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Reish gives last State of Union address

Improvement of student body-student gov't. relations emphasized

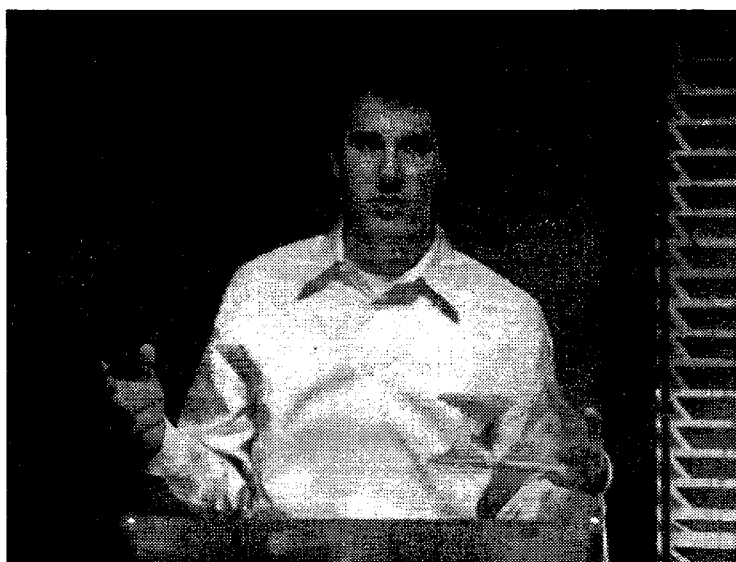
By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Student body president Bob Reish said improving the relationship between students and their representatives in student government was a central focus and an accomplishment of his term in office during his final State of the Student Union address to Student Senate Wednesday.

Reish will step down from his position on April 1, and student body president-elect Grant Schmidt will fill the role.

Although the student body president generally delivers the final State of the Student Union in February, Reish said he preferred

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Student body president Bob Reish gestures during his last state of the student union address.

Coalition condemns Obama's invitation

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

A coalition of student groups formed an ad hoc committee to "lead student response" in condemning the University's invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver Notre Dame's 2009 Commencement address, according to a press release.

The coalition — including Notre Dame Right to Life, Notre Dame College Republicans, the Irish Rover student newspaper and six other campus groups — created a Web site, ndresponse.com, and released a formal statement Wednesday denouncing University President Fr. John Jenkin's choice of speaker.

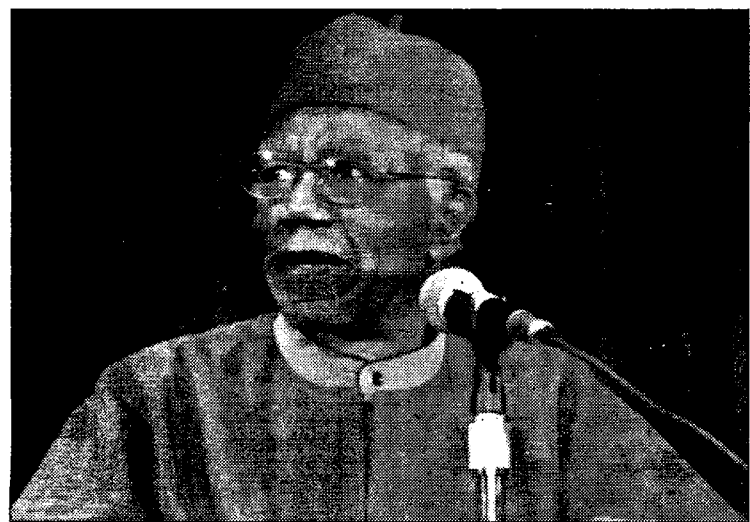
"In response to the University's decision, we pledge ourselves to acts of witness that will be characterized by respect, prayerfulness, outspoken fidelity to the Church and true concern for the good of our University," the statement said of the coalition's purpose.

Although outside religious and pro-life groups have been outspoken against the University, this coalition is the first formal student response.

But several Facebook groups have sprung up with the purpose of garnering support for Jenkins' decision. The largest group, titled "We will be honored to have President Obama at Notre Dame," claims 3,453 members

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Author explains humans' relation to God



AP
Novelist and poet Chinua Achebe speaks about Igbo tribe's understanding of human beings on Wednesday.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Human beings cannot be understood without understanding their relationship with God, according to Igbo novelist and poet Chinua Achebe, who delivered his second lecture of a three-part series titled "The Igbo and their Perception of God, Human Beings and Creation" Wednesday.

"Chi [the creator] gives each one of us a meaning," Achebe, the author of the 1958 novel "Things Fall Apart," said.

It is impossible to generalize the relationship between God and humans, according to Achebe. "God reveals himself in

as many ways as there are us," he said.

The personal nature of religion manifests itself in the blending of Christianity with traditional Igbo religion, according to Achebe, who added a Christian conclusion to a traditional prayer.

"It's something that is happening in Nigeria in the Igbo language," Achebe said. "Some people don't like it—they think their religions and their prayers should stand apart."

"But there's no point in making rules," Achebe continued. "It's people who make prayers."

The primary Igbo deity, Chukwu, whose name literally means "Great Creator," is the

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Econ prof dies at 73

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Charles Craypo, professor emeritus of economics at Notre Dame, died Sunday, March 22. He was 73. A private memorial service was held on March 24.

Craypo was the former chair of the department of economics and the first director of the Higgins Labor Studies Program on campus.

Current department chair Professor Jennifer Warlick called Craypo's death "an enormous loss for the department."

"He was a wonderful role model," Warlick said. "He walks the talk in terms of working for social justice. In particular he worked very hard for the rights of working people."

A native of Jackson, Mich., Craypo joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1978 as an associate professor of economics. After leaving to teach at Cornell University in 1982, he returned to Notre Dame in 1984 when he became the department chair.

In 1993, he became the director of the Higgins Labor Studies Program, which supports research, teaching, discussion and publication on political theory of labor and the economy.

Frank Connolly, a professor of mathematics and longtime friend of Craypo's, said that Craypo "never forgot where he came from."

"He had a real sense of loyalty to the blue collar people of Michigan that he grew up with, and in his work he tried to work for them," Connolly said.

"He tried always to remind people

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Campus sponsors 'PostSecret,' Irish style

Anonymous messages of students' troubles to be displayed for mental health awareness

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

If you have checked your mailbox lately, you probably received a postcard blank on one side except for the words "Write it down ..."

These postcards were part of Notre Dame's first "PostSecret" event: Students have the opportunity to mail secrets or personal troubles to be published anonymously.

Spencer Howard, a co-founder of Notre Dame's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) that helped to sponsor the event, said the group's goal was to raise awareness and advocate for better mental health.

The College Democrats, the

Sophomore Class Council, the Psychology Club and the Senate Social Concerns Committee also helped with sponsorship duties.

"This was a way for student's to get the word out and share their stories of not just mental illness, but anything that's been on their mind," Howard said.

The postcards were filled with thoughts ranging from concern over a mental illness to worries about friends to feelings of panic.

The event had to go through a series of SAO activities as well as print off over 6,000 postcards and fliers to publicize the event.

Dorm mailboxes were stuffed with the postcards, along with a blue slip of paper describing

NAMI's mental health mission.

Although the event targeted students living on campus, students living off campus were welcome to participate in the event.

Howard said his fellow organizers were hopeful that students would share their personal struggles to help build a stronger sense of community and a better support system.

"If they don't have support in the community, dealing with issues for many students is challenging," Howard said. "People will want to talk about it, and others will be able to learn more about it."

NAMI-ND was co-founded this year by Howard and Katie Dunn. Howard said he read a New York Times article in 2006 about the organization as a

whole, and decided to try to start one here.

"NAMI is a national group with state and local chapters," Howard said. "It is an important organization, often referenced by top political figures."

According to NAMI's Web site, the group is "the nation's largest grassroots organization for people with mental illness and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country."

The mission of the Notre Dame chapter is to work toward ending the stigma directed at mental illness on campus through alliance, advocacy and awareness.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Magna Cafeteria

There are many unwritten rules in life — no one should have to tell you, you just know. Correction — most people know, I guess, because from time to time these rules do get broken.

So let's get the unwritten rules of one relevant location down in writing, where they can be broken so often — the dining hall.

1. Do not ever, ever stop or step backwards in the dining hall.

This rule mostly applies during peak hours, but really all the time. Common sense says that when everyone

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is carrying a tray in front of them, and you move backwards, you're probably going to hit someone's tray. Then if the person behind you doesn't have cat-like reflexes, food and silverware will go flying, and it creates a situation more awkward than watching American Pie with your grandparents.

2. Do not talk on your cell phone and try and get food at the same time. Judging from every time I've seen this attempted, it is not possible. You need a hand for your tray and a hand to get any food, so I'm having a hard time where this secret phone hand is supposed to come from. Anyways, no one in line behind you should be subjected to your conversation about that guy that spilled your beer at Fever, its not a big deal.

3. Don't invade people's space. If you have a lot of people eating with you, way to go, you're more popular than weed at a Pink Floyd laser show. Just don't sit down at a table with people already there, and make them feel bad or move because you suddenly can't fit all your buddies.

4. Do not ever take more than two cups. Three is just too many.

5. Do not try and be Rachael Ray. You do not have to travel the entire circumference of the dining hall in order to find something to eat. What's in the home-style section? Shocker buddy, it's the same thing that's there everyday, bad burgers and hot dogs and a lot of grilled cheese and some fries. It's like when parents are at the dining hall after football games, except worse because you should know what's where. Stevie Wonder could get his food faster than you.

6. Say hi to the people that work at the dining hall. Most everyone does this, but really, they're ridiculously nice people and the opportunity to talk and be around you is the reason they're here and not being a greeter at Wal-Mart (or maybe the economy, but roll with it). Seriously, they love students more than they love the Weather Channel. And damn, do old people love to talk about the weather.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER?



Josh Espinoza
sophomore
Knott Hall

"Ironman."



Andy Hills
freshman
Carroll Hall

"Merlin."



Jon Rivard
freshman
Carroll Hall

"Matthew McConaughey, no homo."



Larissa Nez
sophomore
Pangborn

"Flava Flav."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



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Students paint up to support freshman pitcher Steve Sabatino during Notre Dame's baseball game vs. Oakland on Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Mich. baseball park to offer 4,800-calorie burgers

GRAND RAPIDS — Well, at least the salsa is low-cal. The West Michigan Whitecaps, a minor league baseball team, will be offering up major league cholesterol, carbohydrates and calories in an enormous hamburger being added to the menu this year at the Fifth Third Ballpark.

The 4-pound, \$20 burger features five beef patties, five slices of cheese, nearly a cup of chili and liberal doses of salsa and corn chips, all on an 8-inch sesame-seed bun.

That's a lot of dough!

The Grand Rapids Press reports that anyone who eats the entire 4,800-calorie behemoth in one sitting will receive a special T-shirt. Saner fans can divide it up with a pizza cutter and share.

The Midwest League team is a Class A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers.

Women uses a fake ID to buy fake breasts

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Police are seeking a woman they said used a false identity to get breast implants and liposuction, then skipped town.

Huntington Beach police said Monday that a 30-year-old woman opened a line of credit in someone else's name in September 2008 and had the procedures worth more than \$12,000 performed at the Pacific Center For Plastic Surgery.

Employees said she never returned for follow-up visits.

The woman turned herself in Tuesday and was released on \$20,000 bail. She faces charges of commercial burglary, grand theft and identity theft.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture hosted by the Theology department titled "The Igbo and their Perception of God, Human Beings and Creation," will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College of Business. Nigerian novelist and poet Chinua Achebe will deliver the Third Biennial Blessed Pope John XXIII Lecture Series in Theology and Culture. The talk Thursday will focus on "Creation."

The Department of Africana Studies will host a symposium titled "Change, Hope and Expectation: The Obama Presidency in Global Perspective" today at 6:00 p.m. in the Eck Visitors' Center Auditorium. A panel consisting of the Erskine Peters Dissertation Fellows will speak.

The Hawaii Club will be kicking off "Hula Le'a: Celebrating the Evolution of Hula" on Saturday at with a dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The show will start at 6:30 p.m. Costs for students is \$10 at the door.

The Black Cultural Arts Council will present "Fashion Show: Evolution" Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in South Bend. Clothes will be featured from Men's Warehouse, Man Alive, Chi-Town Fashions, Street Stylin', Renee's, Dee, Vanity, Bridal Botique and Chico's. Tickets are \$8 for students.

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Lipstadt examines Holocaust denial

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

New forms of Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism present an increasing challenge, Emory University Professor Deborah Lipstadt said in a lecture at Notre Dame Wednesday night.

Lipstadt, who delivered the 2009 Provost Distinguished Women's Lecture, is a Holocaust scholar and the author of several books about the Holocaust. She is known for discrediting Holocaust denier David Irving in court when he sued for libel in 1996.

Lipstadt spoke about that trial in relation to the larger battle against anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial.

There are two types of Holocaust denial, Lipstadt said. The first, which she called "hardcore denial," denies the very existence of the Holocaust. She defined David Irving as a "hardcore" denier.

The other form of Holocaust denial, or "soft-core" denial, is more difficult to fight against, Lipstadt said. Examples of this type of denier include people who refuse to hear more information about the Holocaust and seek to cancel Holocaust remembrance days, she said.

"You see [softcore denial] accepted by many people who you would think would reject this kind of view, this kind of attitude," she said. "You begin to see this trend, and it's a very disturbing trend."

It is difficult to decide whether to debate Holocaust deniers because doing so gives credence to their arguments, Lipstadt said.

"I, as a principle, do not believe in debating Holocaust

deniers because it is like trying to nail a glob of jelly to the wall," she said. "You cannot debate liars."

During the libel trial, it was important to defeat Irving's arguments, Lipstadt said. Researchers helped her find historical documents to disprove his statements in court.

"How do you fight these people without building them up in importance?" she asked. "The one way I know how to fight is to show the facts."

Lipstadt related Holocaust denial views to new forms of Anti-Semitism, which has increased in recent years. It is most prevalent in Europe, and is more worrisome than it was in the past, she said.

"It is less directed at individual Jews," Lipstadt said. "It is more directed at Jews as a group. And sometimes it can be lethal."

Anti-Semitism is equally as difficult to respond to as Holocaust denial, Lipstadt said.

"When you come to respond to these prejudices you're already in a difficult position," she said.

"You're immediately crediting an irrational sentiment. You're trying to respond to it rationally. You're never going to win."

Lipstadt said that anti-Semitism is like all other kinds of prejudice.

"It's the same thing as fighting racism, sexism, whatever you might be fighting," she said.

It is a nearly impossible task to convince Holocaust deniers of the truth, Lipstadt said. Instead, she said she dedicates her time to spreading facts because she hopes to prevent the expansion of prejudice.

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Deborah Lipstadt
Emory University professor

STUDENT SENATE

Senate reinstates 'Chief of Staff' title

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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Student Senate passed a resolution to amend the constitution of the undergraduate student body to restore the title of Chief of Staff at the last meeting of the term Wednesday.

The position is currently called the Chief Executive Assistant (CEA) and is the number three position in student government, serving under the student body president and vice president.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt officially announced that Ryan Brellenthin, current chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, will take the position of Chief of Staff on April 1.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Brian Coughlin said the title Chief of Staff was changed to Chief Executive Assistant because changes made to the format of student government essentially dis-

solved the staff.

"There wasn't any staff so the name was inappropriate at the time," Coughlin said.

Ian Secviar, chair of the Oversight Committee, which oversees changes to the constitution, said the switch was for practical reasons.

"People usually have a hard time explaining what the CEA is," he said.

Secviar said current chief executive assistant Karen Koski usually referred to the title of Chief of Staff when discussing her job with student government outsiders because the title is more descriptive of the job.

The resolution passed with 25 votes for the amendment, two against and zero abstaining votes. Alumni Hall senator Zach Reuvers and Fisher Hall senator Jon Vu opposed the amendment.

The resolution states that the Chief of Staff will assist the student body president and vice president with daily tasks and committee efforts, attend all Executive Policy

Board meetings and sit on Student Senate, Council of Representatives and the Campus Life Council as a non-voting member.

The Chief of Staff will also be responsible for Student Senate press releases and general publicity, according to the resolution.

In other Senate news:

♦ Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said he has been preparing for the transitions that will occur when he takes his position as student body president on April 1, along with student body vice president-elect Cynthia Weber.

♦ Chair of the Academic Affairs committee Ryan Brellenthin said his committee has been working with professors to obtain ISBN numbers for texts books required for University courses in order to lower the cost of books. He said the project will continue into the next term.

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Lecture discusses Jesus' humanity

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

"We know that Jesus ate and drank, and put up with exasperating apostles, but we do not know if Jesus laughed," said Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College Associate Professor of Religious Studies who spoke Wednesday for a lecture titled "Did Jesus Laugh?" at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

We know that there have been stories of Jesus' laughter, but none that were accepted into the Canon with the church follows. We cannot turn to the Bible to find the answer, Houck continued.

The talk was the second installment in a three-part spring lecture series called "Hope Hard Times" sponsored by the Center for Spirituality. The topic focuses on the benefits of spirituality amid the uncertainty of the current economic crisis.

One thing is undisputed: Jesus was human. And to be fully human, Jesus had to laugh like people, Houck said.

"To attribute laughter to Jesus, we cannot go straight from 'he was human' to 'he had to have laughed.' We have to add the premise that it is good for humans to laugh," said Houck.

To support her claim that laughter is good, Houck listed a variety of reasons centering around its importance to relationships: old-fashioned joy, comic relief, inside jokes, laughter as a sign of common humanity and as a way to ward off evil and as a way to express the human side of the church.

Like Jesus, Houck practiced the lessons she preached: While speaking about the benefits of laughter, she entertained the audience by feeding them opportunities for humor throughout the lecture.

Using a video clip of MIT mathematician Tom Lehrer's satirical "Vatican Rag," a humorous list titled "Why God Never Received Tenure at Any University," and several cartoons, Houck demonstrated the capacity for laughter, as the room erupted at inside

jokes aimed at Catholicism.

"One function of humor is to build community," Houck said. Inside jokes bring people together.

But humor has had a bad reputation with religion, since the occasional mean-spirited intent clashes with virtue. This is one reason why it is difficult for us to accept that Jesus laughed, said Houck.

"It would be dishonest to say that laughter is always put to good use," Houck said.

"Despite humor's negative reputation, it is worth remembering that there are all kinds of laughter, and they can express all types of relationships," she continued.

Houck used quotes from G.K. Chesterton, Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, Thomas Aquinas and William James to transition through her points.

She concluded her lecture with a quote from G.K. Chesterton: "You must have mirth or you will have madness."

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Secrets

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While this event has no affiliation with the PostSecret event held on other college campuses, Howard said it earned the same name because of the use of the postcard for spreading a personal message.

While the location where the anonymous messages will be posted has yet to be decided, Howard said that he hopes it will be centrally located.

"We are looking to make a wall where people can read the

actual cards we have collected," Howard said.

The group is still awaiting approval from the SAO before they can construct a wall, which will display the more than 20 postcards collected so far.

Howard, a senior, will not be on campus next year, but he wants to see the event next year.

"This is a good event to continue annually," he said. "I believe that it will help students feel more welcome and no one will feel isolated."

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god who receives the least amount of praise, Achebe said.

"There are many deities for the Igbo, but Chukwu is infinitely greater and different from the others," he said. "The others may be powerful and may be troublesome and may demand to be at peace with shrines and worshipers which Chukwu does not generally have."

"In Igbo cosmology, Chukwu has a primary function that he does and that is creation," Achebe said. "Making people, making the world, making us."

The Igbo word for "create" is "ke," according to Achebe. "There is a second meaning of 'ke' — to share, to distribute, to allow," Achebe said.

Because of the second meaning of "ke," Chukwu "is also creating the attributes," Achebe said. "A person is only made when he has received their share of human attributes."

The perception of death is an important way to understand the relationship between humanity and the divine in the Igbo culture, Achebe said.

"It shows the complexity of how the Igbo people comprehend the complexity of God's presence," he said. "Death is part of this complexity."

"When a person dies, the Igbo search for the dead among the living," Achebe said.

The young people in the village play what Achebe

described as a game of hide-and-seek in search for the dead person.

"An aged group goes around town singing calling on their member to come out from hiding and join them," Achebe said. "They pretend they no longer know where their friend is, that he is playing games."

These searches last through the night, until at dawn, the villagers are forced to concede that their friend did pass away.

These customs are manifestations of the Igbo belief that "death has a place in the Igbo land," according to Achebe.

"It is Chukwu who made death," Achebe said. "The Igbo believe that the world of living and world of the dead are connected in circular and unending manner. The finality of death is not known to the Igbo."

Achebe understands that there are "people who want nothing to do with death, who want to resurrect those who died," he said. "They think they are doing something which god approves."

However, for the Igbo, death is not an evil. "The Igbo people would say it is god who made death," Achebe said. "He wants us to appreciate the value of just the sheer complexity of things around us."

Achebe will present his third lecture, on "Creation," Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College of Business.

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Protest

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as of press time.

Despite the controversy, Shin Inouye, a White House spokesperson, said the president is honored to speak to Notre Dame students.

"Notre Dame is one of the first universities President Obama will visit as president," Inouye said. "He is honored to address the graduating class, their families and the faculty of a school with such a rich history of fostering the exchange of ideas."

Mary Daly, president of Notre Dame Right to Life, said the coalition's Web site has already gotten a huge response.

"I personally have gotten over 55 pages of e-mails, and the e-mail of the coalition just today has received a massive response very quickly," Daly said.

Daly said the coalition is the result of a meeting on Tuesday that was organized by Right to Life but extended to all interested groups and individuals.

"It initiated some communica-

tion amongst the groups and after debating, we decided it was best to collaborate on the basis of our common ground based on our beliefs," she said. "We thought it would be most effective if we worked together on the issue."

Daly said she cannot comment specifically about the coalition's plans because they are in the very beginning stages, but the group's Web site lists an event slated for March 31 in which the coalition will deliver red envelopes to Jenkins representing abortions.

According to the site, the letters will say: "Fr. Jenkins, This envelope represents one child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world. This envelope was going to be sent to President Obama on March 31st. However, as he is scheduled to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from Notre Dame on May 17th, we ask that you deliver it to him on our behalf at that time."

Daly said the coalition aims to "provide concrete, solid leadership" and have students primarily leading the protests, but will tap into the resources of outside

groups that have offered help.

"This is an issue that's much bigger than this University to be honest, and so it affects everybody and everyone associated in any remote way with the University," she said. "Even people who have never stepped on campus."

However, Daly said the coalition has not reached out to or made any formal alliances with any outside groups or individuals.

"Outside groups have been in contact with us, but we have not reached out to anyone because we think it's important that we are expressing a student voice," she said. "We have been receiving a barrage of e-mails, but we aren't at a point to formally cooperate or organize anything."

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown told The Observer student groups can sponsor these kinds of events and the University supports the engagement of dialogue.

"It's important to hear a variety of opinions on a college campus," he said.

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to speak during the last week of his term.

Reish said his transition to leading the student body last April was difficult because he did not come to office with the experience of being student body vice president or chief executive assistant, which is traditionally the pattern.

But because Reish and student body vice president Grant Schmidt "broke the tradition" of the succession of power in student government, Reish said the team brought new ideas to their respective roles.

"It took us time to get used to all the administrators," he said. "But it allowed us to get a fresh perspective."

This perspective led him to question the disconnect between the student body and student government, Reish said. As a result, he said he sought to create a perception among students that student government is working for the student body.

Reish said student govern-

ment administrations that have been around for a while tend to lose their connection with the student body.

"[Student government's] job is to serve the students," he said. "This year, we've laid the foundation. Most work this term has been connecting to student body."

Reish cited the creation of the ad hoc committee, the Student Outreach Committee, as a measure he took to bridge the gap between students and student government. However, he noted the committee will not continue in its current form when Schmidt takes office on April 1.

Reish said the student surveys — administered by the Student Outreach Committee — have allowed students to offer their input to student government.

"The student survey, kind of like my little baby, has helped us further projects along," he said. "Students saw their efforts make a difference."

Student input helped student government to make strides in revising the University's sexual assault policy, Reish said.

Reish said the DVD rental program his administration implemented this year also has increased the visibility of student government among students.

Because the rentals are available in the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center, Reish said the program brought students up to the second floor to get to know the members of student government.

"We brought people to the second floor of LaFortune," he said. "We changed that and that's pretty cool."

Reish said he hopes the DVD rental program will continue to be a vehicle to increase dialogue between the student body and student government.

Reish thanked the senators and committee chairs for their work in helping to reach the goal of strengthening the connection between student government and the student body.

"For all of you, I wish the best of luck," he said. "Thanks for a good year."

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Craypo

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at Notre Dame of the needs of ordinary laboring people, as Notre Dame grew wealthier and tended to look in that direction less often," Connolly said of Craypo's work.

Former economics department chair Professor Charles Wilber said in a University press release that Craypo did "path-breaking research on labor relations within the context of industrial organization."

"He was a great mentor to our doctoral students, directing many dissertations and aiding the new graduates to obtain excellent positions in academia, government and labor organizations," Wilber said.

Craypo most recently taught a one-credit course on Wal-Mart, which Warlick said "lent itself to our curriculum of social justice issues."

"We will miss having that course very much," she said.

Craypo served for two years in the Marines before attending Michigan State University where he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in economics.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'Most-wanted' trafficker captured

MEXICO CITY — Soldiers captured one of Mexico's most-wanted smugglers, a man accused of controlling the flow of drugs through the northern city of Monterrey for the powerful Beltran-Leyva cartel, the Mexican army said Wednesday.

The announcement came hours before U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in Mexico promising to do more to help Mexico crack down on drug violence that is spilling over into the U.S.

Gen. Luis Arturo Oliver said Hector Huerta was detained Tuesday in a Monterrey suburb, along with four men identified as his bodyguards. Soldiers also seized assault rifles and four grenades.

Huerta was arrested on an outstanding homicide warrant; the other four suspects were being held pending charges.

US journalists possibly led by guide

SEOUL, South Korea — Two American journalists being held by North Korea may have been led across the border from China by a guide promising them exclusive footage of human trafficking or drug deals, an activist who helped organize their trip said Wednesday.

The Rev. Chun Ki-won says he repeatedly warned Laura Ling and Euna Lee by phone not to stray into North Korean territory in the days before their March 17 detention.

Chun, who said he helped arrange their trip to China to report on North Korean refugees living in border towns, said the reporters kept in close contact, calling him twice daily. They followed his advice to the word, and never mentioned wanting to sneak into North Korea, he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

F-22 fighter jet crashes in desert

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — One of the Air Force's top-of-the-line F-22 fighter jets crashed Wednesday in the high desert of Southern California. There was no immediate word on whether the pilot ejected.

The F-22A Raptor crashed 35 miles northeast of Edwards Air Force Base, Pentagon spokesman Gary Strassburg said. The Bureau of Land Management identified the area as Harper Dry Lake, a vast and empty expanse of sometimes marshy flat land.

Rescue crews were at the site in the afternoon but there was no information on the status of the pilot, said Lt. Col. Karen Platt, an Air Force spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

N.D. mayor 'optimistic' about flooding

BISMARCK, N.D. — Demolition crews blasted a huge ice jam in the Missouri River in a bid Wednesday to open a channel, like pulling out a giant plug to drain a flood threatening the city.

"We are cautiously optimistic," Bismarck Mayor John Warford said after the string of explosives went off. He said officials would have a better assessment Wednesday night, but said water appeared to be moving.

Water backing up behind the dam of car-size ice blocks already had forced the evacuation of about 1,700 people from low-lying areas in North Dakota's capital city.

LOCAL NEWS

Lawsuit targets major polluters

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A Crown Point father is suing 11 of Lake County's largest industries, claiming the air pollution they emit endangers the long-term health of the region's children.

Ron Kurth is seeking class action status for the suit filed Wednesday in Lake Superior Court.

The complaint cites a study that appeared in USA Today earlier this year that reported children in the heavily industrialized county are exposed to higher levels of airborne toxins than elsewhere in the United States.

FRANCE

French workers protest, burn tires

3M manager held hostage as laid-off employees demonstrate against AIG

Associated Press

PARIS — French workers burned tires, marched on the presidential palace and held a manager of U.S. manufacturer 3M hostage Wednesday as anger mounted over job cuts and executive bonuses.

Rising public outrage at employers on both sides of the Atlantic has been triggered by executives cashing in bonus checks even as their companies were kept afloat with billions of euros (dollars) in taxpayers' money and unemployment soars.

As the U.S. administration seeks ways of recouping some of the \$165 million in bonuses paid to executives at insurance giant American International Group Inc., kept afloat by \$170 billion in taxpayer bailout money, French President Nicolas Sarkozy is threatening new laws on bonuses and golden parachutes.

Sarkozy is also trying to deflect anger against his government's failure to ward off the job losses and economic hardship that comes with recession.

The €3.2 million (\$4.3 million) exit bonus paid to the former head of Valeo SA, an auto parts maker that received state aid, has fueled outrage in France. Controversy also grew Wednesday over bonuses at brokerage company Cheuvreux, a unit of a French bank that got state handouts.

"The risks of repercussions of ill-feeling from employees and from a political backlash are real if execs continue to be compensated at pre-crisis levels," said Cubillas Ding, a senior analyst at financial research firm Celent. "Bonus and pay cuts are now seen as the politically correct thing to do."

Rising public outrage at employers has led to kidnappings, marches and strikes in France, a country



Employees of the Clairoux tire plant in northern France burn tires in protest on Wednesday. Many workers were laid off due to lowered production levels.

with a long tradition of labor unrest.

A French 3M executive was being held hostage for the second day at a plant in Pithiviers, south of Paris, as workers protested layoffs. The situation was calm, however, with labor talks taking place there Wednesday.

Detained 3M manager Luc Rousselet told an AP reporter "Everything's fine" and workers planned to bring him mussels and French fries for dinner.

In Paris, rage boiled over into an angry march on the presidential palace and a bonfire of tires set alight by workers from Germany's

Continental AG, whose auto parts factory in Clairoux, northeast of Paris, plans to shut down in 2010.

Similar resentment is emerging in many parts of Europe. Vandals smashed windows early Wednesday at the home of the former CEO of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Sir Fred Godwin resigned in disgrace but waltzed out at age 50 with an annual pension of about 700,000 pounds (\$1.2 million).

Bonus payments are dominating headlines in Sweden, which prides itself on a relatively egalitarian society. Big companies like truck maker Volvo and

bank SEB have been forced to withdraw compensation schemes for top executives amid public outrage.

And in Switzerland, top executives at UBS AG, which is benefiting from a \$60 billion government bailout, have given up their 2008 bonuses.

Henri Guaino, a top aide to Sarkozy, issued an ultimatum to French employers, saying in a radio interview Wednesday that the government will step in and legislate if France's main employers' federation, Medef, doesn't come up with proposals setting guidelines on executive pay by March 31.

N.H. votes to repeal death penalty

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Three months after a man was sentenced to die for killing a police officer — New Hampshire's first death sentence in 50 years — the House voted Wednesday to repeal capital punishment.

The chamber voted 193-174 to send the repeal bill to the Senate, where its fate is uncertain. Gov. John Lynch, a Democrat, said he would veto the bill if it reached his desk.

"There are some crimes so heinous that I believe capital punishment is

warranted," Lynch said after the vote.

Michael Addison was sentenced to death in December for killing Manchester police Officer Michael Briggs in 2006. No execution date has been scheduled because Addison is appealing the sentence.

Law enforcers have lined up against the repeal, led by Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, who prosecuted Addison. But the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers says death penalty sentences are unfairly applied.

Hampton Democrat Renny Cushing, whose father was shot to death in 1988, led the fight to repeal the death

penalty. After his father's murder, Cushing founded Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation.

"No matter how many times you kill, that doesn't bring anybody back," he said. Cushing asked the House to repeal the law "in the name of my father."

But Wolfeboro Republican Stanley Stevens, who supports the death penalty, listed law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty over the years. The law is a covenant with them that their deaths would be avenged, he said.

"We ask them to stand between us and lawlessness," Stevens said.

Two hundred killer whales seen in Gulf

Associated Press

It was a fish story that even veteran boat captains found fascinating: As many as 200 killer whales feeding on tuna in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

"It was like being at Sea World because they'd come right up to the boat," said Eddie Hall, captain of the Shady Lady, the 60-foot charter boat that spotted the shiny black sea beasts with white eye patches and undersides. "It was pretty neat."

It was also hard for some skeptics to believe: Orcas, as killer whales are also known, typically are thought to live in cold water and eat seals.

But Hall's description of what he saw last Oct. 31 was no tall tale: A government biologist who saw video taken from Hall's boat confirmed the captain had spotted the creatures. And last week that same scientist, Keith Mullin, explained at a public meeting in Orange Beach, Ala., that yes, contrary to common perceptions, killer whales really do live in the Gulf, far from land.

Mullin, whose outfit has been working for years to get an accurate count of the Gulf's whale population, said it may be time to dramatically increase estimates on how many killer whales are lurking in the deep waters off the Gulf Coast. He's taking part in a research expedition this summer that could

determine if his hunch is right.

Scientists believe the whales have been in the Gulf for years, Mullin said, and that their presence — though startling to some anglers — isn't a sign of climate change or other manmade condition. Their relatively small population and the speed at which pods move make them difficult to count, which could have led to lower estimates.

"I've got good records of them in the Caribbean. We see them almost exclusively in deep water, 600 feet and more," Mullin said. "I think they've always been there. It's just in the last 15 to 20 years that we've been trying to study them."

Hall told The Associated Press on Monday that the Shady Lady was 95 miles off the coast of Alabama when anglers and crew saw scores of the marine mammals feeding near an offshore rig in water more than a mile deep.

"There were four different pods. We estimated there were about 200 maximum. One pod had 75 in it," said Hall, who runs charters out of Zeke's Landing in Orange Beach, about 40 miles east of Mobile.

People on the boat took video and photos, including some with the offshore rig in the background to identify their location. But Hall said they got laughed off the dock when they returned.

"It was a joke because no one would believe us," he said.

Obama makes first call to space

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — President Barack Obama seemed to have as much fun Tuesday talking to the 10 astronauts in orbit about e-mailing, fitness and Tang as the children who surrounded him at the White House and took part in the call.

Obama, making his first call to space, even asked the only woman aboard the shuttle-station complex whether she was tempted to cut her long hair while she was up there. She said no, and the president called her flyaway curls "a real fashion statement."

He started the call off joking with the astronauts.

"I'm told that you're cruising at about 17,000 mph, so we're glad that you are using the handsfree phone," he said.

After getting a big laugh in orbit and on the ground, the president got right down to business, telling the astronauts that he was extraordinarily proud of them for their work at the international space station over the past week. He wanted to know how they installed the new solar panels and what the impact of that green power would be.

"We're investing back here on the ground a whole array of solar and other renewable energy projects and so to find out that you're doing this up at the space station is particularly exciting," Obama said.

Last week's addition of the last set of solar wings doubled

the amount of power available for science experiments and will help support a larger crew in a few months, the astronauts said.

The half-hour call came as the astronauts were enjoying their last full day together. Shuttle Discovery departs with its crew of seven Wednesday afternoon.

Obama made sure the middle school students got first crack at the astronauts. Several members of Congress in attendance — "who are like big kids when it comes to talking to astronauts," according to Obama — had to wait their turn.

One boy asked whether the astronauts can play video games in space. The answer: They can, but there isn't much free time. Other children wanted to know what the astronauts eat and whether they have found any life forms up there.

The astronauts said they haven't found anything yet. "I think we'll have much more success at finding new types of life and different structures when we go to places like moon and Mars," said astronaut Sandra Magnus, the only woman aboard.

One of two former middle school teachers who flew up on Discovery, Richard Arnold II, said the food was pretty good, consisting mostly of dehydrated fare and military-style ready-to-eat meals "that a few of us ate last year when the hurricane came through Houston."

"You guys still drink Tang up there?" Obama asked with a laugh. He said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who flew on a space shuttle in 1986, told him Tang had been taken off the menu. Nelson was one of several members of Congress who took part in the call.

Obama also wanted to know about the astronauts' e-mail system and whether it works up there like it does on Earth. Space station commander Mike Fincke explained it's not as instantaneous; they get it synched up just once, twice maybe three times a day.

The president was interested in the fitness requirements of the job, too. "Some of us remember watching 'The Right Stuff,'" he said. The 1983 movie depicts how the seven original Mercury astronauts competed strenuously for their jobs.

Fincke flexed his muscles for the president. "That's pretty impressive," Obama said.

Later in the day, Magnus told reporters she can't wait to go outside when her 4 1/2-month mission at the space station ends. She will return to Earth aboard Discovery.

"You just can't get tired of looking at the views" of Earth, Magnus said. "But part of you wants to be down in the view, in nature, walking through the woods or enjoying the breeze or enjoying the sun on your face."

She's also yearning for sushi, pizza and a chocolate milkshake.

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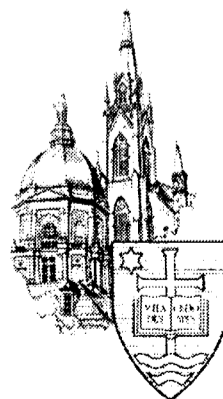
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IN BRIEF

EU negative towards US stimulus

BRUSSELS — The head of the European Union slammed President Barack Obama's plan to spend nearly \$2 trillion to push the U.S. economy out of recession as "the road to hell" that EU governments must avoid.

The blunt comments by Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek to the European Parliament on Wednesday highlighted simmering European differences with Washington ahead of a key summit next week on fixing the world economy.

It was the strongest pushback yet from a European leader as the 27-nation bloc bristles from U.S. criticism that it is not spending enough to stimulate demand.

Shocked by the outburst, other European politicians went into damage control mode, with some reproaching the Czech leader for his language and others reaffirming their good diplomatic ties with the United States. The leaders of EU's major nations — France, Britain and Germany, among others — largely ignored Topolánek and his remarks.

Not out of the worst yet, economists say

WASHINGTON — Glimmers of hope for the economy — better home sales and higher demand for goods, plus optimism from the White House and a nearly 20 percent rally in stocks — have some people wondering if the worst is over.

Not so fast, say many economists. Layoffs are still mounting and home prices are still falling in an economy shrinking at an alarming rate. A recovery anytime soon doesn't seem likely.

"We may be seeing the end of the beginning of this recession, but it is not the beginning of the end of the downturn," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Still, the recent news has been better than expected. On Wednesday, the Commerce Department said demand for big-ticket manufactured goods, which had fallen for six months in a row, actually rose by 3.4 percent in February. Lev L. Dassin.

And reports this week have shown sales of both new and existing homes rising by about 5 percent last month.

Democrats stand behind Obama on the Hill

U.S. budget to protect President's priorities while drastically cutting deficit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a springtime show of unity, congressional Democrats welcomed President Barack Obama to the Capitol Wednesday and unveiled budget blueprints that embrace his key priorities and point the way for major legislation this year on health care, energy and education.

Even so, both the House and Senate versions lack specifics for any of the administration's signature proposals. And Democrats decided to cut spending — and exploding deficits — below levels envisioned in the plan Obama presented less than a month ago.

Administration officials and congressional leaders said any differences were modest.

"This budget will protect President Obama's priorities — education, energy, health care, middle class tax relief and cut the deficit in half," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said after the chief executive met privately in the Capitol with rank-and-file Democrats.

Earlier, White House Budget Director Peter Orszag told reporters the congressional budgets "may not be identical twins to what the president submitted, but they are certainly brothers that look an awful lot alike."

Neither house included the \$250 billion that the administration seeks for any future financial industry bailout. Additionally, Senate Democrats assume in their version that Obama's middle class tax cuts will expire after 2010, and the House blueprint allocates \$200 billion less to tax cuts over five years than the president.

But none of that means the tax cuts can't be kept in place in 2011 and beyond, only that lawmakers would have to find offsetting revenue to pay for them, said Kent Conrad of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.



Deputy Budget Director Rob Nabors, left, walks with Senate Budget Committee Chairman Sen. Kent Conrad on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

The House and Senate plans both call for spending \$3.6 trillion in the year that begins Oct. 1, according to the Congressional Budget Office, compared with \$3.7 trillion for Obama's plan.

The House plan foresees a deficit of \$1.2 trillion for 2010 but would cut that to \$598 billion after five years. The comparable Senate estimates are \$1.2 trillion in 2010 and \$508 billion in 2014.

Obama's budget would leave a deficit of \$1.4 trillion in five years' time, according to congressional estimates, a level that is viewed by numerous experts as unacceptable over time if the economy is to recover and remain healthy.

Given the strong Democratic congressional majorities in both houses, there is little or no doubt the spending blueprints can clear both houses by the end of next month. But Republicans greeted them with criticism nonetheless.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who was briefly Obama's choice to become commerce secretary earlier in the year, said the president had laid out a "blueprint to move the government dramatically to the left ... hard left." The senior Republican on the Senate

Budget Committee added that Democrats were masking the true deficits left by their plans by leaving out the cost of legislation that is politically essential, such as funding to shelter doctors from payments they receive for serving Medicare patients.

In the House, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Democrats were advancing "the president's high-cost, big-government agenda in camouflage." ... Instead of simply righting the ship, this budget steers it in a radically different direction straight into the tidal wave of spending and debt that is already building."

Post office proposes major cutbacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The post office will run out of money this year unless it gets help, Postmaster General John Potter told Congress on Wednesday as he sought permission to cut delivery to five days a week.

"We are facing losses of historic proportion. Our situation is critical," Potter told a House panel.

The agency lost \$2.8 billion last year and is looking at much larger losses this year. Reducing mail delivery from six days to five days a week could save \$3.5 billion annually, Potter said.

Potter also urged changes in how the post office pre-pays for retiree health care to cut its annual costs by \$2 billion.

If the Postal Service does run out of money, the lingering question, Potter told the House Oversight post office subcommittee, is which bills will be paid and which will not. Ensuring the payment of workers' salaries comes first, he said, but other bills may have to wait.

Potter first raised the possibility of delivery cutbacks in January, but the idea has not been warmly received in Congress.

"With the Postal Service facing budget shortfalls, the subcommittee will consider a number of options to restore financial stability and examine ways for the Postal Service to continue to operate without cutting services," subcommittee chairman Stephen F. Lynch, D-Mass., said.

Lynch said the financial stability of the Postal Service is "critical to

the American expectation of affordable six-day mail delivery."

Even if the agency succeeds in reaching its planned cost cuts of \$5.9 billion, there could still be a \$6 billion deficit in 2010, Potter said.

"Without a change we will exhaust our cash resources," he said. "We can no longer afford business as usual."

Asked if layoffs would occur, Potter said it is possible but he hopes avoidable.

Last week, the post office said it planned to offer early retirement to 150,000 workers and is eliminating 1,400 management positions and closing six of its 80 district offices in cost-cutting efforts. Potter said he expects 10,000 to 15,000 workers to accept the early retirement offer.

Pharmaceutical residue found in fish across U.S.

Associated Press

Fish caught near wastewater treatment plants serving five major U.S. cities had residues of pharmaceuticals in them, including medicines used to treat high cholesterol, allergies, high blood pressure, bipolar disorder and depression, researchers reported Wednesday.

Findings from this first nationwide study of human drugs in fish tissue have prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to significantly expand similar ongoing research to more than 150 different locations.

"The average person hopefully will see this type of a study and see the importance of us thinking about water that we use every day, where does it come from, where does it go to? We need to understand this is a limited resource and we need to learn a lot more about our impacts on it," said study co-author Bryan Brooks, a Baylor University researcher and professor who has published more than a dozen studies related to pharmaceuticals in the environment.

A person would have to eat hundreds of thousands of fish dinners to get even a single therapeutic dose, Brooks said. But researchers including Brooks have found that even extremely diluted concentrations of pharmaceutical residues can harm fish, frogs and other aquatic species because of their constant exposure to contaminated water.

The research was published online Wednesday by the journal Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and also was presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Salt Lake City.

Brooks and his colleague Kevin Chambliss tested fish caught in rivers where wastewater treatment plants release treated sewage in Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, Philadelphia and Orlando, Fla. For comparison, they also tested fish from New Mexico's pristine Gila River Wilderness Area, an area isolated from human sources of pollution.

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Earlier research has confirmed that fish absorb medicines because the rivers they live in are contaminated with traces of drugs that are not removed in sewage treatment plants. Much of the contamination comes from the unmetabolized residues of pharmaceuticals that people have taken and excreted; unused medications dumped down the drain also contribute to the problem.

The researchers, whose work was funded by a \$150,000 EPA grant, tested fish for 24 different pharmaceuticals, as well as 12 chemicals found in personal care products.

They found trace concentrations of seven drugs and two soap scent chemicals in fish at all five of the urban river sites. The amounts varied, but some of the fish had combinations of many of the compounds in their livers.

The researchers didn't detect anything in the reference fish caught in rural New Mexico.

In an ongoing investigation, The Associated Press has reported trace concentrations of pharmaceuticals have been detected in drinking water provided to at least 46 million Americans.

The EPA has called for additional studies about the impact on humans of long-term consumption of minute amounts of medicines in their drinking water, especially in unknown combinations. Limited laboratory studies have shown that human cells failed to grow or took unusual shapes when exposed to combinations of some pharmaceuticals found in drinking water.

"This pilot study is one important way that EPA is increasing its scientific knowledge about the occurrence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in the environment," said EPA spokeswoman Suzanne Rudzinski. She said the completed and expanded EPA sampling for pharmaceuticals and other compounds in fish and surface water is part of the agency's National Rivers and Stream Assessment.

Priest found guilty of theft

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A Florida priest convicted of stealing money from his church was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison, the second cleric to be imprisoned for taking thousands of dollars from the same congregation.

The Rev. Francis Guinan, 66, was found guilty in February of second-degree grand theft.

Prosecutors had charged him with stealing \$488,000 from St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach, a first-degree felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison. But jurors found him guilty on the lesser charge of stealing under \$100,000.

Guinan had faced up to 15 years in prison.

"I'm deeply sorry," Guinan told the judge Wednesday, adding that his month in jail since his conviction should be considered "sufficient time."

The Rev. John Skehan, 81, was sentenced Tuesday to 14 months in prison after pleading guilty to stealing more than \$370,000 from the same church. He will also serve seven years probation and will pay more than \$700,000 in restitution.

Authorities claimed the two priests took the money to fund lavish lifestyles, including upscale homes, gambling trips and rare coin collections. They believed the money stolen over the years was in the millions, but a statute of limitations kept them from pursuing charges on the larger theft.

An anonymous parishioner tipped prosecutors in April 2005, prompting police to contact the church, which was already conducting its own investigation.

Guinan argued at his trial that he believed a priest could spend as much as \$50,000 on any one

item without reporting it to the diocese.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Krista Marx said it was "extremely troubling ... that a reasonable person" could believe spending the church's money was justified.

"You must be punished for your egregious abuse of authority," Marx said.

She sentenced Guinan to four years in state prison, less the time he has already served in jail, plus \$99,999 restitution.

Before his sentence, five people testified in support of Guinan, noting that he has suffered enough by the church having revoked his ability to practice as a priest.

"He has been denied of the priesthood which is everything to him," the Rev. Anthony Mulderly told the judge. "I would ask you ... to think that he has already suffered enough."

Teen arrested in radio reporter murder

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A teenager with a Web site describing him as a sadomasochist and featuring photos of a knife collection was arrested Wednesday in the stabbing death of a veteran New York City radio reporter he met on the Internet.

Police officials said that John Katehis, 16, confessed to killing George Weber shortly after being taken into custody late Tuesday in Middletown, N.Y., where he was hiding out at a friend's home.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said at a news conference

Wednesday that the meeting between the suspect and Weber, 47, involved "an exchange of money."

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity because charges were still being drawn up, later said the suspect claimed Weber had offered him \$60 to have rough sex.

Police found Weber's bound body Sunday in the bedroom of this Brooklyn apartment after his boss reported him missing. He had been stabbed at least 50 times and bound at the ankles with duct tape.

A name for the Queens teenag-

er's attorney was not immediately available.

On a MySpace page, Katehis has posted a series of photos with various knives, one with the caption, "Love this blade." He describes himself as "a very easy person to talk to," but also as "an Extremist, an Anarchist and a Sadomasochist."

He cautions, "As long as you show respect for me i will show respect for you, if you disrespect me, then i will ... break your neck."

Weber had his first contact with Katehis on Craigslist sometime last week before the pair arranged a meeting, Kelly said.

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Historian Franklin dies at 94

RALEIGH, N.C. — John Hope Franklin, a towering scholar and pioneer of African-American studies who wrote the seminal text on the black experience in the U.S. and worked on the landmark Supreme Court case that outlawed public school segregation, died Wednesday. He was 94.

David Jarmul, a spokesman at Duke University, where Franklin taught for a decade and was professor emeritus of history, said he died of congestive heart failure at the school's hospital in Durham.

Born and raised in an all-black community in Oklahoma where he was often subjected to humiliating racism, Franklin was later instrumental in bringing down the legal and historical validations of such a world.

As an author, his book "From Slavery to Freedom" was a landmark integration of black history into American history that remains relevant more than 60 years after being published. As a scholar, his research helped Thurgood Marshall and his team at the NAACP win *Brown v. Board of Education*, the 1954 case that barred the doctrine of "separate but equal" in the nation's public schools.

"It was evident how much the lawyers appreciated what the historians could offer," Franklin later wrote. "For me, and I suspect the same was true for the others, it was exhilarating."

Franklin himself broke numerous color barriers. He was the first black department chair at a predominantly white institution, Brooklyn College; the first black professor to hold an endowed chair at Duke; and the first black president of the American Historical

Association.

He often regarded his country like an exasperated relative, frustrated by racism's stubborn power, yet refusing to give up. "I want to be out there on the firing line, helping, directing or doing something to try to make this a better world, a better place to live," Franklin told The Associated Press in 2005.

In November, after Barack Obama broke the ultimate racial barrier in American politics, Franklin called his ascension to the White House "one of the most historic moments, if not the most historic moment, in the history of this country."

Obama's achievement fit with Franklin's mission as a historian, to document how blacks lived and served alongside whites from the nation's birth. Black patriots fought at Lexington and Concord, Franklin pointed out in "From Slavery to Freedom," published in 1947. They crossed the Delaware with Washington and explored with Lewis and Clark.

The book sold more than 3.5 million copies and remains required reading in college classrooms. It was based on research Franklin conducted in libraries and archives that didn't allow him to eat lunch or use the bathroom because he was black.

"He was working in a profession that more or less banned him at the outset and ended up its leading practitioner," said Tim Tyson, a history professor at Duke. "And yet, he always managed to keep his grace and his sense of humor."

Late in life, Franklin received more than 130 honorary degrees and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Spingarn Award. In

1993, President Bill Clinton honored Franklin with the Charles Frankel Prize, recognizing scholarly contributions that give "eloquence and meaning ... to our ideas, hopes and dreams as American citizens."

Clinton awarded Franklin the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian prize, two years later, and gave him the role for which he was perhaps best known outside academia, as chairman of Clinton's Initiative on Race. It was a job of which Franklin said, "I am not sure this is an honor. It may be a burden."

As he aged, Franklin spent more time in the greenhouse behind his home, where he nursed orchids, than in libraries. He fell in love with the flowers because "they're full of challenges, mystery" — the same reasons he fell in love with history.

In June, Franklin had a small role in the movie based on the book "Blood Done Signed My Name," about the public slaying of black man in Oxford in 1970. Tyson, the book's author, said at the time he wanted Franklin in the movie "because of his dignity and his shining intelligence."

Franklin attended historically black Fisk University, where he met Aurelia Whittington, who would be his wife, editor, helpmate and rock for 58 years, until her death in 1999. He planned to follow his father into law, but the lively lectures of a white professor, Ted Currier, convinced him history was his field. Currier borrowed \$500 to send Franklin to Harvard University for graduate studies.

Franklin's doctoral thesis was on free blacks in antebellum North Carolina. His wife spent part of their honeymoon in

Florida gov't. debates tanning restrictions

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Miss Florida Teen USA Kayla Collier was 15 when she first visited a tanning salon so the stage lights at a local pageant wouldn't make her fair skin look ghostly white.

Later that year, as she tried on homecoming dresses, her mother noticed what looked like a scab on her back. It turned out to be skin cancer.

And though she can't definitively link the tanning to the cancer, Collier, now 18 and healthy, won't be back under the bulbs. On Wednesday, her voice catching, she asked Sunshine State lawmakers to ban people under 16 from using tanning beds.

"I know teenagers that go every day, every week, twice a day sometimes to tanning beds," said Collier, who wore her sash and a sunshine yellow jacket. "I do believe that it did play a part in my skin cancer."

Florida is among 17 states, including Hawaii, considering laws this year that would restrict indoor tanning by minors. Proposals would ban teens from tanning salons or require them to get notes from parents or doctors.

After the Florida bill passed a Senate committee, Collier's mother, Claire, who had signed the permission form that allowed her daughter to tan, said she hopes the full Legislature will approve it.

"Do you really realize that your daughter or son — after just a few times in the tanning bed — could have melanoma? I didn't," she said.

Opponents say the tanning beds are safe for teens and their use should be up to parents, not states.

"I gotta tell you, you cannot regulate everything in this

world," said Florida Sen. Mike Bennett, a Republican who voted against the bill. "I suppose we could say the same thing and outlaw tanning on the beach."

Persuading teens to stop tanning could be a hard sell. According to one study released in 2002, a quarter of those ages 15 to 18 had used indoor tanning in the past year.

Florida already requires parental approval before minors can use tanning salons. If the new law passes, it would be among the strictest in the nation. Only one state, Wisconsin, bans teens 16 and under from using tanning beds, though a handful of others — California, New York and New Jersey among them — ban the under-14 crowd. At least 29 states have some regulations governing tanning by minors.

Even more restrictive proposals in Texas and Vermont would prohibit anyone under 18 from using a tanning bed without a doctor's note.

Texas state Rep. Burt Solomons, a Republican, says it makes sense to ban minors from tanning just like they're prohibited from buying cigarettes because both are known carcinogens. And Democratic Vermont state Rep. Janet Ancel, who introduced her bill after having skin cancer herself, said just requiring parental consent isn't good enough.

"It isn't healthy for a young person to be in a tanning booth, so allowing it with a parent's consent isn't going to protect them," she said.

Many of the bills being debated in state legislatures this year were promoted by California-based Aim at Melanoma, which supports research and education on the most serious form of skin cancer.

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Obama, protesters and my graduation

Randall Terry is the Al Sharpton of the anti-abortion movement, but with a few more arrests.

That is, Terry — who runs the (really, really) pro-life group Operation Rescue — makes incendiary statements that, for better or worse, garner far more media attention than they deserve.

It's no surprise, then, that somewhere between likening President Obama speaking at Commencement to the "cultural rape of true Catholicity" and warning that he will "lead an attack on the ground" in South Bend, Terry told The Observer this week, "We will recruit people from all of the country, and we will make this a circus."

Bad news for you, Randall: We're way ahead of you. Anytime Fox News puts your story on the front page, P.T. Barnum's got nothin' on you.

This is what it must have been like to go to school in the 60s and 70s.

Of course, graduation is a day to celebrate my class and those who have supported us for four years. But it's also a day to celebrate our education, this University and its unique place in American and Catholic culture.

My education at Notre Dame has been the social, political and Catholic controversies that we consistently witness and participate in. We're supposed to be the place where the Catholic Church does its thinking. And whether it's the "Vagina Monologues," our non-discrimination clause or white crosses on the Quad every

year, a thinking Church has been controversial and, at times, vitriolic.

This is what Notre Dame has forced me to realize: The dichotomy between being "Catholic" and being a "University" is false. We don't have to pick one. We serve our Catholic mission by living our University mission.

Graduation is not a time to celebrate the end of our education. It's a day to continue it. That's why we need to embrace the idea that President Obama should be welcome to speak before our graduating class. But that's also why we need to welcome the scores of protesters, Viewpoint letters and anti-Obama public statements by professors, alumni and, most importantly, seniors alike. To silence either side would be to undermine the experience of unique education we've gotten for four years and fundamentally misunderstand the relationship between being Catholic and being a University.

Contrary to a number of the letters we've seen on these pages in the last few days, we shouldn't be "embarrassed" by the presence of a pro-choice politician on our graduation stage, nor should we be "embarrassed" by the calls to keep a pro-choice politician off our stage. We shouldn't view protesters as "hijacking" our graduation. Yes, I want protesters yelling at me on the day of my graduation, showing graphic pictures of aborted fetuses, because Notre Dame has taught me that to avoid debate — as visceral as it may be — is to lack strength in my own convictions.

This isn't an empty paean to relativism and tolerance. I have no problem picking a "right" side: of course President Obama should speak at my graduation, and — like it or not — like many of my fellow graduates, I believe in most things he stands for.

But that's not the point. Welcoming all to our campus and allowing this critical

Catholic debate to play out here are not just numb tolerance. They're an all-too-rare opportunity to live out the mission of our University in a prominent, public way.

This shouldn't be dismissed as a "Viewpoint War," as if we were debating the relative merits of pirates or an (other) off-color comic about Saint Mary's. On both sides, this is Notre Dame at her best — actively navigating the place of the Church in education, and the role of religion in a world too often ignorant of its extraordinary power for good and for evil.

We should welcome organized, graphic protests outside, someplace students, guests and, yes, media can't miss them.

We should welcome it when kids turn their backs to the President and boo, as some inevitably will.

We should welcome parents, scholars and Bishops to denounce the very existence of the speech as embarrassing and un-Catholic.

But for the same reason, we should welcome President Obama to stand at the podium and speak to us.

We should welcome Mary Ann Glendon, a pro-life Catholic and Harvard Law professor, to stand next to him and speak to us.

We should welcome Notre Dame to retake its rightful position as a public place where the Church does its thinking.

I'll walk at graduation proud, armed with the knowledge that the "circus" around me is exactly what makes this University so important, and so special.

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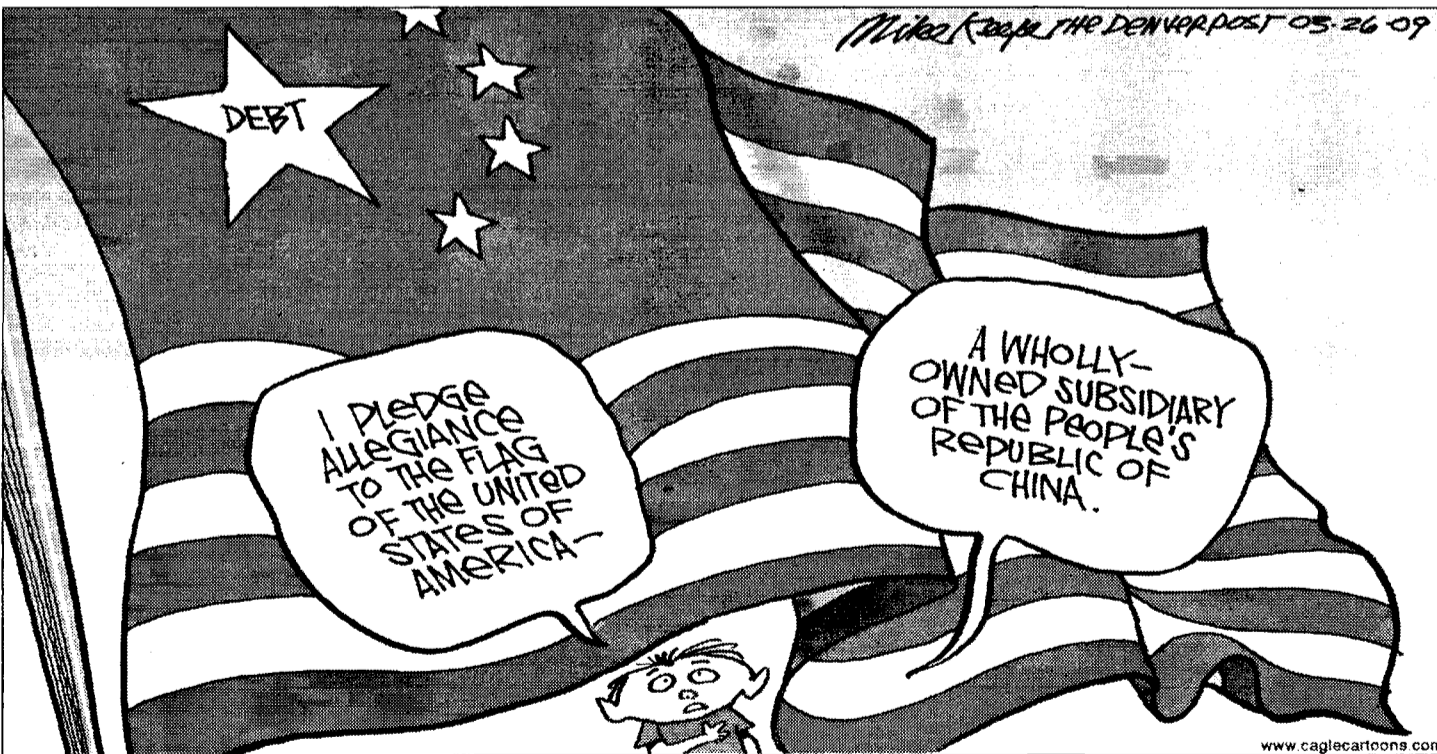
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looking for it."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not on my campus

I feel like it was only a few weeks ago that I was sitting in LaFortune writing thank you letters to alumni for their generous donations. While their donations have been very helpful I've now resigned myself to the fact that the only good to come out of the experience was the free shirt and pizza I was bribed with to participate.

Upon reading the Viewpoint section in Monday's Observer I found myself actually longing for the typical "I don't care if it's Lent I want meat in the dining hall on Friday" editorials. Instead I found myself staring at pages — yes multiple pages — condemning Notre Dame's recent selection of President Obama as our 2009 Commencement speaker.

I'm not completely upset with this criticism. I love that we're actually using our paper to promote a dialogue on something other than the wave at home football games. What upsets me are the threats that some alumni are insinuating. Mr. Kevin Keane, class of 1988 ("Obama choice unacceptable," March 23), I dare you to try and protest my graduation. Strike that, I triple dog dare you. I just don't see it happening. Do you really want to ruin "the happiest day of my life," or the happiest day of my 2000 fellow classmates by showing us pictures of dead babies? Really? Do you? Not even that, I'd like to see you try.

I issue this to all alumni — you probably remember a little book called "duLac." It basically says what you can

and cannot do on the Notre Dame Campus. If I may direct you specifically to page 145 of our most recent edition, the Office of Residence Life and Housing has been kind enough to include a little section on campus demonstrations. The section begins stating, "All demonstrations must be registered in writing with the Associate Vice President for Residence Life." I bet you've already looked into that you seem like a very well informed gentleman. But wait there's more! All demonstrations "also must observe the following rules: A. All demonstrations must be peaceful and orderly. B. Only members of the University community may organize or lead a demonstration on campus. C. Demonstrators may not impede the freedom of the University community." So there it is, laid out to us by good ol' "duLac," a document I've come to know quite well in my four years here.

Mr Keane as well as any other alumni who might be outraged at who's speaking at my graduation, I'm sorry for you. But please if you do wish to ruin what will be "The happiest day of my life" with your shouts of hate and graphic displays, keep it off my campus, because here at Notre Dame we play by the rules.

Matthew Degnan
senior
Sorin College
March 24

Outside appearances

Unfortunately, this is another letter to respond to the response to the president's upcoming visit to Notre Dame. However, I have noticed something underlying the general uproar I might not have fully appreciated before.

My initial reaction was horror and dread when I saw news stories right on the Google News home page about Our Lady's University, many of which seemed to project the diverse and colored opinions of various groups of people from outside Notre Dame onto her student body and our institution as a whole. Yes, there are 100,000 signatures on an Internet petition protesting the University's decision, but that, along with any other statements, demonstrations or fiercely worded articles from the media, other colleges or even Catholic bishops, do not necessarily represent what we as the students actually believe. I know this, but will Chicago Tribune and Washington Post readers?

Hence my horror and dread; they are getting the message that we at Notre Dame are polarized, radical, frenzied and scandalized. In fact, I have noticed that the vast majority of students are openly considering various opinions, engaged in conversation and primarily concerned that the Commencement actually honor the seniors. (Could this have been the goal of our administration in the first place?)

All of this made me wonder why the rest of the world cannot seem to leave Notre Dame alone. If you are a Bishop, one of my high school friends who did not even apply to Notre Dame, an alumnus, a random Catholic

from across the country or even a Saint Mary's student, why should this be such a big deal? Stop trying to take over our Commencement, I thought. Please do not come marching on Notre Dame Ave. and give the rest of the world an idea about Notre Dame students that does not actually represent most of us.

However, I have concluded that the hundred thousand signatures and general interest across the country can only mean one thing. Notre Dame makes a difference outside the bubble too — a significant one, and to a lot more people: Catholic people, pro-life people, any politically or religiously engaged people. There is no explanation for the passionate uproar and concern other than that hundreds of thousands of people see our University as symbol and stronghold of the Catholic faith, or of the pursuit of truth, or morality.

With that in mind, maybe I should be less annoyed that everyone else is freaking out over what we are up to, and think about whether I fully appreciate and recognize my privileged role as a student of this institution. They think Notre Dame is important; I actually get to live here. Do I make any effort to consider or live up to the high (though diverse) expectations of so many who find us worthy of their own passionate concern?

Joseph VanderZee
freshman
Keough Hall
March 23

Politics, not religion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2004 statement, "Catholics and Political Life," states that Catholic institutions, like Notre Dame, "should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental and moral principles," and that those who do "should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

On May 17, I will be honored with a Bachelor's Degree from Notre Dame. In my four years attending this university I have been awarded with over \$100,000 in scholarships and financial aid from Notre Dame, and have always been offered a platform to speak my mind, as I would in any credible University. On the day that I graduate, President Obama will be presented with an honorary law degree from Notre Dame and have the privilege to be the Class of 2009's Commencement speaker. Both Barack Obama and I have acted in defiance of the Church's fundamental and moral principles in the past, but no one is protesting me receiving my degree.

The idea that by inviting President Obama to deliver the commencement address, Notre Dame is in any way supporting his position on abortion is ludicrous. In presenting him this honor, Notre Dame is rewarding him for his achievements, just as Notre Dame will be rewarding me for mine. There is no Catholic litmus test to decide whether you are fit for this honor.

Notre Dame has a long history of presenting this honor to people who have in opposition to the Catholic Church, from General Sherman in 1865, whose total war strategies in his "March to the Sea" clearly violate the Catholic standards of *jus in bello*, to President George W. Bush, who as governor of Texas presided over 155 executions. I'm willing to bet that the pro-life activists who are turning this event into a scandal were silent when President George W. Bush delivered the commencement speech eight years ago. Which leads to me to believe that this protest movement has nothing to do with "protecting Notre Dame's Catholic identity" and everything to do with politics.

I have no problem with staging a political protest. It's our right as Americans to do so. What I do have a problem with is hypocrisy. If you disagree with Obama's politics, you have the right to stage a political protest, but don't turn it into something it's not. Don't hide behind the Church unless you plan to protest every speaker we have in the future that does not conform to Catholic principles. You are staging a political protest, nothing more.

Bill Sanchez
senior
Knott Hall
March 25

Unity, please

Frankly, Obama as a Commencement speaker has done little but divide Notre Dame. Whether or not you believe it is a scandal or an honor, the only effect I have seen is in the student body's behavior. All I overhear, in conversations from the dining hall or on campus, are people's strong views on how ignorant or disrespectful the other half of the student body is, based solely on this issue. I've heard scoffs, heated arguments between friends, and all manner of disrespectful behavior ... towards fellow students.

We say we want dialogue, yet the judgments made by the stronger personalities in a group are preventing students who do not want to be labeled by their friends, even mentally, from speaking out. There are, of course, exceptions, and I applaud them. I might have a moderate to strong view on the issue. In fact, I do. But if I told you what it was and why I believed it, would it change your mind? No. You would either agree with me because I said something you already liked, or disagree with me and think me ignorant. Why? Simply because you place a lower priority on the things that are dear to me, and care deeply about things I find false or irrelevant. And as Joey Kuhn ("Just embrace it," March 24) so astutely said, nothing is going to change about it.

This speech has implications for the University (you may disagree on what they are), but they will choose to handle them or not. Enough sentiment has been expressed on both sides for the administration to know how the student body feels. So if we really plan on acting like a unified or Christian institution we should probably stop calling each other ignorant, disrespectful and calloused.

But if there were no scandals or divisive issues, Viewpoint would be a lot less fun for everyone, I suppose.

Laura Berlage
sophomore
McGlinn Hall
March 24

Defending the senior legacy

In her Letter to the Editor ("Money talks," March 24), Kelly Kapshandy expressed her shock and disappointment at President Obama's inclusion in the 2009 Commencement ceremony and stated that she will not donate to the University after graduation.

As members of the Notre Dame community know, our alumni are famously generous in their support of the University, and the student experience is made possible through their continued donations. The students of the senior class will be asked in the upcoming weeks to join in this tradition by making a gift to the University. As a member of the Student Development Committee, I helped establish the Class of 2009's Senior Legacy, a fund that will assist future Notre Dame students. If seniors would prefer not to give to the Senior Legacy, they will have the option to donate instead to a favorite program or cause on campus, another opportunity to directly impact student life.

I urge the senior class to remember that pledges to the Senior Legacy, to the Annual Fund, or to the residence hall or club of your choosing benefit the students of Notre Dame. This is our class's opportunity to make a lasting impact, and I hope each senior will contribute to this tradition despite his or her opinion on the University's choice of Commencement speaker.

Lauren Bennett
senior
off campus
March 24

Take a stand

I read a letter entitled "Don't Hijack Our Day" (March 24). I would counter, "Don't be so self-absorbed." Just because it may not be your hot-button issue, protesting is all we can do at this point. Absolutely, the University giving President Obama an honorary award is saying the University is not taking a stand nor supporting the opposition to Embryonic Stem Cell Research. I'm just a simple mom with five children that graduated in 1991. I want Notre Dame to remain Catholic. This is the time to take a stand. Thank you.

Barbara Volmert
alum
Class of 1991
March 24



MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Wm. Paul Young's bestselling novel "The Shack" claims to "[wrestle] with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain," but seems to fall short of its goal for many people.

"The Shack" tells the supposedly true story of a man named Mackenzie Allen Phillips, who lives with a wife, five kids and the memory of an abusive father. Mack, as he is called by Young, a real-life friend of Mackenzie's, lives a content life, though he cannot seem

to find the affection that his wife, Nan, has for God, whom she affectionately calls "Papa." His life is happy, for the most part, until he decides to take his three youngest children on a camping trip that will forever change his life.

On the final day of the camping trip, Mack's pre-teen daughter, Missy, is abducted while Mack is distracted saving his son who has fallen into a nearby river. Mack and the rest of the Phillips family later learns that she has been taken by a serial killer named the Little Ladykiller, who targets young girls, leaving only a ladybug pin behind as evidence. The only trace of Missy that the police can discover is a blood-stained dress in an abandoned shack in the wilderness outside of the campground.

Missy's death throws Mack into "The Great Sadness," a term Young borrows from Mack himself to describe the empty feeling of worthlessness that now surrounds his everyday life. That is, until Mack receives a

mysterious note in his mailbox, requesting his presence at the shack, and signed "Papa." Despite reason

telling him not to, Mack journeys to the shack and is thrown into a world of self-discovery led by the three persons of the Christian Trinity — God, in the form of a large black woman known only as "Papa," Jesus, in all of his humanity, and the Holy Spirit, who takes the form of a mysterious Asian woman who goes by the name of Sarayu.

Throughout his time at the shack, Mack comes to understand many things about himself, about religion, and most importantly, about what it truly means to be in a relationship. Young clearly means for "The Shack" to have a similar effect on his readers as the experience had on Mack, or at least for it to open the eyes of the readers to the reality in which he believes, and for extremely open-

minded believers in Christianity, it likely does just that.

Unfortunately, for conservative Christians, and especially for those who are truly struggling with the question of evil in the world, it seems that "The Shack" does very little. For conservative Christians, the characters of the Trinity are too anti-religious and too anti-establishment. For those who have suffered pain and are doubtful as to the existence of God, the theology of "The Shack" is simply too powerful without giving any evidence as to why one should believe in His existence at all. If one is to glean anything from the novel, he must grant Young his specific beliefs about the state of

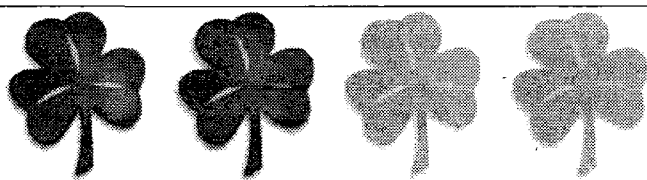
the universe and try to look for the underlying message that he is attempting to put forward.

"The Shack" is a heart-wrenching but enjoyable novel that is easy to read. It is by no means, however, life-changing for those who are actually wrestling with the important question for which it claims to answer.

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The Shack Wm. Paul Young

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PETER, BJORN AND JOHN'S "LIVING THING" LIVES!

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

For a trio who "don't care about our own faults," as they proclaim in their hit "Young Folks," the release of their new album could not come sooner for Peter, Bjorn and John. The Swedish pop group's latest full-length offering, "Living Thing" drops next Tuesday, March 31.

Famous for the song "Young Folks"

Living Thing

Peter, Bjorn and John

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which features an infectious yet unforgettable whistling track, Peter, Bjorn and John have been riding the popularity of this single for two years. Since their last album, "Writer's Block," was released in 2006, "Young Folks" has been featured in popular television, major films, and was even sampled by Kanye West. It has not always been underground success for the Swedish trio. Since 1999, the amalgam of Peter Moren's vocals and guitar, Bjorn Yttling's bass, keyboard and vocals, and John Eriksson's percussion and vocals have been striving for musical recognition.

Recently, however, the trio's fortune has begun to run out. The single's cult popularity has begun to wane and at the recent SXSW festival in Austin, Texas, Peter, Bjorn and John suffered through a set that was referred to as "an awful show," by Moren.

Peter, Bjorn and John's latest effort arrives in a timely matter, and with critical acclaim to boot. The album is recognized by all of the major music and entertainment publications as a sweeping success.

As a whole, "Living Thing" is a slight departure from the band's familiar indie territory. With the frequent use of effected percussion tracks, along with the hollow aura present in most of the songs, "Living Thing" calls to mind the sparsely visited '80s music atmosphere. The band acknowledges the '80s influence on the album, citing bands such as Autolux, A-ha, Fleetwood Mac and Depeche Mode from the era as major influences.

The leisurely pace of the album incites varying moods throughout its duration. At times during "Living Thing," the cadence of the tracks is deliberate and enjoyable, evoking the necessary foot-tapping. "It Don't Move Me," "Lay It Down" and "Living Thing" remind the listener of the glory that continues to ripple from Peter, Bjorn and John's infamous "Young Folks." Other instances leave the audience questioning where the band's direction went. Several songs drag, offering nothing more than mundane beats and aimless vocals.

While the album as a whole lacks continuity, "Living Thing" nevertheless presents the keen indie fan with plenty of appreciable music. Though the conven-

tional musicality typical to mainstream collections has clearly been neglected on the album, Peter, Bjorn and John salvage the audience's attention with their dedication to the distinct ambience of their style. At times, the tracks sound as if they were recorded within a tin can. The wandering of Moren's trembling voice accompanied only by the curious beats begs for appreciation, but in actuality is not sufficiently whole. On other instances, the songs blossom and soar as if performed in concert hall proportions.

As a complete album, "Living Thing" is rather inconsistent. At times, Peter, Bjorn and John effortlessly transcend the simple genius that has been brooding over the airwaves since "Young Folks." Regardless, a decade of effort has resulted in a foot in the door for Peter, Bjorn and John. Whether the album has the staying power of their previous work remains to be seen. For now, "Living Thing" exhibits enough musical ingenuity to keep listeners waiting for the next earworm.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THUR.



The Animated Films of Georges Schwizgebel; "From Glass to Celluloid;" Browning Cinema; 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Recognized as one of the most important Swiss animated filmmakers ever, Georges Schwizgebel will make a stop at the University of Notre Dame to introduce the screening of a piece that delves into 12 of his short films. His unique approach to creating each individual frame involves painting images directly onto acetate film, a talent that has won him awards at both the Cannes and the Zagreb Film Festivals. Visit Browning Cinema for an inspiring introduction to the man who brought innovation to animation and for a unique opportunity to follow him on his creative journey.



"Doubt;" 101 DeBartolo; 8 and 10:30 p.m.

If the Obama-debating-to-ND scandal has run its course with you and is no longer doing the trick for your scandal-loving life, travel back to the 1960s with Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Streep plays a nun and principal of a Catholic grade school who becomes convinced that the parish priest (Hoffman) molested a young boy student — but no one, not even the audience, knows for sure. Amy Adams plays a young nun and Viola Davis is the boy's mother. "Doubt" was nominated for five Oscars for its outstanding actors who bring intensity and crucial characterization to this film and for a quick, smart screenplay adapted from the stage.

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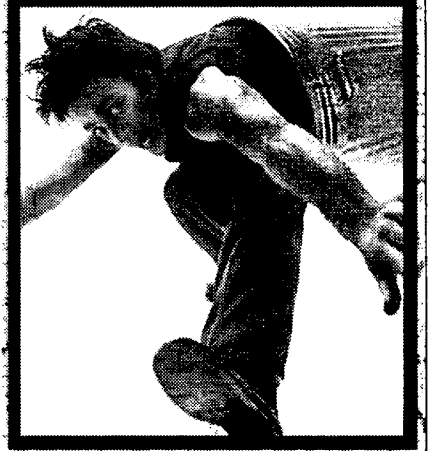
Latin Expressions 2009: "Ritmo Latino;" Century Center; 7-9 p.m.

Awaken your inner Latino/a this Friday night as the rhythmic movements of the First Class Steppers, Project Fresh dancers and sounds of mariachi music and the ND Brass Band drill intense beats combined with intricately choreographed moves throughout the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Box Office and more information can be found on the "Latin Expressions 2009" Facebook page. Kick off your weekend with a high-energy performance that will keep you dancing into Saturday morning.



"Stomp;" Morris Performing Arts Center; 2 p.m.

Though the ticket price might seem a little hefty for your budget (\$20-\$45.50), seeing "Stomp" is not something you'll regret. With an instrument selection boasting 30 brooms, four blocks of athlete's chalk, eight bananas and more, the vibrant and eccentric cast will amaze audiences with their quick hands, invigorating beats and flashing lights that bring an extra bit of magic to the show. As they move across the stage dangling from bungee cords and pounding out sounds on their junkyard assemblage of rhythmic tools, make sure to not even allow a small blink because every second is worth watching.



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perfects the egg



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By J.J. Rees
Scene Writer

"When I hold an egg in my hand I feel that it represents the image of the universe, and it awakens and increases my respect for life." This citation, taken from the world-renowned chef Michel Roux, is the first thing to greet customers at Uptown Kitchen, located in the new Toscana Park Shopping Center, just off Gumwood and north of Cleveland St./Highway 23.

Welcoming patrons in with such a comprehensive quotation, painted onto the wall in front of the door, is a bold move. The words give the impression of intellectual

chefs and cerebral menus. To invite the judgment to lie on just one ingredient, the egg, is a potentially dangerous game. If the eggs aren't prepared just right, the chefs (or at least decorators) look like fools. Even if the eggs are worthy of reference, it could undermine dishes without it.

Fortunately, the eggs at Uptown Kitchen stood up to Roux's vision. In fact, the eggs were perfectly prepared — scrambled and cooked not a minute too early or late. Furthermore, just about everything was well-executed throughout the restaurant.

The biggest indicator was the owner, Jonathan Lutz. It is not incredibly uncommon to see owners or managers chatting

with patrons every once in a while, but Lutz maintains a steady presence in the restaurant and visited almost every table. On top of that, within a one-hour span, Lutz acted as busser, host and sommelier. But most impressive of all was his eating dinner at the restaurant with his wife and three children. Any restaurant tied so closely with its owner is bound to be well-run.

Clear eviency of this is

in the food. The "breakfast all day" shtick can be easily phoned in, but as Roux would have it, Lutz seems to have devoted himself to it. The three "House Specialties" indicated on the menu are the Stuffed French Toast (\$8.49), the Breakfast Burrito (\$8.99) and the House Made Corned Beef Hash (\$8.79). This burrito's size gives Chipotle a run for its money. With spicy chorizo, perfect scrambled eggs, avocado, potato, jalapeño, red onion and melted cheese, all stuffed in a jalapeño tortilla, this dish is everything many people would want out of a breakfast — any time of day. The salsa on the side was a fine addendum to the taste, but really only got in the way of this amazing burrito.

Non-egg dishes are positively satisfactory. The 12-inch pizza made for a tasty but overwhelming appetizer. The soup was the kind that is too difficult to hold off on until it's cooled down. But not ordering some dish with eggs here would be like being a fan of Michael Jordan as a Birmingham Baron.

Around every corner, Uptown Kitchen performed well. Even things on the side were exceptionally prepared. The fresh squeezed orange juice had a great taste and not too much pulp. And the granola cookie, with raisins, cranberries and white chocolate, is too good to turn down. Desserts are finely presented. Specialty

brewed coffee will suit a casual or serious drinker, and the bagels aren't haphazardly presented, like so many Midwestern offerings. Simply offering lox with the bagels shows that Lutz, raised in Chicago and influenced by San Francisco culinary arts, has some qualification.

The décor was fitting for Lutz' organic, fresh focus. Soft, faded colors covered walls and paintings that surrounded a well-lit dining area and a clean, surprisingly small open kitchen. The lofty ceilings gave a sense of open space.

The room would be a sight to see in candlelight, and there's an excellent opportunity coming up. On Saturday, March 29 at 8:30 p.m., Uptown Kitchen will be one of the few restaurants participating in Earth Hour. Besides the changed menu specials, the restaurant will also adopt a more environmentally friendly lighting system with candles.

With food like the restaurant's — with a focus on organic and fresh ingredients — Uptown Kitchen won't find itself lacking business. The restaurant finds a way to provide high quality food and a superior atmosphere while avoiding pretentiousness. Its attention to detail and genuine care for food come through in every bite.

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Uptown Kitchen

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10 Words or Less: Exceptional, moderately priced breakfast food; fresh ingredients and atmosphere



NBA

Clippers knock out Knicks 140-135 in OT

Parker scores 42 in defeat over Hawks; Nuggets end Hornets winning streak; Young puts up 29 in Sixers win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Taylor more than doubled his career high with 35 points, Zach Randolph added 33 against his former team, and the Los Angeles Clippers outlasted the New York Knicks 140-135 in overtime Wednesday night.

Al Thornton scored 21 and Eric Gordon had 19 for the Clippers, who snapped a nine-game road losing streak. Seemingly on the way to being run off the floor while surrendering 44 points in the first quarter, they quickly erased a huge early deficit and ended two games worth of dismal offensive efforts, shooting 58 percent from the field.

And for the second time this season, they benefited from a late technical foul on New York's Al Harrington after a dunk that had given the Knicks a three-point lead in the final half-minute of regulation.

Harrington finished with 38 points for the Knicks, who matched a season high with their sixth straight loss.

New York raced to a 19-point lead in the first 6:01, heard boos after blowing all of it before half-time, and ended up with another embarrassing loss against one of the NBA's worst teams as it limps to the finish of its eighth straight losing season. Wilson Chandler backed Harrington with 22 points.

The Knicks know Randolph well, having traded him to the Clippers in November in a deal that helped them clear salary-cap space for the summer of 2010 but weakened them for now. He was their leading scorer at the time and had helped New York get off to a promising start, fitting in better than expected under Mike D'Antoni.

Taylor is much less known, coming into the game averaging 3.9 points in his rookie season. Yet he was so good Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy used him instead of the struggling Baron Davis to open the second half, and he played 37 minutes.

Neither team led by more than five in the second half and Harrington's driving dunk gave the Knicks a 127-124 lead with 27 seconds left. But he was called for hanging on the rim, and Gordon hit the technical free throw to make it a two-point game. Randolph tied it with two free throws with 13 seconds remaining, and Chandler was short on a potential winning 3-point.

The Knicks lost in overtime at Los Angeles last month after Harrington gave them a three-point lead on a dunk with 25 sec-

onds left in regulation but was called for a tech for slapping the backboard.

Taylor knotted it with a jumper with 2 1/2 minutes left in the extra period, Randolph followed with a bucket and Taylor banked in a runner in the lane for a 137-133 lead with 1:35 left.

The Clippers had lost three straight overall and averaged only 76.5 points in the last two. They passed that less than 4 minutes into the second half against a Knicks team that recently absorbed home losses against sub-.500 teams New Jersey and Sacramento by a combined 53 points.

The Knicks made 13 of their first 15 shots and were up 27-8 after Chandler's jumper with still 5:59 remaining in the first quarter. New York led 44-28 after one, shooting 79 percent (19-of-24) in its best period of the season.

The Clippers wasted no time coming back behind Taylor, who became the first player drafted directly from the NBA Development League when Portland took him in the second round in 2008. His jumper capped a 13-2 spurt to open the second quarter and got Los Angeles within five.

Taylor scored 17 in the quarter — surpassing his previous career high of 15 for a game. He blew by the Knicks for a layup that gave the Clippers a 63-62 edge with 1:50 remaining, eliciting loud groans from the Madison Square Garden crowd, but the Knicks recovered for a 66-65 advantage at halftime.

The Knicks shot 64 percent in the first half and the Clippers made 59.5 percent of their attempts. They picked right up where they left off after the break, with Los Angeles hitting six of its first eight shots and New York starting 6-of-9. Thornton scored nine points as the Clippers brought a 95-93 lead into the final quarter.

Spurs 102, Hawks 92

Tony Parker scored 42 points and the San Antonio Spurs, playing without Tim Duncan, ended Atlanta's eight-game home winning streak with a 102-92 victory on Wednesday night.

Despite the loss, the Hawks clinched their second straight playoff spot, after losses by Milwaukee, Charlotte and New Jersey.

Parker enjoyed his second-best scoring total of the season. He set a career high with 55 points at Minnesota on Nov. 5.

Joe Johnson had 30 points, including Atlanta's first 11 points of the fourth quarter, but he had

too little help as the Hawks suffered their first loss at Philips Arena since March 1. No other Atlanta player scored in the period until Mike Bibby's 3-pointer with 1:54 remaining and Josh Smith added a jam 30 seconds later to cut the Spurs' lead to 96-90.

Parker, who had 10 assists, answered with six straight points for the Spurs.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich rested Duncan the day after a home win over Golden State. Duncan already sat out back-to-back games earlier this month to rest his knees.

Roger Mason had 18 points and Michael Finley added 13 for the Spurs.

Flip Murray, who had a season-high 30 points against Minnesota on Monday, stayed hot by scoring 13 points in his first 8 minutes off the bench in the first half. Murray, who finished with 15 points, helped the Hawks stay close early, despite Parker's 20 first-half points.

With Parker making 10 of 13 shots, the Spurs led 53-48 at halftime and stretched the lead to double figures at 72-61. Mason had back-to-back 3-pointers in a 12-3 run in the third period.

The Hawks answered with a 13-2 run to pull even at 74 entering the final period.

Manu Ginobili had two points in 13 minutes as he returned in a limited role for the Spurs after missing 19 games with a right ankle injury.

Nuggets 101, Hornets 88

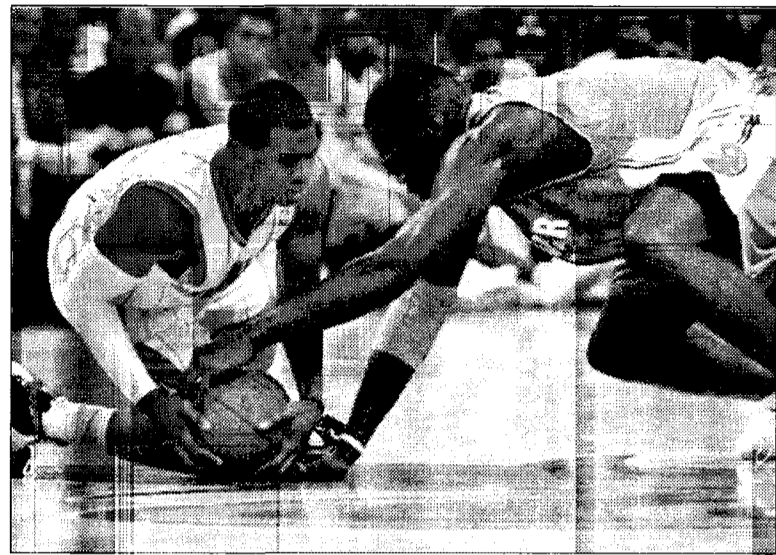
Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points and the Denver Nuggets beat New Orleans 101-88 on Wednesday night, snapping the Hornets' three-game winning streak.

Chauncey Billups scored 26 points, hitting four of his five 3-pointers in the second half to help the Nuggets pull away after the game was tied with a little over 7 minutes to go in the third quarter.

Chris Paul had 19 points and 13 assists, and David West scored 18 points for New Orleans (44-26), which dropped a game behind Denver (46-26) in the Western Conference standings.

The score was tied at 55 when Anthony scored six quick points on two free throws and a pair of transition jumpers. The flurry began a 17-6 run that lasted late into the third quarter, putting Denver up 72-61. Billups drained his third 3 of the game during the spurt, while Kenyon Martin dunked and J.R. Smith converted a tough driving layup into a crowd.

Billups added two more 3s and



Hornets' Chris Paul, left, fights with Nuggets' Johan Petro for a loose ball in the second half of Wednesday's game.

a mid-range jumper early the fourth quarter. Then Smith, a former Hornets' first-round draft choice, nailed a 3 to give Denver a 94-73 lead with 7:38 left.

Fans began getting up and heading for the exits, while one yelled, "you never should have let him go," in an apparent reference to Smith, who had 16 points.

Hilton Armstrong and Rasual Butler each scored 10 points for New Orleans, which played an unusually sloppy game. Paul turned the ball over six times, and Denver wound up converting 19 Hornets turnovers into 18 points.

In the second half, Anthony and Billups combined for 33 points.

Anthony started quickly, scoring Denver's first four points of the game on a jumper and a dunk. He had 13 points in the first quarter alone, with his 3-pointer giving Denver a 24-14 lead.

Smith's 3-pointer to open the second quarter gave Denver a 31-21 lead. Then the Hornets clawed back into the game with mostly reserves on the floor and Chris Paul on the bench. Morris Peterson's 3 ignited a 12-2 run, capped by Antonio Daniels' 3-pointer, which tied the game at 33.

New Orleans briefly took a 44-43 lead on Julian Wright's three-point play, a fast-break underhanded flip off the glass as he was being held by Anthony Carter. Billups responded with his first 3-pointer of the game, and Denver led 46-45 at half-time.

76ers 96, Timberwolves 88

Thaddeus Young scored 29 points and Andre Miller had 15 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 96-88 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday

night.

The Sixers are the worst 3-point shooting team in the NBA and hadn't made one all game until the fourth quarter. Andre Iguodala and Royal Ivey hit two apiece in the quarter to open up a double-digit lead and led Philadelphia to its third straight win.

Rodney Carney scored 21 points and Craig Smith had 20 for the Timberwolves, whose new lineup couldn't help them avoid their sixth straight loss.

Iguodala, who scored 15, hit the go-ahead 3-pointer early in the fourth for a rare bright spot in an otherwise horrid game from the floor. Ivey made back-to-back 3-pointers for a 76-69 lead and the Sixers started to pull away from the lowly Timberwolves.

Young, who went 9-for-18, made a fadeaway 21-footer and made a layup to cap an 11-0 run and give Philadelphia a double-digit lead. Ivey's 3s were his only two baskets and points of the game.

Carney kept Minnesota in the game and one of his seven 3-pointers late in the game trimmed the deficit to seven.

Young, though, punctuated the win with a thunderous dunk to make it 94-85 and send the fans toward the exits.

Coach Kevin McHale spun his decision to start five reserves in place of the regular lineup as a reward for the way they helped fuel a late comeback against Oklahoma.

The Sixers closed the quarter on a 9-0 run, thanks to five free throws, to give them a 65-62 lead into the fourth.

Minnesota didn't quite get the boost from its reserves-turned-starters McHale wanted and shot only 36 from the floor with 15 turnovers.

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ITA Women's Tennis Division I Top 25

team	points
1 Northwestern	89
2 Georgia	81
3 NOTRE DAME	74
4 Baylor	71
5 Miami (Fla.)	68
6 Georgia Tech	68
7 Duke	68
8 California	67
9 UCLA	60
10 Southern California	57
11 Stanford	54
12 Clemson	52
13 Tennessee	49
14 Florida	48
15 Fresno St.	46
16 Michigan	40
17 Alabama	39
18 North Carolina	39
19 Kentucky	38
20 Arizona St.	37
21 LSU	37
22 Virginia	34
23 Arkansas	34
24 SMU	33
25 Florida St.	29

NCAA Men's Lacrosse Division I Top 20

team	record	points
1 Virginia	10-0	200
2 Syracuse	5-1	190
3 NOTRE DAME	6-0	175
4 Cornell	5-1	175
5 Princeton	5-1	156
6 Hofstra	4-1	137
7 Johns Hopkins	3-3	125
8 UMBC	5-2	123
9 Maryland	6-2	119
10 Duke	7-3	118
11 Harvard	4-1	96
12 North Carolina	7-3	89
12 Brown	5-1	82
14 Massachusetts	4-3	55
15 Loyola (Md.)	5-3	49
16 Navy	6-3	39
17 Hobart	5-1	36
18 Colgate	4-3	36
19 Villanova	5-3	17
20 Albany (N.Y.)	4-1	15

USCHO Men's Ice Hockey Division I Top 15

team	record
1 Boston U.	31-6-4
2 NOTRE DAME	31-5-3
3 Michigan	29-11-0
4 Denver	23-11-5
5 Yale	24-7-2
6 Northeastern	25-11-4
7 North Dakota	24-14-4
8 Minn. Duluth	21-12-8
9 Cornell	21-9-4
10 Princeton	22-11-1
11 Vermont	20-11-5
12 New Hampshire	19-12-5
13 Miami (Ohio)	20-12-5
14 Ohio St.	23-14-4
15 St. Lawrence	21-12-5

NCAA BASKETBALL



UConn coach Jim Calhoun gives a stern look as he watches his team play in the second half of a game against Pittsburgh on March 7. Pitt defeated UConn 70-60.

UConn looks into NCAA violations

Associated Press

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said he and the university are looking into a Yahoo! Sports report claiming the school broke NCAA rules during the recruitment of former basketball player Nate Miles, but added Miles is not at UConn and his team remains focused on the NCAA tournament.

Yahoo reported Wednesday that Miles, a 6-7 guard from Toledo, Ohio, was given lodging, transportation, meals and representation by sports agent Josh Nochimson, and a UConn assistant coach knew about the

relationship between the player and the agent. The story cited interviews, documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws and other sources.

Nochimson, a former student manager for UConn, was considered a representative of UConn's athletic interests by the NCAA and was prohibited from having contact with Miles or giving him anything of value, Yahoo reported.

Records also show that five UConn coaches called Nochimson and text-messaged him at least 1,565 times during a nearly two-year period before

and after Miles' recruitment in 2006 and early 2007. Calhoun had 16 of those communications, Yahoo reported.

Miles was expelled from UConn in October without ever playing a game for the Huskies after he was charged with violating a restraining order in a case involving a woman who claimed he assaulted her. He is now attending the College of Southern Idaho and plays for the school's basketball team.

Miles could not be reached for comment. A cell phone number used by The Associated Press to contact him in the past was answered Wednesday

by his uncle, Thomas Pettigrew of Toledo, Ohio, who said the NCAA needs to do more to prevent recruiting violations.

"I just think he got mixed up with the wrong people," Pettigrew said. "There was a whole bunch of adults who should have been doing their job instead of doing what they did."

"That's how society is," he said. "They chew you up and spit you out. If they can use you, they use you. I think the whole situation is funny, because I'm sure there are people who are supposed to be looking over that."

IN BRIEF

Pacers Murphy injures MCL, misses game

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Troy Murphy missed Wednesday night's game against Miami because of a sprained ligament in his left knee.

Coach Jim O'Brien said Murphy injured his MCL at the end of a shootaround earlier in the day.

"We think it's a mild sprain, but it's not my knee," O'Brien said. "It's very painful and he can't cut. He tried to go, he tried to warm up, but he couldn't do it."

The 6-foot-11 Murphy, who is averaging 14.1 points and is third in the NBA at 11.8 rebounds, will have an MRI on the knee Thursday.

O'Brien said the injury would not affect the team's workout routine on days of games.

"You've got to practice if you want to get better, and you have to practice to get ready for games. That's what we do," he said.

Armstrong still recovering from collarbone surgery

AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong was recovering Wednesday from surgery on his broken collarbone.

Surgeon Doug Elenz inserted a steel plate and 12 screws to stabilize the collarbone, which was broken in four pieces. Rating the surgery on a scale of one to 10, from easiest to most difficult, Elenz called Armstrong's procedure an 8.

"This was a challenge. It was a hard case," Elenz said in a conference call with reporters.

Armstrong broke the collarbone Monday when he crashed during the first stage of the Vuelta of Castilla and Leon race in northern Spain. He flew home to Austin on Tuesday and went straight to visit Elenz.

The 37-year-old American cyclist has said he still hopes to ride in the Giro d'Italia, which begins May 9, and the Tour de France in July.

College Hall of Fame inducts ten players

LUBBOCK, Texas — Former World Series star Joe Carter of Wichita State and Mississippi State's Rafael Palmeiro, who hit 569 home runs in the major leagues, are among 10 inductees into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Carter was a two-time MVP of the Missouri Valley Conference with the Shockers. The outfielder won the 1993 World Series for Toronto with a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 6 against Philadelphia closer Mitch Williams.

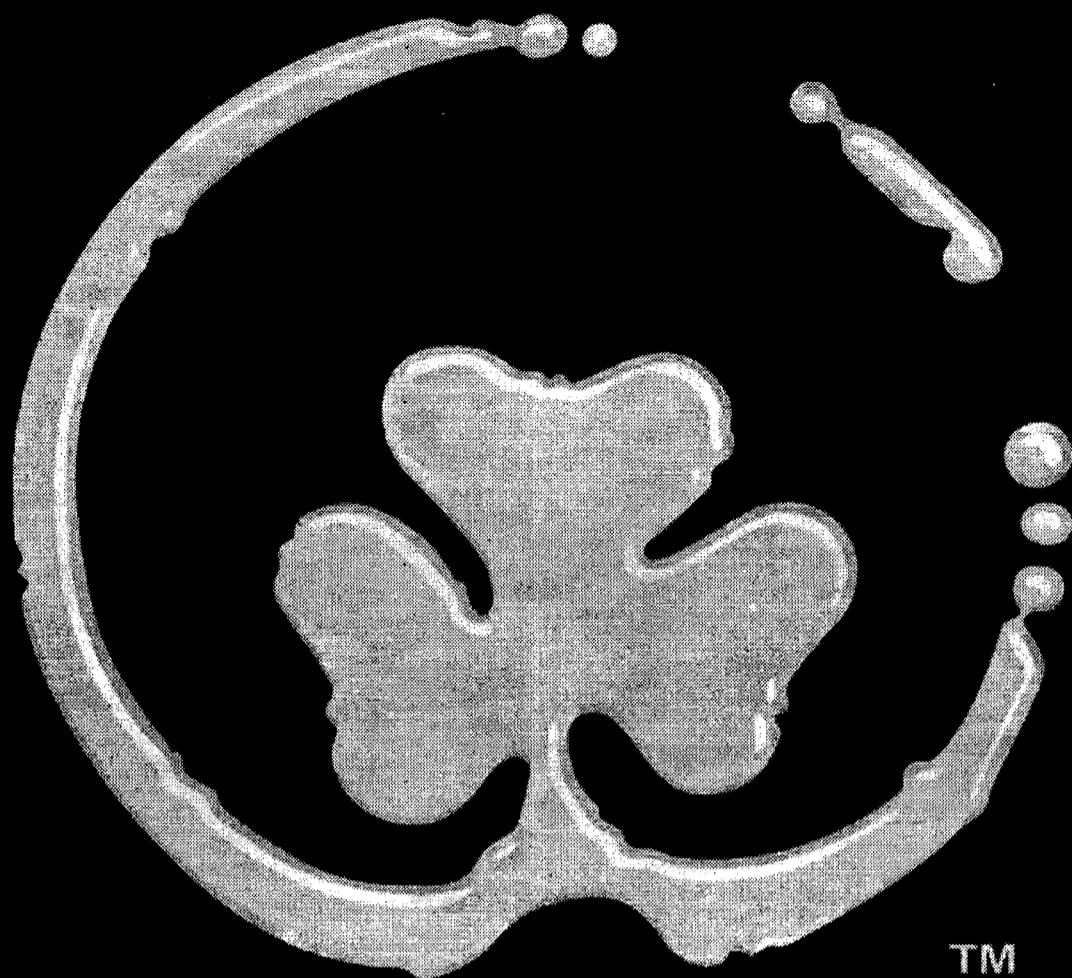
Other 2009 inductees announced Tuesday include pitchers Darren Dreifort of Wichita State and Kirk Dressendorfer of Texas; shortstop Barry Larkin of Michigan; second baseman Todd Walker of LSU and catcher Keith Moreland of Texas.

Longtime coach Ron Polk also made the list. He's the only coach to lead three teams to the College World Series: Mississippi State, Georgia and Georgia Southern.

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NFL

Vick accused by Dept. of Labor

Suspended NFL star allegedly spent his pension plan funds illegally

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor filed complaints Wednesday accusing suspended NFL star Michael Vick of illegally spending about \$1.3 million in pension plan funds for his own benefit, including paying restitution ordered in his dogfighting conspiracy case.

The department filed the complaints in federal district and bankruptcy courts the same day Vick left a federal lockup in Kansas, apparently bound for Virginia to appear at a bankruptcy hearing next week. Vick was at the Federal Transfer Center in Oklahoma City late Wednesday afternoon.

Mark Lichtenstein, one of Vick's bankruptcy attorneys, declined to comment on both the Labor Department allegations and the details of Vick's apparent temporary move to Virginia for the April 2 hearing.

The Labor Department said Vick made a series of prohibited transfers from a pension plan sponsored by MV7, a celebrity marketing company owned by the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback. The department alleges that Vick violated his duties as trustee of a pension plan that covered nine current

or former MV7 employees.

"This action sends a message that the Labor Department will not tolerate the misuse of plan money and will take whatever steps necessary to recover the assets owed to eligible workers," Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis said in a prepared statement.

The department also accused two of Vick's former financial advisers, Mary R. Wong and David A. Talbot, of participating in some of the transfers.

The filing further complicates Vick's bankruptcy case, which has gradually moved along in Newport News while Vick serves a 23-month prison term in the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan. The judge presiding over the bankruptcy case has ordered Vick to testify in person at next week's hearing on confirmation of his Chapter 11 plan.

U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Felicia Ponce said Wednesday that Vick was at the Oklahoma transfer facility but added that she could not disclose the inmate's ultimate destination until it he arrives. There was no indication of when Vick left Leavenworth or when he would arrive in Virginia.

Vick will likely be kept in a

southeastern Virginia jail until the hearing, but it wasn't known which one. Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan said he had not been notified that Vick would be staying in the city jail, but it was possible Vick and federal marshals could show up unannounced.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank Santoro earlier this month rejected the idea of allowing testimony by video hookup, saying he needed Vick in the courtroom so he could assess his demeanor and credibility.

Vick's plan for paying his creditors is based largely on his intention to resume his NFL career. Vick was suspended indefinitely after his 2007 indictment, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has said he will review Vick's status after he is released.

The Falcons still hold the contract rights to Vick but have said they will try to trade him. Vick's bankruptcy plan would allow him to keep the first \$750,000 of his annual pay. After that, a percentage would go to his creditors based on a sliding scale.

Vick is eligible to move into home confinement no earlier than May 21 and is scheduled to be released from custody July 20.

MLB

Pirates' prospect cleared by police

Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. — Pittsburgh Pirates prospect Jose Tabata is not involved in any wrongdoing in a bizarre case in which his much-older wife is charged with abducting a 2-month-old baby girl from a Florida couple, police told the team.

Tabata, a 20-year-old outfielder who is one of the Pirates' top minor leaguers, said in a statement Wednesday that he is "hurt, frustrated, and confused" that his 43-year-old wife, Amalia Tabata Pereira, is accused of taking the girl from a woman at a health clinic in Plant City, east of Tampa, on Monday night.

Tabata's wife was turned over Wednesday to authorities in Hillsborough County after she was held Tuesday night in a Bradenton jail in lieu of \$750,000 bond. She was arrested after handing over the girl to authorities in a Bradenton shopping center parking lot, less than 24 hours after the infant was taken.

Jose Tabata was questioned by Manatee County authorities on Tuesday night following his wife's arrest, but they later told the Pirates the outfielder is not involved in the case.

"Jose was as shocked as the rest of us upon hearing the news and has cooperated fully with law enforcement officials," Pirates president Frank Coonelly said Wednesday in a statement. "The Pirates organization will continue to do anything and everything we can to assist and support Jose during this difficult personal time."

Tabata, who spent part of spring training with the Pirates, did not take part in workouts at their minor league complex Wednesday and declined to talk to reporters.

"I was shocked to be told that my wife was arrested for kidnapping," Tabata said in a statement issued by the team. "I am hurt, frustrated and confused by her actions. I have and will continue to cooperate with law enforcement officials in any way that I can. Until I have all of the facts, I cannot comment any further."

The Pirates also said they could not further discuss the incident.

"Due to the nature of this ongoing investigation, we cannot discuss any specifics of the case, other than to say that, like Jose, we are extremely thankful the young child was safely returned to her family," Coonelly said. "Our hearts go out to her and her family for the pain they must have endured during the hours that she was missing."

The incident probably won't keep Tabata off the field for an extended period. He is expected to begin the season with Double-A Altoona of the Eastern League, where he was optioned last week after hitting .407 in 27 exhibition at-bats with the Pirates.

"We continue to be enthusiastic about Jose Tabata as a person, player and member of the Pirates' family," general

manager Neal Huntington said. "Jose will return to the field in the coming days when he and we feel the timing is right. Jose has been a pleasure for our staff to work with and we will continue to work closely with him with respect to his development and growth in all areas."

The infant, Sandra Cruz-Francisco, was taken from her mother, Rosa Sirilo-Francisco, about 3 p.m. Monday by a woman her family only knew as "Janet," according to police in Plant City, about 60 miles from Bradenton. The mother had taken her baby for a checkup at the Plant City Health Department, where she met Janet, who said she was an immigration official. The woman told Sirilo-Francisco there were officers at her home waiting to deport her and the child's father to Mexico.

The woman known as Janet offered to help, but said she had to take the baby. The two women drove with the infant to a farm where the child's father works and Janet told him the same story, and the mother later handed the child over.

Authorities in Manatee County said Pereira was detained after an anonymous tipster called police to report a woman in downtown Bradenton had information about the missing baby. The baby was handed over when police responded to that call.

Tabata was considered one of the New York Yankees' top prospects last year, only to walk out of a game involving their Double-A Trenton farm club early last season. Tabata apparently was frustrated by his slow start.

The incident partly led to the Yankees including Tabata in the July trade in which the Pirates dealt outfielder Xavier Nady and left-hander Damaso Marte to New York for Tabata and right-handers Ross Ohlendorf, Jeff Karstens and Daniel McCutchen.

After the trade, Tabata hit .348 in 22 games with Altoona — or 100 points higher than he hit in 79 games for Trenton — and had three homers and 13 RBIs in 89 at-bats. Tabata, a native of Venezuela, also impressed the Pirates this spring with his line-drive power, throwing arm and ability to learn quickly.

Upon making the trade, the Pirates apparently were unaware that Tabata was married to a woman more than twice his age who, according to the St. Petersburg Times, spent more than two years in a state prison about 10 years ago for an arson case. Family members told the newspaper that Pereira, a native of Puerto Rico, has four children of her own, all of them teenagers or older.

The woman apparently has used at least four names in the past, and the name given to police does not match the one — Mayita — in the Pirates' media guide.

Tabata and the woman were married in January 2008 in Hillsborough County.

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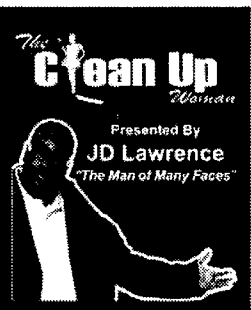
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NFL

Goodell looking for more season games

Associated Press

DANA POINT, Calif. — More games that count, perhaps as early as August 2011? That's exactly what NFL commissioner Roger Goodell wants.

There are several hurdles before the league can expand its regular season from 16 to 17 or 18 games. Among them is reaching a new collective bargaining agreement with the players' union.

Still, the commissioner hopes to present a proposal to the owners in May after the matter was discussed at length this week at the owners meetings.

"It's possible that we could vote in May, but we want to have core discussions on this," Goodell said Wednesday. "Anytime you have change, there is some reluctance. But it's clear we don't need four preseason games anymore."

Goodell said the league has not seriously discussed the subject with its broadcast partners. He couldn't imagine them not being interested in more meaningful games.

"I think the quality of NFL programming, that every one of our network partners would say, if they have the chance to have more regular-season programming, they'd be interested in it," Goodell said. "A key point is the fans also recognize players they want to see are not in those preseason games; that's why they are not attractive. They want to see those players play."

As for those players and their union, Goodell recognizes an expanded schedule will be part of CBA negotiations. Owners opted out of the current deal last year, and it expires after the 2010 schedule, which would be an uncapped season.

"Under the current agreement, additional regular-season games would not be covered," Goodell said. "I think our most important priority after we get done with our internal analysis is talking to our key partners, and that includes the players. I

think we want to make sure that the right dialogue takes place before we make any final votes."

DeMaurice Smith, the NFLPA's incoming executive director, wants any decision that affects the players to happen collaboratively.

"His hope is that the concerns and interests of the players will be seriously considered," said George Atallah, a director at the public relations firm Qorvis Communications and a spokesman for Smith during his transition. "He was elected by the players to be their advocate on such issues and is more than ready to serve them."

Among the issues team owners must discuss is when the regular season would begin; how many bye weeks would be scheduled; how deep into February the playoffs and Super Bowl would go; and when the offseason programs — including the combine and the draft — would be held.

Plus, where would the extra games be played, particularly with 17 of them?

One possibility, an idea Goodell and senior vice president of sales and marketing Mark Waller first mentioned several years ago, would be 17 neutral-site games, including some aboard. That would enable the league to step up its efforts internationally, a particular goal of Goodell's.

"There's been some discussion about that," Goodell said. "That's been one of the appealing features of converting preseason games into regular-season games is it gives you more inventory, more games that you can take to neutral sites, either internationally or domestically. So that is a compelling feature."

Another option would be having one conference play nine home games during a season, and the other conference do so the next year.

An 18-game schedule, obviously, would eliminate such concerns. It also would mean dropping two preseason contests.

MLB

Smoltz pitches in Red Sox uniform

Right-handed pitcher throwing for first time from mound since surgery

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Right-hander John Smoltz pitched from the mound in a Red Sox uniform for the first time Wednesday, testing his surgically repaired shoulder by throwing 40 pitches in the bullpen.

Smoltz, who turns 42 in May, threw to a crouching catcher for just the second time since having surgery to repair a torn labrum on June 10. His first mound session was in December for Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell. Smoltz then signed with Boston in January, ending his 20-year tenure with the Braves. He has played catch off a mound this spring, throwing to a standing catcher.

"This was the first time I'm throwing down to a catcher," he said. "(It's) totally different than throwing to a catcher standing up. I didn't think it was going to be that big a deal and it was. It's just getting used to it all over again. Now I'm getting used to all the components, the mound, the height of the mound, all those things that you take for granted."

"I can't explain the awkwardness. I didn't think it would be that awkward," Smoltz said. "I've been doing this for a long time, but it was awkward. But, I've not gone that long without being on the mound."

Smoltz, who threw 30 pitches from a windup and 10 from the stretch position, is

scheduled to for another bullpen session Saturday with approximately the same number of pitches, but he should add his offspeed pitches to the workout.

"It was more a matter of repeating his delivery, controlling his intensity level, which I think he did very well," Farrell said. "I think he felt good coming away from it, and he's dealing with the subtleties in the adjustments in his deliveries, but today was the first day he's thrown a bullpen of this structure since early December. So there's going to be some familiarity to regain with the mound, and the intricacies of his delivery."

With Dusty Brown catching, teammates Josh Beckett, Jon Lester and George Kottaras watched Smoltz's.

On what would have been Smoltz's 12th pitch, the ball slipped from his grip during his windup and fell behind him, initially giving Farrell reason for pause — until he saw the look on Smoltz's face.

"I probably have that happen once a side session," Smoltz said. "I'm trying to not grip the ball, trying to grip it as light as I can, and once in

a while that happens. It's never happened in a game. Thankfully Josh said I made a nice adjustment on the next pitch, probably the best adjustment he's ever seen anyone make."

Smoltz said he was throwing with about 70 percent of his normal intensity.

"Not that that bothers me," he said. "I intentionally did it. And even if I wanted to turn

it up, I had already set my brain in motion that I wasn't going to go after it. That's for time to come."

He had to remind himself, he said, that his purpose in this session was to throw, and not to think like a pitcher.

"All I cared about was getting the ball to the catcher. But in my mind I was trying to hit the outside corner, the inside corner."

John Smoltz
Red Sox Pitcher

"But in my mind I was trying to hit the outside corner, the inside corner. That's for times to come, I got to remind myself."

For the next two weeks, Farrell said, Smoltz will throw bullpen sessions every third day, leading into throwing batting practice and simulated games before a potential rehab assignment.

"I think every day he has the ball in his hand there's excitement," Farrell said. "But, I think today signifies in his mind the light at the end of the tunnel's getting brighter."

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MLB

Mets' pitching struggles in 10-6 loss to Tigers

Pavano bounces back in Indians' defeat over Padres; Reyes pitches scoreless relief in Cardinals loss to Astros

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Oliver Perez's outing Wednesday alarmed his manager, not because he gave up six runs but because he walked six in 3 2-3 innings of the New York Mets' 10-6 loss to the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

Tigers starter Nate Robertson left the game with a sprained thumb on his pitching hand. Robertson, competing for the No. 5 spot in the rotation, was hit by a throw while trying to cover first base in the bottom of the first inning.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel said he will watch Perez, who gave up five hits, carefully in his next couple of outings.

"I think when you don't have command and you don't have that extra velocity, you're going to struggle and that's what happened today," Manuel said. "(Perez) had neither. We have some things to work out."

Perez's outing comes a day after Mike Pelfrey gave up six earned runs and 10 hits, and fellow starter John Maine has struggled, too. He has a 10.38 ERA this spring coming off September surgery to shave a bone spur in his right shoulder.

"Pelfrey I think is OK," Manuel said. "He sinks the ball real well, so he's always one pitch away. Maine, it's a big day for him (Thursday) for his confidence."

Left-handed reliever Ron Villone also struggled Wednesday allowing four hits and four runs in one inning. Three of the four hits were by left-handed batters.

There were bright spots for Manuel's staff, though.

Bobby Parnell tossed another scoreless inning, lowering his spring ERA to 2.61 and Brian Stokes worked two perfect innings with two strikeouts.

Carlos Beltran went 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored in his return to the Mets' lineup. Carlos Delgado went 0-for-2.

Tigers' shortstop Adam Everett also left the game in the top of the first after spraining his ankle sliding into second base.

Indians 8, Padres 4

Carl Pavano rebounded from a rough outing with six strong innings Wednesday, and the Cleveland Indians beat the San Diego Padres 8-4.

Pavano, who appeared in only 26 games in four seasons for the Yankees after signing a \$39.95 million contract in 2005, has had his share of struggles this spring. He entered the game with a 9.82 ERA, but threw 53 of 77 pitches for strikes Wednesday and was the first Indians pitcher to go six innings this spring. He gave up six runs over four innings in his last start.

"I still have to make some

adjustments on the mound, but I felt really good today," said Pavano, who complimented his defense — in particular two sparkling plays from second baseman Asdrubal Carerra in the fifth inning.

"I was getting frustrated with some things, but I spoke with our pitching coach (Carl Willis) and he simplified some things that gave me piece of mind," he said. "I was rushing my delivery a bit and he got me back in sync. I feel good to go out there and do a job like this."

Indians manager Eric Wedge has penciled in Pavano as the No. 3 starter in the rotation this season, and was happy to see the positive results.

"I thought he threw well. He was on line with his pitches all day and did a good job moving his fastball around," Wedge said. "He came up in the zone that one inning, but he was able to get it back down and it was good to see him make the adjustment."

After allowing a home run to Henry Blanco, a double to Luis Rodriguez and an RBI single to David Eckstein in the third, Pavano rebounded with three scoreless innings.

Andy Marte hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and Kelly Shoppach and Trevor Crowe each homered in the eighth to pace a 12-hit attack for Cleveland.

The Padres had 11 hits, including three singles by Eckstein, who raised his Cactus League batting average to .462 (18-for-39) before departing in the fifth inning. Eckstein is one of two former Arizona Diamondbacks second basemen who will start at that spot for NL West Division rivals this season — Orlando Hudson in Los Angeles is the other.

"I've done stuff like this before in the spring, but maybe not this hot," Eckstein said. "I was very disappointed with my swing last year, and that's what I work on with my brother during the whole offseason. I've tried to simplify my approach and it's been going well."

San Diego starter Kevin Correia pitched into the sixth inning, but wasn't happy after allowing nine hits and six runs.

"I felt like I threw the ball well, but I'm looking for some results at this point," Correia said. "We reset to zero when the season starts, but any time you go out there you want to pitch well."

"You're not always going to feel good out there. I got to 90 pitches (actually 92) and now I need to get some kind of a springboard into the season."

Astros 4, Cardinals 3

Dennys Reyes made his debut in a St. Louis Cardinals uniform Wednesday, pitching a scoreless inning of relief in a 4-3 loss to

the Houston Astros.

Reyes, who is with his 10th club after signing a two-year deal with the Cardinals earlier this month, showed little signs of rust after having not thrown since making three appearances for Mexico in the World Baseball Classic. Mexico was eliminated in the second round March 16.

On Wednesday, he entered the game in the top of the eighth with the score tied at 3 and faced four batters, surrendering only a double to Hunter Pence.

"I wanted to throw strikes," said the 31-year-old Reyes, who spent the last three seasons with the Minnesota Twins.

"It was the perfect situation, just like during the regular season in the eighth inning of a tie game. You have to go out there and throw strikes and I concentrated on that and on locating my pitches over the plate."

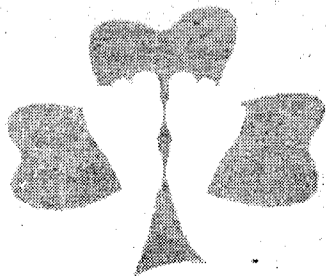
This game was a showcase for pitchers on both sides.

Houston's starter Russ Ortiz is competing for the fifth spot in the starting rotation and had a two-hit shutout going into the fourth inning before giving up back-to-back, two-out doubles to Ryan Ludwick and Khalil Greene. Ortiz left after the fifth inning, having allowed one run on five hits with two walks and four strikeouts. His delivery and routine on the mound were hampered because of a stomach illness.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Aztecs hold on to defeat St. Mary's

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The fans stormed the court and Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" blared over the sound system.

The biggest game in San Diego State hoops history ended with Steve Fisher's Aztecs earning a trip to the Big Apple and sending Patrick Mills into his offseason.

The Aztecs raced to a huge lead at noisy Cox Arena, blew it all, then rallied to beat Mills and the Saint Mary's Gaels 70-66 on Wednesday night to reach the semifinals of the NIT.

"It's an understatement for me to say that this was an important victory for our program," said Fisher, who arrived at SDSU in 1999 and revived its sad-sack program.

Billy White scored 17 for the Aztecs (26-9), who will play Baylor (23-14) in the semifinals on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

Fisher was part of two NIT championships while at Michigan, as an assistant to Bill Frieder in 1984 and as head coach in 1997. Fisher coached Michigan to the NCAA title in 1989.

SDSU and Saint Mary's (28-7) both felt they should have been in the NCAA tournament. As it is, the Aztecs are the last Mountain West Conference team still playing in the post-season.

This is the deepest SDSU has advanced in a national post-season tournament in its Division I history.

SDSU blew a 13-point second-half lead, but Saint Mary's never took the lead.

Tim Shelton posted up for the go-ahead basket with 48.6 seconds left and Richie Williams made three free throws in the final 26 seconds as the Aztecs held off the Gaels.

The fast, normally exciting Mills had a miserable end to his season. He was on the bench at the final buzzer, having fouled out with 10.8 seconds to go. He scored a game-high 18 points but had a horrible night shooting, going 7-for-24 overall and 4-for-13 on 3-pointers.

"It was one of those days," said Mills, the Australian Olympic star who is widely expected to turn pro following his sophomore season.

Mills — who came in shooting 86.7 percent from the free-throw line — missed the front end of a one-and-one with 34.9 seconds left and the Gaels trailing 66-64. SDSU's Kyle Spain rebounded and Mills fouled Williams, who made both ends of a one-and-one for a four-point lead.

Mills made a layup with 14.9 seconds left and Williams answered by making the second of two free throws to make it 69-66. After a timeout, the Gaels inbounded the ball to Mills but he inexplicably lost

the ball out of bounds.

Mills drew his fifth foul and Williams again made the second of two free throws for a 70-66 lead.

The Aztecs were just 4-of-8 from the line in the final 1:42.

SDSU had lost to Saint Mary's in consecutive appearances in the John Wooden Classic, including 67-64 on Dec. 13.

SDSU jumped to leads of 13-0 and 18-3 as Mills and the Gaels started cold. Saint Mary's pulled within five late in the first half before SDSU took a 39-28 halftime lead.

"We were letter perfect," Fisher said of the opening salvo. "We were making every shot. We were turning them over. We were on their heels."

"We jumped off to a phenomenal start," Fisher added. "We owe our crowd. In the 10 years

I've been here, I have not heard a louder crowd for the duration."

The game drew a sellout crowd of 12,414 to Cox Arena, including former SDSU and NFL football star Marshall Faulk, who sat courtside, next to San Diego

Chargers coach Norv Turner.

"I didn't think we were quite ready for the storm that hit us to start that game," Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett said. "They are not used to not winning. As a coach, you can't ask for anymore than to have a chance to win that game down the stretch."

The Aztecs were up 46-33 early in the second half before Saint Mary's started closing the gap. Saint Mary's tied it at 64 on Mills' fast-break layup with 2:02 left but could never take the lead.

"We had every excuse in the world to lay down and die," Mills said. "But we are a tough team."

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles face struggling Grizzlies

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

With only two losses to their name midway through the season, the Belles will head into their match against Franklin today hoping to continue their torrent pace towards the MIAA playoffs.

Saint Mary's (12-2) will travel to face non-conference opponent Grizzlies (3-11) in a doubleheader. Franklin is coming off a late-inning, come-from-behind victory against Transylvania, one of the top teams in the IICAC, to split a doubleheader.

The Belles are also rebounding from a doubleheader split in their previous matchup

against Manchester last week. The Spartans held off a Saint Mary's comeback in the seventh to win the first game by a score of 7-5.

But showing the importance of a short memory, the Belles came back in the second game to jump on the Spartans in the early innings.

Stingy pitching and strong defense helped the Belles hang on for a 5-4 victory.

A 2004 alumna in her fourth season as the

head coach of the team, Erin Sullivan knows how good her players can be when they play to their full potential.

"I was proud of our pitchers for staying in two tight

games," Sullivan said. "I am hoping today's games were a good wake-up call for us to make sure we play our game and play the sport with passion, the way it is meant to be played."

For better or for worse, the Belles have had a full week off to recover and to prepare for a Grizzlies team that can be dangerous when underestimated.

Saint Mary's will look for strong performances in the lineup from freshman Lauren Enayati and senior Ashley Fusaro, who have been instrumental in the Belles' success thus far. But in the end, strong pitching and solid defense will play a dominant factor in today's outcome.

Saint Mary's takes the field at 3:00 p.m. at American Legion Field in Franklin, Ind.

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Homers

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slow pitchers," Gumpf said. "But what was really important was when their pitchers missed, they took advantage."

Jorgensborg sparked the offense twice more with an RBI single in the third inning and a home run to left center in the sixth to cap the scoring for the Irish.

Notre Dame came out fast in the second game of the doubleheader as well.

Fleury began the bottom of the first with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Junior third baseman Heather Johnson and Lux then walked to load the bases for freshman second baseman Dani Miller, who promptly placed the ball behind the left field fence for a grand slam.

Miller, who went from little playing time at the beginning of the season to a starting job, has been an offensive force for the Irish during their current homestand.

"She really deserves it," Gumpf said. "There isn't anyone who works harder than Dani. She fires me up, the way she approaches the game."

The Broncos scored their only run of the game in the



Freshman infielder Dani Miller bats during a 4-3 loss to Big East opponent St. John's on March 22.

third inning on a walk and an error.

Sophomore pitcher Jody Valdivia (5-5) allowed just one hit and an unearned run in her seven innings of work. She struck out eight batters.

"It was one of [Valdivia's] best outings," Gumpf said. "She had good stuff and it was really moving. She kept the other team guessing."

Gumpf said the early runs for the Irish were helpful for both pitchers.

"It takes all the pressure off," she said. "I know Bargar and Jody really appreciate it."

The Irish added an extra four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Jorgensborg began the inning with a single and advanced to third on a walk and a wild pitch. Fleury then batted her in with a single. The Irish added three more on two walks, a sacrifice fly and an error.

Notre Dame will have two days' rest before traveling to Georgetown and South Florida this weekend to play in their first conference road games.

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Hoosiers

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Katya Zapadalova, who competed in the NCAA singles tournament last year as a freshman.

Notre Dame enters the final stretch of its regular season schedule with only seven games remaining until the Big East championship tournament. After the Irish host Baylor next week at home, they will head on a four-game road trip where they will play four games in five days, similar to the pace they will run into at the NCAA tournament in May.

The dwindling time before postseason play is set to begin has Louderback anxious to see improvements from his team over the next few weeks.

"I think our doubles has improved, but we need to get where all three teams are more consistent," he said. "We still have some big matches coming up, including two top-four teams in Northwestern and Baylor, where I think we can do that."

Notre Dame's in-state matchup with the Hoosiers is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in Bloomington.

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NBA

Pacers stymie Wade, squeak out home win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's home-court mastery of cold-shooting Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat came down to one possession, one last shot and one big scare.

The 90-88 victory Wednesday night was Indiana's 17th straight home win against the Heat, but it wasn't certain until Wade's desperation 3-point shot went halfway down and rimmed out at the buzzer.

"I thought it was (going in) for a quick second, then I saw he shot it a little to the left and that's why it rolled out," said Danny Granger, who led Indiana with 28 points. "Fortunately, he missed it."

Wade, the NBA scoring leader at almost 30 points a game, had 21 points but was just 5-of-24 from the field, including 2-of-11 in the second half.

"I think it was good defense collectively," Granger said. "A player like Dwyane Wade, he scores out of this world, he does it on a regular basis."

Indiana trailed by four early in the fourth but took control with a 13-1 run midway through the quarter and held

on despite going scoreless for nearly the final 4 minutes. The 17 straight wins, including three in the playoffs, go back more than seven years, and Wade has never won in Conscoc Fieldhouse.

"I don't know why we are so dominant here against them, I really don't," Granger said. "But it's a good streak."

Granger had seven points, and T.J. Ford six during Indiana's big run, and a 3-pointer by Granger gave the Pacers their biggest lead at 90-80. Former Pacer Jermaine O'Neal had two baskets during an 8-0 run that brought Miami within two. The Heat then had two chances to tie, but neither Udonis Haslem nor Wade could convert in the closing seconds.

"It's just one of those nights, man," Wade said. "Naw, I got a lot of good shots. I've played against the Pacers many times, so I know how to play against them. I just missed a lot of shots I normally hit. It's just one of those nights."

Haslem finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and O'Neal had 13 points and three blocks but only two rebounds.

Ford added 20 points and Jarrett Jack 13 for the Pacers. Jeff Foster, starting in place of injured Troy Murphy, had a season-high 16 rebounds.

The bulk of the defense on Wade throughout the game was by Indiana rookie Brandon Rush.

"I just tried to challenge him on every shot he took and tried to stay in front of him," Rush said. "I tried to contest everything he put up and make sure I got a hand up every time he left his feet."

Wade hit only three of 13 shots in the first half but kept Miami close from the free-throw line.

He hit all six of his first-half foul shots, including the first two during a 10-2 run that erased an early seven-point Pacers lead. A 3-pointer by James Jones and a basket by Michael Beasley put the Heat up 29-27 early in the second period. Wade pushed Miami's lead to 49-45 with two more free throws with 13 seconds left in the half, but a 3-pointer by Jack with 2 seconds to go got the Pacers within one.

Miami took its biggest lead at 74-70 on two free throws by Mario Chalmers before a basket by Ford started Indiana's decisive run.

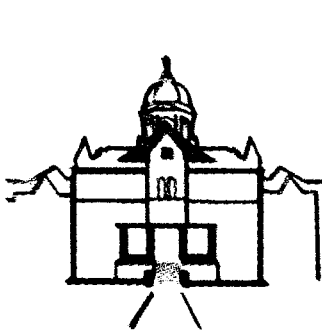
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Corrigan was not pleased with offensive execution in particular.

"In the first half we were too quick offensively and not very good," Corrigan said. "We didn't take advantage of opportunities from the outset."

The Knights remained within striking distance for much of the day, and the Irish (7-0, 1-0 GWLL) only had a 7-5 lead with 1:15 left in the third quarter. However, senior attack Duncan Swezey scored three of his four goals in just over 1 1/2 minutes at the end of the third and the start of the fourth period to give the Irish a 10-5 lead and squander any hopes of a Bellarmine rally.

Corrigan thought that Swezey should have had an even stronger performance, but was pleased with it nonetheless.

"Duncan was like a lot of our guys," Corrigan said. "He should have had seven goals, but I'm glad he had

four."

Bellarmino scored the first goal of the game at the 12:47 mark when Knights sophomore Jarrett Davis tallied his first of two scores on the day. The Irish responded nearly two minutes later with Swezey's first goal off an assist from sophomore midfielder David Earl at the 10:49 mark.

The teams remained tied until Irish sophomore midfielder Zach Brennenman scored with 2:35 left in the first quarter. Senior midfielder Dan Gibson scored 50 seconds later to make the score 3-1, but a goal by Bellarmine sophomore Dereck Hopcroft made the score 3-2 at the end of the period.

Bellarmino tied the game at three with a goal from junior Brian Doyle nearly two minutes into the second quarter. However, two goals from junior midfielder Grant Krebs put the Irish on top 5-3 with just over 11 minutes to play in the half, and a tally from junior attacker Matt Ciambella put the Irish on top by three halfway through the second quarter. Knights sophomore Chase

Williams scored with 4:11 play in the half to make the score 6-4 at the break.

Doyle scored his second goal of the game to narrow the gap to one just 50 seconds into the third quarter. The Irish responded as Krebs scored his third goal of the game at the 7:59 mark to put the Irish up two. Swezey would score two of his three straight goals in the final 1:15 of the quarter to put the Irish up 9-5 heading into the final period.

Swezey scored his fourth goal with 14:37 left in the game to give the Irish a five-goal cushion. Davis added his second tally for Bellarmine almost a minute later to make it a 10-6 game, but that would be as close the Knights would get, as Irish junior attack Neal Hicks concluded the scoring with 9:20 left in the contest.

Notre Dame improved to 4-0 all time against Bellarmine and 15-1 in GWLL openers. The Irish return to action on Tuesday for a non-conference tilt at home against Villanova.

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Walks

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Shane McCatty, but he fared no better. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes hit a triple to the warning track that scored Grosso and tied the game at five.

Spano struck out two in the top of the eighth, but also walked sophomore catcher Brett Greschke. The Grizzlies pinch-run freshman Tim Ryan for Greschke and Ryan Ryan second and third on two consecutive pitches. When junior righty Steven Mazur came in to face the right-handed Jarrad, the Grizzly singled to left to give Oakland a 6-5 lead.

"We don't really start scoring runs until the fifth inning," Schrage said. "If I could put my finger on it and figure out why ... I don't know if it's coincidence or what."

Oakland got on the board in the top of the second. Stafford doubled off the wall in center field and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Sophomore designated hitter Dan Gliot popped out in foul territory near first base, but Stafford scored after tagging up.

Notre Dame tied the score at one in the bottom of the inning. Two walks and a single loaded the bases, and sophomore catcher Matt Scioscia lined out to right field to drive in Barnes.

Oakland scored two in the third inning. Geschke singled to lead off and senior center fielder Justin Wilson walked. Jarrad bunted the runners to second and third, and sophomore second baseman Tommy Jablonski's sac fly drove in Geschke. Stafford singled in Wilson and Oakland led 3-1.

Spano replaced Sabatino in the top of the fifth, but the struggles continued. Stafford singled and advanced to second when Spano was called for a balk. Sophomore first baseman Aaron Wick walked, and an error on freshman second baseman Tommy Chase allowed Stafford to score. Sophomore left fielder Eric Ogg singled in Wick and the Grizzlies led 5-1.

The Irish got one back in the sixth. Casey doubled down the left-field line, advanced to third on a passed ball and sophomore third baseman Greg Sherry's groundout scored him to make the score 5-2.

"As a team, we just need to work on getting ready to go off the get-go," Grosso said. "Jumping on teams early, that's something that we've talked about as a team all year."

The Irish play a three-game series at Pittsburgh beginning Friday.

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Seniors

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Kyle McAlarney said. "... It's obviously very special to go out like that and the fans were great, and we can't thank them enough."

The Irish improved their all-time record against Kentucky to 18-41.

Notre Dame led by as many as 17 points in the second half but Kentucky fought back to make it 67-62 with 2:41 left. Wildcats junior Jodie Meeks, who scored just three points in the first half, exploded for 18 after intermission to lead the comeback.

"It looked like we were on the verge of putting them away but he is such a potent guy," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Meeks. "You know, two threes and all of a sudden it's a game again. And he kept the game pressure on us. We just couldn't get away."

But the Irish responded to the Wildcats run as McAlarney and junior Luke Harangody hit 9-of-10 free throw attempts in the final two minutes.

"We were poised offensively, made big free throws," Brey said. "I think we're excited to get to New York."

Harangody led Notre Dame to

an early lead it never relinquished as he scored 11 of the team's first 14 points. He also helped hold Kentucky forward Patrick Patterson to just six first-half points. The hot start propelled Harangody to a final stat line of 30 points and 11 rebounds.

"It was good to get off to a good start for myself, inside and outside," said Harangody, who hit two 3-pointers in the contest. "Coming into this game, [Patterson] is one of the best post players in the country so just getting in a rhythm like that was key for me."

The Irish made 7-of-14 3-point attempts in the first half as they built a 34-26 halftime lead. McAlarney and Ryan Ayers combined to go 7-of-16 from behind the arc in the contest.

"Zach [Hillesland] and Ty Nash really screening really freed us up a little bit but I think we were ready [to shoot]," McAlarney said. "We wanted to get some good looks in transition ... They were really coming in on [Harangody] tonight so credit him for his kickouts. It's our job to be ready and take those shots but credit our teammates for getting us open."

Midway through the second half, the Irish went on a 10-4 run to take a 62-45 lead. But

Meeks and the Wildcats battled back, cutting the deficit to single digits. When Meeks hit a 3-pointer to make it 64-55, the thousands of Kentucky fans in attendance rose to their feet. But the Notre Dame fans responded, helping the team stave off the comeback.

"What a great atmosphere in there," Brey said. "One thing about the Kentucky fan base, man, they travel. And they made our fans compete tonight so it was really a great atmosphere in there."

A dunk by Ayers in the final minute put an exclamation point on the Irish victory.

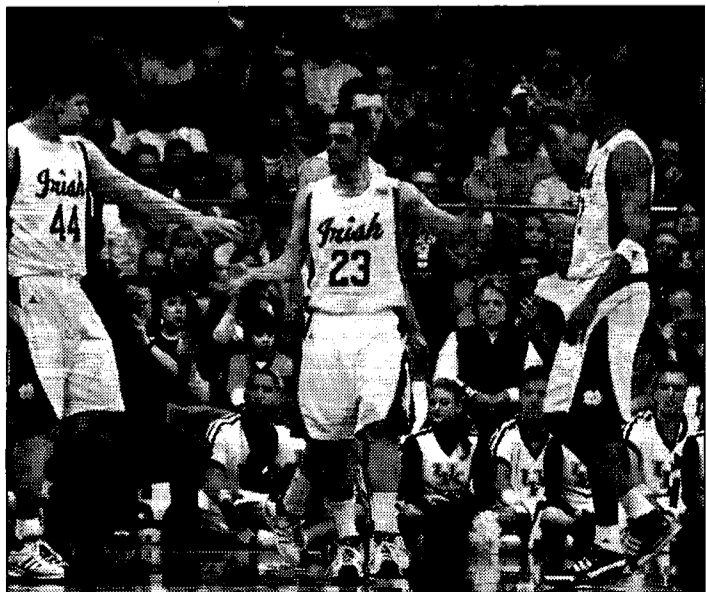
"To go out with a win as a senior, playing with these guys that you love to play with every day [is] really special, and we're just thankful for everyone coming out and being a part of our four years here," Ayers said.

After closing the Joyce Center with a win, the Irish now look ahead to a semifinal matchup against Penn State Tuesday. The NIT final will be played Thursday.

"We're extremely excited and we're looking to cut down the nets there in the Garden, so it's not over yet," McAlarney said.

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SENIOR SENDOFF



Senior Kyle McAlarney is greeted by his teammate Ryan Ayers and junior Luke Harangody in his final home game Wednesday.

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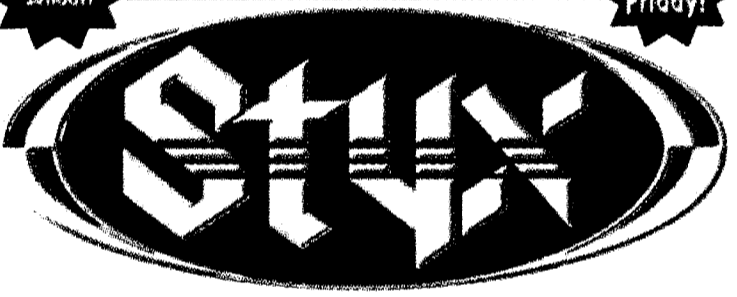
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big Apple Bound

Team advances to NIT semis, seniors get win in final game at JACC

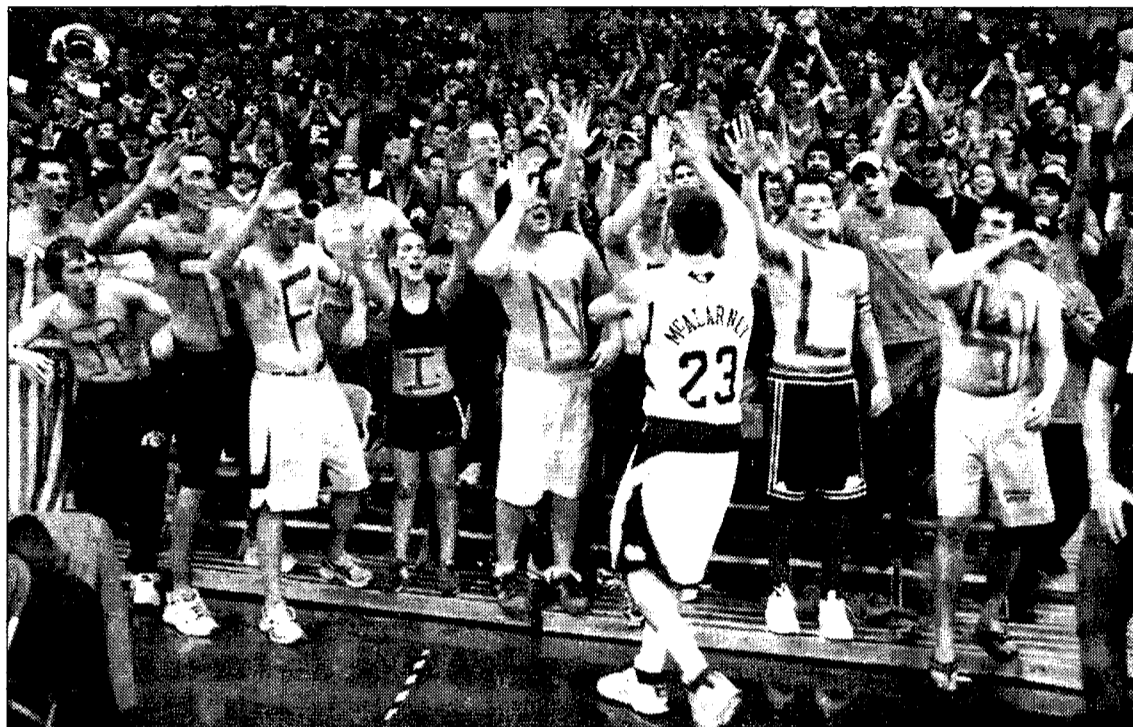
By FRAN TOLAN
Senior Staff Writer

For the four Notre Dame seniors who led the Irish to a 52-3 record at home the past three seasons, the final game at the old Joyce Center could not have been any better.

The hosts never trailed and held off a late Kentucky rally to beat the Wildcats 77-67 on Wednesday night. The Irish advance to the semifinals of the NIT, which will be played in New York City's Madison Square Garden starting next Tuesday.

"What a way to go out. Kentucky, probably the most storied program in college basketball, and to get a 'W,'" Irish senior

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Senior guard Kyle McAlarney high fives members of the Leprechaun Legion Wednesday after Notre Dame's 77-67 win over Kentucky, the last home game before the Joyce Center renovation.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 3 Irish net victory vs. Knights

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish put their undefeated record on the line on Wednesday at the Loftus Center in its GWLL opener against Bellarmine and needed a late run to defeat the Knights 11-6.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was thankful for the win after what he thought was a lackluster performance by his team, who was playing its second game in four days.

"I wasn't real pleased with our effort," Corrigan said. "Our execution wasn't good, our preparation wasn't good, and that's on me."

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BASEBALL

Eights walks, hit batter doom ND in 6-5 loss to Oakland

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Eight walks and a hit batsman doomed Notre Dame (14-8), who lost 6-5 to Oakland at Eck Stadium Wednesday.

"That's the difference in the ballgame," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We talk about it all the time."

Junior Andrew Estes (2-0) picked up the win for the

Grizzlies (6-11), going two-thirds of an inning and giving up no runs on one hit. Oakland's starter, sophomore Greg Welke, went 6 2-3 innings, giving up five runs on six hits. Freshman Matt LaMothe picked up his first save.

Freshman Joe Spano took the loss for the Irish, dropping his record to 0-1. Spano relieved freshman starter Steve Sabatino after four innings and

allowed three runs on two hits. Sabatino had trouble locating his breaking pitches, something Schrage said allowed the Grizzlies to wait for their pitch.

"When our pitchers can only throw one pitch for a strike, obviously they're sitting on a fastball and they're going to drill it," Schrage said.

Senior Grizzlies shortstop Andrew Stafford went 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI, and sophomore second baseman

D.J. Jarrad went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Junior designated hitter Matt Grosso and sophomore first baseman David Casey each had two hits for the Irish.

"I've been pretty spotty the last couple weeks now," Grosso said. "I was just getting up there trying to get something in the zone and swing at it. I just tried to be a little more patient today."

Down 5-2 in the seventh, the Irish tied the game with a two-

out rally. Freshman second baseman Tommy Chase reached after he got hit by a pitch and junior center fielder A.J. Pollock's double down the third-base line scored him. Pollock advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on Grosso's single to make the score 5-4.

The Grizzlies took Welke out and replaced him with senior

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team hits courts at local rival Indiana

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame will try to continue to rebound from a loss to Georgia Tech and stretch its win streak to three today when the Irish travel to Bloomington, Ind., to take on No. 37 Indiana.

This past weekend, the Irish were able to bounce back from their second loss of the season against the Yellow Jackets to defeat No. 12 Tennessee and No. 29 Vanderbilt, posting scores of 5-2 in each match to push their record to 16-2 on the season.

Irish coach Jay Louderback touted the wins as steps in the right direction for his team.

"They were very big wins for us because we always have trouble with both Vandy

and Tennessee, especially at Tennessee," he said. "Getting the win at Tennessee [playing outdoors] really helps our team's confidence."

Even with all of their experience playing and beating high-ranked opponents this season, the Irish are making sure they aren't overlooking the lower profile foes like Indiana.

"Indiana has had a solid year and is always a tough team to play. They make you finish points in doubles and don't give away any free ones," Louderback said. "We have played a tougher schedule than Indiana up to this point and so I think we will be tough to beat."

The Hoosiers are led by two-time all-Big Ten selection Alba Berdala and sophomore

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ND SOFTBALL

Long balls propel two victories

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

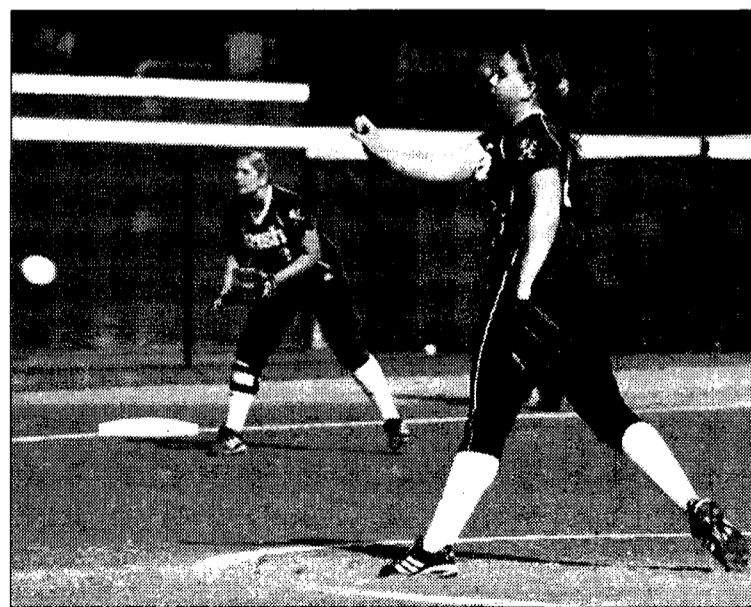
It was a windy evening, but the Irish bats didn't need any extra help to clear the fences at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Notre Dame (14-11) hit five home runs to fuel its 6-1 and 8-1 victories over Western Michigan (6-12) on Wednesday. "They crushed those balls," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Every single one was legit."

The Broncos jumped on senior pitcher Brittany Bargar (9-6) early, scoring one run on two singles in the top of the first. However, it was all they would get, as Bargar gave up only four hits for the rest of the game.

The Irish answered with one of their own in the bottom of the frame on a sacrifice fly by junior first baseman Christine Lux.

Then the show really began. Sophomore left fielder Brianna Jorgensborg got the



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Senior Irish pitcher Brittany Bargar delivers against St. John's during a 4-3 loss at Melissa Cook Stadium on Mar. 22.

Irish started in the bottom of the second with a one-out walk. Junior catcher Alexia Clay followed with a two-run blast to left that put the Irish on top. One out later, sopho-

more second baseman Katie Fleury added another run with a solo homer.

"We usually struggle with

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