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NDSP arrests, cites ROTC protesters

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) officers arrested a man and handed arrest citations and trespass notices to 12 of his companions Monday after the group — which included approximately 20 members of the Catholic Worker movement from different Midwestern cities — organized an unauthorized demonstration outside the Main Building, protesting the

presence of the armed forces in the Catholic University.

Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said George Artiaga, a Catholic Worker from St. Louis, was arrested for disorderly conduct, while nine of his fellow campaigners received arrest citations and 3 more were given trespass notices.

Earlier Monday, the group sent University President Father John Jenkins a letter urging him to discontinue Notre Dame's support of ROTC

programs on campus, as these condone and advance warfare, the letter said.

Father Jim Murphy from the diocese of Madison, Wis., read the letter aloud before NDSP officers escorted him away.

"ROTC institutionalizes the scientific study and practice of warfare," Murphy said. "ROTC glorifies war ... and good Christians follow only the Prince of Peace."

Wycliff said Monday he had not spoken to Jenkins about the letter and could not comment on Jenkins' reaction to

it.

Before their demonstration at Notre Dame, Murphy and a group of Catholic Workers spent the weekend in South Bend convening for a conference and a retreat. On Sunday, the group decided to stage at Notre Dame a reenactment of the trial of St. Marcellus, a Roman centurion who refused to take up arms in 298 A.D. after he converted to Christianity, Murphy said.

Since many of the retreat

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Coleman ready for ceremony

President will give grad school address

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

The president of the University of Michigan, Mary Sue Coleman, was chosen earlier this month to be the principal speaker at the Graduate School commencement May 19 — the first year in which recipients of master's and doctorate degrees will be honored in a separate ceremony.



Coleman

Coleman described the commencement ceremony as "a wonderful way to highlight graduate-level education." The separate event will allow for additional recognition that had been omitted due to time constraints in the previous graduation ceremonies that awarded undergraduate degrees in addition to the graduate honors.

This additional recognition will include the Sheehan Award, Rev. James A. Burns, C.S.C. Graduate School Award and Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award.

The practice of a separate ceremony is likely to continue.

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Workers cause minor leak, evacuation



A gas leak, above, caused multiple building evacuations Feb. 12. Construction work caused another leak Monday, leading to the evacuation of the Center for Social Concerns building.

QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Transition point to blame, officials say

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

A construction crew working south of the Center for Social Concerns ruptured a gas line Monday morning, the second such incident along St. Joseph's Drive near the Hesburgh Library within two months.

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) evacuated the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) after crews caused a leak at a transition point from the gas main to a "tap" that serves the emergency generators in the library, Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

The construction crews, who were using backhoes to dig and replace the sewer line along St. Joseph's Drive, did not come

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Resident assistants chosen for next year

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Job offers typically come to second-semester seniors, but Notre Dame juniors are joining the game, anxiously awaiting employment offers from their rectors for positions on hall Residence Life staffs as resident assistants (RA).

Almost every dorm has completed the selection of their RAs for the upcoming year, but the process is more complicated than it seems.

There were "more than twice as many" applicants for the approximately 150 RA positions at Notre Dame, Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Residence Life

said.

"All [27] dorms have at least a half-dozen applicants, and some have many more than that," Kirk said. "Often, halls will have a class of students that, three years later, results in a lot of candidates."

Many dorms will also have at least one RA who spent the past three years in another dorm — this is decided in the application process, Kirk said.

"A lot of applicants indicate that they wish to be considered for other halls," he said. "Even if there are enough applicants from a particular hall, RAs are chosen from outside dorms to

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Nkuuhe, Siriri discuss project

Leaders address Notre Dame's role in MVP

By KATE ANTONACCI
Senior Staff Writer

For Johnson Nkuuhe, the words beneath the photograph of Father Theodore Hesburgh and Martin Luther King Jr. in LaFortune encapsulate his message and that of the Millennium Villages Project (MVP).

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools," Nkuuhe, the Uganda country coordinator of MVP, said to a crowd of over 50 students in the Coleman-Morse Center Monday. "This is the same sort of thing we are trying to do ... to be very good disciples, intermediaries. The road ahead may not be paved, but



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Johnson Nkuuhe of the Millennium Villages Project speaks at an ND Forum follow up meeting at Coleman-Morse Center Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Annual cash gifts

My dad has a knack for giving strange gifts. This past Christmas, for example, my brothers and I had the great fortune of receiving the ever-practical "multi-tool"—a gadget that functions somewhat like a Swiss army knife (but better, of course).

Becky Hogan

Other holidays have brought equally peculiar presents: an old-fashioned hand warmer, coke bottle glasses, language dictionaries and miniature international flags.

Wire Editor

The list could go on, but one gift in particular has become a standard for my dad.

Over the past several years he has routinely handed us two-dollar bills on special occasions or on an off day when he is feeling particularly generous.

This gift always comes with a piece of wisdom: "Don't spend it all in one place."

Packed with a hint of sarcasm, these words have become somewhat annoying because it's not that I have trouble finding a worthy investment, but that I can't bring myself to spend this money at all.

Additionally, these bills have started to accumulate as they are tucked into the depths of my room, in purses and desk drawers.

Each time I open my empty wallet, Thomas Jefferson just stares back at me.

For some time I operated under the misconception that this "rare" denomination of money was valuable. These bills do retain some value, of course — a whopping two-dollars that is — but their rarity can really only be attributed to the fact that they aren't very useful.

After doing some research, I found that what actually keeps these two-dollar bills in circulation is the frequency at which people request them.

Banks only keep them in stock as long as their customers request them.

What really amuses me is that my dad actually goes to the local bank and requests these bills from the teller. A small part of me wishes I could be there to see the look on the teller's face when he says, "Can I have some Jeffersons?"

Whether he feels it is his patriotic duty to keep the two-dollar bill alive, I really cannot say but I do think that however ridiculous my anxiety over spending two dollars may be — these two-dollar bills have taken on a different sort of value for me.

Just as the backside of the bill features a defining moment on U.S. history — the signing of the Declaration of Independence — my dad has found his way of preserving our own history. No matter how many more strange gifts I receive in the future, I will always value his random thoughtfulness and his often-distorted sense of humor which are truly unparalleled.

Although the most practical of all his gifts is the one that I simply cannot use, at least I can say I didn't spend it all in one place.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Becky Hogan at rhogan2@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In the March 26 article entitled, "Novice eight squad remains undefeated," the quote attributed to AZ Tice should have been attributed to Alyssa Teves. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?



Alex Bess
sophomore
Knott

"J.K. Rowling, because she undermines the Christian faith."



Diana Harintho
sophomore
McGlinn

"Dostoevsky. He makes me happy that I'm not Russian."



Michael Wrapp
freshman
Alumni

"Herman Hesse, for his thought-provoking novels and social commentary."



Biz Stohl
junior
LeMans

"John Keats. Loving the throwbacks."



Kathy Lee
junior
Walsh

"Isabel Allendale. I enjoy her use of imagination and magic."



Mike Cianciulli
freshman
Alumni

"Bobby McKenna, because 'Ensclosed in Chance' is the highlight of my day."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

The Notre Dame Sailing Club practices team racing on Saint Joseph's Lake Monday. Students across campus are taking advantage of the warm weather in outdoor activities.

IN BRIEF

As part of Notre Dame's commemoration of the 27th-anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination, there will be a panel discussion today at 12:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103 about "Human Rights in El Salvador Today." The panel features Victoria Marina de Aviles, a Supreme Court Justice in El Salvador; Neris Gonzales, a Salvadoran Catholic Church worker; Douglass Cassel, director of Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John D. French, associate professor of history at Duke University and visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute.

There will be a Ghana Reggae Coffee House tonight from 8 to 9 in the Center for Social Concerns' coffee house. The event features Don Savoie from the department of music and students Francis Insaideo and Theo Ossei-Anto.

Men's baseball will play Chicago State Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call (574) 631-7356.

Women's softball will play Toledo Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Judge Victoria Marina de Aviles will deliver a lecture entitled: El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary Thursday at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be in Spanish, but an English translation will be available. The event is sponsored by Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC) in the Kellogg Institute.

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

OFFBEAT

Students solve a sticky situation

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Freshmen engineering students from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology earned the top award in a national challenge during Entrepreneurship Week. And it all started with Post-it Notes.

"What do you need with a sticky note?" asked Mark Wager, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Gettysburg. "You need a pen, so we thought we'd make a sticky note you could use without a pen."

The winning idea was the

Tech students' Carbon Post-it Notes. The six-member team's entry video shows that it only takes a coin, a finger or even a shoelace tip to write on the sticky note.

Wager and his teammates know they won't make millions off their idea. "At first, we wondered, should we patent it? But as part of the contest, you sign away any rights to any of the products," he said.

Deer crashes through Chuck E. Cheese

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Customers at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant got more

than they bargained for when a deer crashed through the restaurant. The deer jumped through the window at the pizza restaurant at Southern Hills Mall on Sunday.

No one was hurt, said Kris Walter, a mall spokeswoman.

She said a couple of guys jumped on top of the deer and held it down until officials from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources arrived.

The deer was injured but was able to be taken out of town and turned loose, Walter said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 65 LOW 40	HIGH 55 LOW 30	HIGH 60 LOW 42	HIGH 63 LOW 50	HIGH 67 LOW 42	HIGH 55 LOW 38

ROTC blood drive will support troops globally

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will have an opportunity to show its appreciation to American troops worldwide by participating in Notre Dame ROTC's third-annual blood drive today and Wednesday in the Navy/East Wing of the Pasquerilla Center.

Lieutenant Colonel Gary Masapollo, who started ND ROTC's tri-military blood drive three years ago, said about 12 medical personnel from Fort Knox, Ky., will travel to Notre Dame to host the blood drive.

Navy ROTC cadets will also be working at the blood drive.

"It has been such a success in the past that Fort Knox likes to come back," Masapollo said. "Three years ago, they contacted us about coming up in the spring of 2005. ... They came in 2006, and now they are coming back in 2007."

The blood drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All blood donated at the drive will go to the Armed Forces Blood Bank, which supports military blood centers.

"There is a great need for blood in Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait," Masapollo said.

The blood obtained through the drive is needed not only by

sailors, airmen, Marines and soldiers overseas — but it also prevents the Armed Forces from having to buy blood from the American Red Cross, Masapollo said.

"I think [the blood drive] is a great cause, because we don't have a dedicated source of blood for the Armed Forces blood bank, and we don't like to tap into the American Red Cross system," he said.

This year Notre Dame hopes to reach its goal of 100 donated pints of blood.

"The turnout from the Notre Dame community has been terrific — it's worth it for [Fort Knox personnel] to drive five hours and stay here overnight because of the amount of blood they get from Notre Dame each year," Masapollo said.

Most of the donations come from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, but the drive has received some donations from South Bend residents in the past, Masapollo said.

"If you give a pint of blood, it could go to a sailor's kid in Japan ... or a soldier on the battlefield in Afghanistan," Masapollo said. "There are kids who are 20 or 21 years old who decided to go into the Army or the Marines and — God forbid they need a pint of blood — it will be there for them."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task force reports given

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

In a brief meeting consisting solely of task-force reports, committee chairs laid out plans to further existing initiatives in the Campus Life Council's (CLC) meeting Monday afternoon in LaFortune.

Input task force chair and student body president-elect Liz Brown announced the online applications to join university committees are up and running.

"We've gotten several applications already, at least 15 to 20," she said.

Students can submit an application to be part of one of seven committees, such as the University Committee for Academic Technologies or the Advisory Committee on Academics and Student Life. The committees have student representatives selected by either the University or student body president.

Additionally, after discussing wording with peer advocacy, the "du Lac Abridged" pamphlet was finalized and will be printed after price quotas are collected. The pamphlet lists some of the most commonly violated policies of the student handbook "duLac."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

President-elect Liz Brown, from left, and current student body president Lizzi Shappell are shown at Monday's meeting.

Student senator and task force on student concerns chair Danny Smith will meet with ticket office director Josh Berlo next week to discuss student ticketing for the upcoming football season. He said the ticket office will be releasing some information on student ticketing fairly soon.

Smith's committee has also been researching the use of podcasting at other universities and will be able to bring some information to CLC in the near future.

Bill Andrichik, student body vice president and task

force on conduct awareness chair, said the CLC-approved letter regarding the gambling task force has been sent to vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In light of CLC's discussion on pornography in the residence halls last meeting, Heather Rakoczy, Gender Relations Center director, will speak to the task force next week to discuss the larger problem of the objectification of women.

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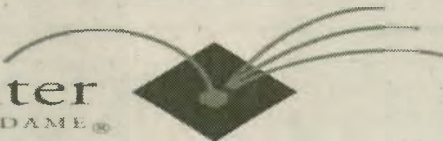
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group gives funds to College fixture

Board awards co-sponsorship to help fund renovations to Dalloway's basement space

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded \$3,500 in co-sponsorship to the Dalloway's board to help fund the renovation of the building's basement at their final meeting of the semester before the Board welcomes its new officials April 2.

Dalloway's Coffee House is a club house where students can do homework or attend various campus events such as crafts and music performances. The Sodexo food service provides a pasta bar, an ice cream bar and a soup and salad lunch every Monday and Wednesday.

"Right now Dalloway's is used as just a fun place to hang out on campus," promotions manager Felicia Lepari said. "We have been trying to get more and more people to go there and utilize the space."

The basement is currently being used as storage space for Sodexo and the Dalloway's board, Lepari said.

"What we're really trying to do is unify the whole space so that students can use it," she said.

"There's no place to really watch TV [in Dalloway's],

because if you watch TV then you are interfering with students doing homework," communications web manager Ashley Oberst said. "We'd like to move the noisier things

downstairs where you can relax and then use the upstairs to study."

The basement renovation began three years ago, when Lepari and Oberst were freshman.

"We've been trying to get approval to do something with Dalloway's basement for a long time," Oberst said.

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Felicia Lepari
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Dalloway's

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promotion manager
Dalloway's

In Other BOG News:

♦ Student Diversity Board will host the movie "I Have Tourette's, but Tourette's Doesn't Have Me," as part of their activities for Disabilities Week this Thursday at 7 p.m.

♦ The Junior Board is sponsoring a Bingo Night for all to participate with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the Lily O'Grady Center this Thursday at 6 p.m.

♦ The second-annual Dance Marathon will take place April 21 from 6 p.m. to

6 a.m. Students can drop off completed packets to any hall director, or to Brittany Harrell or Kathleen Dudek at the Holy Cross front desk by Friday.

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Leak

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into direct contact with the line, Kempf said. Rather, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused rupture in the transition point, "that had been failing already," Kempf said.

The line ruptured at approximately 10 a.m., and the wind was moving northeast toward the CSC building, Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said. The University "got the all clear" just after noon, he said.

The gas main is made of cheaper but more durable plastic, while the "tap" to the library is significantly older and made of steel, which apparently corroded over time, Kempf said.

The incident was just an example of the inherent possible problems of construction, Wycliff said. The University had no plans to check all transition points because of the failure of

one, Kempf said.

"There are older and newer parts to the system," he said, adding that the lines are owned by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). "We aren't going to dig up a lot of places to see if those aren't working. A lot of the campus lines have been replaced over time."

Still, Monday's rupture came on the heels of a more significant gas main leak in February.

The last incident occurred Feb. 12 when a backhoe working to fix a water-line break struck a four-inch gas line. For nearly two hours, gas streamed up into the air in large amounts from a small area between Stepan Chemistry Hall, the Radiation Laboratory and the Hesburgh Library.

After that event, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he was concerned about "people getting hurt" in the event of any future gas main ruptures.

While the force of February's leak sent debris and water shooting into the air, Monday's

was on a much smaller scale.

"The other one was certainly a more significant leak," Kempf said. "It displaced a much larger amount of gas. This one you couldn't hear, and partly because it broke away from the open hole."

Crews first had to identify the location of the leak after smelling gas before they could uncover and fix it, Kempf said. NIPSCO crews fixed the leak by replacing a portion of the steel line with the newer plastic.

NDSP director Phil Johnson said NDSP works with the Office of Risk Management and Safety and the Notre Dame Fire Department to establish command at an incident like Monday's gas leak. He said the first supervisor on the scene takes "instant command" and works to set up a perimeter. Johnson said NDSP removed its emergency-tape perimeter once NIPSCO finished its repairs.

Construction work on the site continued Monday afternoon.

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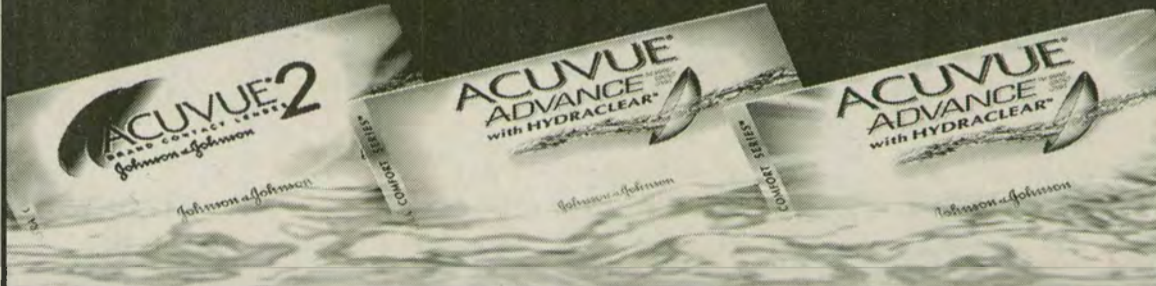
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British sailors held on entry charge

TEHERAN — Iran said Monday it was questioning 15 British sailors and marines to determine if their alleged entry into Iranian waters was "intentional or unintentional" before deciding what to do with them - the first sign it could be seeking a way out of the standoff.

The two countries continued to disagree about where the military personnel were seized Friday, with Britain insisting they were in Iraqi waters after searching a civilian cargo vessel and the Tehran regime saying it had proof they were in Iranian territory.

Britain's Defense Ministry said they were seized in the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway flowing into the Persian Gulf that marks the border between Iran and Iraq. But the dividing line in the waterway, known in Iran as the Arvand river, has long been disputed.

Australian terror suspect pleads guilty

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Australian terror suspect pleaded guilty Monday to a war-crime charge of providing material support to terrorism.

David Hicks was the first detainee to face prosecution under revised military tribunals set up after the Supreme Court found the Pentagon's previous system for trying Guantanamo prisoners unconstitutional. He is accused of fighting alongside al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

Hicks, a 31-year old Muslim convert, is one of 385 prisoners being held by the United States at Guantanamo, and officials plan to prosecute as many as 80 of the Guantanamo prisoners.

NATIONAL NEWS

Violations found at Pennsylvania mine

PHILADELPHIA — Federal investigators found "flagrant violations" at a Pennsylvania mine where a worker died in a methane gas explosion last year, the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said in a report released Monday.

R&D Coal Co. lacked adequate ventilation, safe blasting practices and proper pre-shift safety checks at its Buck Mountain Slope Mine in Schuylkill County, directly contributing to the Oct. 23 death of veteran miner Dale Reightler, 43, federal mine safety officials said.

The miners conducting the blasting that day were not qualified to handle explosives, and set them off before miners could get to a safe area, investigators found.

Bush asked to sanction refugees

MIAMI — Five Republican congressmen asked President Bush on Monday to provide temporary legal status to Venezuelans in the country illegally for what they contend is an increase in political persecutions under Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

"We strongly believe that the Chavez government in Venezuela at this time is persecuting its citizens for their political views," wrote Reps. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart, Connie Mack and Jerry Weller. Weller is from Illinois; the rest are from Florida.

The legislators asked that alternatively, Bush grant expedited asylum and work-permit requests to eligible Venezuelans, as was done for Nicaraguans who left their country after the leftist Sandinista government took power in the 1980s.

LOCAL NEWS

State may toll I-69

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels said the state may finance the Interstate 69 extension with traditional Department of Transportation dollars but he is not ruling out the possibility of installing tolls on the 142-mile highway. "I don't think we'll rule out anything," he said. "We've got six or seven years to figure it out." Daniels withdrew nearly all of his highway bypass proposals Saturday, but he said the plan to extend I-69 would not be affected.

The extension would be partially funded by \$700 million from the Indiana Toll Road lease, Jane Jankowski, Daniels' press secretary, has said.

Coroner: Anna Nicole overdosed on drugs

Autopsy reveals that model ingested at least nine prescription meds before death

Associated Press

DANIA BEACH, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith accidentally overdosed on at least nine prescription drugs — including a powerful sleep syrup she was known to swig right out of the bottle — after a miserable last few days in which she endured stomach flu, a 105-degree fever, pungent sweating and an infection on her buttocks from repeated injections.

In a detailed autopsy report released Monday, a medical examiner noted the former Playboy playmate refused to go to a hospital three days before her Feb. 8 death. She chose to ride out her illness in a hotel suite littered with pill bottles, soda cans, SlimFast, nicotine gum and an open box of Tamiflu tablets.

Broward County Medical Examiner Dr. Joshua Perper found that in the days leading up to her death, the 39-year-old Smith had been taking large amounts of the seldom-prescribed sedative chloral hydrate, which also contributed to the 1962 overdose death of Smith's idol Marilyn Monroe.

Police found no apparent signs of foul play, and the medical examiner also ruled Smith's death probably was not a suicide because people who take their own lives typically use much more lethal drugs than chloral hydrate.

Rather, he said, Smith might have been simply unaware that the sedative could be fatal in combination with multiple other prescriptions she was taking in normal doses for anxiety, depression and insomnia.

Contributing factors included her weakened condition from a stomach flu and fever brought on by a pus-filled infection on her buttocks from repeated injection of other drugs.

"She may have taken the dosages she was accustomed to but succumbed because she was already weakened," Perper said in his report. "Miss Smith has



Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper, left, discusses Monday the accidental drug overdose that killed model Anna Nicole Smith in Dania Beach, Fla.

a long history of prescription drug abuse and self-medicated in the past."

The recommended dose of chloral hydrate is one to two teaspoons prior to bed. Smith often took two table-spoons, and she sometimes drank directly from the bottle, the report said.

A statement issued by lawyers for Howard K. Stern, Smith's companion who was with her before her death, said that Stern and Smith's physician urged her to get emergency treatment but she refused because "she did not want the media frenzy that follows her."

"She refused to go to the hospital because she wanted to avoid media," attorney Lilly Ann Sanchez said in a news release. "Anna called the shots in Anna's life and everyone close to her knows

that."

The autopsy report left some unanswered questions such as why it took so long for emergency personnel to be summoned when Smith was discovered unresponsive Feb. 8 in her room at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

The report found that a private nurse had asked a bodyguard to call 911 around 1 p.m. and had started CPR. The Seminole EMS was called about 1:40 p.m. by a bodyguard and arrived six minutes later. The ambulance reached the hospital at 2:43 p.m., and Smith was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

Perper said Smith could have been saved had she been hospitalized earlier in the week simply because her drug intake could have been controlled.

"If she would have gone to the hospital she wouldn't have died because she wouldn't have had the opportunity to take the excessive amount of chloral hydrate," he told The Associated Press.

But Perper said the lag in calling 911 on the day of Smith's death probably didn't matter.

"The earlier you come to a hospital the more you have a chance, but there's not a guarantee," he said. "Those are not things with a mathematic precision, but within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, I don't think she had really a realistic chance."

Perper said he believed at least three doctors had prescribed Smith drugs using a number of aliases, but all the medication was meant for her.

ISRAEL

Israelis, Palestinians to resume talks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Under U.S. pressure to answer increasing Arab flexibility on Mideast peace, Israel has agreed to resume face-to-face talks with a moderate, Western-backed Palestinian leader who is sharing power with Islamic Hamas militants, a U.S. official said Monday.

Also Monday, Israel welcomed the idea of a regional peace summit, although no such meeting is set, and Saudi Arabia suggested it would consider changes in a dormant peace initiative that could

make it more acceptable to Israel.

The new developments came at a time of high-profile diplomacy, with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and United Nations chief Ban Ki-Moon both in the region for talks with Israeli and Arab leaders.

Rice has been trying to revive peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, with help from Arab neighbors. The odds were long even before the latest complication posed by Hamas, a political and military organization that Israel, the United States and the European Union count as a terror group.

A senior U.S. official said Israeli

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed to sit down with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for the first time since Abbas sealed a desperation pact with the militants.

The two will hold "regular face-to-face discussions," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of a planned address by Rice on Tuesday.

The coalition government was formed more than a week ago under terms that fall short of international demands to recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept agreements negotiated by the previous, secular Palestinian leadership.

MVP

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we know where we are headed. I hope we are together."

Such was the theme of "MVP in Uganda: Empowering or Imposing?" — an event that focused on the role of the community, the government and the MVP organization in helping try to pull African nations and people out of poverty.

"If you provide linkage then you are empowering," Nkuuhe said. "A man or woman who can feed a family is empowered. ... If we can help with the healthcare, then these people are empowered."

In hopes of convincing the Notre Dame community to "take the message further" and to see the importance of empowerment, Nkuuhe discussed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). He was joined by David Siriri, the science coordinator in Ruhira, a village in the Isingiro district of Uganda where an MVP was launched in March 2006.

The eight MDGs deal with different dimensions of poverty, including hunger, maternal health, environment sustainability, education, HIV/AIDS, gender issues, water and technology.

"We don't come with a predetermined action plan. We sit down with the communities and develop an action plan," Siriri said.

Of those goals, the toughest to promote in Uganda include achieving gender equality, reducing child mortality and improving maternal health, Nkuuhe said.

"Those are very, very bad," he said.

Nkuuhe said the MDGs are on target for HIV/AIDS, citing a decrease from an 18 percent prevalence rate in 1992 to seven percent in 2002.

While Nkuuhe said there is the potential to achieve the goals focusing on hunger, gender equality and environmental sustainability, the goals of decreasing child and maternal mortality are more unlikely, he said.

"Child mortality is off target. 140 children die before age five per 1,000 deliveries," he said. "In

Ruhiira, I think [David Siriri] and his team will be able to accomplish [the goal of decreasing child mortality], but for Uganda as a whole it's very difficult."

Reasons for the high mortality rates include lack of good health facilities, early marriage and frequent births, Nkuuhe said.

"This is the reason we go as a team into these villages — because of all of these contributing factors," he said.

There are currently 12 MVP sites in 10 African countries, including Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

"These are not chosen randomly," Nkuuhe said. "The answers you get from these villages can then be applied to ... sub-Saharan Africa."

Though the UN Millennium Project had budget recommendations for the projects — 40 percent on health, six percent on community, six percent on education, 10 percent on agriculture, eight percent on nutrition, 10 percent on water and 14 percent on infrastructure — some of the numbers have to be tailored depending on the village.

"The people of Ruhira are going to measure the success of the project based on how successful we are in water," Siriri said. "Thus changes were made to the budget allocation from UN recommendations."

While Nkuuhe serves as more of an intermediary, Siriri works directly on the project in Ruhira. "I live in the village in the middle of nowhere surrounded by banana plantations," Siriri said.

And for Siriri, little is more important to the success of the project than community involvement. "We sit down with the communities ... and we started with what we call quick-impact intervention," Siriri said, citing the distribution of 40,500 malaria bed nets to benefit more than 80,000 individuals as an important change.

But on the local level, such diseases are not the only health problems Ruhira's citizens face. Siriri said that one of the biggest challenges is malnutrition.

"Banana is the main crop. Banana is the main food," Siriri said. "People depend mainly on

banana, but it is a fruit with not a lot of carbohydrates. And because of disease and poor soil, banana production has been declining."

Siriri also cited water and sanitation, environment, energy, poor marketing structures, education and health as some of the biggest challenges in the area.

"We have the highest [tuberculosis] prevalence in the western region," Siriri said.

The area also has a 10 percent prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, 30 percent prevalence rate of malaria, 5 percent prevalence rate of premature deliveries and 8 percent prevalence rate of mortality of children under one year of age, Siriri said. He said 30 to 40 percent of children are underweight and the nearest hospital is 30 miles away.

All of the MDGs emphasize community empowerment and involvement, Siriri said. Each member of the community is supposed to contribute \$10 per year, though because of the labor and hard work by the villages, that number has been far surpassed, Siriri said.

"Everything that we needed for construction was contributed by the community," he said. "That's the kind of involvement we're talking about. ... We see ourselves not as drivers of this process, but as facilitators."

Nkuuhe and Siriri's combined visit to campus was intended to show community members what can be accomplished through the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative in Nindye, a village in the Nkozi sub-county and Mpigi District of Uganda.

"Notre Dame's efforts will focus in a very special way on Nindye," Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dowd said. "We are partners. Notre Dame is a partner in the Millennium Villages Project. ... Notre Dame is committed to being a partner and to learn the lessons of human development."

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Selection

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create a team that best fits the hall," Kirk said.

Notre Dame is unique among peer institutions in that only seniors are allowed to be RAs. At Saint Mary's sophomores or higher can apply to be an RA.

This is because of the "tradition of respect for and responsibilities of RAs" at Notre Dame, Kirk said. RAs are in charge of enforcing the rules contained in du Lac, the manual of student life policies and procedures, Kirk said.

According to information provided by the Office of Student Affairs, which hires RAs, assistant rectors and rectors, there are three steps to the application process for becoming an RA.

Interested juniors first submit an application and letters of recommendation to Student Affairs. They

then meet with their rectors and rectors of other dorms in which they are interested and are then informed in March by Student Affairs whether they were selected.

The job comes with a scholarship of nearly \$10,000, as RAs receive free room, board and laundry service from the University.

According to the Office of Student Affairs, attached to the scholarship are significant responsibilities, such as mandatory training in spring of junior year and in the two weeks before fall semester — and regu-

"Even if there are enough applicants from a particular hall, RAs are chosen from outside dorms to create a team that best fits the hall."

Bill Kirk
Associate Vice President
Residence Life

lar availability to residents during the year.

Also, "resident assistants are typically precluded from other outside employment, participation in varsity athletics or elected student government positions," according to the Student Affairs Web site.

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NASDAQ	2,445.63	+6.70
NYSE	9,341.36	+2.96
S&P 500	1,437.50	+1.39
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,521.96	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,291.90	-47.50

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CMGI INC (CMGI)	+13.18	+0.29	2.49
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.48	+0.03	6.22

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.56	-0.026	4.587
13-WEEK BILL	+0.10	+0.005	4.930
30-YEAR BOND	-0.33	-0.016	4.783
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.71	-0.032	4.478

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.63	62.91
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+6.60	663.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.95	102.28

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CANADIAN \$	1.1615

IN BRIEF

Northwest readies to exit bankruptcy

NEW YORK — Northwest Airlines can begin seeking creditor approval of a plan to exit bankruptcy that values the company at an estimated \$7 billion, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision puts the airline in the last stages of bankruptcy before it can emerge from court protection.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Allan Gropper said that once Northwest revises its disclosure statement to incorporate agreements reached Monday, the statement could be released to creditors along with a restructuring plan.

Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. wants to cancel all existing shares in the company and issue 272 million new ones, with a stock offering to sell 27.78 million shares at \$27 a piece.

Another hearing will be held this week to determine whether an examiner will be appointed to investigate merger discussions that may have taken place with Northwest, Gropper said. A reorganization plan could be mailed to creditors as early as April 6.

Oil prices hit yearly high Monday

NEW YORK — Oil prices settled Monday at their highest level so far this year on tensions between Iran and the West following Tehran's detention of British naval personnel. Gasoline futures prices climbed above \$2 a gallon to their highest level since last September as a new driving season nears.

Vienna's PVM Oil Associates cited the "deteriorating relationship between Iran and the West and last week's further falls in U.S. commercial oil inventories" as driving crude prices upward. Iran is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' second largest producer.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Sunday called the Iranian seizure of the 15 sailors and marines "unjustified and wrong," saying that London saw their situation as "very serious." Iran suggested that the group may be tried for illegally entering Iranian waters.

Oil traders worried that an escalation in the conflict could cut Persian Gulf oil exports.

Drop in home sales slows economy

Disappointing housing market report raises worries about future growth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street pared steep losses Monday to end narrowly mixed after a surprise drop in new home sales for February triggered further concern that economic growth is slowing more than expected.

The Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes fell by 3.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 848,000. It was the slowest sales pace in nearly seven years and dimmed hopes for a rebound in the troubled housing market.

Economists have been watching the housing industry for a hint about where the economy is heading. The disappointing data came amid continued concern about the subprime mortgage market, which has been slammed by an increase in delinquencies in recent months.

This sent major indexes down throughout most of the session, with the Dow Jones industrials racking up triple-digit losses. Investors used the decline to buy some shares before the second-quarter ends on Friday, analysts said.

"The market is already worried more about economic growth than inflation, so I think you're going to see reactions like this," said Todd Salamone, director of trading at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "Overall, it's impressive from the comeback we've had. There's been a whirlwind of attention about housing's effects on the economy, it isn't anything new and these pull-backs are buying opportunities."

The Dow fell 11.94, or 0.10 percent, to 12,469.07. Last week, the benchmark index posted a 370 point gain, its best weekly point rise in four years. It dropped as much as 112 points earlier on Monday.

Broader stock indicators



Workers build a new KB Home, one of the nation's largest home builders, in Gilbert, Ariz., Monday. KB Home said first-quarter fiscal earnings plunged in a housing slump.

were slightly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.39, or 0.10 percent, to 1,437.50, and the Nasdaq composite index added 6.70, or 0.27 percent, to 2,455.63.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.60 percent from 4.61 percent late Friday. Bond investors have been hoping that a slowing economy will cause the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates.

The dollar traded mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices advanced.

Investors also are focused on a spate of economic data due this week, including Conference Board's consumer confidence survey on

Tuesday and the gross domestic product report due on Wednesday.

"Investors are looking to figure out how things are going to shake out after a big move higher last week," said Mike Malone, a trading analyst at Cowen & Co. "Given the magnitude of the move higher we had last week, I don't find this to be overly surprising."

Oil prices rose Monday, with a barrel of light sweet crude up 63 cents to \$62.91 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude prices have risen steadily on continued tensions between Iran and the West following Iran's detention of British naval personnel. Recent declines in U.S. oil inventories also supported the mar-

ket.

Citigroup Inc. fell 18 cents to \$51.54. The Wall Street Journal reported Citigroup might reduce its work force by about 5 percent. The company has been under pressure during the past year to boost earnings to fend off rivals from eating into its global market share.

Dell Inc. rose 79 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$23.62 after a Goldman Sachs analyst said the computer maker should see benefits from its turnaround efforts later this year.

Walgreen Co. reported second-quarter profit surpassed Wall Street projections as the drug store chain posted robust revenue from retail prescriptions. The stock fell 47 cents to \$47.30.

Copper futures hit year-to-date high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Copper futures hit their highest level of the year on Monday, boosted by high demand from China and short-covering, traders and analysts said.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the most-active May copper contract rose 6.95 cents to settle at \$3.1385 per pound. It peaked at \$3.1475 in screen trading after the pit close, its strongest level since Dec. 12.

Copper inventories in London Metal Exchange warehouses fell 2,100 metric tons Monday to 181,550 metric tons. They are down 16 percent from 216,050 on Feb. 12.

"This market is still being driven by

the underlying fundamentals," said Darin Newsom, senior futures analyst with DTN. He noted that the May contract is fetching a higher price than July, a condition generally seen as a sign of tight supplies.

"We're seeing news stories to back this up—as Chinese demand continues to remain high," he added.

Copper's rally since late winter has coincided with a return of commercial buying. "This type of support is creating some noncommercial short-covering," Newsom added.

Meanwhile, April gold climbed \$6.60 to settle at \$663.90 an ounce on the Nymex, while May silver rose 18.3 cents to finish at \$13.41 an ounce. April platinum climbed \$3.10 to

close at \$1,236.50 an ounce, but June palladium finished 50 cents lower at \$359 an ounce.

In Nymex energy trading, crude oil futures climbed to a three-month high, closing just below \$63 a barrel amid the rising international tensions with Iran and a rally in gasoline futures that was ignited by a fire at a BP PLC refinery in Whiting, Ind.

The May crude contract jumped as high as \$63.30 a barrel before ending 63 cents higher at \$62.91 a barrel, the highest close for a front-month contract since Dec. 20.

April RBOB gasoline futures soared 6.94 cents to \$2.0677 a gallon after hitting an intraday high of \$2.07 a gallon.

Protest

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participants were only in South Bend for the weekend retreat, the group did not have the luxury of time when it planned Monday's demonstration, said Larry O'Toole, a Catholic Worker from Marseilles, Ill., and a 1984 Notre Dame graduate.

"It was a timeframe thing," O'Toole said in a telephone interview Monday. "By the time we decided what we wanted to do, it was late Sunday evening and we didn't have enough time to get the University's permission to do the re-enactment before all the conference participants had to leave town."

Senior Casey Stanton, one of the conference participants, said the group did not request a permit from the University to stage the re-enactment because the Catholic Workers are not a part of "Notre Dame's bureaucratic processes."

The University, however, reserves the right to restrict to members of the Notre Dame community the use of the University grounds for demonstrations, Wycliff said.

Outside groups, he said, can organize rallies on campus "only by invitation" — something Monday's demonstrators did not have.

Instead, the Catholic Workers proceeded to re-enact the trial, read the letter and hand out flyers that said Notre Dame's support of ROTC programs "reverses the message of Jesus to love our enemies" without authorization from the University.

"As Midwest Catholic Workers, we call on Notre Dame to stop sponsoring ROTC," the handout said. "Students shouldn't have to compromise the Catholic value of nonviolence in order to fund their education."

The Army ROTC Battalion declined to comment Monday.

The demonstrators also hung flags and banners from the Pasquerilla Center and the Clarke Memorial Fountain, a monument in memory of Notre Dame graduates who gave their lives in World War II. The banners were shortly taken down by NDSP officers.

Joe Mueller, a Catholic Worker from Cleveland, said he received a trespass notice from NDSP after he hung from the Clarke Fountain a banner that said "Blessed are the peacemakers."

Mueller said the demonstration was intended to call Notre Dame back to its commitment toward the rejection of warfare in the tradition of Marcellus. But he and fellow demonstrator Father Ben Jimenez from Cleveland said they expected the University's reaction.

"If you cross the warmakers, they will immediately try to stop you — but it saddens us because in this case it's Notre Dame we're talking about," Jimenez said. "It saddens us to see one of the most preeminent Catholic institutions in the country silence like this the true Gospel of Christ."

Freshman Alicia Quiros said she was also saddened by the University's handling of the sit-

uation.

"I was really disappointed because Notre Dame claims to be a socially conscious Catholic institution, but by not allowing people to express their opinions on such a dividing issue it is ignoring its stated mission," Quiros said.

Other members of the Notre Dame community, such as 1966 graduate Fred Nelson, thought the administration and NDSP reacted correctly.

As someone who lost his father to World War II, Nelson said he has stood against the war in Iraq since the day it began four years ago — but he didn't sanction the Catholic Workers' behavior Monday.

He said the group's intention to march up the stairs of the Main Building and into Jenkins' office was disrespectful. The group, Nelson said, should have instead approached the Center for Social Concerns if it wanted to organize a movement against the ROTC presence at Notre

Dame or the war in Iraq.

The demonstrators intended to take two black coffins to Jenkins' office as symbols of the blood splattered in Iraq. One casket was covered with an American flag and the other one with an Iraqi flag.

The Catholic Workers were also holding signs reading "Who would Jesus bomb?" and "Christians cannot love their enemies and kill them too." NDSP officers carried away both.

Nelson, who was on campus for an MBA leadership conference when he caught sight of the demonstration, said he disagreed with the group's position against ROTC programs at Notre Dame.

"ROTC has been a part of this University for a very long time and I wouldn't want Notre Dame to discontinue that relationship," Nelson said. "Why wouldn't I want the people who serve in the military to have Notre Dame's Catholic values and education? That's exactly the kind of people you should want to see in the military."

Stanton said the demonstration should not be interpreted as a campaign against ROTC students, but rather the University's endorsement of the armed forces, and consequently, the armed courses of action.

"The protest was not meant to be a personal attack against ROTC students but rather a call to question the larger relationship between Notre Dame and the military," Stanton said. "This should wake us up to the implications of training our students militarily and how that relates to our University's Catholic character."

Stanton and Quiros said the demonstration was neither a right- nor a left-wing movement but rather a reminder of the Gospel's choice of peace and nonviolence over warfare.

The Catholic Worker movement began in 1933 with Dorothy Day, who urged followers to live by the teachings of Jesus Christ, including nonviolence, hospitality towards strangers and voluntary poverty, the movement's Web site said.

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Graduate Student Union vice president Amber Handy said.

Coleman was chosen by University President Father John Jenkins's office after it received a short list of candidates from the Graduate School, Handy said. Faculty and students were asked to submit nominations last year once it was decided the Graduate School would hold a separate ceremony.

Handy believes Coleman "is a great choice" and was chosen "to honor the scholarly nature of work done by graduate students at Notre Dame," she said.

In addition to being the 13th president of the University of Michigan, Coleman is a distinguished biochemist. She served as a

member of the biochemistry faculty for 19 years at the University of Kentucky and wrote many scholarly articles. She later served in administrative positions at the Universities of North Carolina and New Mexico before going to the University of Michigan.

Handy believes Coleman is a speaker whose "variety of experiences in the academic world will be interest to all of the graduates," she said.

"The success she has achieved both as a scientist and administrator is a welcome example [of] the increasing number of avenues open to women in

academia," Handy said.

"[I am] very much looking forward to addressing the graduates and their families," Coleman said.

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Mary Sue Coleman
President
University of Michigan

The University of Notre Dame is an outstanding institution, and I look forward to my visit."

Coleman will receive an honorary degree at the University commencement ceremony, the day after the Graduate School

ceremony.

"In all likelihood, this pattern [of giving an honorary degree to the commencement speaker] will continue in the future," Handy said.

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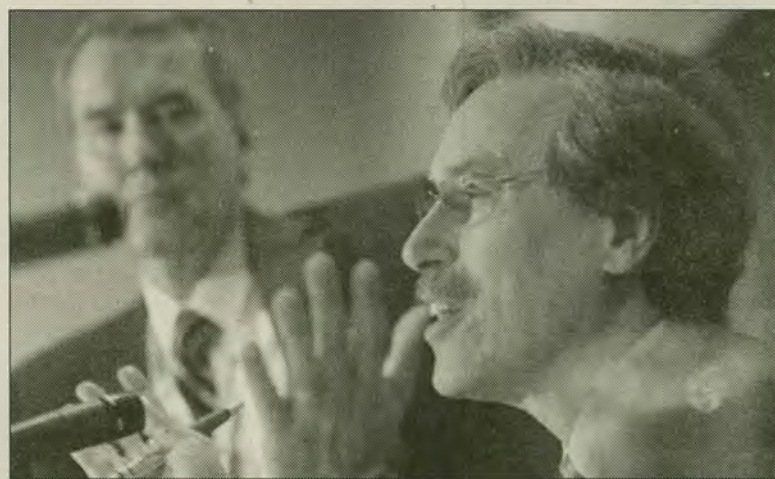
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Study finds heart drugs as effective as stents



Dr. Marvin Konstam, chief of cardiology at New England Medical Center, right, speaks during the American College of Cardiology summit Sunday in New Orleans.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than half a million people a year with chest pain are getting an unnecessary or premature procedure to unclog their arteries because drugs are just as effective, suggests a landmark study that challenges one of the most common practices in heart care.

The stunning results found that angioplasty did not save lives or prevent heart attacks in non-emergency heart patients.

An even bigger surprise: Angioplasty gave only slight and temporary relief from chest pain, the main reason it is done.

“By five years, there was really no significant difference” in symptoms, said Dr. William Boden of Buffalo General Hospital in New York. “Few would have expected such results.”

He led the study and gave results Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the April 12 issue.

Angioplasty remains the top treatment for people having a heart attack or hospitalized with worsening symptoms. But most angioplasties are done on a non-emergency basis, to relieve chest pain caused by clogged arteries crimping the heart's blood supply.

Those patients now should try drugs first, experts say. If that does not help, they can consider angioplasty or bypass surgery, which unlike angioplasty, does save lives, prevent heart attacks and give lasting chest pain relief.

In the study, only one-third of the people treated with drugs ultimately needed angioplasty or a bypass.

“You are not putting yourself at risk of death or heart attack if you defer,” and considering the safety worries about heart stents used to keep arteries open after angioplasty, it may be wise to wait, said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic heart specialist and president of the College of Cardiology.

Why did angioplasty not help more?

It fixes only one blockage at a time whereas drugs affect all the arteries, experts said. Also, the

clogs treated with angioplasty are not the really dangerous kind.

“Even though it goes against intuition, the blockages that are severe that cause chest pain are less likely to be the source of a heart attack than segments in the artery that are not severely blocked,” said Dr. David Maron, a Vanderbilt University cardiologist who helped lead the new study.

Drugs are better today than they used to be, and do a surprisingly good job, said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

“It may not be as bad as we thought” to leave the artery alone, she said.

About 1.2 million angioplasties are done in the United States each year. Through a blood vessel in the groin, doctors snake a tube to a blocked heart artery. A tiny balloon is inflated to flatten the clog and a mesh scaffold stent is usually placed.

The procedure already has lost some popularity because of emerging evidence that popular drug-coated stents can raise the risk of blood clots months later. The new study shifts the argument from which type of stent to use to whether to do the procedure at all.

It involved 2,287 patients throughout the U.S. and Canada who had substantial blockages, typically in two arteries, but were medically stable. They had an average of 10 chest pain episodes a week — moderately severe. About 40 percent had a prior heart attack.

“We deliberately chose to enroll a sicker, more symptomatic group” to give angioplasty a good chance to prove itself, Boden said.

All were treated with medicines that improve chest pain and heart and artery health such as aspirin, cholesterol-lowering statins, nitrates, ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers and calcium channel blockers. All also were counseled on healthy lifestyles — diet, exercise and smoking cessation.

Half of the participants also were assigned to get angioplasty.

After an average of 4 1/2 years, the groups had similar rates of death and heart attack: 211 in the angioplasty group and 202 in the medication group — about 19 percent of each.

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Illegal immigrants: A closer look

In "Operation Return to Sender," ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is deporting thousands of illegals, including 1,282 workers arrested in raids at Swift meatpacking plants in six states. Of 424 deported from Miami in January, 131 had criminal convictions. The raids also netted many non-criminal parents of small children.

Are the raids justified? Yes. And no.

1. The government has a duty to regain control of its borders and impose reasonable criteria for admission. "The Church in America," said Pope John Paul II, "must [defend] against any unjust restriction to the natural right of ... persons to move freely within their own nation and from one nation to another." "Governments," he said, must "regulate the migratory flows with full respect for the dignity of the persons and for their families' needs, mindful of the requirements of the host societies." Nevertheless, "[i]llegal immigration," said John Paul II, "should be prevented [and it is] essential to combat ... criminal activities which exploit illegal immigrants."

If a steel fence is the most practical means to secure the border, it ought to be built, for the safety of Border Patrol agents as well as immigrants. Those agents, who confront the heavily armed drug gangs which, according to ICE, are "ravaging border communities in South Texas," are persons with dignity equal to that of immigrants.

2. At least 11 million illegals are in this country. Efforts should focus on deporting those involved in gang or other criminal activities. In 2005, 26,000 were deported under the inadequate "aggravated felony" standard of federal law.

Undocumented immigrants who are otherwise law-abiding should not be deported. Many entered legally and

overstayed or otherwise became illegal. Many live with minor children, including "anchor babies" who are citizens because they meet the Fourteenth Amendment's criterion that "persons born ... in the United States" are citizens.

To expel millions of otherwise law-abiding illegals would be unjust as well as an administrative nightmare. Other considerations are raised by the failure of the government to secure the borders, especially but not exclusively with respect to the Mexican border. For the past two decades, the notorious failure of the government to enforce the border has implicitly invited people to cross it illegally. Enforcement personnel have been undermanned and hampered by the failure of successive Presidents, with Congressional acquiescence or complicity, to provide them with the means to secure the border. That dereliction of duty benefits employers who seek cheap labor with the medical and other needs of the laborers shifted to the taxpayers.

Every person has a right, in the words of Pope John XXIII, "to enter a country in which he hopes to provide more fittingly for himself and his dependents." While that right is subject to restriction, it would be unjust to deport otherwise law-abiding persons who accepted an implied invitation to enter. They are invitees. Congress ought to enable them to regularize their status as residents and perhaps as citizens.

3. We brought this problem upon ourselves through the refusal of non-hispanic whites, and to a lesser extent blacks, to reproduce themselves. The United States fertility rate is 2.07. The replacement level is 2.1 at which a population would replenish itself. We are almost there only because of the hispanics whose rate is 2.9; blacks are at 2.2 and non-Hispanic whites are 1.8. Since 1973, more than 45 million persons who would have been citizens at birth have been killed by surgical abortion, not including the uncountable numbers killed by chemical and other abortifacients. The endemic practice of contraception multiplies the shortage.

As University of California Professor Franz Shurman put it, "America needs the South's babies. ... American civilization wants sex, but does not want children."

4. One cause of this problem is neoliberalism, described by John Paul II as "a purely economic conception of man [which] considers profit and the law of the market as its only parameters, to the detriment of the dignity of and respect due to individuals and peoples." In the 1980s, to profit from the devaluation of the Mexican peso, U.S. companies abandoned their U.S. employees and moved assembly plants to maquiladoras in Mexico just south of the border. Many of those later closed as the companies found cheaper labor in Asia. The resulting unemployment and the stagnation of the Mexican economy and government, both totally corrupt, lead many to enter the U.S. illegally. Companies in the U.S. employ them as an outsourcing in reverse. You can't outsource a restaurant job to a foreign country. So Presidents, Congressmen and officials send the cheap labor to the employers. This is applied neoliberalism. The real "illegals" are those politicians and those for whose benefit they betray their oath to enforce the law.

5. The Church offers guidance here. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver said it well in his comment on the ICE raids: "The Catholic Church respects the law, including immigration law. We respect those ... who have the difficult job of enforcing it. We do not encourage or help anyone to break the law. ... Americans have a right to solvent public institutions, secure borders and orderly regulation of immigration. ... We ... need ... reform that will address our economic and security needs, but also regularize the status of the many decent undocumented immigrants who help our society to grow."

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Right or Wrong?

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"Don't be afraid to see what you see."

Ronald Reagan
American President

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“First Down Moses” underlies negative attitudes toward other religions

Why is there a statue of Moses by the library?

“First Down Moses” might seem like he’s engaged in a benign football celebration. Only unlike most football players, who merely tackle their opponents and leave it at that, Moses has the disembodied head of his enemy underfoot. While I don’t lose too much sleep over the fate of golden calves, the statue naturally brings up some questions about Christianity’s, and even Notre Dame’s, attitude towards other religions.

In case you don’t know the whole story, the golden calf was a makeshift idol created by the “children of Israel” when they felt abandoned by their God.

When Moses returned from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, he was understandably frustrated by how quickly his people had given up on God and lashed out by destroying the golden calf. This is where the story ends for most people as far as they understand it.

Already this gesture has serious implications for the attitudes of the Judeo-Christian religions towards other religions, but this is only the beginning of the collective wrath of God and Moses. God commands Moses to murder thousands of his own people (despite just giving the Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill”) and Moses and his followers unquestioningly oblige. Moses tells his

most loyal followers “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor’” (Exodus 32:27). This mass murder is punishment for the “great sin these people have committed” that “they have made themselves gods of gold.” (Exodus 32:31).

Whether or not the story is literally true does not matter as much as the fact that people accept its message as sacred. Why do we cast in iron the likeness of a man who supposedly slew thousands in the name of God? Isn’t this the same sort of religious extremism

and terrorism witnessed only a few years ago here in America, right down to the shared death toll of 3,000? And isn’t the underlying motivation for each act — “divine” inspiration from the “true” God to kill worshippers of the “false” God — the exact same as well? Would we build a statue commemorating atrocities similar to those of Sept. 11 if they were committed in the name of our own God? Apparently, we already have.

Xavier Lebec
 freshman
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 March 26

Congrats, Hockey team

To the entire hockey program, I think I speak for all of the alumni when I say thank you for the unbelievable dedication and effort put into not only winning the CCHA this year, but putting Notre Dame Hockey on the map for years to come. You guys were great all season. I’m confident you will pay Michigan State back appropriately in the future. Let’s get that national title! Thank you again!

Mark Mikiciuk
 alumnus
 March 26

Students urged to help with food drive

I want to thank all of those people who have volunteered to take part in Notre Dame’s third-annual Canned Food Drive this Saturday. I thank you for your support in advance because I appreciate the fact that you realize the importance of this effort. This means that you realize how much of an impact this collection has on those families genuinely lacking the necessities of life right here in northern Indiana. According to the Northern Indiana Food Bank website, over 118,000 Indiana families live in poverty and are therefore at risk of hunger. Last year, in our second-annual campus-wide Canned Food Drive, 7,500 pounds of food were collected, setting the benchmark for the event. This year, with your help, we expect to double our efforts and sur-

pass 15,000 pounds of food, a substantial contribution to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

The Canned Food Drive will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of Stepan Center this Saturday. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts in which they will drive out into the neighborhoods of South Bend to collect cans door-to-door. WVFI will DJ the event as groups return to campus to drop off their collected food. At the conclusion of the Canned Food Drive, Former University President Father Theodore Hesburgh will say a blessing over the collected food. Last year, I participated and it was a very rewarding experience. The community appreciates our efforts to fight hunger, and if you help us, you will see for your-

self how much just two hours can positively impact the lives of so many people. There are so many issues and problems in the world we often do not know how we can contribute to make a difference. One way is to think globally and act locally by joining us Saturday. Thanks to those who have volunteered to come out. If you haven’t signed up and are still interested, contact your dorm service commissioner as soon as possible or email Keri Mikuska at kmikuska@nd.edu. See you Saturday!

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Peace conference strives for understanding

Government induced famine and economic ruin in North Korea. Authoritarian rule in Burma. The use of child soldiers in the war in Northern Uganda.

It’s easy for young adults to turn a blind eye to the world’s most intractable conflicts and human rights abuses for the simple reason that they are intractable. If the planet’s greatest leaders, largest international organizations and most well-run grassroots campaigns have not yet found the solutions, how are college students supposed to add anything to the debate?

The belief that we as young adults are unable to help or to understand the cultures of those that are far away from us contributes to the lines that we often draw between “us” and “them.” “We” live

here and prescribe to a certain set of cultural norms. “They” live there and have different traditions, languages and social customs. The demarcation of “us” and “them” advances such social injustices as war, racism, religious fundamentalism and genocide. Worse yet, it prevents people from one culture and way of life from seeing people from another way of life as equally valuable. It prevents people from seeing their counterparts in other religions, countries and ethnicities as human beings.

This weekend, March 30-31, Notre Dame’s annual student-run Peace Conference is highlighting the work ND students and others from around the world have done to bridge the divide between “us” and “them.” Through two

days of panel discussions, workshops and cultural events, these students and professionals in the field of peace and conflict resolution will attempt to “unmask the unknown” — to better understand others and, in the process, better understand themselves.

The Peace Conference, which will be held in the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies will serve as an arena for young adults to present their research on the root causes of the above-mentioned intractable conflicts of the world. Their contributions give lie to the fact that young adults cannot make a difference in the world around them. They prove that resolving atrocious human rights abuses and preventing them in the future can be as simple as erasing the

lines that divide “us” and “them” so that all people in every corner of the world are treated by all others with respect because of their common humanity.

The conference formally begins at 5 p.m. on March 30 with an address by the keynote speaker on peace and conflict transformation. The panels and workshops will run throughout the day on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4:15 p.m. For a full list of the weekend’s events, please visit <http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/peace-con07.shtml>

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





A message for Bookstore ballers — bring it

Prepare yourselves, Bookstore Basketball field, for me and my ilk are coming, and we are not happy. In years past, my teammates and I have made various attempts at Bookstore glory, only to end in failure. The team names and costumes changed, but one thing remained the same: Losing in the first round.

Like an abused but loyal puppy dog, we keep coming back for another kicking, year after year. However, in keeping with the old saying, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again — and try again we will.

Although the tournament is held in April, we tend to play more like March: we come in roaring like angry lions, and leave like meek little lambs. However, after suffering ignominious first-round defeats in both of the last two years, I'm positive that this year's tournament will end differently for my squad and me.

What's different about this year's team, you ask? Well, on the surface, not a whole lot. I know I, for one, have spent most of this semester draining my Flex points instead of draining threes. However, there are a few things we have going for us.

For one thing, we're a year older and a year wiser. Crafty, veteran teams tend to go further. We've been hitting the weights. Unfortunately, none of us have managed to grow any taller, but after implementing our new fun 'n gun offense (a la the Phoenix Suns) I'm confident we'll be able to score points like man-eating bears flock to a dying carcass: quickly and in bunches.

Last year's squad, Los Luchadores, suffered from tunnel vision and a notice-

able lack of focus, which may or may not be the result of our wearing Mexican luchador wrestling masks, which are hot as Hades and noticeably impair one's ability to see. Although we were heavily tattooed, we didn't manage to leave our mark on the tournament.

In many ways we were doomed from the outset last season. For one, our game attracted scores of screaming female fans, which is probably due to the fact that we played sans shirts. The meat parade on display elicited raucous verbal support, and at times I could barely hear myself think, never mind hear the playcalls, due to the roar of the females in attendance.

Unfortunately for both our female fans and our opponents (but fortunately for us), this year we'll be keeping our shirts on and our masks off. We are what we are, and what we are is a bunch of Type-B hardcourt warriors living in Notre Dame's Type-A world.

No, we don't play brutal, bone-crushing WWE-type defense. However, we have been preparing for the rough and tumble world of Bookstore in several ways, such as kicking each other in the shins, punching each other in the stomach and putting Tabasco sauce on our food on an impromptu basis in order to toughen up for the Big Dance. I'll also be packing a taser and brass knuckles for the event.

This year's incarnation of 'Los Luchadores' will keep the same warrior's mentality but boast a sharper intellectual edge over the enemy. The team and I have been watching a whole lot of basketball this year, from NBA action to the March Madness NCAA Tournament. After watching and learning, we'll be able to put on a basketball clinic for anyone unfortunate to have to play us this year. In other words, bring a notebook to Stepan — school's in ses-



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Much like Ben Stiller (left) found out in the film "Along Came Polly," things can get a bit hairy on the court during the annual outdoor Bookstore Basketball tournament.

sion.

Similarly, we've spent our time twiddling our thumbs— on videogame controller sticks, that is. After hours logged on NBA Live 2007, I'm confident that the increase in fine motor control will translate to that extra touch I've been missing on my jumper, which will in turn allow me to keep it raining like April showers come Bookstore time. Even better, as the premier scoring threat on my team, I won't even have to drop a Kobe Bryant-like 65 points for us to win— the games only go to 21.

You can forget about George Mason. For those of you keeping score at home, feel free to pencil (check that, pen) us in your brackets for Round Number Two. In fact, I'm so confident in our team that I'll personally guarantee a victory if

we're matched up against an all-female squad in the first round.

Of course, you may be thinking, "Won't all this trash-talking put a bulls-eye on our backs, giving our opponents an incentive to come gunning for us like veteran Halo players feasting on hapless newbies on Lockout Level? The answer, friends, is that it doesn't matter: like a whoopee cushion, our team performs better under pressure. Come hell or high water, we are going to reach the exalted second round of Bookstore: 0-2 is not good enough.

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Legends of Notre Dame



Looking for something to do this weekend? Why not head over to Legends? Here is what's happening in your neck of campus this weekend.

Thursday, March 29:

Come out to see some legends in the making, "shamrock 'n roll" at Best of Acousticafe at 10 p.m., then prepare to slam that whammy bar in a Guitar Hero tournament afterward at 12 a.m.

Friday, March 30:

Comedian Mike Birbiglia has been on "Letterman", "Jimmy Kimmel" and Comedy Central. Now he takes his side-splitting act to the Legends stage at 10 p.m., immediately followed by some retro hip-hop at Flash Back Friday: Old School Nightclub at 12 a.m.

Saturday, March 31:

The Multisensory Aesthetic Experience (MAE) rocks out at 9 p.m. accompanied by special guests The Hush Sound and New Atlantic. Afterwards, prepare for a color-coded Stop Light Party at 12 a.m. Wear red if you're taken, green if you're good to go, and yellow if you're somewhere in between.

DVD REVIEW

Release of 'Children' fails to live up to film

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Scene Writer

"Children of Men" was a film that was criminally overlooked upon its original release, but, like the classic "Blade Runner" that it has been compared to, it's not inconceivable that the film's reputation will expand following its home release.

The film, directed by Alfonso Cuarón (who also helmed "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Y Tu Mama Tambien") is about a future in which women are no longer able to bear children.

Theo Faron (Clive Owen) is a clerical worker who becomes embroiled in a

scandal involving a young girl named Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey) who is discovered carrying a baby. Faron must help Kee escape to the safety of an off-shore "Human Project," but they are blocked by the government and other forces from all sides.

"Children of Men" is a complex picture, though its plotting essentially boils down to a glorified chase film. Technically masterful, it brings a lot of ideas to the table and, like most of the best science fiction, doesn't bring unwarranted attention to its dystopian future.

The characters fully inhabit this world and their fatalism is one of the most affecting aspects of Cuarón's many-layered themes. The acting is solid throughout, though it's Owen who gives the finest performance. He is aided by capable support from Julianne Moore as his ex-wife and Michael Caine especially, as a crusty old mentor.

The film was mostly overlooked at the major award shows and failed to garner a Best Picture nomination or any acting nominations at the Oscars. It was, however, nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay, but lost to "The Departed."

But like "Blade Runner" and "Brazil," its status as a cult film is already being solidified. Like those other left-field classics, "Children of Men" may soon be appreciated as Cuarón's best work — certainly, it's his most accomplished to date, at least from a technical perspective.

"Children of Men" comes to DVD in a one-disc widescreen edition with an anamorphic transfer that preserves the film's 1.85:1 aspect ratio. The picture is very clean and crisp, which accentuates Lubezki's stunning cinematography.



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Clive Owen plays Theo Faron in the Alfonso Cuarón film "Children of Men." The plot centers on a pregnant women in a future society where child-bearing is impossible.

Cuarón is known for his moving camera, and "Children of Men" has very complex mise-en-scene that transfers well to DVD.

The sound comes in a 5.1 Dolby Digital track which is adequately immersive, though it's a bit disappointing that there wasn't a DTS track included — the "war scenes" really could have benefited from the depth and power of DTS.

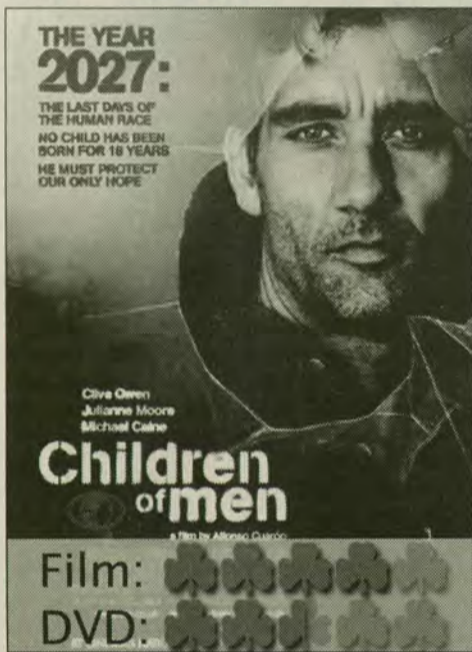
It's too bad that a film of this caliber doesn't come in a two-disc special edition, especially at its \$30 retail price tag. It's easy to suspect that a better edition will be forthcoming, which is often the case with high-profile films like this.

The extras on the disc include several

making-of featurettes and an interesting look at how the special effects of the baby were done. Unfortunately, there's no commentary, which is a shame — it would be interesting to hear what Cuarón, Owen, Moore and Caine would have to say.

"Children of Men" is a great film that deserves a better release. As with "Flags of Our Fathers" (whose special edition has already been announced), don't be surprised if a special edition is not that far down the road. As it stands, the one-disc DVD is an adequate release of an excellent film.

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Film:
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Mandarin House serves up great food, service

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For those looking for a Chinese meal that's a cut above typical take-out, Mandarin House is South Bend's best bet. With excellent dishes served at reasonable prices, the restaurant overcomes its basic shortcomings, making it a popular choice among locals and Notre Dame students alike.

The food is reasonably priced — most meals cost between \$10 and \$15. The fare consists of traditional Chinese restaurant dishes, like chicken, pork, beef and seafood, with a few "chef's specialties" thrown in, though there's nothing out of the ordinary on the menu.

In actuality, however, the simplicity of the menu is a strength rather than a weakness, as it guides diners to the more popular dishes, which are also coincidentally the restaurant's best. There is an assortment of teas, soups and appetizers, though a full meal can add several dollars to the overall cost. For those on a budget, a single dish is likely enough.

Portion sizes are adequate, though they could be bigger. They're filling enough, though they do seem a bit smaller than what might be served at other Chinese restaurants. The main course comes on its own plate, with white rice served in a separate dish (one per table). The amount of food is

roughly comparable to the amount from regular Chinese take-out and many dishes are served with vegetables or other sides.

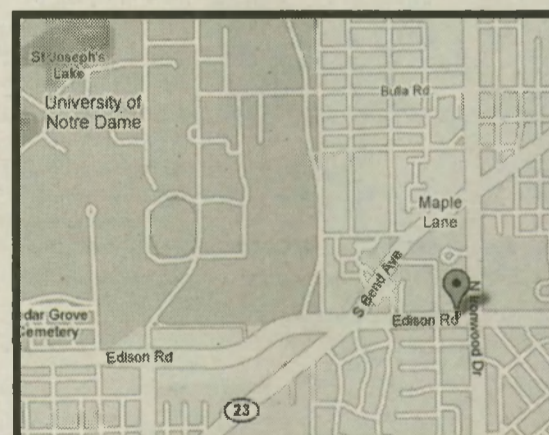
The décor isn't anything special, though the fish tank near the door is a nice touch. In fact, aside from some decorations hanging on the wall, there isn't much to distinguish Mandarin House as a Chinese restaurant — even the exterior is unassuming, with only a sign indicating the type of food served.

The dining area is essentially one large room with tables scattered throughout. There are no booths and many of the tables are removed from the walls — a possible problem for families or larger groups.

The real draw, however, is the quality of the food — this is where Mandarin House sets itself apart. Heads and shoulders better than typical Chinese take-out, the restaurant serves excellent chicken, beef and seafood.

The chicken dishes, especially the empress chicken and sesame chicken, are outstanding. Since most of the dishes are comparably priced to take-out, the excellent food is enough to recommend Mandarin House.

Service was extremely prompt, though that same over-attentiveness made the meal feel a bit rushed. The food is served almost instantly, which really increases the pace of the whole experience (though serving soups and teas slows it down a bit). The waiting



The
Mandarin
House

Rating:

Recommended Dishes:

Sesame Chicken

Empress Chicken



Positives:

Food, Service

Negatives:

Atmosphere

staff, though friendly, also moves things along quickly, which might be problematic for some diners who like to enjoy their meal leisurely.

Overall, Mandarin House doesn't seem to have a lot going for it other than the quality of the food — but that alone is enough to recommend it.

It's not an amazing dining experience and the decor and atmosphere is mid-

dling, but the service is prompt and attentive and the dishes are delicious, and really, those are the two essentials. For those who have the time and mind to sit down and take in an excellent Chinese meal, Mandarin House is the way to go in South Bend.

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NBA

Miracle heave lifts Pistons to overtime victory

Nelson scores 18 as Magic hand Knicks fourth straight loss; Shaq passes Miller on points list in win over Hawks

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rasheed Wallace forced overtime with a 60-foot buzzer beater, then added another key 3 to help the Detroit Pistons defeat the Denver Nuggets 113-109 on Monday night.

The short-handed Pistons needed a miracle just to get to the extra period — they trailed 98-95 with 1.5 seconds to play, and Denver only needed to put the ball into play at midcourt.

The inbound pass, though, bounced off Allen Iverson and Tayshaun Prince, and Wallace threw up a desperation two-handed set shot that banked in as the buzzer sounded.

Chauncey Billups led the Pistons with a season-high 34 points and 10 assists, Wallace scored 22 and Antonio McDyess added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Marcus Camby led the Nuggets with 24 points and added 13 rebounds, while Nene had 21 points and 17 rebounds. Carmelo Anthony and Iverson, though, combined for only 29 on 11-of-33 shooting.

Denver led 106-103 in overtime, but Wallace hit another

tying 3-pointer, this one from a more conventional distance, to tie the game with a minute left.

After a Denver turnover, McDyess made a free throw to give Detroit a one-point lead with 27.6 seconds left.

Wallace then rebounded J.R. Smith's airball and hit two from the line to make it 109-106.

Linas Kleiza badly missed a 3-pointer, and Billups clinched the game from the free-throw line.

The Pistons won despite missing two starters — Chris Webber and Richard Hamilton — with the flu. Flip Murray played despite a milder case of the same illness.

Detroit led 38-23 early in the second quarter, but turned the ball over six times in the next eight minutes, setting up a 21-4 Denver run to close the half.

Smith had 12 points in the period, including a reverse dunk that tied the score and a fast-break layup seconds later to give Denver a 44-42 lead.

Denver extended the margin to 62-50 midway through the third, but Detroit started forcing turnovers and got back into the game.

Denver needed two 3-pointers by Smith just to get into the

fourth with a 71-71 tie.

Magic 94 Knicks 89

Jameer Nelson made the tying and go-ahead 3-pointers and finished with 18 points, and the Orlando Magic beat New York Monday night, the Knicks' season-high fourth straight loss.

Hedo Turkoglu also scored 18 points for the Magic, who got their second consecutive key victory in the race for a playoff berth and moved into sole possession of seventh place in the Eastern Conference. Tony Battie added 14 points and Dwight Howard had 10 points, 14 rebounds and a pivotal blocked shot late in the game.

Orlando snapped a tie for seventh which New Jersey. The Magic were coming off a victory over the Nets.

Stephon Marbury scored 32 points for the fading Knicks, who have lost six of seven. They fell two games behind New Jersey for the eighth spot.

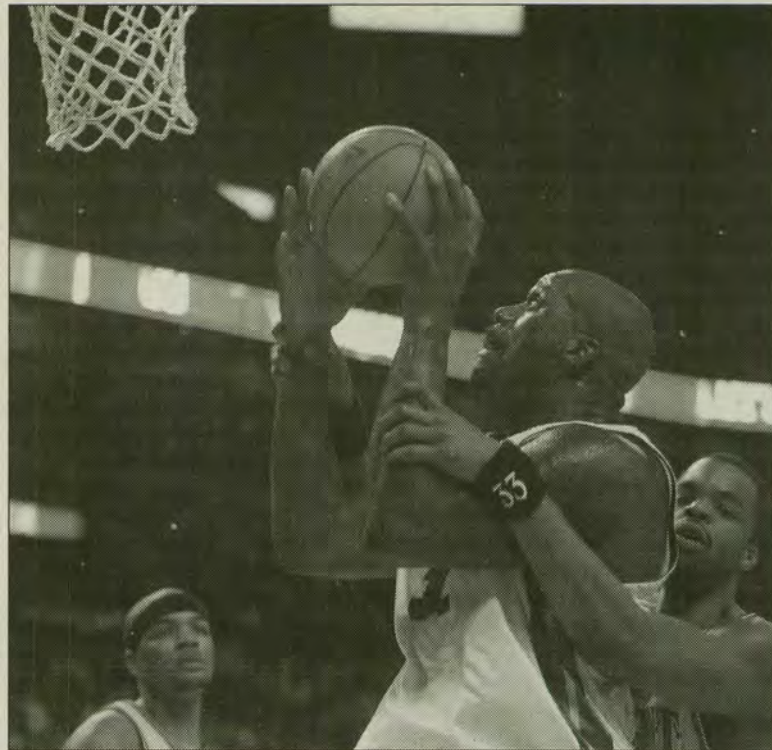
Eddy Curry scored 17 points for the injury-depleted Knicks, who fell to a season-high 10 games under .500.

David Lee has missed the last two games after making a somewhat surprising return from an 11-game absence with an injured right leg. With Jamal Crawford and Quentin Richardson also out, the Knicks were forced to give more minutes than usual to rookies Renaldo Balkman and Mardy Collins.

Though coach Isiah Thomas tried to somewhat downplay the importance of this game, time appears to be running out for the Knicks, who face tough games against Cleveland and Dallas this week.

Dismal from the line most of the night, the Knicks finally hit their free throws when it mattered. With New York trailing by five, Marbury made a layup, then Nate Robinson and Marbury each made a pair of free throws to give the Knicks an 83-82 lead with 2:25 remaining.

Curry then converted a three-point play, pushing the lead to 86-82 with 1:51 left. But Orlando tied it at 87 on Nelson's 3-pointer with 1:06 to go, and after Howard blocked Marbury's drive — a play the Knicks felt should have been goaltending — Nelson knocked down another 3 to make it 90-



Heat center Shaquille O'Neal goes to the basket in Miami's 106-89 win over Atlanta Monday. O'Neal scored 22 points in the victory.

87 with 38 seconds remaining.

Marbury made another pair of free throws to cut it to one, but Turkoglu answered with a pair before Howard added another block on a drive by Robinson.

Orlando shot 61 percent in the first quarter to open a 23-21 lead. The game was still tied before Balkman had a pair of fast-break dunks in the final minute, giving New York a 49-45 lead at halftime.

Heat 106 Hawks 89

Shaquille O'Neal scored 22 points to pass Reggie Miller for 12th on the NBA's career list and the Miami Heat finished off a four-game season sweep of the Atlanta Hawks with a win on Monday night.

O'Neal entered the night 10 points behind Miller's total of 25,279, and passed the former Indiana sharpshooter with a free throw midway through the first half.

That was fitting, since the Hawks hacked him early and often, sending him to the foul line a season-high 20 times. O'Neal made 12, another season-best, and finished with 11 rebounds for his sixth double-double.

James Posey scored 19 points, shot 6-for-9 and finished with his

second-best scoring night of the season for the Heat. Jason Williams had 14 points and Eddie Jones scored 13 for the Heat, who beat the Hawks for the 18th time in the last 21 meetings between the teams.

Salim Stoudamire had 22 points off the bench for Atlanta, while Josh Smith had 20 and Marvin Williams added 14 for the Hawks, who've lost four straight.

The Hawks sent Miami to the line a season-high-tying 45 times, largely because of their penchant for surrounding — then clobbering — O'Neal.

Lorenzen Wright started at center against O'Neal, and picked up four fouls in his seven minutes. Sheldon Williams came off the bench, drawing four fouls in 15 minutes. Esteban Batista was called for five fouls in 13 minutes spent primarily guarding Miami's biggest man, and hit O'Neal so often in the third quarter that Jason Williams turned to the scorer's table and asked how many infractions he was allowed.

In the fourth, the Hawks asked Solomon Jones to take a turn — and he promptly fouled O'Neal four times in five minutes.

Hawks coach Mike Woodson got a technical for arguing a call with 4:14 left.



Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace makes a desperation 3-pointer to force overtime in Detroit's 113-109 win over the Nuggets.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	44-23-8	96	4-5-1
Pittsburgh	43-23-10	96	7-2-1
NY Rangers	39-28-9	87	7-1-2
NY Islanders	36-27-12	84	3-4-3
Philadelphia	20-44-11	51	3-7-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Buffalo	48-20-7	103	4-4-2
x-Ottawa	45-23-8	98	7-0-3
Montreal	39-31-6	84	6-4-0
Toronto	36-29-10	82	5-4-1
Boston	34-35-6	74	2-7-1

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Atlanta	37-31	88	6-4-0
Tampa Bay	37-32	86	4-6-0
Carolina	32-38	84	6-3-1
Florida	27-44	76	5-4-1
Washington	26-45	65	2-7-1

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Nashville	48-21-7	103	4-3-3
x-Detroit	45-19-11	101	4-3-3
St. Louis	31-32-12	74	3-5-2
Columbus	31-37-7	69	6-4-0
Chicago	27-39-9	63	4-6-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	45-23-7	97	7-1-2
Minnesota	45-24-7	97	9-1-0
Calgary	40-25-10	90	5-4-1
Colorado	39-29-7	85	8-0-2
Edmonton	31-38-7	69	1-5-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Anaheim	44-19-12	100	7-2-1
Dallas	45-24-6	96	7-2-1
San Jose	46-26-4	96	7-1-2
Los Angeles	26-36-14	66	4-2-4
Phoenix	29-41-5	63	2-6-2

x - clinched playoff spot

FILA Men's Tennis Rankings

team	avg.	prev.
1 Georgia	97.00	1
2 Ohio State	88.43	3
3 Virginia	87.64	2
4 Baylor	81.96	5
5 NOTRE DAME	76.73	7
6 Illinois	74.81	6
7 Southern California	72.75	4
8 UCLA	66.04	8
9 Mississippi	63.15	10
10 LSU	62.88	13
11 Alabama	62.58	14
12 Wake Forest	61.75	9
13 Texas	60.75	12
14 North Carolina	58.20	11
15 Pepperdine	54.67	20
16 Oklahoma State	48.46	15
17 Duke	46.72	19
18 South Alabama	46.18	16
18 Boise State	45.67	27
20 VCU	44.06	32

NFL



Titans cornerback Pacman Jones could face felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a shooting incident outside of a strip club in Las Vegas during the NBA All-Star weekend in February.

Jones could face charges in Vegas shooting

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tennessee Titans star Adam "Pacman" Jones could face felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a triple shooting at a strip club in February.

Jones would face a felony charge of coercion and misdemeanor threat and battery charges in the 5 a.m. shooting at Minxx, police Lt. George Castro said Monday.

Castro said detectives haven't determined who fired the shots that wounded three people, one critically, outside the club during the NBA All-Star game weekend.

Castro said the request for charges will be submitted to Clark County district attorney

David Roger no later than the end of the week. Roger will be asked to consider charges against the 23-year-old Jones and Robert Reid, 37, and Sadia Morrison, 24, whom Castro described as friends of Jones.

No arrest warrants have been issued, and an investigation will continue into whether another person might have been involved and fired the shots.

Castro characterized Jones as an instigator of a scuffle inside the club that led to the shooting outside.

"Was he an inciter? Yes, he was," Castro said.

Lawyers for Jones have denied Minxx club co-owner Robert Susnar's account that

Jones arrived and left the club with the shooter. After 500 hours of reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from the club, Castro said police were unable to establish a relationship between Jones and the shooter.

Jones was questioned by Las Vegas police and released.

Two club security guards and an unidentified woman were wounded in the shooting. One guard, who was paralyzed from the waist down, was transferred last week to a rehabilitation hospital. The other guard and the woman were not seriously wounded.

Jones' attorney Worrick Robinson of Nashville, Tenn.

had no comment before Monday's police news conference. Another Jones lawyer, Manny Arora in Atlanta, was out of the office and did not immediately respond to a message from The Associated Press.

The pre-dawn shooting followed a scuffle that broke out in the club when dancers on stage were showered with thousands of dollar bills, according to a police search warrant.

Susnar has said the shooting happened after Jones threatened to kill a bouncer, whom the club owner said intervened when Jones allegedly attacked a dancer who grabbed money on the stage.

IN BRIEF

No criminal wrongdoing in Tillman's death, military says

WASHINGTON — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded Monday.

Defense officials and a pair of reports released Monday on the 2004 incident, however, did not rule out criminal action by those who provided misleading information as the military was investigating the killing. They said, however, that they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up.

Army and Defense Department investigators said officers looking into Tillman's death passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers.

NFL commish to establish new disciplinary measures

PHOENIX — One day after yet another NFL player was arrested, commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday a stronger player conduct policy will not be completed at these league meetings.

By next month, however, Goodell expects to have in place the stricter plan and hopes to make some disciplinary decisions before the April 28-29 draft.

"It's a complicated issue and there are no simple answers," Goodell said, adding he planned to meet with coaches and owners in a day or so to discuss player conduct. "We want to find out what is working well with the clubs and what is not working, get a set of best practices so they can implement them on a local basis."

"We're expecting discipline will be stepped up," he added.

NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has expressed his support of a tougher disciplinary policy.

Bettman tired of opposition to fighting in NHL

TORONTO — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says fighting is part of hockey and believes some people have been "running off a little too fast on this topic."

"My view on fighting hasn't changed," Bettman told The Canadian Press on Monday. "We've never taken active steps or considered eliminating fighting from the game."

"I've always taken the view that it's a part of the game and it rises and lowers based on what the game dictates."

While Bettman seemed OK with the game's current stand on fighting, he's concerned about the larger safety issues.

"The discussion that we've been having is about player safety and injuries," said Bettman. "We've had a number of injuries resulting from fighting recently."

around the dial

NHL

Devils at Islanders
7:30 p.m., Versus

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

West Virginia at Mississippi St.
7:00 p.m., ESPN2

Clemson at Air Force
9:00 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA BASKETBALL

Durant leads All-America team

Associated Press

If Kevin Durant and Greg Oden play only one season of college basketball, it will have been as All-Americans.

The freshmen were voted to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday, the first members of their class so honored since 1990.

The 6-foot-9 Durant, who led Texas to the Big 12 title game, was the only unanimous choice of the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25.

Oden, the 7-footer who helped Ohio State to its first No. 1 ranking in 45 years, was joined on the team by seniors Alando Tucker of Wisconsin and Acie Law IV of Texas A&M and junior Arron Afflalo of UCLA. The voting was conducted before the NCAA tournament.

Since freshmen became eligible to play in 1972, the only ones selected to the first team had been Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma in 1983 and Chris Jackson of LSU in 1989.

Durant, the first Texas All-American since T.J. Ford in 2003, averaged 25.6 points and 11.3 rebounds, but it was his all-around game and penchant for big shots in the clutch that had people ranking him as one of the best freshmen ever.

"There's no question Kevin deserves every individual accolade that he will receive," Texas coach Rick Barnes said, "but the one thing I respect most about Kevin is that he is the ultimate team player. He really doesn't care about the individual numbers and awards. All he cares about is the success of his team. When you're around a guy like that, it makes coaching him a joy."

Durant, the Big 12 player of the year, backed up his coach's sentiments.

"I am not very big on individual honors, but I am very humbled to be included on the Associated Press All-America team," he said. "When you look at the other four guys who are on the team, I am honored to be mentioned with them. I have so much respect for how each



Texas freshman Kevin Durant, named a unanimous All-American Monday, dunks in a victory over Oklahoma State.

one of them has led their respective teams and handled themselves, both on and off the court. I look up to each one of them."

Oden, the first Ohio State All-American since Jim Jackson in 1992, missed the first seven games as he recovered from offseason surgery on his right wrist. As he rehabilitated from the injury he learned to shoot free throws left-handed and didn't miss a beat when he returned to the Buckeyes, averaging 15.5 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.5 blocks while shooting 61.4 percent from the field.

"I'm very surprised," Oden said of being selected. "Just with how things went, I didn't really play a whole season, and I know there are a lot of other guys with better numbers than me. I'm just surprised, but I'm honored and the best I can do is keep on playing."

His Buckeyes face Georgetown on Saturday in the

Final Four.

Oden had a quick answer when asked about the success of himself and Durant in their first seasons in college.

"It's just younger guys coming in and just playing basketball, not worried about age or anything," he said.

Both played in college in large part because of the new rule that prohibits the NBA from drafting players until they turn 19 and are out of high school for one year.

"I'm not sold that the rule is right or wrong, but I think it shows you the impact and the influx of how many great players are out there," said Ohio State coach Thad Matta. "I think that's why there's so much parity nowadays in college basketball."

Tucker and Law were Wisconsin's and Texas A&M's first All-America selections, while Afflalo was UCLA's first since Ed O'Bannon in 1995.

Razorbacks' coach Heath dismissed

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Stan Heath was fired Monday after five seasons at Arkansas after losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year.

The Razorbacks made the NCAA Tournament thanks to a late-season run, but that was not enough to save Heath's job. Arkansas (21-14) lost 77-60 to Southern California in the first round.

Arkansas spokesman Kevin Trainor said Heath and athletic director Frank Broyles met Monday morning, and Broyles informed Heath of the decision.

"The decision to make a coaching change was difficult due to the respect I have for Stan Heath," athletic director Frank Broyles said in a release. "He represented the University of Arkansas with

professionalism and integrity. ... However, in my professional judgment, it is best that the program move forward under new leadership in our efforts to return Razorback basketball to national prominence."

Heath met with reporters in Fayetteville shortly after the announcement.

"I'm a little surprised, but in this business, universities have the right to make decisions," Heath said. "They have the right to make choices about what they want and what they feel is best for their university."

Heath led Kent State to the round of eight in the NCAA Tournament in 2002, then took over at Arkansas that offseason after Nolan Richardson was fired. The Razorbacks missed the tournament his first three seasons but made it in 2006 and 2007, losing in the first round

each time.

"I realize here the expectations are really high," Heath said. "It's Final Four, it's Sweet 16s, and it's SEC championships on a regular basis. ... I really feel like this team was poised to do that."

Arkansas went 9-19 in 2002-03, then improved its win total for three straight seasons.

Heath's record at the school was 82-71, but he went 31-49 in Southeastern conference play.

Heath indicated ticket sales and lukewarm fan support might have played a role in his dismissal.

"The decision to make a coaching change was difficult due to the respect I have for [former coach] Stan Heath."

Frank Broyles
athletic director
Arkansas

"The season ticket sales and the fan base was [Broyles'] biggest concern," Heath said. "I don't have those figures, but I'm sure he keeps track of them."

When the Razorbacks struggled toward the end of the regular season, reports surfaced

that Heath would be fired if Arkansas did not make the NCAA Tournament. The Razorbacks then won five straight games and reached the SEC tournament final.

Arkansas made the NCAA Tournament as a No. 12 seed before being blown out by USC.

"About five years ago, when I came here, I knew it was a hard, hard job — the environment was tough," Heath said. "There were a lot of things we had to deal with, and we found a way to get through that. I'm proud of that. I'm proud of the fact that this program is better now than it was five years ago when we started."

Arkansas fired Richardson in 2002 after the coach said toward the end of a frustrating season, "If they go ahead and pay me my money, they can take the job tomorrow." Broyles

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NFL

Pro-Bowler Spikes traded to Philadelphia

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles acquired Pro Bowl linebacker Takeo Spikes and quarterback Kelly Holcomb from the Buffalo Bills on Monday night for defensive tackle Darwin Walker and a conditional draft pick in 2008.

"This is something that has been brewing," Bills general manager Marv Levy said. "Takeo is a good person, but we wanted to strengthen our defensive tackle. They've been looking for a linebacker and I think they wanted an experienced backup quarterback."

A nine-year NFL veteran, Spikes was slow recovering last year from a right Achilles' tendon tear he suffered in Week 3 of the 2005 season. He's scheduled to make \$9.5 million (\$4.5 million this season) over the final two years of the six-year contract he signed after joining the team as a free agent.

Spikes played his first five seasons with Cincinnati and had been seeking a contract extension with Buffalo. But he grew increasingly frustrated playing for a team that's constantly shuffling its roster and coaching staff, and has gone seven seasons since last making the playoffs.

Spikes, a former first-round pick, could be a big upgrade at linebacker for the Eagles, who have struggled at that spot the past few seasons.

Dhani Jones has never been the playmaker the Eagles needed and Matt McCoy struggled last season before losing his job to Omar Gaither. The Eagles also lost free agent Shawn Barber to Houston.

"Takeo Spikes is a proven playmaker in the National Football League," Eagles general manager Tom Heckert said. "He has the ability to play all three linebacking positions and were happy to add him to our defense."

Spikes had 11 starts in 12 games last season, while missing four with a hamstring injury after he was hurt in Buffalo's season-opener at New England. He finished with 76 tackles, one sack and a forced fumble, modest numbers for a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

He's the second high-profile Bills player to be traded this offseason and also the second starting linebacker the team has lost. Buffalo dealt running back Willis McGahee to Baltimore and linebacker London Fletcher signed with Washington earlier this month.

Walker started 15 games and was tied for second on the Eagles with six sacks, and had 56 tackles. Three of his sacks came Oct. 8 against Dallas, and he tied an Eagles postseason record with two sacks in a loss at New Orleans.

With the addition of Walker, the Bills bolster what had been an inexperienced defensive tackle position last season.

Besides veteran Larry Tripplett, Buffalo went with a young rotation led by rookie fifth-round pick Kyle Williams and second-year veteran Tim Anderson. The line also experienced a setback when defensive tackle John McCargo, the second of Buffalo's two first-round picks, was lost for the season after he broke his left foot in Week 5.

Holcomb has made 21 starts

over an 11-year career. He joins A.J. Feeley on the quarterback depth chart behind Donovan McNabb. Holcomb did not play last season, but completed 155 of 230 passes for 1,509 yards with 10 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 2005.

Holcomb proved expendable in Buffalo after J.P. Losman won the starting job in training camp following an off-season long three-way competition between Holcomb and third-stringer Craig Nall. That was a considerable step for Losman, who was twice benched in 2005 in favor of Holcomb.

Losman then showed gradual progress last season, leading the Bills to a better than expected 7-9 finish. Losman showed particular improvement over the last half of the season, when the Bills won four of their last seven games.

That was enough for Jauron to name Losman the starter.



Former Buffalo linebacker Takeo Spikes runs during the Bills' 17-16 loss to Indianapolis at home Nov. 12. Spikes was traded Monday to Philadelphia in exchange for tackle Darwin Walker and a 2008 draft pick.

TODAY! Panel Discussion "Human Rights in El Salvador Today"

12:30 pm - Hesburgh Center, Room C103

Panel: Judge Victoria Marina de Avilés, Neris Gonzalez, Douglass Cassel, and John D. French
Chaired by: Karen Richman, Director of Migration and Border Studies

Eucharistic Liturgy Honoring Women of Service in Latin America

4:00 pm - Church of Lorreto, Saint Mary's College

Celebrant: Rev. John Korcsmar, CSC


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CLUB SPORTS

Irish nab second at regatta

Special to The Observer

Sailing

Despite the classic St. Joe's Lake wind shifts, the Freshman Icebreaker Regatta was a success. On Saturday, eight races in both the A and B divisions were completed in shifting winds. Windward Leeward "twice arounds" and triangle windward leewards were sailed. On Sunday the remaining four races were sailed in each division.

Tim O'Brien, Karen Wiborg and Louise Eich crewed the Notre Dame one-boat. The Irish two-boat finished first in the B Division.

Wisconsin captured the overall trophy for both A and B Divisions, as it placed first among the 11 entered teams. Notre Dame finished second, followed by Michigan Maize, Miami and John Carroll in the top-five. Michigan Blue, Toledo, Western Michigan, GLMA, Notre Dame-two and Iowa completed the field.

Men's Rowing

Notre Dame and Grand Valley State competed in a series of races Saturday. On the varsity level, Notre Dame's first and second varsity eights raced their counterparts from Grand Valley's team.

Notre Dame's lightweight four raced against two Grand Valley lightweight fours. The day concluded with three races in which two Notre Dame and two Grand Valley novice boats competed.

The day began with a thick fog blanketing the race course. The races started at Grand Valley's boathouse, and were rowed the equivalent of 1500 meters against the strong current of the Grand River. In the first three varsity races, the Grand Valley boats edged out their Notre Dame counterparts, with the Notre Dame boats finishing second and fourth on each of those pieces. On the final piece, Gigi Gutierrez coxed Notre Dame's first boat (4:40.35) of Ray Schleck, Tedd Hawks, Karol Grzesiak, Jake Teitgen, Michael Lucci, Steve Maher, P.J. McAward and Kane Pithey to a narrow victory over Grand Valley (4:40.73). Julie Lambe's second eight, which had its lineup rotated for seat racing, took fourth place.

Notre Dame's lightweight four beat both of Grand Valley's lightweight fours in all three race pieces. Each piece was competitive, and the Irish crew showed its endurance by pulling away in the second half of each piece. Notre Dame's coxswain duties were rotated between Mike Lehmann and Radhika Deva, and the boat lineup was shuffled between pieces.

The two Irish novice crews raced against the very strong novice from Grand Valley. In each of the three race pieces, the two Irish boats finished third and fourth. Beth Daley, Andria Seneviratne and Caitlin Hawryszkow each coxed for the Irish crews.

Notre Dame's novice eights and lightweight fours will compete in Michigan again

next weekend at the Lubber's Cup. The top-two Irish eights will travel to San Diego to race in the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic.

Ultimate

The Ultimate Club hosted the 11th-annual Whitesmoke Tournament in South Bend. The tournament was scheduled to be on campus at the Riehle Fields, but wet weather forced the tournament to Boehm Park. A total of seven women's teams and 13 men's teams competed this weekend, enjoying the unseasonably warm weather.

The men's team started in a "power pool" of five teams that guaranteed each a spot in the championship bracket Sunday. In their first game the Irish faced a club from Michigan, B.A.T.

The Irish out ran BAT but the turnovers added up and the Irish lost the game on double game point. Undeterred, the Irish came out hard against Marquette. Freshman Andrew Schroeder caught score after score as the Irish posted a 13-11 win. After the bye, the Irish faced section-rival Wheaton College. With pin-point throws from Thomas Rivas and crushing defense from Bill Carson, the Irish cruised to a 13-6 victory.

The game of the day, and the *raison d'être* for Whitesmoke, was the undergraduate versus alumni game. Over 20 alumni made the trip back to their old stomping grounds to match-up against the next generation.

The undergraduates took half 7-4 on a huge grab by Chris O'Neil. In the second half the young legs of the undergraduates won out for the day — sophomore Daniel Reimer dominated on offense and defense for the undergraduates. The undergraduates taught the old guys some new tricks and ended the game 13-7.

Sunday started with a bracket of eight teams vying for the championship. The Irish faced North Park in their first game after earning the second seed Saturday. Solid handling by Jesse McGannon coupled with aggressive cutting by Tim Peterson helped the Irish cruise to a 13-5 victory.

In the semi-finals the Irish faced Marquette for the second time. Calm and determined play, most notably by Eric Blevins, carried the Irish to a 13-10 win. This placed the Irish in the championship game for the first time in the eleven-year history of the tournament. The Irish faced their first opponent of the weekend, B.A.T., for the second time. After trailing 7-4 at the half, the Irish clawed their way back to take the lead 8-7. However, the throws and veteran savvy of the perennial national contender proved to be too much for the Irish, who lost 13-11.

Squash

James Zhang, Phil Moss and Mike McConnell competed in the Illinois State Singles Championships this weekend in Chicago. Zhang

and Moss were runner-up in the 5.0 and 4.0 divisions, respectively, while McConnell won the 3.5 Division title. This was the best overall showing for the Irish in the event.

Women's Water Polo

Women's Water Polo had a strong showing this weekend at Grand Valley State's tournament, going 3-1. The first game was a decisive 13-4 victory over the Michigan's B-team. Kristin Schmitt led the scoring with four goals, followed by Bridget O'Neill with three. Kelly Horner, MC Cimino and Cristina Romano each had two. The cage was shared by Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde — all four of the opponent's goals came in the fourth quarter.

The second game was a decisive 15-2 victory over the University of Guelph. Romano, O'Neill and Cimino all scored hat-tricks. Horner and Kristen Harchut had two goals each, Schmitt and Kat Kennifer each added another. Goaltending was split again between O'Neill and Hyde.

The third game pitted a tough Miami team against the Irish, resulting in a 7-4 loss. Schmitt had two goals and O'Neill and Emily Harig each added another.

The Irish ended the weekend with a 4-3 victory over Michigan State. Horner, Kennifer, Cimino and Romano all scored for the Irish. Two of MSU's goals were scored on man-up advantages. O'Neill manned the cage with nine saves.

MLB

Matsuzaka impresses in five no-hit innings

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched five hitless innings that left him silent and dissatisfied.

The Red Sox's celebrated rookie walked five Cincinnati Reds and fell short of his own expectation for himself Monday.

That expectation, manager Terry Francona said, is "perfection."

It doesn't disappear, even in a spring training game when he doesn't allow a run, a hit or a runner past second base.

After Boston's 5-0 loss, Matsuzaka stared at the floor in the visitors' clubhouse for some time. It's not the way he wanted his last full tuneup for his first major league season to end, especially for a player the Red Sox invested \$103 million in because of his ability to avoid such struggles during eight seasons in Japan.

The usually cooperative pitcher refused to talk to reporters and issued a statement.

"This time of year I think the content of my pitching is more important than the result on paper. I am not happy with the content of my pitching today," it said. "I threw a lot of walks and wasted balls. It was tough on my [fielders] to defend and to get into a good rhythm on offense. It's something I will want to pay attention to in the regular season."

Francona said the right-hander was fine physically after throwing 104 pitches, his spring training high. He's expected to throw 40-60 pitches Saturday in

Philadelphia in his last exhibition appearance.

"Even though he probably didn't command like he wants to," Francona said. "He didn't give them anything. There's a lot of ways for him to get outs."

He warned against reading too much into a game in March even though Matsuzaka's outings are scrutinized heavily by reporters.

"He doesn't have the right to have spring training because of every camera and all you guys," Francona said with a touch of sarcasm. "This is a spring training game in Sarasota."

"Let's just ease off." Besides, there were some impressive parts to Matsuzaka's work.

The Reds fielded nearly their full regular lineup and he struck out six, including his last batter, and had better control in his final inning.

"He very much kept us in the game," pitching coach John Farrell said. "Some of the counts were a little bit of a struggle for him, but I think, overall, he kept his composure to the point of not letting an inning unravel."

Matsuzaka threw an unusually high 45 balls and had trouble controlling his fastball. But when hitters do make contact they usually make outs; he hasn't given up a hit in his last 10 innings.

Of the last 37 batters he's faced, 30 made outs, six walked and one reached on a catcher's interference by Jason Varitek against the Reds.

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The hitless streak began last Wednesday.

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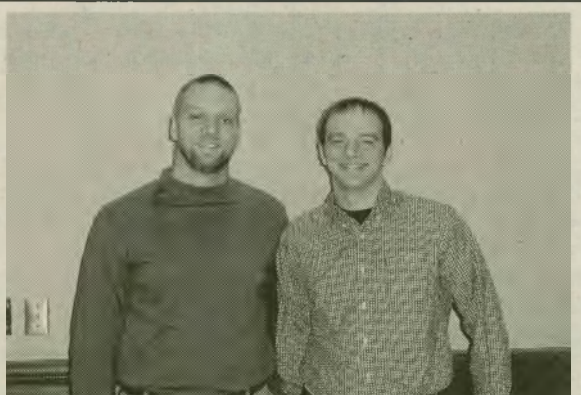
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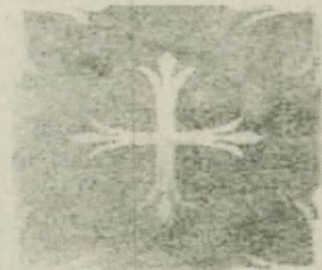
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CLUB SPORTS

Bikers battle tough course

Special to The Observer

Cycling

Notre Dame had a strong showing this past weekend at races hosted by Michigan State and Michigan. Saturday's race near East Lansing featured a 4.4-mile loop with over a mile of dirt road each lap, an oddity for road racing. The muddy, rough dirt section tore the races apart but proved to be exciting and fun for those racing. Jenn Perricone and Meghan Johnson rode very strong in the Women's B race. They stayed at the front of the pack and sprinted across the line for fifth and seventh, respectively.

Next up was the Men's B race, featuring strong performances from Peter Nistler and Andy Steves. Steves unleashed his trademark closing sprint and posted another first place for the Irish. Nathan Menendez raced next in the Men's D category. Menendez crossed the line with a chase group, still managing to finish a grueling race.

The 52-mile Men's A race was the last of the day, featuring Neil Griggs, Mike Lavery, Tim Campbell and Matt Prygoski. Griggs was forced to pull out early due to mechanical problems. Prygoski helped instigate a five-man breakaway after two miles of racing. The break held off the shrinking main pack for the next 50 miles. Prygoski was edged out in the sprint and took second. Lavery and Campbell stuck with a hard chase group, often times doing solo efforts. They placed 15th and 17th, respectively.

Sunday's race included repeated steep climbs that broke up the main packs like the dirt section did the day before. Notable results from the day included Johnson's 10th and Jenn's 12th-place finish in the Women's B race. Prygoski finished 10th in the elite Men's A field. In what has become a regular occurrence, Steves again won the Men's B race with a powerful sprint.

This weekend's results almost guarantee the Irish a qualifying spot for the Division II Nationals.

Gymnastics

Notre Dame continued its strong showing this past weekend at the Michigan Madness meet, held in Brighton, Mich., and co-hosted by Michigan and

Eastern Michigan.

Anne Krishnan once again led the women's team by placing first on vault, fourth on beam, seventh on floor and third in the all-around.

Freshman Kelsey Ingram also made a strong showing in her second meet for the Irish, placing fifth on both beam and floor. Kelleen O'Leary also placed third on bars. Wendy Jo Svetanoff, Sophia Troy and Alya Holowatyj also contributed to the team's third-place finish.

Miami won the team competition with Michigan placing second. Paul Kane was the lone representative for the Irish men, turning in strong performances on floor and vault. The Irish will host the next meet — the 25th-annual Clover Classic — this upcoming weekend, at Gymnastics Michiana.

Men's Volleyball

On Saturday, No. 6 Notre Dame ventured to Marquette for its final day of conference competition. With their national ranking and seeding for the national tournament on the line, the Irish were looking to have a solid showing in Milwaukee.

Notre Dame opened the day with a continuation of the conference round-robin, where the team was matched up against No. 4 Lakeland College. The Irish surprised Lakeland by taking an early lead on the strong serve receive of libero John Tibble and defensive specialist Frank Dax. Notre Dame never relented as it cruised to an upset first-game victory by the score of 25-18.

Lakeland responded with dominating outside hitting, which proved too much for the Irish blocking and defense. Lakeland locked up the second game with a convincing 18-25 win. The match came to a third set, which ultimately determined who would emerge from round-robin play in second and third place.

The set was neck and neck as the teams swapped side-outs until Lakeland went on a run to take a 9-12 lead. With little time, the Irish took hold of the match and went on a 6-1 run to finish the set, winning 15-13.

To close up the round-robin play, the Irish had to first beat Northern Illinois University and Iowa State University. Both teams

proved to be a challenge for the Irish, but neither was able to pull off the upset.

Northern Illinois gave the Irish two very tight games, but the blocking of the Irish middle blockers, James Foresman and Joe O'Connell, in key situations tipped both of them in favor of the Irish, 25-22, 27-25. In the final match of the round robin, the Irish were paired up against Iowa State. With the powerful attacking of Ted Grossestreuer, Arthur Kinsey and Mike Nejelly, the Irish were able to defeat the Cyclones in three sets 25-13, 22-25, and 15-7.

After playing every team in the conference, Notre Dame came out with an 8-1 record. The Irish were seeded second going into the tournament portion of the conference play and matched up against No. 21 Marquette.

Notre Dame took care of business in the first game with a 25-22 victory. In the second set, the Irish burst from the gates, getting an early 5-0 lead.

Marquette handily won the second set 16-25 and forced the match into a third set. Notre Dame came out early and with determination, taking a quick lead. By the time Marquette started playing on par with Notre Dame, it was too late as the Irish cruised to a 15-8 set and match victory.

With the win over Marquette, the Irish met again with Lakeland College, with the winner advancing to the conference championship against top-ranked Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Lakeland began the match quickly and with intensity, seeking revenge for the earlier upset. Strong serving by the opposition kept the Irish offense out of system and prevented them from putting up a strong fight in the first set, as Lakeland took it 19-25.

The outside hitting of senior Drew Williams and junior Dan Zibton beat on the Lakeland defense, leading to a 25-19 Irish second set victory.

In the third set, the Irish earned back-to-back points, increasing their lead to three. This lead held to 12-9, when Lakeland rallied. The match ended as Lakeland took the final game, 13-15, and sent the Irish off with a third-place finish in the conference tournament.

NFL

Faulk finally calls it quits, takes on new role



Former St. Louis running back Marshall Faulk celebrates the Rams' 29-24 victory over Philadelphia in the 2002 NFC Championship.

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Marshall Faulk's decision was easy after spending last year working for the NFL Network: At 34, his body is more suited for a television studio than for the rigors of playing running back.

After sitting out last season because of a knee injury, Faulk officially announced his retirement Monday. He's ninth on the NFL's career rushing list, 33 yards behind Jim Brown, who at one time was the standard for the position.

Faulk, the 2000 NFL MVP, is fourth in combined yards from scrimmage with 19,154 yards and his 6,875 yards receiving are the most ever among running backs.

"Just being around the game last year, I realized how much I love it," Faulk said. "But my health is everything. And I didn't want to return if I couldn't get through a full season. It all came together when a close friend asked me 'How many 34-year-old running backs are there?'"

Faulk starred at San Diego State, where he rushed for 386 yards and seven touchdowns in his first game, and led the nation in rushing as a freshman.

He was the second pick overall in the 1994 draft by

Indianapolis and was offensive rookie of the year that season.

He was traded by the Colts to St. Louis in 1999, where he became part of "The Greatest Show on Turf" with quarterback Kurt Warner and receivers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt. The team won the Super Bowl after the 1999 season and was upset two years later by New England in a Super Bowl that many critics thought the Rams would have won had Faulk carried the ball more often.

Faulk noted Monday that he had an unusual role in the development of that team — the injury during a 1999 exhibition game in San Diego to Trent Green that forced the Rams to go with Warner, an untested, undrafted free-agent backup at quarterback.

"There's kind of an unwritten rule among veterans in those games that when the play is over, you stopped," Faulk said. "I was blocking on Rodney Harrison and we had some things going between us. But I kind of let up and he kept going and he hit Trent. So when Kurt was forced to play, I kind of felt responsible and really wanted to make up for it."

He did. In that 1999 season, he ran for 1,381 yards and a 5.5 average and caught 87 passes for 1,048 yards.

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Brey

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Whether Brey leaves or not, the Irish will still have to replace guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter. Both were All-Big East first-team selections this season, averaging 15.3 and 17.1 points per game, respectively. McAlarney will help replace some of these offensive holes — he was averaging 10.3 points per game before his suspension — but his traditional role as point guard most likely belongs to rising sophomore Tory Jackson.

Jackson took over the starting position when McAlarney left. As the season wore on, Jackson became more comfortable in his new role.

Brey used Jackson off the bench even when McAlarney was still playing, for his defensive energy and his ability to shut down whomever he was guarding. But Jackson's offense steadily matured throughout the year, culminating in the Big East tournament semifinals against Georgetown.

With Notre Dame down seven and under three minutes to play, Jackson stole the show, tying the game by scoring the next seven points with his dazzling drives to the hoop.

Even though the Irish lost 84-82, Jackson's performance erased any doubt about his ability to carry the Irish under pressure.

The Irish cannot afford to lose Jackson's quickness and

creative ability, but also need a shooter like McAlarney to replace what they lose in Falls. McAlarney will most likely start as more of a shooting guard, while Jackson captains the offense.

Besides Jackson and McAlarney, Notre Dame has two other returning starters for next season.

Rising sophomore Luke Harangody (11.2 points per game) and rising senior Rob Kurz (12.6 points per game) will helm the Irish backcourt with rising junior Luke Zeller (3.8 points per game) coming off the bench to replace them.

One thing the big men need to improve upon for next season is offensive consistency.

During the season, whenever Harangody would have a big game, it seemed Kurz's numbers were down and vice versa.

With the departure of Falls and Carter, the Irish will need offensive output at all times from their big men.

Presumably, this leaves the fifth spot, the small forward position, open in the starting lineup. The likely candidates to fill this spot are rising juniors Zach Hillesland or Ryan Ayers.

Both bring different strengths to the table. Hillesland is a coach's best friend. He is a fundamentally sound player with a high basketball IQ who does all the little things that do not show up in the box score. Whether he sets a key screen, boxing out on rebounds, or playing good defense, Hillesland is a key part to Notre Dame's success.

If he can develop the mid-range jumper — a shot that can kill a two-three zone from the high post — over the summer, the starting role could be his.

Ayers has shown the ability to get hot and stay hot from behind the 3-point line. The unknown factor with Ayers is whether he can develop into a more complete player than a spot-up shooter. If he can enhance his play with penetration or some sort of inside presence, he could put numbers akin to Carter.

Back in November, Brey inked four recruits to come and play next winter. New York City-native Tyrone Nash looks as though he can have the biggest impact next season. Nash is a 6-foot-7 small forward that might get some time off the bench. Ty Proffitt, a 6-foot-4 guard from London, Ky., figures to wait in the wings of Jackson.

McAlarney and rising sophomore Jonathan Peoples. Carleton Scott and Tim Abromaitis will most likely start behind Kurz, Zeller, Harangody and rising sophomore Joe Harden before seeing any action.

Brey helped the Irish develop the good team chemistry this season that enabled them to compete with anyone they came across. Assuming he returns next season, he will have a solid foundation to build Notre Dame into a force again next year in the Big East.

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Calvin

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Belles with wins at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots. Starting the match in the No. 1 spot, senior captain Kelly McDavitt defeated Calvin freshman Elisabeth Geenen 6-4, 7-6 (6-4).

Following in the No. 2 spot, freshman Camille Gebert defeated Calvin senior Kari Lipinski in three sets, 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1.

The Belles did not fair as well in the third and fourth matches of the day. Saint Mary's sophomore Mary E. Campbell fell to senior Allyson Logan of Calvin College. After winning the first set 6-4, she dropped the second and third 6-3 and 6-1, respectively. Belle's freshman Lisa Rubino could not avenge Campbell's loss. Calvin freshman Rachel Strikwerda defeated Rubino 6-3, 6-3.

Senior Tara O'Brien rallied for the Belles to clinch the victory by defeating Knights' freshman Kelsey Bushhouse 7-6 (6-2), 6-0.

Stevenson said that he was

pleasantly surprised with the way Grace Gordon performed against Calvin. Gordon — a senior from Wilmette, Ill. — is not typically on the starting lineup but moved up to the No. 6 singles position. Gordon defeated Calvin freshman Rachel DeGroot in straight sets, surrendering only three games in the process.

Playing in their second conference match together, Gebert and McDavitt crushed Lipinski and Strikwerda 8-1 to earn their second doubles victory.

Playing in the No. 2 doubles spot, Campbell and Rubino suffered an 8-5 loss to Calvin's Logan and freshman Jill VanVeen. In the final match of the day Gordon and O'Brien lost 8-4 to Geenan and DeGroot.

Saint Mary's improved to 2-0 in the MIAA while Calvin fell to 2-1.

The Belles will continue play this weekend at the Wheaton Invitational. Stevenson said the team hopes to maintain its undefeated conference record next Tuesday when they take on Adrian on the road.

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Relief

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future, I'd answer that question," he said.

The Irish will get an opportunity to cure what ails them beginning tonight against the Chippewas. The MAC squad is just 11-10 on the year, despite boasting an impressive victory over a Stetson team that beat Notre Dame two weeks ago and took two out of three from South Florida earlier this month.

On the other hand, they were also swept in three-game series against Kansas State and Southern Illinois.

Central Michigan is led by catcher Tyler Stovall, who is hitting .455 with 17 runs

scored and 21 runs batted in and shortstop Ben Humphrey, who has a .305 batting average with 16 runs scored and 15 batted in.

Chicago State presents slightly less of a challenge. They will arrive in South Bend fresh off a home double header Tuesday against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in which Chicago State will try for its first win after dropping 22 straight to open the season.

In addition to dropping games against major conference foes like Cincinnati, the Cougars have also lost to Lipscomb and Hawaii-Hilo.

Both games will begin at 5:05 at Frank Eck Stadium.

"You have to get some guys to step up and want to be in clutch situations."

Dave Schrage
Irish coach

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Senior right-hander Dan Kapala pitches in Notre Dame's 9-1 loss to South Florida Sunday. The Irish face off against Central Michigan today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Freshman Jimmy Clausen charges down the field during practice Monday. The freshman will contend for starting quarterback for the fall season along with two sophomores and a junior.

Spring

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the Irish must replace most of last year's production — wide receiver and running back — Weis said that while he is not ready to name starters, the competitors for playing time are coming along nicely.

At running back, rising fifth-year senior Travis Thomas, rising senior Junior Jabbie, rising sophomore James Aldridge and early-entry freshman Armando Allen, among others, are competing to replace Darius Walker, who ran for 1,267 yards last year.

"I'm very encouraged by the running back position," Weis said.

At wideout, where rising junior David Grimes is the only experienced returning player, Weis said that some players have been impressive, but would not give specific names.

"Some guys are starting to separate from the pack," he said.

Weis did say that rising junior D.J. Hord, who missed all last season with an injury, is completely healthy but has struggled to re-adjust to the speed of the game.

"He's rusty," the coach said. "He doesn't look hurt, he just looks rusty."

Weis said the Irish have not had a full-contact practice yet, but he expects Hord to shake off the rust as soon as they do. Players coming off injuries can be skittish until they get hit for the first time.

"Because we don't take to the ground yet, he hasn't gotten hit

yet," Weis said. "We need to create a 'take to the ground' situation for him so that he can get that first one out of the way."

Notes

◆ Early-entry freshman cornerback Gary Gray broke his arm in practice Friday and will be out four to six weeks, Weis said Saturday.

"Gray landed on his right forearm, and he has a crack in his right forearm," Weis said. "It's not displaced, but there is a crack."

◆ Rising sophomore Munir Prince has been moved from running back to cornerback, Weis said Saturday.

"I think we were about to get a little too light at corner with Gary down, so we switched that over," Weis said. "Munir and I talked about this last night and again this morning, and we kind of finalized this."

Prince was an all-state cornerback in high school.

"He asked me to consider it," Weis said.

◆ Weis said captains for next year's team have already been named.

"With the youth on this team, we thought it would be a good idea to establish some form of leadership in between the coaches and the players," he said.

Thomas and rising fifth-year senior safety Tom Zbikowski will reprise their roles from last year, while Carlson and rising senior linebacker Maurice Crum will also be captains.

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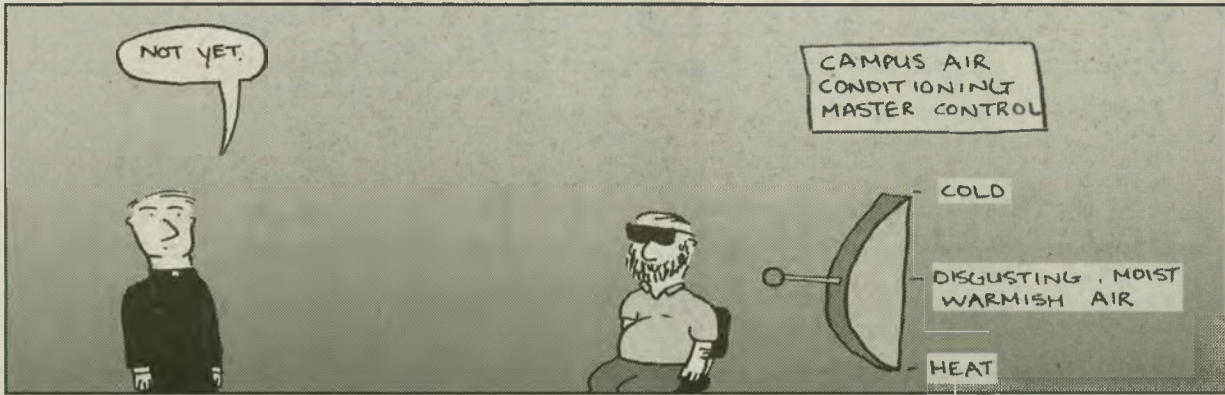
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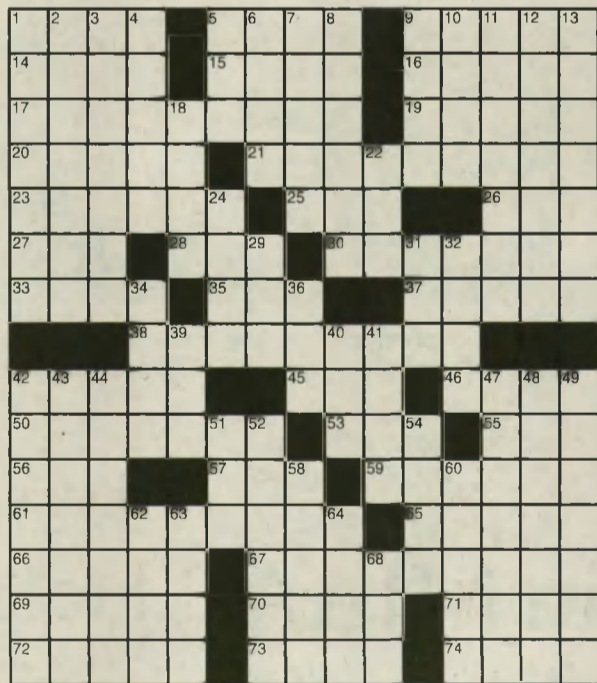


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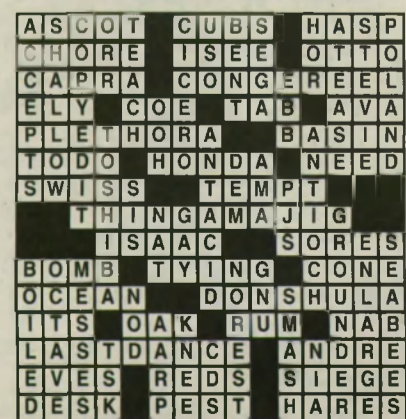


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BASEBALL

Irish take on Central Michigan, Chicago State

Team looks to improve out of bullpen after struggling against South Florida in 2 of 3 conference games at home

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

After a frustrating series against South Florida in which it dropped two out of three games, Notre Dame (11-11, 1-2 Big East) will try to work out the kinks this week against Central Michigan today and Chicago State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Although Irish coach Dave

Schrage said he doesn't have any particular goals for the mid-week non-conference games, there were two clear deficiencies that led to the losses to the Bulls — clutch-hitting and the bullpen.

In Sunday's 9-1 loss, Notre Dame stranded 14 runners on base. The Irish pounded out 13 hits and put at least two base runners on for six straight innings between the third and the eighth, but got their only run on a solo home

run by shortstop Brett Lilley in the top of the first.

"Guys are getting hits with nobody on base, but when they get guys on base they have bad at-bats," Schrage said.

The coach, who tried everything from hit-and-runs to double steals to sacrifices in order to manufacture runs Sunday, said the only real cure to the clutch-hitting woes is to have players execute with runners on base.

"You have to get some guys to step up and want to be up in clutch situations," he said.

Schrage could say the same thing about the bullpen.

On Saturday, Notre Dame relief pitchers Joey Williamson, Jess Stewart and David Mills gave up a combined nine runs as the Irish fell 13-10. Then, on Sunday, relievers Brett Graffy, Kyle Weiland and Eric Maust gave up seven more in just three innings of work.

Schrage said the bullpen struggles surprised him, since relief pitching had been an Irish strength for most of the season.

"It's been good in the past," he said. "But we didn't get it done the past few days."

Schrage said he hopes his relievers will snap out of their funk, but he wouldn't guarantee anything.

"If I could see into the

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FOOTBALL

Fair game

With the lose of key players, Weis not yet sure of future starters

By CHRIS KHOREY
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After four spring practices, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis doesn't have a starting lineup.

And that's just the way he wants it.

Weis said at a post-practice news conference Monday that the Irish, who must replace 13 starters from last year's squad, have not established a depth chart yet.

"There's just guys we put out there first and guys we put out there second," he said.

Weis said that rising fifth-year seniors like defensive end Trevor Laws, center John Sullivan and tight end John Carlson are relatively secure in their starting positions, but in other areas Notre Dame is "not even close to being able to set up a depth chart."

"Some guys are moving up and some are moving down, on a daily basis," Weis said.

Despite the nebulous nature of the Irish lineup and the amount of youth on the team, Weis said this spring has been similar to his past two in South Bend.

"We don't look like the Bad News Bears out there," Weis said. "We just look like a team that's in the fourth day of training camp. That's actually an off-handed compliment. I'm not out there saying, 'Oh my God, what are we going to do?'"

The most high-profile position battle for Notre Dame's is at quarterback, where rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer and early-entry freshman Jimmy Clausen are competing to replace Brady Quinn, who set 36 school records over his career.

Weis said the offense is being executed with all four quarterbacks at once to ensure that all four are on a level playing field.

At two other positions where

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Rising sophomore running back James Aldridge rushes at a scout during practice Monday. Aldridge is in the running to replace tailback Darius Walker, who left for the NFL draft.

SMC TENNIS

Belles stay perfect in MIAA

By ELLYN MICHALAK
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Monday's match against Calvin College was a nail biter for Saint Mary's.

Calvin looked poised to end the Belles winning streak, but Saint Mary's battled back after several close sets to defeat the Knights 5-4. Saint Mary's remained undefeated in MIAA conference play with the win.

"It was pretty even competition," Saint Mary's coach Dee Stevenson said. "The game went down to the first set of the last match."

The day started well for the

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Saint Mary's senior Tara O'Brien serves at No. 5 singles against Olivet March 21. The Belles defeated the Comets 8-1.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Holes in lineup leave many questions for '08

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As the disappointment of Notre Dame's first round NCAA Tournament loss to Winthrop slowly subsides, many questions abound for the Irish as they head into the summer months. The return of guard Kyle McAlarney from suspension will shake up the Irish starting five, but that may not be the biggest issue on the agenda headed into the off-season.

After Kentucky coach Tubby

Smith bolted the Wildcats for Minnesota, Andy Katz of Espn.com reported that Irish coach Mike Brey is one of eight candidates to replace Smith at one of college basketball's most storied programs.

Brey just completed his seventh season as Notre Dame coach and earned Big East coach of the year honors this season after guiding the Irish to an 11-5 conference record and their first NCAA Tournament appearance in four seasons.

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