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Groups wage campus labor debates

CLAP members will try to conduct sit-in

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Almost two weeks after Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves issued a statement firmly backing current University wage policies, on Monday members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) reiterated their demands — a \$12.10 per hour wage for campus workers and the formation of a task force to address campus labor conditions.

Their statement, made Monday morning at a press conference in front of LaFortune, also called for

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Members of the Campus Labor Action Project rally for fair wages for campus workers at a press conference Monday outside LaFortune.

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Campus rally part of May Day event

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

As May Day rallies broke out across the nation Monday to raise awareness about immigration rights and fair incomes, nearly 100 students, workers and professors staged their own demonstration at Clarke Memorial Fountain — bringing the national debate to a local level.

The "America Needs a Raise" rally was planned to address workers' rights both "here on campus and around the world," sophomore Joseph Murphy said.

The rally came after a morn-

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Distler awarded top honor

Double major chosen as 2006 valedictorian

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

During the week of spring break — while most students enjoyed a vacation from academic rigor — senior Catherine Distler spent every free moment writing her valedictory address.

As one of more than a dozen exemplary seniors nominated to give the class of 2006 commencement speech, Distler said she and the others selected were given three and a half weeks to write and submit a valedictory address. On April 24, Distler learned her speech was chosen as the May 21 graduation ceremony address.

"I was thrilled to find out, but it's also a very humbling experience because with the honor comes the realization that so many people were instrumental," Distler said. "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for friends and professors who helped along the way. I'm incredibly grateful to them."

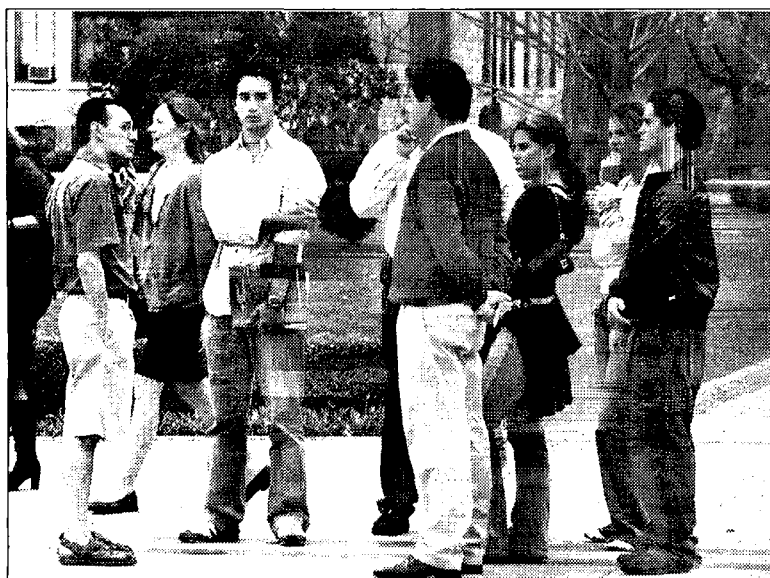
Distler, a double major in anthropology and pre-professional studies, will graduate with a 3.94 overall GPA and a 4.0 major GPA. She recently decided to attend Johns Hopkins University for medical school following graduation. Distler said she wants to study medicine because it is "the pragmatic and compassionate practice of medicine that can



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Campuses attract students over summer break



Prospective students tour campus in April. Some students stay on campus over the summer and work as tour guides.

KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

South Bend's appeal skyrockets once you remove the school factor — at least in the eyes of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students preparing to spend their summers working on campus at various opportunities offered through their respective school.

Students have taken jobs doing anything from service projects to volunteering as tour guides this summer. Most of the summer employees will live on campus in reserved dorms provided by their school. Not all students pay room and board, however, as some jobs include

housing.

Notre Dame junior Kyle Miller said he worked on campus last year as a hall manager for the Office of Residence Life and Housing and is planning on doing the same this year. He lived in Pasquerilla East, which housed graduate students primarily for the Ernst & Young program, a weekly program sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education (CCE).

"It was a fun and interesting job," Miller said. "The social life was a little more relaxed, but there is plenty to do as far as going to the movies, baseball games and other things. Most of the

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Packets to warn new students of penalties

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) members passed a resolution Monday supporting the addition of cautionary information regarding third party Web sites and illegal downloading of files into the booklets distributed by each residence hall to incoming freshmen.

But the original resolution — introduced by Liz Kozlow and Jacques Nguyen, chairs

of the Task Force on Social Concerns — was amended before it could pass with the council's support.

Kozlow and Nguyen presented a design for an insert that warns freshmen the Office of Residence Life and Housing has the right to use pictures and language on Web sites like Facebook and MySpace for disciplinary purposes.

The insert also cautions

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Antennas to go up over summer

Cell phone reception should be improved

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Beginning next year, students will not have to worry about not being able to make a cellular call on the day of a home football game or searching their dorm room for a miraculous spot where they get sufficient cell phone reception.

Office of Information Technologies (OIT) chief tech officer Dewitt Latimer said that the "distributed antenna system" designed to enhance cell

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Megan Black talks on her cellular phone Monday. OIT said work will be done over the summer to improve reception on campus.

INSIDE COLUMN

Catholic Scientology

In a recent debate over such important issues as religion and whether or not "Mission Impossible III" will suck, my friend and I ended up discussing the next logical issue: Catholicism.

I know what you're thinking: Catholicism? Together? Can such a religion exist? Are the two philosophies too far removed from each other? We considered all the evidence and decided that Catholicism and Scientology can, in fact, exist in tandem; nay, they belong together like Brad and Angelina, Demi and Ashton, even Tom and Katie themselves.

And of course, we all know the Biblical implications of the ever-important silent birth. The historical and scientific evidence indicates a startling yet telling trend. Among those who had silent births: Moses, David and Jesus. Among those who didn't have silent births: Cain, Goliath and Judas. Coincidence? I think not.

Furthermore, a lot of people may have failed to realize that Scientology's founder, science fiction writer and all-around guru L. Ron Hubbard, may have actually been the second coming. The signs are all there: a birth in an obscure place (Bethlehem for Jesus, Tilden, Nebraska for Hubbard), preaching in a place that starts with "J" (Jerusalem and Jersey, New), and a high-profile arrest (Hubbard for felony fraud). And perhaps above all, the most telling sign — you can't spell "Lord" without L. Ron Hubbard.

There is of course the argument that Catholicism is a church for the poor and that Scientology is a church for the rich. But that just means they represent the yin and yang of religiosity. And did you know that Tom Cruise, the face of Scientology, once aspired to be a Catholic priest? Obviously there is a connection here — the link between being a Catholic priest and being a Scientologist disciple of Xenu and the Galactic Confederacy is thus clearly and undeniably strong.

But maybe, just maybe, it's possible that Catholicism is a legitimate religion and Scientology is just a load of bull. Maybe, just maybe, Cruise doesn't actually know what he's talking about (though he does know the history of psychiatry. You don't). And maybe, just maybe, the two religions don't really belong together, that there isn't really a comparison to a religion founded by a science fiction writer. Maybe we shouldn't be listening to a religion advocated by Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes and John Travolta. After all, you can't spell "The Bible" with "Battlefield Earth Blows."



Brian Duxtader

Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR?



Joel Steiner
sophomore
Stanford

"The 10 person spoon train at the global night commute."



Elizabeth Elliot
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Late night singing at the echo spot in front of Bond."



Katie Shakour
freshman
Welsh Family

"Using jazz hands in Bookstore Basketball."



Katie McCullough
sophomore
Welsh Family

"The second my lips touched her face."



Erin Greenberg
sophomore
Welsh Family

"When I got my kiss from Katy McCullough."



Christina Shakour
freshman
Welsh Family

"Waking my sister up at 5 a.m. for some water."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Runners are cheered on by an onlooker Monday as they take advantage of the spring weather by participating in the Clary Murphy Thomas Run.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame softball team will face Loyola-Chicago today at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Cleveland State today at 5:05 p.m. in the Frank Eck Stadium.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will hold its Spring Concert today at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome to this free event, but must reserve tickets by calling the Ticket Office at 631-2800.

Unchained Melodies will hold their Spring Concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is \$2.

The End of The School Year Gospel Bash will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event costs \$4 for students and \$5 for the general public.

The Saint Mary's music department will host a spring choral concert Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The concert will feature performances by the Collegiate Choir, Bellacapella and the Women's Choir.

Household and miscellaneous items will be for sale to students and general public at the ND-Surplus sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon at 925 N. Eddy Street (next to the Robinson Center).

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

OFFBEAT

Woman claims her husband kept her as a slave

CHICAGO — A woman suing her wealthy husband for divorce in Chicago claims she spent the last six years as a terrified slave enduring sadomasochistic assaults.

Kimberley O'Brien, 45, has also filed a separate suit against Kevin Anderson, 50, accusing him of cheating her on joint business dealings, photographing her bound-and-gagged body, and causing a wrongful death by forcing her to abort a child against her will.

Anderson denies all of her allegations, but nei-

ther he nor his lawyer would speak to the Chicago Sun-Times for an interview.

Anderson has one domestic violence-related conviction on his record from Oct. 4, 2005, in which he originally was charged with battery. In March, he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of disorderly conduct.

Man finds finger in his burger at T.G.I. Friday's

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A restaurant in Bloomington, Indiana says it's "very, very sorry" that one of its patrons found a piece of a finger garnish-

ing his burger.

A spokeswoman for TGI-Friday's says a kitchen manager accidentally cut his finger just before the meal was served, and no one noticed that a piece of flesh was missing until he got to the hospital.

Spokeswoman Amy Freshwater says the restaurant knows "the seriousness of this incident" and it's contacted the customer.

Police say they also heard from the diner, but an officer told him it's not a criminal offense.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the May 1 article "Kernan ends first term as University professor" reported Governor Joe Kernan graduated from Notre Dame in 1964. Kernan is actually a 1968 graduate of the University.

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ing press conference by the Campus Labor Action Project reaffirmed the group's commitment to instituting a \$12.10 per hour wage for Notre Dame workers. On Monday morning, CLAP members — many of whom were involved in the rally — announced a sit-in of University President Father John Jenkins' office, planned for this morning.

But the issue reaches far beyond Notre Dame — and so do the concerns of the Notre Dame community.

History professor Dan Graff said internationally recognized May Day allows for the reflection on political gains and losses surrounding labor issues.

"Workers in American history have made gains when they made alliances with others supporting them," he said.

Notre Dame junior Danielle Nunez spoke to the crowd about another battle over wages, the McDonald's campaign on behalf of the Student Farmworker Alliance.

Nunez compared the current McDonald's campaign to the recent Taco Bell boycott. She said McDonald's and Chipotle have refused to sign an agreement similar to the one Taco Bell signed last year when it agreed to raise the buying price of a pound of tomatoes by one cent.

"Last year, students and youth

were crucial in the incredible victory for tomato pickers," she said. "Now we encourage the same for McDonald and Chipotle."

Theology professor Father Daniel Groody spoke to the audience about the struggle of immigrants in America.

"Immigrants have a right to look for work from where they come from ... but when they can't find work in their countries, [they] have a right to come to countries where they can find work," he said.

Groody said nations have a "right to control borders, but not an absolute right."

When immigrants come to America "they shouldn't be discouraged against because of the color of their skin" or because they don't speak English, he said.

"If people are getting arrested for giving a cup of water to an illegal immigrant ... then we have bigger problems than illegal immigration," he said.

Junior Mark Healy of the College Democrats rallied to raise minimum wage in America.

"You can have a minimum wage job and work to the bone and not have enough," he said.

This, he said, contradicts the

American idea that if you work hard you will get ahead.

Healy said paying workers a higher wage raises the quality of goods and services.

"If people are treated terribly and underpaid, it hurts morale," he said.

And that's what CLAP has focused on over the past few

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Father Daniel Groody
theology professor

for change at Notre Dame as it works to implement a living wage for all University employees.

CLAP committee member sophomore Brian Klein and Murphy addressed the audience about their campaign for a living wage for all Notre Dame employees.

"CLAP stands for justice," Klein said, "This is a Catholic university, not a corporation. If we don't stand for justice, who will?"

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bring about social change."

Her interest in medicine is very much connected to her dedication to social service, a devotion her time at Notre Dame reflects. Distler said she was a member of student government her first two

years at Notre Dame and became very involved in the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) during her junior and senior years. She traveled to Calcutta, India in 2005 where she participated in an International Summer Service Project working for nine weeks at Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity home for the destitute and sick. She has also

served as co-organizer of Notre Dame's World AIDS Day Campaign and as a member of VOICE, the CSC's student advisory board.

Distler said her experiences from student government and social service activities were largely "formative because of all the peers [she] has met."

"They have been such important parts of my education," she said. "I am impressed and lucky to

have met so many Notre Dame students who blow me away."

Distler's commitment to service and the relationships she formed with her peers have rooted her valedictory speech in a theme that calls her fellow graduates to further action.

"Everyone can make a change and leave something worthwhile behind," she said.

Distler said her speech centers on the special, unique Notre Dame education. "It's about coming to Notre Dame and meeting peers and professors who change you and influence you," she said. "It's also about going out and encountering the world through the lens of Notre Dame, encountering the world and your community in a sincere way. Fundamentally, it's about the greatness

and uniqueness of the Notre Dame experience."

Distler said she is more than prepared to give her speech.

"I think it will be such an exciting day," she said. "I'll be nervous, but I think more than anything I'll be caught up in the excitement and nostalgia of commencement weekend."

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phone reception on Notre Dame's campus should be finished by August 1.

"Unlike cell towers, where you have one or two cell towers, the distributed antenna system has more numerous, smaller antennas closer to the ground ... [that are] stealth in appearance," Latimer said. "They don't stick out."

OIT had hoped for antenna installation to begin this past April since snow would have melted off roofs, but the contract with Cingular took longer than expected. Latimer said the deadline would still be met.

"We are a little bit behind ... [but] we will hopefully start within the next three to four weeks," Latimer said.

So far Cingular is the only company to have committed to the investment, but Latimer said there are talks underway with another carrier popular with students, although he could not specify which one it is. Talks are also underway with smaller carriers, who are deciding whether or not they have enough customers on campus to make their investment in the project profitable. However, Latimer said the antennas are "carrier independent."

"The previous way of doing it was proprietary to a specific carrier ... We have typically not allowed cell towers on campus, which is why we haven't had good reception," Latimer said.

There will be 16 antennas discreetly placed around campus,

concentrated near the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium, since those are areas where more "capacity" is necessary because of situations like football home games, Latimer said.

Fewer antennas will be placed on the quads and near classroom buildings, Latimer said, but they will still improve reception quality as much as the more concentrated antennas since they are required to carry a lesser amount of calls.

Director of Residence Life and

Housing Jeff Shoup said the improvements were necessary because the "ResNet system was becoming outdated."

"We can't take out the phones without working on cell phone reception," Shoup said, referring to the removal of land line phones from dorm rooms starting next academic year unless students choose to pay

extra.

"Students will be informed about what's going with the phones again, if they want to opt in," Shoup said. "They'll also be informed about which companies have gotten into this service, so they should all have very good connections on campus."

As for other dorm improvements, Shoup said that besides cable and wireless Internet, only minor upgrades will be made to dorms — with the exception of Farley Hall, which will require more renovation. Shoup also said eight more dorms require cable and wireless installation.

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that the most frequent Office of Residence Life and Housing violation is the illegal downloading and uploading of files.

Kozlow said the Social Concerns committee felt it was important to warn incoming students of the consequences of such behavior before they arrive at Notre Dame.

"We decided that maybe giving this to freshmen and working with freshman orientation staff in the dorms is the best way," Kozlow said.

Some rectors on the council voiced opposition to the addition of the insert into their Frosh-O booklets, saying it would not mesh well with the welcoming message of the rest of the booklet.

Carroll Hall rector Father Jim Lewis said he does not feel the insert is appropriate for the booklet his dorm sends to its incoming freshmen.

"This feels more like a duLac reference as opposed to 'Welcome to Carroll Hall, welcome to the University — oh by the way here's this cautionary information,'" Lewis said.

Welsh Family rector Candice Carlson said while she has dealt with privacy issues regarding Facebook in her own dorm, she agreed with Lewis' assessment.

"I don't necessarily think the freshman orientation booklet is the place for this," Carlson said.

Lewis and Sister Susan Dunn, the rector of Lyons Hall, both suggested presenting this information to new students when they attend their first section meetings with their RAs.

But student body president Lizzi Shappell defended the resolution to add the insert, citing her own experience as an incoming freshman eagerly flipping through the pages of Badin's orientation booklet.

Each dorm's freshman orientation booklet is a good venue to disperse the information, Shappell said, since students are already enthusiastic about reading it.

"It is essential to have this information in whatever capacity," Shappell said. "While I see the merit in passing it out in the first section meeting ... I really think it's important to include this in the Frosh-O booklet."

Before voting, the council amended the resolution to give each dorm more flexibility regarding the insertion of information about third party Web sites and illegal downloading, rather than use the insert designed by the Task Force on Social Concerns.

The resolution was changed to suggest that each hall add "information perti-

nent to this topic" into its freshman orientation booklets. Each residence hall

maintains the discretion to decide whether to add this information and in what form to present it if it chooses to do so.

Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer and SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty both expressed worry that future additions to the orientation booklets could take away from the uniqueness of each one.

"I think we have to be careful of having cookie cutter booklets going out," Meyer said. "I think each hall has its own booklet and there's a little bit of difference in each one."

The resolution, in its amended form, will be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In other CLC news:

◆Since it was the council's final meeting, former student body president Dave Baron asked members to rate the success of the CLC this year and make recommendations for items to focus on when the group reconvenes in the fall.

Members suggested topics including extending move-out days at the end of the year, addressing the problems of alcohol abuse and gambling and making the Office of Information Technologies more student-user friendly.

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Brother Jerome Meyer
Knott Hall rector

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further response from University administrators.

CLAP members plan to occupy University President Father John Jenkins' office this morning in an effort to meet with Jenkins and present him with petitions signed by more than 1,300 workers, alumni, faculty, students and parents who support CLAP's demands. The sit-in is scheduled to last an hour.

"[The administration] is going to have to address our concerns," said Nick Krafft, CLAP organizing member. "We're demanding real dialogue."

While he said the group has no "hard deadline,"

Krafft said a lack of action from the administration would force the group to "take more drastic measure."

CLAP originally called for these two changes March 8 when members presented

Jenkins with a report on the living wage — defined by the report as "the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four."

Jenkins and other top administrators, including Affleck-Graves, met with CLAP members March 31 to discuss the administration's response to the report. In his April 19 statement, Affleck-Graves backed existing University policies, saying they provide a "fair and just" wage for employees.

In the Monday press conference, three CLAP members — two of whom were student body senators for the 2005-06 term — as well as one current and one former campus employee spoke in defense of the proposal.

CLAP organizing member and former Lewis senator Katie McHugh reiterated the group's proposal of a \$25,164 yearly wage. At 130 percent of the poverty line for a family of four, she called the figure "con-

servative" and explained that a person with wages of 125 percent of the poverty line qualifies for food stamps.

"We are a Catholic university, not a corporation," McHugh said. "Currently, Notre Dame pays a poverty wage."

Former University clerical employee Julie Ferraro contested the administration's assertion that employees are paid a fair wage. The lack of local jobs paying a living wage precludes the market wage from being a fair indicator of what University employees should be paid, she said.

Ferraro also argued against Affleck-Graves' statement that employee benefits make up the difference between actual wages and the area living wage.

"No amount of access to recreational facilities, [nor] the prospect of sending one's children here for their college education at no cost" enables employees to pay for essentials such as rent, utilities and food,

she said.

Krafft emphasized the need for an objective taskforce, citing the example of the Harvard Living Wage Campaign and Harvard University's subse-

quent raise in employee wages.

He said the structures currently in place to address workers' needs — the Office of Institutional Equity and the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) — are inadequate to address the issues and inca-

pable of examining them objectively.

The task force — comprised of workers, students, administrators, faculty and alumni — would examine labor issues including working conditions, treatment and wages, Krafft said. It would then make recommendations to Jenkins, Affleck-Graves and Director of Human Resources Robert McQuade, "who would act on these recommendations in good faith."

North Dining Hall supervisor Janice Owens said she has received support and thanks

from other employees so frightened of retribution that they hide in "crooks and crannies" to speak with her.

In his statement, Affleck-Graves said CLAP's assertion that workers "fear reprisal" if they speak out against their wage and conditions was "deeply disturbing."

Owens drew from personal experience as a SAC member to express strong dissatisfaction with SAC as a venue for dialogue between employees and the University.

"I saw it as a means for the administration to tell us what they wanted us to know," she said. "But it never went the other way. We never had the opportunity to discuss [concerns]."

Brian Klein, CLAP organizing member and former Morrissey senator, said CLAP has been thus far disappointed in its attempts to engage the administration in real dialogue.

"Administrators have categorically dismissed our claims and concerns [and] have called us inappropriate, arrogant and presumptuous for speaking out on [the] workers' behalf," he said.

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time we would be grilling behind one of the dorms for our meals."

Saint Mary's junior Rachel Sokolowski has worked at the College's Fine Arts Summer Camp for the past three years.

"I like staying on campus during the summer because of the scenery and weather," she said. "I love the camp and working with the campers."

Lisa Peppers, assistant director for Internal Events in the Office of Special Events at Saint Mary's, said some student employment opportunities include counselors at fine arts, athletic or academic camps as well as lifeguarding at the campus pool. Camp counselors live and dine in the residence halls with the campers, but other workers typically need to pay for room and board.

Assistant Director of External Events Jessica Stuißbergen said room and board cost an average of \$40 per night over the summer. Stuißbergen said she typically hires 25 to 30 girls over the summer to manage events that occur on campus but are not College-

sponsored. Three of these positions include "event managers," a privileged position that includes free room and board.

"The 'event managers' do all the leg-work once the organizations get to campus," Stuißbergen said.

"The positions that offer free room and board are highly competitive, and we usually have a large number of applicants."

Stuißbergen said there are some easy jobs on campus for busy students. She said she hires four "lockouts," which are students on-call to unlock doors for people who are staying on campus.

"Some of the jobs are good for students who are taking summer courses in South Bend," she said.

And there is never a shortage of workers, Peppers said.

"I usually have to turn people away," she said. "There are lots of great applicants and always a good number of people who contact us."

Some students take volunteering jobs over the summer months. Notre Dame senior Mallory Brown has been a tour guide at Notre Dame for the past two

summers. She also worked as a research assistant, a desk clerk and Office of Residence Life and Housing hall staff member.

"Staying on campus was an amazing experience, especially during the weeks that there were no conferences or summer camps," she said. "It felt like the few hall staffers were the only people there and we formed great friendships."

Notre Dame senior Moira Madden was an assistant hall manager as well as a tour guide. She decided to stay on campus for the summer after traveling abroad.

"I felt like I missed five months of Notre Dame," she said. "This was my way of making up for lost time."

Brown, originally from northeastern Pennsylvania, said she decided to stay on campus to get better job experience.

"I felt like I could get more experience here than home," Brown said. "I just really like

being at Notre Dame."

Saint Mary's junior Allison Beyer will be working at the Immigrant and Refugee Center in South Bend this summer through a service program with the Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE).

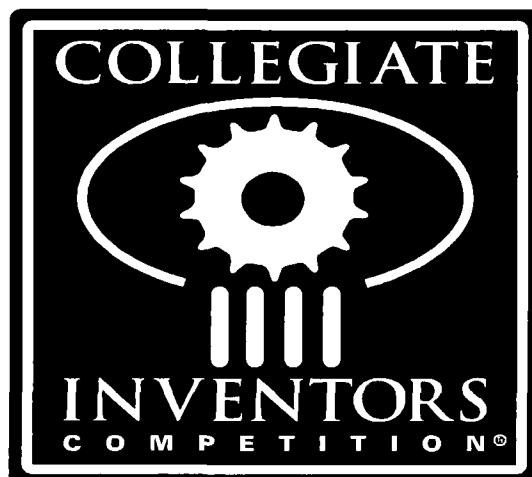
"The service program I applied to was the best in regards to experience and finances and I've heard nothing but positive feedback from the past participants," she said.

Whether working at camps or as a special events coordinator, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's seem to appreciate the opportunity to work and live on campus over the summer.

"We get nothing but positive feedback," Peppers said. "That is why we keep getting so many applicants every year."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebel factions stall peace agreement

ABUJA, Nigeria — Darfur rebels have bickered among themselves, violated a cease-fire and even been accused of attacking peacekeepers. Now they risk being seen as standing in the way of an agreement to stop the bloodshed in one of the saddest places in the world.

With a midnight Tuesday deadline approaching after more than two years of talks here, Sudan's government said it was ready to sign a peace accord with the rebels from the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

But the rebels, suspicious of the government's intentions, rejected the agreement proposed by the African Union. They said it did not guarantee enough political power for Darfur or provide enough detail on how it would be implemented.

"We are not ready to sign until the Sudanese give concessions to our demands," said Ahmed Hussein, a spokesman for one of two rebel factions.

Fiscal crisis cripples Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN — Many basic functions of Puerto Rico's government were unavailable Monday as the U.S. commonwealth ran out of money and imposed a partial public-sector shutdown — putting nearly 100,000 people — including 40,000 teachers — out of work and granting an unscheduled holiday to 500,000 public school students.

The shutdown — the first in Puerto Rico's history — happened despite last-minute attempts by members of the legislature and Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila to agree on a bailout plan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court denies appeal for pro-life ads

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday ended a decade-long fight over the use by anti-abortion protesters of "wanted" posters to identify clinic doctors.

Activists who created Wild West-style posters and a Web site targeting abortion doctors had been ordered to pay nearly \$5 million in damages, and the court refused without comment to take up their appeal.

The 12 activists and two anti-abortion groups were sued under a racketeering law and the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which makes it illegal to incite violence and threaten abortion doctors.

A Portland, Ore., jury had first awarded several doctors and clinics \$108 million in punitive damages, but that was reduced by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Governors push for health programs

NEW YORK — A national campaign by the states' governors is using everything from bike rides with the South Carolina governor to anti-smoking statutes to try and get Americans to eat and smoke less and exercise more.

"Across 50 states, you have innovations taking place that are changing the discussion," Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, this year's chairman of the National Governors Association, said Monday. "The health issue is beginning to eclipse the health care issue."

Huckabee, who has explored the possibility of a presidential run in 2008, is visiting with a national advertising group in New York this week to talk about ways to get the message out.

LOCAL NEWS

Concerns surround Indiana primary

INDIANAPOLIS — Election workers braced for their first test of voters showing photo ID at the polls amid questions of whether machine and ballot problems and poll-worker shortages could also cause problems and frustration during Tuesday's primary.

Secretary of State Todd Rokita said he was optimistic the election would go relatively smoothly. But as a contingency, an Indiana Department of Transportation helicopter would be available to send election attorneys, technicians or others to polling places if serious problems arose.

INDONESIA

Activists organize across globe

May Day rallies remain peaceful in most areas; protests tense in Philippines, Belarus

Associated Press

JAKARTA — Workers around the world held May Day rallies Monday to press for better factory conditions and higher wages in mostly peaceful marches, while activists in the Philippines and Belarus used the holiday to show their opposition to their governments in tense protests watched by police.

In Sri Lanka, where violence between Tamil Tiger rebels and the military has heightened fears of a return to civil war, the government canceled all May Day rallies in the capital, Colombo. Traditionally, almost all Sri Lankan political parties hold May Day rallies.

About 100,000 workers took to the streets across Indonesia, protesting a labor law that would cut severance packages and introduce more flexible contracts that would chip away at worker security.

"Don't change the law," thousands of laborers chanted in downtown Jakarta. Fearing violence, about 13,000 police were deployed, some carrying riot shields and manning water cannons, said police chief Maj. Gen. Firman Ganisaid. No incidents were reported.

In Cuba, more than one million workers in red T-shirts distributed by the government crowded into Havana's Plaza of the Revolution and adjacent avenues, and listened as President Fidel Castro said recent U.S. military maneuvers in the Caribbean were aimed at intimidating Cuba and its ally, Venezuela.

Castro also criticized Washington's handling of the court case of Cuban-born militant Luis Posada Carriles, whom he accuses of being the Western Hemisphere's No. 1 terrorist, and who is being held in the United States on immigration charges. Posada, a former CIA operative and fervent Castro foe, is accused of masterminding the 1976 bomb-



Thousands of Indonesian workers block traffic on a toll road causing a major jam during a rally outside the parliament building in Jakarta, Indonesia Monday.

ing of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 people and has applied to become a U.S. citizen.

Most rallies across Europe were peaceful, although tensions were evident in Belarus, where about 2,000 opposition supporters marched in Minsk in a show of defiance, days after the authoritarian government of President Alexander Lukashenko tried to stop an unprecedented series of demonstrations by throwing protest leaders in jail.

The rally began with an unauthorized march by 800 activists, who walked about 1 1/4 miles from the Academy of Sciences to a square where authorities had given permission for the gathering, which

grew to about 2,000. Police stood on either side of the demonstrators as they walked to the square, warning them that they were breaking the law, but did not intervene.

Police later stopped opposition figure and former parliament speaker Stanislav Shushkevich, who had organized the march, and summoned him to appear in two days' time at a police station on charges of staging an unauthorized rally.

Hundreds of thousands of people turned out across Russia for more traditional May Day celebrations.

About 25,000 people gathered in Moscow opposite the mayor's office in the warm spring sunshine to hear

speeches from trade union leaders and the mayor and listen to a concert, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

In Istanbul, Turkey, police fired tear gas and pepper spray at demonstrators shouting slogans against the United States and the International Monetary Fund, and detained about 40. In the town of Elazig in eastern Turkey, another 30 were detained following a scuffle with police that left four people injured.

In the Philippines, government troops and police with batons and shields turned away hundreds who tried to approach the presidential palace to demand a wage increase and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's ouster.

Immigrants stage industrial boycott

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of thousands of mostly Hispanic immigrants skipped work and took to the streets Monday, flexing their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott that succeeded in slowing or shutting many farms, factories, markets and restaurants.

From Los Angeles to Chicago, Houston to New Orleans, the "Day Without Immigrants" attracted widespread participation despite divisions among activists over whether a boycott would send the right message to Washington lawmakers considering sweeping immigration reform.

"We are the backbone of what

America is, legal or illegal, it doesn't matter," said Melanie Lugo, who with her husband and their third-grade daughter joined a rally of some 75,000 in Denver. "We butter each other's bread. They need us as much as we need them."

Police estimated 400,000 people marched through Chicago's business district. In Los Angeles, there was no announced count, but one law enforcement official put it at about 300,000. Tens of thousands more marched in New York, along with about 15,000 in Houston and 30,000 more across Florida. Smaller rallies in cities from Pennsylvania and Connecticut to Arizona and South Dakota attracted

hundreds not thousands.

In Los Angeles, protesters wearing white and waving U.S. flags sang the national anthem in English as traditional Mexican dancers wove through the crowd. In Chicago, illegal immigrants from Ireland and Poland marched alongside Hispanics as office workers on lunch breaks clapped. In Phoenix, protesters formed a human chain in front of Wal-Mart and Home Depot stores. A protest in Tijuana, Mexico, blocked vehicle traffic heading to San Diego at the world's busiest border crossing.

Many carried signs in Spanish that translated to "We are America" and "Today we march, tomorrow we vote."

Macs are a growing security risk

Experts worry the computers can no longer boast virus immunity

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Benjamin Daines was browsing the Web when he clicked on a series of links that promised pictures of an unreleased update to his computer's operating system.

Instead, a window opened on the screen and strange commands ran as if the machine was under the control of someone — or something — else.

Daines was the victim of a computer virus.

Such headaches are hardly unusual on PCs running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. Daines, however, was using a Mac — an Apple Computer Inc. machine often touted as being immune to such risks.

He and at least one other person who clicked on the links were infected by what security experts call the first-ever virus for Mac OS X, the operating system that has shipped with every Mac sold since 2001 and has survived virtually unscathed from the onslaught of malware unleashed on the Internet in recent years.

"It just shows people that no matter what kind of computer you use you are still open to some level of attack," said Daines, a 29-year-old British chemical engineer who once considered Macs invulnerable to such attacks.

Apple's iconic status, growing market share and adoption of same microprocessors used in machines running Windows are making Macs a bigger target, some experts warn.

Apple's most recent wake-up call came last week, as a Southern California researcher reported seven new vulnerabilities. Tom Ferris said malicious Web sites can exploit the holes without a user's knowledge, potentially allowing a criminal to execute code remotely and gain access to passwords and other sensitive information.

Ferris said he warned Apple of the vulnerabilities in January and February and that the company has yet to patch the holes, prompting him to compare the Cupertino-based computer maker to Microsoft three years ago, when the world's largest software company was criticized for being slow to respond to weaknesses in its products.

"They didn't know how to deal with security, and I think Apple is in the same situation now," said Ferris, himself a Mac user.

Apple officials point to the company's virtually unvarnished security track record and disputed claims that Mac OS X is more susceptible to attack now than in the past.

Apple plans to patch the holes reported by Ferris in the next automatic update of Mac OS X, and there have been no reports of them being exploited, spokeswoman Natalie Kerris said. She disagreed that the vulnerabilities make it possible for a criminal to run code on a targeted machine.

In Daines' infection, a bug in the virus' code prevented it

from doing much damage. Still, several of his operating system files were deleted, several new files were created and several applications, including a program for recording audio, were crippled.

Behind the scenes, the virus also managed to hijack his instant messaging program so the rogue file was blasted to 10 people on his buddy list.

"A lot of Mac users are in denial and have blinders on that say, 'Nothing is ever going to get to us,'" said Neil Fryer, a computer security consultant who works for an international financial institution in Britain. "I can't say I agree with them."

Fryer, also a Mac user, said he has begun taking additional precautions over the past year to make sure he doesn't fall victim to an attack. He spends more time than in the past scrutinizing his security logs for signs of intruders, and he uses a firewall and additional security applications, just as he would with a Windows-based machine.

Among the signs Macs are a growing target: — The SANS Institute, a computer-security organization in Bethesda, Md., added Mac OS X to its 2005 list of the top-20 Internet vulnerabilities. It was the first

time the Mac has been included since the experts started compiling the list in 2000. — This week, SANS updated the list to warn against flaws in Safari, the Mac Web browser, which the group said criminals were able to attack before Apple could fix it.

—The number of discovered Mac vulnerabilities has soared in recent years, with 81 found last year, up from 46 in 2004 and 27 in 2003, according to the Open Source Vulnerability Database, which is maintained by a nonprofit group that tracks security vulnerabilities

on many different hardware and software platforms.

—Less than a week after Daines was attacked in mid-February, a 25-year-old computer security researcher released three benign Mac-based worms to prove a serious vulnerability in Mac OS X could be exploited. Apple asked the man, Kevin Finisterre, to hold off publishing the code until it could patch the flaw.

The Mac's vulnerability could also increase as Apple transitions to a product line that uses microprocessors made by Intel Corp., security experts said.

With new Macs running the same processor that powers Windows-based machines, far more people will know how to exploit weaknesses in Apple machines than in the past, when they ran on the PowerPC chips made by IBM Corp. and Motorola Corp. spinoff Freescale Semiconductor Inc.

"They have eliminated their genetic diversity," said independent security consultant Rodney Thayer. "The fear is that we're going to run into a new class of attacks."

Bud Tribble, Apple's senior vice president of software technology, disagreed.

"All the things we've been doing to make Mac OS X secure continue to be relevant on Intel," he said.

Mac OS X, he said, is designed to be Internet safe out of the box, without the need for firewalls or additional security software. He praised Mac OS X for making it easy for users to automatically install security patches.

He noted that the operating system was derived from FreeBSD, open source software that was built from the ground up to provide security for computers networked together. Since its origins in the early 1990s, the Unix-based FreeBSD has continually been battle-tested by college students and computer security specialists.

"The bottom line is we still feel more comfortable using a Mac than a (Windows) PC," said Alan Paller, director of research for SANS.

Socially concerned art featured in exhibition

Photos display the darker side of society

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's a simple, stark image: a fresh mound of earth with a small headstone at one end and an equally tiny foot stone at the other. Instead of vases for flowers, there are milk and Coca-Cola bottles.

It's a black-and-white photograph, but the viewer has no problem recognizing its bare earth as red Southern clay. The photo's title, "A Child's Grave, Hale County, Alabama," and its date, the Depression year 1936, provide enough background to reconstruct the small tragedy it represents.

The small print by Walker Evans is in the permanent collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, and it is one of 70 photos from that collection now on display in an exhibition titled "The Concerned Photographer." The show gives a tour of the 20th century's dark side and demonstrates how the 15 featured photographers transformed the traditional objectivity of their art into a tool for political and social change.

The curators of the show chose their title in homage to famed photojournalist Cornell Capa, who has used it for several exhibitions in the past.

The concerned photographer, the Hungarian-born Capa once explained, "finds much in the present unacceptable, which he tries to alter. Our goal is simply to let the world also know why it is unacceptable."

The earliest photos in the exhibition were taken by Lewis Wickes Hine for the National Child Labor Committee, and they have the distinction of having transformed concern into political action. Historians credit them with prompting some of the nation's earliest child-labor legislation.

They have lost none of their power in the nearly 100 years since they were taken.

Young Sadie Pfiefer, photographed in 1908, seems dwarfed by the giant bobbins she

is tending at a cotton mill in Lancaster, S.C. And a 1911 picture Hine took at a mine in South Pittston, Pa., still shocks with the realization that the coal-blackened miners are young boys.

One of the stars of the exhibition is Margaret Bourke-White, who took many of her pictures for Life magazine. One of her earliest in the show is 1937's much-reproduced "World's Highest Standard of Living." In the photo, a poster bearing that title, plus the slogan "There's no way like the American Way," is plastered over a building wall. The poster shows a smiling white family and their dog enjoying a country ride in their new car. But filing past the poster are black urban residents waiting patiently in a bread line.

Another Bourke-White photo in the show is from the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp in 1945. That one is harrowing, but even it is not as hard to view as one she shot the next year during the Hindu-Muslim violence that accompanied the partition of India. Bourke-White went to a slum in Calcutta and came back with a picture of scores of vultures feasting on piles of corpses in the streets.

The vulture photo is balanced, at least in part, by Bourke-White's justly famous portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at his spinning wheel.

Another Life photographer, W. Eugene Smith, is represented by pictures from "Man of Mercy," a photo essay he shot in 1954 about Dr. Albert Schweitzer at the Nobel peace prize winner's medical mission in Lambarene, Gabon. Smith took several hundred photos, and when Life decided to run only 25 of them, he tendered his resignation.

The exhibition also features pictures of the U.S. civil rights struggle by Danny Lyon, Bruce Davidson and the late Gordon Parks; Susan Meiselas' 1978 photos of Sandinista revolutionaries in Nicaragua (the only color work in the show); and Gilles Peress' documentation of Bloody Sunday (Jan. 30, 1972), when British troops killed 14 demonstrators and wounded 13 others in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.



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AMEX	2,005.91	-1.92
NASDAQ	2,304.79	-17.78
NYSE	8,461.75	-9.68
S&P 500	1,305.19	-5.42
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,131.36	+25.65
FTSE 100(London)	6,023.10	-36.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.58	+0.14	24.29
NASDAQ 100TR SER I (QQQQ)	-0.98	-0.41	41.44
INTEL CP (INTC)	-2.45	-0.49	19.49
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	-1.28	-0.06	4.62
SUN MICROSYS INC (SUNW)	-1.80	-0.09	4.91

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+1.22	+0.62	51.31
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.40	+0.69	49.89
3-MONTH BILL	-0.06	-0.03	46.47

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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.48		85.05

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EURO			0.7946
POUND			0.5482
CANADIAN \$			1.1157

IN BRIEF

Report assesses Social Security trust

WASHINGTON — The trustees for the government's two biggest benefit programs said Monday that the trust fund for Social Security will be depleted in 2040, a year earlier than expected, while Medicare will exhaust its trust fund just 12 years from now.

The annual report showed deterioration in the financial condition of both programs although the problems in Medicare were depicted as far more serious because of the skyrocketing costs for health care.

A year ago, the depletion of the Social Security trust fund had been projected to occur in 2041, one year later than the current estimate, and the Medicare hospital insurance fund had been forecast to last until 2020, two years longer than the current estimate.

The trustees, who include the head of the Social Security Administration and three members of President Bush's Cabinet, painted a sober assessment of the health of the two programs in advance of the looming retirements of 78 million baby boomers.

Market dips despite sales reports

NEW YORK — Wall Street's interest rate anxiety sent stocks moderately lower Monday after comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke compounded investors' inflation concerns amid a surge in oil prices.

Stocks had traded in positive territory for most of the session, lifted by an upbeat sales report from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and a raft of solid economic data on industrial activity, construction and consumer spending. But the market took a late-day dive following reports that Bernanke said he was worried about media and investor speculation that the Fed is done raising interest rates in its long-running battle against inflation.

Last Thursday, Bernanke told a congressional panel the central bank could pause — but not necessarily stop — its string of rate hikes while it keeps a close watch on the economy's health. However, according to CNBC, Bernanke said future increases will depend mostly on economic data; that stand was troubling to an interest rate-sensitive market.

BOLIVIA

Army seizes natural gas fields

British, Brazilian, Argentinian oil multinationals brace for severe losses

Associated Press

LA PAZ — President Evo Morales ordered soldiers to occupy Bolivia's natural gas fields Monday and threatened to evict foreign companies unless they give Bolivia control over the entire chain of production.

Morales sent soldiers and engineers with Bolivia's state-owned oil company to installations and fields tapped by foreign companies — including Britain's BG Group PLC and BP PLC, Brazil's Petroleo Brasileiro SA, Spanish-Argentine Repsol YPF SA, France's Total SA and U.S.-based Exxon Mobil Corp. The companies have six months to agree to new contracts or leave Bolivia, he said.

Vice President Alvaro Garcia Linera said troops were sent to 56 locations around the country.

Soldiers took over major gas fields and refineries and, in the eastern city of Santa Cruz where much of the industry is based, occupied some oil company offices, said Tuffi Are, news editor at the El Deber newspaper, one of Bolivia's largest. He said about 100 soldiers were guarding the Petrobras refinery just outside the city.

Morales, a leftist allied with Cuba's Fidel Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in seeking to blunt U.S. influence in the region, had pledged to exert greater state control over the industry since winning election in December, becoming Bolivia's first Indian president.

"The time has come, the awaited day, a historic day in which Bolivia retakes absolute control of our natural resources," Morales said in a speech from the San Alberto field in south-



Bolivian soldiers guard the overtaken Gualberto Villarroel refinery operated by Brazilian oil company Petrobras in Cochabamba, Bolivia Monday.

ern Bolivia operated by Petrobras in association with Repsol and Total SA.

"The looting by the foreign companies has ended," Morales declared.

Brazil is Bolivia's biggest natural gas client, followed by Argentina, and Brazil's demand has been rising rapidly due to power generation, cooking and automotive needs.

Landlocked Bolivia must sell to its neighbors because it lacks a pipeline to ship gas to the Pacific Ocean and from there to Asia, Mexico or the United States.

The announcement follows a trend by oil- and gas-rich Latin American nations to exact a larger share of profits from

extraction of the fossil fuels.

It comes as Ecuador argues with Washington over a new oil royalties law and less than a month after Chavez ordered the seizure of oil fields from Total and Italy's Eni SpA when the companies failed to comply with a government demand that operations be turned over to Venezuela's state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA.

Bolivia has South America's second largest natural gas reserves after Venezuela, and all foreign companies must turn over most production control to Bolivia's cash-strapped state-owned oil company, Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales Bolivianos,

Morales said.

An Army spokesman did not immediately return telephone requests for comment.

Multinational companies that produced 100 million cubic feet of natural gas daily last year in Bolivia will be able to retain only 18 percent of their production, with the rest being given to YPFB, he said. Morales did not name the companies.

A Repsol spokesman said the company could not respond because it had not received official word of the announcement. Petrobras officials did not immediately return messages seeking comment on Monday, a national holiday in Brazil.

Google, MS clash over search tool

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Google Inc. is hoping to pressure Microsoft Corp. into changing a new Internet Explorer browser feature that could direct more people to Microsoft's online search engine instead of Google's far more popular offering.

Google has informally complained to U.S. and European antitrust regulators about what it says are biased settings on Microsoft's latest Web browser, marking the latest spat between two companies whose business models are increasingly bumping up against one another.

Mountain View, Calif.-based Google regards Microsoft as the biggest threat to its continued success, and Microsoft has conceded that Google is a formidable competitor as well.

The next version of Internet Explorer, available now in test form, includes a box in the corner that lets people perform an Internet search without going to a separate Web page, much like what's available from Google's downloadable "toolbar."

Users who download IE 7 will be assigned a search engine preference based on the AutoSearch function from the previous version of IE, which is likely to be MSN Search. Google says it's concerned that Microsoft's own search engine is getting favored treatment, and said research it has sponsored shows that it's difficult to change the settings in the new browser to a rival search engine.

"The market favors open choice for search, and companies should compete for users based on their

quality of search services," Marissa Mayer, Google's vice president of search products and user experience, said Monday.

Gary Schare, director of product management for Internet Explorer, said Redmond-based Microsoft's goal is to let users choose the search engine they want. He also said Microsoft's feedback has shown that it's not difficult to change to a different search engine.

"MSN has a certain amount of (market) share. This is not designed to change this," Schare said. "This is designed to essentially keep the status quo."

Internet Explorer's main competitors, Firefox and Opera, both include similar boxes with the default search engine set to Google, although users can change to another provider.

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Why are we afraid of freedom?

Well, Notre Dame, the twilight of my college career is upon me. It is difficult to believe that after four short years I am on my way out, and after only eight short months, Live and Let Live or Die is, well, off to die.

Maybe this column has been enough to set your philosophical wheels in motion. Maybe the readership of The Observer has taken that first, painful step away from the Republican Party, and has now begun the inevitable face-first slide towards libertarianism. (Yeah, right.)

However, one must admit that it is difficult to dispute the wise words of P.J. O'Rourke: "There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please. And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences." Libertarianism does not make any claims on your life, your property or your happiness. We believe that as long as you leave people alone, they must leave you alone as well.

It was once said that a conservative is a liberal who has been mugged. For the sake of consistency, then, a libertarian is a liberal who has been mugged by a roving gang of conservatives. We'll call them the government.

Hopefully, the idea of a roving gang of conservatives is enough to make you laugh, because I think the idea is hilarious. The metaphor is also apt.

All the while, I have tried to paint a picture of politics (yawn) that is fairly bleak. I have attempted to point out the

blatant hypocrisy of the Republican Party, or the silly quasi-socialism of the Democrats. I have drawn parallels between them, highlighted the lies they tell us and offered solutions that do not involve more government control.

The problem is, of course, that this is a college campus. Aside from the handful of students who actually care, politics is a mystical realm that exists outside the hallowed halls of Our Lady. Politics more aptly describes the drama of room picks, the ND hookup culture or some kind of drinking game. The things that matter here are much more benign.

The "academic freedom" battle has been raging since I came here in 2002, and it is something I was not expecting to encounter in college. Honestly, I thought, what kind of college student would presume to tell other college students what they may or may not see? Surely, I naively dreamed, such people would not exist at Notre Dame.

The fact is, such people exist everywhere, even at Notre Dame. My wild libertarian heart refused to believe it at first; here I was, a bright-eyed freshman with the first moments of pseudo-adulthood upon me, and people were telling me I should not be allowed to see a play?

After starting the College Libertarians (with the help of Catherine Kent, who still has two years left to tear it up as president), I have discovered that people are afraid of freedom. People are afraid of what might happen when they are not in control of every situation that arises, because they are afraid of what it might mean to be accountable only to themselves. In America, and at Notre Dame, we are afraid of being faced with consequences. We are afraid of what

others might think or say, and so we do our best to control everything we can.

Why do we fear "The Vagina Monologues"? Why do we fear the Queer Film Festival? Not because outsiders will suddenly think that the Catholic Church is accepting of homosexuality, but because we are afraid of giving other people that little bit of power over their own lives. If we do not stop them, we are told, the students of Notre Dame will drown themselves in secular humanism. When we say "academic freedom," "academic" is a just a contextual qualifier. We are really talking about freedom, plain and simple.

So here is the real question: How free should the students of Notre Dame be?

I am leaving this place now, so that question is not mine to answer anymore. But it is not just a question for this school — it is also pertinent to this nation. Is it best to err on the side of liberty and be forced to face the consequences?

Preserving what little liberty we have is easier than finding it again once it is gone. It may be scary, but as Edmund Burke wrote in 1899, "The true danger is when Liberty is nibbled away, for expedience."

And make no mistake, there will always be people ready to nibble away at the liberty of others. Therefore, my final piece of advice for you is this: Don't be one of them.

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Live and Let
Live or Die

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Race cannot be discounted as factor

I would like to respond to Elizabeth Coffey's April 27 column "Keep the Race Issue out of it." First off, I want to say that I am a huge Duke fan, and have the utmost respect for the school. In many ways, I consider Duke to be the Notre Dame of the south. I will also agree with her that what occurred in Durham is a moral disaster. However, I must say that I was disappointed by her article in Thursday's edition of The Observer. When you consider a party of all-white, upper-class males watching an African-American woman remove her clothes, you cannot immediately say that racism was an issue. However, when there are reports that the men were screaming racial slurs directed at black women and teasing them about picking cotton, it becomes a racial issue.

Next, you talk about Duke being 56 percent white, but you neglect the fact that the lacrosse team is 97 percent white. On top of this, these lacrosse players generally come from the most upper-class schools on the Eastern seaboard. So it is fairly safe to say that these kids probably don't associate with many black women.

I cannot say if rape occurred or not, and I hope and pray that it did not. To argue that race does not even play a minor role in this situation is simply ignorant. As much as it hurts to admit, racism is still alive and well within the United States, especially in the South.

The quote that really upset me though, was the following: "What kind of a mother is also a stripper?" To say that without placing yourself in the mother's shoes is rather offending. You have absolutely no idea what it is like to be a single mother trying to make it through college, raise your child without a

father and also make money. You cannot fault a mother that does whatever she legally can to feed and take care of her child. Your opinion seems both elitist and condescending.

Last, to state that Notre Dame is a "rare exception these days" could actually be laughed at by an outsider. You probably don't remember this or know about it, but a few years before I entered Notre Dame in 2002, four athletes were on trial for sexual assault. On top of this, former Irish football player Clifford Jefferson was also accused of rape. Last, a member of our Board of Trustees, Dave Duerson, turned in his resignation in 2004 after he reportedly assaulted his wife. We are not the moral beacon that you purport us to be. Unfortunately, your article makes our school appear that we are simply unaware of our institution's shortcomings.

I will agree with you that the "race card" is played too often, but it must be considered in this case. On top of this, be careful about what you state without actually considering where the other side is coming from. While it is believable that the victim could be lying, do not criticize a mother for trying to make ends meet for her child. I issue a challenge — immerse yourself in poverty, live like this country's poor population does for an extended period of time, then write another editorial about what you have learned. You might have a new perspective.

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senior
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"[My teachers] were trying to beat me into being a ... dentist or a teacher. And the ... Jans tried to beat me into being a Beatle or an Engelbert Humperdinck, and the critics tried to beat me into being Paul McCartney."

John Lennon
musician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our own heroes

I went to "United 93" on Friday night and I was pleased with three things. First, it was tastefully done in the format of a documentary rather than a Hollywood thriller. Second, 10 percent of the profits from opening weekend go to the memorial fund. Finally, the vast majority of the people in the theatre fit the age range of our generation.

This is a generation in need of heroes. This movie allows our generation to come together with the spirit and resolve that we showed in the days after Sept. 11, 2001. The experience of those passengers gives our generation a sense of purpose. Flight 93 shows us that we have to take the fight to the enemies of freedom, or we will lose that freedom. The terrorists would have taken out a great symbol of our democracy that day in Washington if it wasn't for the courage of ordinary Americans on the flight. Just think what these terrorists could do with nuclear weapons instead of commercial airplanes.

Flight 93 is also special to me because I was serving as a Senate page in the U.S. Capitol that day. There is not a day that goes by that I do not think of the heroes on Flight 93 and thank them for my life and the lives of my dear friends who worked with me. We went back to work in the Capitol on Sept. 12 and sent the message to the terrorists as 17-year-olds that we would not be afraid.

This movie is not meant to be popcorn-munching entertainment. We are still at war, yet some in our nation seem to be losing resolve. "United 93" is a timely reminder that we are still fighting the same war on terror that these heroes died fighting.

The two previous generations achieved monumental tasks through much sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. This is our task. This is our responsibility. We will move forward in the true spirit of the words of Flight 93 passenger Todd Beamer and win the War on Terror. "Let's roll!"

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Let students decide

I am quite happy to see debate occurring on this campus in regards to academic freedom stemming from University President Father John Jenkins' statement. Whether someone is sitting in a seminar class, attending a lecture or even discussing social issues in a small group, she must confront differing opinions. In such settings, it is essential to listen to and discuss the viewpoints in order to make informed decisions. One cannot remain passive and just assume that those in an administrative capacity will dictate how one is supposed to react. Fortunately, a top-tier school like Notre Dame has an administration that is dedicated to critical thinking by allowing discussion of various venues such as "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival. Granted, not everyone that watches the performance or attends a film screening will agree with what he sees, but a typical Notre Dame student should be of the caliber allowing him to formulate an objective opinion on the matter.

If the University should bow to pressure from such reactionary views as those of Professor Charles Rice, then many Notre Dame students would be seriously be restricted in their viewpoints and only be further distanced from life outside the academic bubble. One should be thankful that former University President Father Theodore Hesburgh stood up for academic freedom of expression by chartering the Land-of-Lakes statement in 1967 that gives schools the right to present and discuss issues in a serious and academic manner. It is through his encouragement that Notre Dame has become a top-tier school today that continues to strive for a balance between academic rigor and spiritual development. Those who believe that students are merely empty vessels that can be filled with any material and will automatically equate it with dogma seriously underestimate the academic potential of top-tier students like those attending Notre Dame. Students should be given the chance to hear multiple viewpoints and then decide for themselves which one is right. Thanks to the courage of Father Jenkins, students will continue to have these experiences in the future that will allow them to listen, reflect and then decide for themselves.

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The truth can never die

It seems to me that some of my cherished colleagues may have missed the most important and most beautiful assertion in University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement: "Catholic teaching has nothing to fear from engaging the wider culture, but we all have something to fear if the wider culture never engages Catholic teaching. ... Like any university, we have a responsibility to foster intellectual engagement with various perspectives and forms of knowledge, but as a Catholic university, we have the added responsibility of fostering engagement among these perspectives and forms of knowledge with the Catholic intellectual tradition." In other words, a Catholic university is where Catholic tradition and teaching encounter everything that the world brings to us, and it is where everything that the world brings to us must encounter Catholic tradition and teaching. To pass over the second half of this assertion is I think gravely to misinterpret what Jenkins is telling us.

If this reciprocal encounter is carried out — and Jenkins is telling us that it is our responsibility at Notre Dame to carry it out — we have nothing to fear. Indeed, fearlessness in the face of anything the world may bring is the mark of living in the truth. The Catholic university must be like Dante's Comedy: the pilgrim has to look at everything, touch every possible facet of human behavior and experience, in his own journey toward understanding and divine love. Dante doesn't edit, filter, suppress, limit, silence. There is nothing he cannot confront, nothing he does not force his readers to confront, no matter how debased or vulgar or antithetical to all value. But Dante — and this is the key — makes every facet of human behavior and experience encounter Catholic revelation and understanding. Through

that endlessly fruitful encounter, we begin to see through our self-deceptions and through some of the world's bewitching illusions; through that encounter we also begin to see more deeply into the light of revelation. As Jenkins says, citing Pope John Paul II: "grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Catholic intellectual tradition develops through this dialogue with culture."

We tend to forget that it is not we who defend truth; Truth defends us. Truth is light: it does not need torchbearers. It sets out alone and lights its own way and ours. In the encounter with the world, truth cannot lose. Truth can never die. Untruth can never live; it is constantly dying, constantly on the way out, because it is not in harmony with the reality within which, from which, the world has its being.

We also tend to forget that revelation is not an ideology; it is not a set of ideas. Revelation neither includes nor excludes anything. It transfigures all things, reveals their true sense and meaning and allows us freely to see and choose the path through the world, through all possibilities, that leads us to felicity, towards fulfilling the limitless potential of what a human being is.

I do not think my confidence in truth is misplaced. If the slight and ephemeral play that has so exercised our emotions in recent months encounters Catholic teaching and tradition — encounters it fully, genuinely — the Catholic understanding of the human person, in all its beauty, and depth and soul-beguiling sweetness, is not likely to be vanquished. It will not lose, in that encounter. If the play, on the other hand, should contain any glimmers of truth — and it may contain a few, and perhaps even more than a few,

since it is supposed to be made from taped interviews with real human beings of varied conditions, as a record of their lived experience and of their pain — those glimmers of truth will emerge in the encounter, uncovering beauty in those lives, even in those strident words, and perhaps revealing another facet of the light of Catholic understanding bequeathed by tradition. What is untrue in the play, what derives from a shallow or lifeless understanding of self and the world, will be burned to grey ashes, seen to offer no life, no nourishment, no beauty, no truth. If, on the other hand, there should be any elements of untruth in Catholic teaching as it has been transmitted to us and as we transmit it to others — untruth based on limitations of love and understanding that restrict our ability to receive the light of revelation — it is not impossible that those elements of untruth could themselves be burned to ashes in the light and challenge of the play.

What is there to fear? Truth or revelation does not need a cudgel to enter the human heart, nor does it need to keep the world at bay in order to clear a space for itself. Truth is not in competition with the world. It transforms the world. The impulse to edit, silence, suppress, filter human experience shows a trace of fear or defensiveness, an inability to encompass the entire world — the entire world — within the light of revelation, within the light of Christian love and understanding. If we ourselves live in the truth, live the truth, we will know that it cannot fail.

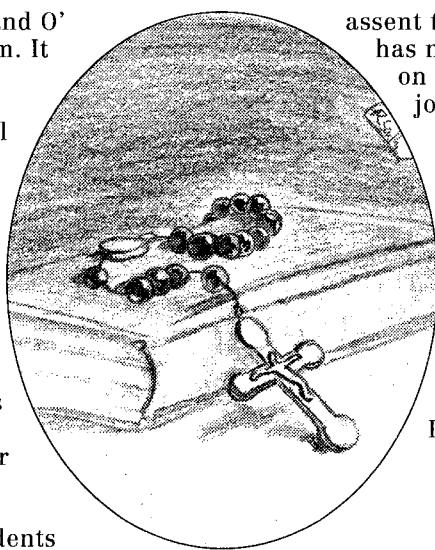
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Faith has nothing to fear from reason

Father Jenkins, thank you for reaffirming the spirit of the Land O' Lakes statement on Catholic universities and academic freedom. It meant everything to me in my vocation to this place as a noble experiment to have a top-notch Catholic university in a non-Catholic culture, and I believe your statement is a foundational component. Indeed, I am one of those, to paraphrase a rather uncharitable statement from your critics, who rejoiced most in your statement and care most about the Catholic identity of Notre Dame.

There is one aspect of your reaffirmation that I haven't seen receive emphasis, and I believe it lies at the heart of a University, the intellectual life of its professors, and the intellectual-religious lives of its students. If you allow me a biographical reference, I was in my mid-20s in the Society of Jesus when I finally, with the help of wonderful Jesuit mentors and teachers (George Klubertanz, Robert Henle and others in the Philosophate at St. Louis University) was able to dispel fear toward reason in the ratio-fides dialectic. Since then, I see the fides-ratio dialectic as vivifying, indeed salvific.

Now, I believe that your reaffirmation helps Notre Dame students



assent to — and hopefully eventually live — the proposition that faith has nothing to fear from reason, and neither do they. Grace builds on nature. Thus, students can live the dialectic fearlessly, even joyfully, and powerfully. To reason is to share in creation.

My concern is that the critics of your reaffirmation are explicitly or implicitly telling Catholic students that they must fear reason and substitute obedience for it, that they as Catholic students are not to trust or be trusted with reason, and neither are the professors. I think the fides-obedientia axis is the concern of the Hierarchy; the fides-ratio axis is the concern of the University and of maturing intellects and consciences of students who then must think about the other axis.

Thank you for continuing the noble experiment that I discerned in former University President Father Theodore Hesburgh's vision for Notre Dame way back in 1968.

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The rising medium of video games

Roger Ebert once scoffed at video games, declaring they are not a valid art form. More toys than anything else, they could not compare to the intricate art found within films or painting.

Recent history is proving him wrong. Video games are increasingly permeating our society down to its very nuances. From the big screen to the small ones on cell phones, video games are making their digital presence known. When people can go watch Peter Jackson's remake of "King Kong," then play the digital monkey as soon as they exit the theater on their cell phones, the video game's cultural impact becomes slightly more evident.

Fans of video games have long declared their passion an art, giving legitimacy to their favorite pastime. While the art wasn't as clear in the days of "Robotron" and "Pong," it has been made increasingly apparent in recent years. Titles such as the contemporary "Shadow of the Colossus" exhibit a clear sense of style and art, featuring dramatic vistas that typically flourish in examples of high-class art.

Hollywood has long recognized the value of video games, but only recently have they been treated with a degree of respect. For those who have seen the "Super Mario Bros." movie or "Double Dragon," Hollywood's intentions towards video games was obvious — they were an easy way to

cash in on an established fan base. People who played video games weren't the brightest bulbs in the drawer, so they didn't deserve a thoughtful picture.

This mentality has changed significantly, especially within the past couple of months. "Doom" represented a solid effort on Hollywood's part to create a strong adaptation of the video game classic. Starring Karl Urban and the Rock, it was a science fiction action film that mimicked the art direction of the games, especially the "Doom III," incredibly well. While the result fell a little flat as — ironically — it tried to be more thoughtful than its video game parent, it still represented one of Hollywood's first attempts at treating video games seriously.

Another interesting recent example was the teen horror film "Stay Alive." Starring a cast of relative no-names and that kid from "Malcolm in the Middle," it centered on a video game that killed the people who played it. While the idea isn't exactly original — being a mere mental leap from "The Matrix" — it still directly addressed video games and proved them a legitimate medium for entertainment, despite the fact that only gamers will killed during the unfortunate duration of the film.

Once again, the actual results were less than stellar. "Stay Alive" was fairly universally panned, but if it had succeeded, it would have spawned a video game based on the movie. While video games based off of movies aren't original either, a video game based off a game that played a central role within a movie would have set a new precedent.

The most successful film to this date would be the recently released "Silent Hill." Featuring sights and sounds

directly lifted from the game, it stands as a tribute to just how powerful gaming has become as a medium. While it can be argued that "Silent Hill" itself was based off of excellent movies, such as "Jacob's Ladder," just watching the movie adaptation is a visual treat and shows how far video games have come from their inception. The mature themes and symbolic imagery reflect this evolution.

Upcoming movies also hold a great deal of promise. For example, the "Halo" movie projected to be released in 2007 has big Hollywood names like Peter Jackson attached. Studios are looking at video games and realizing that they can make money if treated properly in film format.

The simple truth is that gamers have matured. The same gamers who played "Super Mario Bros." nearly 20 years ago have grown up and are now creating their own games. With this comes a new sophistication to the medium, lending itself more credence as art. There are now schools that exist to teach how to craft video games.

Films arguably became accepted as legitimate once schools were developed that taught the craft, with Spielberg and Scorsese being famous examples of pioneers of film schools.

Games have developed, especially in the latter part of the past decade. If current trends continue, their value as a medium representing current society and art will be undeniable.

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Facing se

College is a lot like the movies. I don't mean this to invite the easy parallels to movies like "Animal House," "Van Wilder" or "Old School." On a deeper level, going to the movies is similar to the entire college experience. In both cases, you go to a place removed from the real world and experience something wonderful that only lasts for a short period of time. As is the case with both college and the movies, while you don't want the experience to end, you're also dying to find out what happens next.

After four years of working for Scene, I might have a slightly warped perspective on just how much life and entertainment interact. The fact that I spend an inordinate amount of time watching E!, going to movies or attached to my iPod just makes entertainment the lens through which I view most of my life. This might explain why there are — for me, anyway — a number of parallels between my time at Notre Dame and my favorite film, the French import "Amelie."

Beyond the obvious French connection between their names, the way I stumbled upon what would become two extremely important parts of my life is fairly similar. I was only vaguely aware of Notre Dame as a institution for higher learning, much in the same way that I was only vaguely aware of the existence of the film "Amelie" in America.

Only by accident did I finally discover both Notre Dame and "Amelie." I discovered Notre Dame when someone from my high school left his email address on my biology class whiteboard. I discov-

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Video games have in the past been considered to lack artistic merit. Recent movies and video games have shown elements that lend themselves toward the contrary, as they are becoming an increasingly artistic medium.



Movies and colleges have shared a long relationship even been described as being a movie, and for gradu

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In much the same way that Amelie (Audrey Tautou) isn't aware of the significance of the small tin box she finds hidden in her bathroom tile, I wasn't aware of just how much Notre Dame and the movie "Amelie" would

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of the Ty Willingham era of foot- ball, but it has survived. "Amelie," in spite of facing a barrage of new movies — and the fact that it is entirely in French with english subtitles — has remained a constant favorite.

While I will always be able to hunker down with my close companion "Amelie" thanks to the magic of DVDs, college isn't quite the same. While Notre Dame will always be here and I can technical- ly become a double, triple, quadru- ple Domer through the magic of graduate school, being an under- graduate is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The ultimate question, then, is this — If college is like the movies, then where does that leave a graduating senior like me and many others?

If movies have taught us any- thing, it is that just because a movie is over doesn't mean it's the end. Film franchises like "Star Wars," "Harry Potter" and "The Chronicles of Narnia" have shown us that there is another way to go for sequel that opportunities beyond the original. The story can continue in a sequel, and while the bad guys tend to get scarier and the plot gets a little hairier, some- times sequels can be better than the original. All that we can do is hope that life in the real world, the sequel to college, will turn out to be a "Spider-Man 2" instead of sinking into a lowly "Deuce Bigelow: European Gigolo."

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that shows the two as being nearly inseparable. College has tting seniors, the nature of the sequel is still to determined.

American royalty

In some countries, Kings and Queens still exist and reign, not as political leaders, but as figureheads — glam- orous representations of the country's culture. Here in the states, on the other hand, we like to remember how we spiritedly defied the blue- blooded grip of the British monarchy during the Revolutionary War. However,

while our current governing body is free from royalty, our culture cer- tainly is not.

Reigning from their estates in the high hills of Hollywood, the Kings and Queens of our culture are celebrities. In addition to informing us of the latest trends and keeping us entertained while we wait in line at the grocery market, the celebrities of today represent American ideals with their seemingly flawless looks and flagrant displays of wealth. While celebrities possess no substantial power over government (sorry, Martin Sheen) their latest films, songs and scandals act as virtual ambassadors of our culture, communicating to other nations what it means to be American.

Like royalty they are worshipped. Their touch is of King Midas' caliber as they turn everything they endorse to gold. Thirteen-year-old girls construct shrines in their bedrooms as a tribute to their favorite boy bands and hunky young stars. We are humbled as the Prince and Princesses of Hollywood condescend to sign autographs, and with the appetite of paupers, we hun- grily devour any scrap of celebrity gos- sip we can get our hands on.

However, America's kings and queens deviate from the rest of the world's most regal in various ways. For instance, in many cases royalty is called nobility, but we don't make that mistake with our royal family.

Instead of destroying celebrity careers, stints in rehab, scandalous pregnancies, affairs and mental melt- downs seem to be just the ticket, espe- cially if they garner an exclusive inter- view with Barbara Walters or Oprah Winfrey. Sadly, celebrities are presently marked more by mediocrity and lucky breaks than any shred of nobility.

Britney Spears epitomizes this new, essential feature to maintaining fame. After all, despite not having released any albums recently, she continues to bask in the limelight created by her marriage to wife-beater-clad Kevin Federline and her recent pregnancies. Then again, given the consistent quality of the music she does produce, perhaps we should be thanking Kevin for keep- ing Britney otherwise occupied.

Additionally, it has become more lucrative to be a pseudo-celebrity than to become famous by displaying any merit. Less and less talent is required to achieve stardom. Where talent once led to fame which led to fortune, today heiresses like Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie work backwards, transforming their inherited fortune into fame. Fortunately, they have yet to prove that talent can be bought.

The explosion of reality television has also created a new breed of pseudo- celebrity. Reality stars have effectively prolonged their 15 minutes parlaying their small, often humiliating stints into lifetime visibility — if not entire careers — these stars now pepper television programs and C-list movies.

Working against natural selection, reality television has also provided opportunities for otherwise washed-up

or terminally second-tier celebrities. It used to be that after a star had outlived her moment in the spotlight and was outshone by more vivacious starlets, she would quietly retire to her man- sion, placated by royalties.

Unfortunately, survival of the fittest seems to be wilting in the presence of reality television shows that specifically feature has-beens and never-quite- have-been stars, reviving and jump- starting their careers.

Sure there are no tea taxes involved, but all this considered, I can't help but feel a little like the Colonial Americans must have when they decided to break with King George.

Perhaps, our current culture calls for us to revolt against today's reigning royalty with a good old-fashioned coup- d'etat. Alternatively, we could simply stop elevating talent-less figureheads, who have very little to contribute to us, to fame — after all they're just people. Otherwise, in a few years we might find ourselves sorry to see this ridiculous cycle of over-glorification continue.

With all of the stars that stand on the brink of insanity today, I shudder to think what we will be subjected to once their careers inevitably crumble. It's probably only a matter of time before we're watching Kasey Kasem, some guy from "The Amazing Race", and Lindsay Lohan shack up together in "The Surreal Life: 20" while Tom Cruise hosts "Cooking with Cruise: 50 Ways to Prepare the Placenta".

Then again, it could be worse. After all, without our country's colorful court of celebrities, standing in line at the supermarket would be awfully boring.

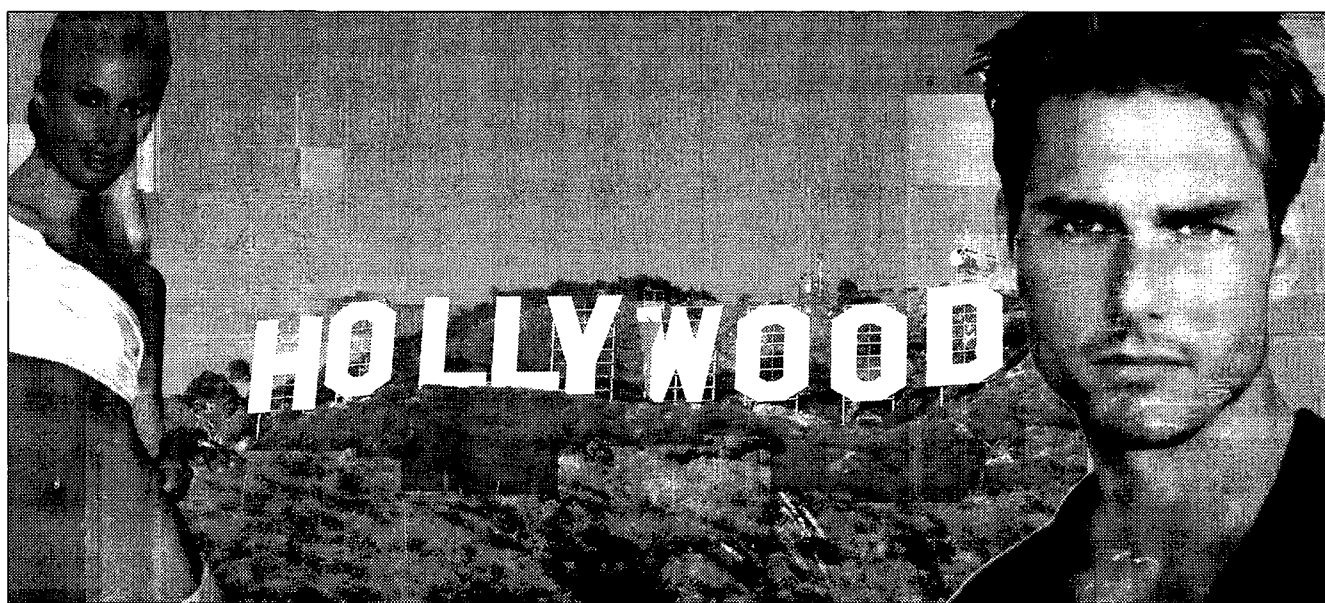
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Pseudo-celebrities, and outlandish real ones, make up America's royalty. While they have an influential place in society, their fame can be bought or extended through artificial means, increasing their time in the spotlight.

MLB

Yankees lose in Damon's return to Fenway

Hudson delivers second one-hitter of career in 2-0 victory

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a three-run homer to ruin Johnny Damon's return to Fenway Park, leading the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 7-3 Monday night in the first game of the season between the two rivals.

Fans chanted "Johnny! Johnny!" after the Yankees center fielder watched helplessly from a few feet away as Ortiz's 11th homer sailed into the Red Sox bullpen in the eighth.

Damon couldn't do much with the previous batter either. He could only trot in to pick up Mark Loretta's single that broke a tie in the four-run inning.

Bood each time he came to the plate, Damon, who bolted to the other side of baseball's biggest rivalry as a free agent, went 0-for-4.

It was a bad night for another

former Red Sox player. Mike Myers, Boston's lefty specialist last year, entered the game after the single by Loretta, who had been in a 1-for-17 slump, and gave up Ortiz's drive on a full count into a strong wind.

Another returning player who had a more pleasant night was Boston catcher Doug Mirabelli, reacquired earlier Monday from San Diego where he had been traded for Loretta last December. Boston obtained him to resume his role as knuckleballer Tim Wakefield's personal catcher after Josh Bard, who went to the Padres, had 10 passed balls in Wakefield's four previous starts.

Mirabelli also went 0-for-4 but didn't have a passed ball and threw out a runner trying to steal.

Mike Timlin (3-0) got the win with help from Jonathan Papelbon, who retired the side in the ninth with two strikeouts. Aaron Small (0-1) took the loss after going 10-0 for the Yankees last season.

Before the game, Damon, who spent the past four seasons with Boston, said, "I'm

just really excited about taking the field" and he wasn't nervous.

Braves 2, Rockies 0

Tim Hudson gave up a hit to the opposing pitcher, which was bad enough.

It stung even more when that turned out to be the only hit of the game by the Colorado Rockies.

Hudson threw the second one-hitter of his career, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Rockies with a dominating performance that was marred only by Jason Jennings' single with two outs in the third inning.

"That's kind of tough to take," said Hudson, who also drove in the Braves' first run. "He's probably one of the better hitting pitchers out there, but he's still a pitcher. He's only coming up once every five days. It would have been better if it was a cleanup hitter. I could have stomachached that one better."

Not that Hudson (2-2) was complaining too much. Not after the way he started the season, lasting only four innings in each of his first two starts. He gave up 14 hits, walked six and was charged with 11 earned runs in those outings.

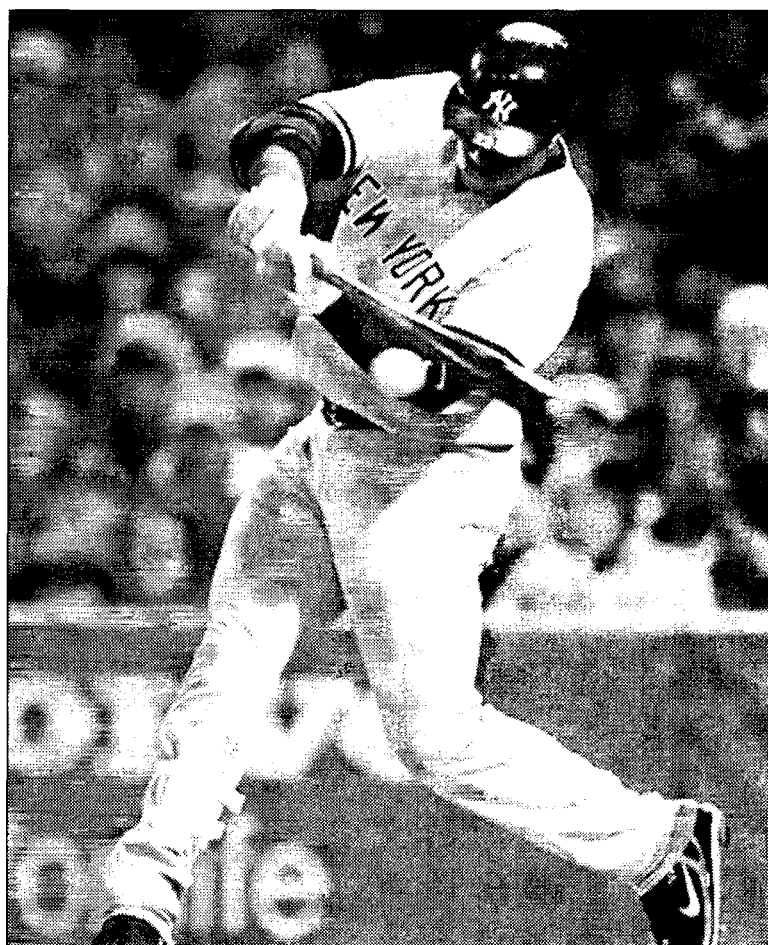
Hudson credited first-year pitching coach Roger McDowell with making a slight change in the right-hander's delivery, which is producing big results. He threw a three-hitter against the New York Mets on April 19, and was even more dominating against the top-hitting team in the NL.

"I'm getting a lot more downward movement instead of side to side. That side-to-side stuff gets hit a long way," said Hudson, who is throwing with more of an overhand motion. "It's not rocket science. It was just a little bitty adjustment, but that's all it took."

Hudson retired the last 17 Colorado hitters, needing just 40 pitches after the fifth inning. He threw 103 pitches overall — 66 for strikes.

"He had a lot of good things going on tonight," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "He worked both sides of the plate. He was never behind in the count."

Afterward in the Braves' clubhouse, catcher Brian



Yankees' second baseman Robinson Cano hits a two-RBI double in the 4th inning of the Yankees' 7-3 loss to Boston Monday.

McCann donned a T-shirt that said "I Rode Bodacious For Nine" — a reference to the wicked movement Hudson can get on his pitches, especially his sinker.

"His ball is so tough to catch," McCann said.

Cubs 2, Pirates 1

Matt Murton's RBI single in the eighth inning gave the Chicago Cubs a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

With the score tied 1-1, John Grabow (0-1) issued a two-out walk to Todd Walker. Salomon Torres replaced him and gave up an infield single to Aramis Ramirez. Murton then singled up the middle past a diving Jack Wilson to score Jerry Hairston Jr., who was running for Walker, from second.

The Pirates dropped to 1-13 on the road and 7-20 overall.

Bob Howry (2-0), the second of three Chicago pitchers, worked 2-3 of an inning for the win. Ryan Dempster pitched the ninth for his seventh save in as many chances. He

extended his club record to 25 straight, dating to last season.

Cubs rookie starter Sean Marshall gave up just one hit in his first six innings, throwing 57 pitches in that span. The 6-foot-7 Marshall, trying to start 3-0, gave up one run and four hits in 7 1-3 innings, his longest outing of the season. He struck out five, walked one and threw 91 pitches.

Wilson and Jason Bay hit consecutive singles to lead off the seventh for the Pirates. Wilson moved to third by seemingly avoiding third baseman Ramirez's tag on a grounder by Craig Wilson. Ramirez thought he tagged Jack Wilson with his glove and threw Bay out at second. After arguments from Ramirez and Cubs manager Dusty Baker, Wilson then scored on a groundout from Joe Randa to tie the game at 1-1.

Marshall worked Ronny Paulino and Jose Castillo before striking out pinch-hitter Chris Duffy in the eighth. Marshall left a standing ovation.



Braves' pitcher Tim Hudson throws a pitch Monday during the first inning of the Braves' 2-0 win over the Rockies.

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Thanks, Ken, for stealing my chicken wings.

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And by the way, Rikki did lose that number.

Lauren got a wonderful present.

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Kenneth can think of nothing creative. I am shocked.

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Honestly, how did Steely Dan win a Grammy a few years back?

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Baseball Top 25

No.	team	record	prev.
1	Rice	39-9	2
2	North Carolina	39-8	3
3	Nebraska	36-6	4
4	Cal State-Fullerton	33-11	1
5	Oregon State	32-10	5
6	Alabama	34-13	6
7	Texas	31-15	7
8	Clemson	33-13	9
9	Oklahoma	35-11	10
10	NOTRE DAME	35-9	12
11	Kentucky	34-11	13
12	South Carolina	32-12	14
13	Virginia	38-10	20
14	Arkansas	31-14	11
15	Houston	31-16	19
16	Georgia Tech	33-12	8
17	Florida State	35-11	15
18	Mississippi	30-15	23
19	College of Charleston	33-10	17
20	Arizona State	29-16	16
21	Pepperdine	30-16	NR
22	Washington	30-16	NR
23	Vanderbilt	27-18	21
24	Miami	29-16	NR
25	Old Dominion	35-8	25

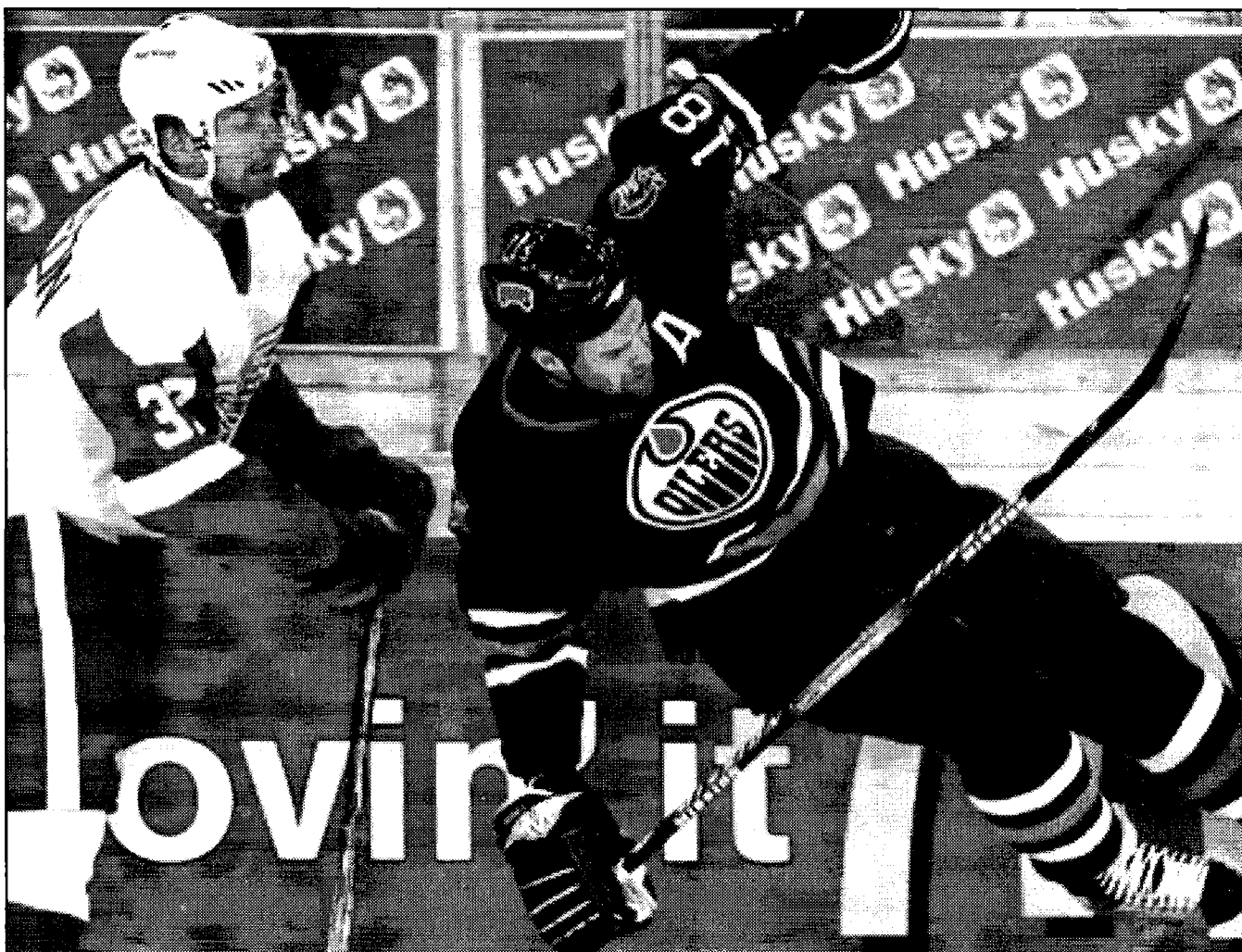
NCAA Women's Softball Top 25

No.	team	record	prev.
1	UCLA	36-4	1
2	Texas	45-5	2
3	Arizona	34-8	3
4	Alabama	40-7	4
5	Stanford	33-10	5
6	Tennessee	47-6	7
7	Arizona State	41-7	8
8	California	38-8	6
9	Oregon State	33-7	9
10	LSU	44-7	11
11	Georgia	46-11	10
12	La.-Lafayette	39-8	13
13	Michigan	31-12	12
14	Northwestern	33-10	16
15	Washington	29-15	14
16	Nebraska	35-8	15
17	Texas A&M	32-13	17
18	Baylor	33-17	19
19	Auburn	31-13	18
20	Fresno State	31-13	20
21	North Carolina	46-13	22
22	Louisville	30-8	23
23	Oklahoma	29-18-1	21
24	San Diego State	27-8	NR
25	Virginia Tech	33-14	NR

NCAA Women's Softball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
NOTRE DAME	14-2	34-15
USF	14-2	44-21
Louisville	11-3	33-8
Syracuse	15-7	34-20
Providence	11-9	29-16
DePaul	9-9	27-19
Pittsburgh	10-12	29-26
St. John's	8-10	28-24
Seton Hall	6-12	28-24
Connecticut	6-14	19-28
Rutgers	4-14	12-34
Villanova	2-16	13-34

NHL



Ethan Moreau of the Edmonton Oilers, right, gets knocked to the ice by the Detroit Red Wings' Mikael Samuelsson during Game 6 of their first round playoff series. The Oilers won the game 4-3 to take the series 4-2.

Oilers defeat Red Wings, take series 4-2

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers sent home the NHL's best team in the regular season, rallying Monday night to beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-3 and win the first round playoff series in six games.

Ales Hemsky scored twice, including the winner with 1:06 left in regulation time, capping a comeback from a 2-0 deficit after two periods. It was Edmonton's first playoff series win since 1998 — and another huge early-round disappointment for Detroit.

Fernando Pisani also

scored twice for the Oilers. Johan Franzen, Henrik Zetterberg and Robert Lang scored for the Red Wings.

The Oilers tied it 3-3 on a power play, when the puck deflected off Edmonton's Shawn Horcoff to Hemsky at the side of the net. He whacked away at the puck, then Wings defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom pushed Hemsky into the net. The puck went in, too, and the play went under video review to determine if the puck was kicked in.

After a lengthy delay, officials eventually awarded Hemsky the goal with

3:53 remaining.

Franzen flicked in a rebound at 10:07 of the third period to put the Red Wings ahead 3-2. Pisani had tied it 2-2 when he deked goalie Manny Legace and scored with a shot through the left side at 6:40 of the third.

Pisani's power-play goal 2:56 into the third period brought the Oilers within 2-1.

The Red Wings controlled the second period, outshooting the Oilers 17-2. Steve Yzerman set up Lang's power-play goal to make it 2-0. Red Wings captain Yzerman sat out the previous two games

with a nagging back injury. Yzerman's point moved him ahead of Bryan Trottier into eighth spot with 185 career playoff points.

Zetterberg got the Red Wings a 1-0 lead late in the first period, when the Oilers outshot Detroit 15-10. The forward scored six times this series.

The Red Wings have lost in the first two rounds of the last three playoffs.

The Oilers' last postseason victory was in seven games over Colorado. Detroit finished the season with 124 points, 11 more than any other team. Edmonton had 95.

IN BRIEF

Duke committee suggests reinstatement of lax team

DURHAM, N.C. — A Duke University committee recommended Monday that the school's lacrosse team resume play next season, but said the team needed strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.

"Although the pattern of misconduct in recent years by the lacrosse team is alarming, the evidence reviewed ... does not warrant suspension of the sport," a committee of seven faculty members wrote in a report.

Duke suspended the highly ranked lacrosse team from play last month, following allegations that a black woman was raped and beaten by three white men at a team party where she had been hired to strip.

A grand jury has indicted two players on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual assault, and District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he

hopes to charge a third person. Daly discusses gambling debts in new book

John Daly says he has lost between \$50 million and \$60 million during 12 years of heavy gambling and that it has become a problem that could "flat-out ruin me" if he doesn't bring it under control.

Daly discussed his addiction to gambling in the final chapter of his autobiography, "John Daly: My Life In and Out of the Rough," to be released next Monday.

He told one story of earning \$750,000 when he lost in a playoff to Tiger Woods last fall in San Francisco at a World Golf Championship. Instead of going home, he drove to Las Vegas and says he lost \$1.65 million in five hours playing mostly \$5,000 slot machines.

"If I don't get control of my gambling, it's going to flat-out ruin me," he says in the book, co-written with

Glen Waggoner and published by HarperCollins.

Palace brawl instigator sentenced to 30 days in jail

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — The man accused of throwing the cup that sparked a 2004 brawl between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons fans was sentenced Monday to 30 days in jail on an assault and battery charge.

John Green also was sentenced to two years' probation. The 41-year-old Green was convicted in March of one count of assault and battery for punching former Pacers player Ron Artest during the brawl at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Green was found not guilty of a second count of throwing the cup before Artest charged into the stands.

Judge Lisa Asadoorian ordered Green to attend anger management classes and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and stay away from the Palace while he is on probation.

around the dial

NBA

Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m., TNT
LA Lakers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m., TNT
Indiana at New Jersey, 7 p.m., NBATV
Sacramento at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m., NBATV

MLB

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 12 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S GOLF

Irish wait to hear where they'll go

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

For the third straight year, Notre Dame won't have to worry about being on the bubble for the NCAA tournament, as the team secured an automatic berth to one of three regionals with a come-from-behind victory in the Big East championship.

Now all the Irish can do is wait and see where the selection committee sends them.

Notre Dame's most likely destination is the Central Regional, which is scheduled for May 18-20 in Chardon, Ohio. If the Irish aren't selected for the Central Regional, they will travel to either the East Regional in Orlando, Fla. or the West Regional in Tucson, Ariz. For Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski, it's not where the Irish play, it's how they play.

"We had some stretches where we didn't play our A-game," Kubinski said. "I think we finally were able to play our best golf in the Big East championship, and hopefully we can keep that going."

If the Irish hope to continue their hot streak, they will most likely need continued stellar play from both freshman Josh Sandman and senior tri-captain Mark Baldwin. Baldwin was one of four Notre Dame golfers that shot under par in the final round of the Big East championship. Sandman was the overtime hero — sinking a birdie to give the Irish a two-stroke cushion.

"Mark had an excellent [Big East] tournament, and Josh has been just outstanding the past month or so," Kubinski said. "I'm really confident that both these guys can keep playing at the level they've been playing at, and if they can do that, we'll be in good shape."

Fortunately for Baldwin and Sandman, the burden of reaching the NCAA finals for the first time since 1966 does not rest squarely on their shoulders.

Senior Scott Gustafson and junior Cole Isban have also taken much of the responsibility upon themselves.

"Cole, along with Josh was the most outstanding golfer over the past month," Kubinski said. "The fact that he was overshadowed by Mark [in the Big East championship] just proves how well Mark was able to play. If he plays like I know he can play, Cole will be right up [at the top of the leader board] when all is said and done," Kubinski said. Gustafson struggled at times this year, but according to Kubinski, he has started to come around over the past month.

"Scott has really been playing well," Kubinski said. "He had some trouble, but he's been striking the ball extremely well and I don't doubt that he won't be playing his A-game come May 18."

If Kubinski can get all his players to play up to their ability, he feels they have a good shot of advancing. At the same time, however, he knows it will not be easy as the Irish will face their toughest competition of the season.

"In the NCAA's, it's really the best of the best," he said. "It's going to be a challenge to advance, but right now I think we're playing as well as anyone in the country."

Fresh off their Big East comeback victory over Louisville, the Irish were named Golfweek National Team of the Week. But Kubinski emphasized the award meant nothing once the Irish stepped onto the course.

"We're very honored to be recognized like that, but at the same time, we still have to go out and play," Kubinski said. "They're not going to give us the finals birth just because we were named Golfweek Team of the Week. We just have to go out and compete against — and hopefully beat — the best teams in the country."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Pistons take series lead with win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks kept missing shots and mishandling the ball. Chauncey Billups kept hitting free throws.

Billups was 16-of-16 from the foul line and scored 34 points to send the Pistons back to Detroit with a 3-1 series lead, beating Milwaukee 109-99 in the first round of the NBA playoffs Monday night.

The Pistons can finish off the Bucks with a victory in Game 5 Wednesday night in Detroit.

The Bucks had taken an 86-85 lead on Joe Smith's jump shot with 5:52 remaining in the game. But the Pistons answered with an 8-0 run, including back-to-back 3-pointers by Billups and Richard Hamilton, to put Detroit ahead 93-86 with 3:47 remaining.

The Pistons led 95-90 when Antonio McDyess was whistled for a technical foul — Detroit's second technical of the game — with 2:42 remaining.

Milwaukee's Michael Redd made the free throw and was fouled on the ensuing possession, hitting another two free throws to cut the Pistons' lead to 95-93 with 2:29 remaining.

But six straight free throws by Billups, combined with missed shots and mishandled balls by the Bucks, allowed the Pistons to put away the game.

Redd led the Bucks with 33 points, including 15 in the first half to lead all scorers. The Pistons held Redd to 11 points in the first game of the series, but the Bucks' leading

scorer had 40 in Saturday's victory in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee took a 76-74 lead into the fourth quarter thanks to 16 third-quarter points by T.J. Ford, but Ford picked up his fourth foul with 1:41 remaining in the period.

Billups kept pace with Ford for most of the quarter, scoring 11 points.

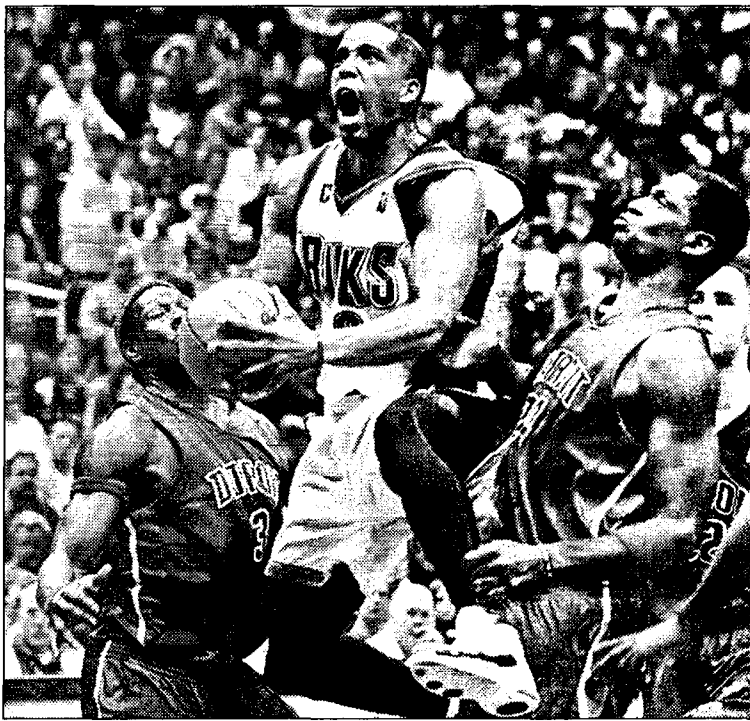
The Pistons led by as many as 15 in the first half, but the Bucks made a run as Rasheed Wallace was whistled for a technical foul, his second of the postseason, after complaining about a foul call in the second quarter.

Redd hit the free throw, and Toni Kukoc hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession. A

fast-break layup by Charlie Bell cut the Pistons' lead to 44-38.

Notes:

♦Wallace led the league in technical fouls with 19 in the regular season. He also was called for a technical in Game 1. ... Hamilton was fined \$15,000 by the NBA on Monday for elbowing Redd in the mouth during Saturday's game. The league upgrated the flagrant foul from a penalty one to a more severe level two. "Hopefully, I can talk to someone," Hamilton said. "\$15,000? I don't understand that one." ... The Bucks had nine turnovers in the first half, including five by Ford.



Bucks' guard Michael Redd, center, is fouled by the Pistons' Ben Wallace, left, and Antonio McDyess in Monday's playoff game.

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NBA

Mavericks sweep Grizzlies in series

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Dallas Mavericks wanted to get this one over quickly. They sure picked the right opponent.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and Josh Howard had 24 to lead the Mavericks over the Grizzlies 102-76 on Monday, Dallas' first best-of-seven sweep and an NBA-record 12th consecutive playoff loss for Memphis.

The Mavericks will face the winner of the San Antonio-Sacramento series, which is tied at two games apiece, in the Western Conference semifinals.

"You always want to close it out when you have the chance," Nowitzki said. "We have some guys with some injuries, but I think we'll be all right in the second round."

Nowitzki, who averaged 32.7 points in the first three games, was 12-of-21 from the floor and made all three of his 3-point shots, while Howard was 9-of-17. Howard had nine rebounds.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 25 points and Mike Miller scored 10. They were the only Grizzlies in double figures.

The Grizzlies were swept for the third time in three consecutive playoff appearances, and fans began filing out of FedExForum early in the final period. Announced attendance was 15,104. The Grizzlies put a sellout at 18,119.

The Grizzlies already had the longest losing streak of any playoff team before a first post-season victory. The previous record of 11 consecutive playoff

losses was set by Baltimore and matched by Denver.

Memphis was swept in the first round by Phoenix last year and San Antonio the year before.

Dallas also got 19 points from Jerry Stackhouse and 12 from Jason Terry.

Dallas began pulling away in the third period and went up 62-47 following an 11-4 run that was sparked by two 3-pointers by Nowitzki and steals by Nowitzki and Terry. Gasol lost the ball during the Dallas run when he bounced the ball off his foot on a dribble.

Though trailing Dallas from early in the first period, the Grizzlies stayed close until the final minutes of the half when Memphis turnovers helped the Mavericks launch a 10-4 run to break for intermission with a 48-39 lead.

Gasol, who had 19 points in the half, committed an offensive foul late in the second period leading to a 22-foot jumper by Howard. Less than a minute later, Gasol lost the ball by traveling and Shane Battier fouled Howard outside the arc, setting up three foul shots for Dallas. Howard, who led Dallas with 15 points in the half, hit them all.

As they did in their overtime loss in Game 3, the Grizzlies started with an energy that was missing in both games in Dallas.

Gasol led all scorers in the first quarter, going 4-of-6 for 12 points. Nowitzki and Howard each had eight points for the Mavericks, who ended the period up 26-23.

CLUB SPORTS

Ultimate ends season at regionals

Men's crew sweeps eight-man races versus Northwestern

Special to the Observer

The curtain came down this weekend on the Notre Dame ultimate club as its season ended at the Great Lakes Regional.

The Irish women's squad, champions of the Illinois/Indiana sectional, opened pool play against Western Illinois. After trading the first two points downwind, the Irish took control and dominated the Leathernecks, winning 15-4. Notre Dame continued its roll with another 15-4 victory over Indiana.

The Irish next played Michigan State for the right to advance to the championship bracket. Although MSU struck first, Notre Dame tied the score at 2-2 and then went on to rout the Spartans 15-3. Aggressive defense and smart passes from Shannon Morrison highlighted the team's play.

The Irish next faced Ohio State in the quarterfinals. The two squads traded downwind points as neither could build a lead. Notre Dame narrowly edged the Buckeyes, 12-11.

In the semifinals, the Irish squared off with Ohio. Despite disc movement among Chrissy Hedges, Lizzy Shiel and Rachel Meeks, the Irish were unable to convert on the upwind point. Chris Dube played her best game

of the season, scoring both a Callahan and laying out for the score on offense.

In the end, however, it wasn't quite enough, as Notre Dame dropped a close match, 15-14, ending the women's season at 20-6.

The men's squad opened play against Northern Ohio and after a slow start, limited their opponents to only one second half score. In second round action, the No. 4-seed Irish tangled with No. 5-seed Northwestern, and Notre Dame won, 15-5.

This proved to be the squad's high point, as the Irish dropped two closely contested matches to Michigan State and Michigan, losing the latter match 13-12 on the last play of the game.

Sailing

Wisconsin hosted the MCSA Coed Qualifiers this weekend.

Notre Dame finished fifth in both the A and B divisions, while Minnesota and the host Badgers qualified for nationals.

Paul Cordes, Chris May and Carlos Abisambra raced in the A division for the Irish, while Tim Roi, Jacqueline Chase, Catherine Hoodecheck and May competed in the B division.

Michigan and Northwestern finished third and fourth, respectively.

The next six spots in order were Ohio, Michigan State, Purdue, St. Thomas, Illinois and Iowa.

Men's Rowing

In a fitting completion to the duel-racing season, the men's crew team swept the eight-man races against Northwestern on the "straight and narrow" Skokie Canal in Chicago.

Saturday's racing was on the man-made Skokie, which was perfectly straight over the 2000m course, and only wide enough to fit two racing shells. The race tested the ability of the Irish coxswains, who had to negotiate obstacles while avoiding contact with the competing boat and the shore.

The only loss of the day came in the first race as Chip Brady's lightweight crew of Craig Wiborg, Tomas Castillo, Dan Murphy and PJ McAward was defeated by a Northwestern four-man crew by a margin of 6:57.7 to 7:07.8. The same four finished the day by defeating Marquette's crew in a closely

contested race. The final margin was just over a boat-length, as the Notre Dame crew won 7:34.0 to 7:37.2.

Notre Dame's novice eight defeated Northwestern's two best novice boats. In the first race, Bryce Chung's crew of Andrew Matasic, Tom Mazzacavallo, Brendan McNutt, Ray Schleck, Rob Bowen, Johann deSousa, Taylor Donaldson and Matt Degnan defeated Northwestern's top novice crew by a margin of 6:34.7 to 6:49.1. The Irish novice faced Northwestern's second crew later in the day and won 6:27.4 to 7:00.1 in a race that was decided early.

The most competitive race of the day was between the Irish's second varsity eight and Northwestern's "lightweight" eight. Julie Lambe coxed the crew of Scotty Campbell, Michael Lucci, Michael Lutkus, William Blosky, Brandon Carroll, Michael Giordano, Nick Kluesner and Andrew Baker to a come from behind victory against the Northwestern crew. Only shortly before the race, the same Notre Dame crew was coxed by Radhika Deva in a preliminary race against Notre Dame's first varsity crew.

With Lambe against Northwestern, the Irish crew made a strong move in the middle of the race to take the lead and gradually inched their way into the lead. With 250 meters to go, the Notre Dame crew pulled away with a sprint to finish with open water on the Northwestern crew, 6:22.4 to 6:26.4.

The Irish's top crew also bested the Wildcat competition. Julie Lambe coxed the first varsity eight in both the preliminary race against Notre Dame's second varsity eight and in the race against Northwestern's first varsity eight. Throughout the season the first varsity eight has set the standard for the Irish crews by being stronger than the competition in the second half of the race.

Against Northwestern, however, Lambe's crew of Teddy Hawks, Nick Mathew, Jake Teitgen, Karol Grzesiak, Evan Donoghue, Steve Maher, Kane Pithey and Nick Catella took the lead in the first 500 meters and maintained a solid lead on Northwestern throughout the race. The final margin was fairly close at 6:20.7 to 6:27.2, but the Irish crew controlled the race throughout.



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ND SOFTBALL

Irish lose Big East lead after doubleheader loss to Louisville

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was unable to stay on top of the Big East standings Monday as it was swept in a doubleheader for the first time this season at No. 21 Louisville.

The doubleheader was a makeup of Sunday's rain-postponed games and marks the first time the Irish (34-17, 14-4 Big East) have lost three consecutive games since March 3.

"Any time you get swept it affects the team negatively," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We have to move on quickly and stay focused because this is going to be a tough week ahead of us."

The Cardinals (34-8, 13-3) moved up to second place in the Big East standings and South Florida took over atop the conference leaderboard as the Irish fell to third place. Although Notre Dame has already secured

a spot at the Big East championships at the Belleville Softball Complex in South Bend this month, they will need some help to win their eleventh consecutive Big East regular season title.

Louisville 2, Notre Dame 1 (8)

The Irish stayed close with the Cardinals for seven innings in game one, but fell short after Cardinals catcher Lacey Wood's home run over the left field fence won the game for Louisville in the bottom of the eighth.

Louisville was on the verge of losing in the bottom of the seventh, down 1-0 with one out, but third baseman Audrey Rendon hit a fielder's choice to second base that scored pinch runner Brittney Counts from third and forced extra innings.

The hit was only the fifth allowed by Notre Dame right-hander Heather Booth in her seven innings of work, but she was given no run support after the first inning.

"Brown and Ruthrauff were definitely the most consistent offensively getting the momentum going."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

time the Irish would hold a lead all day as they would surrender a run in both the seventh and eighth innings.

Booth struck out seven batters and allowed two runs on five hits. But the lack of run support greatly hurt Notre Dame in game one, especially its inability to

respond to the Louisville run in the seventh.

"I think we came out ready for most of game one," Gumpf said. "But we just didn't bring it to win in the seventh and ended up with the loss."

Louisville 10, Notre Dame 3

Notre Dame was unable to rebound from the tough loss in game one against the Cardinals, falling behind early and failing to make any comeback in the loss Monday. Notre Dame threatened in the top of the first with the bases loaded and two outs, but a Sara Schoonaert ground out got Louisville out of the jam.

Notre Dame righty Brittney Bargar started for the Irish, but failed to escape the first inning after being shelled for four runs on five hits after only two-thirds on an inning.

Bargar could not work her way out of any jams in the game, falling into a bases loaded situation early in the inning. Gumpf

sent in Boot, but she could not stop the onslaught either, surrendering another four runs before the game ended.

Notre Dame's offense did show some signs of life after the first inning with two runs in the top of the second driven in by second baseman Katie Laing and an unearned run scored by Sara Smith.

But the run support the Irish could muster was too little, too late as the big first inning put the game out of reach and gave Louisville the sweep over Notre Dame.

Brown and Ruthrauff especially shone in the doubleheader.

"Brown and Ruthrauff were definitely the most consistent offensively getting the momentum going," Gumpf said. "They have been hitting amazingly well all year and continued to do so in this game."

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Vikings

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But Cleveland State (8-29, 6-14 Horizon) beat Notre Dame (35-9-1, 16-1-1 Big East) at Frank Eck Stadium two years ago, in a season in which the Irish lost just 10 games and the Vikings won only 19. What's more, the squad topped Big Ten power Ohio State 7-5 April 26 in Columbus, Ohio.

"They have my attention," Mainieri said.

Vikings coach Jay Murphy is expected to throw freshman right-hander Brian Long tonight. Long is 1-1 with a 9.11 ERA in 12 appearances (one start).

Mainieri will either throw left-hander Tom Thornton or right-hander Brett Graffy. Thornton hasn't pitched since being hit by a sharp ground ball in his start against Rutgers April 23.

"I haven't made the decision yet," Mainieri said late Monday afternoon. "But either way, Graffy is going to play a big role in tomorrow's game, whether he starts or comes in out of the bullpen."

Even if Thornton starts, Mainieri said the southpaw might not throw as many pitches as he usually does.

"I have to kind of see how it goes," Mainieri said. "Depending upon if it's a struggle or if it's easy for him determines [how long Thornton will pitch]."

Cleveland State's top hitter

this season is senior infielder Steve Chinn. He enters the contest batting .378 with two homers, 22 RBIs and 18 runs scored. Chinn has a .444 on-base percentage and a .517 slugging percentage.

Notre Dame has seven regulars hitting at least .300, led by first baseman Craig Cooper's .420 batting average. Cooper has nine home runs, 55 runs scored and 33 RBIs to go along with his .516 on-base percentage.

Mainieri said he likely would go with one of the team's normal lineups, as tonight's game is the team's only mid-week game this week.

With their two wins against Connecticut, the Irish cut their magic number for clinching the Big East regular season title to five. The team is also bidding to host the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"We have got to be ready to play because we have a lot at stake," Mainieri said. "We have an NCAA bid on the line [and] we have an opportunity to host the first round of the regional tournament on the line, so we can not afford to go out there and play poorly and not get the job done."

Notre Dame next plays Friday against Louisville at Frank Eck Stadium. The 6:05 p.m. contest is the first of a three-game conference series that could clinch the regular season for the Irish.

Notre Dame has 11 games left in its season.

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SMC GOLF

Mattia ready for action at NCAAs

National tournament will be held at Florida's El Campeon

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's senior Megan Mattia, the MIAA's most valuable player last fall, will represent the Belles at the NCAA Division III championship at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort May 9-11.

While proud of her individual accomplishment, the graduating senior was disappointed that she would be playing in her last college tournament without her teammates.

"It's very bittersweet because I am excited to be going to the NCAAs, but at the same time I wish the whole team was going," Mattia said.

Although she garnered numerous individual accomplishments throughout the season—including the league MVP—Mattia has remained

humble.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates' and coach's support," she said.

This spring Mattia won individual medalist honors at the Capital University Purple and White Invitational with a two-round total of 165 and tied for seventh with a 162 at the IWU Spring Fling. She also posted the Belles' top score of 160 as Saint Mary's won the Grizzly Invitational April 24.

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Megan Mattia
Belles senior

I am just going to go out and try to play the best I can in my last college tournament."

Regardless of how she performs in the NCAAs, Mattia's contributions to Saint Mary's will not be quickly forgotten. The history/psychology double major from LaGrange, Ill., was recently named the recipient of the Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at the

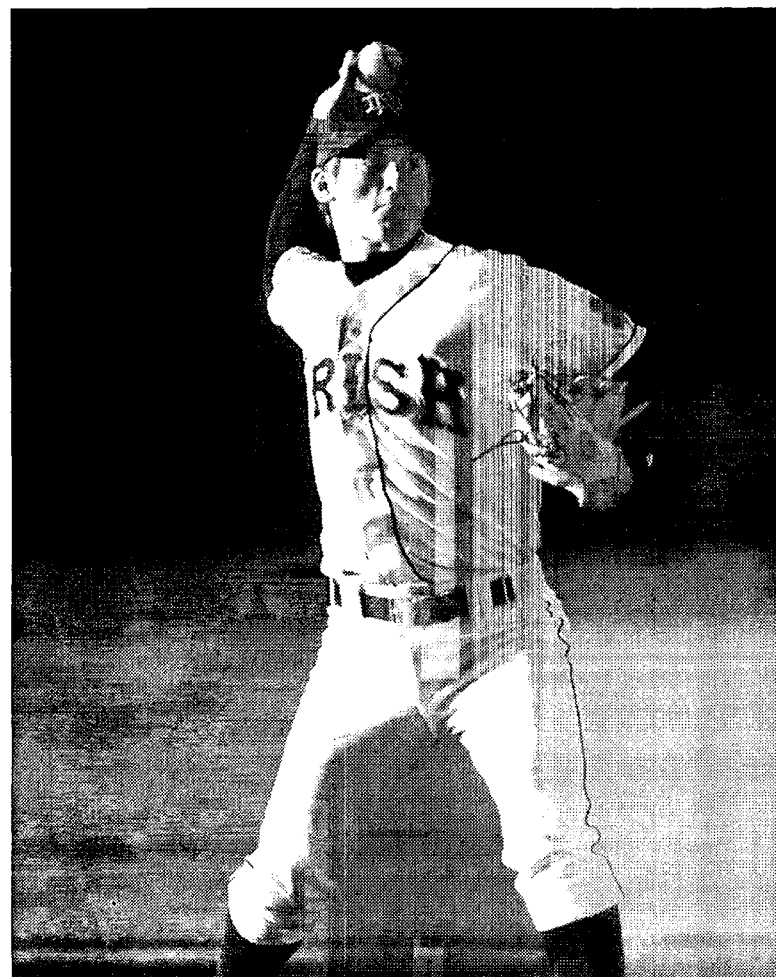
Saint Mary's athletic banquet.

She also has been one of the most consistently honored golfers in the program, winning MIAA first team honors in 2002, 2003 and 2005 and MIAA second team honors in 2004, all in addition to her MIAA MVP this past fall.

Entering her final event, Mattia looks forward to the opportunity of representing the college that has become her home.

"It's been an amazing four years, and I am going to miss everyone," Mattia said.

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Irish third baseman Brett Lilley throws to first base in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Purdue April 25 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Preston

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During Preston's six years at Notre Dame, the Irish made the postseason all six times, including three NCAA tournaments. Notre Dame reached the Sweet 16 in 2003.

The last three seasons, however, the Irish missed the NCAA tournament and instead competed in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT).

"I think he is excited for this chance ... excited about a move to that area," Brey said.



Preston

Tournament

"And you wish him well and you congratulate him and thank him for his service for six years."

The Notre Dame athletic department said Preston will be missed, and was a huge asset to the Irish program. But he added that the move is one that will enhance his former assistant's resume for future head coaching positions.

"His goal is to become a head coach ... and he could be a head coach probably very soon," Brey said. "If you learn another system from another guy, that certainly can help your public relations when you become a head coach."

Brey also said he is excited to hire a new coach because of the freshness it will bring the program. He said he has received phone calls already and the process should take place over the next couple

weeks.

Florida returns much of its national championship team from last season—a group that defeated UCLA 73-57 on April 4. Among the returning players are forwards Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer and Al Horford.

Notes:

◆ Brey said Monday Irish guard Chris Quinn and forward Torin Francis are currently working out in preparation for the Orlando pre-draft workouts in early June. Notre Dame forward Rick Cornett is staying in shape as well.

"There is nothing concrete now until probably late May, where there will be some workouts with NBA teams," Brey said.

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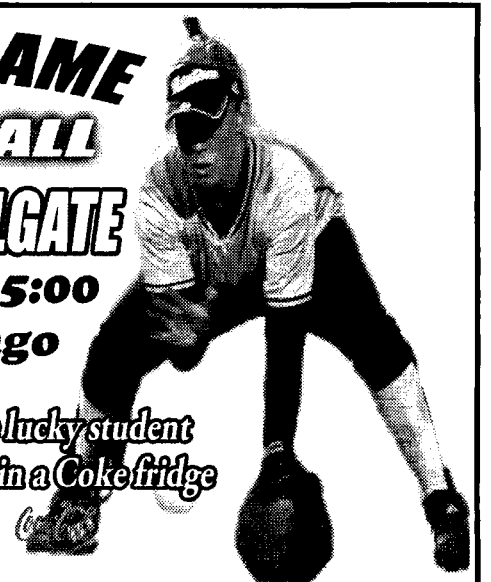
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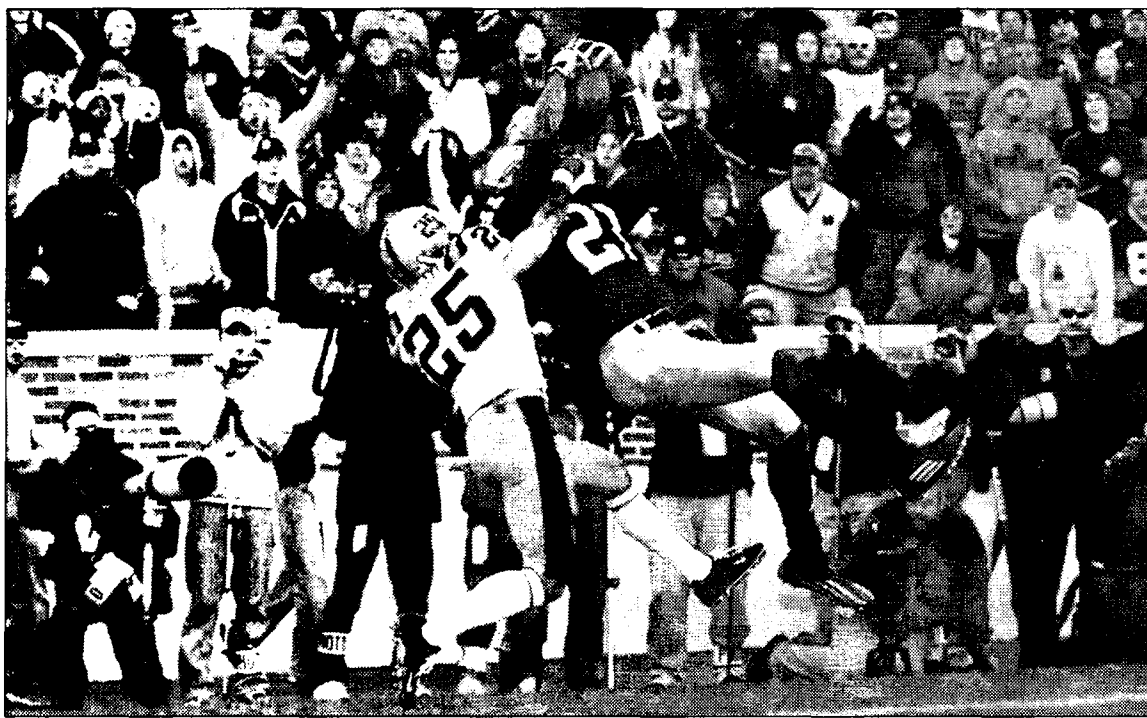
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Former Irish receiver Maurice Stovall, right, catches a touchdown pass during Notre Dame's 34-10 victory over Syracuse Nov. 10, 2005. Stovall was drafted by the Buccaneers Saturday.

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notions.

"I knew that I would be drafted," Stovall said. "I tried not to go in with too high expectations ... because the draft is funny that way."

His time finally came in the third round when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected him with the 90th overall pick. He was the ninth receiver selected behind Ohio State's Antonio Holmes, Florida's Chad Jackson, Miami's Sinorice Moss, Western Michigan's Greg Jennings, Miami's Devin Hester, Oklahoma's Travis Wilson, Arizona State's Derek Hagan and Wisconsin's Brandon Williams.

Stovall also became the highest Notre Dame receiver chosen since Derrick Mayes was drafted in 1996 by Green Bay in the second round (56th overall). Mayes and Stovall share second place on Notre Dame's single-season touch-

down list (11).

"I'm feeling excited being drafted by Tampa Bay. ... It's the next step in my life," Stovall said. "[Buccaneers] coach [Jon] Gruden called me — might have been while they were on the clock — and he said, 'Welcome to the family.'"

But Stovall was projected to go higher on many draft boards.

NFLDraftCountdown.com draft analyst Scott Wright said Stovall could go as high as the 15th pick in the second round to Philadelphia. ESPN's Mel Kiper had Stovall as his fifth receiver overall behind Holmes, Jackson, Moss and Jennings.

Stovall said he would report to Tampa Bay Thursday to formally meet his new coaching staff. He has not spoken to Irish coach Charlie Weis about his new team, who Weis coached against during his tenure in the NFL.

Stovall joins an already accomplished group of receivers in Tampa Bay including Joey Galloway (83 catches, 1,287 yards, 10

touchdowns in 2005) and Michael Clayton (32 catches, 372 yards in 2005). Clayton is one season removed from a rookie year in which he had 80 catches for 1,193 yards and seven touchdowns.

Ike Hilliard and B.J. Johnson also return as Tampa Bay receivers.

"I'm anxious more so than nervous," Stovall said. "I know they have a lot of veterans, and [they are an] experienced group."

Stovall was a leading offensive threat for Notre Dame in 2005. The senior had 69 catches for 1,149 yards and 11 touchdowns. He had over 100 yards receiving in five games and went over the 200-yard mark Oct. 22 against BYU (14 catches, 207 yards, four touchdowns).

He also set a Notre Dame bowl record for receiving yards when he had nine catches for 126 yards against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2.

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Wait

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The Irish offensive lineman and Barrington, Ill. native called the draft "the longest process." But for Stevenson, who looks forward to going to New England, it was worth the wait.

"When the Patriots called me, that phone call, it's definitely hands down the team I wanted to go to," he said. "I couldn't have been more excited."

Irish coach Charlie Weis is a former offensive coordinator for Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, a connection not lost on Stevenson.

"The offensive system will be very similar to what we ran at Notre Dame," he said. "I think it's a great situation for myself and hopefully I can go in there and help out the Patriots as best I can."

Stevenson will start to develop

his role on the team soon, as he leaves for New England in less than two weeks.

"It's going to get a little stressful," he said. "I found out [that on] May 12 I have to leave and I'm pretty much there for the next two months."

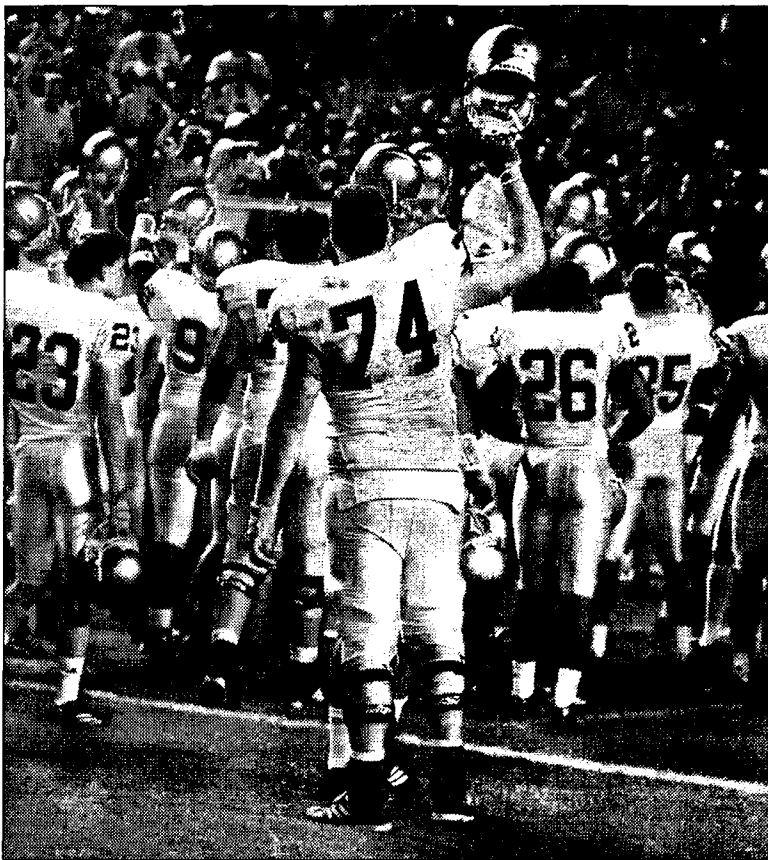
But he's saving worries for later.

"I'm trying to ride the wave of excitement right now," he said. "I couldn't be more excited about this."

The Patriots have won three of the past five Super Bowls and finished last season 11-7 with a loss to Denver in the second round of the playoffs. Despite his Chicago heritage, Stevenson thinks his friends and family will start to root for New England.

"When I came to Notre Dame everybody was all of a sudden a Notre Dame fan," he said. "I hope the same for the Patriots."

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Former Irish offensive lineman Dan Stevenson celebrates Notre Dame's 42-21 victory over Pittsburgh Sept. 3, 2005.

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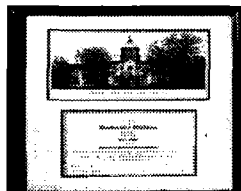
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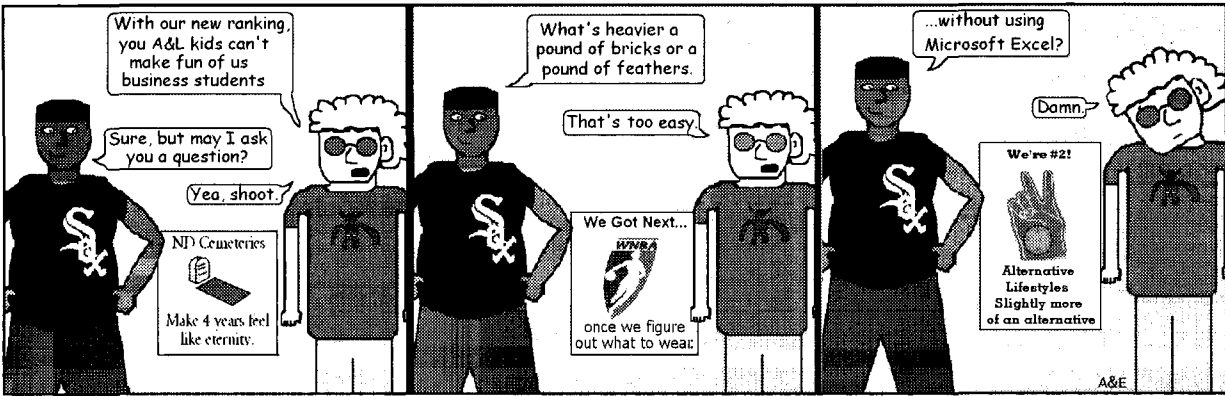
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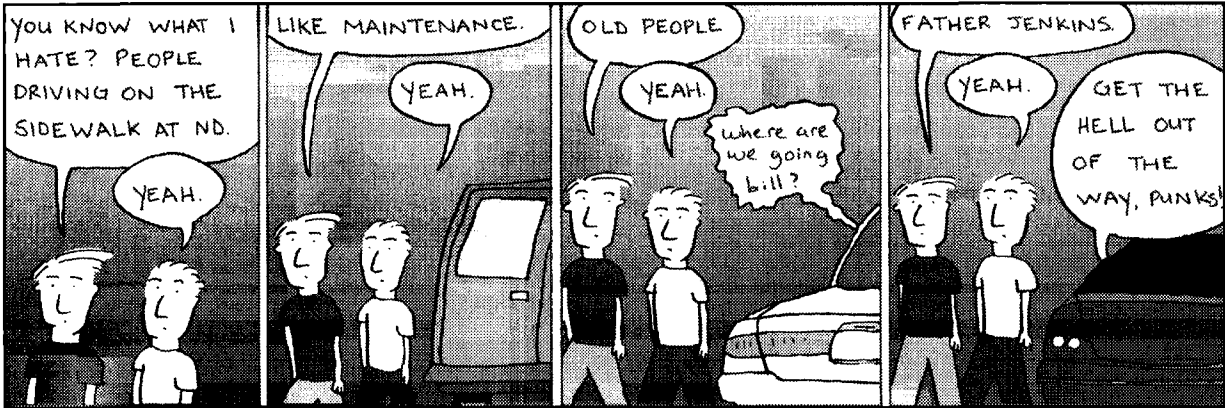
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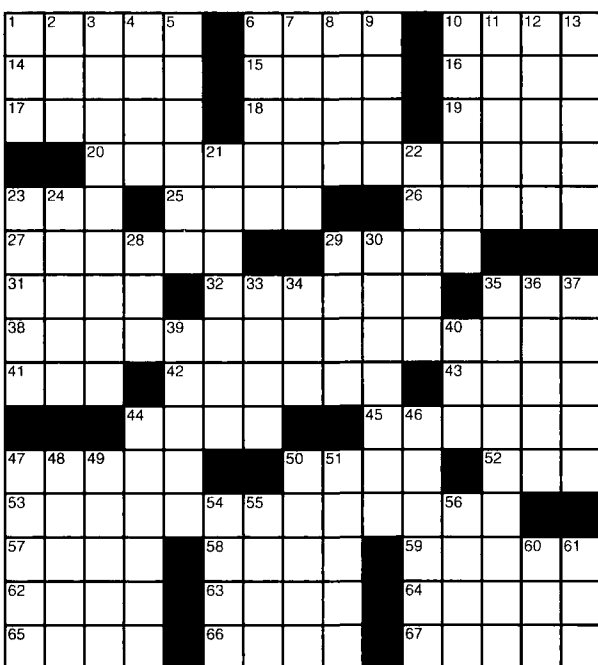
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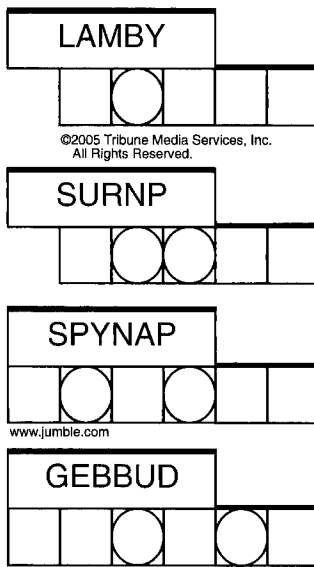
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FOOTBALL

Recruiting trail heats up as top tight end commits

Mike Ragone announces at press conference he will accept Notre Dame's scholarship offer to play for Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Tight end Mike Ragone became the fourth verbal commitment of this recruiting season as the New Jersey high school star announced his intention to attend Notre Dame Monday morning at a press

conference at his high school.

Ragone joins highly touted quarterback Jimmy Clausen — who verbally committed to the Irish April 22 — in a class that also includes defensive end Kerry Neal of Bunn, N.C. and linebacker Aaron Nagel of Lemont, Ill.

Ragone (6-foot-5, 230 pounds) caught 30 passes for 800 yards

and eight touchdowns in his junior season at Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J. He runs a 4.5 second 40-yard dash and has earned a 4-star ranking (out of a possible five) by Scout.com.

Clausen is a 5-star player from Westlake Village, Calif. He has thrown for more than 7,200 yards and has 88 touchdown

passes at Oaks Christian High School.

Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com compared Ragone to Jeremy Shockey, the former Miami tight end now playing for the New York Giants.

"[Ragone's] an unbelievable talent," Frank said. "He's a tight end who can run away from defensive backs. He's just a

tremendous prospect."

Irisheyes.com listed Florida State, Ohio State, Penn State and Southern California as schools which had offered scholarships to Ragone before he gave his word to Notre Dame.

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NFL DRAFT

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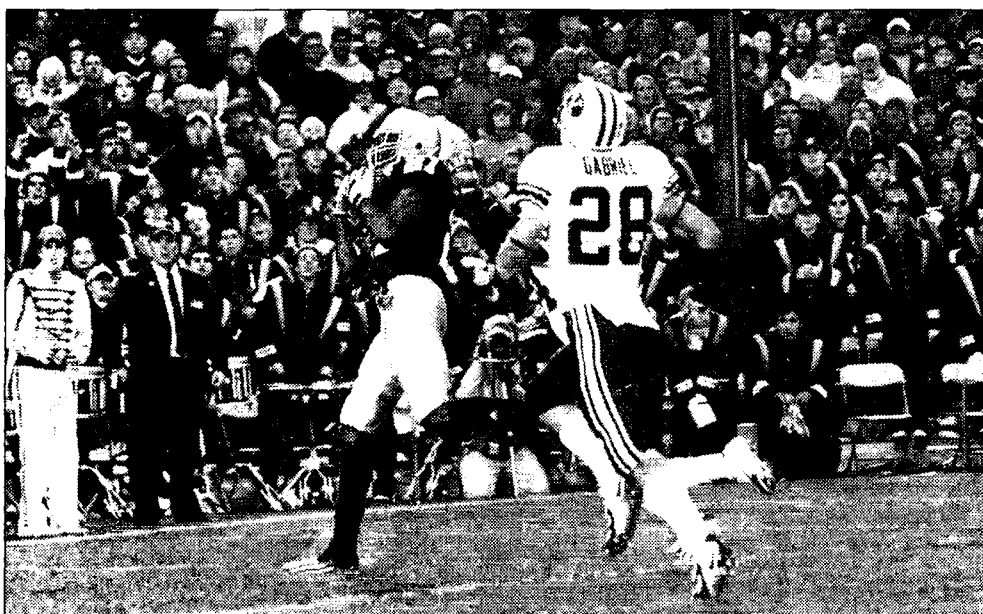
Stovall excited to play in Tampa under Jon Gruden

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame wide receiver Maurice Stovall had a seemingly unconventional approach to Saturday's NFL Draft.

While he watched players being called with his own name still remaining on the draft board, it would have been easy for Stovall to grow overly anxious.

But the receiver remained calm — simply enjoying the time he was spending with friends and family waiting for his moment. With endless speculation about where Stovall might land — and what team could use his services — the receiver avoided any preconceived



Former Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall, left, hauls in one of his four touchdown catches during Notre Dame's 49-23 victory over BYU Oct. 22, 2005.

Stevenson just waited for a team to call his name

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

It's not a glamour job to be an offensive lineman.

For former Notre Dame offensive lineman Dan Stevenson, that's quite all right — he got his call to go to the NFL, anyway. The New England Patriots selected Stevenson Sunday in the sixth round of this weekend's NFL Draft with the 205th overall pick.

But Stevenson was torn deciding what to do in anticipation of his selection.

"I told myself I wasn't going to watch [the draft]," he said Monday. "But I found myself glued to the television, which I would have thought I never would do."

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BASEBALL

Cleveland State hopes for upset



Irish catcher Sean Gaston leads off first base in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Purdue April 25 at Frank Eck Stadium.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame may be a heavy favorite in tonight's game against Cleveland State — but don't tell that to Irish coach Paul Mainieri.

"We have no reason whatsoever to take Cleveland State lightly," Mainieri said. "They've lost a lot of tough games this year, and this will probably be the biggest game of the year for them."

The Vikings travel to Frank Eck Stadium tonight at 5:05 to face the No. 8 Irish, who won two of three games against Connecticut this weekend and tied the final contest.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Assistant coach Lewis takes job with Gators

After six years with Brey, Lewis joins Billy Donovan at Florida

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Irish assistant coach Lewis Preston, who spent the last six seasons with the team, accepted a job at the University of Florida under head coach Billy Donovan, the Notre Dame athletic department said in a statement Friday.

Former Florida assistant coach Anthony Grant left the

Gators to take the head coaching job at Virginia Commonwealth. Preston was hired as Grant's replacement after spending much of his time at Notre Dame working with post players including Torin Francis and Rick Cornett.

"I really thought Billy Donovan established him as his guy right out of the gate," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a telephone interview Monday. "I kinda had a feeling even before he went down there that if it went well he would offer him a job."

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Megan Mattia earned an individual bid to the NCAA championship beginning May 9 in Florida.

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