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PSA to submit petition to Office of the President

Approximately 3,000 signatures gathered in support of adding sexual orientation to non-discrimination clause



Photo courtesy of Rob Plasschaert
PSA will deliver the petition Wednesday to the Office of the President.

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Students from the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) will deliver a petition to the Office of the President Wednesday to add sexual orientation to Notre Dame's Non-Discrimination. PSA member Mike McCann said.

PSA member Rob Plasschaert said 2,500 to 3,000 members of the Notre Dame community signed the petition.

"A lot of [signatures were gathered] basically through standing outside the dining

hall and LaFortune, and through individual petitioning by people," Plasschaert said. "PSA was lucky enough to have a lot of outside support from the Notre Dame community."

Friday was the last day signatures were officially collected, Plasschaert said.

Plasschaert, McCann and PSA member Mallory Laurel, will personally deliver the petition to the Office of the President, Plasschaert said. They will also deliver a letter that explains why PSA thinks the petition is important and what the group feels an appropriate response from

the University would be.

He said the petition is not a response to any action the University has taken against a GLBTQ member on campus, but rather expands on Pangborn senator Denise Baron and O'Neill senator Matthew Malloy's proposal to add sexual orientation to the current non-discrimination clause at a March Student Senate meeting.

"The student government backing of such an issue suggested the ability to garner support from the student body as a whole," Plasschaert said.

Currently, Notre Dame's

Non-Discrimination clause reads: "The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, or age in the administration of any of its employment, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, recreational, and other school-administered programs."

University spokesman and assistant vice president for news and information Dennis Brown said this issue was

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SMC Beauty Conference displays projects on self-image

Communications class displays Barbie doll projects that represent female stereotypes, portray unrealistic alterations

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's associate professor of communications Teri Russ' Female Beauty class showed off their semester long projects on self-image at a Mini-Beauty conference held in the student center atrium Tuesday.

The class displayed Barbie dolls they altered into different female stereotypes and pictures they took of themselves which they changed to portray unrealistic alterations at the event.

"Everyone grew up with Barbie so you don't really think about her form or figure," senior Megan Gray said.

The class created a group of Barbie's they knew Mattel, the

corporation who produces Barbie Dolls, would never produce, Gray said.

They displayed a Pole Dancing Barbie, Zen Barbie and Goth Barbie. Students also displayed Plastic Surgery Barbie covered in dotted lines, and Realistic Barbie with a padded body to make her look like the average woman. Other dolls included Homeless Barbie complete with dingy clothes, Mental Patient Barbie who came with her own padded room and Tanning Barbie with her skin colored in a dark brown color.

"I like it because it pushes the limits," senior Victoria Frank said. "I wonder what everyone's reaction [to the Barbie's] will be."

Junior Caitlin Morrison, who attended the conference, said she

thought the dolls were an interesting way to portray women.

"I thought it was a great idea because it allowed the class to explore the concept in a different way as opposed to just discussing it," she said.

Student body vice president, Sarah Falvey also attended the conference.

"I didn't know much about it [but] it looked really interesting. I kind of passed by and they did some crazy things with those dolls," she said.

Senior Jenny Anderson also presented a project on the popular children's game Pretty, Pretty Princess she completed for the course at the conference.

"When you think of a princess

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ANNIE HARTON/The Observer
Saint Mary's students display Barbie dolls as a class project on female stereotypes Tuesday.

Burglaries reported in Cavanaugh

Suspect description similar to those reported in Howard, Lyons cases

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Three students reported three laptops and a digital camera stolen from an unlocked room in Cavanaugh Hall Friday, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) reported in an e-mail to students.

At around 10 a.m. Friday, a student saw a man inside Cavanaugh, according to the e-mail. He was later seen carrying a bag with laptops in them, the e-mail said, and was last seen entering the south stairs.

The man was described as "black, about 5-foot-8, skinny build, unshaven or scraggly beard, and wearing a

black shirt and baggy jeans," the e-mail reported. Witnesses described him as being older than college age.

The description is similar to that given after previous burglaries in Lyons and Howard Halls. NDSP director Phil Johnson said previously that the suspect in those cases was identified by "several people" as a black male, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, "frizzy long black hair" in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly facial stubble.

Howard Hall residents reported three laptops and two wallets stolen from three different rooms on April 1, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Assistant Director

Dave Chapman previously said.

A laptop was taken out of each room, he said, and two wallets were taken. The burglaries happened between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., he said.

Three laptops and two wallets were stolen from two unlocked rooms on March 26, Chapman said previously.

NDSP believes the first two burglaries to be related, Chapman previously said, and the same suspect from them is believed to be behind this robbery, as well.

The suspect in the first two burglaries carried a duffel bag, Johnson said then, and entered unlocked rooms when students were present.

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Students support CIW campaign

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

A group of seven Notre Dame students collected 464 signatures to help the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) in its campaign against Burer King.

The CIW is leading a nationwide protests decrying the low wages of migrant workers who work on farms that produce Burer King's tomatoes.

According to an Associated Press article, over 85,000 signatures were presented to Burger King's headquarters Monday in Miami. The signatures — representing CIW advocates worldwide who are protesting Burger King's work-

er wages — included people from all 50 states and 43 other countries.

According to its Web site, the CIW is a "community-based worker organization [made up of] Latino, Haitian and Mayan Indian immigrants working in low-wage jobs throughout the state of Florida."

The CIW works to increase wages for its workers and workers' rights for migrant workers.

Senior Laura Bradley, who has been active collecting signatures on campus, said recent Notre Dame graduate Lupe Gomez interned with the CIW this year and was among those

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INSIDE COLUMN

Welcome to summer

If you didn't already know from the nostalgic Inside Columns, Viewpoints and goodbyes from illustrious scene editors this is the last edition of The Observer that will make its way across campus for the 2007-2008 school year (except for our May 16 senior edition).

This fact is exciting for those of us that work long nights in the basement of South Dining Hall.

For one and a half glorious weeks we'll be able to rejoin the ranks of our fellow students who don't stay up abominably late, don't stumble in to 8 a.m. classes

dead tired because we worked until 3:30 and aren't attending lectures because we have to write at least 500 words on them.

Oh wait, you all do those things too, just not because of a newspaper.

And finals start next week, meaning we really only have three days to relax before we have to hole up in our dorm rooms or the library to study for our the three tests, two oral exams and the research paper we have to write ... or is that just my finals schedule.

If you've stuck with me this far, I applaud you. If not, then I don't exactly care because you aren't even reading this sentence. The rest of this column won't be an emotional reminiscence of why I decided to attend Saint Mary's or my past three years working for The Observer. Instead, I want to look forward to the future — more specifically, what can you do during your summer vacation?

There are really four main options available to you and most of what you do will fall into one of the following categories: work, service, travel and play.

◆ **Work:** Whether your job is an internship which will hopefully further your career goals after you graduate or flipping burgers at your local McDonald's, working will probably (and unfortunately) take up most of your summer. Hopefully you've all found something that either pays well or you enjoy to make up for the long hours you'll spend indoors working for "the man."

◆ **Service:** Although those of you participating in activities in a volunteer capacity won't be gaining a monetary reward, most of you will have valuable experiences and learn lessons you can draw upon throughout your life.

◆ **Travel:** This is what I wish I was doing this summer. Unfortunately, my summer plans fall into the first category. If you are lucky enough to be going on a cross-country adventure or European voyage I advise you to take a lot of pictures and keep a journal of your experiences ... believe me, those of us stuck in behind a desk all summer will want to hear all about your exploits even if they will make us jealous.

◆ **Play:** This is something we should all be participating in this summer. No matter what we do, there are always nights and weekends to de-stress, be young and have fun. Live it up. All too soon we'll be back on campus writing papers and pulling all-nighters.

To get a little sappy, whatever you end up doing this summer I hope you find time to relax and recover from your final exams.

To all the seniors, good luck in your future endeavors. To all you underclassmen be safe, and I'll see you next fall.

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

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Saint Mary's Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR THE "QUESTION OF THE DAY?"



Charlie Landis
freshman
Knott

"Right or left? ... and I would go right."



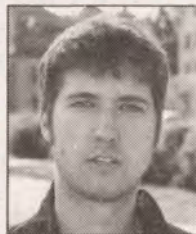
Courtney Haven
junior
Farley

"What is your favorite library 'activity'?"



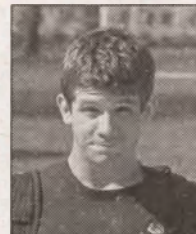
Dan Behrens
junior
Dillon

"Who's your favorite 'Office' character?"



Mark Durst
junior
Dillon

"What is the Question of the Day?"



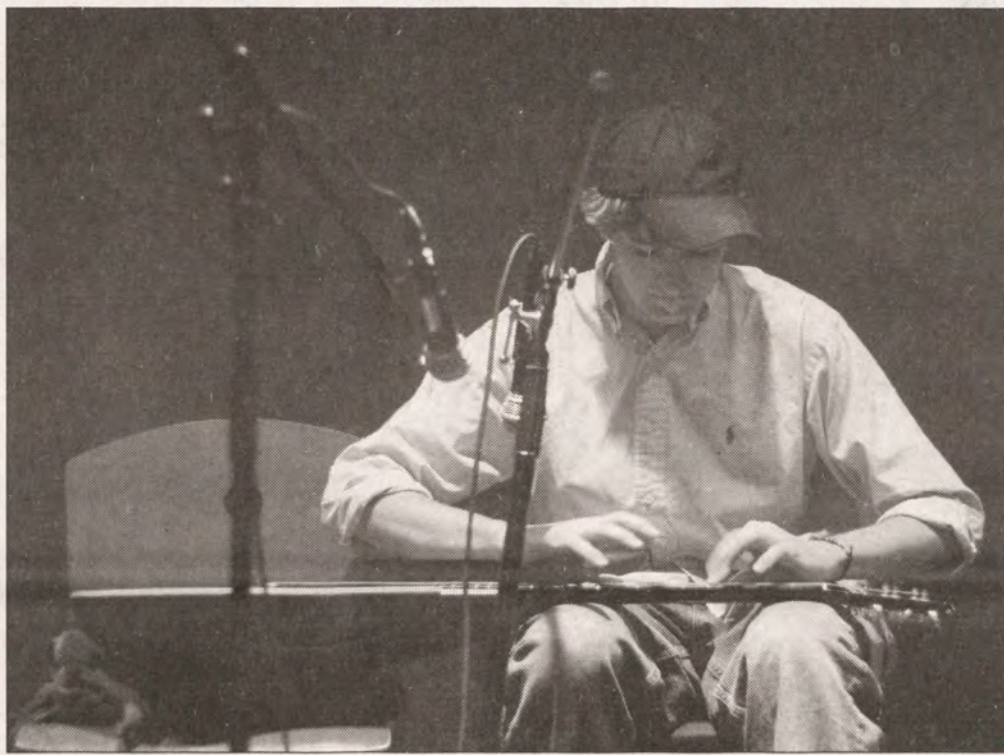
Tom Banasiak
freshman
Knott

"If you could make up an answer to the Question of the Day what would it be?"



Matt Walters
junior
Keenan

"Who is the hottest professor on campus?"



TRAVIS ALLEN/The Observer

Matt Perron, a member of the Bradley Sheehan Experience, plays the guitar during a performance for Lectio Live at Reckers Tuesday evening.

OFFBEAT

Saudi men who hit on women have to cut hair

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A governor in northern Saudi Arabia has ordered authorities to punish men who flirt with women in public places by cutting their hair, local media said Tuesday.

Prince Fahd bin Badr, governor of the northern al-Jof region, ordered police to carry out the punishment after seeing a group of men with long hair pestering female students as they left school in the northern al-Qurayat province, Al-Hayat newspaper said.

It said the prince told a

gathering at his palace in the northern town of Skaka on Sunday he has instructed police to apply the punishment to all youths guilty of flirting, including "the sons of senior military and civil officials."

Roadkill devoted Web site a big hit

PRESCOTT, Wis. — Richard Sanders hadn't given much thought to roadkill until a buddy came across a very large bear on the roadside near Hudson. The animal was bigger than any trophy bear the friends had bagged over the years, and they thought it

deserved a better fate than rotting by the road.

"Sanders created an alternative online: The Road Kill Record Book Club.

The roadkill bear, which is now at the taxidermist, will have its place on the Web site and in his friend's den.

The Road Kill Record Book Club Web site includes a gallery and registry for bears, cougars, elk and other animals killed by vehicles. It also offers memberships and merchandise.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Student Senate and Community Relations Committee is hosting the Taste of South Bend today at 4:30 in the Fieldhouse Mall. It is a free food event advertising local restaurants around the South Bend area.

Collegium Musicorium spring concert will take place tonight at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The performance will feature sacred and secular a capella music from the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque eras. Tickets are \$3 at the DPAC ticket office.

All students are invited to a Mass to celebrate the life of former Saint Mary's professor of mathematics Donald Miller Thursday at 4 p.m. in Regina Chapel in Regina Hall.

Students from 14 local area schools and the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Bend will visit Stepan Center Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. for the Violence Prevention Initiative: Take Ten Festival.

Screenings from the Angelus Student Film Festival will be shown at the Angelus Film Series Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema.

Assistant Professor Paul Gao will speak in the Finance Seminar Series Friday from 11:30 to 1:05 in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses ticket exchange rules

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the new rules for the student football ticket exchange in their final meeting of the year Tuesday.

The ticket exchange was suspended after the Notre Dame ticket office realized students were scalping the tickets, but will be reimplemented next year with new rules, student body president Bob Reish said.

Student Government, the Student Union Board (SUB), the Junior Class Council, the Sophomore Class Council and the Graduate Student Union will all be responsible for running one ticket exchange.

Only 100 exchanges will be made for each game, and the students will be chosen by a random lottery, Reish said. Students who wish to gain an extra ticket for a friend must swipe their ID at a ticket exchange session, which will held 10 days before each home game. If the students win the lottery, they must find a person willing to give up his or her ticket, take the friend's ID and ticket booklet and to the Ticket Office. The Ticket Office will then print a new ticket for the

lottery winner.

Graduate Student Union vice president Caitlyn Shea said past exchange programs have been quite popular with students with about 1,000 IDs swiped.

COR discussed possibly including professional student groups, such as the Student Bar Association, in the ticket exchange.

"Maybe we should extend this offer to the Student Bar Association because they seemed really excited about it," Student Union treasurer Kadeja Gaines said.

However, Reish said because the heads of each of the six groups were present at the meeting, it would be easier to simply ask them if they each wanted to host an exchange. Each tentatively agreed to host one of them so long as they do not have any other conflicting events.

Many COR members feared that if students were notified that they had won a ticket too much in advance they would find a way to scalp the ticket.

"We need to have a timeline to no one can abuse the system," executive assistant Karen Koski said.

Other COR members said stu-

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Club hosts Sweatshop Fashion Show

Event hopes to raise awareness of harsh working conditions

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's Around the World Club will host a Sweatshop Fashion Show featuring clothes made in sweatshops and items that are fair trade, designed to promote awareness of the harsh working conditions found in sweatshops.

The show, which will be Thursday at noon in the Student Center Lounge, will follow the format of a typical fashion show, but graphic descriptions of the working conditions under which the clothes were made will be mixed in with the usual description of the clothing, Jeanne Choquehuanca, student coordinator of the event said.

"We tried to pick popular brands that people wear around campus," she said. "We wanted a program to educate the Saint Mary's community to the all too common use of sweatshops."

Brands included in the fashion show that allegedly use sweatshops will be Gap, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Abercrombie

and Fitch, and Disney. There will also be sweatshop-free alternatives including local stores Just Goods of Mishawaka and Ten Thousand Villages in South Bend.

An outfit from the Saint Mary's Bookstore, which belongs to the workers' rights consortium and doesn't use sweatshop clothing, will also be featured in the show, Choquehuanca said.

The event will feature outfits designed for going out, working out, or going to class.

Freshman Christine Dits will be modeling one of the going out outfits.

"It's dark jeans, and a tank top, and probably some heels," she said. "They are from JC Penny and Old Navy, both stores sell clothes fairly cheaply that are made in sweatshops in Europe."

Freshman Molly Schall will be modeling an outfit of goods available at local fair trade stores.

"The dress I'm wearing is from Just Goods, and I'm actually thinking of buying it after the show," Schall said. "A lot of the clothes there look like things girls would

wear today and they are pretty reasonably priced. All of my jewelry and the bag I'm carrying are fair trade too."

Along with the fashion show, fair trade stores Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages will have booths set up so students can shop for trade items. Ten Thousand Villages will have its booth set up today during lunch and dinner outside the dining hall as well.

The proceeds from some of the items sold will go directly to helping the people who make the objects.

"My dress was made in Ghana by an organization called Global Mamas," Schall said. "The proceeds from its sale go to the organization. It even has a tag inside with the names of the women who made it."

Choquehuanca said she hopes people will attend the fashion show to become better informed about the widespread use of sweatshops to make the clothes they buy.

"It's a good reminder to know the wage of the CEOs versus the workers," Choquehuanca said. "[The fashion show] gives a more holistic picture of the garment industry, that there are alternatives, and how we can be a part of the solution hopefully."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shiite militia drives back U.S. patrol

BAGHDAD — Dozens of fighters ambushed a U.S. patrol in Baghdad's main Shiite militia stronghold Tuesday, firing rocket-propelled grenades and machine gun bursts as the American push into Sadr City increasingly faces pockets of close urban combat.

U.S. forces struck back with 200-pound guided rockets that devastated at least three buildings in the densely packed district that serves as the Baghdad base for the powerful Mahdi Army militia.

The U.S. military said 28 militiamen were killed as the U.S. patrol pulled back. Local hospital officials said dozens of civilians were killed or wounded.

Zimbabwe opposition supporters freed

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Police on Tuesday released nearly 200 people who were arrested last week in a raid at opposition headquarters, while President Bush called on Zimbabwe's neighbors to step up the pressure on longtime leader Robert Mugabe.

Many of the 215 people arrested on Friday had fled to Harare to escape mounting violence and intimidation in rural areas that used to be ruling party strongholds but turned against Mugabe in the March 29 elections.

Twenty-nine people, mainly women and children, were released almost immediately. The rest were freed from various police stations in the capital Tuesday in accordance with a High Court order issued Monday, opposition defense lawyer Alec Muchadehama said.

One month after the vote, results from the presidential election still have not been released.

NATIONAL NEWS

California wildfire enters 4th day

SIERRA MADRE, Calif. — Lower temperatures and increased manpower on Tuesday allowed firefighters to tame much of a three-day-old wildfire that had gotten perilously close to dozens of homes and led hundreds of people to evacuate.

The fire in the rugged San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles was 57 percent contained early Tuesday after covering 538 acres, or less than a square mile.

Most of the more than 1,000 people evacuated from their homes had been allowed to return and public schools in the community of about 11,000 residents were reopening Tuesday. No homes have been lost in Sierra Madre, 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

6 Virginia tornadoes cause no deaths

SUFFOLK, Va. — It was a scene of haphazard destruction that stretched for 25 miles: Row upon row of homes reduced to sprays of splintered lumber, shopping centers stripped to bare metal, parking lots turned into junk yards.

And yet no one died. "The only thing I can say is we were watched over and blessed," Fire Chief Mark Outlaw said.

As residents and rescuers returned Tuesday to survey the wreckage from six tornadoes, they were amazed by both the scope of the damage and their good fortune. Even among the 200 people who were injured, most suffered only cuts and scrapes.

LOCAL NEWS

Primary sees record absentee votes

INDIANAPOLIS — Some 90,000 people have already cast ballots for next week's Indiana primary, far outpacing the total number of absentee votes during the last presidential primary in 2004.

That figure will continue to grow in the days leading up to the May 6 primary as the Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigns push supporters to get their votes in as soon as possible.

The Indiana secretary of state's office reported that 89,408 people had voted early with their county clerk's office or by mail-in ballots through Monday. Fewer than 57,000 such votes were cast four years ago.

The state is not tracking how many early votes are being cast in the Democratic or Republican primaries, but applications to county election offices for absentee ballots are running about 3-to-1 Democratic.

CHINA

China sentences 30 after Tibet riots

Six Buddhist monks among those sentenced to jail terms ranging from 3 years to life

Associated Press

BEIJING — Six Buddhist monks were among 30 people sentenced by a Chinese court Tuesday to jail terms ranging from three years to life for taking part in deadly riots in Tibet.

The punishments were the first to be meted out by a Chinese court against Tibetans accused of taking part in a frenzy of assaults, burning, looting and vandalism mainly targeting Han Chinese and their businesses in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and nearby areas between March 14-16.

The violence and subsequent government crackdown drew worldwide attention to China's human rights record and its rule in Tibet ahead of the Beijing Olympics. Celebrations marking 100 days to the start of the games take place Wednesday.

The sentences were announced during two sessions of a one-day trial at the Intermediate People's Court of Lhasa, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. China Central Television's evening newscast showed the convicts being led out by police with bowed heads in front of a packed courtroom.

Xinhua said three men received life sentences, including a Buddhist monk identified as Basang who allegedly led 10 people, including five other monks, to destroy local government offices, burn down shops and attack policemen.

Two of Basang's alleged monk accomplices were sentenced to 20 years, and the other three to 15 years in jail.

Soi'nam Cering, a driver for a Lhasa real estate company, was sentenced to life in jail for joining in the mobs that burned vehicles, smashed police stations and assaulted firefighters during the riot, Xinhua said.

The third man to receive



An exiled Tibetan monk holds the portrait of the Dalai Lama as he participates in a silent march to protest against China in Katmandu, Nepal, Monday.

a life sentence was a 30-year-old businessman who was identified only by his last name, Cering, Xinhua said. The agency reported that he was convicted of inciting others to commit arson and looting shops and vehicles during riots in his home county of Lingzhou, about 40 miles east of Lhasa, on March 15 and 16.

CCTV said seven people were sentenced to about 15 years in prison, and the other 20 received sentences of between three to 14 years. The charges included arson, robbery, interruption of law enforcement, and theft, it said.

The quick trials and their

prominent coverage by state media signaled China's resolve in putting a firm lid on domestic Tibetan dissent ahead of the Summer Games.

"The party has a long tradition of carrying out speeded up trials with minimum forms of process for defendants whenever it wants to send a strong message to local people," said Robbie Barnett, an expert in modern Tibet at Columbia University.

Such trials originated in China in the early 1980s in so-called "Strike Hard" campaigns, intended to speed up prosecutions for crimes considered a threat to social stability, he said.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu defended the judicial process, saying during a regular press briefing Tuesday that the relevant authorities would handle the Tibetan law-breakers "according to the law in a fair and just way."

Following weeks of international pressure by the U.S. and the European Union, Beijing has also moved to tamp down tensions diplomatically. The government announced last week that it would be willing to begin talks with representatives to the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet whom Beijing has blamed for fomenting the unrest.

Detroit mayor sex scandal case unfolds

Associated Press

DETROIT — A series of often explicit text messages from Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's former chief of staff appear to show she had a long-term romantic relationship with the mayor and that he played a role in the firing of a police officer who sued the city.

The embarrassing messages between Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty from 2002 and 2003 appear in an 18-page document released Tuesday on the orders of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Colombo Jr. in response to a lawsuit by the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News.

The document was obtained from the computer of Michael Stefani, an

attorney who represented three police officers in whistle-blowers' lawsuits against the city that were settled last year for \$8.4 million. The text messages were taken from Beatty's city-issued pagers.

The messages could prove damaging to Kilpatrick and Beatty, who are accused of lying under oath in one of the lawsuits by denying they had an intimate relationship. They are charged with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice.

The Free Press published some of the text messages in January. Wayne County prosecutors began the perjury investigation after those excerpts were released.

The document released Tuesday includes descriptions of sexual trysts,

the frequent use of the N-word by the mayor and Beatty as a term of endearment, and discussions of marriage.

On Sept. 15, 2002, Beatty described a sex act she wanted to perform on the mayor but said she didn't know how to approach him about it. He replied: "Next time, just tell me to sit down, shut up and do your thing!"

Later that month, the pair appeared to arrange a sexual encounter in Beatty's office. On Sept. 19, 2002, Beatty wrote to Kilpatrick: "I have wanted to hold you so badly all day, but I was trying to stay focused on work. So, I promise, not to keep you longer than 15 minutes."

Kilpatrick replied: "Don't promise (N-word.)"

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When he saw the students, he asked for someone by name who did not live in the room, he said previously. NDSP learned that

Valparaiso University has experienced similar burglaries with a suspect whose description matched that of the suspect in Notre Dame's recent campus robberies, Johnson said previously.

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CIW

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who presented the signatures with the CIW to Burger King Monday.

"Our hope is that Burger King will feel the pressure from consumers across the country because of this petition and they will agree to the three terms of the petition," Bradley said.

The CIW petition demands: increasing a migrant worker's wage one penny more per pound of tomatoes that they pick; starting dialogue with the farm workers, growers and corporations; and creating a human-rights based code of conduct for the farm workers.

"As a Catholic — as someone who claims to desire to follow Christ — this situation in Immokalee is not okay," Bradley said. "For how hard they work and what kind of work they are doing, there is no reason that any of these workers should be living in poverty in the United States."

Bradley expressed concern for the plight of the workers in Immokalee, Fla. where she witnessed first-hand by participating in the Center for Social Concern's (CSC) Migrant Seminar last spring break.

"As humans, there is no reason why [the workers] should be treated like they are. I cannot just sit around, knowing that human rights are being violated every day in the fields," she said.

Bradley explained that consumers have a responsibility to ensure that the farm workers receive just wages and treatment for their work.

"We all ignore this systematic problem because we want our food cheap, and we don't care how we get it," she said. "We never see the faces who provide our food in the dining hall. However, as consumers, Christians and ... people, we have a choice to make."

Juniors Michael Healy and Jessica Winschel also participated in the migrant seminar this spring and were surprised by the realities they witnessed in Immokalee.

"A lot of farmers go through subcontractors who either get them documentation or who are illegally bringing them across the border," Healy said.

Healy said by the time the workers reach the United States, they have no money and have been tricked into thousands of dollars worth of debt and are forced to work the fields.

"It was really an awakening experience to realize that there's slavery in the U.S.," Winschel said.

Based on her experiences in the seminar, Winschel said a typical day for a migrant worker involves waking up at 4 a.m., waiting for buses to come to

transport them to work sites, hoping that they will be picked to work in the fields, and only getting paid for the amount of tomatoes they pick.

Healy said one of the largest issues for workers in Immokalee is that there are no regulations to protect workers.

"There are cases of abuse in the fields. Workers are stuck in difficult situations and have no one to complain to," he said.

According to Healy, each worker has to pick two tons of tomatoes a day just to make minimum wage.

"For one 32-pound bucket [of tomatoes] a worker receives 40 cents. If they work a complete day, they'll make roughly \$50 a day," he said.

The group of students who gathered petitions has been helping to support the CIW's cause since they returned from the Migrant seminar in March.

In early April, the group put cardboard silhouettes on South Quad listing the abuses that migrant workers face to commemorate the Caesar Chavez Day of Action.

They have also been giving classroom presentations on the challenges that migrant workers face in Florida.

Bradley said the group plans to continue its efforts to help the CIW next year, unless Burger King decides to adopt the demands of the petition.

Winschel said college students played a large role in the CIW's campaign against Taco Bell in 2004 and the CIW hopes to see the same type of success its campaign against Burger King.

Bradley said that the University should be involved in this issue in accordance with its Catholic identity.

"[Our Catholic identity] is reason enough to want to advocate for the rights of these workers," she said.

Bradley declined to release names of administrators the group has met with to discuss the University's role in the CIW's campaign against Burger King though she said the student group she is working with is awaiting responses from more than one administrator on the issue.

"We will be working through the end of the semester to try to keep up communication to make sure that awareness is raised about this issue," she said.

According to Bradley, however, Chipotle, Subway and Whole Foods corporations are next on the CIW's list to fight for workers' wages and rights since these corporations rely on the tomatoes picked by Immokalee's farm workers.

"No matter who the CIW is focusing on, the students I am working with here on campus realize how pressing this issue is, and they are in it for the long run," Bradley said.

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	12,831.94	-39.81	
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,362	114	1,962	3,820,138,629
AMEX	2,287.91	-36.40	
NASDAQ	2,426.10	+0.70	
NYSE	9,285.91	-63.70	
S&P 500	1,390.94	-5.43	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	13,894.37	0.00	
FTSE 100 (London)	6,089.40	-1.00	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.39	-0.55	139.08
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+0.76	+0.36	47.60
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.21	-0.35	28.64
MERCK CO INC (MRK)	-10.38	-4.30	37.14

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.26	-0.010	3.825
13-WEEK BILL	+8.27	+0.110	1.44
30-YEAR BOND	-0.13	-0.006	4.559
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.86	-0.027	3.108

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-3.12	115.63
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-18.70	876.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.85	75.10

Exchange Rates	
YEN	103.9050
EURO	0.6421
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0120
BRITISH POUND	0.5077

IN BRIEF

Stocks wary before Fed's decision

NEW YORK — Wall Street turned in a mixed performance Tuesday as investors traded cautiously ahead of the Federal Reserve's Wednesday decision on interest rates.

The Fed, facing a faltering economy but also rising inflation, is expected to cut interest rates by another quarter point after its two-day meeting concludes Wednesday. Many investors believe policy makers will then signal that they are planning to hold rates steady for a while.

Consumers have been worried about inflation because it means energy and grocery bills are harder to pay. Wall Street is also concerned, because inflation tends to curtail consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of the U.S. economy.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its April index of consumer confidence fell for the fourth straight month because of heightened disappointment about soaring prices and the weakening job market.

Federal Reserve poised to cut rates

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is poised to deliver another interest rate cut to millions of people and businesses this week, although that could be the last break they get for a while.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues opened a two-day meeting Tuesday afternoon to take a fresh pulse on the economy and decide their next move on interest rates.

The Fed is widely expected to lower its key interest rate by one-quarter percentage point to 2 percent at the end of its session Wednesday.

That would mark a modest rate reduction after a recent string of hefty cuts. The Fed is facing a difficult juggling act of trying to shore up the faltering economy while also trying to keep inflation from taking off.

In response to the Fed's expected action, the prime lending rate for millions of consumers and businesses would fall by a corresponding amount, to 5 percent. The prime rate applies to certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans. Both rates would be the lowest since late 2004.

Bush criticizes Congress for inaction

President claims Democratic legislators have let 'the American people down'

Associated Press

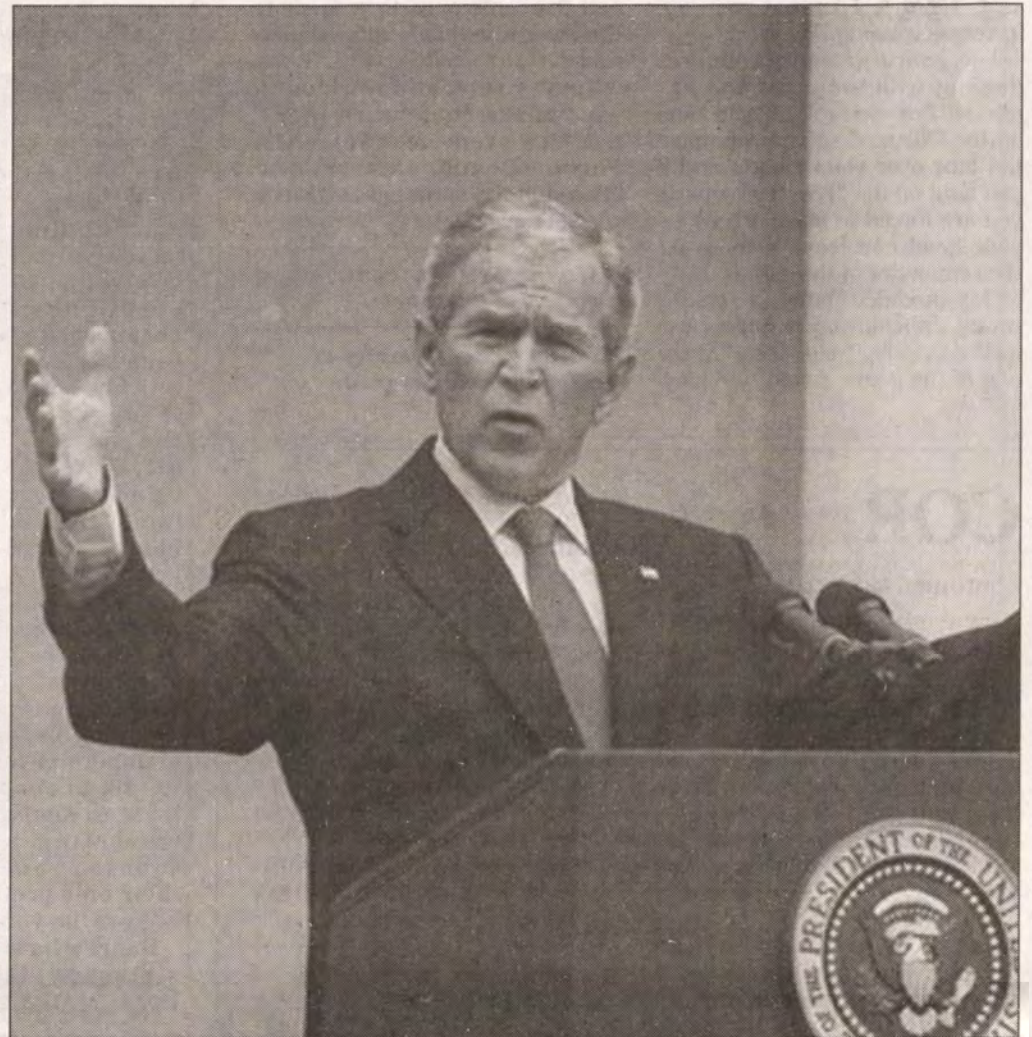
WASHINGTON — President Bush, hoping to inoculate his party and his presidential legacy from election-year anger over the economy, heaped criticism on the Democratic-led Congress on Tuesday for "letting the American people down."

He said he'd consider a summer suspension of federal gasoline taxes. But he offered no new ideas for a range of economic worries now facing the country, from record gas prices and soaring food costs to rising inflation, layoffs and home foreclosures, and a credit crunch that even has sparked fears of a college student loan squeeze.

He rejected a new economic stimulus package, saying the tax rebate checks that began going out this week from a \$168 billion economic aid plan adopted in February must first be given time to work. He also rejected bipartisan suggestions that the government stop filling the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve while oil costs so much, saying it involves such a tiny amount of supply that doing so wouldn't push prices down.

Instead, the president tried to shift the focus to Congress, saying he long ago sent lawmakers proposals to deal with many of the nation's economic problems, only to see them sit or be replaced with approaches that he deems unacceptable.

"Many Americans are understandably anxious about issues affecting their pocketbook," Bush said in a White House news conference, held outdoors in an unseasonably cold and windy Rose Garden. "They're looking to their elected leaders in Congress for action. Unfortunately,



President Bush speaks at a news conference Tuesday at the White House about Congress and its inaction on energy and housing bills.

on many of these issues, all they're getting is delay."

Capitol Hill's Democratic leaders said Bush was to blame for proposing policies that would worsen the problem, not help, and that it was their duty to reject them.

"His call this morning for Congress to act is disingenuous at best," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said of Bush. "Whether on energy policy, the housing crisis or our many other economic woes, this administration and its Republican allies in Congress offer nothing but the same failed ideas that got us into this mess in the

first place."

Bush's news conference, only his second expanded question-and-answer session with reporters this year, appeared to be a preemptive measure of sorts, as it came a day before the release of statistics on the nation's gross domestic product for January through March. The common definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of declining GDP and many expect Wednesday's report to provide the first official confirmation of a slide.

With bad news piling on bad news, the president's march to the bully pulpit

wasn't just about winning policy debates with lawmakers.

The economy is shaping up to be the defining issue when voters go to the polls in November. Bush doesn't want his GOP to be the punching bag that winds up on the losing end. In an Associated Press-Ipsos poll this month, just 27 percent of the people questioned about Bush's handling of the economy said they approved — his worst showing ever in the survey.

The president on Tuesday bent over backward to demonstrate he understands how rough things are.

Food scientists push to halt biofuel use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some top international food scientists Tuesday recommended halting the use of food-based biofuels, such as ethanol, saying it would cut corn prices by 20 percent during a world food crisis.

But even as the scientists were calling for a moratorium, President Bush urged the opposite. He declared the United States should increase ethanol use because of national energy security and high gas prices.

The conflicting messages Tuesday highlighted the ongoing debate over food and fuel needs.

The three senior scientists with an international research consortium pushing a biofuel moratorium said nations need to rethink programs that divert food such as corn and soybeans into fuel, given the burgeoning worldwide food crisis. The group, CGIAR, is

a global network that uses science to fight hunger. It is funded by dozens of countries and private foundations.

If leading nations stopped biofuel use this year, it would lead to a price decline in corn by about 20 percent and wheat by about 10 percent from 2009-10, said Joachim von Braun. He heads the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, the policy arm of CGIAR. The United States is the biggest biofuel producer.

He and the other scientists said work should be stepped up on the use of non-grain crops, such as switchgrass, for biofuel.

Another scientist, not associated with the group, agreed with their call for a halt on the use of grain for fuel.

"We need to feed the stomach before we need to feed our cars," said Rattan Lal, an Ohio State University soil sciences professor who in the past has been a critic of some of CGIAR's priori-

ties. "We have 1 billion people who are food insecure. We can't afford the luxury of not taking care of them and taking care of gasoline."

In an interview after the CGIAR teleconference, von Braun said the United States and other countries have to make a hard choice between fighting high fuel prices and fighting world hunger.

"If you place a high value of food security for poor people, then the conclusion is clear that we step on the brake awhile," said von Braun. "If you place a high value on national energy security, other considerations come into play."

Energy security is what Bush emphasized in his press conference. When asked about the conflict with world hunger and the rising cost of food at home, he said the high price of gasoline would "spur more investment in ethanol as an alternative to gasoline."

Beauty

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you think of someone who sits there and is pretty," she said, but the game she created explores what it really means to be a princess.

"[The game is] a critique on the stereotypes of royal families, more specifically princesses," she said. "There's a lot that goes into 'princess training.'"

The board game has squares dealing with manners and etiquette. For example, if you land on the "Silence" square you must put lace over your mouth, and if you land on the "Posture" square, you are forced to place a book on your head and leave it there for the remainder of the game.

"My modified game is actually pretty difficult and it makes you look ridiculous," she said. "At the end of the game, I want the play-

ers to realize that real beauty isn't all that easy and practically impossible and that you look more ridiculous chasing it than you do without it."

Russ tried to stress the idea that being comfortable with who you are doesn't mean not wearing make-up or getting dressed up throughout the class and the conference, she said. The class teaches women to define themselves by what they know and who they are and the conference fires to show that to the rest of campus, she said.

Russ is currently working to expand the conference into a half-day event next year. The Female Beauty class will be offered in the spring of 2009 as a special topics class.

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dents needed advance notice in order to allow friends and family members to make travel arrangements.

"There's no possible way we can prevent everything from happening," SUB co-director for external affairs Jeff Lakusta said. "We need to ask what's most convenient for students."

COR decided that 10 days was enough time to notify friends and family to make travel arrangements but not

enough time to scalp the ticket.

In other COR news:

◆ COR discussed the possibility of hosting a Student Government leadership camp next year. Reish said he would invite a corporation such as General Electric to host a workshop on leadership styles if the event was planned.

Brown said he had heard about a similar program at Penn State University.

"They come, bring six officials here and just run the whole thing," he said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Dance Marathon reps seek trip funds

Convention will allow members to gain professional training

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Representatives from Saint Mary's Dance Marathon attended Board of Governance's (BOG) meeting Tuesday in search of funds for a trip to the National Dance Marathon Convention in Orlando, Fla., in July.

"It is a great opportunity because colleges and universities throughout the nation all come together [and] share ideas," said Francesca Johnson, co-founder of Dance Marathon and Elections Commissioner for BOG.

The conference will allow members to talk to people who participate in similar jobs such as marketing and catering, Johnson said. This will be their only professional training for the year.

Dance Marathon was given a grant by Riley's Children's Hospital, the organization to

whom the marathon donates their earnings each year, for the trip, said Pauline Kistka, co-founder of Dance Marathon and Wellness Commissioner for BOG.

The Dance Marathon executive board is hoping this conference will give rising underclassmen the opportunity to learn more before they have to take over the event as the founders graduate in 2009, Kistka said. This year's marathon raised \$85,296.33.

St. Joseph Hospital is opening a Riley wing and doctors who will be visiting the local hospital from Indianapolis will be meeting with Cooney to congratulate her and the school on the work that has been done to raise money for the hospital, Johnson said.

BOG also decided to continue with a Saint Mary's version of "The Shirt," said public relations commission-

er Katie Danko.

Student body president Sarah Falvey said a Saint Mary's "The Shirt" allows students to support Notre Dame while still showing pride for their own school.

"[We want to make one] so students could represent themselves and their Saint Mary's pride and still fit into the sea of green," Falvey said.

Design ideas are still in planning but it will probably incorporate icons from both schools, Falvey said.

In other BOG news:

◆ Student body president Mickey Gruscinski said the Student Center is once again extending their hours for finals week until midnight. The Cyber Café will serve a special late-night menu and the Noble Family Dining Hall will keep coffee and other drinks available to students during the extra hours.

◆ The second annual Late Night Desserts will take place Monday at 10 p.m. in the Dining Hall, Gruscinski said. All students are invited to attend this free event.

Mandi Stirone contributed reporting to this article.

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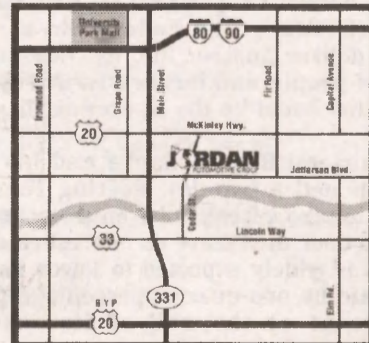
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discussed in the 1990s, but the University has not had a reason to reconsider the addition of a sexual orientation to the clause since that time.

In Feb. 1996, then-University president Father Edward Malloy appointed a group of officers to examine the needs of gay and lesbian students after an ad hoc committee created by current dean of the Law School and then-vice president for student affairs Patricia O'Hara suggested doing so.

"In 1997, the committee reported to the Officer's Group which, after a thorough discussion, decided against any modification," Brown said. Instead, the officers decided to issue the "Spirit of Inclusion" policy.

"The Spirit of Inclusion" was designed "to express [the officers'] commitment to policies and practices that would promote an environment of inclusiveness and free of harassment for all members of the University community," Brown said. "[It] is a statement of policy derived from the teachings of the Catholic Church and consistent with Notre Dame's mission."

PSA was created in 1998 in response to this issue, Plasschaert said.

In 1998, PSA "organized the 300 person demonstration in support of Fr. David Garrick, the Holy Cross priest who was dismissed from his duties at the Basilica after coming out as a celibate homosexual priest," PSA member McCann said in an e-mail. Garrick came out in an April 4, 1996 letter in The Observer.

Garrick resigned from the University in March 1998.

Later in the year, both the Faculty and the Student Senates passed resolutions in favor of adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, McCann said.

PSA then formed a petition

in Oct. 1998 to add the term and obtained more than 1,100 signatures, he said. They also held a rally before a meeting of the Academic Council and brought speakers in favor of changing the clause to campus in November, McCann said.

The Academic Council passed the motion to change the clause by one vote in November, McCann said.

On Dec. 1, 1998, "the Board of Fellows met and unanimously voted against including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause," McCann said.

This decision was not announced until a press release after the Board of Trustees voted against making the change on Feb. 5, 1999, McCann said.

"Nothing has happened from either standpoint since that time that would lead the University to reconsider that decision," Brown said.

Brown said from the time the decision regarding the clause was made in 1998 improvements have been made for gay and lesbian students.

"In combination with the work of the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, we believe these goals are being met and that the environment for gay and lesbian students is far better now than it was a decade ago," Brown said.

While the goal of the petition is to have sexual orientation

added to the University's non-discrimination clause, Plasschaert said PSA is aware it is "a lofty goal" which may not be accomplished.

"What we want from the administration most is a thoughtful response to the issues at hand," he said. "The petition has shown an outpouring of public opinion from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff that says GLBTQ relations are not handled appropriately by the administration of Notre Dame."

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Citizens sell possessions to pay bills

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The for-sale listings on the online hub Craigslist come with plaintive notices, like the one from the teenager in Georgia who said her mother lost her job and pleaded, "Please buy anything you can to help out."

Or the seller in Milwaukee who wrote in one post of needing to pay bills — and put a diamond engagement ring up for bids to do it.

Struggling with mounting debt and rising prices, faced with the toughest economic times since the early 1990s, Americans are selling prized possessions online and at flea markets at alarming rates.

To meet higher gas, food and prescription drug bills, they are selling off grandmother's dishes

and their own belongings. Some of the household purging has been extremely painful — families forced to part with heirlooms.

"This is not about downsizing. It's about needing gas money," said Nancy Baughman, founder of eBizAuctions, an online auction service she runs out of her garage in Raleigh, N.C. One former affluent customer is now unemployed and had to unload Hermes leather jackets and Versace jeans and silk shirts.

At Craigslist, which has become a kind of online flea market for the world, the number of for-sale listings has soared 70 percent since last July. In March, the number of listings more than doubled to almost 15 million from the year-ago period.

Craigslist CEO Jeff

Buckmaster acknowledged the increasing popularity of selling all sort of items on the Web, but said the rate of growth is "moving above the usual trend line." He said he was amazed at the desperate tone in some ads.

In Daleville, Ala., Ellona Bateman-Lee has turned to eBay and flea markets to empty her three-bedroom mobile home of DVDs, VCRs, stereos and televisions.

She said she needs the cash to help pay for soaring food and utility bills and mounting health care expenses since her husband, Bob, suffered an electric shock on the job as a dump truck driver in 2006 and is now disabled.

Among her most painful sales: her grandmother's teakettle. She sold it for \$6 on eBay.

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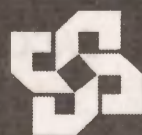
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U.S. Jews call for Olympics boycott

Associated Press

A wide-ranging group of U.S. Jewish leaders plans to release a statement Wednesday urging Jews worldwide to boycott the Summer Olympics in Beijing, citing China's troubling record on human rights and Tibet.

The statement also notes China's close relationships with Iran, Syria and the militant group Hamas.

So far, 175 rabbis, seminary officials and other prominent Jews have signed the declaration, which comes shortly before Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday, organizers said.

"We are deeply troubled by China's support for the genocidal government of Sudan; its mistreatment of the people of Tibet; its denial of basic rights to its own citizens; and its provision of missiles to Iran and Syria, and friendship for Hamas," the statement reads.

"Having endured the bitter experience of abandonment by our presumed allies during the Holocaust, we feel a particular obligation to speak out against injustice and persecution today."

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, past chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, said signers are not alleging that the Chinese government is the equivalent of the Nazi regime, but that China, like Germany in 1936, is trying to use the Olympics as a

public relations tool to deflect attention from its record.

The declaration was organized by Greenberg and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of New York — both Orthodox Jews — and the Washington-based David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies.

Several representatives of Judaism's major U.S. branches and large Jewish institutions signed on. They include Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism; Neil Goldstein and Richard Gordon of the American Jewish Congress; and Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, an association of Conservative rabbis.

The statement seizes on Olympic organizers' plans for a kosher kitchen at the Olympic Village, where athletes stay. Greenberg characterized the move as an attempt to lure Jewish tourists by presenting an image of sensitivity.

"I would say in principle, athletes and tourists and governments should all draw the same conclusion to this," Greenberg said. "Unless the Chinese make some significant corrections, they should not participate."

Meyers said he hopes the declaration is interpreted as a call for Israel and Jewish athletes worldwide to boycott the games, although he doubts such a boycott will come to pass.

Court lets menu regulation proceed

Restaurants required to post calorie counts, city postpones fines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court let the city proceed Tuesday with ordering some chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menu boards, but only after the city agreed to postpone issuing fines until mid-July.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals left room to rule against the city in the future by seeking the Food and Drug Administration's opinion on whether FDA rules let cities dictate what restaurants must tell customers.

In a one-page order, the appeals court said it lifted the stay only after the city agreed to postpone enforcement of the law from June 6 to July 18, long enough for the court to rule on the merits of a lawsuit brought on behalf of the restaurants by the New York State Restaurant Association, an industry group.

The rule applies to restaurants that are part of chains with at least 15 outlets across the country. That includes fast-food places like McDonald's and Wendy's as well as sit-down establishments like Olive Garden and T.G.I. Friday's.

Restaurant Association lawyer Kent Yalowitz said in a letter to the court

Tuesday that the city has made it clear it will use coercive powers to force restaurants to comply.

"A stay of fines is no stay at all in these circumstances," he wrote.

Reached after the ruling, Yalowitz said restaurants will have to make their own decisions on whether to comply with the rule right now, and hoped the city would show restraint.

"If they start putting big yellow stickers on people's windows citing violations, to me that would be outrageous. Nobody is saying they're not going to comply if we don't win," he said.

According to the health department, more than half of New Yorkers are overweight or obese. Health officials believe the regulation will prevent 150,000 New Yorkers from becoming obese and will stop another 30,000 from developing diabetes and other health concerns over the next five years.

City Health Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden praised the decision as a major victory, and said chains that haven't yet listed calories have run out of "stalling tactics."

"Some chains have worked hard to deny customers information they need to make healthy food choices, but this decision starts to clear the way for people to have ready access to calorie information when they order their food," he said.

In arguments earlier Tuesday, Yalowitz said restaurants believe federal laws pre-empted local efforts to try to regulate how restaurants describe the contents of their food. He said the First Amendment rights of restaurants protected them as well.

Judge Rosemary Pooler noted that cigarette packages contain health warnings. "If we were to adopt your view, no warnings would ever appear on anything," she said.

"If they start putting big yellow stickers on people's windows citing violations, to me that would be outrageous. Nobody is saying they're not going to comply if we don't win."

Kent Yalowitz
lawyer



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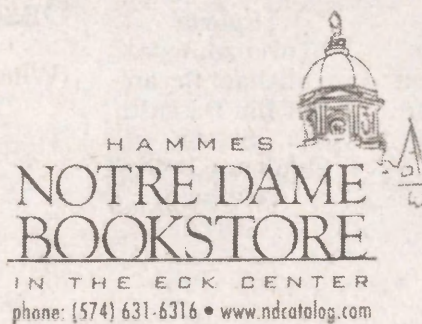
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A state of abuse

Those of you who pay close attention to the news have probably heard a lot about a secretive group in Texas that rapes and abuses children. In 2004 alone, 100 children from this organization

received treatment for rape, and 142 gave birth. A child in this organization is four times more likely to die than the average Texas child. Despite these abuses, the group has remained shrouded in mystery, protected by a veil of secrecy from those within the system. The leader of this group has shown "callous indifference in hiding the truth" says a lead state investigator, who encountered "repeated and continuing roadblocks and stonewalling" while trying to uncover the abuses of this organization.

Given the abysmal record of child abuse within this organization, an appropriate course of action would be to liberate the children and place them in a healthier environment. Unfortunately, the fox is guarding the henhouse. The record of abuse described above comes from a 2006 investigation into the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Texas Comptroller Carole Strayhorn, calling herself the "voice for these forgotten, neglected, abused and dead children," uncovered systematic abuse in the Texas foster care system. This system, which presided over the deaths of 116 children between 2003 and 2005, now has custody of 463 children abducted from the Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) Church.

On April 3, a fully-armed SWAT team raided the FLDS-occupied Yearning for Zion (YFZ) ranch in

Eldorado, Texas. The raid on the ranch was prompted by a phone call from a 16-year old girl who claimed she was an abuse victim from inside the compound. Authorities still haven't given a satisfactory reason as to why they needed armored vehicles and assault weapons to raid a peaceful people for an instance of sexual abuse. Officials also have yet to identify the alleged abuse victim and are now suspecting that the phone call was a hoax from a schizophrenic Colorado woman who has a history of false reporting. Regardless, the judge in the case has ordered all 463 children abducted from the ranch to remain in state custody. In doing so, the presiding judge ignored the advice of the state's own witness, child psychologist Bruce Perry, who testified that "the traditional foster care system would be destructive to these kids."

The FLDS Church practices polygamy, and many of the teen girls taken from the ranch are pregnant or have children. However, the possible sexual abuse of several teen girls should not result in the abduction of all of the children. Only half the marriages at YFZ ranch are polygamous, and many loving parents have lost custody of their children as a result of this raid. Over 150 of the children now in state custody are under the age of five even though officials acknowledge that there is no evidence of abuse among these younger children.

The forced separation of FLDS families has little to do with the children's welfare. Of more concern to government officials was the nonconformity of the FLDS. Members of the FLDS church wear colonial-style clothes, work on a farm, grow their own food, and never watch TV.

Clearly, the children need to be freed from this oppressive indoctrination and exposed to a world of short skirts, processed foods and "Project Runway". Some of the men in the FLDS church practice plural marriage and provide for their children; an abhorrent alternative to the more commonplace practice in the rest of the U.S. of engaging in serial marriage and not providing for one's children. Simply put, in small-town, evangelical Texas, the alternative lifestyle and religion of the FLDS church was not welcome.

This article is not a defense of the FLDS church, as I personally disagree with many of their beliefs and practices. Of concern to me is the lack of restraint exercised by the state. The United States was founded on ideals of individual liberty, religious freedom and tolerance for all groups of peoples. Our Constitution grants us the freedom to live in a manner of our choosing as long as our actions don't infringe upon the rights of others. This freedom applies to everyone regardless of the absurdity of their beliefs, the offensiveness of their actions, or the unconformity of their lifestyle. Yet, Texas officials, in an enormous display of self-righteousness, have essentially outlawed the practices and lifestyle of the FLDS church and they have unnecessarily and unconstitutionally placed hundreds of kids into a system that is no less abusive than the environment from which they came from.

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Zach Einterz

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are here just for a spell and then pass on. So get a few laughs and do the best you can. Live your life so that whenever you lose it, you are ahead."

Will Rogers
humorist

U-WIRE

Fight the feminazi

I'm a feminist. I don't burn underwear, I don't grow my underarm hair out and I've never considered castrating the entire male population. And yet, when I casually mention that I think feminism is a worthy cause, both men and women look at me like I suddenly grew a horn on my forehead. Freak.

**Hannah
Kokjohn**

*The Oklahoma
Daily*

So I wasn't surprised to find Oklahoma has a Facebook group entitled "Feminist is just another word for ugly liberal woman." I was also not surprised, but definitely disappointed, when I compared the number of its members, 83, to the two pro-feminist groups Oklahomans support 22 and a pathetic 4.

I suppose it is understandable why only ugly, liberal women would be feminists. Only ugly, liberal women are still upset because women are paid just

three-fourths of what men make. Only ugly, liberal women wish the United States wasn't the only industrialized nation to not offer paid maternity leave. Only ugly, liberal women are frustrated because, even though most couples work, women are still expected to spend more time doing housework and raising children. I bet if these women were attractive enough to have men in their lives, such dirty thoughts would never occur to them.

But here's the deal. Feminism isn't about burning your bra anymore. There might be a few crazies out there, but today, feminism isn't about male domination. It's about creating a truly equal society, not just between men and women, but for everyone. Feminists lobby on behalf of minorities, homosexuals and anyone who is experiencing inequality. They lobby for human rights, ecological rights and any rights men have historically not concerned

themselves with.

Look at the National Organization for Women's charter: Our purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in society sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men, while living free from discrimination.

I'll let you in on a little secret. Sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men is actually code for cutting off men's balls in feminist lingo. All the equality issues they're lobbying for are just a front.

Or, at least, that is what some people really believe.

I guess what really burned me about this Facebook group was the fact a woman created it. I know some people truly believe men and women have different roles to fulfill and are inherently and biologically different, but that doesn't mean you can't support a group that advocates upping your paycheck.

The word feminist seems to imply a bitter, homely woman in our society. A woman whose ideology is heavily shaped by the fact that she needs to get laid.

And this is just not the case. I'm not saying you have to grab a sign and join the picket line. You don't even have to support every feminist cause. If you want to be a housewife, feminism is fine with that. If you are pro-life, no big deal. But don't bash the people who gave women the right to vote, who have pushed women into higher paying jobs and who have made spousal abuse illegal and shameful. It's just ignorant.

This column first appeared in the April 28 issue of the Oklahoma Daily, the campus publication of the University of Oklahoma.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farewell Professor Langan

This is a sad week for many Notre Dame students because philosophy professor Jeff Langan will be delivering his final lecture at Notre Dame. Professor Langan will be pursuing a position at Holy Cross College because he was not able to attain a stable position here. We regret that future students will not have the opportunity to take a course with him.

As his former students, we have had the great fortune of having him as a professor and many of us can truly say that he is the best professor we have had at Notre Dame and that he has changed our lives. In his classes, Professor Langan taught his students that philosophy is more than arguments, premises and conclusions. Philosophy is the love of wisdom and truth — it concerns how one lives. It actually deals with everyday life.

Professor Langan inspired so many students that a significant number of them have become philosophy majors. He has been the most inspiring, helpful and caring professor we know at Notre Dame. From his seven-point quizzes

that kept us honest in our reading to his end-of-the-year barbeque at his home to his hilarious anecdotes about all sorts of things, Professor Langan has been all that a professor should be.

We deeply regret his leaving Notre Dame because the University is losing a wonderful professor who inspired many students to love philosophy. Professor Langan, we will miss you, though we hope that Holy Cross students will not miss this great opportunity to learn from you.

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A vacancy in The Huddle

Thank you for your touching article on George Porter-Young ("The long journey home," April 29). He is a great man and a great friend, and I had the pleasure of working with him side by side at Sbarro for four years in South Bend. Like many of the employees at the Huddle, he was one of my best friends on campus, always up for a good story or a good political debate, and did so much more for the University than the University often did for him. I would tell you that I read your article with tears in my eyes, learning of his condition, but I will not.

First of all, George wouldn't have anything of it. Second of all, I could count on two hands the amount of times I walked into work, only to hear "George isn't going to make it." He's stared death in the face more times than anyone I've ever met, and he will surely conquer this next challenge and outlive us all. His is a message of faith and courage and unwavering optimism that us pessimistic twenty-somethings could learn a great deal from.

God bless you, Georgie, and good luck.

Jonathan Retartha
 alumnus
 Class of 2007
 April 29

Respect Colbert

How dare you, Mr. Yatarola ("Colbert? Really?," April 29), for belittling name of Stephen Colbert, a great American hero. You think Colbert is unqualified to speak at our University? When is the last time Ben and Jerry's named an ice cream flavor after you, sir? Oh wait. They haven't. And even if they did, it would probably taste bad and nobody would buy it.

You say that Colbert and his mentor, Jon Stewart (another great American hero) are "dishonest cheap-shot artists," but then go on to call the pair "small, weasely" men and refer to Jon Stewart and his "man-crush on the Obamesiah." If that isn't a low-blow cheap shot then I don't know what is.

Furthermore, you call Colbert an "obnoxious pretend journalist," but I suppose I might have to defer to your

judgment there. If there's anybody who writes for The Observer that knows about obnoxious, pretend journalism it has to be you.

Finally, I would like to disagree with your claim that if we allowed dueling in the United States Colbert and Stewart would stop "their routine casual smearing" (you call it smearing, I call it a free press that heightens the level of discourse of our already highly informed electorate). I'm sure that if you challenged Stephen Colbert to a duel he would undoubtedly kick your ass.

Will Clark
 freshman
 Alumni Hall
 April 29

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Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull

May 22

After almost 20 years in development hell, the fourth Indiana Jones movie, "Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull," is finally being released.

Fans of the original trilogy of archeologist-action-hero adventures might question the film's star himself, given the fact that Harrison Ford is no spring chicken. But with a cast that rounds out with Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen returning as Marion Ravenwood and Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett, this latest Spielberg concoction definitely seems promising.

Time will tell if "Crystal Skull" will redeem the long-latent characters, or if this fourth Jones film will fall short of success. But with Ford as its eponymous anchor, the possibilities look good.



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Sex and the City

May 30

Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) are back together again four years after the hit HBO series ended.

The foursome is still trying to find love and get their lives straight with the beautiful backdrop of New York City behind them. Changes are ahead for the girls with an engagement, a new baby, a marriage in trouble and a move to another coast.

Have no fear, because the men of the series — Mr. Big (Chris Noth), Steve (David Eigenberg), Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis), and Harry (Evan Handler) — are all back as well. New to the stellar cast is Oscar-winning Jennifer Hudson as Carrie's assistant Louise.

The promos promise big plot twists, outrageous fashion statements and salacious girl talk. And be sure to look out for what should be an excellent soundtrack that includes artists such as Fergie, India.Arie, Al Green, Run-D.M.C. and Hudson.



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The Dark Knight

July 18

Christian Bale reprises his role as the Caped Crusader in this sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins."

Bale plays the title role of Batman and billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne, Batman's alter ego. This time around, Batman faces off against his traditional arch nemesis, the sadistic Joker (Heath Ledger, in his final role).

Batman works with familiar allies in this film, including his butler Alfred (Michael Caine), Wayne Enterprises CEO Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) and Gotham City Police Lt. James Gordon (Gary Oldman). Maggie Gyllenhaal replaces Katie Holmes as Wayne's love interest Rachel Dawes, a lawyer who works in the DA's office.

Aaron Eckert joins the cast as Gotham district attorney Harvey Dent — a name most Batman fans will recognize as the supervillain Two-Face.

Director Christopher Nolan, who directed the first film, takes the helm of this one, as well, meaning fans of "Batman Begins" should be pleased with its sequel.



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Mamma Mia!

July 18

Meryl Streep has mastered her craft. She's conquered the fashion world in "The Devil Wears Prada," agonized with audiences in "Sophie's Choice," and even taken to literature with the allusive "The Hours." But even after all of this success, one question might remain: Can the woman of a thousand accents actually carry a tune?

Viewers will find out, for better or for worse, in the musical adaptation of the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" Drawing on the music of disco-era pop icons ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" is light on plot but heavy on frothy fun.

The recently released trailer for "Mamma Mia!" was underwhelming at best. Hopefully Streep and crew have what it takes to impress both fans and new viewers alike.



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The Pineapple Express

August 8

This movie is producer Judd Apatow's realization of a long-time goal in Hollywood: a "weed action movie."

Written by "Superbad" scribes Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg, the film follows stoner Dale Denton (Rogen) and his dealer Saul Silver (James Franco). After Dale witnesses a murder, he leaves behind a strain of marijuana so rare (called Pineapple Express) that it can be traced back to him and Saul. The two go on the run to escape the wrath of a dangerous drug lord who took part in the murder.

"Pineapple Express" officially welcomes James Franco back into the Apatow fold. The "Freaks and Geeks" star finished college at UCLA after making some poor movie choices, but now he returns to comedy with his "Freaks and Geeks" co-star Rogen. The film looks to be another summer hit for Apatow, and it even features a theme song written and performed by Huey Lewis.



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Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

August 8

Put those pants back on. Ann Brashares' highly successful book series "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" was first made into a film three years ago. Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty") and company clicked well with teenage audiences in the first film, making the possibility of a sequel pretty likely.

Now the girls are three years older, college freshmen still adjusting to adulthood, the real world and life without the constant presence of your best friends. Whether or not audiences buy into any pants-related metaphors, the film seems likely to do well, given its good source material and solid predecessor.



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WALL-E

June 27

Since the late 1990s, they've brought you talking toys, talking cars, talking fish and even talking rats. This summer, the wacky minds at Pixar are taking a turn for the robotic.

"WALL-E" tells the story of a young robot, of the Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth Class, who spends his days on a post-industrial earth. When he meets EVE, a sleek new robot who sees a bright future for WALL-E, the film takes off.

Pixar's track record is highly respectable on the whole. None of their films have been real missteps, though some have fared better than others. The success of films like "Finding Nemo" and "Monster's, Inc.," two of their strongest releases, bodes well for a solid reception of "WALL-E."

Whether or not audiences can click with a robotic protagonist remains to be seen.

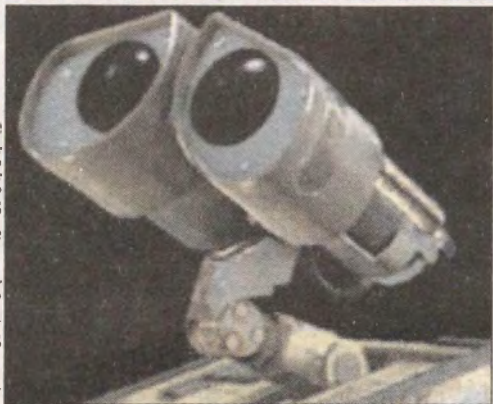


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Hancock

July 2

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was a force to be reckoned with in "Independence Day," "Men in Black," "Bad Boys," and most recently "I am Legend." Will Smith aims to bring this star power to his new film "Hancock."

Smith plays the titular character: an edgy, sarcastic, and misunderstood superhero. His heroics get the job done but always seem to leave serious damage behind. When the public has finally had enough, public relations executive Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman), whose life Hancock saves, aims to help the scornful superhero and find his softer side. But Ray's wife, Mary (Charlize Theron) insists Hancock is a lost cause.

This power-house movie of a quasi-super hero packs plenty of action. Smith has yet to fail his audience, and this should be no exception.



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The X-Files: I Want to Believe

July 25

Mulder and Scully are back in a film that takes place six years after the season finale of the show and ten years after the first film.

Instead of aliens and extra-terrestrials, the team will be asked to discover the cause of the disappearance of a group of women from rural Virginia. Though the X-Files have been closed for years, Mulder and Scully are called on to use their sci-fi friendly skills to discover why body parts are appearing on the side of the road.

The film is being pitched to avid X-Files fans and average movie-goers alike. The lack of any great alien appeal leaves room for those who have never seen the show or followed the plotline to pick up the story fairly easily.

The relationship tension between Mulder and Scully remains, and hopes are high for this sci-fi sequel.



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American Teen

July 25

The princess, the jock, the rebel, the geek and the heartthrob. These sound like stereotypes straight from "The Breakfast Club," but really they are the labels attached to five high school seniors from Warsaw, Ind., as they deal with the pressures of cliques, relationships, family and their impending graduations.

Megan, the princess, works to get into her dream school. Colin, the jock, faces enlisting in the army if he doesn't get a basketball scholarship.

Hannah, the rebel, wants to get out of Indiana and find somewhere that she can fit in. Jake, the geek, wants to finally find a girlfriend. And Mitch, the heartthrob, has his eyes set on the artsy Hannah.

Directed by Nanette Burstein, "American Teen" won the Directing Award for a documentary at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival and has garnered a great deal of critical buzz since then.



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Hamlet 2

August 22

Shakespeare probably never envisioned a sequel for his great tragedy "Hamlet" (especially since everyone dies in the end), but that doesn't mean that a failed actor-turned-drama teacher can't make a musical sequel to the Bard's tale.

With songs like "Rock Me, Sexy Jesus" and some help from the Tucson Gay Men's Chorus, drama teacher Dana (Steve Coogan) decides to go out with a bang before the high school he teaches at shuts down its theatre department.

Look out for actress Elizabeth Shue playing herself - kind of. She's now a nurse (but not really) after becoming sick of Hollywood and leaving it behind.

Focus Features bought "Hamlet 2" at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival for \$10 million, almost tying the \$10.5 million record that "Little Miss Sunshine" set in 2006. The irreverent twist on Shakespeare also stars Catherine Keener, Amy Poehler and David Arquette.



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The House Bunny

August 22

If the preview for "The House Bunny" is remarkably reminiscent of "Legally Blonde," that could be because the screenplay is by "Legally Blonde" writers Karen McCullah Lutz and Kristen Smith (the duo also co-wrote "10 Things I Hate About You"). But while Elle Woods escaped to Harvard, Shelley (Anna Faris) is escaping to a sorority house - although not one that Elle would have ever joined.

When Shelley is kicked out of the Playboy Mansion by a rival, she becomes a housemother for a nerdy sorority and helps the girls sign a new pledge class so that they can keep their charter. In the end (after a few makeovers), everyone learns that it's what's on the inside that counts. Judging from the preview, the real laughs come from the performances of Faris and the sorority girls she helps, played by such actresses as Emma Stone ("Superbad"), Katharine McPhee ("American Idol") and Rumer Willis (the offspring of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore).



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RECSPORTS

Recspy winners announced

Special to the Observer

In 1997, the idea of an All Interhall Champion arose. After some very beneficial dialogue with Rectors and administrators of the Athletic Department, a pilot program was developed to determine the All Interhall RecSports Champions. The first awards were presented in the 1997-98 academic year to Keough Hall and Welsh Family.

The point system that was created at that time is still the one in place today. Every Interhall event has points available for simply entering a team from the hall.

Additional points are awarded for the top four finishers. Points are deducted for forfeits, ejections and other undesirable actions. Halls that do the best are halls that make sure they have teams entered in all Interhall events. The traveling trophies are awarded to the winners to display for the year. A plaque for men and another plaque for women is displayed in the main entrance area of Rolfs Sports Recreation Center listing the year to year winners.

In 2001 the idea of the RecSpys was born. The RecSpys specifically recognize some of the best in Intramural Sports. All of the Notre Dame community was invited to participate in the selection of the winners through the voting website.

Here are the winners for 2008-09:

Undergraduate Female of the Year: Cynthia Curley, Pasquerilla West

If RecSports kept statistics for most sports played in a year Cynthia Curley may be the

record holder. Cynthia showed her leadership by leading the Weasels to the No. 5 seed in football, while upsetting No. 4 seed Howard. In maybe one of the more stunning upsets this year, Curley took charge and powered her team past the mighty Whirlwind of Welsh Family to capture the championship for Interhall basketball.

Undergraduate Male of the Year: Max Young, Siegfried

Max was not only the backbone of the Siegfried baseball team, he was the backstop. He commanded respect from the opposing pitchers and base runners thought twice about stealing on him. Also, as a defensive back for the Rambler's football team, he made wide receivers second guess going over the middle.

Grad/Fac/Staff (GFS) Female of the Year: Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon

Jacqueline has participated in GFS tennis and is also the captain of her softball team, Above the Curve. Jacqueline is a great teammate and a hard worker. She is a positive person and we are pleased she is a part of RecSports program.

Grad/Fac/Staff Male of the Year: Sean Walsh

With only seconds left in the GFS Flag Football Championship, Walsh, the signal caller for Law Dawgs, threw up a prayer for Law Dawgs, ala Doug Flutie, and won the championship, beating \$81,000 Cash. His poise and composure carried his team through the season and in the championship.

Team of the Year: Cavanaugh Football

It was an up and down season for the Chaos. The regular season ended with a less than stellar 3-3 record, which earned them No. 6 seed in the playoffs. No one believed they could go all the way, but the Chaos was out to shock the RecSports world. They worked their way through the first two rounds of the playoffs before facing Welsh Family. Going into the games as underdogs fueled the fire. With tough defense and timely scoring, they upset Welsh Fam, to capture the title. It was a truly a story of David beating Goliath.

Game of the Year: Interhall Men's Soccer Championship

In a game billed as a mismatch, No. 8 Siegfried Premier against No. 3 Keenan, Siegfried did not fold under the pressure of being an underdog. Both teams came out firing on all cylinders. No one wanted to back down. It came down to one of the most exciting events in sports, the shootout. Both teams wanted victory, but in the end it was Siegfried that took the prize. Siegfried took down the Knights. This match would have made the average soccer spectator sit on the edge of their seat the whole game.

Fans of the Year: Alumni Hockey

In early morning hours, when all the students are fast asleep, the Alumni hockey fans are in the Joyce Center running amuck. Opposing teams know them all too well. The construction barrel taunts players and fans alike at every turn.

HALL OF CHAMPIONS

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Campus Horseshoe Doubles	Ted Lawless/John Coyle
IH Men's Baseball	Stanford
GFS Baseball	CE/GEOS
IH Men's Football	Stanford
IH Women's Flag Football	Cavanaugh
GFS Flag Football	Law Dawgs
IH Women's Tennis	Maureen Champa
IH Men's Tennis	Mark Witte
GFS Men's Tennis	Shashank Maiya
Campus Tennis - Mixed Doubles	Martin Klubeck/Deanna Ponsler
IH Women's Golf Scramble	C. Curly/L. Koerbel
IH Men's Golf Scramble	Dan Humboldt/Jordan Koerner
IH Men's Soccer	Siegfried
IH Women's Dodgeball	Pasquerilla East
IH Men's Dodgeball	Fisher - Reigning Champs
GFS Soccer	Tainted Fruit
IH Men's Cross Country	Siegfried
IH Women's Cross Country	Pangborn
CoRec Flag Football	Little Glents
IH Men's Racquetball Singles	Ryan Peterson
IH Men's Volleyball	Morrissey
IH Women's Volleyball	Cavanaugh
CoRec Basketball	Ballers
CoRec Water Polo	911
Campus Badminton Singles	Ping Shi
IH Men's Basketball	Morrissey A and Siegfried B
IH Women's Basketball	Pasquerilla West
GFS Basketball	In Your Prima Facie
CoRec Broomball	MBA's With Brooms
Campus Table Tennis	Su Su
Campus Men's Indoor Soccer	Tainted Fruit
Campus Women's Indoor Soccer	Tainted Fruit
Campus Ultimate Frisbee	Dragons
IH Men's Ice Hockey	Zahm4
Campus Racquetball Doubles	Su Su & Kai Liu
IH Men's Team Racquetball	Off-Campus
IH Women's Team Racquetball	Pasquerilla East
CoRec Volleyball	Tall Girls
Campus Badminton Doubles	Su Su/Kai Liu
Campus Floor Hockey	Stanford
IH Men's Lacrosse	Dillon
IH Women's Lacrosse	Pasquerilla East
IH Softball	Alumni/Pasquerilla West
GFS Softball	Shelbyville Power Plant
IH Women's Soccer	Cavanaugh
Campus Sand Volleyball	Bad Assests
IH Men's Team Tennis	Morrissey
IH Women's Team Tennis	Pasquerilla West

RECSPY WINNERS THE PAST 3 YEARS

Past Interhall Points Champions

	WOMEN	MEN
04-05	Farley	Keenan
05-06	Pasquerilla West	Stanford
06-07	Pasquerilla East	Morrissey

Undergraduate Male of the Year

04-05	Mike Iselin (Keenan hall)
05-06	Michael Ortiz (O'Neill Hall)
06-07	Brian Fallon (Dillon Hall)

Undergraduate Female of the Year

04-05	Sara Gillon (Cavanaugh Hall)
05-06	Heather Van Hoegarden (PW)
06-07	Anne Parrett (Farley Hall)

GFS Male of the Year

04-05	Doug Bartels
05-06	Thomas Clarke
06-07	Thomas Clarke

GFS Female of the Year

04-05	Caitlin Johnson
05-06	Erin Galloway
06-07	Megan Tierney

Intramural Team of the Year

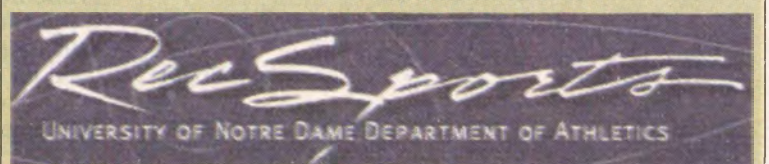
04-05	Keough Hall Interhall Ice Hockey
05-06	Zahm Hall Men's Interhall Football
06-07	Farley Hall Women's Interhall Basketball

Intramural Game of the Year

04-05	Cavanaugh v. Walsh Women's Interhall Football
05-06	Pangborn v. PW Women's Interhall Football
06-07	Farley v. Welsh Fam Women's Interhall Basketball

Fans of the Year

04-05	Cavanaugh Women's Football
05-06	Alumni Hall Hockey Fans
06-07	Alumni Hall Hockey Fans



RECSPORTS

Another year of intramurals comes to a close

Special to the Observer

With more than 50 programs available to undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff alike, the intramural program at Notre Dame boasts a range of athletic opportunities comparable to that of larger state schools.

The fall sports offering provides a variety of sports from soccer to fast-pitch softball, and includes one of the nation's only intramural full-contact, full-pads football leagues. Winter brings a bevy of basketball leagues from men's and women's Interhall to Co-Roc and Grad/Faculty/Staff. Ice hockey and broomball utilize the Joyce Center's ice rink, one of the 15 campus-wide facilities used by the intramural program. As the weather warms, sports move back outdoors for Interhall lacrosse, sand volleyball and many others.

With over 90 percent of Notre Dame's student body having competed in at least one varsity sport in high school, the competitive nature at Notre Dame is like none other. Dorms compete for the men's and women's Interhall cups, gaining points towards the trophy through their play in Interhall competitions.

Men's Interhall

The 2007-2008 men's Interhall

season yielded rivalries and attempts at repeat championships. Early in the year, Stanford and Keenan squared off in a series of battles for the chapel. In baseball, the Griffins used a dramatic ending — a grand slam to knock off Siegfried in the semifinals — and then survived a potential Knights rally to take the crown in Eck Stadium.

Stanford then earned the top seed in football with a 12-8 victory in the regular season finale against the Keenan, but almost fell in the first round to Dillon, scoring on a fourth and goal in overtime to keep its season alive. Notre Dame Stadium served as the venue for a rematch of the cinderblock brethren, with Stanford again prevailing in a 7-0 defensive battle.

Men's soccer also provided its share of theater, with the eighth-seeded Siegfried Premier team making a Cinderella run to the championship game. There they faced another Keenan team vying for a title, and after a high scoring regulation, the underdog Ramblers prevailed in penalty kicks.

North Quad's monopoly on the championship games changed along with the seasons, as Morrissey used its size and athleticism to capture both the bas-



Photo Courtesy of RecSports

The Siegfried interhall soccer team poses after its Cinderella run to the championship game ended with a win over Keenan in penalty kicks.

ketball and volleyball championships. The Manor denizens ran up absurd regular season records in both sports, going undefeated by wide margins to clinch the top seeds in both post-season tournaments. Despite great efforts from the hoopsters of Sorin and the St. Ed's volleyball team, the Manorites took home two titles.

As the weather outside got colder and colder, the action on the ice inside heated up, culminating in defending champion Dillon trying to defend its hockey championship against a team composed of Zahm and Carroll players. The Big Red's efforts fell short against the union of Vermin and Rabid Bats, with the hockey title moving to the House until next season.

Women's Interhall

The Interhall women's sports this year proved to be one of upsets and excitement. The fall brought an intense flag football season and a thrilling upset in the championship — much like this year's Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

Welsh Family's domination in an undefeated regular season paralleled that of the Patriots, and Cavanaugh's play run was reminiscent of that of the Giants. Cavanaugh shut out Welsh Family in the championship game 14-0, and proved they were better than expected.

Cavanaugh was one of the

select dorms to win more than one championship this year by taking first place in Interhall volleyball after a bumpy regular season, but finishing up strong in the playoffs, similar to the performance of their flag football team.

In Interhall basketball, Welsh Family's season concluded in much the same way as their flag football season. It seems that this year Welsh Family has been under the curse of the undefeated regular season. Welsh Family's basketball team followed its undefeated regular season with a run to the championship game only to be defeated by another basketball powerhouse, Pasquerilla West.

Pasquerilla West also found itself competing in the Interhall dodgeball championship but lost to Mod Quad rival Pasquerilla East, who also won the racquetball championship. In other sports, Pangborn won the women's cross country championship, Maureen Champa took home the single's tennis championship, and Cynthia Curley and Libby Koerbel won the women's golf scramble.

Grad/Faculty/Staff Sports

The Grad/Faculty/Staff sports seemed to have more than their share of remarkable playoff games this year, particularly in baseball, flag football and soccer.

In GFS baseball, teams faced tough roads to the championship

in Eck Stadium and sometimes had to play doubleheaders to advance in the playoffs. The Blue Sox were one of these teams, and only came up short by a few runs in the quarterfinals.

The CE/GEOS won the semifinals with a walk off grand slam and then faced the No. 1 seed Big Marbles in the championship game and defeated them as well.

While the baseball playoffs featured a walk off grand slam, the GFS flag football championship featured a hail-mary pass that decided the game. The Law Dawgs won on a last second heave to the end zone a la Kordell Stewart and Michael Westbrook playing for the University of Colorado against Michigan. The ball was tipped by the opposing team, \$81,000 Cash, but a Law Dawgs receiver miraculously came down with the ball and the championship.

More unbelievable playoff games could be found in the GFS soccer league. Tainted Fruit continued their campus-wide soccer dynasty with a championship win in the GFS soccer league. Continuing the theme of dramatic GFS finishes, the game ended in a shootout, in which Tainted Fruit outscored the MSA program 5-4.

In other sports, In Your Prima Facie beat Second Year-itis in the basketball championship, Shashai Maiya won men's tennis singles, and Michael Stanicic won men's racquetball singles.



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Stanford freshman Colin McNamara, right, returns an interception during the Griffins' 7-0 championship victory over Keenan.

INTERHALL POINTS RACE

MEN

- 1. Siegfried 3,320
- 2. Morrissey 3,225
- 3. Stanford 2,880
- 4. Zahm 2,150
- 5. St. Eds 2,075
- 6. O'Neill 1,875
- 7. Dillon 1,853
- 8. Keenan 1,710
- 9. Alumni 1,625
- 10. Keough 1,625
- 11. Fisher 1,535
- 12. Knott 1,460
- 13. Sorin 1,310
- 14. Carroll 800

WOMEN

- 1. Cavanaugh 3,075
- 2. PW 2,755
- 3. PE 2,325
- 4. Welsh-Fam 1,300
- 5. Lyons 1,190
- 6. Farley 1,085
- 7. Pangborn 725
- 8. Lewis 625
- 9. BP 500
- 10. Walsh 475
- 11. McGinn 395
- 12. Badin 325
- 13. Howard 305

Best wishes to all presenters in the Undergraduate Scholars Conference Friday, May 2

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GENERAL SESSION – ENGINEERING – DEBARTOLO HALL

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Shawn Coleman	Nichola Lubold	Alyssa Teves
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Johnelle Halteman	Marissa Pitterle	

GENERAL SESSION – ARCHITECTURE, ARTS & LETTERS, BUSINESS, PREPROFESSIONAL STUDIES – DEBARTOLO HALL

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND starts tournament with East Tennessee St.

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 26 Notre Dame will travel to Columbus, Ohio this weekend to face East Tennessee State in the opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

"They are 23-3 with their only losses coming to No. 4 Georgia, No. 7 Tennessee, and No. 28 Wake Forest," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Their roster is primarily composed of international players."

If the Irish win in the first round they have a tough bracket ahead of them. Their second round opponent could be No. 2 seed Ohio State.

"We hope we can advance as far as our talent will take us," Bayliss said. "We have the feeling that we have seen the some of the best teams in the country and that will help us in the tournament."

Bayliss noted that the Irish have faced six of the top eight teams in the nation throughout this season and have taken a lot of body blows for the tough schedule despite their No. 26 ranking.

This past weekend the Irish travelled to No. 13 Florida State and won a tight 4-3 match. The Irish took an early 3-1 lead before the Seminoles came back to knot the match at 3-3.

For the second time in a week the match was to be decided at the No. 6 singles position, freshman Dan Stahl.

"Dan did a fantastic job of staying aggressive off of the ground once he broke serve early in the third set," Bayliss said. "There is a natural tendency to become more conservative in that position. Dan continued to play up in the court and go for his shots. He has demonstrated this ability on a consistent basis this season."

Also coming up with another big win for the Irish in doubles were senior Andrew Roth and junior Santiago Montoya. The team is currently 8-4 since being put together as the No. 2 doubles pair behind senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson.

"They have learned to anticipate each other's movements," Bayliss said. "Their chemistry has continued to develop as the year has progressed to the point where each feels the other has his back."

The Irish have not played a match since last Saturday against the Seminoles. The Irish had to start their season a week later than normal again this year in order to accommodate the the NCAAs regulations for length of season in order to fit in the last match between the Big East Tournament and the NCAAs.

For the second straight year the Irish captured the Big East championship, coming up with big wins in each of the three rounds including a 4-3 win over South Florida in the championship match.

"We are trying to schedule practices at times allowing us to be outdoors and in the heat whenever possible," Bayliss said. "Additionally we will try to continue the improvement of our doubles and on other individual areas of concern."

The Irish will look to continue their already great season with a deep run into the NCAA Tournament this weekend in Columbus.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish send 22 to Big East

Athletes head to Philadelphia trying to repeat as conference champs

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

This weekend, Notre Dame will begin possibly its biggest meet of the season when it heads to the Big East outdoor championships May 2-5 in Philadelphia, Penn.

The Irish will send 22 athletes to the competition and will need each of them to have strong performances in order for Notre Dame to have a chance at claiming a top finish.

"I am not sure that we have the experience or the depth to win the meet this year — as we did last year — but we have the potential to finish in the top three if we perform exceptionally well," said Irish coach Tim Connelly. "For us to have a chance for a strong team finish, all of our 22 athletes will need to score points, as we have very little margin for error."

Following the Big East meet, those athletes who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete for a chance to participate in the NCAA national championship meet in Des Moines, IA. Up to this point, the Irish have nine athletes and a relay team qualified for the regional meet.

One of those athletes, multi-

event star junior Alyssa Hasan, will not have to participate in the regional meet because she has automatically qualified for the national meet in the heptathlon.

Hasan has had a record-breaking year for the Irish setting both school and personal records in the heptathlon event with 5,509 points.

"She is someone whom we have really relied upon this year because she can help us in so many events," Connelly said. "It is great to see her putting things together and having so much success."

Hasan garnered All-American honors during the NCAA indoor championships earlier this year with her performance in the decathlon.

Irish runners who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet and will be counted on to lead

the team at the Big East meet include senior Brienne Davis, sophomores Lindsey Ferguson and Joanna Schultz, and freshmen Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans. Each of these athletes has earned top spots at nearly every meet this season in their respective events.

The Irish have also dominated the throws events in most of the meets this season. Junior Anna Weber and Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza have led the Irish this year with their performances the shot put (Weber), hammer throw (Weber) and discus (Espinoza).

The athletes who finish in the top five in the regional meet will advance to the national meet and fight for All-American honors.

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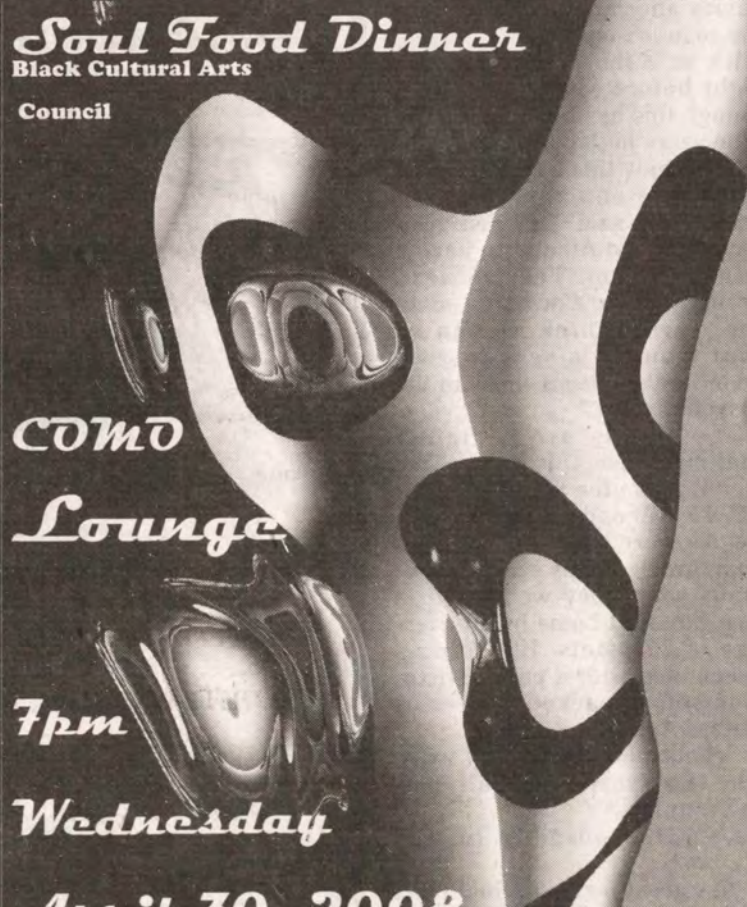
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MEN'S TRACK

Notre Dame ready for conference championships

By EUGENIA ALFONSO
Sports Writer

The time for the Notre Dame men's track team has come.

The Big East Conference Championship approaches this weekend with much promise for great performances from all events. With 50 Big East qualifiers and 17 NCAA Provisional qualifications, the Irish team is looking strong as they make their way to finish in 2007-08 season.

With close competitions from Louisville, University of Connecticut and Georgetown, Notre Dame still remains in close contention for the championship.

The success of Notre Dame's distance relay of seniors Kurt Benninger, Jake Watson, juniors Patrick Smyth and Dan Clark has set the bar high for great per-

formances next year.

"I think it's because we have a great group of athletes," Benninger said. "With guys like that running, not many teams out there can put together a team like that. When you can put a distance group together like that, it's going to be tough to beat."

"It's going to be tough to be beat."

Kurt Benninger
Irish senior

Along with the distance runners, sophomore Balasz Molnar, senior Austin Wechter have qualified and earned the No. 7 seed for the 400-meter and 400-meter intermediate hurdles, respectively.

For field events, the consistent Irish throwers have qualified five for the hammer throw, discus throw and shot put. Sophomore Eric Quick has qualified for both the triple and long jump while junior Blair Macjina and freshman Justin Schneider are seeded

sixth in the high jump. Sophomore Matt Schipper and junior Brian Mahon are also seeded second and eighth respectively for pole vault.

The 2008 BIG EAST Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Jumbo Elliott Track in Villanova, Pa. will start Friday with Notre Dame's No. 1 seed Justin Schneider in the men's decathlon 100m at 11:00 a.m.

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NBA

Upstart Hawks grow up in series with Celtics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After pulling up at Philips Arena in his white Hummer H2, Mike Bibby strolled past an admiring security guard, who wished him luck through the rest of the playoffs.

"We're not supposed to talk to the players," she said as the Hawks point guard turned the corner, "but I can't help myself."

The lovefest is occurring all over Atlanta. Talk radio stations were flooded with calls about the city's long-ignored NBA team. Cars cruised along downtown streets with Hawks flags flapping from their windows.

Who knew they even made those?

"It's long overdue, having playoff basketball here in Atlanta," coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday before boarding a flight to Boston for the next game in a series that was supposed to be over. "Now, they're seeing it at its best. We're the underdogs, but we're competing with a great team."

The Hawks aren't just competing. They're all tied up in the best-of-seven series with a team that had the NBA's best record, a team that finished 29 games ahead of Atlanta during the regular season.

It's as if the Hawks grew up right before everyone's eyes, though this has been a moment nine years in the making.

"We knew this day was going to come eventually," forward Josh Smith said. "It's just good for the city of Atlanta to have a winning team. They've been crying out for a winning team for years. I think we can be that team on a year-to-year basis, making some noise in the playoffs."

The Hawks are certainly making noise this year after slipping into the playoffs with a 37-45 record. The 66-win Celtics were supposed to make short work of this series, especially when they won the first two games at home by an average of 21 points. But Atlanta rebounded with a pair of victories before packed houses at Philips Arena.

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"It's great for us to finally get a chance to play on national

television, get a chance to really do something special," said Joe Johnson, who took the team on his back in Game 4, scoring 20 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter. "We've just got to validate these wins by staying humble, staying confident and working hard."

The Hawks were a perennial playoff team through most of the 1990s with a lineup that featured Steve Smith, Mookie Blaylock and Dikembe Mutombo. But they fell off the map after an ill-advised attempt to reshape the roster with younger, quicker players.

Eventually, the Hawks had little choice except to go back to square one. Players with any value were traded away. The team put most of its focus on the draft, a tedious process that resulted in the worst season in franchise history, a 13-69 debacle four years ago.

With a few missteps along the way (drafting Sheldon Williams at No. 5 overall, passing on Chris Paul), the Hawks assembled four of their top six players: starters Josh Smith, Marvin Williams and Al Horford, along with super sub Josh Childress.

Childress is the oldest of the bunch, all of 24.

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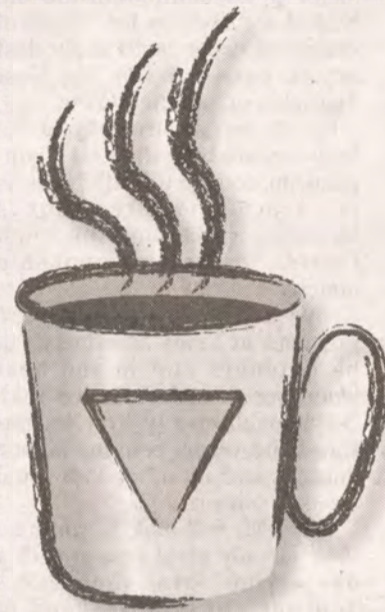
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We write to you now because it's time for feminists to say that Senator Obama has no monopoly on inspiration. We are among the millions of women and men who have been moved to action by her. Six months ago, some of us were committed to her candidacy, some of us weren't, but by now we all find ourselves passionately supporting her. Brains, grace under pressure, ideas, and the skill to make them real: we call that inspiring. The restoration of good government after eight years of devastation, a decent foreign policy with ties to world leaders repaired, withdrawal from Iraq and universal health care: we call that exciting. And the record to prove that she can and will stand up to the swift-boating that will come any Democratic nominee's way: we call that absolutely necessary.

Clinton's enormous contributions as Senator, public servant, spokesperson for better family policies and the needs of hard-pressed women and children are widely known and recognized -- even by her opponent. Her powerful, inspiring advocacy of the human rights of women at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 was heralded around the world as a stunning departure from the normal anodyne role of First Lady. Corporate special interests managed to defeat the health care program she advocated in 1994, and her own leadership opened the plan to attack. But she kept on fighting, acknowledging her mistakes, and in ensuing years she succeeded in winning expanded coverage for children. Now she has crafted the only sensible and truly universal health care proposal before the voters.

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We are keenly aware that much is at stake -- not just on national and international security, but on the economy, universal health care, the environment, and more. Our country needs a president who knows the members and workings of Congress, and has a proven record on Capitol Hill of persuading universal sympathizers, bringing along fence-sitters, and disarming opponents. There is an irony in her opponent's claim to be able to draw in Republicans, while dismissing her proven record of working with them as a legislator. We need a president who understands how to make changes real, from small things like the predatory student loan industry to large things like the Middle East. Hillary Clinton has the experience, knowledge and wisdom to deal with this wide range of issues.

Our country also needs a president who has a thorough mastery of "details" -- yes, details -- after eight years of Bush and Cheney. The job of restoring good government is overwhelming, and will require more than "inspiration" to accomplish it. We believe that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Justice Department, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more can be restored to full and effective functioning only by a president who understands their scope, regulations, personnel, problems and history. Knowing these "details" and acting on them are essential to begin the healing and recuperation of the country.

How many of us have heard brilliant and resourceful women in the workplace dismissed or devalued for "detail-orientation" in contrast to a man's supposed "big picture" scope? How many of us have seen what, in a man, would be called "peerless mastery," get called, in a woman's case, "narrowness"? How many women have we known -- truly gifted workers, professionals, and administrators -- who have been criticized for their reserve and down-to-earth way of speaking? Whose commanding style, seriousness, and get-to-work style are criticized as "cold" and insufficiently "likable"? These prejudices have been scandalously present in this campaign.

With all this in mind, we believe that Hillary Clinton is the best candidate for president, because she is the surest to remove the wreckage and secure the future. Politics is not magic. Hillary Clinton as president promises what government at its best can truly offer: wise decision-making and lasting change.

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LPGA TOUR

Lorena Ochoa looks to Alarcon for guidance

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The house where Lorena Ochoa grew up overlooks the swimming pool at Guadalajara Country Club, a playground paradise for a tiny, wiry girl with big dreams.

She would scamper to the tops of magnolia and ceiba trees that crowd the golf course. She would swim and play tennis and hold putting contests for a peso until it was too dark to see the hole.

"Lorena liked to play fantasy games — hit it over the tree, between the branches, over the rocks," said Shanti Granada, who began playing golf with Ochoa at age 7. "She always stayed with hit practice shots, always with an extra imagination to make practice fun."

From these beginnings rose the best female golfer in the world.

Ochoa, 26, already has met the performance criteria for the Hall of Fame. She has won five times in six LPGA Tour events this year, crushing the competition by a combined 37 shots, and this week in Oklahoma she will try to win her fifth straight tournament and tie a record held by Annika Sorenstam and Nancy Lopez.

A month later, she will be a heavy favorite to capture her third straight major.

Heady stuff for a kid from a soccer-loving country where there are fewer than 300 golf courses. Rafael Alarcon, though, might have seen this coming.

Ochoa was drawn to Alarcon, a local PGA golfer, when she was about 8. She would stand behind him as he hit balls, peppering

him with questions and following him around the course, until he one day invited her to play.

As the trophies piled up — Ochoa won her age division at the Junior World Championships five years in a row — Alarcon asked her once on the practice green why she wanted to know so much about the game.

"I want to learn to beat you," he recalls her telling him. "I know if I beat you, I can be the best player in the world."

The day before she left Mexico for the University of Arizona, she did just that, by two strokes on the back nine.

Now in her sixth full season on the LPGA Tour, there appears to be no stopping her.

"Lorena is an amazing golfer and an even more impressive person," said Lopez, whom Ochoa considers a true superstar ... so well liked on the tour and so successful at the same time."

This is the essence of Ochoa. She has risen to the top of a sport still dominated by the wealthy in her native Mexico, where green fees often cost five times the average daily wage. Yet she is loyal to the working class who care for the golf course and to impoverished children who have never seen the game played.

"She has always been sincere and friendly," said Francisco Javier Lopez, who has worked on the Guadalajara golf course for 18 years. "Now that she's winning and winning, she's just the same as before, very humble."

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All these conversations are open ended with the Big East," he said. "We propose things that we can propose things back. ... We're not asking people to make a lifetime commitment."

The loudest criticisms, which have been voiced by people outside the Rutgers athletic department, bemoan Notre Dame's supposed bully tactics. Araton argued that, "as soon as Mulcahy asked for a competitive campus edge every other season, a true partnership, Notre Dame went looking to leverage someone else."

The view that Notre Dame feels it is "too sainted to play in your conference, too special to step into your house if it does not meet our dimensional specifications," as Araton said, ignores at least part of the history of this series possibly beginning.

About three years ago, White agreed to the Big East's request to play three conference schools a year because three of the league's strongest football schools — Boston College, Miami and Virginia Tech — left for the Atlantic Coast Conference. White has insinuated several times that the Big East asked Notre Dame for the commitment in an effort to stabilize the conference at a time when a further fracturing of the league — if not wholesale collapse — seemed possible. And when White first unveiled that plan, in May 2006, he mentioned hopes to play several of the Big East games at the Meadowlands.

Thus, it seems the case of Rutgers and Notre Dame is two schools trying to reconcile their own needs within the constraints of prior commitments but failing to do so — and not a malicious power-grab by White and Heisler. That would explain why Notre Dame has had an

"Oh, well" reaction to the recent events and Mulcahy has been noticeably muted in his response.

UConn series nearly set

For the past month, Connecticut has been wrestling with a similar question in regard to Notre Dame.

Several lawmakers there complained that the Huskies were set to agree to a 10-year series with Notre Dame in which no games would be played within the home state of the publicly-funded university. Taxpayers footed the bill for Connecticut's five-year-old, \$91 million Rentschler Field, and politicians agreed to a compromise of a six-year series after Huskies coach Randy Edsall argued it would help generate interest in his team, even if the Connecticut "home" games were away from campus.

The result was an agreement, yet to be signed in a finalized contract, that the two teams would play a total of six games between 2011 and 2017, three at Notre Dame and the other three being "home" games for the Huskies either at the Meadowlands or at Gillette Stadium.

Still committed to conference

Even if other teams were to decline Notre Dame's request for games in the Meadowlands, Notre Dame is unlikely to rescind its commitment to play three Big East teams annually, Heisler said.

Notre Dame's teams are members of the Big East in most sports except for football, in which is an independent.

When asked if Notre Dame is focusing its scheduling efforts on more common past opponents in the league (like Pittsburgh) or Big East teams with fewer past games against the Irish (like West Virginia), Heisler reiterated that Notre Dame has had discussions with all eight Big East football teams. "We've had some sort of con-

versation with everybody in the Big East," he said.

A logical, possible choice for an opponent would be Syracuse, which has a large following in the New York City area. Notre Dame has played Syracuse five times, including once in 1963 at Yankee Stadium. The Irish and the Orange played in 2003 and 2005. They will meet again in the upcoming season.

Other possibilities

Heisler said that, among a wide array of requests for games, teams from outside the Big East and the Northeast have tried to open discussions about playing a neutral-site game in New York.

Heisler said there were no major factors barring that the Meadowlands from hosting a game between Notre Dame and an elite opponent — similar to the way Madison Square Garden hosts major college basketball matchups of teams from around the country — though he did not indicate that such a possibility was particularly close to fruition.

New York tradition

The New York market has a large contingent of Notre Dame fans and has long been a target "barnstorming" site for Notre Dame. It's also been a kind location for Notre Dame: The Irish are 30-6-3 all-time in the New York City metropolitan area.

Notre Dame has won all 11 of its games at Giants Stadium since 1977, and the Irish went 15-6-3 at games in Yankee Stadium from 1925-1969, according to George Macor's Notre Dame football database. The Irish also won games at New York's Polo Grounds in 1921 and 1924, beat Army at Ebbets Field in 1923 and topped the Black Knights at Shea Stadium in 1965.

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fifth, getting infield singles from left fielder Brandon Dotson and third baseman Jeff Squier. The runners advanced to second and third with two outs, but catcher Cody Pride hit a dribbler in front of the plate and was thrown out to end the threat.

The Delta Devils threatened once again in the top of the seventh, loading the bases with one out. But Squier popped out to Sharpley and Pride grounded out to third baseman Mick Doyle.

Freshman Cole Johnson threw two scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and striking out three, to finish the game for the Irish.

At the plate, Notre Dame (29-12-1) drew first blood in the bottom of the opening inning. Center fielder A.J.

Pollock scored on a double by second baseman Jeremy Barnes with two outs. The Irish threatened to score more, but left fielder Ross Brezovsky struck out to end the inning with runners on second and third.

Notre Dame put two runners on with one out in the bottom half of that inning, and slugger Evan Sharpley blasted one to deep right field. Initially, the ball looked to have the strength to

clear the fence, but Mississippi Valley State right fielder Quinn Axton made the catch on the warning track. The next batter, Barnes, hit into a fielder's choice and the lead stayed 1-0.

Two innings later, Sharpley

belted another ball to right field and this one did get over the fence with two on base to give the Irish a 4-0.

"I was a little out of the one on my third at bat and I got under it a little bit," Sharpley said. "But I made an adjustment and I ended up getting a pitch that was a little bit in and I turned on it."

Delta Devils starter Chris Mills worked seven innings, allowing four runs on six hits with five walks and five strikeouts.

Notre Dame and Mississippi Valley State will face off again tonight at Frank Eck Stadium at 6:05 p.m.

Note:

♦ Irish shortstop Brett Lilley added to his NCAA-record total for career hit-by-pitches. He was plunked for the 102nd time during the second inning.

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because of tiebreakers. Bellarmine and Air Force were the only two GWLL teams to fall short of making the tournament.

"Offensively I thought we were pretty balanced [against Ohio State] and we did a nice job of continuing to attack. Early in the game offensively we were a little anxious and too aggressive," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "When we settled down we shared the ball and shot well and kept the pressure on their goalie. He had a pretty good day, but we still were able to score the goals."

The win also extended Notre Dame's program-record home win streak to 18 games and improved the team's overall record to 11-2. Senior midfielder Michael Podgajny and sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs each earned hat-tricks to lead the Irish offense, while senior goaltender Joey Kemp recorded 12 saves on the day's play.

"We didn't play particularly good defense early on, but second half we did pretty well by giving them the shots we wanted to give them. Ross Zimmerman and Sean Dougherty did a great job defending their two best offensive players," Corrigan said.

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SOFTBALL

Irish take down Valpo with help from Bargar



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Junior designated hitter Beth Norway swings through a pitch in a 4-3 Irish win over Loyola-Chicago Thursday.

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wrapped up its 2008 non-conference slate with a 6-0 win at Valparaiso Tuesday.

The Irish (35-17-1 overall, 12-6 Big East) were led by a stellar performance in the circle from junior hurler Brittney Bargar. The Corona, Calif. native pitched a complete game shutout, and improved her record on the season to 27-10, giving up only three hits and striking out 11 in the process.

It took the Irish a while to get their offense on track, earning only one hit over the first four innings. In the fifth, though, the Notre Dame bats found their spark. With two outs in the top of the frame, freshman right fielder Beth Jorgensborg started the rally with a single through the ride side of the infield. After freshman catcher Erin Marrone and junior designated hitter Beth Northway also

singled, Jorgensborg came around to score, putting the Irish up 1-0.

Even though the one run was all Bargar needed, the Irish added to the lead in the next inning. Forcing out Crusader starter Andrea Zappia for reliever Jill Jacobsen, Notre Dame scored three more runs in the sixth, two of them courtesy of a two-out, two-RBI Jorgenson single.

Zappia returned to pitch the seventh, but it was to no avail, as Notre Dame added two more runs to its lead in the final inning. Northway started off the inning with a double, and was driven in by a Katie Fleury single up the middle. Fleury later scored on senior second baseman Katie Laing's groundout to second, giving the Irish their 6-0 margin of victory.

Northway finished 3-for-3 with the double, a run, and an RBI.

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BASEBALL

Running with the Devils

By CHRIS KHOREY
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame freshman pitcher Brian Dupra scattered six hits in seven shutout innings as the Irish topped Mississippi Valley State 4-0 at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday night.

"We were very fortunate to win tonight," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "[Dupra] has just been getting better and better."

Dupra (3-2) struck out four and walked just one, but he had to pitch out of several jams.

"I've been working with the coaches on keeping the ball low," Dupra said. "Hitters usually get themselves out. The pressure is on them to get a hit."

Mississippi Valley State (15-21) threatened in the second after knocking back-to-back singles to lead off the inning, but it couldn't plate either runner.

The Delta Devils put another two runners on base in the



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Freshman right-hander Brian Dupra hurls a pitch towards home plate in a 4-0 victory over Mississippi Valley State Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

Schedule in shambles? Not quite

Rutgers nixes series, Notre Dame moves on

By KEN FOWLER
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame expects to play at New Jersey's Meadowlands sports complex against Connecticut at least once and another team or other teams multiple times after Rutgers broke off discussion of holding a series there and in South Bend.

John Heisler, Notre Dame's senior associate athletic director in charge of football scheduling, said Tuesday that Notre Dame and Connecticut are in the process of finalizing a contract for a reported six-game series. Notre Dame expects that Connecticut's three home games will be split in some way between the New England Patriots' Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., and games at the new home of the Giants and Jets, set to open in 2009.

Notre Dame is in talks with other Big East teams to play in the new Meadowlands stadium, Heisler said, though he declined to mention specific teams. Athletic Director Kevin White told the South Bend Tribune that after discussions with Rutgers broke off, Notre Dame quickly received a "euphoric verbal" from another Big East school.

Rutgers says 'no'

Rutgers decided against playing the series because of Notre Dame's desire to play all Rutgers home games in the soon-to-be completed home of the New York Giants and New York Jets.

Rutgers is beginning \$100 million renovations to its relatively small stadium, upgrading the facility and increasing its capacity by almost 50 percent to 55,000. The new professional complex, located in East Rutherford, N.J., is a little more than 30 miles from Rutgers' campuses in Piscataway and New Brunswick.

Notre Dame would have been guaranteed only 5,000 tickets, Heisler said, though its fans likely could have swooped up a significant portion of the additional 25,000 seats if the game were played in the larger, professional stadium. In a terse statement issued late last week, Rutgers' athletic director, Bob Mulcahy said that all "Rutgers' home games should be played on-campus in Rutgers Stadium."

News of the discussion's ending made headlines in New York and attracted negative commentary toward Notre Dame by longtime columnist Harvey Araton in Tuesday's New York Times and more gentle criticism by writer Charles Rich on AOL's popular sports blog, "FanHouse."

Heisler, however, suggested that this was not a case of Notre Dame trying to make a power play on less-storied schools.

"This was just a proposal of playing a handful of games, and it could have been anything from two to 10.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish pick up transfer from Mississippi State

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Former Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough will transfer to Notre Dame for the 2008-2009 academic year. Hansbrough, a sophomore

who averaged 10.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game last season for the Bulldogs, will sit out next season then have two years of eligibility left with the Irish.

Hansbrough is the younger brother of North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough, who

won virtually every Player of the Year award this past season.

The 6-foot-3 shooting guard started 28 of Mississippi State's 34 games last season as the Bulldogs advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

He could help fill a void left by the probable departures of rising senior guards and sharpshooters Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers after next season.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers earn top seed in conference



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Midfielder Michael Podgajny, left, celebrates with teammates, Duncan Swezey and Neal Hicks in a 17-12 win over Ohio State Sunday.

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Thanks to its effective offense, No. 7 Notre Dame defeated No. 9 Ohio State 17-12 in its final regular season game, earning the No. 1 seed in the Great Western Lacrosse League tournament.

The Irish will take on No. 4 seed Quinnipiac in the semifinals on Friday in Birmingham, Mich., at 5 p.m. The second semifinal matchup between Ohio State and Denver will follow at 7:30 and the title game will be held the following Sunday.

The previous meeting between the Irish and the Bobcats resulted in a dominant Irish win (16-6) on Notre Dame's home turf. Junior attack Ryan Hoff scored four goals to lead the Irish offense victory against the Bobcats.

Notre Dame hopes to recapture the GWLL tournament title it won during the 2007 season — and with that an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We are now in tournament mode. We want to win," Corrigan said. "Our goal is to win and keep winning. We're only focusing on playing right now."

The Irish fell to Johns Hopkins 11-10 in overtime in a tight first round game in the 2007 Tournament. If the Irish do not earn the GWLL title, they still have a chance to earn one of the nine at large NCAA tournament bids.

The Irish victory against Ohio State created a three-way tie among the top teams in the league. Denver, Ohio State and Notre Dame all earned 4-1 records on the season, but the Irish received the top spot

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