the trainer's room. Hubschmann, however, was fortunate to be able to draw on the experiences of others to help him fight through his injury.

"My older brother and sister both tore their ACLs, and they came back better than ever," Hubschmann said. "That real-

*"Once I was back running and playing, I was nervous that I wouldn't be the same player. I've been fortunate, though, that my knee has held up."*

**Brian Hubschmann**  
Irish attack

*"Coming off an injury, you're trying to get back to where you were rather than improve."*

**Kevin Corrigan**  
Irish coach

After his lengthy rehab process, Hubschmann was able to start working out again with his teammates before the start of the 2006 season, although his recovery was not complete. Still feeling the after effects of his injury, Hubschmann had doubts about returning to his pre-injury form.

"Once I was back running and playing, I was nervous that I wouldn't be the same player," said Hubschmann. "I've been fortunate, though, that my knee has held up."

Six games into the 2006 season, early returns show that the healing process is more than complete. And Corrigan thinks Hubschmann can get even better this season.

"Coming off an injury, you're trying to get back to where you were rather than improve," Corrigan said. "He's really starting to get his skill set back now. I expect him to improve as a player now, and he has a chance to be one of the best players in the country."

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## Crusaders

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Dame's 4-2 loss to Wright State last Tuesday in its home opener as evidence of the damage any team can inflict upon another.

Irish sophomore David Gruener will take the mound for Notre Dame. The lefty will be making his first start this season and his second overall in a Notre Dame uniform.

Despite spending most of his time at Notre Dame as a reliever, Gruener is no stranger to the rotation. He started nine games — throwing one complete game — for the Hays (Kan.) Larks of the Jayhawk League last summer, fanning 59 batters in 52 innings pitched.

In six appearances this spring, Gruener has a 2.57 ERA with five strikeouts and three walks in seven innings.

"David has pitched very well," Mainieri said. "We just thought

we wanted to give him a chance to start a game and not come out of the bullpen."

Mainieri said Gruener will not pitch deep into the game and will most likely be limited to three innings. He will be replaced by a platoon of relievers to spread experience around the Irish bullpen.

The Notre Dame bats are coming off a strong week, during which Notre Dame scored 32 total runs in three games against Georgetown and one

against Central Michigan. The bottom of the order has been a run factory for the Irish this season, with the eight and nine holes producing 35 out of the team's 113 RBIs (31 percent).

Seniors Greg Lopez and Cody Rizzo — who currently bat in the eighth and ninth spots — lead the team in RBIs with 19 and 18, respectively.

But despite the recent firestorm of runs, Mainieri would like his team to score on a more consistent basis.

Through its first seven games, Notre Dame scored only 21 runs.

"Baseball's a funny game from one game to the next," he said. "Some guys swing well one day and not the next. We need to develop as much consistency as we can. We're two extremes — we're either really good or really poor. We want to be really good on a consistent basis."

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## Sharpley

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on the quarterback just to perform at a high level," Sharpley said. "To add another sport on that — and the academics — is a high task."

After "shadowing" starter Brady Quinn for most of last season in practices, Sharpley said this is his time to make a statement in the competition with sophomore quarterback David Wolke for the second-string position.

"Right now, it's my opportunity," Sharpley said. "I think it is a crossroad, as I make or break what I'm going to be."

He said he wants to make the most of spring practices before highly touted incoming freshmen quarterbacks Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones arrive at Notre Dame this fall.

Before committing to football full-time for the spring, Sharpley played in five games — with one start — for the baseball team, going 1-for-8 with four strikeouts, a walk and one RBI.

"I had first been recruited to play baseball here," Sharpley said. "It really helped attract me to Notre Dame [to be able to play both]."

Weis said Sharpley's limited role in baseball contributed to the decision to have him concentrate solely on football during spring practice.

"If [two-sport athletes] are a major factor for the other team and are handling what they do academically, then they can play

[the other sport]," Weis said at Notre Dame's spring media day March 21. "If Sharpley were going to start at first base hitting 25 home runs, I think he might be over there with the baseball team. But he's not."

Notre Dame's other current baseball-football athlete, rising senior receiver Jeff Samardzija, will stick with baseball while attending six of Notre Dame's 15 spring practices, Weis said.

As a starting pitcher for Mainieri's squad, Samardzija went 8-1 in 2005 with a 3.89 ERA. This season, Samardzija is 2-1 in five appearances with a 3.72 ERA. Samardzija then set school records with 15 touch-down catches and 1,249 receiving yards last season for Weis.

"Jeff's already established himself on the football field as well as the baseball field, so that's why he gets all the time on the baseball field right now," Sharpley said. "I haven't established myself at either spot, but I'm here to play football right now."

Sharpley said leaving the baseball team just a dozen games into his first season was difficult.

"I definitely would like to play [baseball]," Sharpley said. "It was fun to get to go on a couple of the trips with the team. I'm still going to be around those guys and support them at some of the games, especially the home ones."

Sharpley said once spring football ends he will rejoin the baseball team full-time.

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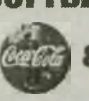
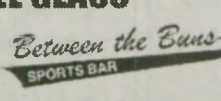
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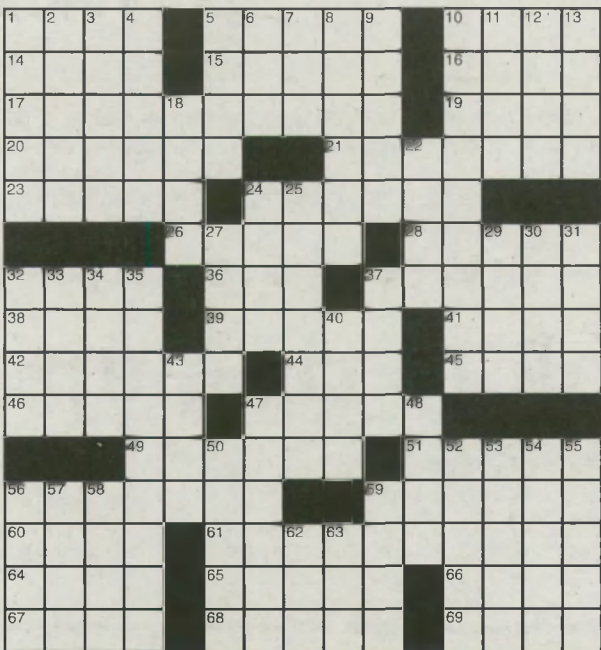
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Swiss peaks
  - 5 Bit of dust
  - 10 It holds a bunch
  - 14 Blood fluids
  - 15 Cather who wrote "My Antonia"
  - 16 Personal flair
  - 17 Greeting for Julius
  - 19 In position, as a cornerstone
  - 20 One who proffers an arm
  - 21 Destructive beetles
  - 23 Dictation taker
  - 24 Number of zodiac signs
  - 26 Words to live by
  - 28 Rand McNally product
  - 32 24-hour conveniences, for short
  - 36 Fund for old age: Abbr.
  - 37 One under one
  - 38 Bit of bridal attire
  - 39 Giant
  - 41 Catch \_\_\_\_ (start to understand)
  - 42 Rationalization
  - 44 Humble home
  - 45 Struggle for air
  - 46 Cash in a cache, e.g.
  - 47 Fruit whose seeds are spit out
  - 49 Sand trap, for one
  - 51 Following
  - 56 Oscar winner for "Kramer Vs. Kramer"
  - 59 Star, in Paris
  - 60 Org. that defends individual rights
  - 61 Title song of a Prince film
  - 64 Baseball's Musial
  - 65 Duos
  - 66 Gait between walk and canter
  - 67 Duck's home
  - 68 "Tiny Alice" playwright Edward
  - 69 Diner sign
- DOWN**
- 1 Fireplace remnants
  - 2 "That's the \_\_\_\_ I can do"
  - 3 Three for a dollar, e.g.
  - 4 Hairdresser's shop
  - 5 Big baseball hit
  - 6 Cobbler
  - 7 Raised railways
  - 8 Mauled, as by a bear
  - 9 Capek who wrote "R.U.R."
  - 10 Mel Torme's sobriquet, with "the"
  - 11 Jai \_\_\_\_
  - 12 Mast item
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- 33 What's read
- 34 Isinglass
- 35 Illicit reserve
- 37 Mad about
- 40 "\_\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
- 43 Fraud
- 47 Alternative to automatic
- 48 Archibald of the N.B.A.
- 50 Frank of the Mothers of Invention
- 52 Strong point
- 53 Queen's headgear
- 54 Author T. S. \_\_\_\_
- 55 Income for Fred and Ethel Mertz
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- 58 Sweet Spanish dessert
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## BASEBALL

# Feeling neighborly

The Irish look to beat in-state rival Valparaiso as the Crusaders battle a seven-game slump

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Valparaiso will take a short ride east along the I-80 toll road today to play Notre Dame in a 5:05 p.m. game at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (12-8) catch the Crusaders (2-12) in a seven-game slump, including four losses in two days to South Dakota State.

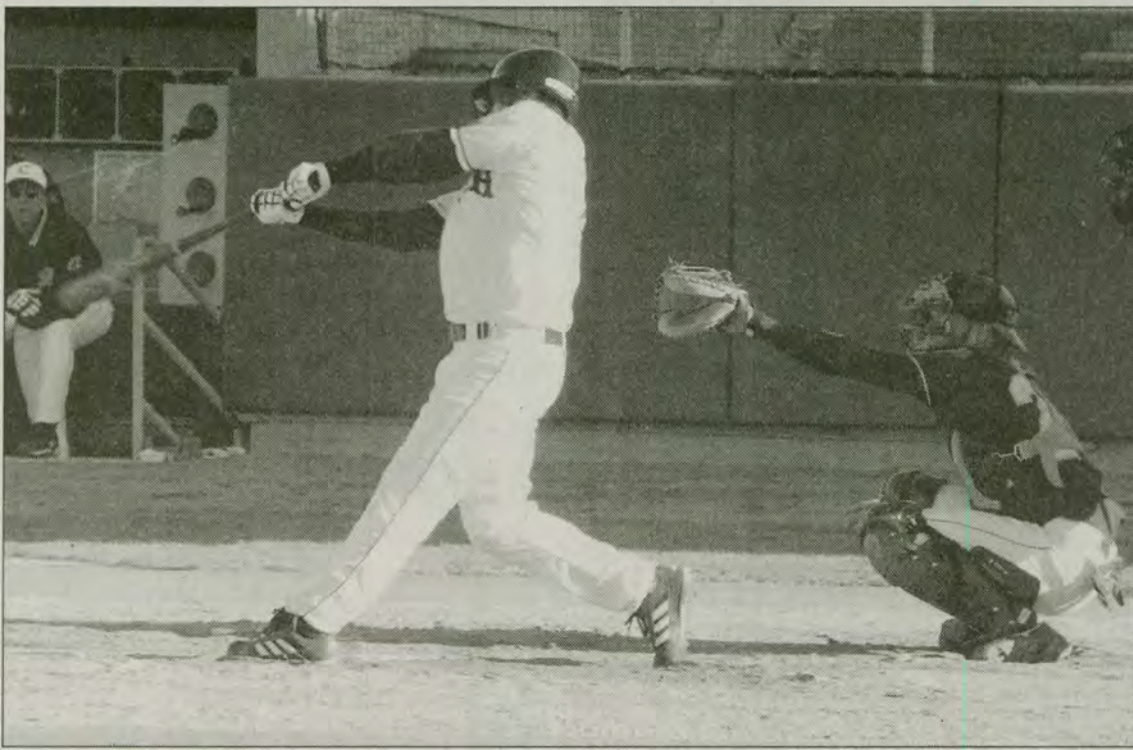
Valparaiso has struggled in its non-conference schedule, having picked up only one-run victories over Austin Peay and Bowling Green.

However, Notre Dame and head coach Paul Mainieri refuse to overlook the team from the Mid-Continent Conference.

"Baseball is the kind of game where you have to take [your opponents] one at a time, or else a team will come up and bite you," Mainieri said.

Mainieri referenced Notre

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

An Irish batter swings against Central Michigan during Notre Dame's 11-9 win over the Chippewas March 22. The Irish face Valparaiso in a 5:05 p.m. game today at Frank Eck Stadium.

## FOOTBALL

# Sharpley will focus on football

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Evan Sharpley agreed to give up one passion for another — for the next month, at least.

Thanks to an agreement between Notre Dame football

head coach Charlie Weiss and baseball head coach Paul Mainieri, the Irish backup quarterback and first baseman will stop playing baseball until spring

football practices conclude, the freshman said after Notre Dame's fourth workout of the spring Monday.

"There's so much pressure put

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Sharpley

## SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles batters look to ring up Robert Morris

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to add another two wins to their season as they travel to Orland Park, Ill. to face off

with Robert Morris College today at 4 p.m. The Belles (9-3) are coming off a strong regular season opener, sweeping Rose-Hulman in a doubleheader Friday.

Robert Morris (9-7) is ranked second in the

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). They last faced Calumet March 23 in a doubleheader — taking both 4-2 and 6-0.

Saint Mary's has been a strong offensive team this season. The squad has

already driven in 87 runs in its 12 games. The Belles power behind the plate has also been met by outstanding defensive performances as they have allowed only 18 runs this season.

Freshman pitcher Kristin

Amram has aided in the defensive dominance, displaying force from the mound. She has already garnered four wins and thrown a no-hitter in her career.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Hubschmann no longer sidelined

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

Scoring three goals is just another day at the office for Notre Dame senior attack Brian Hubschmann.

Hubschmann's three goals last Saturday against Hofstra brought his season total to 13 — giving him at least five more goals than any other Irish player. The Hofstra game

was the fifth contest in a row he led the Irish in scoring.

Hubschmann has shown his versatility this season and leads Notre Dame with seven assists. His 20 points are seven more than his closest teammate, senior attack Pat Walsh (13).

Hubschmann established himself on the field during his first two seasons for Notre

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Irish keep postseason hopes alive

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

After the first three tournaments of the spring season, Notre Dame is far from attaining an NCAA regional bid.

But with one event remaining before the Big East Championship, the Irish still have a chance to reach the NCAA Central Regional competition. The top 21 teams in each region are admitted to the tournament. Golfstat.com

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KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

A Notre Dame golfer lines up a shot at the Warren Golf Course during the Notre Dame Invitational in September.

## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### SMC GOLF

**Belles finish 11th at Invitational**

Megan Mattia led Saint Mary's with a 17-over-par finish in the annual NKU Spring Invitational.

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### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

**ND competes as ranked squad**

The No. 21 Irish fell to Wisconsin-Oshkosh in a close match, losing 25-17, 25-16.

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### NCAA BASKETBALL

**Redick, Morrison lead All-Americans**

The two stars from opposite coasts were the only unanimous picks on this year's AP All-America team.

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**Miami at Pittsburgh**

**Thursday, Sept. 7**  
The NFL schedule will open with the Dolphins facing the defending champions.

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**Miami 96 Indiana 91**

The Heat overcame a 14-point deficit in the second half to beat the Pacers.

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**New Jersey 110 Phoenix 72**

A lopsided loss to the Nets was a low point for the Suns — their lowest score of the season.

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