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## Former athlete starts non-profit org.

*Injured football player Abdel Banda created SBIG to give back to community, move forward with life*

By AMBER TRAVIS  
News Writer

When Notre Dame senior Abdel Banda suffered a career ending football injury during his sophomore year he didn't know in what direction he wanted to take his life. After some searching, he and his friend Thomas Killian, Jr., created Students Bridging the Information Gap (SBIG), a non-profit organization based in New Jersey.

Banda said he wanted to create SBIG because of the combination of hardships he endured and the fact that he has the ability to be able

to give back.

"A lot of people have helped me out and they have always told me a lot that you've got to give forward," he said. "I feel like God has given me a lot of gifts and I have a responsibility [to give back]."

SBIG plans to choose an orphanage to give funds to each year based on a needs assessment process, Banda said.

Each orphanage chosen will receive adequate funding to install approximately 12-15 computers, build fully equipped facilities such as computer labs and libraries and hire full-time computer teachers in order to teach

various technological skills, he said.

This year, the organization will be donating over \$50,000 raised at two fundraisers held in New York City in February and March to Basco, an orphanage with about 300 children of all ages located an hour outside of Accra, the capital of Ghana, Banda said.

Banda recruited former teammate Maurice Crum Jr. to help him work with the organization while he is at Notre Dame.

Crum said he was excited when Banda told him he was going to start the organization because he thinks helping others is nec-

essary.

"I jumped at the opportunity based on the background information of what the organization is and what it stands for," he said. "Anything that I can do to help anyone, I'm all for it."

Banda agreed, saying the organization follows Notre Dame's teachings of helping others.

"Notre Dame is always teaching about humanity and service, and we are doing it," Banda said. "The importance of service has really been instilled in me here at Notre Dame."

Banda and Crum are in

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## Seniors reveal class gift

*SMC to donate portrait of Sister Madeleva*

By LIZ HARTER  
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's Senior Gift Campaign announced the Class of 2008 will donate a portrait of Sr. M. Madeleva Wolff to the College as they graduate to honor their experience on campus.

The new portrait will replace the current one in the lobby of Madeleva Hall, which has begun to show signs of disrepair.

"The old Madeleva memorial greatly needs updating," 2008 senior gift chair Beth McKevitt said. "The current portrait is extremely faded."

McKevitt said her committee wanted to find a gift that would reflect the Holy Cross mission of the College and originally considered leaving funds in place to repair the cross on top of LeMans Hall but that was too expensive. The committee then found out that Madeleva Hall would be renovated once the new academic building, Spes Unica Hall, opens in the fall.

"Once we discovered that Madeleva Hall would be undergoing major renovations in the near future it seemed very fitting to honor Sr. Madeleva in this way," McKevitt said. "[The Class of

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## Republicans host Lincoln dinner

*Indiana state representatives speak on parallels between Civil War and war in Iraq*

By BRIAN MCKENZIE  
News Writer

Indiana state treasurer Richard Mourdock spoke about the opposition Abraham Lincoln's presidency faced at the College Republican's inaugural Lincoln Day dinner Tuesday night.

Mourdock described Abraham Lincoln as a president who succeeded in the face of challenges.

Lincoln was a long shot candidate, Mourdock said.

He was criticized for announcing that he would not uphold the anti-slavery Republican platform, saying

'If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it,' he said.

He said the challenges Lincoln faced as president during the Civil War are comparable to those faced by George W. Bush and the war in Iraq.

"Every life we have lost in Iraq, all 4,000, is precious," he said. "Imagine if tonight, 3 percent of those who went on patrol did not return. During the Civil War, it was 3 percent of the entire American population."

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ALDRICH ANDERSON/The Observer

Indiana state treasurer Richard Mourdock speaks at the College Republicans' Lincoln Day dinner Tuesday.

COR

## Leaders plan college council

*Reish, Grant contemplate starting organization of midwest universities*

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt announced they have begun taking steps to establish a national college to Council of Representatives (COR) at their meeting Tuesday.

Reish said the purpose of the organization, which would be founded by Notre Dame's student government and whose first meeting would be on campus possibly sometime next year, would be "to discuss not only top-



Observer file photo

Student body president Bob Reish, left, discusses campus issues at a weekly COR meeting.

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## 400 students improve 23 South Bend homes

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Around 400 students woke up early last Saturday to help make a difference in the South Bend community through the city's Rebuilding Together St. Joseph County project.

Rebuilding Together is a not-for-profit partnership between local government and business volunteers as well as other nonprofit organizations in the area to help refurbish homes and neighborhoods in the South Bend area, according to the project's Web site.

This year the project

worked to improve 23 homes in the Northwest side of South Bend, said Darrell Paulsen, Campus Ministry assistant director for retreats and national programs.

Due to rainy weather, volunteers were not able to work on outdoor painting projects, but accomplished a lot of interior work such as washing down homes and cleaning garages and exterior work such as raking yards and overall landscaping, Paulsen said.

Over 600 students registered to participate but weather conditions limited

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INSIDE COLUMN

# The realities of reality TV

Normally, I'm not a fan of reality television. I find shows like "The Bachelor," "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila" and "The Hills" to be completely pointless and shallowly vapid.

The only exceptions I make to this overall dislike are for shows like the "Real World/Road Rules Challenge" (one of my life's ambitions is to become one of the people who sits around a table in the MTV studios and comes up with competitions like "Mexican blanket rolling" for crazy, money-obsessed people to win money), Rock of Love (Bret Michaels may be balding and old, but he's still hot) and my new found obsession—MTV's new reality show "The Paper."

**Liz Harter**

*Saint Mary's Editor*

You might have guessed that I'd be slightly biased towards a reality show about the production of a student newspaper. I mean, I am working on producing a student newspaper at the moment. And come on, when a show starts out with the words,

"Journalists are the most important part of the world," what journalist with a flair for the occasional melodrama wouldn't be hooked.

"The Paper" follows the staff of the Cypress Bay High School newspaper staff.

Now, I'm normally skeptical about just how much reality is shown in reality TV, and while I will admit I really think this show is scripted, I can tell you this is pretty realistic for a paper.

Let me let you in on the reality of The Observer. Sunday through Thursday there are at least 12 people in the basement of South Dining Hall putting together the paper. Since we print daily things are a bit more hurried than the newsroom shown on "The Paper." But really, it's pretty true to life that we use a ton of paper printing things to make everything perfect (or at least as perfect as a bunch of students who have to go to class, do homework and write articles can).

In the first episode, which aired Monday, the race is on for Editor-in-Chief. Four juniors are vying for the head position, something not seen in The Observer this year as Chris Hine, our current EIC, was unopposed when he applied for the position.

The episode followed the exploits of these four juniors as they write their applications for EIC. Only one completes her application with days left until the deadline. The other three decided they can't work unless they're under pressure, a phenomenon which I have come to experience since joining The Observer staff in my freshman year.

After printing the last edition of the year the staff of The Circuit throw a party (by the way, there are way too many solo cups and ping pong balls in this episode since these are all underage teenagers...). In much the same vein, The Observer hosts our annual semi-formal after we print our last edition in December, though our parties are probably a bit more scandalous.

There are a lot of other similarities between Cypress Bay's The Circuit and our very own The Observer, but I'm out of space. Now I just have to implore you to tune in at 10:30 next Monday and maybe we'll randomly need another Inside Column at 1 a.m. next Tuesday and I'll be able to regale you with more similarities between these two publications.

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WAY TO ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER?



**Alex Tulisak**

*junior  
Holy Cross*

*"I like to sit around the lakes and watch the ducks."*



**Casey Niezer**

*junior  
McCandless*

*"Sleep outside."*



**Christina Rising**

*freshman  
McCandless*

*"I paint my nails outside."*



**Erica Deters**

*freshman  
McCandless*

*"Walk on the nature trails."*



**Haley Nickell**

*senior  
Opus*

*"Wiffleball home run derby!"*



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Each version of The Shirt from previous years hangs in the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore in anticipation of the unveiling of The Shirt 2008 Friday.

## OFFBEAT

**"Would you like to supersize that marijuana?"**

MAGNOLIA, Ark. — Magnolia police say it wasn't the fried chicken in Savalas Vantoli Stewart's car that gave off a funky smell. Instead, officers say they found a side dish of marijuana that Stewart hid inside of a recently purchased box of chicken during a traffic stop Friday night.

Police say officers smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the car and found it after Stewart consented to a search.

Officers said they also found several Ecstasy pills in

Stewart's pockets.

Stewart, 33, of Waldo, faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge and felony drug possession charge for having the Ecstasy.

**Boy blows up 213 balloons with his nose**

BLAINE, Wash. — A 13-year-old boy hopes to win a balloon-blowing record by a nose.

Blowing through one nostril at a time, Andrew Dahl inflated 213 balloons within an hour Friday — a feat that has been submitted for review by Guinness World Records.

His father, Doug Dahl, measured the balloons to make sure each was at least 20 centimeters, the minimum diameter, and his mother, Wendy Dahl, kept the tally.

At one point he asked, "Does this count as practicing my trumpet?" His mother replied, "Only if you can play that with your nose."

Andrew's first attempt — 184 balloons in February — was rejected because his father tied the balloons. This time he tied them off himself.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Archbishop Luis Augusto Castro Quiroga will deliver a lecture entitled "Colombia: The Church as Peacebuilder" today from 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Hesburg Center Auditorium.

Author Barbara Fiend will deliver the 24th annual Madeleva Lecture entitled "Awe-filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality" on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater in Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's Campus.

The Class of 2008 is hosting a Beer Tasting event at Legends Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. 8 different beers will be sampled and food will be served. The seniors only event costs \$10 at the door.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Co-host of Mike and Mike in the Morning Mike Golic will be the guest speaker. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and "The Shirt" itself will be revealed at 6 p.m.

Flipside is hosting "The Office" trivia night Friday at 10 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Teams of five can sign up 9:30 p.m.

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

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Group discusses issues with CCAC

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY and  
MANDI STIRONE  
News Writers

Student body vice president Sarah Falvey announced that she attended the third Community/Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) meeting as a proxy for student body president Mickey Gruscinski at the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday.

At the meeting the CCAC addressed issues including approving the mission statement of the coalition, she said.

Falvey read the mission statement aloud to BOG. "CCAC will be a viable mechanism to enhance partnerships and build positive long term relationships within the campuses and community in order to address safety in residential neighborhoods, build stronger neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for all," she said.

In addition, the CCAC addressed three major issues the community has been having with students, she said.

The first issue was "illegal use of single-family housing that violates zoning ordinances," Falvey said.

Another problem was "unruly off-campus behavior," during Senior Week in particular, she said.

The third thing addressed was promoting safety for all residents, she said.

"We might try and set some-

thing up that's like a neighborhood watch for students, and set up some kind of off-campus list serve," Falvey said.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were praised during the meeting for their efforts in the Rebuilding Together project this past weekend and for students' efforts in general, she said.

"They commended us — not just Saint Mary's but Notre Dame as well and all off-campus students — for our efforts so far," she said. "For the efforts of the members of the CCAC for really working together. We're creating something positive, and it might not seem like it but we are making great strides."

### In other BOG news:

♦The Board of Trustees will be arriving on campus tomorrow and staying through the weekend, Gruscinski said.

♦There will be a memorial mass for the victims on the shooting at Virginia Tech, chief of staff Lauren Theiss said. The mass is at 9 p.m. in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall. Afterward candles will be lit and the list of the victims' names will be read. BOG will hand out black ribbons in the Student Center atrium during breakfast, lunch and dinner hours in memory of the victims, Theiss said.

♦As a part of Hunger and Homeless Awareness week there will be a "Faces of Homelessness" panel, made up

of residents of the Center for the Homeless, will be held in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., said Falvey.

♦BOG is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Students can get tickets at the front desk of the Student Center.

♦Saint Mary's is teaming up with Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) to hold joint community productions of their monologues, women's issues commissioner Becki Faunce said. The production will be held at 7 p.m. at the Century Center. Tickets are \$10 each.

♦Several sessions on salary equality in the workplace will be held in Carroll Auditorium from 1-5 p.m. on April 22 as part of the "Bridging the Gap: Reaching Pay Equity in Indiana" forum, Faunce said.

♦The Center for Spirituality is bringing Dr. Barbara Fland to campus Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Moreau Center for the Arts to discuss "Awe-filled Wonder: the Interface of Science and Spirituality," Falvey said. This lecture is part of the Madeleva Lecture series.

♦The new BOG members will be commissioned at the Church of Loretto at 7 p.m. on Monday, Theiss said.

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# ND to hold events for sexual assault awareness

### Special to The Observer

It is a highly troubling U.S. Department of Justice statistic that an estimated one in every four women will be sexually assaulted during their college years. In the interest of preventing such crimes and informing students and others about resources that are available to them, Notre Dame is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month through a number of campus programs.

"Rape and sexual assault are very real problems on virtually every college campus in the nation, and Notre Dame is no exception," said Ann Firth, associate vice president for student affairs. "The University's stance is clear: rape and sexual assault are unacceptable at Notre Dame and cannot be tolerated."

Firth added: "As we work to eliminate sexual violence on this campus, every member of this community shares responsibility for creating and maintaining an environment which promotes the safety and dignity of each individual. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on whether we, individually and collectively, are thinking and acting in ways that are congruent with this responsibility."

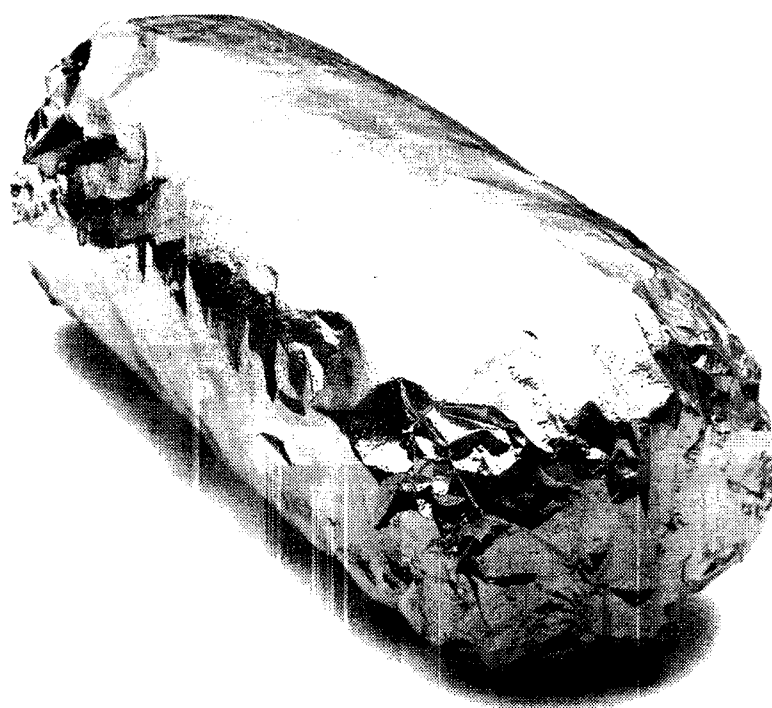
The student group Feminist Voice of Notre Dame will host a "Take Back the Night" event for students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and

Holy Cross on Monday, beginning at 7 p.m. with a prayer service at the Grotto, followed by a march through campus and a reception. The event is free and open to the public.

"By encouraging members of this community to speak out, Notre Dame organizers of 'Take Back the Night' hope to support and empower survivors of rape and sexual assault," said Heather Rakoczy, director of Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center (GRC), which is coordinating the event with Feminist Voice. "In the process, they strive to raise awareness — reminding members of this community that rape and sexual assault happen on and off campus to members of our Notre Dame family."

A related student group, Men Against Violence (MAV), currently is conducting a campus-wide poster campaign titled "No Matter What You Do... Be a Man Against Violence," which features male Notre Dame students from various athletic programs and student groups encouraging other men to take a pledge against violence.

Through its annual pledge drive, MAV aims to put an end to sexual assault and domestic violence in the campus community. Participants sign a statement promising to never allow anyone to be raped, abused or exploited if the act is in any way preventable, and to never commit such crimes themselves.



# GENEROUSLY GOURMET.



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MAIN & DOUGLAS

## State

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On an equivalent basis, we'd have to lose 9 million servicemen in Iraq to match that."

Mourdock said that the Civil War shook the nation's resolve and the bloodiest riots in the nation's history happened the week after the Union suffered 55,000 losses at Gettysburg.

"New York said 'give it up, it isn't worth it,'" he said. "'Give it up.' Lincoln faced that every day."

Even through all of this the Lincoln and the Republican party persisted in their goals, Mourdock said.

"Even in tough times, this party says freedom matters," he said.

"Give it up, it isn't worth it' isn't acceptable. [Rejecting] this is what American exceptionalism is all about. We are the nation that believes it is [worth it]."

Indiana state representative Jackie Walorski also spoke at the dinner, drawing connections between Republican values and freedom in economic affairs.

She said individual respon-

sibility has led her to criticize liberal health care programs.

"I'm passionate that I was raised by a mom and dad, and worked my way through college," she said. "I never had the thought that anyone owed me anything. It's a sink or swim world and I want to help people learn how to swim."

Chris Riley, chairman of the St. Joseph County Republican party said dinners like these are important to the future of the party.

"These dinners serve as important gatherings for every county to talk about Republican values," he said. "It's a tremendously important day for the Republican party."

Ed Yap, president of the College Republicans agreed saying this type of this is important for the future of the party.

"To do anything substantive, we have to create a coalition," he said. "We're inviting new members, including Democrats and members of all stripes. It's been really inspiring to see so many

people come together, including the College Republicans [and] Right to Life."

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**Jackie Walorski**  
Indiana representative

*"Even in tough times, this party says freedom matters."*

**Richard Mourdock**  
Indiana treasurer

## Gift

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2008] will be the last to have received the entirety of its education in the building... and we're excited for not only the renovation plans for the new building, but for a more vibrant portrayal of Sr. Madeleva to welcome visitors at the building's entrance."

Plans for the upcoming renovation have not yet been released.

Since the renovations will not be complete before the senior class leaves they will not see their actual gift before graduation, McKevitt said. The committee wanted the class to be able to see plans, however.

"We will be hosting a Senior Gift Dedication Ceremony outside Madeleva Hall immediately following the Alumni Luncheon [during Senior Week]," McKevitt said. "At the ceremony we hope to unveil some of the construction plans

for Madeleva Hall along with a preliminary design for the new portrait."

The campaign has raised approximately \$1,500 of the estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 it will cost to donate the portrait,

said Heather Frey, assistant director of Saint Mary's Annual Fund.

"This funding has come from individual gifts that members of the class give to the class campaign although we do other fundraisers like selling t-shirts, Karaoke Idol and Hacienda Night," Frey said. "Our goal is 100 percent participation

from the class and so far we are at 34 percent."

Frey said the funds raised will be split 60-40 with 60 percent of the money going towards the portrait of Sr. Madeleva and 40 percent supporting the Annual Fund, which provides scholarships and financial aid for current Saint Mary's students.

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**Beth McKevitt**  
2008 Senior gift chair

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### French bill takes aim at ultra-thin

PARIS — It started with pro-anorexia Web sites, secretive corners where adolescents with eating disorders share sickening sagas of starvation. But Valery Boyer's mission didn't stop there.

Protruding ribs on catwalks, gaunt frames airbrushed to look even thinner on magazine covers — the French lawmaker says these images are dangerous, too.

So dangerous that she drafted a bill making it illegal to promote extreme thinness or anorexia. A majority in France's lower house of parliament agreed, joining her Tuesday in adopting the draft legislation.

While outsiders may still think of the French as trim and chic, France's body shapes are undergoing the same evolution found in industrialized countries everywhere: Rising obesity, especially among children — and rising numbers of eating disorders.

### Plane veers off runway in Congo

GOMA, Congo — A Congolese jetliner with about 85 people aboard crashed on takeoff Tuesday, careening off a runway into a busy neighborhood and bursting into flames, officials said.

Witnesses reported dozens of bodies at the crash site in this city in eastern Congo. Rescue workers with tractors, trucks and shovels searched for survivors as U.N. peacekeepers sprayed the wreckage with hoses. Smoke and flames engulfed the charred debris.

The remains of the cockpit and tail rose over the flattened fuselage, Anna Ridout of the aid agency World Vision said from the scene. Rescue workers carried about 20 bodies from the plane, many on stretchers, she said.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Explosion destroys Washington house

PUYALLUP, Wash. — A powerful explosion blew the top off a house where a registered sex offender described as acting paranoid had rented a room and appeared to have been making bombs, deputies said Tuesday.

Investigators found a body in the rubble Tuesday morning, Pierce County sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said. They believe they know the person's identity but did not release details.

He said the couple who owned the house told authorities late Monday they had returned from a trip and found their tenant was acting strangely and making explosive devices.

Troyer said the man was in the kitchen when deputies arrived. He quickly grabbed bottles and a duffel bag containing what the deputies recognized as components of explosive devices and ran upstairs, where he turned on loud music.

### Chicago college reopens after threat

CHICAGO — St. Xavier University in Chicago is planning to reopen after being closed several days because of threatening graffiti.

The Catholic school has been closed since Friday after graffiti was found in a restroom that read "be prepared to die on 4/14." Authorities found no evidence of a continuing threat to the school, though they say the investigation is continuing.

University President Judith Dwyer says all the school's campuses will reopen Wednesday with graduate classes that night and undergraduate classes on Thursday.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Acres of wetlands set for restoration

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — A joint state-county project will turn a 1,250-acre tract of Wabash River flood plains into wetlands to create a magnet for wildlife and also control flooding.

Gov. Mitch Daniels announced the project Tuesday before presenting Vigo County park officials with a \$295,000 check that will go toward the county's land purchases for the Wabash River National Road Wetland Reservation.

"This joint effort will conserve another beautiful habitat as well as enhance the quality of life for Hoosiers," Daniels said in a prepared statement.

The land between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute will become a mix of shallow water marsh, wetlands, hardwood trees and native grasses that will eventually be turned into a park.

## IRAQ

# Car bombings target Sunni areas

Officials estimate nearly 60 deaths in Baghdad's deadliest bombing in weeks

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombings blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq tore through market areas in Baghdad and outside the capital on Tuesday, killing nearly 60 people and shattering weeks of relative calm in Sunni-dominated areas.

The bloodshed — in four cities as far north as Mosul and as far west as Ramadi — struck directly at U.S. claims that the Sunni insurgency is waning and being replaced by Shiite militia violence as a major threat.

The deadliest blasts took place in Baqouba and Ramadi, two cities where the U.S. military has claimed varying degrees of success in getting Sunnis to turn against al-Qaida.

In Baqouba, the Diyala provincial capital 35 miles northeast of the capital, a parked car exploded about 11:30 a.m. in front of a restaurant across the street from the central courthouse and other government offices.

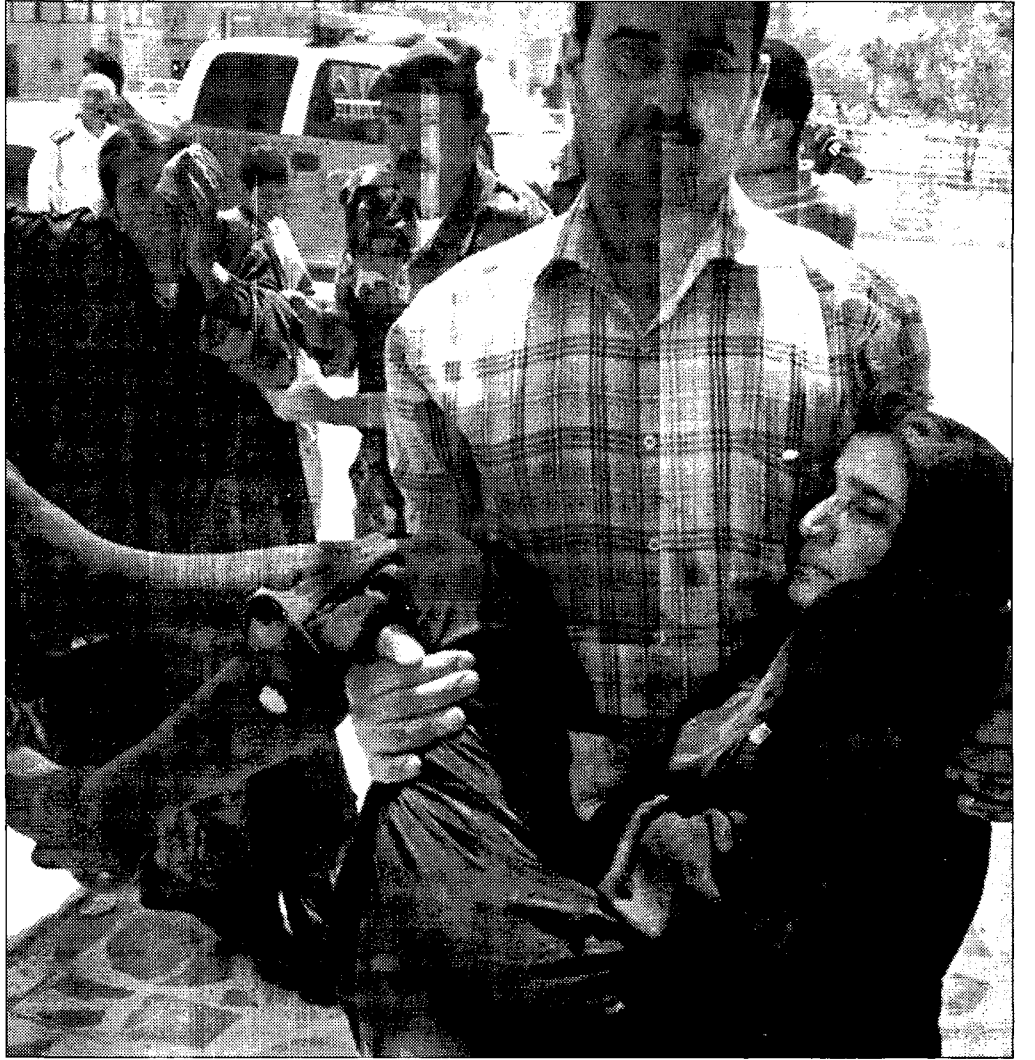
Many of the victims were on their way to the court, at the restaurant or in cars passing through the area. A man identifying himself as Abu Sarmad had just ordered lunch.

"I heard a big explosion and hot wind threw me from my chair to outside the restaurant," he said from his hospital bed.

The force of the blast jolted the concrete barriers erected along the road to protect the courthouse, witnesses said.

At least 40 people were killed and 70 wounded, according to hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

The U.S. military in northern Iraq gave a slightly lower toll, saying 35 Iraqi citizens were killed, including a policeman, and 66 wounded. It said the blast destroyed three buses and damaged 10 shops.



Women injured in a car bomb attack are brought to a hospital in Baqouba, 35 miles north-east of Baghdad, Tuesday. Officials say at least 40 people were killed in the blast.

AP Television News footage showed many of the bodies covered in crisp white sheets and black plastic bags in a hospital courtyard while the emergency room inside was overwhelmed with the wounded.

It was the deadliest bombing in Iraq since March 6, when a twin bombing killed 68 people in a crowded shopping district in the central Baghdad district of Karradah. The attack was also the deadliest in Baqouba since The Associated Press began tracking Iraqi casualties in late April 2005.

The U.S. military said Tuesday that attacks in Baqouba have dropped

noticeably since last June. But a series of assassinations and other high-profile attacks have occurred in and around the city this year, and American commanders have consistently warned that al-Qaida-led insurgents continue to pose a serious danger.

"Although attacks such as today's event are tragic, it is not indicative of the overall security situation in Baqouba," Maj. Mike Garcia, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Diyala province, said in a statement.

According to an AP count, at least 126 Iraqis have been killed in war-related violence in Baqouba so far in 2008; the majority, 65,

were killed in 10 separate bombings. At least 818 Iraqis were killed in war-related violence in the city last year, up slightly from 793 the year before.

Baqouba and Ramadi were strongholds of al-Qaida in Iraq and saw some of the fiercest fighting of the U.S.-led war until local Sunni tribal leaders fed up with the terror network's brutal tactics joined forces with the U.S. military against it last year.

The Sunni revolt, an influx of some 30,000 American troops and a cease-fire by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr led to a decline in violence there as well as in Baghdad.

# Pope Benedict XVI arrives in America

Associated Press

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Pope Benedict XVI stepped onto U.S. soil for the time as pontiff Tuesday, arriving to a presidential handshake and wild cheering only hours after he admitted that he is "deeply ashamed" of the clergy sex abuse scandal that has devastated the American church.

Benedict gave hundreds of spectators a two-handed wave as he stepped off a special Alitalia airliner that brought him from Rome. Students from a local Catholic school screamed ecstatically when they saw the pope, who shook hands warmly with President Bush, first lady Laura Bush and their daughter Jenna on the tar-

mac.

Hundreds of onlookers, some from local Roman Catholic parishes, clapped and shouted as they watched the scene from nearby bleachers.

Benedict tackled the most painful issue facing the U.S. Catholic Church — clergy sex abuse — on his flight to America. The U.S. church has paid out \$2 billion in abuse costs since 1950, most of that in just the last six years.

Seemingly in a nod to his American flock, the pope spoke in English as he answered questions submitted in advance by reporters.

"It is a great suffering for the church in the United States and for the church in general and for me personally that this could happen,"

Benedict said. "It is difficult for me to understand how it was possible that priests betray in this way their mission ... to these children."

"I am deeply ashamed, and we will do what is possible so this cannot happen again in the future," the pope said.

Benedict pledged that pedophiles would not be priests in the Catholic Church.

"I do not wish to talk at this moment about homosexuality, but about pedophilia, which is another thing," he said.

"We will absolutely exclude pedophiles from the sacred ministry. It is more important to have good priests than many priests. We will do everything possible to heal this wound."

## Homes

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the need for volunteers and some students did not show up, Paulsen said. He added that some dorms formed large groups to participate in the project.

"Cavanaugh, Welsh Family and Zahm were very well represented," Paulsen said. "I'd say those three were some big leaders."

Other groups on campus got involved in the project as well. The Office of Information Technology formed a team of staff members to participate, Paulsen said. Food Services also provided boxed lunches for volunteers and catered dinner for the celebration party at the end of the day.

Students from Saint

Mary's also participated, Paulsen said. The College sponsored the refurbishment of two houses, he said.

The nature of Rebuilding Together makes it a manageable way for students to get involved in service, Paulsen said.

"It really fits in students' schedules," he said. "It's a one day commitment, it's something they can do with their friends, and it's an opportunity to give back to the South Bend community in a real concrete way."

Graduate student Jonathan Ireland, who participated in the program Saturday, agreed that Rebuilding Together allowed students to be both social and serve the community.

"It's a good opportunity to spend time with friends and, at the same time, represent Notre Dame in the South Bend community," Ireland

said. "It was good to join 600 people who all had the same sort of mission and desire to help."

Ireland said meeting and being able to talk with the woman who lives in the house that he worked on enhanced his experience with Rebuilding Together.

"The lady I worked for was a pleasure," he said. "[Homeowners] have to be in the house, and you get to meet them and some people were open to talking about what they do."

Rebuilding Together takes place the Saturday before the Blue and Gold game every spring and students interested in helping to plan next year's event can become involved through Campus Ministry's Web site, Paulsen said.

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## COR

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ics within their schools but also national topics."

The idea evolved from the plan for a Midwest college council, but Student Union co-directors of external affairs Jeff Lakusta and Kathleen Donahue, who are organizing the project, said they decided to expand the group due to the small number of academically excellent schools in the area.

"How many schools in the Midwest are there that are really up to our academic standards? Not many," Donahue said.

The new group would be modeled off of the Ivy League's Ivy Council and could include schools as diverse as Stanford, Vanderbilt, and Princeton, she said.

Lakusta said he wants to begin organizing the group's inaugural meeting immediately because there isn't much time left in the school year.

"We want to let schools know that we plan on doing this before the summer," Lakusta said.

Donahue and Lakusta still have to find willing participants, corporate sponsorship and modes of transportation.

"You need to turn into salesmen for the next couple of months and sell your soul to the project," Class of 2009 president Joey Brown said to Lakusta and Donahue.

Many COR members expressed concerns over Notre Dame's ability to attract other high profile colleges to this new council when they will have to travel across the country.

"Generating interest is a problem," club coordination council president John Burke said. "Any west coast school like Stanford would be hard to get out here."

Class of 2011 president Cynthia Weber said Lakusta and Donahue will need help organizing the event and that student government needs to be relentless in order to convince other schools to attend.

"You're going to have to be persistent," she said. "I know this sounds like a silly idea, but send their office a fruit basket from Notre Dame."

Reish also suggested that the group should be for Catholic institutions only, though several COR members were critical of this idea.

"If we want to consider ourselves an elite Catholic institution, then we could establish a national Catholic council," Brown said. "But at the same time I'm afraid it would just be seen as just the Catholic schools dealing with Catholic issues instead of a national conference."

Lakusta echoed Brown's sentiments adding that the council should not be founded based on a spirit of exclusion.

"The ability to talk about the issues that affect everyone is really awesome and it'd be a shame to exclude someone who had the same issues just because they aren't Catholic affiliated," he said.

### In other COR news:

♦COR also reviewed the budget for student government for the 2008-2009 academic year. The entire budget totals \$477,499.86, which is significantly less than last year's budget of \$659,439.39.

Student Union treasurer Kadeja Gaines said one big reason the budget is smaller for next year is due to expenses elsewhere by the University.

"As awesome as it would have been to give everyone everything they wanted, it was just impossible," she said. "One major reason is costs from Duncan [Hall]."

♦Hall Presidents' Council co-chair Erin Wash gave COR a brief overview of a possible service project aimed at getting clothing and medicine to Haiti. The project is the idea of Notre Dame alumnus Dr. Paul Wright, who served as the personal physician to Mother Theresa.

"He has access to a large cargo plane from the government, we would load it up with clothes and medicine and fly it to Haiti," Wash said.

The plan is still in its nascent stages, and is pending government and University approval, Wash said. She hopes to have the details laid out by next fall.

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the process of planning a trip to Ghana in June with the entire organization which includes the co-founders, volunteers from Banda's high school and members of the Board of Trustee to complete the instillation of the learning facilities.

"For the entire week that we're there the volunteers are going to help teach and

interact with the kids," Banda said. "That's what the organization is all about. It's students bridging the information gap not only by helping kids who are less fortunate but by allowing other students who are more fortunate to share the experience and gain a better understanding of what those in less fortunate countries have to deal with."

Banda is graduating this spring, but Crum is going to be the Notre Dame Ambassador for the organization during the 2008-

2009 school-year while he fulfills his fifth year of eligibility on the football team.

He said he is grateful to Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weiss and the Notre Dame Athletic Department for allowing him to be a part of the organization despite his busy schedule as a student athlete.

"I don't want this just to be about me," Crum said. "I'm a representation of the team, and we're not just about football."

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S&P 500	1,334.43	+6.11
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,990.58	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,906.90	+75.30

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## IN BRIEF

### Venezuela approves oil taxing law

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela moved Tuesday to take a greater cut of windfall oil profits, approving a 50 percent tax on foreign oil companies when crude tops US\$70 a barrel.

The tax rate would rise to 60 percent when the average monthly price for benchmark Brent crude exceeds US\$100, according to the bill approved by Venezuela's National Assembly. The legislation will take effect as soon as it is published in the official gazette.

Revenues from the tax could reach US\$9 billion (5.7 billion) annually, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said after meeting with lawmakers.

"That's why, for the executive branch, it is urgent to create this law," Ramirez said.

The new legislation will let President Hugo Chavez further extend state control over foreign oil companies operating in Venezuela — home to the largest petroleum deposits in the Western Hemisphere — as he steers the nation toward what he calls "21st-century socialism."

Analyst Juan Carlos Sosa, editor of the Venezuelan oil industry magazine PetroleoYV, said the measure "is going to force foreign companies to think twice about making new investments" in Venezuela, "because their opportunities to turn a profit are diminishing."

### Bush to propose climate change strategy

WASHINGTON — President Bush, stepping into the debate over global warming, plans to announce on Wednesday a national goal for stopping the growth of greenhouse gas emissions over the next few decades.

In a speech in the Rose Garden, Bush will lay out a strategy rather than a specific proposal for curbing emissions, White House press secretary Dana Perino said Tuesday. She did not disclose details of his announcement and would not say whether the president would propose any kind of mandatory cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

The president wants every major economy, including fast-growing nations like China and India, to establish a national goal for cutting the emissions believed responsible for global warming.

In his remarks, Perino said, Bush will articulate a "realistic intermediate goal" for the United States.

# Airlines face merger challenges

*Delta-Northwest merger could mean higher prices and fewer flight options*

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Getting hitched may be the right move for Delta and Northwest. But for beleaguered air travelers, it could usher in an era of higher fares, fewer flights, more confusion at the airport and even more crowded planes.

The merger could kick off a wave of airline consolidation. And while the effects would not be immediate because the combinations could take months to get regulatory approval, industry observers say get ready anyway for fewer carriers in the sky.

"It's not an industry that works," said Mark Cooper, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America, who lobbied Congress against a bid by US Airways for Delta last year.

"We're now getting to the point where there are so few carriers left, and they still can't make money," he said.

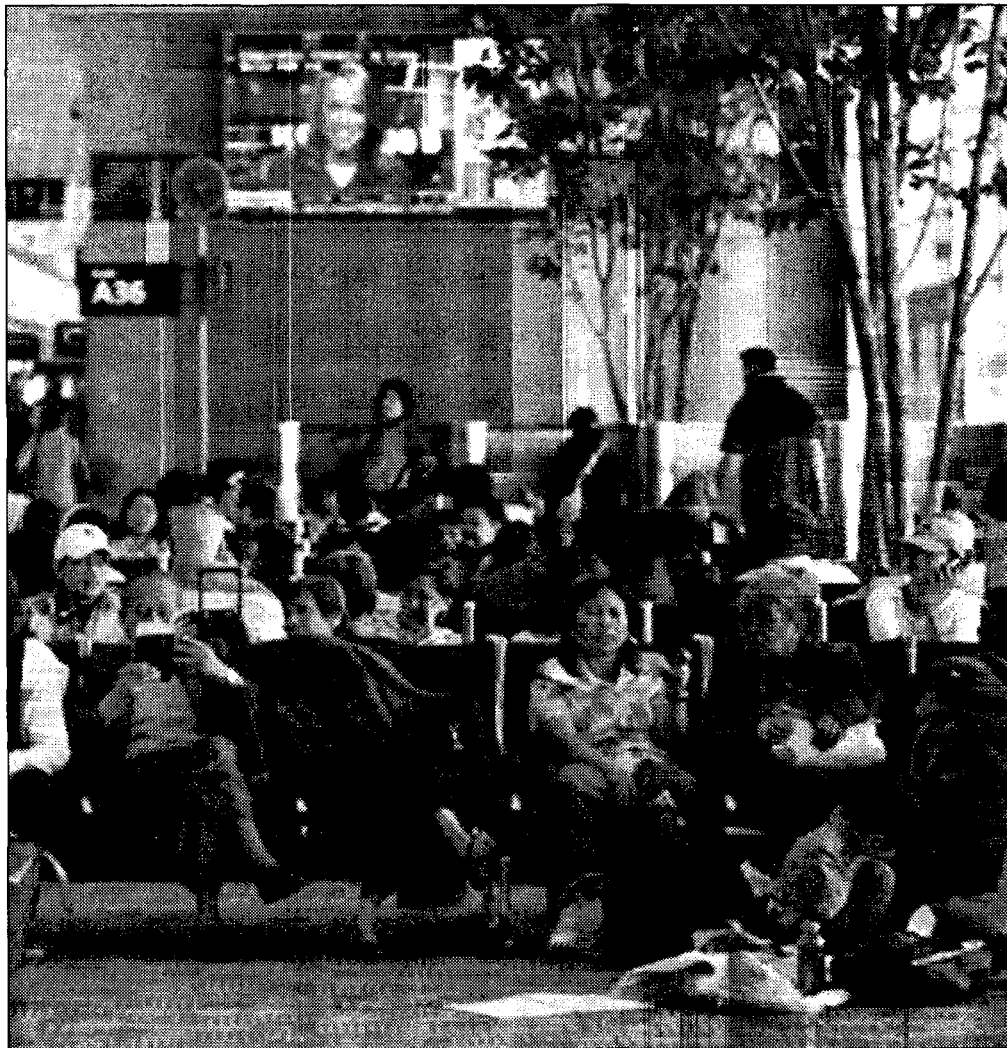
Mergers, combined with a recent spate of airline bankruptcies, mean passengers in many cities can expect fewer flights to choose from, and they'll be packed even fuller than they are now.

Greater demand for remaining seats translates into higher ticket prices.

"There's no doubt in my mind fares are going to go up," said Rick Seane, chief executive of FareCompare.com, which tracks changes in airline ticket prices. "Consumers are deluding themselves if they think that's not the case."

Peter Schiff, president of brokerage firm Euro Pacific Capital, said the changes could put air travel out of reach for Americans of modest means.

"Although many Americans



Travelers wait for flights Tuesday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport terminal in Detroit. A Delta and Northwest merger might bring fewer flights and more crowded planes.

have come to regard affordable air travel as a birthright, from a global perspective it remains the province of the wealthy," Schiff said.

That could mean more headaches for travelers already reeling from a string of cancellations due to stepped-up scrutiny of safety regulations by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The merger announcement by Northwest Airlines Corp. and Delta Air Lines Inc., which would create the world's largest airline, has

already ignited talks among other airlines as they seek to bulk up to combat rising fuel prices in a slowing economy.

Continental Airlines Inc. executives told employees Tuesday that the airline wants to remain independent — but warned "the landscape is changing" and said it would consider its "strategic alternatives."

The executives did not say what they might consider, but Continental has held talks with United Airlines in the past.

United CEO Glenn Tilton

issued his own statement to employees Tuesday in which he called industry consolidation "one of the changes necessary" for the industry to get to sustained profits.

"We will participate in consolidation when and if it is the right choice and provides the right benefits for employees, customers and shareholders," Tilton said.

A Continental-United pairing would create an airline even bigger than the Delta-Northwest offspring, which will keep the Delta name if regulators and shareholders give their blessing.

# Officials push for airwaves sale to aid public

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans on a congressional panel Tuesday said the Federal Communications Commission should re-auction a block of public airwaves to the highest bidder and turn the proceeds over to public safety professionals to fund a nationwide emergency communications network.

The idea was raised as the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet heard testimony on why a plan aimed at using public airwaves and private money to create a nationwide emergency communications network failed to attract any interest in an otherwise successful spectrum auction.

Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, the ranking Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. Cliff Stearns, ranking member of the subcommittee, both suggested the solution as an alternative to trying to fix the current plan.

"With consensus, Congress could pass a law to use proceeds from the commercial re-auction for the public-private partnership," Barton said.

The subcommittee heard from all five members of the Federal Communications Commission as well as key figures in the behind-the-scenes negotiations that failed to lead to an agreement to construct the wireless broadband network.

The recently completed auction of a portion of the public airwaves, while raising a record \$19.1 billion, failed to attract a bidder to build the network.

Disasters like Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, revealed limitations of the nation's emergency communications networks, like the inability of police and firefighters to communicate with one another.

Ideally, a new network would help solve the interoperability problem and avail emergency personnel of many of the advances in wireless technology that are available to commercial users.

The FCC approved the emergency communications plan last summer. Under the plan, the FCC set aside about one-sixth of the recently auctioned airwaves. The "D block" would have been combined with a roughly equal portion of spectrum controlled by a public safety trust to create a shared network.

The winning D block bidder, in exchange for use of the public safety spectrum, would build the network and make a profit by selling access to wireless service providers. But the block failed to attract a bidder.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said he was "presently unmoved" by suggestions that the block should be auctioned for "purely commercial use" and the proceeds handed to public safety.

"At this moment, I consider such an approach to be an admission that we are not serious about attaining true interoperability," he said.

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## Financial death by government

This is the last column for the Observer that I will ever write. Seeing as how I often get e-mails suggesting that I eat babies and hate poor people, I can say with a reasonable amount of confidence that I probably just made your day. In return for making your day, I would like you to actually finish this column, for it deals with the most important political issue facing the country: the impending financial demise of the US Federal Government.



Mark Poyar

### Bulletproof Ideas

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's 2007 "Long-Term Budget Outlook" begins with this seemingly innocuous statement: "Significant uncertainty surrounds long-term fiscal projections, but under any plausible scenario, the federal budget is on an unsustainable path—that is, federal debt will grow much faster than the economy over the long run." The last time I heard an understatement of this magnitude was when I told my friend that licking the Backer pole "isn't a very good idea."

The main reason for the coming financial meltdown of the US government will be its rising spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, particularly the last two. There are two major drivers of increased spending. First, costs per Medicare enrollee have increased 2.4 percentage points faster than per capita GDP over the last 30 years, meaning the percentage of GDP spent on health care will continue to increase. Secondly, the baby boomers are nearly eligible for Medicare which will dramatically increase Medicare and Social Security spending. Four months ago, the first baby boomers claimed Social Security benefits and they will be eligible for Medicare in less than three years. The proportion of the US population over 65 will grow from 12 percent to 19 percent by 2030, while the proportion of adults from 20 to 64 will fall from 60 percent to 56 percent.

Currently, Medicaid and Medicare spending accounts for 4.1 percent of US GDP and

makes up about 20 percent of the federal budget. The CBO projects that this will increase to 12.5 percent of GDP in 2050 and 19 percent of GDP in 2082. 19 percent of GDP is roughly equivalent to the amount that the entire federal government will spend this year. Assuming that federal government revenue maintains its historical average of 20 percent of GDP and discretionary spending maintains its average of just under 10 percent, there would be a deficit of 22.5 percent of GDP in 2050 and 54.5 percent in 2082. To put this in perspective, the US's current record setting deficit of about \$400 billion is less than 3 percent of GDP. Interest payments alone on the national debt would consume 13.6 percent of GDP by 2050. A vicious cycle would result in which the government would issue ever larger amounts of debt to meet its ever higher interest payments. But what would large persistent deficits mean to the US economy?

Consistent budget deficits adversely affect the economy because they absorb the nation's savings and reduce capital investment, thus making US workers less productive. Real wages, which typically follow productivity, would stagnate or fall. Capital would become scarce and interest rates would rise. The CBO estimates that the reduction in the capital stock would reduce real GNP in 2040 by 13 percent and 25 percent by 2050 compared to what it would have been. In short, the US would enter another Great Depression caused entirely by excess government spending.

The CBO says that this bleak scenario probably understates the risk to economic growth because this model assumes people do not anticipate future changes in debt. Consequently, the United States' destruction would unfold much quicker. If investors expected a crisis, they would pull their money out of US securities, causing the exchange rate of the dollar to plummet, interest rates to climb, and inflation to increase dramatically. The stock market would likely collapse amid the uncertainty, domestic spending would dry up, and the US's economic woes would spill over to the rest of the world just as it did in the last Great Depression.

The CBO uses the term "fiscal gap" — a measure of federal shortfalls over a given

period — to help assess the long-term fiscal challenge. The fiscal gap represents the amount of spending reduction or tax increases needed to keep debt as a share of GDP at or below the current ratio, essentially balancing the budget over a long period of time. However, this measure does not take into account the adverse impact of higher taxes. If the federal government wanted to close the fiscal gap today, it would need to reduce spending by 6.9 percent of GDP immediately and permanently. This would be a 35 percent permanent reduction in federal spending. If the government waits until 2020 or 2030 to close the gap, a decrease of 9 percent or 11.5 percent of GDP would be necessary, respectively.

These estimates do not even include the possibility of expanding medical coverage to every American — it merely is an estimate of the federal government's current obligations. It is obvious that the federal government can't even meet these obligations; any talk of new obligations, whether in the form of Hillarycare, Obamacare, or continuing President Bush's \$1 trillion prescription drug bill, is both naïve and dangerous. The only debate should be about how to phase out these federal programs as they threaten to ruin America financially.

This should not be a partisan question. Whether or not you agree with the libertarian views I espouse, the fact remains that providing such care is financially impossible. Certainly, the US could increase taxes dramatically to pay for such boondoggles, but even closing the current fiscal gap would require an 82.5 percent increase in individual income taxes. Such taxes would wreak economic havoc on the US economy.

We have a choice: we can either be equally poor and miserable, or we could let people keep their own money and make their own choices. I choose the latter and so should you.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You only find out who is swimming naked when the tide goes out."

Warren Buffett  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The spirit of The Holocaust lives

This article is written in response to Florian Plocek's letter ("Abortion not a Holocaust," Apr. 1). This past Saturday, Alice von Hildebrand spoke at Notre Dame's Annual Right to Life conference. Mrs. von Hildebrand is the wife of the late Dietrich von Hildebrand, a famed German Catholic intellectual and philosopher who was once informally named by Pope Pius XII as "the 20th Century Doctor of the Church."

Pertinent to this discussion, Dietrich von Hildebrand lived during Hitler's rise to power in Europe and was forced to flee from Germany to Austria for voicing stark public opposition to the Nazi regime. In Austria, he founded an anti-Nazi weekly paper, *Der Christliche Ständestaat* (The Christian corporative state), for which he was sentenced to death in absentia by the Nazi regime. As Hitler's reign of terror spread, he was forced to flee from Austria to Switzerland, before moving to France, from where he was again forced to flee to Portugal, then Brazil, before arriving in the United States in 1940.

In 1976, a few months before the end of his life, Dietrich von Hildebrand said to his wife: "Hitler won the war." Taken aback by such a stark statement, Alice pressed him as to his meaning. Dietrich continued, "Hitler lost the war militarily, of course. But his social ideologies of

abortion and euthanasia, as well as his general disrespect for the sanctity of human life, survived in Germany after World War II and have spread across the world ever since. His understanding of the nature of man was victorious in the Great War."

It is of utmost importance to remember the great scourge of the Holocaust in our human history as a uniquely horrible event, but, as von Hildebrand makes clear, it is a false judgment to assume that Hitler's ideologies died in 1945. The social policy articulated by Hitler in his 1942 policy statement on abortion of the Slavic people bear stark similarities to the writings of Margaret Sanger and even the abortion policies in place today.

Fundamentally, it is the same disrespect for human life that continues to kill the unborn. In this sense, it is very appropriate to call abortion a holocaust, as alluding to that from which it was proliferated enables all to see the evil of its ways and perhaps, in the name of those who died in the extermination camps, save those who are still dying in our abortion clinics.

Thomas Bounds  
sophomore  
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April 13

### "Holocaust" not the same as "holocaust"

In response to ("Abortion not a Holocaust," Apr. 15), I would like to point out that the word "holocaust" can be used to describe any mass killing or destruction. Only when capitalized does it specifically refer to the events of World War II. In no way is the killing of six million Jews under the Nazi regime trivialized when the word is used to describe abortion.

The students and faculty of Notre Dame are not ignorant of world history during the 1940s, they simply know that the Holocaust is not the only holocaust. Since holocaust has been mostly used to describe the slaughter of the Jews, it is not appro-

priate to use it too loosely because it now carries the connotation of death and destruction on an epic scale. Profoundly believe that abortion is the killing of innocent defenseless life in its most fragile stage, and for this reason I think it is still entirely appropriate that they use the word holocaust to describe the millions of lives that they believe have been lost to abortion.

Paul Leuck  
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April 15

### An embarrassment to education

Wow. It is a bi-monthly pleasure to get a laugh out of Mr. Yatarola's column ("Let's talk about alcohol, baby" Apr. 15) and to talk with my classmates about how poorly thought out his opinions generally seem to be, but today's column really is preposterous: "I'm not suggesting it's good to get through high school's drunk. But better high school than college ... High school's largely a waste anyway, needlessly long and hardly challenging (I say this as a high school teacher)."

That is embarrassing for the University and embarrassing for

the education system. God help him if this paragraph gets brought up at parent-teacher conferences. I would hope any teacher worth their certificate wouldn't hold opinions like this. Maybe the education system in this country wouldn't be "a waste" if people like Mr. Yatarola were kept out of the classroom and off of the editorial page.

Matt Smylie  
graduate student  
off campus  
April 15

### University's mission is to educate, not indoctrinate

As a lifelong practicing Catholic, a Notre Dame alumnus and the parent of a current Notre Dame student and quite likely another one come September, I am, frankly, troubled by the continuing controversy over The Vagina Monologues as played out in this paper, and more recently, on the pages of The Wall Street Journal.

If the University was to ban that play, is it next to ban all films that convey a message that could be deemed inconsistent with Church teachings? Is it to scour the library and purge it of all books that could be similarly construed? It seems that the vocal opponents of The Vagina Monologues are advocating a kind of modern day bonfire of the vanities. I did not send my kids to Notre Dame to be inculcated in the faith. That has been my job and my wife's for the past 18 years. I sent them to Notre Dame to receive an education both within the classroom and without. If that education is to serve them once they enter the wide world, then it must include exposure to all manner of thought, even those with which I and the Church might strongly disagree.

If I have done my job, if the seeds of faith have been properly sewn and cultivated, then that faith will stay rooted even when exposed to competing ideas. If I have not, then no amount of censorship, for that is what we are talking about here, will keep that faith from withering. I applaud Fr. Jenkins for his courageous stand on this issue.

Richard F. Ricci (L '82)  
alumnus  
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April 15

### Abortion and The Holocaust

In his April 15 letter to the editor ("Abortion not a Holocaust," Apr. 15) Florian Plocek objected to the use of the term "holocaust" in reference to abortion in the United States. I am quite familiar with the phenomenon by which modern Germans, and as an odd vestige of the Anschluss, Austrians, of all ages feel compelled to express guilt over sins committed half a century ago by other people. But this does not make Mr. Plocek's specific protestations any less absurd.

In all fairness, several of Mr. Plocek's statements are correct: Legal abortion is not the result of centuries-old animosity towards Jews that resulted in the industrialized extermination of Jews throughout Europe. Rather, it is the result of centuries-old Enlightenment animosities that have resulted in the lucrative industrialized extermination of 48 million people in the last thirty-five years (the nation's leading abortion provider grossed over \$1 billion in 2007).

Again, Mr. Plocek is correct in saying abortion (an act) is not comparable to the gas chambers (a place), if for no other reason than by virtue of the old "apples and oranges" maxim. But when you compare the end result of the two (dead people), that difficulty resolves itself. Mr. Plocek's further statement, "the Holocaust is not comparable to any other event in human history," almost defies categorization. Perhaps it simply reflects an ignorance of the fact that mass murder is neither a unique nor a new event in human history (e.g. Stalin killing over 20 million people). The Nazis have no monopoly on evil and the Germans no monopoly on responsibility. So the Nazi murder of 12 million Jews and other people, while horrible, hardly rises to the level of being beyond comparison.

American law enshrines the right to kill unborn children as a fundamental liberty and an intrinsic element of the American dream. Mr. Plocek objects to our referring to referring to abortion as a holocaust because he knows the scars Europe still bears from Nazism. He should thus at least be sensitive to the similar wounds, not yet closed over, that abortion has left in American society. The Nazis killed millions who thought they were safe in their homes and communities. We continue to kill millions who ought to be safe in a place far more sacrosanct: the womb. So people will continue to refer to abortion as the holocaust of our time because we know all too well that John Paul II was correct: "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Paul Krog  
law student  
off campus  
April 15

### No girls allowed

This is in response to the question posed by Alex Calabrese ("Girls in the Glee Club," Apr. 15) in her letter: No.

Megan Grebe  
Junior  
Welsh Family Hall  
April 15

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# Mariah Carey Retu

## Scene & Heard: Listening to Mariah Carey a Lifestyle

A friend of mine recently said to me, "I never went through a Mariah phase," to which another friend quickly responded, "It's not a phase. It's a lifestyle." I have never heard devotion to Mariah Carey summed up so well.

I have been an active Mariah Carey fan for 13 years — active meaning I've bought her albums, read her interviews and watched MTV all day long to see her music videos back when the network still played them. I was in fourth grade when she released "Daydream" and it was like I hadn't been a music fan before that album. My mother bought me the cassette tape (I didn't own a CD player until a year later), and I remember sitting in my room by my boombox, learning the words to "Always Be My Baby" using the lyrics on the cassette's cover (I wanted to get her "do do doop dum"s just right). Wasn't it great that Mariah always including the lyrics?

I liked Mariah a lot. She was super pretty, she had hair that I could only dream of and she had an advanced vocabulary. I'll be honest. I had no idea what "indefinitely," "linger" or "inevitably" meant until I heard them in "Always Be My Baby" and asked my mom for their meaning.

I was only slightly aware of the changes occurring in Mariah's own life with her divorce from music executive Tommy Mottola, who discovered her. But that turmoil became extremely obvious with the music video for "Honey," where Mariah literally and figuratively escapes from imprisonment and throws off all her clothes. "Honey" wasn't as big of a hit as her most previous singles, but it coincided with my newfound love of rap music so I was sold on the collaboration with Puff Daddy. "Honey" marked Mariah's turn toward hip-hop and R&B, a turn that was never fully realized until 2005's "The Emancipation of Mimi."

Mariah stayed on top of the charts with "Rainbow" and became the only artist to have a number-one single every year of the 1990s. But then "Glitter" happened.

I never saw "Glitter," nor did I listen to the accompanying album. I loved Mariah too much to

ruin any image I had of her with something that I was aware was rubbish. I saw her little popsicle incident on "TRL" and was sad to see my favorite pop star falling. Worse yet, people seemed to be getting enjoyment out of her downfall.

The year was 2001, six years before Britney Spears shaved her head, and we were getting a taste of what was to come in the new decade with the media attention, speculation and backlash that surrounded Mariah Carey. She suffered from exhaustion, was dropped by her label and released a "comeback" album too soon with 2002's mediocre "Charmbracelet." I bought the album, listened to it once, stored it away and prayed that this wasn't the end of the songstress who gave me "Daydream."

"The Emancipation of Mimi" was worth the three-year wait. "We Belong Together" became one of her new signature singles and Mariah was back. This was Mariah's real comeback album and it marked the return of the Voice. Now we have waited another three years for "E=MC2" (which means "Emancipation of Mariah Carey to the second power") and I have to say, that it's pretty fantastic. This album has plenty of her new sound, but sometimes I miss pre-"Honey" Mariah, and this album gives you

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some of that too.

"Touch My Body" became Mariah's 18th number-one single, surpassing Elvis' record, and putting her in second place behind The Beatles' 20 number-one singles. Mariah could tie or even surpass the Beatles' record with "E=MC2," and since she can't break up with herself she could just keep on going. At 38, Mariah is one of the greatest recording artists in history and she looks just as fabulous as ever.

Children born when I first fell in love with Mariah will be starting high school next year. Maybe "We Belong Together" is for them what "Always Be My Baby" was to me. Needless to say, I hope their love for Mariah isn't just a phase because mine is definitely a lifestyle.

*The views expressed in Scene & Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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# urns with Strong Album

## Review: E=MC2 a Winning Equation

By CHRIS HINE  
Scene Writer

In 2005, Mariah Carey released "The Emancipation of Mimi," which garnered three Grammy awards and became the biggest-selling album of 2005, with 5.8 million copies sold.

Even though it included the classic hit "We Belong Together," most of "Mimi" was hit or miss, with some bona fide club-bangers and striking ballads, but still others that missed the mark.

On Carey's long-anticipated follow-up, E=MC2, she stuck close to the formula that made "Mimi" such a success — a mixture up-tempo R&B and catchy mid-tempo ballads — but this time around, she's made an album that is listenable from beginning to end.

The album opens with a song destined to invade the airwaves this summer. "Migrate" (with T-Pain) features a bouncing beat and a chorus that'll be stuck in your head for days. Though the lyrics are nothing more than an ode to partying, the melody is infectious and Carey's voice provides enough sultriness to make it a runaway hit.

The next two tracks, "Touch My Body" (Carey's 18th Billboard No. 1 hit) "Cruise Control," continue the run of pleasant, upbeat tunes, though the album picks up steam with track four, "I Stay in Love."

"I Stay in Love" is this album's "We Belong Together." It's a gorgeous mid-tempo ballad that features an outstanding performance from Carey. The theme is a common one in Carey's songs, not being able to let go of a former lover, but few times before has she sung about it with this much heartbreak.

On "I Stay in Love," Carey continues a trend she began with "We Belong Together." No longer is she singing the majority of her songs in her upper register. Rather, she sings in a lower key, and in a full voice.

Melodically, Carey is singing more words per measure, and it's a good thing. It requires Carey to cut down on her melismatic singing, for which she has been widely, and rightfully, criticized in the past. Basically, the technique of melisma means the singer has a tendency to turn one note into five and fluctuate his voice up and down the scale dramatically. The effect is an annoying warbling sound that expresses little emotion. Since she's singing more words per measure, she has no time for melisma if she's going to sing all the words.

On E=MC2, Carey has cut down on the melisma and conveys more emotion using the lower portion of her voice. This is evident on the songs Carey wrote with

Jermaine Dupri, who collaborated with Carey on a number of songs in the past, including "We Belong Together," "Always Be My Baby," and "Shake it Off."

"Love Story," "Thanks for Nothing," and "Last Kiss," provide this album's best melodies and strongest vocals for Carey.

But the high point of the disc is the Young Jeezy collaboration, "Side Effects." With lyrics such as "It didn't stop / no one was there / couldn't be real / had to keep quiet / once in a while / put up a fight / but it's just too much / night after night," Carey gives her audience an in-depth look into her former marriage with music mogul Tommy Mottola, who helped launch her career in the early 1990s.

Never has Carey put out such a confessional and moving record that also easily applies to any repressive or damaged relationship. With this song, Carey is able to pull off a tough accomplishment for any singer, make a song of high quality that is both universal and deeply personal.

Carey closes the set the same way she closed "Mimi," with a gospel-tinged vocal acrobatic exercise. "I Wish You Well" contains Bible quotes and a choir and Carey shows that even though her voice has deteriorated over the years, she still has plenty of power to rise above the hundreds of American Idol contestants who aspire to be her.

It's too bad Carey's label decided to release the worst song on the album, "Bye Bye" as the second single. The song is about death and is as sappy as a musical Hallmark card. Don't be fooled when you hear it on the radio or see Carey performing it in the coming weeks, because aside from that song, Carey has made one of the best pop/R&B records of the past year.

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**E=MC2**  
Mariah Carey

**Label:** Island

**Recommended Tracks:** "Side Effects," "I Stay in Love" and "Migrate"



## U.S. #1 singles on the Billboard Hot 100

- \* 1990: "Vision Of Love" (4 weeks)
- \* 1990: "Love Takes Time" (3 weeks)
- \* 1991: "Someday" (2 weeks)
- \* 1991: "I Don't Wanna Cry" (2 weeks)
- \* 1991: "Emotions" (3 weeks)
- \* 1992: "I'll Be There" (2 weeks)
- \* 1993: "Dreamlover" (8 weeks)
- \* 1993-1994: "Hero" (4 weeks)
- \* 1995: "Fantasy" (8 weeks)
- \* 1995-1996: "One Sweet Day" (16 weeks)  
\*record-holder for longest-running #1 single
- \* 1996: "Always Be My Baby" (2 weeks)
- \* 1997: "Honey" (3 weeks)
- \* 1998: "My All" (1 week)
- \* 1999: "Heartbreaker" (2 weeks)
- \* 2000: "Thank God I Found You" (1 week)
- \* 2005: "We Belong Together" (14 weeks)
- \* 2005-2006: "Don't Forget About Us" (2 weeks)
- \* 2008: "Touch My Body" (2 weeks, so far)



## NHL

# Habs shut out Bruins to take 3-1 series lead

*Briere breaks out of slump, Philadelphia explodes for six goals to claim 2-1 advantage against Capitals*

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Bruins are learning the hard way what the Canadiens knew four months ago: 20-year-old goalie Carey Price would be outstanding in the playoffs.

The rookie posted his first playoff shutout, 17-year-veteran Patrice Brisebois scored late in the second period, and Montreal moved within one win of advancing in the best-of-seven series with a 1-0 victory over Boston on Tuesday night.

Price is 15-4 since general manager Bob Gainey traded goalie Cristobal Huet to Washington on Feb. 26. And he's allowed just seven goals in his last seven games.

"He's been playing really well since December," Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau said. "I think from that point on, Bob knew he would come through in the playoffs. He's been everything we expected and keeps getting better."

The Canadiens, the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, lead the first-round series 3-1 and can wrap it up at home Thursday night.

The teams played evenly for much of the hard-hitting, fast-paced game until Brisebois scored on a power play with 42 seconds left in the second period.

Then Carey continued doing what he had done throughout the series: shut down Boston's mediocre offense, which managed 27 shots but just one in the last seven minutes.

"I couldn't even write down

on paper the effort the guys put in defensively in the last 10 minutes," Price said.

They were helped by a Bruins team that made too many passes and failed to connect on a lot of them.

"We were all around the net," said Marc Savard, whose overtime goal won Game 3 in Boston. "The rebounds were there, but we just couldn't put them in."

Carey, trying to become the third rookie goalie to lead the Canadiens to a Stanley Cup, following Ken Dryden and Patrick Roy, stopped two solid bids in the second period before Brisebois scored.

At 10:55 he got in front of Glen Murray's point-blank shot. And 6 minutes later, he stopped a shot by Glen Metropolit from the top of the crease as the Bruins swarmed around the net.

"He's a great goalie," Metropolit said. "He's poised. He did well tonight getting to the rebounds and pushing them out to the side."

The Canadiens, who have trailed just once in winning 10 of 11 games against the Bruins this season, went ahead midway through a power play after Andrew Ference was sent off for tripping.

"It was just kind of a bunch-up in front of the net and I guess (Alex Kovalev) went down, so what can you do?" Ference said. "But, also, you have to score to win a hockey game."

Andre Kostitsyn skated behind the Boston net and fed

the puck just in front of the crease. It was deflected out to Brisebois, who beat goalie Tim Thomas.

"I don't think I heard a louder celebration on the bench all year," Mike Komisarek said. "To have a veteran presence who has been a great leader in the locker room is pretty special."

The previous two games had gone into overtime — a 3-2 win by the Canadiens and a 2-1 win by the Bruins — but Boston couldn't make it three in a row.

Price has allowed just five goals in the four games, while the Canadiens have scored nine to continue their season-long dominance of Boston. They never trailed in winning all eight of the regular-season matchups and the first two playoff games, starting with a 4-1 loss in Montreal in which the Bruins were held to just 18 shots.

"He's in a zone," Carbonneau said. "He's really strong mentally."

## Flyers 6, Capitals 3

All those impatient boos and a string of games without a goal are in the past for Danny Briere.

Briere has gone from so-so to sensational in his first playoff series with the Flyers and has suddenly performed like he's worth every dollar of that big-bucks free-agent deal.

Briere has played more like the top player in the league than likely MVP Alex Ovechkin, scoring two more goals with an assist, leading Philadelphia to a victory over the Washington Capitals in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference first-round series on Tuesday night.

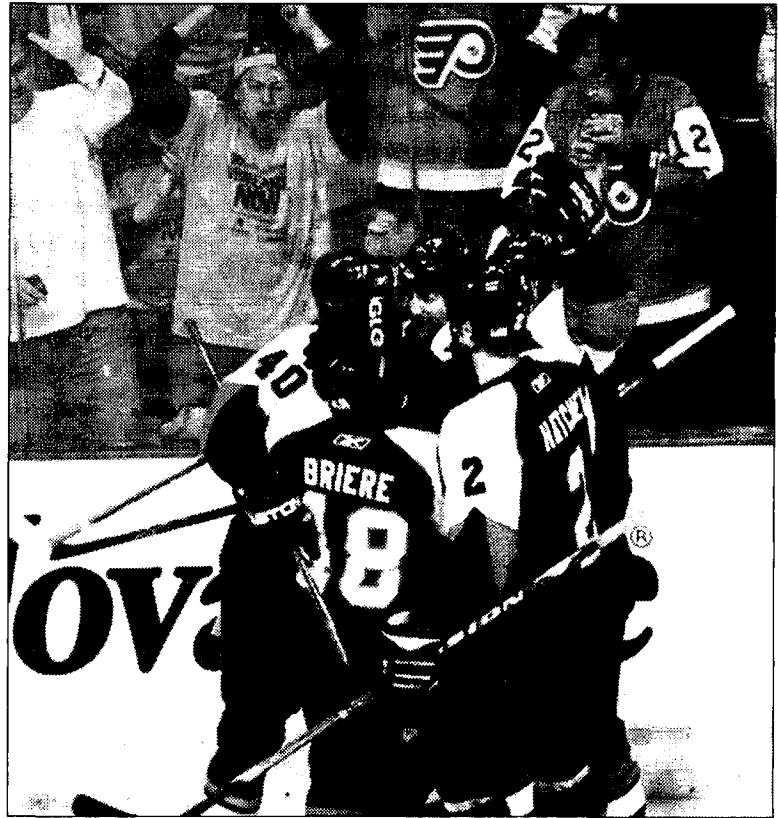
"The playoffs are extra special," Briere said. "I'm not going to lie about it, there's a little extra there."

No player has more postseason points the past three years than Briere. His four goals and two assists in the first three games of this series are a huge reason why the Flyers hold a 2-1 series lead.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Philadelphia.

"Danny had a twinkle in his eye," Flyers coach John Stevens said. "He looked like a player who was going to play the way he did."

Briere struggled for nearly two months in the first year of an eight-year, \$52 million con-



The Flyers celebrate Scott Hartnell's goal in the first period of their 6-3 victory over the Capitals Tuesday night.

tract and briefly heard some boos from the Philly fanatics. He got hot down the stretch and earned the loudest roars from a pumpkin-orange crowd that was dying to let loose in Philadelphia's first home post-season game since 2006.

"That was a great thrill the way the crowd was early on and it certainly played a big role," Briere said.

All that energy turned into a bundle of nerves in the final minutes after Brooks Laich beat Martin Biron with 4:34 left in the game to make it 4-3. The play was reviewed for several minutes to make sure the puck wasn't played with a high stick, but the goal stood.

Their worries were soothed when Mike Richards scored on a penalty shot not even 2 minutes later to seal the win, and Mike Knuble added an empty-netter with 1:05 remaining.

The Flyers never let goalie Cristobal Huet or the rest of the Capitals get comfortable early in front of the raucous crowd. They finished their hits in a fast-and-furious first period that was capped by three goals in a 2:33 span — Briere scored first, and Scottie Hartnell and Sami Kapanen scored 17 seconds apart.

Biron delivered again, stopping 16 shots.

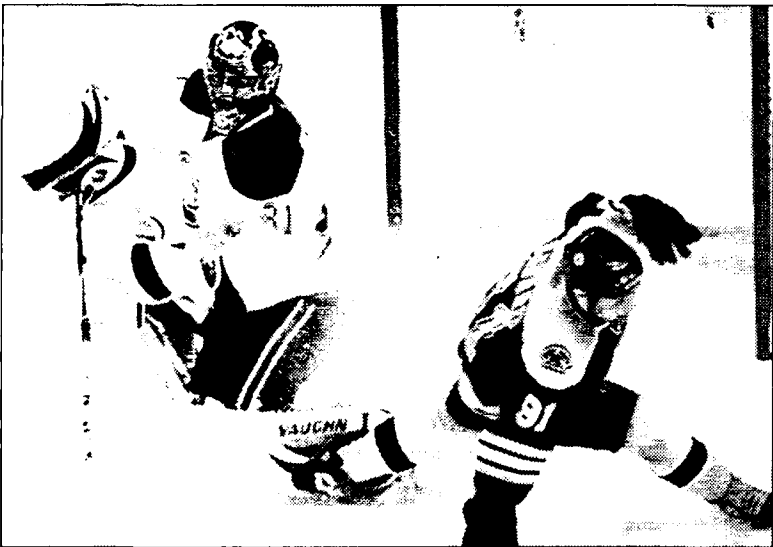
Ovechkin may be taking the MVP back to Washington, but the league's leading scorer has yet to really get going in this series. He scored the winning goal in Game 1, but has otherwise been stymied on each of his lengthy shifts. Ovechkin, who did not talk to the media, took only four shots in 24:51 of ice time.

"I just think they're zoning in on our top line," defenseman Mike Green said. "I mean every time those guys touch the puck they're getting hit. Not only that but we've got to find it within us to battle through that."

The Flyers even shut down Ovechkin after they lost stud defenseman Kimmo Timonen in the final minute of the second period. Laich cross-checked Timonen into the net and he was slammed on his right arm into a camera. Timonen writhed in pain, was helped off the ice and did not return.

Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said Timonen would be evaluated on Wednesday.

Briere, who scored twice in Game 1, scooted down the ice and scored his 17th career playoff goal with 9.8 seconds left for a 4-2 lead.



Canadiens goalie Carey Price nearly collides with Bruins forward Marc Savard in the third period of Montreal's 1-0 win Tuesday night.

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Nothing from Gamber.

Can we please watch something besides Fox News?

Yeah. The Cubs game starts in half an hour.

# AROUND THE NATION

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## NCAA Men's Tennis ITA Rankings

rank	team	average	previous
1	Virginia	84.38	1
2	Ohio St.	79.75	2
2	Georgia	72.89	3
4	USC	67.35	6
5	UCLA	65.56	5
6	Ole Miss	64.12	7
7	Texas	62.16	4
8	Tennessee	59.64	10
9	Tulsa	52.44	9
10	Florida St.	51.40	12
11	North Carolina	51.12	11
12	Florida	50.79	8
13	Baylor	50.00	14
14	Pepperdine	46.94	13
15	Michigan	44.53	15
16	Texas Tech	43.62	20
17	Illinois	43.16	16
18	LSU	40.79	17
19	Alabama	39.65	22
20	Oklahoma St.	35.71	19
21	Arizona St.	35.10	18
22	Rice	33.70	24
23	Texas A&M	32.55	21
24	Stanford	32.47	NR
25	Miami (FL)	31.73	23

## NCAA Women's Tennis ITA Rankings

rank	team	average	previous
1	Northwestern	82.96	1
2	Georgia Tech	73.52	2
3	Baylor	69.76	6
4	Stanford	69.66	3
5	Florida	68.05	4
6	California	66.36	5
6	UCLA	66.36	7
8	Georgia	65.29	8
9	Duke	62.81	9
10	USC	57.67	10
11	Miami (FL)	53.41	11
12	Vanderbilt	52.15	12
13	North Carolina	45.58	13
14	Arizona St.	45.54	14
15	Fresno St.	40.80	17
16	Arkansas	40.43	15
17	NOTRE DAME	39.20	16
18	Pepperdine	38.85	18
19	Florida St.	38.00	19
20	TCU	36.67	24
21	Texas	35.98	20
22	Kentucky	35.68	23
23	Michigan	35.43	NR
24	Tennessee	35.23	25
25	Clemson	35.09	21

## MIAA Women's Tennis Conference Standings

team	conference	overall
Albion	6-0	14-2
Calvin	4-0	13-4
Kalamazoo	4-1	10-6
Hope	4-1	11-5
Alma	3-3	11-6
Adrian	2-4	5-10
SAINT MARY'S	2-3	6-9
Tri-State	0-6	3-9
Olivet	0-7	2-11

## MLB



Mets manager Willie Randolph, center, escorts Rachel Robinson, left, widow of Jackie Robinson, and Robinson's daughter Sharon, right, after a ceremony celebrating Jackie Robinson Day at Shea Stadium in New York Tuesday.

## MLB celebrates Jackie Robinson Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rachel Robinson walked past cheering construction workers and into the Jackie Robinson Rotunda for the first time, stood on a balcony above the 160-foot wide floor and was awed as she gazed at the 70-foot high arches.

"It's like walking into a cathedral in a way," she said. "I love St. Peter's in Rome, but I don't know if I can compare this to St. Peter's."

On the 61st anniversary of the day her husband broke major league baseball's color barrier, more than 330 players, managers

and coaches — including nine entire teams — wore Jackie Robinson's No. 42 to celebrate the Hall of Famer's accomplishments. The center of the celebration was at Citi Field, the New York Mets' \$800 million ballpark under construction adjacent to Shea Stadium.

The Mets unveiled designs for the rotunda, which will contain eight huge pictures of Robinson and have an 8-foot statue of his number in Dodger blue. It will be the central entrance for the ballpark, which opens in 2009, and the Mets estimate 30,000 fans per game will pass through.

"People will say: 'I'll meet you at 42.' Everybody will know where that is," Mets owner Fred Wilpon said, lovingly putting his hand on the back of Rachel Robinson, still spry at age 85.

But even as her husband's legacy was being memorialized in stone, brick and terrazzo, a study was released that said blacks made up only 8.2 percent of major league players last year, down from 8.4 percent in 2006 and the lowest level in more than two decades. The figure was 19 percent as recently as 1995 according to Richard Lapchick of the University of Central Florida's Institute for

Diversity and Ethics in Sports.

"I'm very disappointed by that fact," Robinson said. "Competition from other sports is certainly a big factor but there are many factors. We've got to work on it in terms of getting younger children playing, into the game, and getting communities behind the programs."

Robinson also announced the Jackie Robinson Foundation will open a Jackie Robinson Museum in the Tribeca section of Lower Manhattan and that half of the \$25 million cost has been raised for the museum, projected to open in 2010.

## IN BRIEF

### Thome fined for actions, suspended for one game

NEW YORK — Jim Thome of the Chicago White Sox was suspended for one game Tuesday and fined an undisclosed sum by Major League Baseball for "inappropriate actions" during a game against Detroit last week. He was ejected for arguing a call after he struck out.

Thome said he would not appeal and would serve his suspension Tuesday, when the White Sox were home against Oakland. He said he was due for a day off anyway.

"You get caught up in the situation, emotions. No grudges, you move on," Thome said in the clubhouse before the game against the A's.

Thome was ejected in the fifth inning last Friday following a third-strike call by plate umpire James Hoyer. Replays showed the 3-2 pitch borderline low.

### Jones seeks trade, holds off on application

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Pacman Jones said Tuesday he's delayed filing for reinstatement with the NFL until a possible trade is worked out.

Jones told the Michael Irvin Show on ESPN Radio that he had planned to seek reinstatement but changed his mind for now.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Jones for the 2007 season for his off-field conduct, which includes six arrests since being drafted. Goodell rejected appeals to let Jones take part in training camp or return after 10 games.

The suspension does not stop the Titans from trading Jones' contract.

"I was going to file for reinstatement, but I didn't," Jones said. "I want the situation to work out, if it be a trade or if it don't be a trade and I go back to Tennessee, before I file for reinstatement with the commissioner."

### Freshman Rose leaves Memphis, declares for Draft

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis freshman Derrick Rose announced he was jumping to the NBA Tuesday, the same day coach John Calipari agreed in principle to a contract extension with the school.

Rose capped his spectacular first season by leading Memphis to the national championship game, where they lost to Kansas in overtime.

The 6-foot-3 guard from Chicago averaged 20.8 points in six NCAA tournament games and will likely be taken with one of the top picks in the draft.

Terms of Calipari's deal have not been finalized.

Rose, who helped Memphis to an NCAA Division I record 38 victories last season, said he enjoyed his year in college but is ready to make the leap to the NBA.

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## MLB

# Danks earns first win in 12 starts for White Sox

*Angels rally to beat struggling Rangers*

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Given how much time had passed, it figured that John Danks would have trouble remembering his previous win.

"I think it was in June sometime," he said.

Almost. Mid-July was the correct answer.

Danks celebrated his 23rd birthday with his first win in 12 starts, taking a shutout into the eighth inning to lead the Chicago White Sox past the Oakland Athletics 4-1 Tuesday for a two-game split.

Chicago just missed its third shutout in four games, and this performance came against a team that entered with the American League's best record. The Athletics won six of their first seven on this eight-game road trip, but they couldn't touch Danks after beating Mark Buehrle 2-1 on Monday.

Carlos Quentin hit a three-run homer in the fourth, and that was enough to make the left-hander a winner for the first time since he beat Cleveland on July 16.

Danks (1-1) left to a standing ovation and tipped his cap after Travis Buck singled with two outs in the eighth. He held the Athletics to five singles while striking out four and walking two, lowering his ERA from 8.00 to 4.32 even though he didn't think he had his best stuff. What he had, though, was a big improvement over his previous outing, when he got knocked out in the third against Minnesota.

"You know, last year if I felt like I did today I probably wouldn't have made it out of the third or fourth inning," Danks said. "I would have tried to overthrow. Today I didn't feel like I had the best stuff I've had but I just kind of went out there with the best stuff I had and kind of went on from there. I don't know. I feel like I'm taking those steps forward and growing."

Bobby Jenks came on with runners at first and third in the ninth after Scott Linebrink walked Daric Barton and allowed a single to Mike Sweeney. Jenks threw two pitches, resulting in a sacrifice fly for Emil Brown and double-play grounder by Bobby Crosby, for his fifth save in five opportunities.

Oakland's Dana Eveland (1-1) had a tough time gripping the ball on a dry but windy afternoon, allowing four runs — three earned — in 4 2-3 innings. He walked three, struck out two and hit two batters with pitches after allowing a total of one run in his first two starts against Cleveland and Toronto.

"I started trying to force it and started to lose my mechanics because of it," Eveland said. "I started flying open a bit and drifting. I just got out of whack and could never really get back on track after that long fourth inning."

Eveland started having control problems when he plunked Nick Swisher in the right shin with two outs in the third, threw a wild pitch and walked Orlando Cabrera before getting out of trouble. Eveland then hit Paul Konerko leading off the fourth and walked Joe Crede before Quentin, in a 2-for-17 skid,

turned on a belt-high fastball. He flipped his bat and watched as the ball sailed deep into the left-field seats, his second homer giving the White Sox a 3-0 lead.

"I'm trying to get more consistent," Quentin said. "I'm trying not to give away at-bats. I feel like I'm doing all right doing that."

Crede chased Eveland in the fifth with a single that drove in Jermaine Dye, who had singled and advanced to second on a throwing error by third baseman Donnie Murphy.

The White Sox were without Jim Thome, who was fined and suspended for one game for vehemently arguing a called third strike during a game against Detroit last week. He decided to serve his punishment rather than appeal in part because he was not scheduled to play, anyway.

## Angels 7, Rangers 4

Gary Matthews Jr. snapped out of a slump with a tiebreaking, three-run double, and the Los Angeles Angels rallied to beat Texas Tuesday as the Rangers ended their first homestand of the season with their fifth straight loss.

Matthews was in a 3-for-27 slide before his double to left-center in the sixth inning off Josh Rupe (0-1) broke a 4-all tie.

Rupe took over to start the sixth for Kevin Millwood, who left after 70 pitches due to a bruised left shin sustained when he was hit by a batted ball in the second. The Rangers said Millwood came out because his leg started to stiffen up on him. The problem didn't appear to be serious.

Rupe walked two batters and allowed a single, with a sacrifice bunt in between, before Matthews cleared the bases.

Darren Oliver (1-0), like Matthews a former Ranger, threw 2 2-3 scoreless innings in relief of starter Dustin Moseley. Francisco Rodriguez worked the ninth, overcoming two walks for his fifth save in six chances.

There was no indication that Millwood was hurt after a ball hit by Maicer Izturis ricocheted off the pitcher's left leg and rolled to first base, where Ben Broussard picked it up and tagged the bag for an easy out. Millwood was even smiling when manager Ron Washington came out to check on him.

Millwood was also hit on the throwing hand by a batted ball, when he reached up attempting to grab a ball in the fourth that turned into a groundout. That play came between a single by Garrett Anderson and Casey Kotchman's two-run homer.

Millwood then snagged another comebacker by Izturis for an out before allowing three straight singles, the last by Chone Figgins driving in a run. Vladimir Guerrero and Anderson had consecutive doubles in the fifth to tie the game at 4.

The Rangers finished their first homestand 2-6, sweeping a doubleheader from Baltimore for their only victories. They were swept in a three-game set by Toronto and lost both games in the short set against the Angels, who dropped two of three to Texas in their first homestand.



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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## IU's Senderoff hired at Kent St.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rob Senderoff can't change his past or what happened at Indiana. He's only looking forward.

Senderoff, involved in a phone-call scandal that led to Kelvin Sampson's resignation and NCAA scrutiny at Indiana, was hired Tuesday as an assistant at Kent State, returning to the school where he spent four years before joining Sampson's staff.

"I couldn't be happier to be back," Senderoff said.

Last October, Senderoff resigned from his job with the Hoosiers amid a university investigation that he broke NCAA rules by making illegal phone calls to recruits. The investigation led to Sampson accepting a \$750,000 buyout in February.

Months after Senderoff stepped down voluntarily at Indiana, an NCAA report said Sampson and he knowingly participated in three-way calls with at least three recruits. The report said Senderoff initiated those calls.

The Feb. 8 NCAA report accused Senderoff of providing "false or misleading information" to the NCAA and fail-

ing to abide by its expected ethical standards for honesty.

"I've learned a lot from my mistakes," Senderoff said, "and I'm looking forward to moving on to the next chapter."

Indiana will have a hearing in front of the NCAA's infractions committee in June, and Senderoff said he will take part. Sampson and IU officials will also be present.

"I hope it closes the book on it," he said. "Whatever the NCAA says, I will follow. I was here (at Kent State) for four years and I never had a problem and always abided by the NCAA rules compliance. ... I'm not going to say I didn't do anything wrong. I've learned from my mistakes."

Last season was the first time in 13 years that Senderoff wasn't coaching. He missed it terribly, and is looking forward to being back in the gym and on the bench.

Senderoff previously worked at Kent State from 2002-06, when he was hired by Sampson. He'll be an assistant under Geno Ford, who recently took over the Golden Flashes after Jim Christian left for TCU. Ford and Senderoff worked on Christian's staff together.

Kent State athletic director Laing Kennedy said Senderoff will be involved in recruiting and is under no restrictions. Kennedy said he and Kent State officials reviewed Senderoff's past before deciding to bring him back to the Mid-American Conference school.

"We wouldn't have moved forward if we didn't feel good about it," Kennedy said. "Rob is an excellent coach and we're excited about what this will mean for our student athletes."

Senderoff was grateful for the chance to restart his coaching career.

"I'm coming back to a place where everybody knows who I am," he said. "I can't wait to get started and to work with Geno again."

Kent State has become one of college basketball's elite mid-major programs in the past decade. The school has posted 10 consecutive 20-win seasons and has made the NCAA tournament field four times since 2000.

Senderoff began his coaching career at Albany before becoming a graduate assistant at Miami of Ohio from 1995-97. He also worked at Fordham, Yale and Towson before coming to Kent State.

## SMC TENNIS

## Belles stay hot in win over Bethel

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (7-9) grabbed its seventh win of the season yesterday, 7-2 at home against cross-town rival Bethel College (10-5).

"It's always nice to beat a cross-town rival," Belles coach Chuck Rubino said. "We played excellent doubles, which really got us going. And in singles, Laura [Arnold] made a nice comeback after losing her first match and winning the tie-breaker."

The Belles kept up the momentum from their 8-1 win over Tri-State this past weekend as they swept the doubles division. Leading Saint Mary's was the No. 1 duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who defeated Bethel's Bree Oles and Jade Walus 8-2. Gebert and Hurley move their record to 8-8, 4-1 MIAA. No. 2 pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed made up for their loss this past weekend as they defeated Sherra Milender and Lindsey Dixon 8-3, putting them at 6-8 as a pair. At No. 3 doubles were freshmen Jessica Camp and Franca Peluso, winning 8-5 over Carrie Edison and Serena Frey for their second match as a pair, moving them to 1-1.

"Our doubles were really strong today," Hurley said.

"They have improved a lot over the course of the season."

Saint Mary's strength continued in its singles matches as the team won four of the six matches. No. 1 Gebert defeated Oles 6-0 in one match before Oles dropped out of competition for the day. Gebert moves her record to 8-8. No. 2 Hurley won her fourteenth match of the season in her 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Walus, putting her at 14-2. At No. 3 singles, Reed lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edison, moving her to 7-8. No. 4 Jessica Kosinski was defeated as well for Saint Mary's, losing 7-6, 6-1 to Milender, putting her at 6-9. No. 5 Rubino beat Julia Horn 6-4, 6-2 for her seventh victory of the season, moving her to 7-8. Freshman Laura Arnold won at No. 6 singles over Frey in a 10-8 tie-breaking third match after losing the first match 6-2 and winning the second 6-2.

"I think this win will boost our confidence for the upcoming matches," Hurley said. "We're playing really competitive teams, and this win will help."

Rubino outlined the goal for his team's next matches very simply.

"We need to keep our momentum going," she said.

Next up for Saint Mary's is a home match against conference foe Adrian at 3:00 p.m. Thursday.

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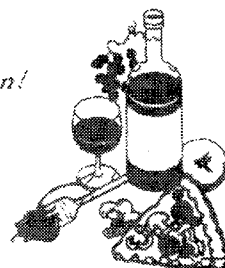
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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Laxers out for revenge against Commodores



Senior attack Caitlin McKinney takes the ball upfield in Notre Dame's 22-10 win over Canisius on Feb. 15.

WU YUE/The Observer

By ANDY ZICCARELLI  
Sports Writer

Forgive the Irish if they experience a bit of déjà vu.

At this time last season, Notre Dame was sporting a 10-3 record, a spot in the national rankings and was coming off of a win over No. 9 Georgetown. But a loss to Vanderbilt in their next game was the beginning of the end for the Irish, coach Tracy Coyne said.

"That was the beginning of the three-game slide for us last year," Coyne said. "We went to Vanderbilt and lost. They were really fired up for the game."

Fast forward to this season, as the Irish (10-4, 3-1 Big East) currently hold the No. 10 spot in the national polls. They are coming off of a win over Georgetown, this first in the program's history in Washington, D.C., and the same Vanderbilt team stands in their way this year. This time, Coyne thinks her team has the makeup to defeat the Commodores.

"It is really an important game," Coyne said. "Our goal is not off in the distance, it is right there. I think that we are really focused, especially after the disappointment of last year. We are in the exact same situation we were in last season, except now we have the knowledge of what we did last year."

Coyne has said all season that the team's goal is to win

the Big East conference and make a run toward the national championship. A win on Wednesday would go a long way toward those goals.

The Irish come into Wednesday's game riding a wave of momentum. After falling to No. 1 Northwestern last Wednesday, 16-2, the Irish closed out their five-game road trip at Georgetown, a place where the Irish had never won in program history. Thanks to a great team performance, the Irish were able to break their streak and notch a historic 10-8 win. The win closed out the road trip which saw the Irish go 4-1 and beat two top-10 teams. Coyne was quick to mention the defense as a reason for the success.

"I think the defensive unit gave huge performances in the big wins at Duke and Georgetown," Coyne said. "We have relied on the attack in other games, but the defense really set themselves apart on the road trip."

The stellar play of the defense is a welcomed sign for the Irish, who relied on their potent offense earlier in the season, but now seem to be coming together for the stretch run. Also important was the atmosphere in which the game was played, one which Coyne called a "championship atmosphere."

The Irish will take on the Commodores at home on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Mourning Belles win two

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (16-7, 6-2 MIAA) won two games Tuesday, but suffered an important loss Sunday.

Assistant coach Don Miller passed away Sunday night. A doubleheader originally scheduled for today will be played Friday so the team can attend the visitation tonight and the funeral Thursday morning.

On Tuesday night, the team swept a doubleheader at Albion, which had been postponed from Saturday due to bad weather.

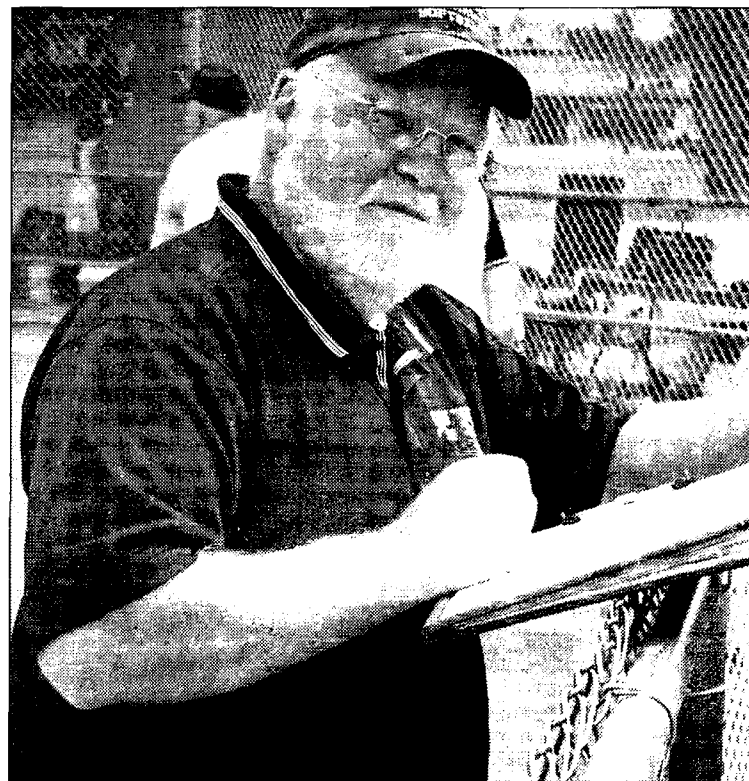
"The most important thing we did was step up to honor our late coach," head coach Erin Sullivan said. "He was such a huge part of our program, and we thought two wins would be a fitting tribute to the softball excellence he helped create."

The Belles won the first game with a score 5-2. The team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after the third inning, and never relinquished it.

Sophomore Ashley Peterson, the Belles' most consistent offensive player, went 4-for-4 with three doubles and a home run. Junior Calli Davison pitched all seven innings, bringing her record to 8-6.

"Calli had a great day pitching, and our outfield made some fantastic plays," Sullivan said of game one.

In game two, the Belles



Observer File Photo

Former Saint Mary's assistant coach Don Miller takes notes during a Belles game earlier in the season. Miller died Sunday.

eked out a 7-6 win in extra innings. The Belles scored three runs in the third inning to take an early 3-1 lead, but the Britons tied it 4-4 in the seventh frame.

"[The Britons] were full of energy and didn't give up, even after losing game one," said Sullivan.

Each team tacked on an extra run in the eighth. The Britons scored one more in the ninth, but the Belles answered with two more in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Maureen Healy

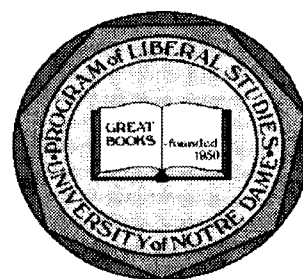
scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Senior McKenna Corrigan pitched the complete game and also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a home run.

The team resumes play with a doubleheader at Hope on Friday, then plays two more doubleheaders over the weekend against Adrian on Saturday and at North Central College Sunday.

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## Toledo

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as a battle tomorrow and go from there."

The reasons behind the win were consistent pitching and manufactured runs once the Irish faced a deficit.

Freshman starting pitcher Cole Johnson didn't quite get the start he wanted as a pair of dribblers to third produced a pair of baserunners to start the game. After sophomore Aaron Dudley hit a sacrifice fly to center, both runners advanced and things looked bleak for the Irish early on with just one out.

Junior Josh Colliver picked up an RBI with a ground out fielder's choice to first base.

With a potential run now 90-feet away, junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes made a play off of an errant bounce on a ground ball saving a run, putting the Rockets up 1-0.

The Irish seemed to mount a threat in the bottom of the third with two outs with a little help from Rockets second baseman Tim Krofcheck. After senior shortstop Brett Lilley walked, sophomore David Mills reached first on an error by Krofcheck on an errant throw. With sophomore A.J. Pollock at the plate, Notre Dame was in prime position to tie the game up. The centerfielder grounded up the middle, but Krofcheck made up for his mistake with a nice grab and then dive to second to get Mills out on a force at second.

The Irish did get their tying run, however in the fourth frame with a one-out rally. After Barnes flied out to right, senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky got a free pass, putting an Irish runner at

first.

Junior first baseman Casey Martin, in the starting lineup because junior Evan Sharpley doesn't face lefties, hit a fly ball that bounced just fair, allowing Brezovsky to reach third on the double.

Sophomore right fielder Billy Boockford hit a sacrifice fly to right field. Senior Dan Sherwood caught the fly and then gunned the ball to home. Brezovsky, with some adept base running, beat out the throw at the plate, knotting the game up at one. Junior starting pitcher Ryan France got out of the inning with a ground out from freshman catcher Cameron McConnell.

Just one frame later, Notre Dame got all the insurance it would need with a three-run inning.

Freshman pitcher Matt Kuna entered the contest for the Rockets to start the inning, and got roughed up in his only inning of work. Freshman third baseman Greg Sherry reached second with a double as his fly ball dropped due to a miscommunication between the Rocket center and right fielders.

Lilley then picked up an RBI single to right, but Sherwood committed an error allowing the senior shortstop to advance to second base.

Mills then executed a sacrifice bunt, moving Lilley over to third. Pollock then walked putting runners on the corners.

The sophomore center fielder took off early, allowing him to reach second on Barnes' RBI fielder's choice that brought in Lilley.

Brezovsky then stepped to the plate and delivered an RBI single to left that allowed Pollock to score from second base. Kuna then closed out the inning with a Boockford

ground out.

Johnson only allowed two more baserunners the entire contest, and was relieved by fellow freshman Brian Dupra in the sixth frame. Johnson finished with five innings pitched, three hits, an unearned run and three strikeouts.

The right-hander took control of the game allowing only a pair of hits in his four innings on the mound.

The Irish added a pair of scores in the seventh, securing the victory. Pollock hit a dribbler to the pitcher but beat it out with his speed. Barnes then doubled off the centerfield wall to bring the sophomore across the plate. After Brezovsky grounded out to second, Barnes advanced to third and Sharpley was intentionally walked, bringing Boockford to the plate.

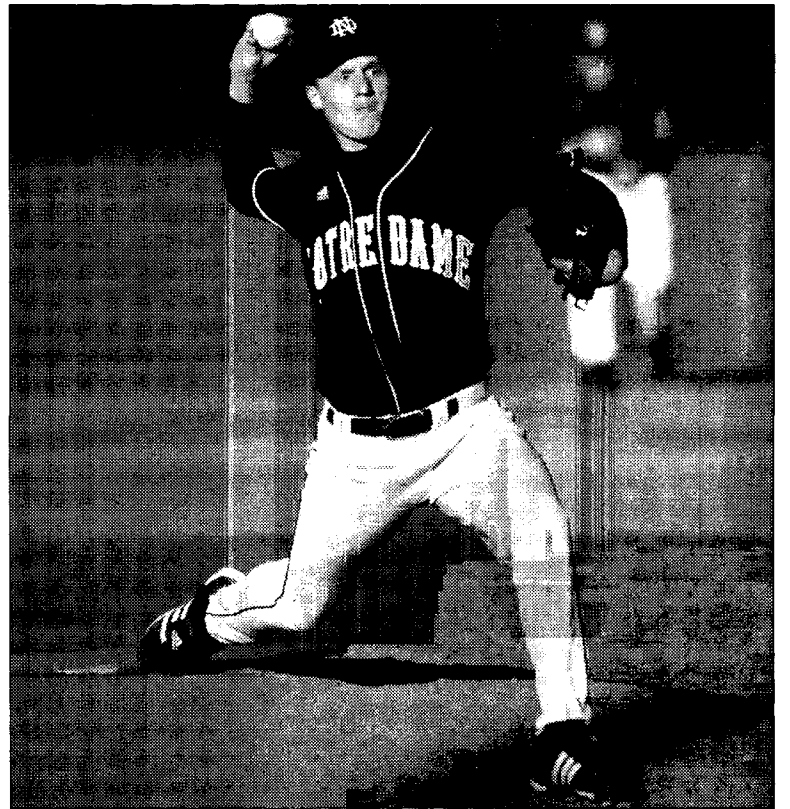
The right fielder hit a sacrifice fly that brought in the last run of the contest and raised the Irish lead to five.

After the contest, Schrage was impressed with the freshmen pitching duo.

"I thought our pitchers did tremendous today," he said. "When you look that we only had [five] hits given up.... It's a good confidence builder hopefully for Dupra. Cole's been pitching really well. It was a perfect day for him to pitch with the wind blowing out, we wanted a sinkerball guy starting. After the first inning I thought he settled in and he did a great job. That's what he's capable of and hopefully that will get him some confidence and get him going."

The Irish return to action today at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago against Northern Illinois at 8 p.m.

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Freshman pitcher Cole Johnson delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Toledo yesterday.

## Huskies

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starts during springtime and spring is a time for renewal. And that's what this is about: renewal," Mathey said. "We haven't had a lot of good weather this year but we're hoping tomorrow night Mother Nature cooperates and we're able to raise a bunch of money for the scholarship fund."

And while Mathey and his team will be part of the healing process tonight, many of them have not fully recovered themselves.

"It's just unbelievable, horrific when you think that something like that can happen and then it happens to you," Mathey said. "A lot of our freshmen were impacted a little more than some of the older guys. Many of them went home because that's where their comfort zone was."

The coach said most of the upperclassmen on the team chose to continue the season, which was delayed by four games because of the tragedy.

"Some of the older guys have got more connections here and they stuck around," Mathey said. "None of the team was directly involved in the incident as far as being in the classroom or being in any of the classrooms near there, and I guess that's the best we as a team could have hoped for."

Still, Mathey said, it was at least ten days after the incident before any of his players began to comprehend what had happened. On February 24, the school held a memorial service for the fallen victims in the Northern Illinois Convocation Center.

"On the Sunday after, there was a vigil and [15,000] people came. It was so touching," Mathey said. "It marked the time when we could finally start healing as a team and as a university."

For Notre Dame's part, Irish coach Dave Schrage spent three seasons as the head coach at Northern Illinois. Schrage said he was stunned by the tragedy and asked longtime friend Mathey if there was any type of aid Notre Dame could give his former school.

"I was there as a coach for three years and the shootings occurred in the building that was right across the street from my office," Schrage said. "I just called [Mathey] to make

sure everything was okay. I just asked, 'Hey, is there anything we can do to raise money for this group'. And we came to an agreement to play a game."

And while it is just a game, both coaches agree that tonight will be extremely emotional for those close to the victims.

"It's going to be a tough night for the families," Schrage said. "I'm not sure how many are coming or what but hopefully we can make some money for them."

Mathey said Notre Dame and the White Sox were instrumental in planning tonight's contest.

"Notre Dame has been simply outstanding throughout this whole thing," Mathey said. "Coach Schrage and [Irish assistant coach Scott] Lawler and the [Notre Dame] administration were so great in helping us out."

The teams hope to draw a big crowd from the Chicago area for the matchup.

"From what I understand, Notre Dame has a pretty big following from the Chicagoland area," Mathey said. "I'll be interested to see how much red and how much green there is in the crowd."

Schrage, who grew up near Chicago, echoed Mathey's sentiments.

"We got a great alumni group [around Chicago]. Hopefully we can get some of our fan base and we could do something like this every year," Schrage said.

After defeating Toledo 6-1 Tuesday, Notre Dame takes a nine-game winning streak and a 22-9-1 record into the contest. Meanwhile, Northern Illinois moved to 13-16 with a win over Akron Sunday.

"We want to go out and just hopefully give Notre Dame a good ballgame," Mathey said.

But Schrage said the game will not be as lopsided as the teams' records might indicate.

"That will be a World Series-type [atmosphere] for both teams playing in a pro ballpark," Schrage said. "The emotions will be high. We come in on a streak but I'm sure [the Huskies] will play really well."

And might Northern Illinois have some type of intervention beyond the baseball element of the game on its side?

"Well, that doesn't usually happen against Notre Dame," Mathey laughed. "But we'll see."

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other hand started off ice-cold, and were only able to heat up later in the game. The cold night seemed to affect both of the team's shooting as the first half took almost 45 minutes by itself.

However, in the second half, both teams were able to pick up the scoring as well as their intensity. Despite being down 11-9, Haranbody's Offspring was able to make a comeback and held a 20-18 lead with the ball and a chance to win the game. The ball was stolen, however, and To Catch A Predator capitalized, with Tim Wallace hitting a jumper. Wallace hit two more shots after tough defensive stands by To Catch A Predator, and they took a 21-20 lead.

Haranbody's Offspring tried to bring the ball down the court to extend the game a little bit longer, but Mike Manny made a great play on the ball, and forced a steal. He then passed to Tim Long who hit a jumper from the free throw line to win the game.

To Catch A Predator was propelled by Tim Wallace who had 13 of his team's 22 points as well as Mike Manny who played excellent defense all game long while contributing four points.

### No. 15 The Dark Knights ... and Nate 21, No. 18 Engineering Giants 12

The Engineering Giants jumped out to an early first half lead by utilizing their height effectively. They also were helped out by the wind, which impacted some shots from The Dark Knights ... and Nate, but the determined 15-seed went on a little run to take an 11-

9 halftime lead.

The second half opened with three straight buckets from The Knights, who were on their way to dominating the last 20 minutes of the game. Shots from senior captain Milo Dodson were key in the victory.

"The wind played a good factor in [our shots], but we kind of just had to adjust our game to take lay-ups as opposed to just taking jumpers," Dodson said. "We also got offensive rebounds and put-backs by [senior] Nate [Prochaska]. He definitely carried us down-low as well as [senior] Leo [Ferrine] getting easy lay-ups and just playing physical."

The Knights' defense was also integral to their win.

"First, [The Dark Knights ... and Nate] were in a zone [in the first half], and so we were able to get more open looks," said captain Mike Crocker, a computer engineering graduate student of the Engineering Giants. "Then they switched to man-to-man, and they play a tough man-to-man. That was probably the biggest difference — that, and in the second half, we just did not shoot as well."

Crocker said the reason for his team's loss was simple.

"We had to play very well to win, and we didn't play as well as we needed to," he said.

### No. 10 The Delivery Boys 21, No. 23 Muhammad Ali Enterprises 8

Freshman David Rudy put up 10 baskets for The Delivery Boys in a dominating victory over Muhammad Ali Enterprises. The Delivery Boys scored quickly on the fast break and were never down in a match-up that is certain to go down as one of the fastest games played in the round of 32.

Lay-up after lay-up fell for Rudy

and the rest of The Delivery Boys as they jumped to an 11-2 halftime lead by running their opponents off the court. After the break, Muhammad Ali Enterprises lost their focus and began chucking half-court shots including one made by junior Asaph Schwapp.

"We need to work on our dunking, but I think we'll have a lot tougher competition coming up," junior captain Kevin Kelly of The Delivery Boys said.

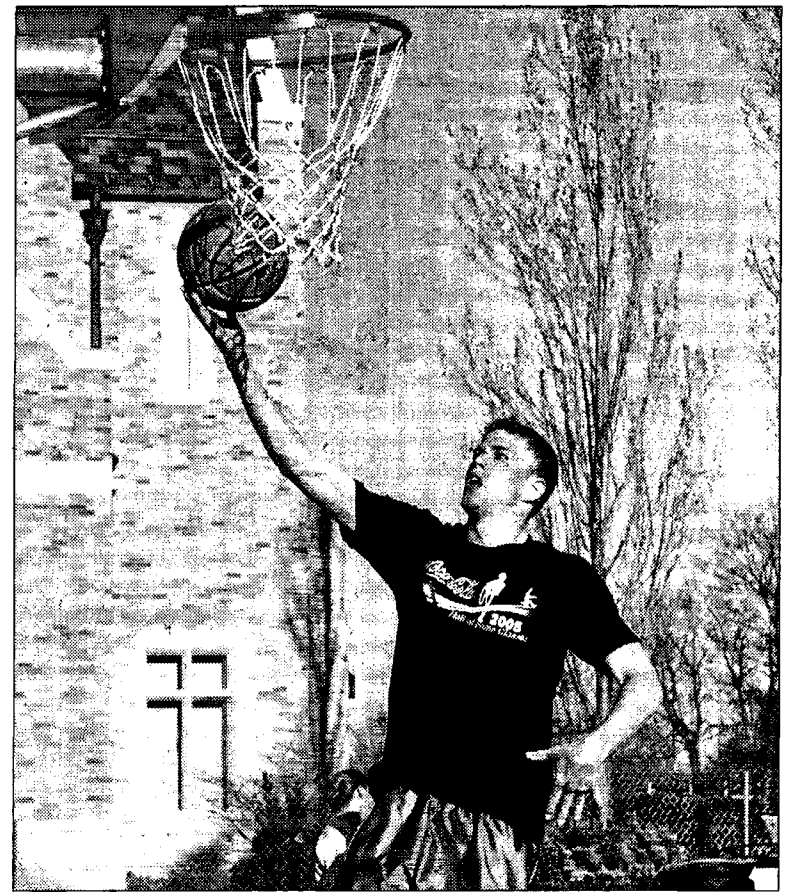
"We didn't condition too much in any of our practices," Muhammad Ali Enterprises captain Kevin Washington said. "We had about two of them, and they consisted of NCAA [Basketball video games]. We were practicing on game sticks. Those plays didn't work out too well for us. The other team just ran up and down the court, and we couldn't hang with them."

### No. 11 Mathletes 21, No. 22 I Can't Believe We're So Butter...SPRAY! 14

This contest started off on a slow pace as baskets were not dropping for either team until the Mathletes exploded from a 3-2 score to an 11-4 halftime lead.

"In the first half, we were getting good looks, and we just couldn't convert," I Can't Believe We're So Butter...SPRAY! captain Rick Loesing said. "They were using their athleticism, and they were pushing the ball on us pretty well. We were playing good defense, but they were converting on their shots. We just couldn't hit ours."

The No. 22 seed came out of halftime poised to make a comeback. At first, it seemed like the Mathletes could not put I Can't Believe We're So Butter...SPRAY! away in a game that got immediately more competitive. Loesing



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The Juice's junior Rich Wallach lays one in during his team's win over Strictly Business yesterday.

and junior Pete Leonard buried some nice jumpers from the backcourt, and senior Fritz Shadley played well on the inside.

But it was too little, too late as the teams were trading buckets down the stretch.

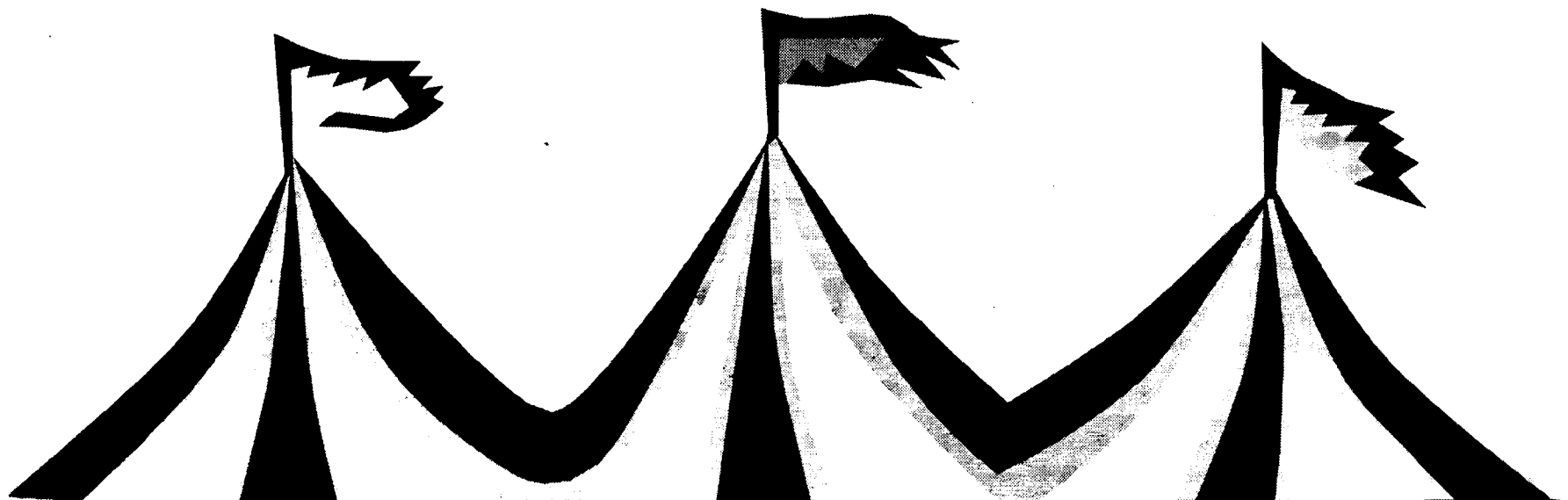
"They were a really good team — definitely our closest game yet," Mathletes captain Peter Kelly said. "We're just really a strong group. We complement each other pretty well. Camouflage was tough to see, but I caught him sometimes."

Loesing was resigned about the

loss.

"We started getting warmed up at the end of the first half, and then we started feeling good in the second half," Loesing said. "We kept getting open looks, and we just starting converting. [However], at that point, it was too late. They were still shooting well, and by that time, it was over."

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## BASEBALL

# On cloud nine

*ND wins ninth straight on the arms of freshmen pitchers Johnson, Dupra*

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Chalk up another one in the win column for Notre Dame.

The Irish (22-9-1, 10-2 Big East) made it nine in a row and 15 of their last 17 with a 6-1 win over the Toledo Rockets Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

When asked about the mood in the clubhouse during the winning streak, Irish coach Dave Schrage played with the superstitious stigma embedded within baseball.

"Shhhh," he joked, mocking the mention of the winning streak. "We're just a confident group right now. We really are. We're playing well. We're not looking too far ahead. We're just taking it slow. It's an old cliché, but we've got a game tomorrow to play and we're going to take that

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Senior shortstop Brett Lilley takes off from the batter's box after a hit during Notre Dame's 6-1 home victory over Toledo yesterday.

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*Notre Dame to take on Northern Illinois at U.S. Cellular Field for charity*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Associate Sports Editor

On Feb. 14, the latest in a series of shootings on college campuses occurred at Northern Illinois. A gunman opened fire in a full classroom and six of the 22 students shot in the incident died.

Notre Dame will face off against Northern Illinois tonight at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, in a benefit for the NIU February 14 Scholarship Fund. The foundation will distribute scholarships to deserving students in the name of the victims of the shooting.

So what, one might ask, can a baseball game played two months after such a tragedy do to help heal the still-raw wounds of those involved?

A lot, according to Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey.

"The hook about baseball is it

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## SOFTBALL

# Irish strike out 13 times, manage one hit in shutout loss

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offense got off to a good enough start at No. 13 Northwestern Tuesday night, when junior third baseman Linda Kohan ripped a two-out single in the first inning. Unfortunately for the Irish, they didn't get much else after that.

Wildcat pitcher Lauren Delaney didn't allow a hit after the first inning, and struck out 13 in a 5-0 Northwestern victory. The Wildcats improved to 24-10 on the season, while Notre

Dame fell to 26-13 (7-3 Big East).

Even though the Irish came into the game unranked, and Northwestern was ranked in the top 15 nationally, Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said her team expected to win.

"[The ranking] doesn't matter," Gumpf said. "We came to play."

Delaney and Irish pitcher Brittney Bargar were locked in a 0-0 duel until Northwestern came to bat in the bottom of the fourth inning. Junior shortstop Tammy Williams started the inning off with a single. She stole

second on the following play, and the Wildcat rally was on. Two walks, a single and a double later, Northwestern had a five-run lead — more than enough for Delaney.

The Wildcats batted around in that inning, with sophomore outfield Kelly Dyer and sophomore designated hitter Emily Haug each having two-RBI knocks.

The Irish went down in order in the remaining innings, unable to muster any sort of comeback.

"This whole game came down to one inning," Gumpf said. "We didn't respond well at all."

Bargar fell to 20-8 with the

loss. The Corona, Calif., native gave up five earned runs and struck out five in four innings of work. Freshman Jody Valdivia relieved Bargar after the fourth, and pitched two innings, giving up two hits, and striking out two.

"Other than that inning I think they both pitched really well," Gumpf said.

Gumpf said that Notre Dame's problems on offense all had to do with controlling the flow of the game.

"We were swinging at bad pitches," Gumpf said. "We were letting the pitcher control the

game instead of us swinging at the right pitches and having the hitters control the game."

For now, Gumpf and her team are putting their loss behind them and just concentrating on their next game — a 4 p.m. matchup today against Wisconsin at Melissa Cook Stadium.

"There's a lot of things we're going to be working on [in practice]," Gumpf said. "But we have to focus right now on what we're going to do to beat Wisconsin."

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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

# The Juice down football coach Brown's team

By PETER REISENAUER and PAT O'BRIEN  
Sports Writers

In a game that featured multiple runs by both teams, The Juice was able to pull away from Strictly Business 21-19. Neither team was ever able to mount more than a three-point lead throughout the game.

The teams each started out using tough defenses that both offenses had trouble adjusting to, until they both started to make their outside shots. Strictly Business, led by Irish linebacker Kerry Neal, who was able to score the first four points for his team, and score nine of his team's 19 points overall.

It seemed at the beginning of the game that Strictly Business would be able to run away with the game, when they pulled out to the early 4-1 lead, but The Juice methodically picked away at the lead, and was able to take a 9-8 lead. The score at halftime was Strictly Business leading 11-10.

The Juice came out firing in the second half and took a 14-11 lead. Strictly Business mounted a comeback, however, scoring the next five points. The game of runs continued with the next four points coming from The Juice. The Juice finished Strictly Business off after they let them crawl to within 20-19.

The Juice was led by Mike Bednarczyk who scored nine points for his team, while also

scoring the last two points of the game. Corey Fitzpatrick was also instrumental in his team's victory pulling down multiple rebounds and blocking a couple of shots as Strictly Business tried to pull even.

### To Catch a Predator vs. Haranbody's Offspring

In a match-up that featured an incredibly slow start and an exhilarating finish, To Catch A Predator was able to come out on top of Haranbody's Offspring 22-20.

The game started out with To Catch A Predator hitting four of its first six shots but being unable to score for a while after that. Haranbody's Offspring, on the



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Corwin Brown eyes the basket as senior Corey Fitzpatrick defends during a bookstore basketball game yesterday.

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