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## 'Vagina Monologues' canceled this year

For first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform controversial play

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Editor

For the first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform "The Vagina Monologues" at an on- or off-campus location.

Junior Miriam Olsen, a producer of last year's show, said the group of students in charge of organizing the production of "The Vagina Monologues" this year decided not to continue the show.

"We were not forbidden by the University to do the Monologues and we didn't give up fighting," she said.

Instead, Olsen said she, along with several other students,

declined to produce the show because they believed the controversy on campus that follows the show is ultimately counterproductive to the show's purpose.

"What happened was that I, and some other people who have been involved in the past, feel like the "Monologues" are an amazing piece that talks about women's sexuality that can be very productive for Notre Dame students," she said. "But unfortunately, what happens when the "Monologues" are put on, is they turn into more of a scandal than an action piece."

"The Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in February 2002 as part of a cam-

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Students perform 'The Vagina Monologues' last year. The play will not run this year due to its controversy.

CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

## Life forum examines Obama invitation

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

A Campus Ministry sponsored forum on life issues and Catholic teachings examined the tension Notre Dame faces in its identity as a Catholic university in regard to the invitation of President Barack Obama to speak at this year's Commencement ceremony.

Philosophy professor John O'Callahan and history professor Scott Appleby spoke to students yesterday on the pastoral issues of the Obama controversy.

O'Callahan discussed certain Catholic teachings that are universal to all humans, such as the good of assisting the poor, the evil of stealing, the good of feeding the hungry and the evil of lying. According to O'Callahan, these things are not a matter of Catholic faith.

"These issues are a matter of being a good human being," not just a good Catholic, O'Callahan said.

Of these teachings, the right to life is the most fundamental, O'Callahan said. The actions we do to help others, such as feeding the sick and assisting the poor, are useless if these people's lives are not protected.

Efforts to place innocent

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## Group starts petition in support of Obama

Black Cultural Arts Council says expressions of outrage not representative of ND



A student signs a petition Monday in support of President Barack Obama's invitation to be Commencement speaker.

TOM LA/The Observer

By ROBERT SINGER  
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The outrage expressed on The Observer's Viewpoint page and across the Internet over the University's invitation of President Barack Obama to be Commencement speaker is not representative of the Notre Dame community, according to Matthew Tipton and Briana Miller, senior co-presidents of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC), who organized a petition drive Monday in LaFortune to support the decision.

"We basically wanted to offset the negative light," said Tipton. "The numbers reflecting the people who want him here are not standing up."

"I think the opportunity is there for both viewpoints to speak, but I think most of the people are taking a lackadaisical role because they know that the University isn't going to rescind the invitation," added Miller.

To carry out an idea proposed by senior BCAC member Brittany Clark, Miller and Tipton plan to add more signa-

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## Cavanaugh Hall earns top award for dorms

By JENN METZ  
News Writer

The Hall President's Council honored Cavanaugh Hall with the Hall of the Year award last night at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet; Lyons and Keough Halls took home Women's and Men's Hall of the Year, respectively.

Junior Jess Mahon, Cavanaugh's co-president, said her residence hall's spirit and sense of community contributed to their win.

Last year, the Chaos won honorable mention in the Women's Hall of the Year race, and the women won this year's Hall of the Fall.

"This year was such a group

effort," Mahon said. "We had amazing commissioners — everyone just worked really hard."

She listed monthly dorm events, signaling Cavanaugh's dedication to "making each event the best it could be."

The entire dorm's involvement and spirit made Mahon and sophomore Melissa Truitt's job as co-presidents, Mahon said.

Cavanaugh's signature events, like their April Dance-a-thon and Father- or Mother-Daughter Weekend, made their application stand out, she said. A new event added this fall, Cavanaugh-Zahm Family Week, which featured social, liturgical, academic and multicultural events with their brother dorm.

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## Ryan Hall preps for fall

Rector, students excited about making dorm part of Notre Dame

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

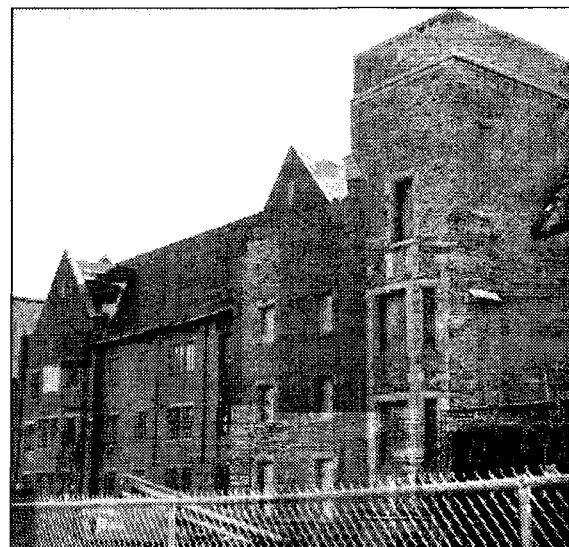
This fall, 246 girls will call Ryan Hall home once construction on the new dorm is completed in time for its residents to move-in in mid August.

"It's going to be so nice to live in a completely new dorm with rooms and facilities that have not yet been used by others," said Courtney Sands, a Pangborn freshman who will move to Ryan in the fall.

The 74,600 square-foot residence hall is being built in Notre Dame's traditional gothic style and was underwritten by the Ryan Family.

Current Pasquerilla East (PE) Rector Breyan Tornifolio will serve as the rector for Ryan Hall. Tornifolio said she is very

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Ryan Hall will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of next school year.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

## INSIDE COLUMN

## Guilty Pleasures

I think, in this day and age, everyone is pretty familiar with the concept of a guilty pleasure. BUT, in case you're not (parents sheltered you heavily, you live a monk's lifestyle devoid of popular culture — these things happen), a guilty pleasure is something that you enjoy, but for whatever reason do not want anyone knowing you enjoy. This something is most often a piece of popular culture, such as a song or band or movie or book or Broadway show (or Broadway shows in general).

Coleman Collins

Photographer

It seems to me as if guilty pleasures, more often than not, tend to be the same things among certain groups of people. English majors and their ilk would call *Twilight* and *Harry Potter* their guilty pleasures; music snobs would give you big, probably female, pop acts like Taylor Swift, film snobs would spout out mainstream comedies like *Zoolander* and *Anchorman*, or else action flicks, like *Die Hard* and *Die Hard: With a Vengeance*, anyone who watches a lot of television will tell you every MTV/VH1 dating show (*Rock of Love*, *Rock of Love 2*, *Rock of Love Bus*, *Daisy of Love*, *Tough Love*, *I Love New York*, *I Love New York 2*, *ad infinitum*), and so on. I think you get the picture.

Here's my question — what makes these things different from the things that you just normally love? As a student of pop culture, I can see why Sufjan Stevens and Kelly Clarkson are different, but still love both, and for different reasons. Why is it that I'm told I should feel guilty for loving "Since U Been Gone," but not for loving "Chicago"?

I think the answer has something to do with the concept of 'legitimacy' or some notion of 'quality.' You're supposed to like the respectable, well made things, not ones that were made solely for mass appeal. But here's the thing — me liking *Tomb Raider* has nothing to do with it being a good movie (and everything to do with animated statues, explosions, and the area between Angelina Jolie's neck and bellybutton), me liking it is not unfairly putting it on par with *The Shawshank Redemption* because I also like that movie, and it is not something I should feel guilty for.

Here's the thing. Everyone has guilty pleasures. Anyone who tells you that they don't is too guilty about them, and is exactly the person I'm trying to reach. My plan is simple: stop feeling guilty about the things you like! You obviously like them for a reason, so who cares if it isn't because they meet some made-up quality standard.

Embrace your guilty pleasures, and quit worrying that you'll be less cool or less respected because you think the fight scenes in *Face/Off* are awesome. Right now, I want you to turn to the person next to you, and say "I love [insert formerly guilty pleasure], and I'm not ashamed of it!" and really mean it.

I mean really mean it.

It's 2009. I think it's due time to stop being ashamed of the things we care about.

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## CORRECTIONS

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: "DO YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE ROBOTIC FOOTBALL GAME IN STEPAN?"



Matt Beall

senior  
O'Neill

"I."



Mike Ouimet

senior  
Keenan"Can I even say  
'No'?"

Colin Heye

senior  
O'Neill"Does a one-  
legged dog hop?"

Pete Vignali

senior  
off-campus"Why would I?  
The Gold Team  
forfeited."

John Linnemanstons

senior  
Alumni"The real  
question is if  
you're going to  
attend 'Robo-  
Tostal' at 9 a.m.  
in the Stepan  
parking lot."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [observer.questions@gmail.com](mailto:observer.questions@gmail.com)



TOM LA/The Observer

The \$26.3 million renovation of the south dome of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center continues. The entire project is scheduled for completion in January 2010.

## OFFBEAT

## Woman with beer can in hand starts brawl at wake

MAGNOLIA, Ark. — Sheriff's deputies said a Texas woman started a brawl at a wake in Arkansas when she arrived with a beer can in her hand. The woman, 52, faces a third-degree domestic battery charges, as does another woman, 46, over the March 29 fight. Deputies said the first woman arrived at the Christies Chapel Church with a beer can in hand and that she refused to leave.

The first woman then allegedly grabbed a man by the face, leaving scratch marks on his lower right

cheek and causing him to bleed. The man's mother, then allegedly slapped the woman and kicked another woman in the chest.

A sheriff's report claimed the woman with the beer became "passively aggressive" with deputies and said that "no backwood country cop" was going to take her to jail.

## Man fined for mailing animal feces on citation

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — A federal judge sentenced a Sioux Falls man to probation, a fine and restitution for sending a letter containing animal feces in the mail.

Jeffrey Dezeew, 45, pleaded guilty to a count of mailing injurious articles.

Prosecutors said he smeared the excrement on a traffic citation, a note and cash that he sent to the Minnehaha County Clerk of Courts on July 21.

Dezeew was sentenced to three years of probation, a \$500 fine and ordered to pay restitution of \$451. girl-friend Gina Pellicani plan to get married on April 24, 2010, the anniversary of the day they started dating four years ago.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Walsh Hall Tree Sit will take place Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on God Quad in front of Walsh Hall. The event will feature free food, music and fun. Donations will benefit the Arbor Day association.

A lecture titled "Modeling Human Cancer in the Mouse" will take place Tuesday at 4 p.m. in 101 Jordan Hall of Science. Dr. Mario Campecci, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Physiology and Medicine will speak about his innovative "knockout mice" technology.

The Kroc Institute and the Notre Dame International Security Program will cosponsor a lecture titled "Obama and Afghanistan: More Troops, but What Else?" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in C103 Hesburgh Center. Thomas A. Schweich, who is an Ambassador-in-Residence and Visiting Professor at Washington University in St. Louis will deliver the lecture. He formerly served the Bush administration as ambassador for counternarcotics and justice reform in Afghanistan.

Campus Ministry, International Student Services and Walsh Hall will host Holy Week Christian Taize Prayer Wednesday from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. in the Walsh Hall Chapel. The multilingual prayer service will be both communal and contemplative, with song, reading of scripture, intercession and silence. The prayer service is open to the public.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Atlanta 46 / 30 Boston 48 / 35 Chicago 44 / 32 Denver 66 / 38 Houston 72 / 49 Los Angeles 66 / 52 Minneapolis 48 / 28 New York 47 / 36 Philadelphia 49 / 33 Phoenix 92 / 60 Seattle 69 / 43 St. Louis 52 / 33 Tampa 68 / 45 Washington 49 / 32

# Junior's charity funds African improvements

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Eyes on Africa has been up to a lot in its short time, according to junior Jeff Lakusta, the University's campus coordinator for the foundation.

Eyes on Africa is a government-recognized non-profit foundation committed to helping poverty-stricken areas of South Africa, according to the Foundation's Web site.

"We started about one and a half years ago, and since our founding we've raised more than \$80,000," Lakusta said.

Now, more than 30 schools are a part of the "Campus Coordinator" system, Lakusta said.

"Basically they serve as reps to the organization, raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and spreading awareness about our causes," Lakusta said.

The Othandweni Orphanage, the initial focus of the Foundation, is still in need of help, according to the Foundation's Web site. The orphanage, which won awards for its innovation, still has unmet needs, which the Foundation attempts to offset with donations.

The Foundation's most current project is building an eco-friendly housing development in Stanford Hills Community in Africa. The current buildings are in great disrepair, Lakusta said.

"We've banded together with

several other nonprofits for the project," Lakusta said. "The BCAC (Black Cultural Arts Council) Fashion Show was actually our first fundraiser for the project."

One hundred acres of newly rezoned land will be put aside for permanent buildings, said Lakusta.

Eyes on Africa recently helped fund the Rupara Community Center along with the Peace Corps, Lakusta said.

"The idea behind the Community Center is to provide a distraction to some of the negative life choices that can be detrimental to one's health like drugs, alcohol, and sexual activity," said Lakusta.

After completion, the Center will be available for the community to learn about HIV/AIDS and other diseases, Lakusta said.

"We also expect youth to participate in after-school activities to prevent them from visiting she-beens [local bars] and not joining other activities detrimental towards a fruitful future," Lakusta said.

Donations can be made and merchandise can be purchased through the Foundation's Web site.

On May 24, the Foundation will send a group to South Africa, and many are welcome, said Lakusta. Lakusta can be contacted on the Foundation's Web site.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# Bareilles concert venue changed

Student groups battle academic groups for rooms, auditoriums

By SARAH MAYER  
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At the first Saint Mary's College Student Government Association (SGA) meeting with its new board, Student Activities Board president Michele Peterson expressed concern over booking rooms and auditoriums through the office of Special Events.

"Student events seems to put student groups second and academic groups first," Peterson said. "I booked O'Laughlin for SMC Tostal a while ago and they decided to override the confirmation and not inform me until a month ago."

Peterson stated that she booked O'Laughlin Auditorium for the musical performance of Sara Bareilles on April 16. The event was set up until Special Events took back their confirmation and gave to the space to the Saint Mary's theatre department.

Peterson is already having trouble booking events for next year.

"I am trying to book events for next year and already having issues," Peterson said. "It is hard when students try to have events and there is no space to have them."

Another problem for Peterson is that when the Office of Special Events cancelled the event, they emailed Director of Student Involvement Patrick Daniel even though they had been dealing with her throughout the entire process.

The concert will still be held on April 16, but it will now be at Angela Aquatic facility.

Student Diversity Board Representative Carissa Salvador also had problems booking an event.

"There was a blood drive in the Student Center Lounge that was ending at 4 p.m. and we [Student Diversity Board] booked it for an event starting at 7 p.m.," Salvador said. "The blood drive ran late and there was blood in the room

where we had food, which made some girls uncomfortable."

Salvador stated that space on campus is reserved first for on-campus organizations, and outside organizations second.

"You should get preference if you book the room first," Admissions Commissioner Jacquitta Martin, who works for Special Events, said.

"It is not just Special Events," Martin said. "Sometimes it is building services and how fast there is a turn around."

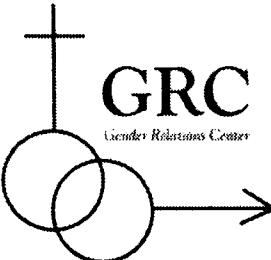
**In other SGA news:**

◆New SGA president Jenny Hoffman announced that she will continue to work on last year's board's efforts to install printers in residence halls and to extend Student Center hours by two hours each night.

"We are here to strive to make students comfortable on their own campus," Hoffman said. "They should know they have us to come to if they need anything as little as new vacuums in the dorms."

◆SGA will meet twice more before the end of the academic year.

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Gender Relations Center

## VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE LUNCH HOUR

VPI Lunch Hour seeks to connect Notre Dame students with local organizations that work to end violence and promote the healing of survivors. Come learn more about the missions of these organizations from their leaders and how you can help!

**Free Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm**

<b>April 14</b>	Ellen Kyes, Associate Director Prevention Programs and Take Ten Project Coordinator Robinson Community Learning Center
<b>April 16</b>	Linda Baechle, Executive Director YWCA of Saint Joseph County
<b>April 22</b>	Annie Envall, Assistant Director SOS of Madison Center The Rape Crisis Center of Saint Joseph County

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paign to raise awareness about violence against women, according to a Feb. 27, 2002 Observer report.

After the first showing in 2002, the "Monologues" became an annual fixture at Notre Dame until 2007, when student organizers could not find an academic department at the University to sponsor the performance, The Observer reported.

The first showing of the Monologues off-campus was then performed at South Bend's First Unitarian Church on Feb. 28, 2007.

Last year, the Vagina Monologues returned to campus, sponsored by the sociology, anthropology and political science departments, and the production sparked debates about the tension between Notre Dame's Catholic identity and the academic freedom expected at a university.

University President Fr. John Jenkins allowed the production to be shown on campus in 2008, as long as an academic panel discussion followed each performance — a decision that was criticized by Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy and several other Catholic leaders and organizations.

Junior Kathleen Hession, who was slated to direct the show this year, said she is disappointed the "Monologues" will not occur this year.

"The show itself is just a show," she said. "But when it comes down to it, it's the conversation and awareness it inspired."

Junior Will Haley, who was stage manager for the "Monologues" for part of the production last year, said the controversy surrounding the show slowed down the process.

Because of obstacles in securing a venue on campus to hold the "Monologues," Haley said the show had to be performed later in the year than was originally planned.

He said he believes the controversy that surrounds the "Monologues" every year entices students to attend and participate in the show. Letting the controversy rest for a year could benefit the show.

"If the word vagina wasn't in the title, I don't think anyone would take notice of it," he said. "It's the fact that it's not allowed to happen that pushes people to strive to put it on."

Junior Angelica Hernandez, an actress in last year's show, said the controversy inspired curiosity, which helped raise the show's attendance.

"Our last two nights were sold out — technically oversold with people sitting in the aisles," Hernandez said. "I'm pretty sure people were curious, and wanted to know what it was all about. I'm sure that helped our cause — whether the people liked it or not."

As for the future of the "Monologues," Olsen said she hopes they will be produced again on campus.

"I hope that they happen again and I hope that when they happen again they happen under better circumstances," she said.

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**Scene**  
**for more on**  
**"The Vagina**  
**Monologues"**  
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# Ryan

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excited about the transition.

"The challenge of starting a new hall and building a strong foundation for tradition appealed to me," Tornifolio said. "I have loved my time in PE and the women who live in PE, but I am also ready to welcome a new community into the Notre Dame family."

Ryan will feature a variety of rooms, ranging from traditional doubles and quads to super doubles and super quads.

There will be a total of 81 doubles and six quads. Additionally, Ryan Hall will have four super quads as well as eight super doubles.

Sands will live in a traditional double for the 2009-2010 school year.

"I'm living in a double next year with one of my best friends here," she said. "My other good friends moving to Ryan are all on the same floor within close proximity to our room so we are going to have a blast."

The super doubles are slightly larger than the average double

because of their bay windows.

According to the Office Residence Life and Housing Web site, a super quad has a traditional three-room set-up with bedrooms on each side and a common room in between. Super quads also feature private bathrooms.

Room picks for the new dorm were completed this past February after new residents were notified of their acceptance into Ryan.

Mason Bashaw, a freshman from Welsh Family will live in one of the super quads next year.

"My room in particular is a quad with its own bathroom that overlooks the courtyard," she said. "I'm so excited to be in such a beautiful dorm with all of my friends."

The common room has a bay window and private bathroom. The bathroom contains a sink, shower and toilet.

There will also be one triple in the dorm, as well as 17 single rooms. Six resident assistants will live in singles in the hall.

In addition to dorm rooms, each section will contain two lounges. One of these lounges contains a sink and microwave

for cooking purposes.

A small vending area, a work-out room, and a laundry area will be located in the dorm's basement.

On the first floor, there will be a main lounge similar to the 24-hour spaces located in each dorm, as well as a kitchen and food-serving area. There will also be sets of a stove, oven and dishwasher located on the second and third floors.

Along with these amenities, Ryan will have the traditional amenities of the other dorms on West Quad, such as air conditioning, elevators and modular furniture.

Mackey Mitchell Associates of St. Louis were the architects behind the new dorm. The construction manager for the project is the Skanska Corp.

Since Ryan is new, the girls living in the dorm next year will be able to help choose the dorm's colors, mascot and signature event.

Bashaw said she is especially thrilled about helping out with this process.

"I'm excited to be able to really influence the dorm and help to form all of the traditions," she said.

Like Bashaw, Tornifolio also is looking forward to the new experience.

"Bringing women in from different communities and forming one new community is very exciting to me," Tornifolio said. "I'm also excited about starting new traditions and figuring things out as we go"

Despite being the first inhabitants of the dorm, neither Bashaw nor Tornifolio were worried about any challenges that may lie ahead.

"I think there will be great things about opening a new hall and tough things as well," Tornifolio said. "I think it's one of those things that we will have to see as the year progresses."

Despite this, Tornifolio said she is eager to begin her tenure as the rector of Notre Dame's newest dorm.

"I'm very excited to be the rector of Ryan Hall," she said. "I'm sure that Ryan will be a great home for the women who live there and [I know] how lucky and blessed I feel to be part of it."

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## BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

# HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, APRIL 5

5:00 pm (Saturday)	Vigil Mass
9:45 am*	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon*	Sunday Mass
*Special Mass time for Palm Sunday only	

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 pm	Campus-wide Stations of the Cross (Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm	Opportunity for individual confession follows Stations in the Basilica

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
5:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30 pm*	Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm	Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am	

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm	Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 pm	The Paschal Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am*	Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon*	Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm	Solemn Easter Vespers
*Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only	

### CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:15 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday	10:30 am to 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Holy Saturday	12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**CM**  
Campus Ministry

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Obama: U.S. not at war with Islam

ANKARA, Turkey — Declaring the U.S. “is not and never will be at war with Islam,” President Barack Obama worked Monday to mend frayed ties with NATO ally Turkey and improve relations with the larger Muslim world.

Obama acknowledged still-raw tensions over the Iraq war but said Muslims worldwide have little in common with terrorists such as al-Qaida and have much to gain in opposing them. Reaching out, he also spoke of Muslim connections in his own background.

“We seek broader engagement based upon mutual interest and mutual respect,” Obama said in a speech to Turkey’s Parliament.

It was his first visit to a predominantly Islamic nation as president, and he struck a balance between extending a hand to Muslims in general and discussing Turkey’s central role in helping to bring stability to a post-war Iraq and the wider Middle East.

### Killing removes rival to Chechen leader

MOSCOW — The assassin of a renegade Chechen warlord tossed a gold-plated pistol to the ground next to the body — a flamboyant coda to the death in Dubai that marked the removal of the last major rival of Chechnya’s Kremlin-backed leader.

Dubai’s police chief has accused a Russian parliamentarian — and confidant of Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov — of masterminding the March 28 killing thousands of miles from Chechnya, outside a beachfront residential complex in a glitzy neighborhood of Dubai. Kadyrov on Monday defended Adam Delimkhanov, a man he called his “friend, brother and, moreover, my right hand,” and said the police allegations against him were a “provocation” and “slander.”

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Parishes ask Vatican for mediation

BOSTON — The leader of a Boston-based Roman Catholic advocacy group is in Rome to deliver a letter to the Vatican asking that bishops be instructed to enter promptly into mediation with 31 parishes that have closed or are slated to close.

Council of Parishes co-chairman Peter Borre says the letter to be delivered Tuesday is “a last resort” aimed at getting the Vatican to prevent bishops in eight dioceses from “wrecking the Catholic church in America by shutting down viable parishes.”

The dioceses with parishioners participating in the request are Allentown, Pa.; Boston; Buffalo, N.Y.; Cleveland; New Orleans; New York City; Scranton, Pa., and Springfield, Mass.

### Nebraska couple turn themselves in

OMAHA — A couple who disappeared with their children, leading to a search of the South Dakota wilderness, turned themselves in to authorities near their Nebraska home on Monday, a sheriff said.

Matthew and Rowena Schade turned themselves in to the Knox County sheriff’s officials, Sheriff Jim Janeczek said in a news release. Matthew Schade was arrested on a warrant for a probation violation in neighboring Antelope County, and his wife was being held by order of the Nebraska Department of Probation, he said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Agency streamlines welfare process

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s human services agency and its vendors have streamlined the eligibility process for food stamps and other welfare benefits in parts of the state by trimming the size of a paper application form and making changes in online operations.

The changes, among several that were promised by the Family and Social Services Administration in November, went into effect last week. They were announced in an e-mail message sent to the Voluntary Community Assistance Network, or V-CAN, a group of social service agencies that helps welfare clients apply for and receive benefits.

## ITALY

# Earthquake strikes medieval city

*Natural disaster kills over 150 people, injures 1,500 and leaves thousands homeless*

Associated Press

L’AQUILA — Rescue workers using bare hands and buckets searched frantically for students believed buried in a wrecked dormitory after Italy’s deadliest quake in nearly three decades struck this medieval city before dawn Monday, killing more than 150 people, injuring 1,500 and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

The 6.3-magnitude earthquake buckled both ancient and modern buildings in and around L’Aquila, snuggled in a valley surrounded by the snowcapped Apennines’ tallest peaks.

It also took a severe toll on the centuries-old castles and churches in the mountain stronghold dating from the Middle Ages, and the Culture Ministry drew up a list of landmarks that were damaged, including collapsed bell towers and cupolas.

The quake, centered near L’Aquila about 70 miles northeast of Rome, struck at 3:22 a.m., followed by more than a dozen aftershocks.

Firefighters with dogs and a crane worked feverishly to reach people trapped in fallen buildings, including a dormitory of the University of L’Aquila where a half-dozen students were believed trapped inside.

After nightfall Monday, rescuers found a scared-looking dog with a bleeding paw in the half-collapsed dorm. Relatives and friends of the missing stood wrapped in blankets or huddled under umbrellas in the rain as rescuers found pieces of furniture, photographs, wallets and diaries, but none of the missing.

The body of a male student was found during the daylight hours.

“We managed to come



Firefighters remove debris in L’Aquila, Italy, after the nation’s deadliest earthquake in three decades struck Monday, registering at 6.3.

down with other students but we had to sneak through a hole in the stairs as the whole floor came down,” said Luigi Alfonsi, 22, his eyes filling with tears and his hands trembling. “I was in bed — it was like it would never end as I heard pieces of the building collapse around me.”

Elsewhere in town, firefighters reported pulling a 21-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man from a pancaked five-story apartment building where many students had rented flats.

Amid aftershocks, survivors hugged one another, prayed quietly or tried to call relatives. Residents covered in dust pushed carts of clothes and blan-

kets that they had thrown together before fleeing their homes.

Slabs of walls, twisted steel supports, furniture and wire fences were strewn in the streets, and gray dust was everywhere. A body lay on the sidewalk, covered by a white sheet.

Residents and rescue workers hauled debris from collapsed buildings by hand or in a bucket brigade. Firefighters pulled a woman covered in dust from her four-story home. Rescue crews demanded quiet as they listened for signs of life from inside.

RAI television showed rescue workers gingerly pulling a man clad only in his underwear from a crumbled building. He

embraced one of his rescuers and sobbed loudly as others placed a jacket around his shoulders. Although shaken and covered in dust, the man was able to walk.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 buildings were either damaged or destroyed, officials said. L’Aquila Mayor Massimo Cialente said about 100,000 people were homeless. It was not clear if his estimate included surrounding towns.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi said in a TV interview that more than 150 people were killed and more than 1,500 were injured. He had already declared a state of emergency, freeing federal funds for the disaster, and canceled a trip to Russia.

# Shooter sent letter to television station

Associated Press

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — The man who opened fire in an immigrant center, killing 13 people before taking his own life, felt he was persecuted by police, couldn’t accept his “poor life” and was intent on killing himself and at least two other people, according to a letter mailed to a television station the day of the massacre.

The letter’s authenticity could not immediately be verified Monday. It was mailed to News 10 Now, in Syracuse, and postmarked Friday, the day Wong went into the American Civic Association community center and started shooting.

Part of the letter reads: “I am Jiverly Wong shooting the people.”

The letter was dated March 18, more than two weeks before the shooting, which occurred in a neighborhood of homes and small businesses. It included photos of Wong smiling with two guns, a gun permit and his driver’s license.

The letter ends with him saying he can’t “accept my poor life,” that he is taking on the job of a judge and will “cut my poor life.” He writes “at least two people with me go to return to the dust of the earth.”

Police speculated Wong, who was ethnically Chinese but was from Vietnam, was angry over losing a job and frustrated about his poor English

skills.

The letter reads, “I am sorry I know a little English.”

It indicates a delusional man obsessed with unidentified police he says taunted him and tortured him, even going into his room, watching him sleep and touching him while he slept. The letter says police stole money from his wallet and stopped their cars in front of him 32 times in efforts to make him crash into them.

“I never hit the car,” the letter states.

In a statement, the city of Binghamton, which is about 140 miles northwest of New York City, said it was reviewing the letter as evidence in the investigation.



# Obama

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tures in support of Obama's invitation to the 360 they collected Monday night. They will expand their drive to the dining halls and will unite with other like-minded organizations. In the last week of April, a coalition plans to submit the petition to University President Fr. John Jenkins.

The College Democrats, the NAACP, the Black Students Association, La Alianza, the First Class Steppers and the Hispanic alumni group MEChA have given their support to the petition drive, according to Miller.

"It's overwhelming how much support we've gotten from organizations that don't have anything to do with politics," Tipton said.

In the near future, the BCAC plans to set up a forum with group leaders who oppose Obama's invitation to deliver the Commencement speech to discuss the event in the larger context of Catholic teaching and national politics, according to Miller. But she and Tipton did not hesitate to share the views that motivated them to organize the petition drive.

"Being a Catholic isn't based on one particular thing and I just think that more tolerance is needed in this community," said Tipton.

"I want people to realize that this is the President of the United States that they're trying to refuse," added Miller. "American society is looking at us like we're an anomaly."

Sophomore signee Brandon Boston emphasized the importance of maintaining an exchange of ideas on campus.

"I have a lot of friends who have spoken out against Obama coming," he said. His support for the petition is "just to show that we can be a democratic kind of school."

Senior signee Kaitlin Ivester disputed the idea that support for Obama clashes with Catholic values.

"He doesn't represent all of the Catholic values, but he represents most of them. I want to show [Obama] that there are a lot of people who want him to create a welcoming atmosphere."

For Tipton and Miller, Obama's Commencement speech will be an experience of personal fulfillment as well as an opportunity to think about abstract notions of Catholic identity.

"I think it's an honor," Miller said. "With me approaching the real world only in a couple of weeks, who's better to welcome me into it than the President of the United States? You've got the most powerful man coming to say 'congratulations on a job well done.' It's motivational, especially since he overcame so much adversity."

"When I got word of it, I was almost in tears — it's my graduation," Tipton said. "It's the President of the United States and that is special in itself. For it to be the first black president, it adds another layer to it. He's a beacon of hope that we can come out of poverty and come out of these situations that we're in."

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# Life

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lives into the hands of others turn their lives into a private matter instead of a public issue. Moreover, if their lives are no longer a matter of public choice, then obligations to help these people cannot be imposed, according to O'Callahan.

"Private choices cannot impose public responsibilities," O'Callahan said. "If the life of your unborn child is a matter of private choice, it is unreasonable to insist that I should care for it because you decided to let it live."

O'Callahan also explained that since the right to life is the most fundamental human right, pushing it aside is hard to justify.

"What wrongs does one weigh against the destruction of human life?" O'Callahan asked.

Appleby discussed the

responsibilities that he personally believes Notre Dame faces as a Catholic University.

He said that although many Catholics voted for Obama, few did so without examining both his and their own beliefs.

"They chose the champion of the poor and working class," Appleby said. "And they tried to overlook the candidate who implied that an informed moral judgment of the most crucial life issue facing the world is 'above my pay grade.'"

Appleby cited the recent letters to the editor of The Observer arguing against the invitation to Obama as examples of those who do not understand the full implications of the issue.

"For Catholics like me who share an aversion to the president's moral judgment on abortion and stem cell research, these reactions are understandable," Appleby said. However, they are "wrong-headed on at least

three grounds."

First, Catholics should not denounce the rest of society but rather embrace it and attempt to continue work for redemption.

Second, Catholics should also not "allow the great to become the enemy of the good," according to Appleby.

Finally, Catholics should honor Obama for his willingness to engage his opponents. Appleby said that both the Church and the nation need a "viable Catholic interlocutor" for Obama's administration.

Additionally, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame is obligated to respect the individual opinions of others while still working for positive change in the world. Thus, the University is obligated to make an effort to engage Obama more than just inviting him to commencement, according to Appleby.

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# Award

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"We had tons of participation from Cavanaugh and Zahm," Mahon said. "The Week was really well received."

The Chaos' commitment to going green, with its many environmentally focused events, also added to its application, she said.

A testament to the residence hall's sense of community: Mahon said the girls had set up a texting-chain, excited about the results being announced. By the time Mahon and Truitt returned to Cavanaugh, they were greeted with a crowd and a home-made poster.

"It really represents what Cavanaugh is all about — a community of women who work so hard together really makes Cavanaugh a great community to live in," Mahon said.

Truitt echoed her co-president.

"It really was just a team effort. Cavanaugh is an amazing place to be," she said.

The girls plan to continue their programming into the next academic year.

Junior Alan Geygan, Keough Hall president, said he was most proud of his dorm's transformation this academic year.

"Probably the biggest thing was this is the first time

we've won," he said. "This will really get us out in the open. People sometimes forget about Keough on West Quad."

Geygan said the Kangaroos improved on their hall programming, putting on their signature Chariot Race that received a turnout of over 300 people, with 18 residence halls besides Keough represented.

The addition of a dorm lecture series, featuring administrators and key figures at Notre Dame, ranging from University President Fr. John Jenkins and University Presidents Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Notre Dame Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick.

The dorm's representatives at the Banquet were as well received as Cavanaugh's when they returned to West Quad.

"As soon as we got back, the guys were excited. We have a good community over here, we care about each other," he said.

The award shows all the work Geygan and the men from Keough have put in this year, he said, citing an entire dorm effort, with over 30 participants in weekly Hall

Council meetings.

"We wanted to put Keough on the map — not only on campus, but in the dorm. We built dorm pride and got people excited," he said. "To see people slapping hands and celebrating Keough at the end of the year is huge — they're proud of the dorm and not just their sections."

*"It really was just a team effort. Cavanaugh is an amazing place to be."*

Melissa Truitt  
Cavanaugh co-president

Lyons hall president junior Duda Cardoso was equally thrilled at the news of the award.

"We're really happy," she said. "I can't stop smiling."

The entire residence hall worked hard all year, she said, citing the commissioners' work on programming.

Lyons' new event this year — September's Cirque de Lac — drew many participants, and the expanded Mara Fox Run and alcohol awareness events added to their application, Cardoso said.

"Every dorm thinks they're the best dorm ever, but Lyons is a really unique, tight community. Everyone in the dorm knows each other, everyone helps each other," she said. "The dorm is really united, and I think that's the main thing that showed through in our application."

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NASDAQ	1,606.71	-15.16
NYSE	5,249.48	-69.27
S&P 500	835.48	-7.02
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,857.93	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	3,993.54	-36.13

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-1.58	-0.12	7.48
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.78	-0.66	83.60
FINANCIAL BULL 3X (FAS)	-6.81	-0.49	6.71
FORD MOTOR CO (F)	+16.00	+0.52	3.77

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30-YEAR BOND	+0.99	+0.037	3.758
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## IN BRIEF

### Empire State Building to go green

NEW YORK — The Empire State Building has loomed more than a quarter-mile high over the city for decades, and now it will stand for something new as it gets a green makeover intended to serve as an example to the world.

The \$20 million project is expected to save the building's owners \$4.4 million annually in energy costs, and will reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 105,000 metric tons during the next 15 years, equal to the annual emissions of 17,500 cars.

Former President Bill Clinton and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg both attended the announcement on the Empire State Building's 80th floor Monday and said they hope the environmental changes at the iconic skyscraper will serve as a model for buildings around the world.

Clinton, whose foundation is helping with the environmental upgrades, said the only way to get property owners worldwide to make over their buildings is by setting an attention-getting example.

### NY attorney general files fraud charges

NEW YORK — New York's attorney general filed civil fraud charges Monday against a hedge fund manager who funneled \$2.4 billion to Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff without telling clients where their money was going.

The complaint accuses J. Ezra Merkin, the former chairman of GMAC Financial Services, of telling a "panoply of lies" to give the impression that he had a sophisticated investment strategy, when in fact he was simply a middleman who handed most of his cash to Madoff.

A majority of investors had no idea where their money really went until after Madoff's arrest in December, when Merkin sent a brief note informing them that their money was probably gone forever, the suit said.

"Merkin duped individual investors, non-profits, and charities into believing he was responsibly managing their investments, when in actuality he was dumping them into history's largest Ponzi scheme," Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in a statement.

# Gates proposes defense budget cuts

*Overhaul plans include slashing of several giant weapons programs*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation should stop pouring billions into futuristic, super-expensive F-22 jet fighters, pull the plug on new presidential helicopters and put the money into systems U.S. soldiers can use against actual foes, Defense Secretary Robert Gates declared Monday.

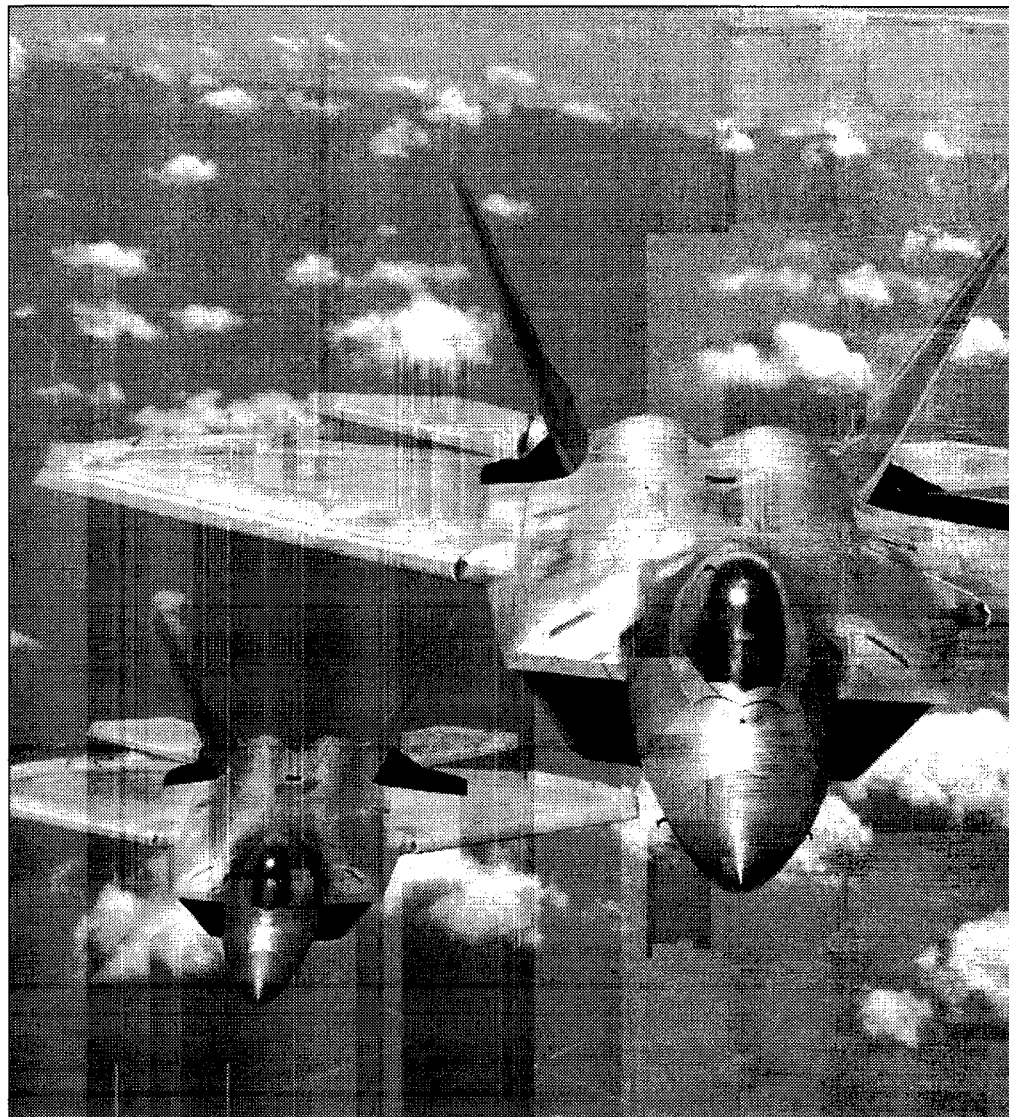
Major overhaul plans laid out by the Obama administration's Pentagon chief would slash several giant weapons programs — and thousands of civilian jobs that go with them. With recession unemployment rising, Congress may balk at many of the cuts in Gates' proposed \$534 billion budget for the coming year.

Still, despite all the talk of cuts, the total figure would rise from \$513 billion for 2009, and Gates spoke of using money more wisely, not asking for less.

Gates, a holdover from the Bush administration, said he is gearing Pentagon buying plans to the smaller, lower-tech battlefields the military is facing now and expects in coming years. He also said he hopes lawmakers will resist temptations to save outdated system that keep defense plants humming in their home districts.

The Pentagon, he said, wants to move away from both outdated weapons systems conceived in the Cold War and futuristic programs aimed at super-sophisticated foes.

Gates said he would expand spending on equipment that targets insurgents, such as \$2 billion more on surveillance and reconnaissance equipment. That would include funding for 50 new Predator drones such as those that have rained down missiles on militants



AP

U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor aircraft fly in a training mission in 2007. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the Pentagon will end the F-22 fighter jet program run by Lockheed Martin Corp.

hiding along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

"We must rebalance this department's programs in order to institutionalize and finance our capabilities to fight the wars we are in today and the scenarios we are most likely to face in the years ahead," he said.

Major programs facing cuts include the F-22 Raptor, the military's most expensive fighter plane at \$140 million apiece. An action movie come to life, sleek, fast and nearly invisible, the Raptor is ill-suited to deterring road-

side bombs in Iraq or hunting insurgents who vanish into the Afghan mountains.

Gates says the Pentagon won't continue the F-22 program beyond 187 planes already planned. Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed, the nation's largest defense contractor, has said almost 95,000 jobs could be at stake.

Gates also said no to a new fleet of Marine One presidential helicopters — with a price tag of \$13 billion, more than double the original budget. He said new helicopters would be needed at some point but

he wants time to figure out a better solution.

A \$160 billion Army system of combat vehicles, flying sensors and bomb-hunting robots would be reduced, too, as would plans to build a shield of missile interceptors to defend against attacks by rogue countries. The Navy would revamp plans to buy new destroyers.

A new communications satellite would be scrapped, and a program for a new Air Force transport plane would be ended.

Congress reacted cautiously.

# Officials crack down on housing scams

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal and state officials are cracking down on mortgage modification scams, accusing "criminal actors" of preying on desperate borrowers caught up in the nation's housing crisis.

Government officials said Monday that scammers are seeking to take advantage of borrowers in danger of default by charging them upfront fees of \$1,000 to \$3,000 for help with loan modifications that rarely, if ever, pay off.

The frauds often involve companies with official-sounding names designed to make borrowers think they are using the Obama administration's efforts to help modify or refinance 7 million to 9 million mortgages.

"If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment, or if you are facing foreclosure, stay away from anyone who says that they will save your home for money upfront," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan told reporters in Washington.

Officials say such operations almost always are fraudulent, and that help is available for free from government-approved housing counselors.

"These are predatory schemes designed to rob Americans of their savings and potentially their homes," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said. "We will shut down fraudulent companies more quickly than before. We will target companies that otherwise would have gone unnoticed under

the radar."

The Federal Trade Commission has sent warning letters to 71 companies it says were running suspicious advertisements. The agency also said it filed three new complaints against Irvine, Calif.-based Federal Loan Modification Law Center, Newport Beach, Calif.-based Bailout.hud.gov.us, and Clearwater, Fla.-based Home Assure LLC, and the operators of those companies.

Bill Anz, founding partner of Federal Loan Modification Law Center, defended his operation, saying he will offer a refund to anyone who doesn't get a modification. About 20 percent of the 5,000 customers have received a modification so far, he said, with more in the works.



# New team takes over Econ. Club

By CATE RYAN  
News Writer

Notre Dame's Economics Club was marginalized for the past few years due to an unstable leadership structure. The club's new leaders insist that their organization is once again relevant.

The club is under the new leadership of co-presidents Josh Garrett and Shae McCarthy, who will be assisted by director of marketing and recruiting Adam Carlson and treasurer Frankie Pires. All of these officers are juniors who said are excited and determined to reestablish this club and leave their legacy before graduating next year.

They have also taken steps to ensure that the club will continue after they graduate.

"We have written a constitution to have people elected at the beginning of each school year," McCarthy said.

"What is important now is to build interest so we can replace the current structure," Garrett said.

Although a leadership structure has been successfully implemented, the officers want to stress that there are limitless opportunities for underclassmen.

"Due to the fallout of the last couple of years, we are working with a large budget," Carlson said.

This large budget will allow

underclassmen to create and foster their own ideas for the growing club. These underclassmen who take initiative will have free reign to gain leadership positions at any time.

Current ideas for next year and beyond include: bringing in speakers, holding discussions, showing movies and playing a stock market game.

Making connections with alumni to assist students in networking and to help them learn how to implement economic principles into a variety of careers is also a goal.

Students of all majors are encouraged to join because during these unstable economic times, economics is relevant "for anyone trying to get a job," Pires said.

Right now the officers are meeting once a week to establish their leadership team and to plan for next year.

Economics Club will go far beyond a strictly academic club. It will also be a social opportunity for students who want to learn more about the economy and interact with students of all majors.

An informational meeting for Economics Club will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. in 209 DeBartolo Hall. Food will be served and all are welcome, according to the officers.

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# ND Filmmaker screens Haiti documentary

Special to The Observer

"The Road to Fondwa," a documentary film that chronicles the stories of Haitian citizens and their engagement with the country's quest for development, will be screened April 16 at Notre Dame.

The film, which was directed by Justin Brandon, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate and South Bend native, will be shown at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The screening celebrates the culmination of a two-year journey undertaken by two 2005 Notre Dame graduates, Dan Schnorr and Brian McElroy, who set out to create a film that captures the struggles and joys of rural Haiti. Schnorr and McElroy were inspired to create the film while living as volunteers at the University of Fondwa in Haiti for a year following their graduation. Brandon became involved in the

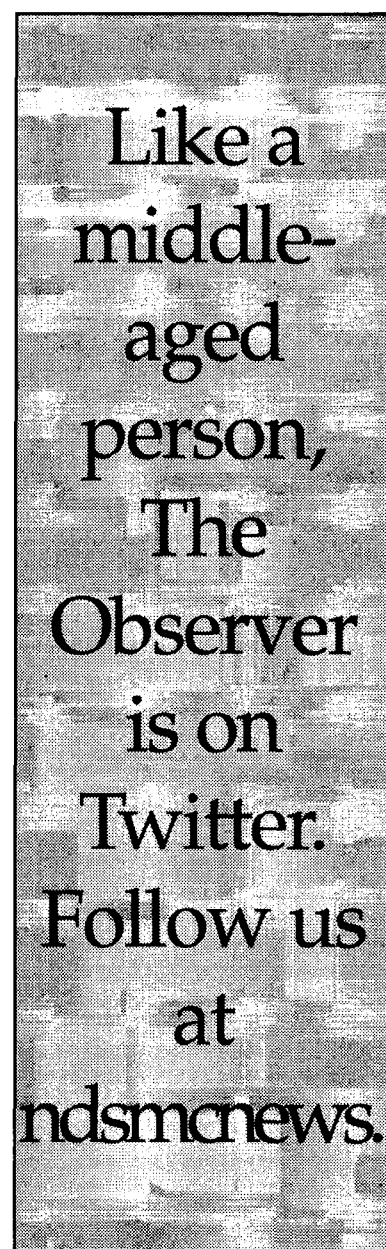
project as a cameraman and shot the film in Haiti for five weeks the following summer.

Screenings at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College will kick off the film's national university and festival screening tour.

"We are thrilled to be returning to South Bend to screen 'The Road to Fondwa,'" said Brandon. "This project would never have been possible without the incredible support of the entire South Bend community, and we are looking forward to launching our university and film festival tour at the place where it all began."

The presentation of "The Road to Fondwa" is sponsored by Notre Dame's Haiti Working Group, Mendoza College of Business, College of Science and 17 other departments.

For more information, to view the film trailer or to purchase a DVD, visit the official "Road to Fondwa" Web site at <http://fondwa.org>.



# Fifth of American four-year-olds are obese

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A striking new study says almost 1 in 5 American 4-year-olds is obese, and the rate is alarmingly higher among American Indian children, with nearly a third of them obese.

Researchers were surprised to see differences by race at so early an age.

Overall, more than half a million 4-year-olds are obese, the study suggests. Obesity is more common in Hispanic and black youngsters, too, but the disparity is most startling in American Indians, whose rate is almost double that of whites.

The lead author said that rate is worrisome among children so young, even in a population at higher risk for obesity because of other health problems and economic disadvantages.

"The magnitude of these differences was larger than we expected, and it is surprising to see differences by racial groups present so early in childhood," said Sarah Anderson, an Ohio State University public health researcher. She conducted the research with Temple University's Dr. Robert Whitaker.

Dr. Glenn Flores, a pediatrics and public health professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the research is an important contribution to studies documenting racial and ethnic disparities in children's

weight.

"The cumulative evidence is alarming because within just a few decades, America will become a 'minority majority' nation," he said. Without interventions, the next generation "will be at very high risk" for heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, joint diseases and other problems connected with obesity, said Flores, who was not involved in the new research.

The study is an analysis of nationally representative height and weight data on 8,550 preschoolers born in 2001. Children were measured in their homes and were part of a study conducted by the government's National Center for Education Statistics. The results appear in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Almost 13 percent of Asian children were obese, along with 16 percent of whites, almost 21 percent of blacks, 22 percent of Hispanics, and 31 percent of American Indians.

Children were considered obese if their body-mass index, a height-weight ratio, was in the 95th percentile or higher based on government BMI growth charts. For 4-year-olds, that would be a BMI of about 18.

For example, a girl who is 4½ years old, 40 inches tall and 42 pounds would have a BMI of about 18, weighing 4 pounds more than the government's upper limit for that age, height and gender.



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# AP begins campaign to prevent Internet copyright violations

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Associated Press and the newspaper industry plan an aggressive effort to track down copyright violators on the Internet and try to divert traffic from Web sites that don't properly license news content, the AP board announced Monday.

The not-for-profit news cooperative also said it will cut fees by \$35 million for U.S. newspapers in 2010 — on top of a \$30 million reduction that took effect this year — and loosen its long-standing requirement for two years' notice to cancel AP service.

The financial moves are part of an overhaul of the AP's policies in the face of extraordinary financial hardship for newspapers. The changes were announced at the AP's annual meeting in San Diego, along with the copyright initiative launched by the AP's board, which is made up largely of newspaper executives.

"We can no longer stand by and watch others walk off with our work under some very misguided, unfounded legal theories," said Dean Singleton, the AP's chairman and the chief executive of newspaper publisher MediaNews Group Inc.

"We are mad as hell, and we are not going to take it any more," he added, prompting applause in the meeting.

Specifics behind the initiative

are still being worked out. One idea under development would be to create a system that can help track whether news content is being legally distributed online. The AP also said it will work with newspapers and broadcasters to direct readers to "landing pages" that could offer news from the AP and its members, rather than unauthorized sites.

Sue Cross, an AP senior vice president, emphasized that the initiative could take many forms. "It's a significant move for the industry to work together," she said.

Copyright is an especially thorny issue for the AP and newspapers, which have seen their material spread on the Internet far beyond their direct control in a cut-and-paste age.

The AP has tangled with bloggers over the extent to which "fair use" principles should allow them to post AP text on their sites. The cooperative also has sued online news aggregators over copyright and is embroiled in a closely watched lawsuit with artist Shepard Fairey, who made iconic Barack Obama campaign posters out of an image that originated with an AP photo.

Wendy Seltzer, a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and Fred von Lohmann, a senior staff attorney who specializes in intellectual-property issues at the Electronic Frontier

Foundation, both said they needed more details to determine what effects the AP initiative would have.

The fee reductions are meant to help newspapers deal with another huge challenge — their finances.

The cuts in the cost of AP service are expected to average just under 20 percent but will vary widely, depending on what content newspapers buy, the AP said. It unveiled a two-tier price structure — a "Member Choice Complete" package with full access to AP reporting and a "Member Choice Limited" option with minimal national and world news.

The fee cuts this year and next will mean that the AP's revenue from member newspapers in 2010 is expected to be about \$135 million — one-third less than what it was in 2008, the AP said. Next year, newspapers are expected to account for 20 percent of the AP's total revenue, Singleton said, down from about 25 percent now.

The AP's revenue grew 5.3 percent last year to \$747.7 million, marking its largest percentage increase since 2004, thanks partly to growth in new media, video and photo archive markets. Excluding the Beijing Summer Olympics and the U.S. presidential election, which enabled the AP to sell more content, the cooperative said revenue grew 3.2 percent.

The Olympics and the presi-

dential election also made the AP incur higher expenses, one reason that pretax profit fell 18 percent to \$37.3 million. Net income, however, rose 4.5 percent to \$25.1 million because of lower tax expenses. The AP remained debt-free, though its cash balance dropped 26 percent to \$34.5 million at the end of last year.

Despite healthy indicators, the AP said it is facing unusually tough times. Tom Brettingen, the AP's senior vice president and chief revenue officer, said revenue in 2009 is expected to fall to around \$700 million.

"The new member pricing program, coupled with attrition in renewals, will result in a revenue decline not seen by the company since the Great Depression," the AP's annual report reads. "To counter this, we must reduce our expense base."

No decisions have been reached on how to cut costs, Brettingen said, but he reaffirmed the company's plans, announced in November, to trim its payroll costs by 10 percent this year. The AP, which has a global staff of 4,100 people, still hopes to achieve most of the cuts through attrition.

About 180 newspapers — 14 percent of the AP's U.S. newspaper membership — have threatened to leave the AP, including The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and newspapers

owned by Tribune Co. Reasons vary, but many complaints center on cost.

Brettingen said the rate of cancellations waned in anticipation of Monday's announcement. Members have generally welcomed broad outlines of the plan as it was explained to them over the last three months, he said.

Starting Jan. 1, members can cancel their service with one year's notice. But those who agree to give two years' notice will pay 3 percent less for their AP services, Singleton said.


In 2007, the AP's board approved an overhaul of the news cooperative's fee structure. It called for a two-tier system that would have given newspapers a basic package for breaking news and the option of buying a premium service called AP Complete, with analyses, enterprise and other additional stories.

The AP suspended the plan last October after some members complained it didn't go far enough at cutting their costs.

Under the revised structure announced Monday, newspapers with Member Choice Complete — the full run of AP reporting — can cut costs by declining any of four enhanced packages, which are sports, financial, analyses and lifestyles, Brettingen said. Likewise, newspapers with Member Choice Limited can add any of those four packages for an extra fee.

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## Pro-choice — unless you're a doctor

One of our most celebrated liberties in America is the freedom of conscience, or the freedom to hold and act upon conscientious judgments. It was the motivating factor in the Bush administration's strengthening of what are commonly known as "conscience" laws that protect physicians and other health care providers from discrimination if they refuse to participate in medical procedures that raise religious or other conscientious objections.

What sort of discrimination? In the past, health care providers who refuse to say, participate in abortion procedures; have faced harassment, intimidation, and retribution in the form of denials of promotions and educational opportunities, and even the loss of employment.

Such laws have been in place since the 1970s, but the Department of Health and Human Services has done little to enforce them, and many providers remain unaware of their existence. Thanks to President Bush's efforts, these laws are now provided with real executive power. President Obama, however, plans to challenge the letter of the law by eliminating the very regulations that help enforce them.

In an announcement that gained little coverage from our ever-vigilant news media, the Obama administration proposed its intentions to rescind the measures for the purpose of eliminating the potential "ambiguity and confusion." Considering the fact that the Bush administration's new regulation clarified the laws and aided their enforcement, it could very well be that Obama's attempt to do away with the regulation is nothing but a thinly-veiled attempt to pander to the pro-choice movement. More disturbing, however, is how Obama's position on the matter raises questions about his party's commitment to religious liberty, especially

when it conflicts with their agenda to promote ambiguous "reproductive rights."

But before we delve into the realm of politics, let us examine the reasoning behind opposition to the existence of conscience laws.

Conscience law critics often point to the responsibility that health care providers have to their patients, which they believe overrides any moral or religious beliefs they might espouse. When a patient is in need of a medical procedure, they argue, it is the duty of the physician or hospital to provide the procedure. Conscience laws unfairly disadvantage people who do not have easy access to a variety of medical institutions or practitioners because they may be denied assistance by providers who refuse to partake in procedures on religious or moral grounds.

Yet despite these claims, forcing physicians and hospitals to partake in actions they find morally reprehensible is not the answer because responsibilities to patients simply do not trump constitutionally-supported rights that hold a cherished place in the history of democratic thought. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 1975 ruling in the case of Taylor v. St. Vincent's Hospital, states, "If [a] hospital's refusal to perform sterilization [or, by implication, abortion] infringes upon any constitutionally cognizable right to privacy, such infringement is outweighed by the need to protect the freedom of religion of denominational hospitals 'with religious or moral scruples against sterilizations and abortions.'" Thus no rationale, no matter how sound, can justify overriding a right that is protected by the First Amendment's provision that forbids Congress from making laws that infringe upon the free practice of religion.

On certain issues, the Democratic Party appears to understand the sanctity of the freedom to express one's religious and moral beliefs, in particular those of minority religions. They have stood against measures they believe undermine what they believe should be a strict separation between church and state. Yet when it comes to religious beliefs that they disagree with personally, especially those of most Christian denominations,

they have no qualms about creating government mandates that suppress the free expression of these practices, such as bans on school prayer and the removal of monuments displaying the Ten Commandments in public places. If, for instance, physicians of the Muslim faith were bringing up objections to performing procedures that contradicted their religious beliefs, I can't envision the ACLU fighting against measures that would prevent discrimination against these people. The Democrats' commitment to religious liberty is largely conditional on whose religious liberty is at stake.

Furthermore, the added dimension of reproductive issues like abortion complicates the matter. As his Senate record has shown, Obama is an ardent defender of abortion rights, going as far as sponsoring legislation that would allow for the killing of infants who manage to survive and are born alive despite abortion attempts. When combined with his party's inherent tendency to distrust Christian beliefs, it is obvious why he would want to rescind any measures that interfere with the alleged rights of patients to receive abortions on demand. In claiming to be "pro-choice" when it comes to having an abortion, Democrats are surprisingly anti-choice on the matter of doctors and hospitals choosing whether or not to provide them.

Unfortunately for Obama and the Democrats, repealing Bush's regulations will not eliminate the conscience laws that have remained on the books for over three decades. Yet it will be up to health care providers to defend themselves against discrimination based on their religious and moral beliefs, a protection that should be the responsibility of the branch of government that enforces the law.

*If you would like to voice your objection to the President's efforts to rescind the Bush regulation, please visit [www.ADoctorsRight.com](http://www.ADoctorsRight.com) before April 9.*

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## The TSA and civil liberties

While I agree with Ben Linskey that the TSA has created nothing but "security theater" at our airports, his argument that privatization is the answer fails for two reasons, both of them rooted in constitutional law ("The tyranny of the TSA," April 6). The first is that, while the Fourth Amendment prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures, and imposes a warrant requirement, it is not violated by the TSA's practices, however invasive. Every right and liberty granted in the Bill of Rights can be surrendered voluntarily. You can give up your right to free speech when you sit quietly at a rally, or your right to the free exercise of religion by not going to Church. Likewise, if you willingly submit to a search, you waive your Fourth Amendment rights. That's what you're doing when you walk through security at an airport; it's a voluntary act.

The second problem with Mr. Linsky's argument in favor of the privatization of airport security as a way to protect our personal liberties is that the Fourth Amendment only applies to governmental actors. While many people read the amendment to provide for an affirmative liberty, all it does is restrict

government action. See United States v. Jacobsen, 466 U.S. 109 (1984): "This Court has [...] consistently construed this protection as proscribing only governmental action; it is wholly inapplicable to a search or seizure, even an unreasonable one, effected by a private individual not acting as an agent of the Government or with the participation or knowledge of any governmental official." Nothing whatsoever would prevent private screening organizations from being even more invasive.

Considering the still-present paranoia regarding air travel, it's likely that instead of creating a race to the bottom, toward less invasive, less secure practices, privatization would result in a race towards more screening, exactly what Mr. Linsky wants to avoid.

Jacob Vos  
third year law  
off campus  
April 6

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information."*

Oscar Wilde  
Irish dramatist, novelist and poet

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is love."*

Sophocles  
Greek tragic dramatist



## Of the battle at Walsh's gate

Sing, O Muse, of the rage of Sorin, of the otter-band, valorous, justice-loving, yet fated to die. Sing of the rage that cost the College so many good otters and sent so many vital, hearty souls down to the dreary House of Death.

Tell, O Muse, of this drom of many devices, that wandered many ways after it had waged war upon the Amazon's nation.

**Steve Lechner**

*Guest Columnist*

Nigh on seven days ago it were that they sprang to arms 'gainst the terror that invades our lands. Though some warned them of the dangers they tempted, yet laugh did they at such wisdom in counsel.

But what has conspired since they set out? Is blood yet spilt? Or does the otter-band still sit comfortably in its tower of jasper and adamant feasting upon clams and mead? Did their words last Monday, then filled with justified rage, merely hide shivering spines of yellow?

Nea, I tell ye! Aloft I have spied them, not swimming in glee as they did of old in ages of peace, but with spear in paw and helm on

head crying great cries of war!

For swiftly did their might flash upon the enemy, even as the hammer of Thor sparkles in the twilight of yet greater storms, and as unforgiving as Odin's rune-spear will be their judgment once it finds accomplishment. I tell ye of an epic battle, the Battle at Walsh's Gate!

Ere it were midnight of the 2nd of April in the year of our Lord MMIX, the troops assembled in the Otter College. Together they marched to feast upon red meat off the bone, as many a goodman and goodwoman witnessed at the great mead-hall of LaFortune. They sang proudly as they marched, knowing well that some would not return.

After feasting to hearts content, the warriors strove in ordered file with hands raised in silent rage towards the fortress of the W.I.L.D. which towered even as do the battlements of Helheim. Together they stood, paws at the ready, as the enemy stirred in its vile keep.

One otter of princely stock, name of Beans the Menace, strode boldly into the den so as to trade words with the W.I.L.D.'s leader and thus come to reasonable terms with little

bloodshed. However, no such sanity enters the cruel halls of the W.I.L.D., rather they refused him as they would a spineless fop.

Even as the bold emissary spoke words kindlier than such enemies deserve, those outside the fortress were overtaken by a devilry new to the horizons of this land. Suddenly, from the tower were flung boulders of brimstone, fiery with dragon's flame! No mortal hands threw these stones of fury—rather demon hands, for not as rocks did they fall to the ground, but as rockets bursting in dragon's blood upon spear, helm, and shield.

Many a good otter lay dead after the first volley, treacherous as adder's venom. Peace the otters still sought before blood, but blood was then forced upon them. But Odin strengthened the Sorin shields to withstand the dragon fire the W.I.L.D. threw upon them, and many an otter-flung spear felled the enemy snakes who hoped to rid this land of liberty. After hours of war-wrought battle, the otters had accomplished their mission—they had laid their trap, surnamed the DDDWCS, which will come into effect at

approximately 5 p.m. this Tuesday—and they returned then to their glorious College to bury their courageous dead. The numbers of slain in the fray are still unknown, but the most learned of sources report VII (seven) otters to have joined the halls of Valhalla—Beans the Menace among them for the villains tore him limb from limb within their dark chambers—while as many as DIIIL (547) of the W.I.L.D. perished in flame and curses.

We must not mourn these fallen otters, for they died not in vain as beggars, but for liberty as warriors. Muses and men alike shall forever remember the otters' great deeds at the Battle at Walsh's Gate, even as is remembered the shining sun, hidden as it is behind South Bend's overcast skies.

Thus it is written in the Book of the Otter, Volume CXX, Chapter IX.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Spirit of exclusion?

The effectiveness of the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was discussed on Monday. In the words of Fr. Hesburgh, "[a]ll you need [i]s a vision of where you want to go and the ability to inspire a lot of people to help you get there." By meeting with Fr. Jenkins, students from the Campaign for Human advanced their vision—equal treatment of GLBTQ persons within the Notre Dame community.

The University maintains that its 1997 "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine is sufficient to meet the needs of GLBTQ persons. Although in its introduction the doctrine mentions discriminatory bases other than sexual orientation, it then focuses specifically on GLBTQ persons and provides justifications for the University's refusal to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause. The University states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal

non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness. Ironically, the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine claims to include GLBTQ persons; it excludes them. The doctrine's practical effect is the demarcation of Notre Dame community members into two discrete groups; it separates GLBTQ persons by classifying them as distinct from non-GLBTQ persons.

Despite its elegant phrasing, the doctrine does little to generate a feeling of inclusion for GLBTQ persons. Although creating the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was an important step, more than a decade has passed without progress towards the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. By perpetuating the notion that sexual orientation is not significant enough to be included in the clause, the administration has, perhaps

unintentionally, conveyed to the Notre Dame community that persons other than heterosexuals are not equally accepted. This stance has created a culture in the Notre Dame community of exclusion at best and intolerance at worst.

Notre Dame is a unique place; it is an institution whose members work together to maintain a genuine and caring community. It is unfortunate that the perpetuation of separate treatment towards GLBTQ persons threatens to dismantle Notre Dame's historical tradition of holding itself to a high standard of civil rights and social justice.

Jacqueline Cahill  
grad student  
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April 2

## Don't distort the debate

Gary Caruso's recent editorial ("Countering the Cardinal Newman Society," April 3) adds nothing to the debate over honoring President Obama at commencement. Caruso misconstrues both history and present controversy. For example, he defines indulgences as "free passes to heaven"—a definition never sanctioned by the Catholic Church. He also refers to "our first martyrs" as "tolerant." It is historically irresponsible to attribute modern or postmodern ideas of "inclusion and tolerance" to the early Christian martyrs. The writings of one such martyr, Paul, will suffice to reveal the intolerant, exclusionary practices of apostolic Christians (1 Cor. 5:1-5; 1 Tim. 1:20; Gal 1:8-9).

More importantly, the editorial is off point. Its argument seems to run thus: the Cardinal Newman Society (CNS) is causing unrest; many medieval and Renaissance popes lived scandalous lives; we do not elect officials "to strenuously follow personal religious beliefs while in office." Implied conclusion: nobody should object to Notre Dame's plan to honor President Obama. First, Caruso ignores the bishops and student groups who oppose the plan and have no affiliation with the Cardinal Newman Society. He could argue that those bishops' and students' opposition

does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Second, nobody has proposed giving an honorary degree to any medieval pope. Furthermore, the Catholic Church has never claimed that the papal office implies sinlessness. The failure of some popes to live by Catholic moral teachings implies nothing about the validity of those teachings.

Third, who has asked that President Obama "strenuously follow personal religious beliefs" or "follow a single religion's agenda?" Those who see President Obama as unsuitable for special honor by a Catholic institution argue not from his "personal religious beliefs" or from moral failings akin to those of bad popes, but from his concrete public policies. He promotes—in the public square and with public funds—activities contrary to fundamental Catholic moral teachings.

Whatever the soundness of Catholic moral teachings or of the plan to honor President Obama at commencement, let not the terms of the debate be skewed by misleading irrelevancies.

C. John Lane  
grad student  
off campus  
April 5

## Terry's 'solution'

Mr. Randall Terry: if we are to use the term rape so liberally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally," April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from refusing to have open dialogue about abortion and Obama's recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shares the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as "the rape of Catholic orthodoxy, sociology, and justice." And the chance of our Commencement "[affecting] the Catholic world for at least a generation" is non-existent.

Your blatant disrespect for our senior class is aggravating and humiliating. I urge the members of Notre Dame Response to distance yourselves from this man. Prayer rallies and discussions are certainly welcome on this issue, but turning Commencement into a "slime pot" is not. You do not want to be seen as an embarrassment to the United States if indeed Mr. Terry creates a "crisis" situation. His threats are borderline grounds for arrest as President Obama's security will be watching for any odd activity. Remember, Notre Dame is a university and academic discussion is welcomed at all times. However, Mr. Terry is not promoting discussion but rather an extremist agenda. Ruining graduation for 2,000 individuals is not an acceptable solution to the problem that Notre Dame Response seeks to address. Distance yourselves from Mr. Terry—you will emerge from the situation in much better shape than the alternative. You will gain much more respect and influence if you handle the situation differently than Mr. Terry advocates. Thank you.

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off campus  
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Campus & Controversy through the years

## ND homogeneity a 'crisis'

"The Vagina Monologues" as performed here looked like a rhetorical attempt to win over Notre Dame from implicitly fearing all sexuality to celebrating female sexuality while so-called "male" sexuality. This is progress of sorts. Within the wider debate about how Notre Dame is to retain its Catholic character, I'd like to raise the following concerns. It's hard to be an inclusive community when the judgment of objective disorder plagues poison in our heads before we even start talking.

There's a danger that our community will drift further from the conversation of the present age. We are closing doors and putting up signs that signal the concentric circles of the normative around us like a cult. And these doors will be more like a wall. And indeed we may one day look around and realize that we have built right here a union of individuals in a community that breeds on death but has its heart in heaven, but at what price?

The crisis of Notre Dame's homogeneity isn't that we fail to represent — like some perfectly proportioned stained glass window — the ethnic map of the United States. It's that it suggests the signals we're sending out are dissonant from the different from joining us at the dissonant table.

When sending out a message, it's understandable that Notre Dame should feel accountable to its alumni, the alumni themselves serve as a conservative bulwark to remind us that ideologically we're accountable to a great deal more. And it would be fatal to the University's sense of self if it were

to try to deny its allegiance to the palimpsest of Catholic tradition; but let's also remember that part of the audience for these messages we're sending out is prospective students.

This may be the thin end of the wedge. Some members of the administration who want to see the 1992 Noel Coward play "Design for Living" at the NDPA last semester reportedly came away with the opinion that its themes rendered the play too mature for undergraduates to perform. Good art is heterosexual, and I don't envy the committee that would be entrusted to articulate definitive judgment on which theatrical performances should and should not be sponsored by a true Catholic university.

Having an explicit and consistent procedure would at least ensure assessments with the semblance of legitimacy — and an appeals process ought to be instituted for the same reason. But this path will impact diversity (of people and of ideas), commitment and our participation in the richness of contemporary life.

It's good to be in conversation with people who are different than us. Our neurotic public hand-wringing about our Catholic identity in the academic context jeopardizes the universality of our conversations. In the short term it may do this by polarizing the field of discourse around the right answer. In the longer term it may do this by its effect on admissions.

Douglas Ayling  
graduate student  
Feb. 24

## Foster similarities

As someone who strongly believes in the importance of student discussion, I would like to point out a few things that tend to get ignored.

We are on a college campus. There are different opinions. People respond differently to everything. While it is beneficial to have people respond differently to everything, it is not beneficial to have people respond differently to everything. We are on a college campus. There are different opinions. People respond differently to everything. While it is beneficial to have people respond differently to everything, it is not beneficial to have people respond differently to everything.

Laura Miller  
graduate student  
March 20

## Academic freedom or conservative Catholicism?

I am appalled by Father John Jenkins' speeches concerning the scope of academic freedom. Having him speak of limiting this indispensable right makes me worry about the direction in which this institution is headed.

Allowing a dialogue to occur doesn't mean the University endorses what is contained within the discourse and materials presented to spark it. If a professor assigns higher students to read a speech given by Adolf Hitler to inspire discussion, does this mean that the University or the professor is endorsing the content of the speech? I think it is obvious that the answer to that question is an emphatic "No." The same rationale should apply to the "Vagina Monologues" acceptance and diversity, as opposed to Hitler's hate-filled words.

Why is Jenkins so afraid of these topics being discussed? Does he not think that the foundation of this University is strong enough to develop, handle and be exposed to and seriously consider all that is available. In Jewish communities, the elders send young adults into the world for one year to experience all that it holds. They are then given the choice to return or remain a part of outside society, ending and expansion of one's beliefs. No justice is done for faith when those who have it are blind as to why they believe what they do.

The most vital question remains: Is the primary goal of Notre Dame to promote, among its students, the freedom to learn and nation of conservative Catholicism under the guise of allowing academic freedom? This requires serious discernment by University administrators. Even the law states: "The intellectual interchange and voices of diverse scholars and students. The University is committed to constructive and critical engagement with the whole of human culture."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Joanna Basile  
Center for Social Concerns  
Jan. 25

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Monologues are art, not propaganda

I enjoyed Peter Wick's Jan. 27 column investigating campus reactions to the "Vagina Monologues." But I was surprised by his claim that if Eve Ensler were a "better artist" she would have chosen a format that allowed her to acknowledge opposing voices. It seems a misreading of the play's purpose and the purpose of art in general.

Ensler's play is designed to be deliberately provocative, like Sir Cocker's books or Michael Moore's films. All three take extreme positions in order to push the boundaries of public discourse. They take five steps to the left or right so that the general public may someday take one step. There is a word for creative provocateurs that advance a particular political agenda to the exclusion of all other concerns — propaganda.

But make no mistake: Ensler's play is art, not propaganda. Its wit and compassion for its characters elevate it above the level of mere polemic. They lend the play a depth and breadth of spirit that may allow it to transcend with audiences in 2009. By contrast, both "Patriarchy 9-11" and "Treason" are so circumscribed by their agendas as to be artless.

Would the Vagina Monologues be better art if, as Wick suggests, they included dissent? Perhaps. But it's difficult to imagine how it could be integrated into the play. The resulting "dialogue" would seem to be like the ones that Notre Dame has regarding abortion and human life. Two diametrically opposed sides screaming incoherently at one another, each locked into an ideology that forbids compromise. Put into an ideology that forbids compromise. Put into an ideology that forbids compromise. Put into an ideology that forbids compromise.

Tom Miller  
graduate student  
Jan. 29

## A look back at Notre Dame and 'The Vagina Monologues'

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Scene Writer

Notre Dame has a unique but rather difficult mission in comparison to universities that are not religiously affiliated. How can Notre Dame remain distinctively Catholic while maintaining its academic integrity? Such questions have been brought to light in the recent Obama controversy that has polarized the campus, leaving those who uphold the idea of academic freedom on one end and those who uphold Catholic teaching on the other.

However, such controversy is far from new on this campus. A similar controversy has regularly graced the inside pages of The Observer since 2002 — the debate over the showing of "The Vagina Monologues."

"The Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in 2002 as part of the V-Day campaign to end violence against women. Actors from the student body performed the "Monologues" on seven occasions from 2002-08.

In April of 2006, after 10 weeks of intense discussion regarding the play, University President Fr. John Jenkins issued a "Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character," which ultimately allowed the play to continue on campus. However, its performance was restricted to a classroom setting. In 2007 the play was moved off-campus, but returned to campus in 2008 sponsored by the anthropology and sociology departments.

The "Monologues" will not be performed this year at Notre Dame. "The Monologues" were written by Eve

Ensler in 1996 and are composed of a variety of monologues that explore female sexuality. They are based on interviews with over 200 different women. Some are poignant, some are shocking, but all relate back, in one way or another, to the vagina as a crucial part of the female identity.

Often, violations against women's sexuality are hushed and repressed, going unnoticed. In fact, fewer than half of all rapes and sexual assaults in America are reported to police.

According to Ensler, the empowerment of women is greatly connected to their vaginas. "The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of the vagina, a word that — by most standards — is considered taboo in casual language today. The title is part of a shock factor that acts to break down the discomfort surrounding the word, and diminish the numerous — and often offensive — slang terms used in place of it.

Of course, much of the controversy over the "Monologues" does not arise from the word "vagina" in the title nor Ensler's pursuit to end sexual violence against women. The "Monologues" include scenes with masturbation, lesbian relationships and extramarital rela-

tionships that have caused opposition by Catholic groups across America.

In 2003, 32 Catholic universities performed "The Vagina Monologues," according to the Cardinal Newman Society, a group that ran a campaign to stop their performance on Catholic campuses. That number has dropped to just 15 in 2009, according to the Society. As a leading Catholic institution, Notre Dame is not immune to the pressure that these groups are putting on universities around the country to stop the "Monologues."

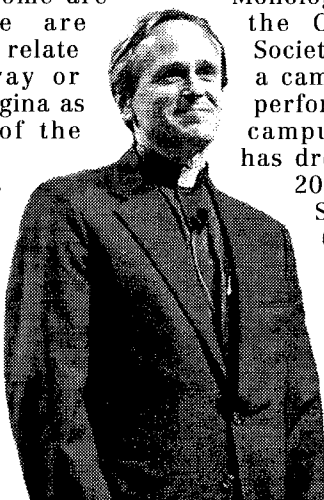
The Catholic University of America, Marquette University, Providence College, Santa Clara University and others have all stopped showing "The Vagina Monologues" in recent years.

Loyola University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Boston College, Fordham University and the College of the Holy Cross are some Catholic colleges that continue to show the "Monologues."

Perhaps the various opinions the "Monologues" that have appeared in the pages of the Viewpoint section show the controversy best: the title of a Letter to the Editor from March of last year read "University's mission is to educate, not indoctrinate," while another read "University scandalized by 'Monologues.'"

While the "Monologues" will not be performed on or off campus this year, the debate over the University's mission rages on, as Notre Dame continues to examine its Catholic identity in a secular world.

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## Debate welcomed

Somewhere, Eve Ensler is smiling. Years ago she compiled a series of interviews with women who were, for the most part, victims of violence. She then took those interviews and distilled them into a relatively brief performance piece, the purpose of which were to raise awareness of violence against women and to inspire debate.

I submit that she has succeeded beyond her modest expectations, at least with regard to serving as a muse. I have enjoyed reading the disparate responses to this play, to University President Father John Jenkins' statements and to the ongoing debate in general. While there are those who have approached the issue at hand through distaste and narrow-mindedness, there

have also been those who have shown civility in giving voice to honest debate, regardless of position. I would like to thank all those who have contributed. They have shown the heights to which thoughtful contemplation can rise, as well as the depths to which rigidity can cause us to sink. In all, it has been illuminating.

As for myself, I think Father Jenkins' far less reasoned response. While I do not agree in full with the position he has taken on several issues to date, I am glad to see that the voices of dissent will not be silenced, at least not today.

Joe Simons  
graduate student  
Jan. 19/20

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Problems greater than they seem

If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, the sponsorship of events even perceived to be at odds with the character of the University would be of little concern. It is insecurity that breeds fear, fear that breeds intolerance and intolerance that breeds censorship.

Using the Catholic nature of the University as a reason to impose "appropriate limits" on academic freedom is a tacit concession that Notre Dame is insecure. It is an admission that you lack confidence in the effectiveness of the Catholic message of the University and its ability to refute attacks on the basis of its beliefs and provide an alternate and acceptable viewpoint. If Catholicism is strong at Notre Dame, it can hold its own in the academy.

Is debate whether it is the theory underlying the event or whether it is the theory challenging the theory underlying the event.

If the Catholic mission of Notre Dame is truly challenged by the former "Queer Film Festival" and "The Vagina Monologues" such that the University's only response is to stop them, then I am afraid you have greater problems, than, perhaps, you know.

Justin Kay  
low school student  
Class of 2009  
March 20



# & THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

## 'Monologues' told with sensitivity and unflinching openness

By JESS SHAFFER  
Scene Editor

On bookshelves, Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" appear to be just another a simple little black book. Unsuspecting passers by would never realize that Ensler's work is in fact an explosive cultural force onto itself. Shoving taboos of secrecy, fear and shame out of the way, Eve Ensler faces the issue of female sexuality head on. Using her work as mouthpiece for the stories of hundreds of women's personal stories, Ensler describes a full spectrum of her subjects' sexual encounters.

With fearless honesty, Ensler harnesses the emotive power of personal stories told in moments of vulnerability and openness. After interviewing over 200 women, Ensler creates a stage for the marginalized, the silent, the confused, the misguided and the repressed, shining a bright perceptive light on female sexuality. While the experiences described are diverse, covering an almost incomprehensible variety, the common element of femininity and the focus on the vagina creates a motif that solidifies the work as focused, cohesive exploration.

The work, with its calm persistent attention to details no matter how miniscule or uncomfortable, could have easily become a desensitized recounting of women's sexual highs and lows. But the monologues maintain a highly personal tone. Though the work is a retelling of oral accounts told to Ensler, each tale reads with a remarkably personal tone gives a genuine and uncensored first person account, placed in Ensler's nonjudgmental, caring hands.

### Four of Four Shamrocks

It is the quality of monologue that is the underlying strength of the work. Lending a voice to women and their vaginas, Ensler creates an intense, stirring experience that allows for a sensitive, open and almost tangible connection between the individual speaker and the audience. By forming such a rare sense of community, the atmosphere of Ensler's work reflects the very sense of inherent female solidarity that her work not only feeds off of but also contributes to.

Ensler's compilation of stories speaks to the marginalized, openly embracing victims of rape, those scorned by infidelity, minorities, the lower class and lesbians. Ensler, in this way, takes people generally ignored and draws attention to issues and perspectives that society has notoriously preferred to ignore. Still, through the distinctive individual voices represented in the Monologues, the author carefully avoid generalizing all women or speaking for a stereotyped population. Instead, the individuality of each woman, each vagina, is clearly represented and given its place of respect independent of the other characters.

Individual personality shines through in every monologue. In pieces like "My Angry Vagina," a wry sense of humor is employed to rant about what the narrator considers to be offenses to her vagina's liberty. Other monologues are far more complex and controversial. The controversial "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could" describes the experiences of a sexually tormented youth. Eventually, the girl testifies to finding healing and redemption through her sexual relations with an older woman while she is still a young teen. Whether the audience should perceive this tale as an abomination, and harrowing tale to sexual and psychological damage that leads to misguided behavior, or a sweet tale of personal discovery and healing is largely ambiguous. The sense of personal ownership of each tale, regardless of judgment or acceptance, contributes to an inspiring environment in which both the audience and the narrators can gently embrace their glories and sufferings in a feat of self-exploration and acceptance.

The heart of The Vagina Monologues negates the socially taboo of discomfort when it comes to discussing things like tampons, rape, sex, lesbianism, and, yes, vaginas. On the whole, the monologues pursue a much more profound goal of acceptance, openness, and individuality for women.

## Distinct perspective makes 'Vagina Monologues' memorable but biased

By ADRIANA PRATT  
Assistant Scene Editor

Do not read this article if you don't want to see the word "vagina," think about what a vagina is, or hear examples of the very personal testimonies that form "The Vagina Monologues."

However, if you're someone with a curious and open mind to all things controversial, then read on because after all, according to Eve Ensler, "Women secretly love to talk about their vaginas."

It is this desire to spill the beans that led to the formation of "The Vagina Monologues," one of the most stirring compilations of human stories ever created.

Clearly Ensler was right because it was with the help of over 200 women that she was able to create and garner support for a revolutionary narration on the inner and outer workings of the vagina and the stories surrounding a women's most private part.

These stories have consequently sparked thousands of performances of Ensler's play worldwide, the creation of "V-Day" — a global movement determined to end violence against women and girls (especially relevant now as Afghanistan recently legalized a man's right to rape his wife), and on top of it all, loads of controversy.

To make public the sometimes beautiful and often painful tales of humanity's appreciation or their abhorrent disrespect for vaginas, Ensler interviewed hundreds of women and compiled their stories into a singular piece. Creating awareness about the beauty, uniqueness and necessity of respect for the female body is in and of itself a laud worthy accomplishment. However, certain stories in "The Vagina Monologues" appear to promote the perversion (though she would deem it the exploration) of this beautiful life-bringing vessel and seemed to detract from Ensler's overall goal to appreciate and respect the female body.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a quick and entertaining read, something that can be finished in an hour or two. But before you begin make sure you are mentally prepared to surrender yourself to the testimonies put forth. The only way to truly recognize the importance and heaviness of the matters discussed is to go in with an open mind and then logically deduce if the details of the numerous recollections coincide with the overall purpose of the play. The simplicity and straight-forwardness of the narration allows readers to capitalize on the moment and really experience the raw tales told in sometimes sparse, sometimes gruesome detail.

Setting out to explore the different names we have used to label our sometimes furry and other times naked friend, Ensler begins her recollection of various women's tales in a humorous and light-hearted way, but the tone almost immediately changes with the first story. Writing about a common issue for most women, Ensler wastes no time diving into the topic of hair. Yes, that detail of the female anatomy that many like to forget, ignore, or wish away. Recounting the heartbreaking story of a woman who tried to appease her husband by suiting his preferences only to continue to be cheated on in the end, Ensler frames the succession of narratives that follow. Often in dry, emotionless, and simple tones she lays out the facts, allowing the reader to digest them in full.

Stories of humiliation, overly-ambitious appreciation, and curious fascination fill the pages of "The Vagina Monologues." Still nothing leaves an impression like the tale from a Bosnian woman refugee who was finally saved from a rape camp. The utter sense of destruction to the woman's sense of femininity both physically and emotionally was captured in such perfectly clear metaphors that it is impossible not to want to cry.

Ensler does an amazing job capturing the many experiences women have with their personal sexuality. However an alternative perspective does not balance the glorification of masturbation and homosexuality the book provides. This piece does not include the story of someone who chose to wait to have sex until she was married, how a nun views her vagina and female sexuality (how interesting would that be to hear?), or a view of the vagina from a masculine point of view. If these perspectives were added to the mix Ensler selected, the piece would be more complete.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a complex and varied look at female sexuality. It serves as an inspiring call to action for both men and women, pushing them to acknowledge societal atrocities such as the raping of women and incest, and simultaneously pursues a respect for human dignity. With a few additions and a more diverse representation of the many ways men and women view their sexuality, "The Vagina Monologues" could be taken to the next level, serving as a dialogue between all men and women of the world.



**The Vagina Monologues**  
Eve Ensler

Publisher: Villard  
Price: \$10-15

MLB

# Mets earn close win over Reds on Opening Day

*Wilson spurs Pirates to score four runs in the ninth to overcome Cardinals; Blalock homers in Indians rout of Rangers*

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — No threats, no frets. That new Mets bullpen sure looked good the first time out.

Francisco Rodriguez and his fellow relievers protected a slim lead for Johan Santana, and New York held on Monday for a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in their season opener.

Daniel Murphy drove in both Mets runs with a homer and a groundout. And on a raw, cold afternoon, New York's rebuilt bullpen was nearly perfect.

"Phew, that was unbelievable!" Murphy said. "Lights out!"

The Mets are known for their meltdowns the last two seasons, blowing division leads in September. They tried to fix their biggest problem — the balky bullpen — by signing Rodriguez and trading for J.J. Putz at the winter meetings, bringing in two All-Star pitchers with a history of success closing games.

After Santana (1-0) gave up only three hits in 5 2-3 innings, the bullpen allowed one walk the rest of the way in a record-setting performance. The three hits were the fewest allowed by a Mets pitching staff in any opener.

Even the Reds were raving about it.

"They've got a totally different bullpen," manager Dusty Baker said. "They spent a lot of money on it. They've got two closers. They shored up the area they wanted to shore up. You certainly want to get to them before they go there."

No one enjoyed watching it more than Santana, who hasn't lost a game since June 28 but could have more wins along the way. The left-hander saw the bullpen blow five of his leads in the ninth inning last year.

This time, Sean Green, Putz and Rodriguez squashed Cincinnati's lineup, allowing only two balls out of the infield in the final 3 1-3 innings. Putz walked a batter in the eighth, and Rodriguez — who had a major league-record 62 saves for the Angels last season — was perfect in the ninth.

"They deserve all the credit," Santana said. "It's great for us, and it was big for getting the comfort level up."

After striking out Ramon Hernandez to finish it, Rodriguez looked up at the sky and raised both arms in his familiar celebration. Then, he made sure to keep the game ball as a memento of save No. 1 with the Mets.

"That's what they expect from us all year long," said Rodriguez, who got a three-year, \$37 million deal from New York. "This game, the bullpen did a tremendous job."

The Reds' run was scored by Darnell McDonald, a 30-year-old outfielder with a total of 21 career games in the majors. He singled off Santana in the sixth and scored on Brandon Phillips' sacrifice fly.

Murphy went him one better.

The 24-year-old outfielder hit a solo homer in the fifth off Aaron Harang, who lost a career-high 17 games last season and opened this season with another one. Murphy, playing in his first big league opener, also drove in another run with a groundout in the sixth.

It was 37 degrees with light rain at first pitch, which was pushed back by 13 minutes because of conditions that felt even worse to players accustomed to 80-degree days in spring training. During one cloudburst, first base umpire Angel Hernandez hiked up a blue facemask, covering everything except the tip of his red nose and his squinting eyes.

Reds first baseman Joey Votto, who grew up in Ontario, said it was too cold for a Canadian to play ball.

"I never headed outside when it was anything like this," Votto said. "You play hockey in this weather, not baseball."

There was ice — the semi-frozen stuff that fell from the sky intermittently and turned everything in the pitchers' favor. There was nice defense at work as well.

Mets right fielder Ryan Church made a sliding catch of Ramon Hernandez's sinking liner in the second inning, bobbling the ball off his leg before getting it firmly in his glove. Church then threw to first to double up Edwin Encarnacion.

Reds right fielder Jay Bruce threw out David Wright at the plate as he tried to score from second base on Carlos Beltran's single in the fifth inning, getting him even though his throw slowed considerably on the wet infield grass.

## Pirates 6, Cardinals 4

Jack Wilson waited until the Pittsburgh Pirates were down to their last strike before coming through.

Wilson's three-run double on an 0-2 fastball capped a four-run ninth inning off hard-throwing Jason Motte, leading Pittsburgh to an opening 6-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"That first one, he blew by me pretty easily," Wilson said. "Then I kind of stayed back and it felt pretty good. Just try to get it out there, put it in play, and then you have a chance."

In a game played in 41-degree chill, Ryan Ludwick broke a 2-2 tie with a leadoff homer in the eighth off Tyler Yates, and David Freese added a sacrifice fly off John Grabow (1-0) for a 4-2 lead.

Freddy Sanchez led off the ninth with a double off Motte, who won a three-way battle for the closer's job in spring training. Adam LaRoche singled in a run with one out, pinch-hitter Eric Hinske doubled LaRoche to third and Brandon Moss was hit by a pitch before Wilson's drive to left-center.

Motte, a former catcher who moved to the mound in 2006, had a 1.46 ERA and five saves in spring training after debuting last season with an 0.82 ERA in 11 games with the Cardinals.

His fastball has been timed in the high 90s but when Motte got behind in the count, it wasn't nearly as effective. He refused to blame the weather or nerves from playing in front of a sellout crowd of 45,832.

"It's just one of those things," Motte said. "You go out there and have a bad outing, you can come back out there tomorrow and be the hero. You've just got to put it all behind you."

St. Louis didn't warm up anyone until after Wilson's hit.

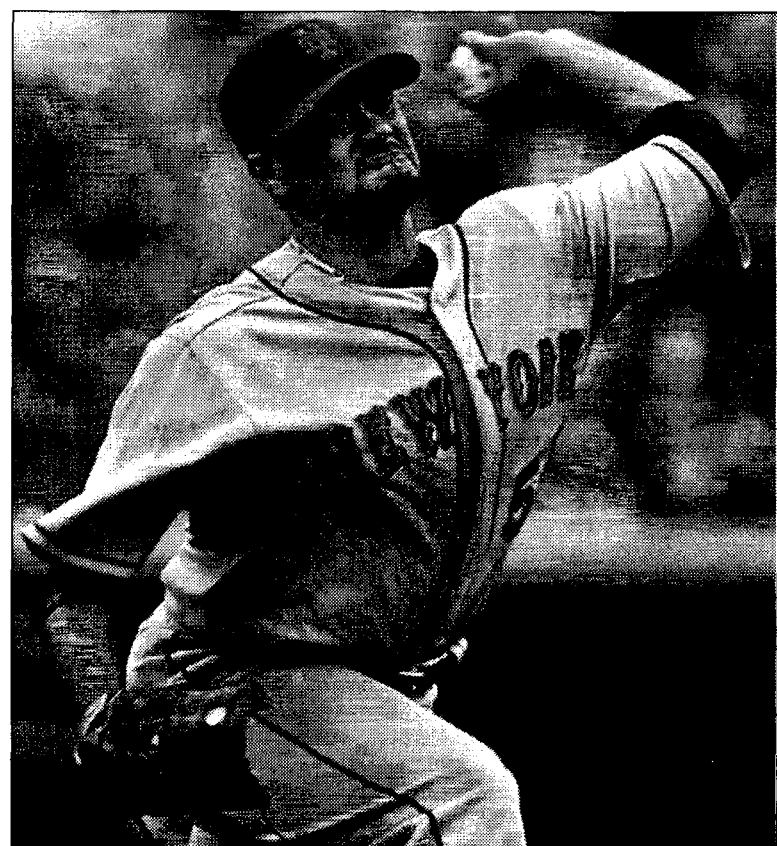
Wilson had been 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and a popup. He batted .170 in spring training with a homer and three RBIs in 21 games.

"He's got a new approach up there and I don't think he felt that comfortable in spring training," manager John Russell said. "Hopefully, this will help him to relax."

Matt Capps pitched the ninth for the save, sealing the third straight opening-day win for the Pirates, who have finished last in the NL Central in three of the last four seasons. Nyjer Morgan had three hits and two RBIs as the Pirates overcame three errors.

Albert Pujols was 3-for-4 with an intentional walk for the Cardinals. He is batting .419 hitter (13-for-31) with two homers, four doubles and 10 RBIs in nine openers.

Adam Wainwright made his first official opening day start, a year after he pitched in an opener that was wiped out by rain after three innings. He allowed two runs and four hits in 5 1-3 innings, and he combined to strike out (seven) or



Mets ace Johan Santana throws a pitch against the Reds on Monday. Santana only allowed three hits in over five innings.

walk (five) nearly half his 25 batters. While the strikeouts were one shy of his career best, he matched his high for walks, set in his final start last season. He even walked Pirates starter Paul Maholm on four pitches.

After Pittsburgh stranded five runners in the first two innings, St. Louis went ahead in the third on run-scoring singles by Khalil Greene and Ludwick following the first of LaRoche's two errors at third.

Wainwright walked his last two hitters, and Morgan hit a two-run single off Trevor Miller. Maholm, a career .139 hitter coming in, walked against Josh Kinney in the sixth.

"It's not what I wanted, that's for sure," Wainwright said. "I wanted to carry my team deeper into the game, and I didn't."

Maholm had a team-high nine wins last year, the lowest total for a Pirates staff leader since 1981, and moved one slot ahead of '08 opening day starter Ian Snell and two slots ahead of Zach Duke ('07) in the rotation.

## Indians 9, Rangers 1

Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks celebrates opening day almost like Christmas, complete with a family dinner the night before. This year's festivities included some "pretty optimistic" talk that he joked may only have been partly caused by the wine.

Maybe the expectations aren't so farfetched.

The Rangers can still hit. And if they keep pitching the way Kevin Millwood and the relievers did in a 9-1 opening victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday, this could finally be their breakout season.

"There's that quiet confidence about this team. Not many people share that with us, but that's OK," Millwood said. "We believe in each other. That's how it felt before the game, during the game and after the game."

Millwood allowed one run over seven innings in his fourth consecutive opening-day start, and the Rangers scored seven runs in five innings off AL Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee.

Hank Blalock and Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered for the Rangers, whose 15 hits off four pitchers matched their most in an opener.

This time, the pitching was just as good.

"Certainly did what we wanted to do — pitched well, good defense and did what we do best, swing the bats," manager Ron Washington said. "It was a very good beginning."

Texas led the majors with a .283 batting average and 901 runs scored last season, but finished with a losing record — its eighth in nine years — because of a majors-worst 5.37 ERA and the game's most overworked bullpen.

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## NCAA Men's Baseball Baseball America Poll

team	record
1 Arizona State	23-5
2 LSU	23-8
3 Rice	21-7
4 North Carolina	24-7
5 UC Irvine	19-8
6 CS Fullerton	20-7
7 Baylor	20-8
8 Georgia	25-5
9 Texas	20-8
10 Miami (Fla.)	23-8
11 Oklahoma	25-7
12 Arkansas	22-6
13 Georgia Tech	19-6
14 Mississippi	22-8
15 East Carolina	25-5
16 Oregon State	18-6
17 Texas A&M	20-11
18 San Diego State	22-11
19 TCU	19-9
20 Oklahoma State	21-10
21 Cal Poly	21-7
22 Virginia	26-5
22 Hawaii	19-10
24 Coastal Carolina	24-7
25 San Diego	22-11

## NCAA Men's Lacrosse Nike/Inside Lacrosse Poll

team	points	record
1 Virginia (15)	300	12-0
2 Princeton	273	8-1
3 Cornell	263	7-1
4 NOTRE DAME	262	9-0
5 Syracuse	247	7-2
6 UMBC	222	8-2
7 Hofstra	212	7-1
8 Duke	171	8-3
9 Johns Hopkins	161	4-4
10 North Carolina	157	8-4
11 Brown	155	9-1
12 Navy	149	8-3
13 Maryland	134	6-4
14 Massachusetts	109	6-3
15 Colgate	93	7-3
16 Loyola (Md.)	81	6-4
17 Harvard	56	5-3
18 Georgetown	39	5-5
19 Albany	37	6-3
20 Bucknell	16	6-5

## NCAA Men's Golf Golf World/Nike Golf Poll

team	points
1 Georgia (21)	572
2 USC (2)	540
3 Oklahoma State	530
4 Clemson	455
5 Stanford	446
6 Illinois	435
7 Florida	418
8 Alabama	406
9 Arizona State	397
10 Indiana	346
11 Georgia Tech	287
12 Washington	282
13 Texas Tech	276
14 South Carolina	260
15 Texas	241

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### NCAA Women's Basketball Championship

Louisville vs. Connecticut  
8:30 p.m., ESPN

### NHL

Dallas at Minnesota  
8 p.m., Versus

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Former Xavier men's basketball coach Sean Miller, above, speaks at a press conference in March. Miller was named the new men's basketball coach at Arizona on Monday after initially turning down the job.

## Miller accepts Arizona coaching job

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Coach Sean Miller is leaving Xavier and heading to Arizona.

Miller met with his players before making the announcement Monday and said at a news conference that this was one of his toughest decisions.

"I did my best to follow my heart," he said.

Miller said he would not have left except for the tradition and possibility of winning a national championship at Arizona.

Miller led the Musketeers to the Elite Eight last year and received a contract extension through the

2017-18 season. Xavier reached the round of 16 again this season. Miller had a 120-47 record in five seasons at Xavier, guiding the team to the NCAA tournament four times.

The 40-year-old coach wasn't Arizona's first choice to succeed Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson. Tim Floyd rejected an offer to stay at Southern California.

Miller signed a 10-year extension with Xavier after the team went 30-7 and reached the regional finals in 2007-08. But the private Cincinnati school apparently could not match the Arizona offer. Arizona reportedly was willing to spend at least \$2 million

per year.

Sean Miller leaves the Musketeers program in good shape, having won 120 games and reaching the NCAA tournament in four of his five seasons as coach.

Miller said he and Xavier athletic director Mike Bobinski were still talking about the Xavier job Monday morning in the coach's kitchen. Miller added that he did not decide for sure to take the Arizona job until early afternoon.

"I respect his decision," Bobinski said. "That doesn't make me any less disappointed."

Bobinski said coaches

moving from job to job is simply a fact of life.

"If you've got coaches that other people aren't interested in, you've got the wrong coaches," he said. "The reason our coaches are in demand is we're killin' it."

Miller said he wanted to make sure he left Xavier in the right way.

"I cannot say enough good things about this place. It defines who I am to a large degree," Miller said.

He said he was grateful to Xavier for his three years as an assistant and five years as head coach and felt he had made a contribution.

## IN BRIEF

### Garcia signs deal to play with Raiders in 2009

OAKLAND — After a four-team, five-season odyssey since leaving the San Francisco 49ers, Jeff Garcia finally found his way back home to the Bay Area — albeit on the other side from where he started.

The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback joined the Oakland Raiders on Monday, with the 39-year-old passer agreeing to a one-year deal to be JaMarcus Russell's backup.

Raiders senior executive John Herrera told The Associated Press that Garcia will join the club's off-season workout program immediately in the next stage of a remarkable NFL career that didn't begin until 1999 after a long detour to the Canadian Football League.

Garcia spent the past two seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, starting 24 games while leading them to a division title and a playoff berth in 2007, when he also earned his fourth Pro Bowl berth.

### Bush throws out first pitch at Rangers opener

ARLINGTON — Former President George W. Bush wound up his right arm with two windmill whirled, then fired a high strike to help the Texas Rangers start the season Monday.

In his first big appearance locally since moving to Dallas from the White House, Bush received a standing ovation and overwhelming cheers from a crowd of about 40,000 after the public address announcer said, "We welcome home the 43rd president."

Bush, the team's managing general partner from 1989 until being elected governor of Texas in 1994, acknowledged the cheers as he made his way to the base of the mound.

Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, now the team's president, was a few steps behind to deliver the ball. Bush's throw easily made it over the plate and into the mitt of star outfielder Josh Hamilton. Afterward, the two shook hands and Hamilton pulled out a pen and the president signed the ball.

### Celtics guard Rondo injures ankle in practice

WALTHAM — Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo left practice after turning his ankle, but coach Doc Rivers said it did not appear that the injury was serious.

Rondo was seen limping off the floor Monday at the team's practice facility.

"He just twisted his ankle, nothing bad, but instead of keeping him out on the floor, easier to take him off," Rivers said. Rondo has sprained his right ankle twice previously this season but has only missed two games.

Rivers said he did not know which ankle Rondo injured. Rondo has sprained his right ankle twice previously this season but has only missed two games.

Meanwhile, Rivers said Kevin Garnett was making improvement as he rehabs his sprained right knee.

"I'm just really happy with what we see," Rivers said. "A week ago there was more concern."

## NBA

# Jordan leads Hall class of 2009 into Springfield

Associated Press

DETROIT — Air Jordan has a new name: Hall of Famer.

Michael Jordan was elected to the class of 2009 on Monday, set for induction in September with his Dream Team teammates David Robinson and John Stockton. Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer are also part of a class announced in Detroit, site of the men's Final Four.

Induction is Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I don't like being up here for the Hall of Fame because at that time your basketball career is completely over," Jordan said. "I was hoping this day would be 20 more years, or actually go in when I'm dead and gone."

Jordan's Hall of Fame selection was a slam dunk after he retired as perhaps the greatest player in history. And he gave much of the credit Monday to his college coach.

"There's no way you guys would have got a chance to see Michael Jordan play without Dean Smith," he said.

His soaring dunks, Nike commercials and "Air Jordan" nickname helped stamp him as one of the most recognizable athletes around the world. He finished a 15-year career with the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards with 32,292 points — the third-highest total in league history, behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone. His final career average of 30.12 goes down as the best, just ahead of Wilt Chamberlain's 30.07.

"Simply the greatest to ever play the game of basketball. He is the one player that each young person in this league should emulate and aspire to become. His work ethic, drive, skill level and competitive spirit were unmatched," Jordan's former Bulls teammate and now team GM, John Paxson said.

Jordan was a five-time NBA MVP, won six championships with the Bulls and a championship in college with North Carolina. The Tar Heels play Michigan State in the national championship game Monday night.

Jordan will root on the Tar Heels, but had no plans to give them a pep talk.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was an assistant with Carolina on that 1982 championship team and was at Monday's induction, where Ty Lawson won the Bob Cousy award as the nation's top point guard.

Jordan retired twice during his career. He first came back to the Bulls in 1994 and won three more championships before retiring again in 1998, then had an ill-fated two-year stint with the Washington Wizards before calling it quits for good in 2003. He's now managing partner of the Charlotte Bobcats.

On Monday, he joked that when he saw Stockton and Robinson he was ready to put his shorts on again.

"I always want to be able to have you thinking I can always go back and play the game of basketball and put your shorts on," Jordan said. "Hall of Fame

to me is like, OK, it's over and done with."

Jordan won two of his titles in the 1990s against Sloan, Stockton and the Jazz. Stockton spent his entire career with Utah and finished with 19,711 points, and holds NBA records 15,806 assists and 3,265 steals. He also holds NBA records for most assists in a season (1,164 in 1990-91) and highest assist average in a season (14.5 in 1989-90).

"Growing up I never thought about the Hall of Fame," Stockton said. "All I wanted was a chance to go to college."

Utah took Stockton in the first round of the 1984 draft, using the No. 16 pick on a relatively unknown player from Gonzaga who became one of the top point guards.

"I haven't given this much thought over the course of a lifetime," he said. "I'm not sure it quite strikes home until you're standing here."

Robinson, who earned the nickname "The Admiral" from his college career at Navy, joined Stockton and Jordan as members of the NBA's 50th anniversary team.

He had a stellar 14-year career with the San Antonio Spurs that included two NBA championships, an MVP season, a rookie of the year award, 10 All-Star selections, a scoring title and two Olympic gold medals. Unlike Jordan's inability to stay home after his final shot in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals, Robinson was content to retire after winning a second title with the Spurs in 2003.

"If I had to pick one night in my career, it would probably be walking off the court as a champion and knowing that was going to be my last memory of basketball," Robinson said.

Sloan, who did not attend the ceremony, was the longest tenured head coach in major league sports with a single franchise. Sloan is the only NBA coach to win more than 1,000 games with a single team and has the Jazz in seventh place in the Western Conference going into Monday night's games.

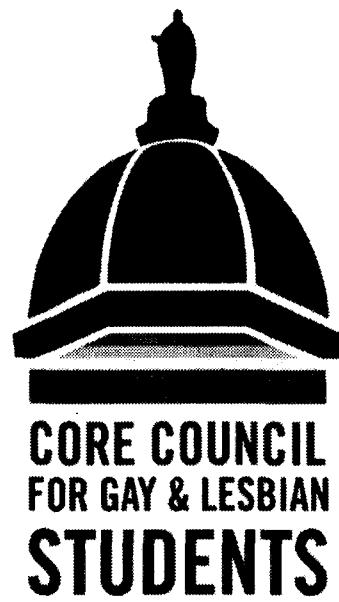
"I've been very lucky to have such great players, especially John, who is very deserving of this honor," Sloan said. "I've also been fortunate to be with such a tremendous organization for the past 20-plus years and am extremely grateful to the (Larry H.) Miller family for all of their support."

Sloan was missed on Monday by Stockton.

"He's not only a coach and a mentor, but a friend," Stockton said. "I enjoy him very much. The honor to share it with him, terrific."

Stringer has led three separate schools to the Final Four in her 38-year career and has an 825-280 mark spanning four decades. She trails only Pat Summitt and Jody Conradt on the career wins list, and guided Rutgers to its fifth straight regional semifinals trip this season.

"My knees are weak, and to think I would be standing here with these great, great, men of basketball," Stringer said. "It's not ever about me. It's about the players who all make it happen."



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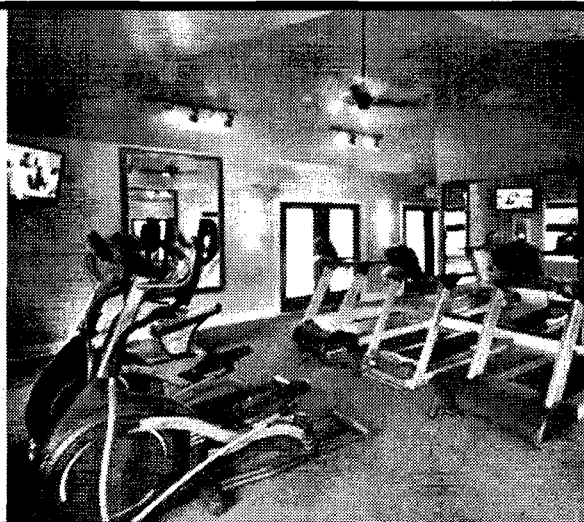
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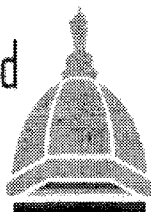
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## Sabathia, Yankees shelled by Orioles

*D'Backs squeeze by Rockies in homerfest*

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — CC Sabathia and the new-look New York Yankees absorbed an old-fashioned beating on opening day.

Sabathia allowed six runs and failed to get through the fifth inning in his first start with New York, and the Yankees lost to the Baltimore Orioles 10-5 on Monday.

After missing a postseason for the first time since 1993, New York spent \$423.5 million on free agents Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira during the offseason. Sabathia got a \$161 million, seven-year deal, but the left-hander hardly looked like an ace against the Orioles, who finished last in the AL East in 2008 — their 11th straight losing season.

Sabathia (0-1) gave up eight hits in 4 1-3 innings, walked five, threw two wild pitches and did not record a strikeout for the first time since July 25, 2005, at Oakland. The six runs were the most he allowed in 32 starts since last April, when he pitched for Cleveland.

Sabathia left with New York trailing 6-1. Missing injured Alex Rodriguez, the Yankees used home runs by Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui to close to 6-5 in the seventh, but a two-run homer by light-hitting Cesar Izturis sparked a four-run eighth that blunted the comeback.

Adam Jones and Brian Roberts each had three of Baltimore's 14 hits. Aubrey Huff drove in three runs and Jeremy Guthrie (1-0) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

The game drew a sellout crowd of 48,607 — the largest on opening day in the 18-year history of Camden Yards.

Vice President Joe Biden threw out the ceremonial first pitch, a high fastball that brought catcher Chad Moeller out of his crouch. Biden, who spent 36 years representing Delaware in the Senate, became the first sitting VP to throw out the first pitch at Camden Yards.

Before the game, two Baltimore fans carried a sign that read, "We hate you TEX," which stemmed from Teixeira spurning an offseason contract offer from his hometown Orioles. Teixeira, jeered by Baltimore backers all day, went 0-for-4 with a walk in his Yankees debut.

New York was without Rodriguez, who during spring training admitted using steroids several years ago with Texas. He will miss the beginning of the season after undergoing hip surgery. The third baseman was gone but not forgotten, as evidenced by this sign near the New York dugout: "Where's A-Roid?"

Sabathia had a difficult first inning, giving up a leadoff single to Roberts and walking Jones before firing two wild pitches — equaling the number he threw in 253 innings last year. But Sabathia did not allow a run, and worked a perfect second before running into trouble in the third.

After New York took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by Johnny Damon in the top half, Baltimore went up 3-1. Izturis singled, Roberts walked and Jones fol-

lowed with a triple to right before Nick Markakis hit a sacrifice fly.

Damon hit a two-out triple in the fifth and Teixeira walked before Matsui popped out.

In the bottom half, a double by Roberts and infield hits by Jones and Markakis produced a run. Melvin Mora then got an infield hit and Huff hit an RBI grounder before Sabathia issued an intentional walk to Ty Wigginton to load the bases. Sabathia then walked Luke Scott to force in a run, ending his afternoon.

Posada homered leading off the sixth, and later in the inning Xavier Nady doubled in a run.

A two-run homer by Matsui in the seventh off Chris Ray made it 6-5. In the New York eighth, with runners at the corners and two outs, Jim Johnson retired Teixeira on a grounder.

Izturis, signed as a free agent over the winter for his glove at shortstop, homered off Phil Coke in the eighth before Huff added a two-run double off Damaso Marte. Izturis hit one home run last year with St. Louis.

### Diamondbacks 9, Rockies 8

Tony Clark and Arizona newcomer Felipe Lopez each homered from both sides of the plate, and the Diamondbacks beat the Colorado Rockies 9-8 in a home run derby of an opener Monday.

Eight home runs were hit in the game, including the decisive shot by Chad Tracy leading off the seventh inning against reliever Jason Grilli (0-1).

Lopez and Clark became the first switch-hitting teammates to homer from both sides of the plate in a game since Jorge Posada and Bernie Williams did it for the New York Yankees on April 23, 2000. It had never been done on opening day.

Lopez, signed as a free agent in the offseason, is the first Arizona player to homer twice in his first game with the team. He is the first to do it in the majors since Richie Sexson for Seattle on April 4, 2005.

Troy Tulowitzki, Chris Iannetta and Seth Smith hit solo homers for the Rockies.

Tony Pena (1-0) worked 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the win and closer Chad Qualls got three outs for a save.

Tracy was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored for Arizona.

Colorado's Brad Hawpe was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs.

Hawpe lived up to his reputation as one of the toughest hitters against Webb, going 2-for-2 with a three-run double against the Arizona ace. That improved his career average against the 2006 NL Cy Young Award winner to .367 with 16 RBIs in 49 at-bats. Nine of his 18 hits have gone for extra bases.

Colorado scored four times in the third to go up 4-2, but Arizona came back with four in the third off Aaron Cook to take a 4-2 lead. Tracy singled in a run, Eric Byrnes drove in another with a sacrifice fly, then Clark hit a two-run shot to right to put the Diamondbacks ahead 6-4.

Webb, a 22-game winner last season, couldn't hold the lead. Tulowitzki and Iannetta hit consecutive solo homers on three pitches to tie it at 6.

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Huskies roll to title game

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Even though his team has been mowing down every team in its way, Geno Auriemma wants you to believe UConn could lose the national championship.

To a team it's beaten twice — by 28 and 39 points.

"It's way too much familiarity for both teams," the Hall of Fame coach said. "A lot more than you'd like to have this time of year."

Auriemma insists he has reason to worry about Tuesday's title game against Louisville. He's seen a big difference in the Cardinals from the team UConn dismantled in the Big East championship a month ago.

"What we did in the second game, I don't think it has any effect on today," he said. "Different environment. Different day. Different attitudes among the players."

UConn (38-0) stands on the doorstep of the third undefeated season in school history and just the fifth ever in women's basketball.

Louisville (34-4), which is looking to become the fourth team to knock off three No. 1 seeds on its way to a title, will have to have a new game plan against Connecticut. Second-year coach Jeff Walz was hard-pressed to find a weakness with the Huskies last time out.

"I think I saw their manager drop a bottle of water," he said laughing. "That's the scary thing about them. They've got three of the top 10 players in the country. Then you've got Tiffany Hayes who's shooting the ball extremely well. We're going to have to try and control the tempo of the game."

Walz knows that his team can ill-afford a similar start to the semifinal game when they missed their first 13 shots before rallying to beat Oklahoma.

"If we come out and play the first five minutes the same way tomorrow night, instead of losing 11-0, it's 25-0."

The Cardinals feel no pressure, though, and Walz likens his undersized, over-achieving team to the lovable Bad News Bears.

"We might not have been the most talented team on the floor the last few games. We've been the tougher team and the team with more heart," he said. "We have a group of players here that are buying into a system and buying into a role."

Like the fictional Bears, the Cardinals relish the role of being the underdog.

Louisville players want the media "to keep saying the other team's going to win," star Angel McCoughtry said. "I hope they wish Connecticut wins tomorrow. That's what we've been thriving off of, so we don't want that to change."

While it's the Cardinals first appearance in the title game, the Huskies are vying for their sixth national cham-

pionship and first since 2004. UConn was suffering through its longest "drought" since first winning in 1995. Expectations are so high back home, that it was like the Huskie program had fallen off a cliff, Auriemma said.

In some ways, the struggles only make this title game sweeter, he said.

"It's one of those validating things where no matter how many times you've been in you always wonder if there's a next time," Auriemma said. "Sometimes it takes those couple of years off

where it makes you go 'Wow, this is a big deal.' When you start to think it's not a big deal you need to get out of it."

Auriemma has never lost a championship game, but as

Louisville guard Deseree Byrd was quick to point out neither has Walz, who was an assistant on Maryland's 2006 title team.

Connecticut has run through its opponents this season, winning by 31 points a game. No one has come within single digits and the Huskies are poised to become the first team ever — men's or women's to finish the season unbeaten with every win coming by double figures.

A victory would put this group in the same class as UConn's other unbeaten teams in 1995 and 2002. Besides Connecticut, only Tennessee and Texas have run through a season undefeated.

No matter who wins the title game on Tuesday night, the Big East is guaranteed to be the first conference ever to sweep the NCAA and WNIT championships in the same season.

## NBA

## Spurs' Ginobili out for season after missing 19

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs' Big Three is down to two.

Manu Ginobili will miss the rest of the season and playoffs for the Spurs after tests Monday revealed that his troubled right ankle has gotten worse.

It was the news San Antonio dreaded after Ginobili sat out the fourth quarter in Sunday's blowout loss at Cleveland, and leaves the Spurs limping toward the postseason in search of a fifth NBA title since 1999.

Ginobili missed 19 games after the All-Star break to heal a stress reaction in his right distal fibula. He returned March 25, but tests showed the stubborn injury is now a fracture.

The Spurs said Ginobili

wasn't expected to need surgery. But either way, Ginobili is out and the Spurs are hobbling with less than two weeks before the playoffs begin.

Tim Duncan is bothered by sore knees and has been sitting out the second game in back-to-backs down the stretch this season. Tony Parker carried the Spurs after Ginobili first went out in February and Duncan's knees began aching, and the weight figures to fall on the 26-year-old's shoulders again.

Ginobili scored four points before his ankle stiffened toward the end of Sunday's 101-81 loss to the Cavaliers. A CT scan and MRI on Monday showed that he had a stress fracture in the ankle and an increased narrow edema.

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Memphis replaces Calipari

Assistant coach Pastner promoted to lead Tigers after search stalls

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis has hired Josh Pastner, an assistant under John Calipari, as the Tigers' new basketball coach, a school spokesman said Monday.

The university scheduled a news conference for noon Central Tuesday to introduce the 31-year-old Pastner, said athletics spokesman Bob Winn.

Calipari left Memphis for Kentucky last week after nine seasons with the Tigers.

Pastner, who is regarded to be a strong recruiter, worked one year under Calipari after six years as an assistant at Arizona, where he also played.

During Pastner's time under former Arizona coach Lute Olson, the Wildcats averaged 23 wins per season, captured two Pac-10 regular season titles, advanced to two NCAA Tournament regional finals and made six-straight NCAA

Tournament appearances.

In his only season at Memphis, the Tigers finished 33-4 with a Conference USA title and an NCAA regional semifinals appearance.

While in high school and college, Pastner coached AAU squads, following in the footsteps of his father, Hal Pastner, an acclaimed AAU coach in Houston, Texas.

Memphis athletic director R.C. Johnson said last week that he planned to hire a new coach who would "wow" Tiger fans — one with head coaching experience. Names that surfaced during the search included Tennessee's Bruce Pearl, Baylor's Scott Drew and Florida State's Leonard Hamilton.

Memphis struggled mightily to hang on to Calipari but sought to put the best twist on his departure — saying the successful program he built was attractive enough to land one of the

country's top coaches. Officials also boasted that university supporters would come up with plenty of money to pay a new coach.

Calipari was paid \$2.3 million a year at Memphis and now has an eight-year contract at Kentucky worth nearly \$32 million.

There was no immediate word on a Pastner's salary.

Calls from The Associated Press to Johnson and Alan Graf, a top member of the university's search team and the chief financial officer for FedEx Corp., were not returned Monday.

University officials refused to name coaches contacted about the Memphis job, but Johnson had said when word got out that Calipari was leaving his phone had been ringing off the hook. However, published reports indicated the search was not going as smoothly as the Tigers' concerned fans might have hoped.

## MLB

# Rays head to Fenway to begin title defense

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Tampa Bay Rays played their first 10 openers with low expectations, and for good reason: They lost early and often in their first decade in the majors, never finishing better than next-to-last or even approaching a winning record.

When the Rays line up along the third-base line at Fenway Park for the traditional opening day introductions on Tuesday, though, they'll do so as the defending AL East champions and not the laughingstocks who finished an average of 34 games out of first place before winning their first pennant in 2008.

"It's that feeling of believing; that you belong in the race; that you're worthy of the expectations," manager Joe Maddon said in the visitor's dugout during his team's off-

day workout on Sunday. "Pressure and expectations - I want us to embrace those words. It's great that people attach pressure and expectations to us."

The Rays and the Red Sox had been scheduled to open the 2009 season at Fenway on Monday afternoon, but rain pushed Game 1 back to Tuesday - originally an off day. Josh Beckett is making his fourth opening day start and first for Boston; he's expected to face James Shields, the same matchup from Game 6 of last year's AL championship series.

"It's a good series to start the season with," Shields said. "We get a reminder of the ALCS, which is nice."

The Red Sox have reportedly asked Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who was diagnosed with brain cancer last fall, to throw out the first pitch. Red Sox owner Tom Werner declined comment, referring questions to Kennedy. Messages left at the Massachusetts Democrat's Washington and Boston offices were not immediately returned on Sunday.

It will be the just the second time since 1996 that the season opens at home for the Red Sox, who traveled to Tokyo last year and had a 3-4 record by the time they got to Fenway. But it was worth the wait: For the second time in four years, the team had a pregame ceremony to hand out its World Series rings and raise a championship banner over center field.

There will be no such ceremony Tuesday for the AL wildcard winners, who beat the Los Angeles Angels in the first round of the playoffs and then lost to the Rays in seven games. After earning its first AL pennant, Tampa Bay lost to the Philadelphia Phillies in five games.

"Teams aren't taking us too lightly any more," Shields said. "There's a lot of teams around the league that have a lot more respect for us. Teams aren't coming in thinking they're going to beat us every time. I think I saw that starting the second half of last season."


Maddon said he's noticed bigger crowds in spring training, and more of a fuss when the team plays on the road. Although the Rays always believed in themselves, he said, they have now earned the respect of their opponents.

"No one is going to take the Tampa Rays for granted," said Red Sox outfielder Rocco Baldelli, who played the first five years of his career in Tampa Bay. "It's really a top-notch team. Everyone is prepared for them to be in it the entire season."

Red Sox pitcher John Smoltz, who was on the Atlanta Braves in 1991, when they went to the World Series a year after finishing in last place with a 65-97 record, said Tampa Bay showed last year "it was the real deal."

"It's rare that you have a club go from where they were to where they're an elite club," said Smoltz, who spent his first 20 years in Atlanta before coming to the AL as a free agent. "In this division and this league, that's going to be hard to do."

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## Hughes

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block Saturday gave him a better idea of where his unit, in particular, stood.

"It's just consistency. If they go out there and they flash the ability to do something one time, you have to ask yourself if it's skill or luck, and the more that they do it over and over, you've got to say it's an acquired skill."

The first-year offensive line coach was hesitant, however, to put too much stock in Saturday's results, as several key players, such as receivers Golden Tate and Michael Floyd, were not playing.

"Just being at practice today and seeing what we have with

[Golden Tate] and [Michael Floyd] on the field," Verducci said. "We didn't have them on Saturday. Boy, they're both difference-makers. So it was a more realistic look, but we certainly didn't have all our weapons."

Tate, an outfielder on the Irish baseball team, has missed several practices this spring, and Weis said the biggest aspect the receiver will have to improve by fall is his stamina.

"There were a couple of times today where we might have had the [first-team] going for 10 plays," Weis said. "It might have been after five or six plays he was looking for a relief pitcher."

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**Frank Verducci**  
Irish Offensive Line coach

## Delay

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momentum toward an MIAA conference tournament berth.

However, Sullivan felt that if the Belles see the Scots again, they would come out on top.

"When we play good offensive teams, they capitalize on our mistakes," she said. "We will be ready for our next games and are hoping to see Alma again in the conference tournament."

The Belles will now turn their attention to another non-conference opponent, Robert Morris, as they travel to Illinois for a doubleheader.

The Eagles (17-14) are also coming off a rained-out series.

Belles' pitchers, freshmen Monica Palicki and Angela

Gillis, hope to shake off their previous starts and return to their winning ways against the Eagles. Gillis, who was recently named MIAA Pitcher of the Week, was handed her first loss of the season in the second game of the Alma doubleheader.

"Our pitchers have been doing a phenomenal job all season," said Sullivan. "Angela had a tough loss after pitching a really great game. Monica pitched well, just missed on a couple of pitches and Alma took advantage of those misses."

After the doubleheader at Robert Morris, the Belles will return to league play with two home doubleheaders against Albion and Hope on April 11 and 15, respectively.

The first pitch of the Robert Morris game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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the other coming in the semi-finals of the ITA national indoor championships earlier this season.

Notre Dame has hit a bit of a rough stretch lately after starting out the season 17-2. The Irish have posted a 2-2 record in its last four outings, dating back to their 5-2 home loss against Baylor March 31.

The key for the Irish has been getting off to a fast start in the doubles competition. This weekend, the team ran away with both of the matches against the Blue Demons

and the Golden Eagles where they swept the doubles point, but fell against the Wildcats when they failed to clinch it.

In its four losses this season, Notre Dame has been unable to win the doubles point three times.

The Irish will finish up their regular season schedule with a home match against Texas A&M April 11 before suiting up for the Big East championship tournament April 16.

Notre Dame's match with Illinois is scheduled to kick-off at 3:30 p.m. beginning with the doubles competition.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Tar Heels defeat Spartans for title

Associated Press

DETROIT — There was a team of destiny out there, all right. It's the North Carolina Tar Heels, and the final chapter of their story was about as heartwarming as a demolition derby.

Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and North Carolina won a national championship a season or more in the making, stomping out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night with an 89-72 blowout that wasn't even that close.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Wayne Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight steals—and now they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school to bring home Carolina's fifth championship, and the second for coach Roy Williams.

All those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half and Billy Packer was telling CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 around the time "Dancing With The Stars" was starting on another network. At least nobody knew how that one was going to end.

"We've been working so hard since last year when we fell short," said Ellington, named most outstanding player. "I wanted to redeem myself. We worked so hard."

Michigan State (31-7) simply never got any momentum. From the start, it was clear there was no way Carolina was losing control of this one, no chance for the Spartans to serve up that definitive ray of sunshine and warm-and-fuzzy smile for a state that's been battered by the ailing econo-

my.

"The best team won," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "That's an easy statement to make."

The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 42-year-old title-game record for biggest lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

"We handled injuries, handled some losses" this season, Williams said. "The youngsters standing behind me are great, great young men. I'm the luckiest coach in America, I can tell you that."

This collection of NBA talent was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start of the tournament, to the very end.

Carolina won every game by double digits, something that hasn't happened since Duke did it in 2001.

Lots of basketball fans saw this coming, including America's No. 1 Hoopster-in-Chief.

Yes, President Barack Obama picked the Tar Heels to take it all in his much-publicized bracket.

Magic Johnson, Michigan State's Spartan-in-Chief, joined Larry Bird at center court to present the game ball, a tribute to the 30-year anniversary of their historic matchup and Michigan State's first title.

From there, it was pretty much all "Showtime," all the time — but not for Michigan State. Heck, Magic didn't even stick around for the end of the game. He was spotted walking up the tunnel with 3 1/2 minutes left.

Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the onslaught with 6:45 left in the first half. His team came out and promptly turned it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

Goran Suton led the Spartans with 17 points, and Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, had 14 — most scored once the game was out of hand, which was very early in this one. Michigan State pulled within 13 a couple

times late in the second half, and the crowd of 72,922 — mostly pulling for the Spartans — tried to make some noise.

But for most of the game, cavernous Ford Field had the atmosphere of a Lions game, save the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue team put in a much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to pride itself on that.

As for that 98-63 beatdown Carolina put on Michigan State in this same building back on Dec. 3? No fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford Field a nice, long break. The Lions went 0-16 here last season, and there was no halt to the suffering on this night.

It was, almost literally, over before it began. Ellington had a double-pump scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper — all in the first 4:25 to put Carolina ahead 17-7. It never got closer.

The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting the ball in after Tar Heel buckets, turning it over that way twice in the first 6 minutes, part of a depressing day that didn't do justice to the effort they put in to get here.

During pregame introductions, Williams walked over to shake hands with Izzo, who was distracted, drawing up a play on the greaseboard in the huddle. He jokingly showed the diagram to Williams, — and you know what: It probably wouldn't have mattered.

Izzo conceded in the lead-up to the game that if both teams played their best, Michigan State would lose. He'll never find out if he was right because, while North Carolina was more than ready, the Spartans never showed up.

"You've got six NBA players that could be drafted in the first round or early second," Spartans guard Travis Walton said. "You're looking at a team that could probably beat the worst team in the NBA."

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## Hawks

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ease.

"I have some relatives that are afflicted with that, Ara has grandchildren that were," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

The Silverhawks defeated the Irish in the Silver vs. Gold game last year, 5-3.

Notre Dame (19-10, 5-4 Big East) just swept Villanova at home this weekend and will face Cincinnati for a three-game road set starting Thursday. The Irish got great outings from sophomores Cole

Johnson and Brian Dupra and junior Eric Maust. Schrage said the pitchers played the game at a fast pace, which he liked.

"That's kind of what we want our pitchers to do is dictate the tempo," he said.

The pitchers responded well to a meeting held last week that Schrage said challenged them.

"We felt like we've had talent on the mound," Schrage said. "We made some adjustments on some things."

Notre Dame will send sophomore Todd Miller to the mound to start, but the Irish will rotate pitchers and hitters often, Schrage said,

so everyone gets a chance to play.

"Basically we need to get our work in tomorrow," Schrage said. "We need to keep going."

The hitters will use wooden bats instead of their usual aluminum because they are facing a professional team.

The professional pitching, Schrage said, will help the players get a taste of the next level, but will be limited at the same time. The innings will have a pitch count.

"You're going to see some arm strength from professional pitching," he said. "They have great skill level

and a little bit more experience than our guys."

Schrage said the Irish lineup had started to settle in and was especially pleased the addition of sophomore David Casey in the cleanup spot.

"We had a really nice boost from David Casey in the four-hole in the past two weeks," Schrage said.

In his last four games, Casey has gone 8-for-15 (.533) with eight RBIs.

First pitch is at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, call the Silverhawks at 574-235-9988.

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## NHL

# Canadiens' hopes fall after loss

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Just like that, Ottawa's Dany Heatley turned the Montreal Canadiens' last three games of the regular season into crucial showdowns.

Heatley scored two goals 38 seconds apart to put Ottawa ahead with 7:59 remaining in the third period and the already-eliminated Senators dealt a big blow to Montreal's playoff chances with a 3-2 win on Monday night.

Heatley lifted Ottawa into a 2-2 tie at 11:23 and then netted his 37th of the season at 12:01 when he beat Jaroslav Halak from the slot with a shot that silenced the sold-out Bell Centre crowd.

"I wish that we had the third goal back, the shot under the arm — probably Halak does, too, but Heatley is a guy who scores 40 goals every year," Canadiens coach Bob Gainey said. "He gets them different ways and he got us tonight."

Chris Campoli also scored for the Senators, who will miss the playoffs for the first time in 13 seasons.

Alex Kovalev netted his 25th goal, and Mathieu Dandenault scored with 3.8 seconds remaining in the second period for the Canadiens, who are seventh in the Eastern Conference but only three points above the playoff cutoff with three games left.

Montreal left for New York following the game for Tuesday night's matchup against the Rangers, who are tied with Florida in points right behind the Canadiens.

"We had the game in our control and we let it slip away but there are three games left. This game is over and done with now," Canadiens defenseman Josh Gorges said. "We have a big game (Tuesday night) that we have to focus our attention on."

Halak stopped 20 shots in his third straight start for Montreal, which lost top defensemen Andrei Markov and Mathieu Schneider to injuries in Saturday night's 6-2 in Toronto.

"The players weren't available tonight and won't be (Tuesday night), but I have no more information to give you about the injuries to Markov and Schneider," Gainey said.

Heatley tied it when he got his stick down amid three Canadiens — Gorges, defense partner Mike Komisarek, and right wing Tom Kostopoulos — to redirect Mike Fisher's centering feed past Halak.

"I thought we cycled and took advantage of their D pretty good," Fisher said. "We got a couple of quick goals and then we just hung on."

Kovalev extended his point streak to seven games when he made it 1-1 at 12:46 of the second. He put a wrist shot from the right side past Alex Auld and into the top left corner, giving him eight goals during his scoring spurt.

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after the game, having expected the loss from the outset.

"Remember that movie called 'Miracle'?" Rihanna junior Mike Perry said before the game. "Yeah, that's not going to happen tonight."

That is not to say that Rihanna came into the matchup without a game plan.

"The wind conditions really hurt us," Erickson said. "Our game plan was to make 21 straight half-court shots, and with the weather like this, we just couldn't do it. If you can't make 21 half-court shots in a row, I don't know how you're going to beat the No. 1 ranked team."

### Writ of Man to Mandamus 21, Canniballers 12

Despite what their name implies, Writ of Man to Mandamus used a dominating zone defense to overcome the Canniballers 21-12 in a game that was very much affected by the outdoor conditions.

The heavy winds and the frigid temperature caused the game to favor the defensive side of the ball, and Man to Mandamus took full advantage, led by their top shot-blocker, law student A.J. Weissler. Along with his seven points, Weissler also added double-digit blocks to pace Man to Mandamus.

"I had a really mean grandmother, and on Thanksgiving, the only way I was allowed to eat was if I had twelve blocks in the family basketball game," Weissler said. "And she brought it much harder than they did."

The game was close throughout the first half, which ended with Man to Mandamus leading 11-8. They were clearly out-rebounding the Canniballers, but the wind caused them to miss many of their second-chance opportunities.

"Honestly, we haven't been much of a jump shooting team, but we actually shot more today, because they played a 2-3 zone," team captain Joe Graham said. "So we had to actually hit some shots, and then got a lot of second chance points on rebounds."

Man to Mandamus came out hot in after the break, though, and went on a 9-2 run to start the second half. Law student Rich McAvoy led the charge for Man to Mandamus, scoring half of his team's points in the second half. When asked what changes his team made at half that were so effective, Graham said that the true shift came near the end of the first half.

"We started wearing them down at the end of the first half and continued it in the second

half," Graham said. "We played a little more clamp down defense. We made a couple changes on defense, where people were positioned. It helped us with rebounding and we stopped giving second-chance points."

The Canniballers were led by graduate student Tim Kellher, who scored seven of his team's 12 points on the day. In the end, though, Man to Mandamus' defense was just too much for the Canniballers.

After the game, Weissler made sure that he thanked everyone who contributed to the victory.

"It was my teammates, God, and everybody out there supporting us back home [who helped with the victory]."

### Asian Allure 21, America's Best Basketball Team 18

As the sun and temperatures dropped quickly, Asian Allure topped America's Best Basketball Team on the bookstore courts.

While most teams moved their games indoors due to the chilly weather, two squads were manly enough to brave the cold for the sake of the game. And, ironically, both were entirely female.

"Our captain and mascot, Chrystal, really pulled us through," said Asian Allure forward, MBA student Nicole 'Sassy New Yorker' Davis. "That had to be the longest game ever and we really need-

ed her. We are all fifth-year students, we shouldn't even be here."

In a marathon 1 hour and 57 minutes of play, both teams fought with fury, bitterness and intensity that rivaled the wintry winds in which they battled. The game was even for most of the first half, as the teams traded

baskets bringing the score to 10-10.

Suddenly, the mentality of the contest shifted, and it would be another 20 minutes before Asian Allure scored again to bring an overdue halftime break.

"I don't play basketball. I have never played before," said Asian Allure captain and MBA student Chrystal Ohoh. "I think I have played knock-out once maybe."

In the second half, the action heated up again, with Asian Allure building a small lead as the match continued to grind on.

Their offensive advantage brought them to a 20-16 lead, but America's Best Basketball Team refused to throw in the towel. They forced turnovers and jump balls, while both teams dealt and withstood a series of brutal fouls and injuries.

The game continued to get rougher, as Asian Allure contin-

ued to stall offensively, and America's Best brought the game to within two, 20-18. After a referee intervention, play continued smoothly until Asian Allure sank the final basket, and to everyone's relief, ended the game after nearly two hours of play.

### Crazy Doggz 21, Buttery 16

In a cold, windy battle, the Crazy Doggz prevailed over Buttery.

The No. 27 Crazy Doggz played like the favorites for much of the first half, but was set back by an ankle injury to captain David Pope-Davis. After a long timeout to tape up the wounded ankle, Pope-Davis returned to the court, but with much less effectiveness.

With only four healthy players, the Crazy Doggz employed a strategy where Pope-Davis would essentially cherry-pick on offense and leave his teammates to defend four on five.

Luckily, the wind acted as the fifth man, making outside shots

effective only when they led to an offensive board.

"They tried to exploit the injury, but the rest of the team came up big for me," said Pope-Davis. "The big guys really came through with some big rebounds when they were playing a man down."

Buttery did manage to find some more offense after Pope-Davis went down, but in the end, too many turnovers and too few close-

range shots resulted in their elimination from the tournament. The Crazy Doggz will move on to play April 14 in the round of 64.

### Chris Brown's Greatest Hits 21, Matza Balls 4

Most of the players on Chris Brown's Greatest Hits only had one concern on their minds: getting out of the cold.

After seeing the Matza Balls players take and miss a number of running hook-shots and jump-shots that hit the back-

side of the backboard, Greatest Hits knew a trip to the round of 64 was inevitable.

Fearing the inside presence of senior Ryan Ayers, Matza Balls turned to three-pointers and even a half-court shot to put points on the board. Neither strategy was very successful, as they managed only four points on the night. When asked what led to their team's defeat, freshman Will Perocchi simply said, "Ryan Ayers."

Perocchi then contemplated for a little bit longer and came up with a more accurate response. "It was probably because they were exponentially better than us at every position," he said.

Teammate Trent McMullen had a more positive outlook on the loss. "We definitely ran into a steamroller today. If the conditions were a little different we could have had a different outcome."

Other players on the losing side cited the 12-degree weather and poor officiating as causes for the defeat.

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19 Simile center

20 When prompted

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22 MapQuest suggestions: Abbr.

23 "What's Going On" singer Marvin

24 Prison for bishops?

26 La-la lead-in

28 Patches, as a fairway

29 Sweep's heap
- 32 Modern means of relaying jokes

36 Shut down

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43 Bandleader Skinnay \_\_\_\_

44 Part of a journey

45 Lady of the Haus

47 10-digit no.

49 Prison for corny humorists?

54 Ayatollah's land

58 Has

59 Melt ingredient

60 Cartoon art genre

61 A fire sign

62 Prison for gardeners?

64 Doc with a tongue depressor, maybe
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2 Masses of old films

3 Smart-mouthed

4 Stately dance in 3/4 time

5 It may be upped

6 Roll-call call

7 "Haystacks" artist Claude

8 More than enough

9 Shows derision

10 Thanksgiving guests, often

11 "Over and out"

12 Affected by 13-Down

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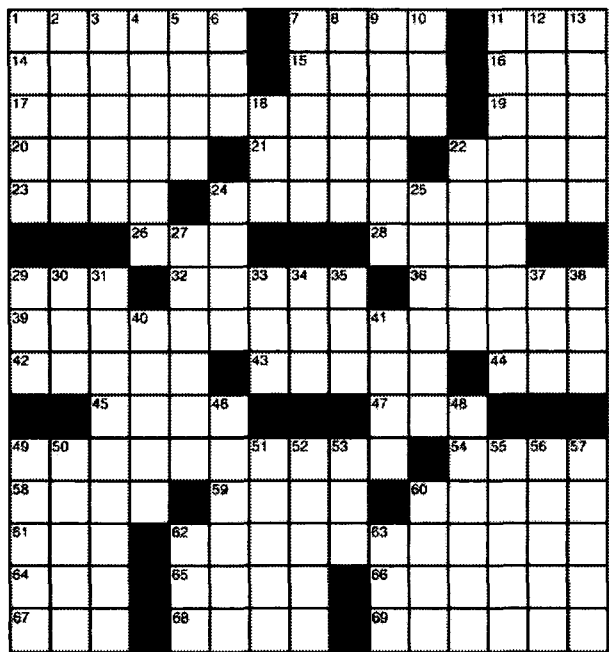
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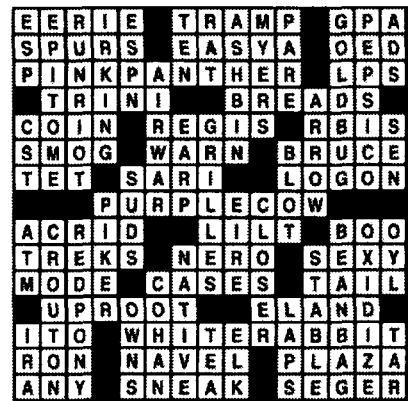
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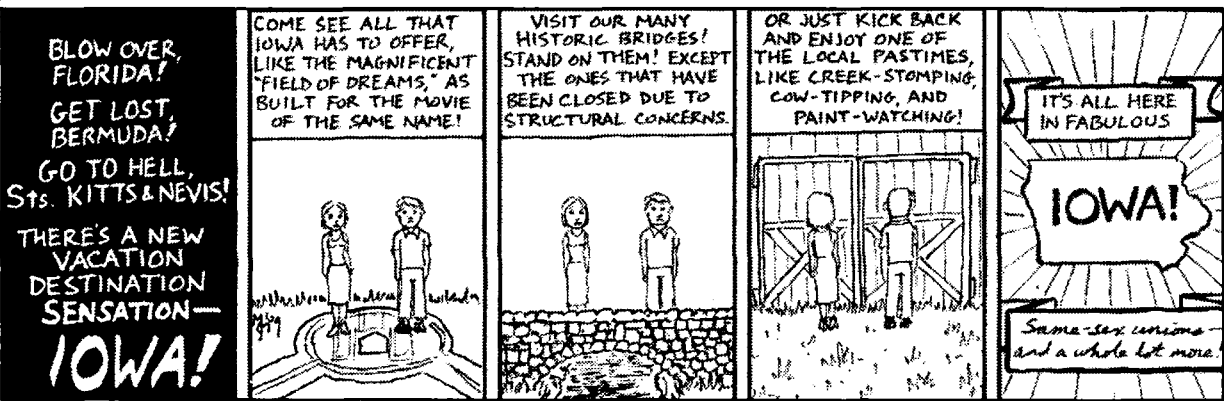
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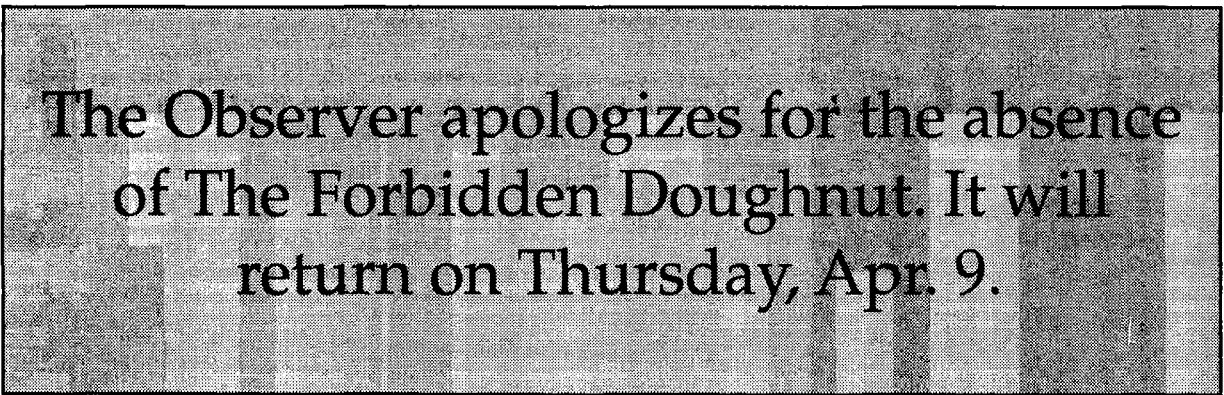


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## FOOTBALL

# Offense, defense effective in intersquad scrimmage

By SAM WERNER  
Associate Sports Editor

Even though the season opener against Nevada is still five months away, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis tried to make Saturday's scrimmage as close to a game situation as possible.

Weis said he allowed the offensive line to cut-block

against the defense for the first time all spring. Previously, risk of injury had prevented him from doing so.

"We had some casualties," Weis said. "But we really didn't have any casualties due to cut blocking."

Weis said that Saturday's scrimmage gave him a better idea of where his team stood heading into the Blue-Gold spring game on April 18 and the

end of spring practices.

"I was a lot more pleased than I was the previous Saturday," Weis said. "Mainly because I thought it was very competitive."

The defense took the advantage early in the session, Weis said, thanks to a couple of offensive holding penalties. After the first few plays, though, the offense began to run the ball effectively, culminating in a

touchdown run by sophomore running back Robert Hughes. After that, the session was essentially even, until a long Jimmy Clausen touchdown pass to Duval Kamara ended the practice.

Running backs coach Tony Alford has been getting on Hughes recently about his weight, which is currently listed at 237. Weis said that it isn't necessarily that Hughes is over-

weight, but that he needs to find an identity as a running back.

"He has two choices," Weis said. "Either lose weight or play big. He wants to be Armando as far as how he runs the ball, but if he wants to be Jerome Bettis, he doesn't have to lose any weight."

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci said the ability to cut-

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## BASEBALL

# Going Pro

*Irish face Silverhawks in annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game*

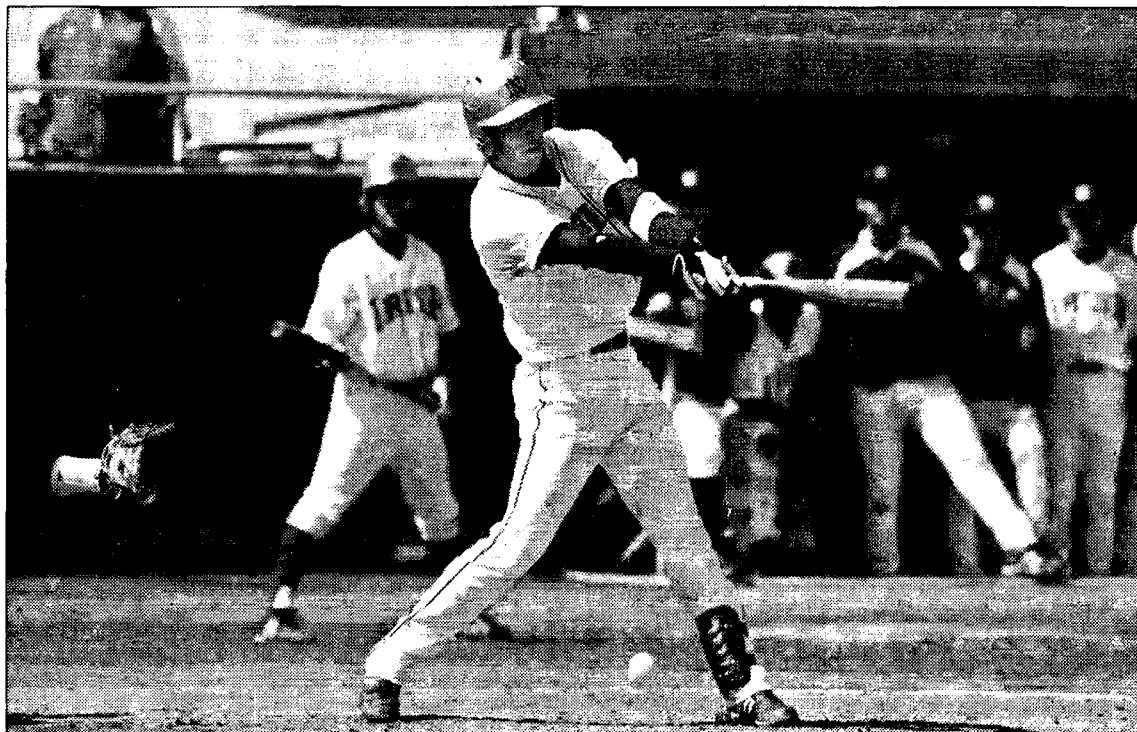
By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Time to ditch the aluminum bats and break out the wood.

Notre Dame takes the field today against the South Bend Silverhawks, the Single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, in the second annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game at Coveleski Field.

Baseball takes a back seat, however, to an important fundraiser associated with the game's ticket sales. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type C dis-

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Notre Dame sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell swings and misses during a 5-2 Irish win over Villanova Friday.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

## SMC SOFTBALL

# Ballgames postponed due to rain

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writer

The Belles will be forced to wait another day before they can bounce back from their previous loss as their non-conference matchup against Bethel College was postponed due to weather.

The Bethel game is likely to be cancelled, as it "looks to be too difficult to reschedule," said Belles coach Erin Sullivan.

The Belles (18-4, 4-2 MIAA) are coming off a disappointing weekend, dropping both games of a double-header to divisional foe Alma College. The losses broke the seven-game winning streak and slowed their

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Team to play last road match

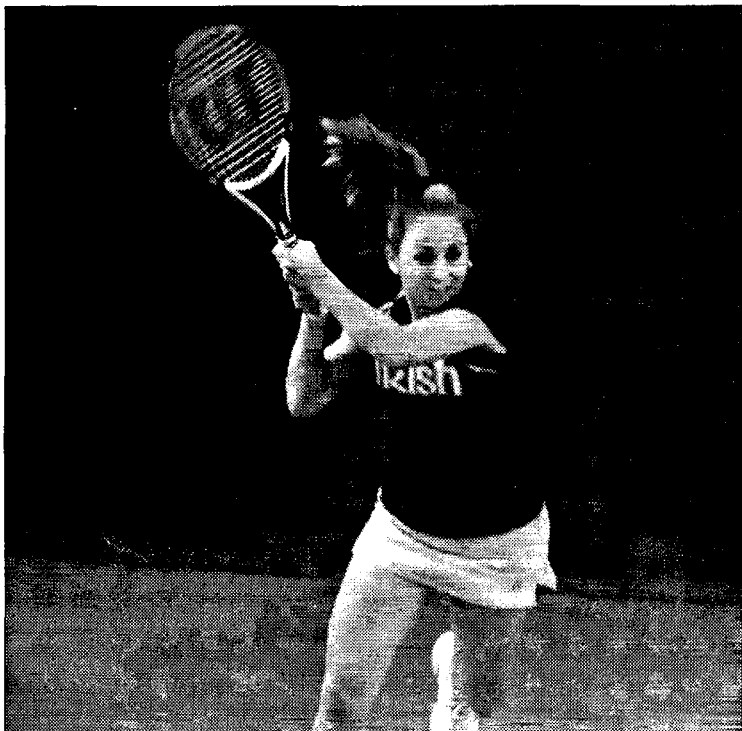
*No. 3 Irish squad to take on No. 40 Illinois in Champaign*

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No. 3 Notre Dame will play its final road match of the season when it travels to Champaign, Ill. to take on No. 40 Illinois today.

The Irish (19-4, 3-0 Big East) are 2-1 on their current road trip behind wins over conference foes DePaul and Marquette with their lone loss coming against top-ranked Northwestern. The team knocked off DePaul 5-2 and swept Marquette 7-0 without senior captain Kelcy Tefft in the lineup. The 4-3 loss to Northwestern was their second of the season,

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Junior Cosmina Ciobanu returns a volley during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 27.

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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

# Main St. Pub triumphs in 15-minute contest

*Asian Allure wins two-hour battle over America's Best*

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Main St. Pub showed why they deserved their No. 1 ranking as they ran their way to a 21-4 victory over We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna in a game that lasted less than fifteen minutes to complete.

Running up and down the court, Main St. Pub had no trouble scoring at will, putting the ball in the basket on almost every possession. They used the fast break to their advantage, using their superior speed on their way to victory.

"They're pretty good," said Rihanna sophomore captain Grant Erickson. "They're fast, they know what they're doing. They're good."

Main St. Pub is made up of the returning players from the top two teams in last year's tournament, including 2008 Mr. Bookstore Carl Anderson.

When asked about the possibility of being forced to go against their game plan and slowing down to a half-court offense, Main St. Pub senior captain Alex Klupchak was not worried.

"We should be able to move pretty well in the half-court offense too," Klupchak said. "We know it's going to be a real tough tournament this year. We're looking forward to it."

We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna was not disheartened

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