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Brennan Bollman named valedictorian

Senior biological science major, peace studies minor earned 4.0 GPA, plans to attend medical school

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Brennan Bollman, the class of 2009 valedictorian, earned a 4.0 grade point average, but she said many of her most valuable learning experiences from the past four years have happened outside of the classroom.

"One of the things I've enjoyed most about being at Notre Dame is spending time with friends who will engage issues beyond the classroom," she said. "I have groups of friends who will cook dinner and invite their

professors to their houses. Our learning doesn't have to be confined to classes and homework and clubs."

Bollman said she is grateful for the opportunity to speak to her class at graduation.

"I know that my class is full of incredibly engaged and accomplished people, and I'm just one of them," she said. "I will just work hard to speak well on our behalf because

we're an amazing group of young people."

Bollman, a biological science major and peace studies minor from St. Joseph, Mich., said she will attend medical school next year in the hopes of becoming a doctor, but she said a career in medicine was not always her goal.

"I came to Notre Dame thinking I would go more along the lines of biomedical research," she said. "But it was doing the summer service programs that reawakened me to the idea of being a doctor."

Bollman spent 10 weeks during the summer before

sophomore year working in a Catholic worker shelter for women and taught English in Cambodia the following summer. Both service projects were organized through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

"Living in that shelter is what really got me engaged in social issues," she said. "It was really a transformative experience."

Bollman said her experiences helping individual people through service projects drew her away from research and towards medicine as a career.

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Bollman

University appoints gameday director

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

At the request of the ad hoc Committee on Safety, Security and Hospitality, University President Fr. John Jenkins has appointed Michael Seamon as director of gameday operations, according to a University press release.

Seamon, the current assistant vice president for University events and protocol, has accepted the additional position.

His responsibilities include managing the football gameday safety, security and hospitality operations that run through various University organizations.

In an Oct. 14 article, The Observer reported the ad hoc committee was formed in response to complaints of aggressive behavior from police and ushers.

The committee released a report in March, detailing recommended actions the administration should take, including installing a gameday operations director.

Seamon said a large part of his job is to make sure Notre Dame continues to have a lasting effect on those who visit its campus.

"In my conversations with

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Jenkins faces criticism; asks to meet coalition

Group of alumni launch Web site to tally sum of withheld donations

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Seeking a "change of leadership" at Notre Dame, a group of alumni launched a Web site Thursday to attempt to quantify the amount of money the University will lose in donations as a result of University President Fr. John Jenkins' invitation for President Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address, said David DiFranco, a founder of the site.

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Students participate in prayer rally held by the ND Response coalition Sunday April 5.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

President withdraws invitation to meet after group makes requests

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins formally extended an invitation to meet with a student coalition group, ND Response, which has voiced concerns about the invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement, but Jenkins declined to meet with the group after they made several specific requests in a reply to his invitation.

According to a press release from

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Sophomore plays 'Wheel of Fortune'

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Nick Normandin has fulfilled a dream that many college students may secretly have — to appear on a widely watched game show. Tonight, millions will see him appear on the popular game show "Wheel of Fortune."

Normandin, a science-business major from Zahm House, auditioned and secured a spot on the show last summer.

Normandin said that he was mainly motivated to do so by

boredom.

"All my buddies back home are on the quarter system, so I was home by myself for a solid month and I was bored out of my mind," Normandin said. "One day my mom suggested I try out for a game show, so I decided to do 'Wheel of Fortune' because I'm good at that."

The auditions took place in Los Angeles, which is a 45-minute drive from Costa Mesa, Normandin's hometown. He said the experience was unlike any

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Hogwarts comes to Notre Dame

Event features Harry Potter-themed dinner, decorations

By CASEY KENNEY
News Writer

South Dining Hall was filled with magic and enchantment Thursday evening when the Freshmen Class Council and Notre Dame Food Services hosted Notre Dame's first Harry Potter Night.

The event was planned as a fun occasion that would appeal to a wide audience, according to Vincent Lau, a freshman and the coordinator of the event.

"The idea for the event arose because so many people noticed the similarities between South Dining Hall and the din-



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

South Dining Hall features decorations and food from the Harry Potter series Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Winter is worthwhile

During the cold winter months, I often question why it is I chose to go to school at Notre Dame. I have never been a fan of the cold, and while the winters in Connecticut aren't that much warmer, they aren't nearly as bad as they are here in lovely South Bend. It is days like yesterday that I remember why I decided to go to school north of the Mason Dixon line. As I sit out on the lawn behind McGlenn writing this column, I have become aware of just how little I would accomplish if I went to school in Florida.

Liz O'Donnell

News Production Editor

It is currently 62 degrees and 2:30 in the afternoon, and I have no intention of doing anything for the rest of the day other than sitting outside and soaking up the rays (and of course attending the Harry Potter dinner in SDH). If I went to school anywhere down south, 62 degrees would probably constitute a breezy spring afternoon. After my first winter here in South Bend, I have come to recognize anything over 55 degrees as acceptable for warm weather. For that matter, since returning from Spring Break, I have refused to don anything but flip flops.

Lets hypothetically say that Notre Dame was set in Miami. I have to imagine the rate of attendance of classes would drop significantly. Speaking for myself, I can tell you that I would be much more inclined to spend my afternoons at the beach than sitting in some building learning about Machiavelli or Darwin. But, there is a downside to this. We pseudo-Eskimos in Northern Indiana can appreciate days like yesterday where the weather is beautiful.

While on Spring Break, some friends who went to school at the University of Tampa came down to Naples to visit. Their idea of Spring Break was to make the four-hour trek along the Gulf Coast. While my friends and I opted to bake ourselves in the sun all day, the boys slept late and barely left the house. We thought this was strange, but then we remembered that they could take the weather for granted because it is the same all year round.

While this may not seem to have a point, I do. We go to school at Notre Dame because we love it here, and we can appreciate the warm days where the weather is perfect. Oh, and we also have some incentives to get good grades. When discussing GPAs over dinner, one of our friends at Tampa announced he had a .83. If nothing else we have incentive to get good grades so we won't have to live in -35 degree weather for the rest of our lives.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?



Angela Carothers
senior
Badin

"My room ... except apparently I'm allergic to it."



Jordan Matulis
freshman
Howard

"The Pink Lounge in Howard Hall. It's pink and fun."



Johanna Kirsch
junior
McGlenn

"O'Shag stairwell window bays ... it's fun to scare people"



Sarah Spieler
freshman
PW

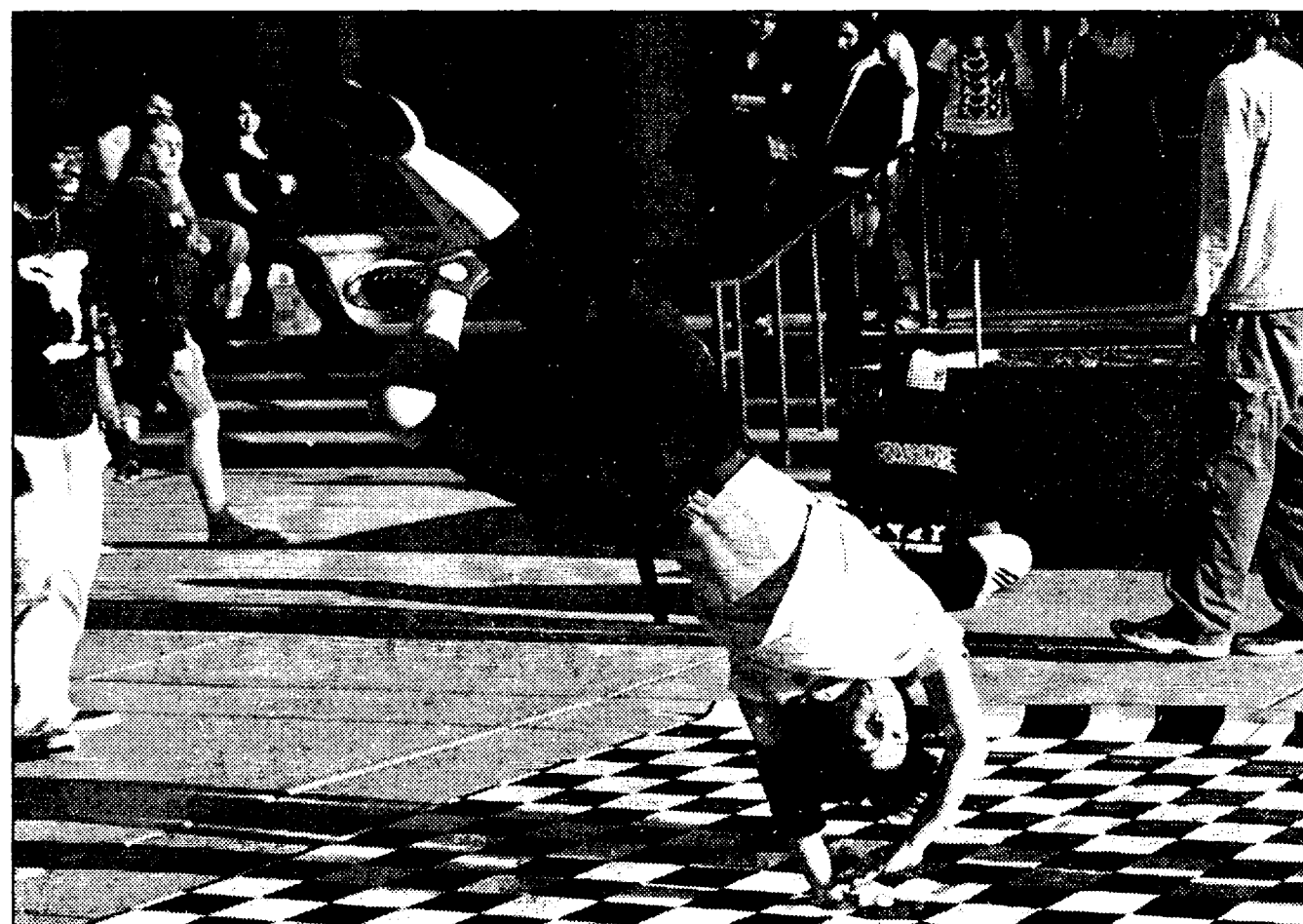
"Starbucks ... because you can't use flex points off campus"



Stephen Santay
sophomore
Alumni

"Leighton Concert Hall in the DPAC ... great concerts."

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



PAT COVENY/Observer

Students break dance Thursday afternoon outside of South Dining Hall for Project Fresh, a club that educates students about the four elements of hip hop, while students watch.

OFFBEAT

Michigan man helps wife deliver surprise baby boy
MONTCALM COUNTY, Mich. — A western Michigan man helped deliver his wife's baby boy despite not knowing she was pregnant. The Grand Rapids Press reported the man called 911 early Thursday as his wife was in labor. The man told the dispatcher that he had not known his 27-year-old wife was pregnant. He said they recently quit smoking and thought her recent weight gain was related.

The couple has two children, and the mother

has an additional child from a previous relationship.

Following the successful delivery, the dispatcher talked the man through post-birth procedures. The child was taken to a local hospital.

Man caught stealing \$82 worth of chicken wings

NEWARK, Del. — Police said a 22-year-old man broke into an apartment to steal \$82 worth of chicken wings and Hot Pockets. Police arrested the man on Wednesday and charged him with breaking into the apart-

ment last month. Detectives said two people were sleeping inside their apartment about 3 a.m. on March 18 when the man broke in.

Police used video surveillance systems at the apartment complex to help identify the suspect.

Police said one of the stolen frozen food items was found at his home and he was arrested.

Police said he tried to enter six other apartments but the doors were locked.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit entitled "BFA/MFA Candidates' Thesis" will held in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art on Friday. The exhibit opens at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free.

The "Italian Drawings Seminar" exhibition will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will have 16th and 17th century drawings by Italian masters.

The Ten Years Hence Lecture Series entitled "Future Think: How to Put Change in Perspective and See More Clearly What is Coming" will be held in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture will begin at 10:40 a.m. on Friday.

"Community Organizing: Getting at the Root of the Problem" will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday in 131 DeBartolo Hall.

"The Shirt" Unveiling Ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Former Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will be speaking.

Finish on the 50 5K run and one mile fun walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Runners can register at <http://recsports.nd.edu>. There will also be registration the day of the race. The registration fee is five dollars.

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

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	HIGH 71 LOW 41	HIGH 59 LOW 41	HIGH 73 LOW 45	HIGH 56 LOW 40	HIGH 49 LOW 36	HIGH 53 LOW 38

'Road to Fondwa' shows positive side of Haiti

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Justin Brandon, the director and producer of the documentary "The Road to Fondwa," said he wants to show viewers the positive side of Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

"A lot of people go into seeing a film about Haiti and they think they're going to see really sad stuff," Brandon said. "This isn't that; it shows more of a hopeful message of the people of Fondwa, who have come together and are developing."

"The Road to Fondwa" played at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday in the Montgomery Auditorium in the LaFortune Student Center.

Brandon, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2004, said he and the other filmmakers wanted to give viewers a detailed view of life in Haiti when they made the film.

"The goal of the documen-

tary is to give people in our audience the opportunity to travel to Haiti without actually going there," Brandon said. "It gives people an inside look and a close look at rural Haiti. I hope that when people see it, they are moved by the story."

"The Road to Fondwa" tells the story of the people of the village of Fondwa and their involvement in developing the country.

The people initiated projects such as opening a bank to fund local businesses and teaching villagers how to manage money. The people also founded the University of Fondwa to promote education among teens and a health clinic to prevent disease.

A street cleaner in Port-au-Prince said in the documentary that he hopes the city will one day be free of the garbage that litters its streets.

"In Haiti, there is a lot of trash," he said. "Do you see that in the United States? We have never been to the United States ... we would like Haiti

to be beautiful like that too."

The coalition of citizens that hope to promote development throughout Haiti was formed on April 24, 1988 and has been working ever since to improve the country, hoping that one day, the rest of the world will stop seeing Haiti in such a harsh light.

"The international community devalues Haiti," one villager said. "They don't give Haiti its true worth."

Brandon said the citizens of Fondwa are aware that development is an ongoing process, but are optimistic that the improvements will continue.

"We're still fighting so that we can live," another Fondwa resident said. "We hope that one day we may truly live well."

The film took five weeks to shoot and about 18 months to edit. What began as 45 hours of footage was slowly transformed into a 37-minute documentary.

Brandon said proceeds from the film will go towards education in Haiti, and he hopes the documentary evokes a



Editor and producer Justin Brandon stands outside the screening of his movie "Road to Fondwa Thursday."

ZHIBIN DAI/The Observer

desire to get involved with helping Haiti develop.

"We are hoping to raise funding for the University of Fondwa," Brandon said. "And we hope people will want to get involved after they see the film."

Brandon collaborated on

the film with Notre Dame graduates Brian McElroy and Dan Schnorr. McElroy served as executive producer and Schnorr also worked as a director.

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Keyes joins Terry's efforts

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Conservative political activist Alan Keyes joined anti-abortion activist Randall Terry on stage at the Hilton Garden Inn on Indiana 933 Thursday in what organizers called a "rally for life" and a "battle for the heart and soul of Notre Dame."

Over 100 people were in attendance to listen to the two speak in effort to cancel President Barack Obama's appearance as the principal speaker at the May 17 University Commencement exercises, as well as the conferring of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on the pro-choice politician.

Keyes, who will remain in town to participate in Terry's planned rallies this weekend, is a former diplomat who has run three times for president and has been nominated three times for the United States Senate. A long-time advocate of pro-life politics, Keyes, as a Republican, lost in the 2004 race challenging Obama for a bid in the United States Senate representing Illinois.

Terry, anti-abortion activist and founder of Operation Rescue, has set up a temporary office in South Bend, and has committed himself to stopping the president from being honored at the University as part of what he called "the fight against child killing."

"We are not here to entertain you," Terry, who appeared with



IAN GALVLICK/The Observer

Conservative political activist Alan Keyes speaks during a rally at the Hilton Garden Inn on Indiana 933 Thursday.

his wife and four young children, told the crowd during his introduction for Keyes. "We are here to recruit you."

Keyes, who was received with a standing ovation from the crowd, identified himself as being in a unique position as a black American and a Roman Catholic.

"That the institution that still proposes to identify itself as a Catholic institution," he said, and University President Fr. John Jenkins would choose to invite President Obama to be honored at the Commencement, plays into what he deemed "the key moral issue of our time."

Keyes said conferring an honorary degree on Obama because he is the President of the United States is a violation of Catholic belief because he is "deeply [...] committed to abortion."

"The great and egregious error," Keyes said, is the notion of honoring Obama as a symbol of black America.

"That's a fraud, and it's being perpetrated on historic grounds and on historic proportions," he said.

Describing abortion as the "key moral issue of our time," Keyes admonished Obama's stance on the protection of life, claiming the only thing the two men have in common is the color of their skin.

The black community's receptiveness of Obama as a leader "validates the ugly premise of racism," he said, stating that as human beings, groups of people should not be identified by solely physical characteristics.

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Chua speaks about global hyperpowers

Yale professor discusses her thesis from new book

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Mongol, Persian and 17th-century Dutch Empires all have one thing in common, according to Professor Amy Chua of Yale Law School. All these empires can be classified as hyperpowers.

Chua used these specific empires as evidence to her thesis presented in her newest book "Day of Empire: how Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance — and Why They Fall" during a lecture titled "The Rise and Fall of Hyperpowers: Tolerance, Intolerance and Lessons from America" Thursday in Haggard Parlor.

Chua introduced her lecture by reinforcing the definition and the rarity of hyperpowers throughout history.

They are not just any empire, not just great powers, not even super powers, but the rare category of hyperpowers, which barely make up more than a handful in all of history, Chua said.

In her thesis, she uses a very strict definition of hyperpower.

According to Chua, the nation's economic and military powers must surpass those of other nations in the world in order for a nation to be defined as a hyperpower.

"To be world dominant, a society has to be at the very forefront at the world's military and economic frontier," Chua said. "The world's best human capital at any given moment cannot be found in any one cultural group, religion, or ethnicity."

In her new book, Chua said she argues the important role of tolerance or intolerance in the rise and fall of hyperpowers.

Every hyperpower was strikingly tolerant and pluralistic in the rising, at least by the standard of their time, and their decline coincides with intolerance, Chua said.

In the context of her thesis, tolerance does not hold the same meaning as what we usually associate with the term "tolerance," Chua said.

Tolerance is the degree of freedom in which people are permitted to co-exist. It's a relative concept, meaning that the nation is more tolerant than its rivals, but now that it is tolerant to an ideal standard, she said.

Chua said she believes tolerance is necessary, but not solely sufficient, for world dominance if a nation aspires to be a hyperpower.

She continued with specific examples of empires she names as hyperpowers: Persia, Rome, Mongol, the 17th-century Dutch, Great Britain and the United States.

Chua's examples outline two main methods of becoming a superpower — through land expansion as the Persian

Empire, or through commercial expansion as the Dutch Empire.

Chua said the problem that as a democratic power, the United States faces some of the same problems as these hyperpowers.

"The United States faces the same fundamental problem faced by every hyperpower in history: the problem of glue," she said. "Only ancient Rome solved this problem, which helps to explain its longevity."

Rome turned large numbers of common men into Roman citizens. By extending this citizenship, Rome managed to 'Romanize' its territories by creating common unity and loyalty.

The United States can do no such thing, Chua said.

The United States does not want to make foreign nations its citizens, especially as a democratic nation, Chua said.

The great mistake lies in assuming that the spread of American ideas and culture would be enough to Americanize others, Chua said.

"Wearing Yankees baseball cap and drinking a Coke does not turn a Palestinian into an American," Chua said.

Though there is talk of China taking the United States' position as the world hyperpower, Chua does not believe this will happen.

"If my thesis is correct, China cannot become a hyperpower because it is a quintessentially, ethnically based nation," she said. "It is not able to pull in the world's best and brightest."

"China is a great test case for my thesis. It has 1.3 billion people," Chua said. "My thesis says that that fact alone will prevent it from becoming a hyperpower. The world's best human capital will not be found in any one ethnic group."

This may suit China just fine; it may not want to be a hyperpower, Chua said. Even if China doesn't become a hyperpower, the United States could lose its hyperpower status. We could go back to a world with just superpowers, she said.

While the United States is currently facing several issues, Chua said she remains optimistic about its hyperpower status.

"There is no other country better suited than the United States to be a hyperpower."

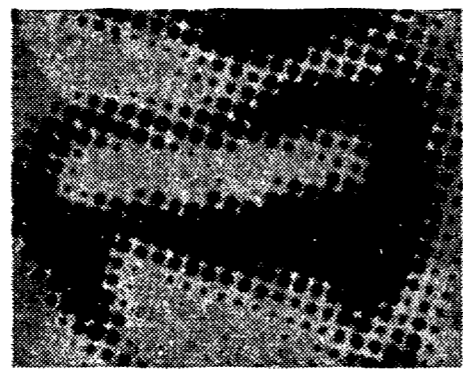
"Where else will the world's best and brightest go?" Chua said.

The event was co-sponsored by the Center For Women's Intercultural Leadership, and the departments of Business Administration and Economics, Political Science, Justice Education, History and Intercultural Studies.

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DAY OF SILENCE

APRIL 17, 2009



Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies in schools. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices.

Think about the voices you are not hearing today.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO END THE SILENCE?



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bolivian police uncover plot

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Police say they broke up an international band of assassins plotting to kill President Evo Morales during a half-hour shootout in eastern Bolivia on Thursday.

Three suspects were killed and two arrested in the lowland city of Santa Cruz, the center of Morales' political opposition, after they resisted arrest, exchanged gunfire and detonated a grenade that blew out the windows of a hotel, police said. There were no other victims.

Morales said he ordered the attack after receiving word of the plot against him and Vice President Alvaro Garcia.

Suicide bomber attacks Iraqi base

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck an Iraqi military base Thursday in an attack that Iraqi officials first said killed 16 soldiers but later maintained no one died but the attacker.

The conflicting death counts came at a time when Iraqi officials are under increasing pressure to stop attacks. Last week, angry Iraqis in Baghdad hurled stones at police and soldiers because they failed to stop a car bombing.

The suicide attacker wore an Iraqi military uniform in Thursday's bombing — the fourth major attack on Iraqi security forces in a week. That raised troubling questions about insurgents' ability to infiltrate the country's armed forces or to receive help from inside their ranks.

U.S. officials have based their hopes for Iraq's future on building a professional Iraqi military capable of securing the country as the U.S. draws down its forces this year.

NATIONAL NEWS

WTC towers may be delayed

NEW YORK — Construction of several ground zero office towers could be put off for decades because of the failing real estate market, the site's owners said Thursday, citing an analysis that projected one skyscraper might not be built and occupied until 35 years after Sept. 11.

Developer Larry Silverstein and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have been talking on and off for months about rewriting a 3-year-old agreement that gives the developer rights to build three out of five towers planned at the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack site.

N.Y. bill would allow gay marriage

NEW YORK — Gov. David Paterson introduced a bill Thursday to legalize same-sex marriage in New York, comparing the effort to the fight for the abolition of slavery.

Paterson, whose job approval rating has plunged below 30 percent, is making a political gamble that he can ride the momentum of other states that have recently allowed the practice, and it's unclear how the legislation will play in New York.

The proposal is the same bill the Democratic-controlled state Assembly passed in 2007 before it died in the Senate, where the Republican majority kept it from going to a vote. Democrats now control the Senate, but opponents are vowing to make sure this one fails, as well.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary police chief sentenced

HAMMOND, Ind. — A former Gary police chief has been sentenced to nearly 3½ years in federal prison for using unreasonable force in kicking a handcuffed suspect he believed had robbed his house.

Sixty-six-year-old Thomas Houston was convicted last fall on one count of violating the suspect's civil rights during a June 2007 raid prosecutors said he orchestrated after a burglary at his home. He was cleared of punching a woman and carrying out an illegal search and wrongful arrests, and a former deputy chief and sergeant were acquitted of all charges.

CIA officials not charged for waterboarding

No prosecution for operatives who used 'harsh' methods; secret memos released

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to move beyond what he calls a "dark and painful chapter in our history," President Barack Obama said Thursday that CIA officials who used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration will not be prosecuted.

The government also released four memos long held secret by the Bush administration in which its lawyers approved in extensive and often graphic detail the tough interrogation methods used against 28 terror suspects, the fullest and now complete government accounting of the techniques. The rough tactics range from waterboarding — simulated drowning — to using a plastic neck collar to slam detainees into walls.

Even as they exposed new details of the interrogation program, Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, offered the first definitive assurance that those CIA officials are in the clear, as long as their actions were in line with the legal advice at the time.

Obama said in his statement and a separate letter sent directly to CIA employees that the nation must protect their identity "as vigilantly as they protect our security."

"We have been through a dark and painful chapter in our history," the president said. "But at a time of great challenges and disturbing disunity, nothing will be gained by spending our time and energy laying blame for the past."

Holder told the CIA that the government would provide free legal representation to CIA employees in any legal proceeding or congressional investigation related to the program and would repay any financial judgment.

"It would be unfair to prosecute dedicated men and women working to protect America for conduct that was sanctioned in advance by the



Attorney General Eric Holder addresses a dinner at West Point Military Academy Wednesday in West Point, N.Y.

Justice Department," Holder said.

As current CIA Director Leon Panetta put it in a message to employees: "CIA responded, as duty requires."

The CIA has acknowledged using waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning, on three high-level terror detainees in 2002 and 2003, with the permission of the White House and the Justice Department. Former CIA Director Michael Hayden said waterboarding has not been used since, but some human rights groups have urged Obama to hold CIA employees accountable for what they, and many Obama officials, say was torture.

Stacy Sullivan of Human Rights Watch said Obama is "dead wrong" to say that nothing would be gained by examining the past for crimi-

nal acts.

"Prosecuting violations of the law is not about laying blame for the past, it's about ensuring that those crimes don't happen again," she said.

The memos produced by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel in 2002 and 2005 were released to meet a court-approved deadline in a lawsuit against the government in New York by the American Civil Liberties Union.

In addition to detailing individual techniques, one memo also specifically authorized a method for combining multiple methods, a practice human rights advocates argue crosses the line into torture even if any individual methods does not.

The methods authorized in them include keeping

detainees naked for long periods, keeping them in a painful standing position for long periods, and depriving them of solid food. Other tactics included using a plastic neck collar to slam detainees into walls, keeping the detainee's cell cold for long periods, and beating and kicking the detainee. Sleep deprivation, prolonged shackling, and threats to a detainee's family were also used.

Interrogators were told not to allow a prisoner's body temperature or caloric intake to fall below a certain level, because either could cause permanent damage, said senior administration officials. They discussed the memos on condition of anonymity to more fully describe the president's decision-making process.

RUSSIA

Medvedev ends Chechen operations

Associated Press

GROZNY — Chechens danced in the streets and waved flags to celebrate Russia's decision Thursday to end its decadelong counterterrorism operation in the war-weary southern region.

The order by President Dmitry Medvedev paves the way for the withdrawal of tens of thousands of federal troops, whose presence has been hugely unpopular amid allegations of widespread abuses against civilians.

The counterterrorism operation — launched at the start of the second of two separatist wars that have bat-

tered the region in the last 15 years — involved curfews and limits on civilian air flights and limited access for journalists, among other measures.

Its cancellation boosted the authority of the region's Kremlin-backed President Ramzan Kadyrov, who joined several thousand people Thursday in dancing in a square in central Grozny.

Motorists blared horns and waved Chechen and Russian flags from car windows, as schools and a university interrupted classes to let students to join celebrations.

"I'm very happy that the horrible years we saw will never come back,"

said 21-year-old student Isa Musayev. "We spent those years in constant fear for our lives."

Kadyrov, who has steadily strengthened his grip on power since his election in 2007, had long pushed for an end to counterterrorism operation in order to reduce federal military presence in Chechnya and remove restrictions which hampered trade.

"This is a victory over evil which we have fought over the last 15 years," Kadyrov said in a statement. "A peaceful and prosperous Chechen Republic in the united family of peoples of Russia — that is our strategic course for the future."

Alumni

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The site, www.replacejenkins.com, asks alumni and other donors to sign a petition with contact information and the total dollar amount they plan to withhold.

"Although we love Notre Dame, our conscience requires that we withhold all financial support from our University until such time as Father Jenkins is replaced as Notre Dame's President with someone who will be more loyal to the teaching of the Catholic Church," the site states.

DiFranco said a group of seven — six alumni and one supporter of the University — decided to set up the site to ascertain how much Jenkins will cost Notre Dame.

"We thought, 'why don't we tally that sum and show it to the leaders of the University,'" he said.

DiFranco said he could not divulge the sum alumni have pledged to withhold so far, but he said he believes the amount will be substantial.

"The figure grows by the hour," he said. "We are in communication with some very, very significant donors."

The amount will be released when it "reaches a balance that is newsworthy," he said.

DiFranco said the group is in the process of following up with the people who have submitted sums of money they plan to withhold to ensure there are no "bogus amounts." "This is our way of saying

we will not sit idle," he said. "It does affect our ability to give money in good conscience."

University spokesman Dennis Brown declined to comment on the Web site in particular, but said the University has received both positive and negative feedback.

"We've known since before it was announced ... that there would be people that would be opposed to the invitation and people in support of the invitation, and we've received both responses," he said.

Brown also declined to comment on the University's relationship with its donors.

The Web site states that the group supports academic freedom, but DiFranco said he believes Obama delivering the Commencement address does not fall under that category.

He said Jenkins' statement that the invitation offers a chance for dialogue with the president does not apply because the speech is a "monologue."

DiFranco said many alumni have been upset about several of Jenkins' past decisions as well, such as allowing the production of the "Vagina Monologues" on campus.

The site states that signers of the petition will continue to withhold donations to the University until Jenkins is replaced.

Aaron Steiner contributed to this report.

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Seamon

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Fr. Jenkins in the past ... both he and I and everyone here is keenly aware and extremely proud of the fact that Notre Dame is very special place," Seamon said. "It leaves an impression on people when they visit here."

He said his primary responsibility is "to work with the various departments on campus to create a more coordinated effort on how we serve the Notre Dame community on game-day weekends."

Jenkins has also given Seamon the responsibility of implementing several recommendations given by the ad hoc committee as soon as possible, as well as beginning to employ other recommendations in the near future.

Seamon said that he hopes most of the changes will be in place by next fall.

"Our goal will be to implement as much of [the report's suggestions] as we can over the summer," he said.

An important part of his job is improving how information is distributed to visitors, Seamon said.

"We want to enhance our communications and interactions with our fans, and provide the best experience possible," he said. "This involves providing people with all the information necessary so that they can experience all of the different opportunities football weekends provide."

Seamon said providing a safe environment for all visitors is a priority.

"We want to create an environment that is safe and hospitable to everyone that comes on campus, regard-

less if they are a fan or a guest with the opposing team," he said.

Seamon said that he anticipates the positive gameday atmosphere present in past years to continue and improve based on the recommendations of the ad hoc committee.

"My hope is that the students and all of our fans will continue to enjoy Notre Dame and all that we have to offer on our home football weekends," he said.

Seamon said he is pleased with his new responsibilities and is looking forward to taking on his new duties.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "I'm excited about the University going forward in this initiative."

Aaron Steiner contributed to this report.

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Hogwarts

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ing hall in the Harry Potter movies," Lau said.

Paying tribute to the book and movie series, the east side of South Dining Hall was converted into the Hogwarts Great Hall.

The room featured four long rows of tables with candles — duplicating the effect of the four tables in the series — and a variety of Harry Potter signs were hung from the ceiling.

Upon entering the dining hall, students were sorted into one of the four houses of Hogwarts. However, students could make their own seating choice at these Slytherin, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff or Gryffindor-themed tables.

"I knew when I sat down at Slytherin table that I was home," senior Drew Reynolds said.

The serving area of the dining hall was transformed into the settings from the series, such as the Hogwarts Express and Platform 9 3/4.

The event also featured food from the wizarding world.

There was a potions station, a herbology station and a special center station with Harry Potter-inspired desserts and treats. These included jam doughnuts, chocolate Gateau, pumpkin pie



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students enjoyed a Harry Potter-themed dinner Thursday in South Dining Hall.

and treacle tarts.

"Once I saw the pumpkin pie, I knew this was going to be good," senior Adrienne Murphy said.

Soundtracks from the Harry Potter movies were played throughout the dining hall, and many students came to dinner dressed as their favorite characters from the books and movies.

"I borrowed a friend's bathrobe and some novelty glasses and fit right in at the Gryffindor table," sophomore Bobby Powers said.

"I think I even saw Father Jenkins dressed as Dumbledore," sophomore Danny Osburn said.

Many students expressed a desire to see the night turn into an annual event.

"I would love to see this happen again next year," Osburn said. "It was a great way to make a Thursday night dinner at South Dining Hall fun and interesting."

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Wheel

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he'd ever had.

"It was the weirdest thing I've ever done," Normandin said. "There were freaks galore — people saying it was their fifth audition and stuff like that."

Normandin auditioned, but did not hear back from the show's producers until this February.

"I never got a letter so I kind of forgot about it," he said. "Then in February, I got a call asking me to come represent Notre Dame for the show's College Week."

Normandin flew out to California for the taping several weeks ago. All five episodes were taped on the same day, and each took about 25 minutes to film.

He said the studio was different in person than it appeared on television.

"The studio is small, not big like it looks on TV,"

Normandin said. "But the wheel is a lot heavier than I thought it would be. It's smaller than it looks and about eight times as heavy. There were people that couldn't spin it right away and had to keep trying."

Normandin said he enjoyed meeting the show's hosts and the students he competed against.

"I didn't meet Pat Sajak until the taping, but I met Vanna [White] before that," he said. "She's 52 years old and smoking hot."

According to Normandin, his friends were very excited when they discovered that he would appear on the show, although they did discourage him from saying hello to them on air.

"[My roommates] told me I couldn't give shout-outs to them," Normandin said. "So instead, I yelled 'friendship' instead of 'big money' when I spun the wheel. Hopefully they'll hear it when it airs."

Normandin competed against two female students,

one from Michigan State University and one from Baylor University in Texas. He said that both were worthy competition.

"The two girls I went up against, I could tell they were both pretty smart," Normandin said. "I went in thinking I wasn't going to win anything."

As a result, Normandin made it his main goal to have fun and enjoy the experience. He got third place in his episode, which will air tonight at 7 p.m. on local Channel 12.

Despite coming in third, Normandin still ended up winning a substantial amount of money.

"I tried to have fun with it and not take it too seriously," Normandin said. "I just kind of kept my head down, bought some vowels, and came out a winner."

He plans to use his winnings as extra spending money when he studies abroad in London in the fall.

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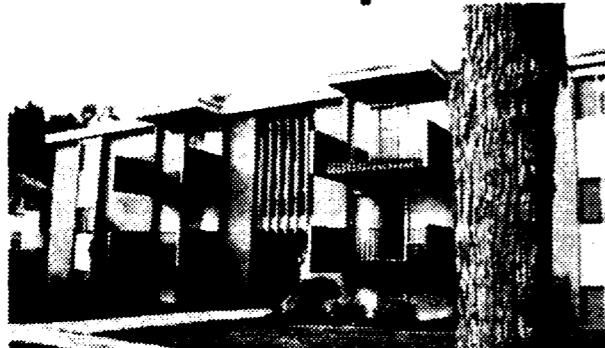
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Signs imply recession may be easing

Recipients of jobless benefits grow while encouraging indicators emerge

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Housing construction unexpectedly plunged, the number of people receiving jobless benefits grew and JPMorgan Chase & Co. said its first-quarter profit dropped compared with last year.

That was the bad news. But those same reports Thursday included some silver linings suggesting the recession may be easing.

The pace of new-home construction seems to be nearing a bottom. First-time jobless benefit claims fell more than expected for the second straight week. And JPMorgan's profits were larger than analysts had expected. In the past week, two other banks, Wells Fargo & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc., issued positive earnings reports, too.

All told, growing evidence indicates the economy may be stabilizing.

"The economy is still very weak, but there are some encouraging signs that support cautious optimism," Dennis Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, said in a speech Thursday.

The Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments fell 11 percent in March. But economists noted that the drop was driven by a steep fall in new apartment building. The construction of new single-family homes matched February's level and remained above January's record low.

The consistency in home construction, even as the economy shrank, signals that single-family home building "is now at or near a bottom," Robert Dye, senior economist at PNC Financial Services Group, wrote in a note to clients.

Economists cautioned that the figures largely reflect a



A woman interviews for a job at The Counter in Los Angeles Wednesday. Hundreds of jobseekers showed up for the thirty positions advertised.

slowing of the pace of economic decline compared with even worse conditions earlier this year. Recovery is still at least months away, they said.

"What would have been bad news last September is good news today," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Chicago-based Mesirow Financial.

On Wall Street, stocks rose, partly in response to the economic news. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 95 points, while broader indices also rose more than 1 percent.

Both President Barack Obama and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke have mentioned some recent signs of progress this week, while adding that the recession is far from over.

The Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 510,000 units in March. It was the second lowest pace on records that go back 50 years.

Applications for building permits, considered a good barometer of future activity, also fell in March to an annual rate of 513,000 units. But that suggests starts will remain stable at around 500,000 in April, economists said, albeit near record low levels.

"Right now, stable looks good," Dye said.

Low housing prices and record-low mortgage rates may finally be spurring sustained interest in home buy-

ing. The Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that the number of people shopping for homes is beginning to rise, leading to a scattered pickup in sales.

Separately, the Labor Department said its tally of initial unemployment claims dropped to a seasonally adjusted 610,000 from a revised 663,000 the previous week. That was far below analysts' expectations of 655,000 and the lowest since late January.

Initial unemployment claims reflect the pace of layoffs by companies and are considered a timely, if volatile, measure of the economy. While declining, they remain much higher than a year ago, when claims stood at 369,000.

IN BRIEF

DirecTV, Comcast fined \$3.2 million

WASHINGTON — Satellite television provider DirecTV Inc. and cable company Comcast Corp. will pay out a combined \$3.2 million to settle claims that they broke the law by placing phone calls to people who had asked the companies not to call them again. It's the second time DirecTV has been hit with such a fine.

The Federal Trade Commission made the announcement Thursday.

The FTC said DirecTV agreed to pay \$2.3 million to settle charges that it violated do-not-call provisions of a restriction called the Telemarketing Sales Rule by having a telemarketer call people who had specifically asked DirecTV to put them on the company's internal do-not-call list. In 2005, DirecTV settled FTC charges that telemarketers called households listed on the national Do Not Call registry and paid \$5.3 million to the government.

Comcast will pay out \$900,000, the FTC said, to settle charges that it called people who had specifically asked the company to stop calling them. The agency said it's a violation of that telemarketing rule, which prohibits such calls.

\$40 million of fuel stolen from army

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A former Army contractor convicted of stealing \$40 million worth of fuel from a military base in Iraq is helping authorities in a global search for other suspects in the case, according to court records.

One suspect has already been arrested in the Philippines and now awaits indictment from a federal grand jury in Virginia.

Lee W. Dubois of Lexington, S.C., pleaded guilty last year to theft of government property and faces up to 10 years in prison. A sentencing hearing scheduled Thursday in Virginia was postponed.

The thefts occurred in 2007 and 2008 from Camp Liberty in Baghdad. Dubois admitted that he and others stole more than 10 million gallons of jet fuel and diesel fuel from the base. They used fraudulent paperwork so that fuel trucks could drive in and withdraw tens of thousands of gallons a day.

Obama plans high-speed rail network

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday outlined plans for a high-speed rail network he said would change the way Americans travel, drawing comparisons to the 1950s creation of the interstate highway system.

Obama was careful to point out that his plan was only a down payment on an ambitious plan that, if realized, could connect Chicago and St. Louis, Orlando and Miami, Portland and Seattle and dozens of other metropolitan areas around the country with high-speed trains.

There's no guarantee that the nation has the political will — Congress has often tried to reduce support for Amtrak — or the hundreds of billions of dollars and decades it would take to build a comprehensive fast rail system.

"This is not some fanciful, pie-in-the-sky vision of the future," Obama said during an event at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, which is adjacent to the White House. "It is happening right now. It's been happening for decades. The problem is it's been happening elsewhere, not here."

The United States trails other developed countries in developing high-speed rail. The Spanish can travel the 386-mile from Madrid to Barcelona at speeds averaging almost 150 miles per hour. Japan's Shinkansen links its major cities at speeds averaging 180 mph and France's TGV train averages about 133 mph in carrying passengers from Paris to Lyon.

The only U.S. rail service that meets the Federal Railroad Administration's 110 mph threshold to qualify as high-speed rail is Amtrak's 9-year-old Acela Express route connecting Boston to Washington, D.C.

Initially, regional transportation offices will compete for the \$8 billion included in the \$787 billion economic stimulus spending package for high-speed rail, bolstered by \$1 billion a year for five years requested in the federal budget.

The \$8 billion is part of \$64 billion in the stimulus package for roads, bridges, rail and transit, what Obama called "the most sweeping investment in our infrastructure since President Eisenhower built the Interstate Highway System in the 1950s."

Obama said the first round of money would go to upgrading and increasing speeds on existing lines where people could quickly be put to work. The second and third phases would focus on high-speed rail planning and money to jump-start corridors not yet ready for construction. The Transportation Department is to announce first-round grants before the end of the summer.

Bollman

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"I want to be a doctor not to go into research or teaching, but to focus on one-on-one interaction with patients," she said. "I'm really interested in practicing primary care medicine in underserved areas either in states or likely internationally."

Bollman did her undergraduate research for the Notre Dame Haiti Program working to eliminate the disease that causes Elephantitis, and she said she got the chance to spend seven weeks in the country implementing her research during the summer before senior year.

"I love the country," she said. "It absolutely fascinates me."

Bollman said she would like to go back to Haiti in the future as a doctor.

Theology professor Fr. Paul Kollman taught Bollman in the theology class, Christianity in Africa, and he said she is an excellent student.

"In the midst of a really keen intellectual ability, she's got a strong moral compass," he said. "I think she's really put her education at the service of the world's needy in the United States and internationally, especially in Haiti and Cambodia."

"I know my class is full of incredibly engaged and accomplished people, and I am just one of them."

Brennan Bollman
valedictorian

"In the midst of a really keen intellectual ability, she's got a strong moral compass."

Fr. Paul Kollman
professor of Theology

Kollman said Bollman has worked extensively with the C.S.C. and is committed to social justice both locally and globally.

"She's just really an outstanding example of the kind of student Notre Dame is glad to receive and benefit from and also help produce," he said.

Bollman said her four years at Notre Dame have given her an awareness of the "tough problems" that her generation faces.

"I haven't learned how to solve anything in my four years here," she said. "But I have learned that there are very important issues that I will need to address either directly through my work, or indirectly by being a global citizen."

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Jenkins

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the student group, ND Response asked Jenkins to affirm the University's commitment to pro-life causes before they met, including requests to make a public "promise" not to allow practices offensive to the pro-life cause and appoint a pro-life ombudsperson.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said Jenkins withdrew his invitation to meet with the group because "they issued a set of demands as a precondition to meeting."

The group also requested Jenkins change the terms of the meeting in their reply, namely that it be open to all coalition members and that a transcript and video of the meeting be made available after its conclusion. Jenkins originally requested that the meeting be private and limited to 25 students, Brown said, in order to make the meeting "more productive."

Mary Daly, a leader within ND Response and the author of the reply to Jenkins' invitation, said that the terms they set forth in their response to Jenkins may have been misinterpreted.

Brown told The Observer that the administration "did not think it was appropriate to respond ... with a set of demands as preconditions to meet."

Daly said the letter did not use the words "demand" or "precondition," and stated the misunderstanding "might just

be a problem of language."

The letter ND Response sent to Jenkins read: "[W]e have certain requests that we respectfully make of you in advance of any meeting with you."

Also in the letter, the group asked, "that you (Jenkins) promise to take the following actions," followed by two requests.

The first was that the administration "publicly makes the institutional and permanent promise that the University of Notre Dame will not engage in, promote or allow practices offensive to life," noting research initiatives.

The second was the University "will appoint a pro-life ombudsperson at the level of associate provost to ensure that appropriate attention is paid to life issues at the beginning of life in both teaching and research."

Daly said she was "sorry" that the letter's requests were interpreted as preconditions to meeting.

"They were respectful requests, and that's how we wanted them to be read, not as demands at all," she said. "It was our intention to state things that we hoped to discuss."

Brown earlier told The Observer Jenkins would be "happy to discuss" the requests made in the letter, but indicated that they were interpreted as preconditions.

ND Response is still open to meeting with Jenkins, according to Daly. Brown said any further discussion about meetings between the Jenkins and the group would be private.

The original invitation was extended "in the spirit of open dialogue to talk about this issue," Brown said.

"[Fr. Jenkins] wanted to hear face to face from the students their concerns and to be able to in turn speak with them about why he made the invitation," Brown said.

Daly said she was "pleasantly surprised" when she, on behalf of the coalition, first received Jenkins' invitation to meet.

She said the requests set forth in her reply to the invitation were made "so we could have a confirmation from Fr. Jenkins and the administration" of their commitment to the University's Catholic mission and the pro-life cause, which Daly said stems from that mission.

Daly said the first request — a public promise not to allow practices offensive to life — would "be a reaffirmation of what's already there," referring to the University's Catholic mission.

The second request — the appointment of a pro-life ombudsperson — stemmed from Daly's belief that the majority of pro-life initiatives on campus are not initiated by the administration. Daly compared creating such a position to the emphasis the University put on sustainability by creating a dedicated office for that issue.

"Seeing as there's the sexual assault ombudsperson, and the Office of Sustainability, ... we [would like] a designated person or role that paid attention to these specific issues," Daly said.

Daly said all the requests included in the letter were meant to be "constructive and positive."

ND Response, which stated "we pledge ourselves to acts of witness" in an earlier press release, has organized other activities including a Prayer Rally, which took place on April 5, and an ongoing campaign to pray one million rosaries "for a conversion of heart for President Obama."

The group is also promoting the first March for Life on Notre Dame's campus, which takes place today beginning at 6 p.m. at the Grotto. The event is sponsored by Notre Dame Right to Life and the campus Knights of Columbus council.

According to organizer Jeff Tisak, Charles Rice, professor emeritus of the Notre Dame Law School, will speak at the event.

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Transgender woman killed

Prosecutor insists that accused killer knew true gender in advance

Associated Press

GREELEY, Colo. — An accused killer knew for at least 36 hours that an 18-year-old transgender woman was biologically male and beat her to death with a fire extinguisher because he didn't like that, a prosecutor insisted Thursday.

But an attorney for Allen Andrade said the case is about the woman's deception and Andrade's reaction to that deception, not whether Angie Zapata's lifestyle was right or wrong.

"This girl that he had just spent the last day with, was in fact a man, and Allen snapped," defense attorney Bradley Martin declared in opening statements.

Andrade, 32, would face a mandatory life sentence if convicted of first-degree murder and between eight and 24 years in prison if convicted of second-degree murder. Other charges against him include bias-motivated crime, which carries three more years, and habitual offender, which could mean decades more in prison.

Prosecutor Brandi Nieto said Andrade killed Zapata because she was transgender and "he didn't like that."

Nieto told jurors that Andrade

and Zapata communicated nearly 700 times via text message, cell phone and computer between July 12 and July 16 as Zapata was apparently searching for a roommate. She said Andrade did not make a snap decision but rather decided to kill Zapata after the pair spent hours in Zapata's tiny one-bedroom apartment.

Andrade could have walked away once he learned Zapata was biologically male, Nieto said.

Martin, who repeatedly referred to Zapata as "Justin," said the deception started with Zapata's profile on a social networking site that said she was a straight female.

The two met July 15 and spent the day together, Martin said. Zapata's clothing and other details in her apartment indicated she was female, the attorney said.

Andrade told investigators that Zapata performed oral sex on him but wouldn't let him touch her, according to an arrest affidavit.

Left alone in the apartment, Andrade noticed photographs that led him to question Zapata's gender. When he confronted her, she answered: "I am all woman," according to the affidavit.

Nieto showed jurors partial transcripts of tape-recorded jail calls in which Andrade allegedly told his girlfriend that he "snapped" and that "gay things need to die."

In another transcript, Andrade downplays the slaying. "It's not like I went up to a school teacher and shot her in the head, or killed a straight law-abiding citizen," he said in the transcript.

Martin said the jail calls were taken out of context as Andrade joked with his girlfriend about a crime he knew he didn't commit.

Andrade was arrested July 30, nearly two weeks after Zapata's sisters discovered her body under a blanket in her apartment. Andrade told investigators that he struck Zapata twice in the head with a fire extinguisher and thought he had "killed it" before striking her again as she struggled to get up, the arrest affidavit said.

Andrade is believed to be the first person tried for a hate crime under the sexual orientation section of Colorado's hate crime law, according to the New York and Los Angeles-based Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Colorado is one of 11 states to have such designations in their laws.

Gov't officials disagree with extremist report

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Civil liberties officials at the Homeland Security Department did not agree with some of the language in a controversial report on right-wing extremists, but the agency issued the report anyway.

The intelligence assessment issued to law enforcement last week said some military veterans could be susceptible to extremist recruiters or commit lone acts of violence. That prompted angry reactions from some lawmakers and veterans' groups.

Homeland Security spokeswoman Amy Kudwa said the report was issued before officials resolved problems raised by the agency's civil rights division. Kudwa would not specify what language raised the concerns.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano defended the report Thursday, but she said the definition of right-wing extremism that was included in a footnote should be changed.

In the report, right-wing extremism was defined as hate-motivated groups and movements, such as hatred of certain religions, racial or ethnic groups. "It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration," the report said.

"If there's one part of that report I would rewrite, in the word-smithing, Washington-ese that goes on after the fact, it would be that footnote," Napolitano said Thursday on Fox News.

The same definition was included in the agency's March 26 draft report on domestic extremism. Both reports were marked "For Official Use Only." The department said the draft has been recalled and is being edited before it is sent to state

and local law enforcement officials.

The report on right-wing extremists cites the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing by military veteran Timothy McVeigh as one instance of a veteran becoming a domestic terrorist.

Several lawmakers, the American Legion and Vets for Freedom took offense to the intelligence review. The Veterans of Foreign Wars defended it as an assessment, not an accusation.

Napolitano said, "We do not mean to suggest that veterans as a whole are at risk of becoming violent extremists."

She also said: "I apologize for that offense. It was certainly not intended."

The top Republican on the House intelligence committee, Michigan's Pete Hoekstra, has asked the director of national intelligence's ombudsman to investigate the Homeland Security report for "unsubstantiated conclusions and political bias."

The senior Democrat of the House committee with oversight of the department said the report raises privacy and civil liberty issues. "This report appears to have blurred the line between violent belief, which is constitutionally protected, and violent action, which is not," Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., wrote in a letter to Napolitano.

The department's definition of left-wing extremism in the March 26 draft report includes a reference to violence, stating these groups that embrace anti-capitalist, communist or socialist beliefs seek "to bring about change through violent revolution rather than through established political processes."

These reports are part of the department's routine analysis of intelligence information to give to law enforcement agencies guidance on possible security threats.

Mystery donor gives \$45 million

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A mystery is unfolding in the world of college fundraising: During the past few weeks, at least nine universities have received gifts totaling more than \$45 million, and the schools had to promise not to try to find out the giver's identity.

One school went so far as to check with the IRS and the Department of Homeland Security just to make sure a \$1.5 million gift didn't come from illegal sources.

"In my last 28 years in fundraising ... this is the first time I've dealt with a gift that the institution didn't know who the donor is," said Phillip D. Adams, vice president for university advancement at Norfolk State University, which received \$3.5 million.

The gifts ranged from \$8 million at Purdue to \$1.5 million donated to the University of North Carolina at Asheville. The University of Iowa received \$7 million; the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of Maryland University College got \$6 million each; the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs was given \$5.5 million; and Penn State-Harrisburg received \$3 million.

It's not clear whether the gifts came from an individual, an organization or a group of people with similar interests. In every case, the donor or donors dealt with the universities through lawyers or other middlemen. Some of the money came in cashier's checks, while other schools received checks

from a law firm or another representative.

All the schools had to agree not to investigate the identity of the giver. Some were required to make such a promise in writing.

"Our chancellor was called to a Denver law office and had to sign a confidentiality agreement that she would not try to find out," said Tom Hutton, spokesman at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. "Once the chancellor signed it, she was emphatic that we don't try to find out."

Each was delivered since March 1 and came with the same stipulation: Most of the money must be used for student scholarships, and the remainder can be spent on various costs such as research, equipment, strategic goals and operating support.



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Employee wounds one, kills another, himself

Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A hospital employee shot another employee to death, critically wounded another and then killed himself Thursday, police said.

Police Chief Anthony Batts said the gunfire erupted just before noon at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

Batts would not identify those involved but said all were male. He said the motive remained under investigation but noted the violence came amid a flurry of recent shootings in the country.

"This is a trend of active shooters that you have seen nationwide," Batts said at a news conference. "This is becoming a national trend, probably because of the tension that's going on in our society today."

Batts said officers responding to the shooting found one victim inside the hospital and then discovered a second victim outside, on the north side of the hospital outside the emergency room. Both were taken to the emergency room; one was dead and the other was critical, he said.

The suspect was found dead near the second victim, he said.

"It is with a really heavy heart that I say we lost two members of our employee family and a third is critically injured," said Diana Hendel, the hospital's chief executive officer. "Our first priority was to ensure that our patients were safe and well cared for and I can assure that our patients are well cared for and are completely safe."

Hendel said the victims' families were receiving counseling through the hospital's chaplain service.

City gas department worker Dave Chamberlain told KCAL-TV he heard shots and then saw a man waving a gun outside the hospital shoot himself.

"We heard five shots and we took cover as well, and then ... we could see a man with a gun pointed at himself," he said.

A woman, Charity Perez, told the TV station her husband, a hospital valet, knew the gunman and identified him as a worker at a pharmacy. The police chief would not confirm that, pending notification of the employees' families.

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Things Notre Dame students like

In my seven-plus semesters at Notre Dame, I have noticed a lot of things about the student body. Some of these things are good, some bad, and some are just plain silly. With the help of fellow Observer

Columnists Andrew Miller and Brad Blomstrom, I have compiled a list of 85 things that Notre Dame students like. Ranging from the silly (No. 7: UGGs in Snow) to the serious (No. 10: Giving Peace) this list can help students understand each other, parents understand their children, alumni understand the new generation and our children understand us years from now when we are old and even more indignant. Most importantly, however, I hope that this list will help us to better understand ourselves.

So here it begins with the items most relevant for this Blue-Gold Weekend.

No. 2: Complaining About The Shirt and then wearing it.

Every year on the day before the spring game, a committee of students unveils the next year's rendition of The Shirt, the t-shirt that the entire student body is expected to wear to each and every home football game the next year; and every year on the day before the spring game students almost unanimously begin to complain about the new edition. Whether it is an ugly yellow color (2005), putting the current coach in the skies amongst legends of yesteryear (2006) or having sayings that make absolutely no sense (almost always) Notre Dame students love to complain incessantly about the current year's incarnation of The Shirt.

One of the main reasons why Notre Dame students love to complain about The Shirt is because it never seems to fit them correctly. Without fail every shirt is exquisitely crafted extra wide with a goofy neck so that the incredibly fit Notre

Dame student feels like he or she is swimming in it. Even worse are the thickness and the length of the sleeves that are always sure to keep us extra warm on those sunny August Saturdays. Notre Dame students will, without fail, complain about these shirts for the entirety of the football season, despite the fact that they are not being forced to wear them.

The amazing thing about Notre Dame students and The Shirt is that after they spend weeks and months complaining about it, almost every Notre Dame student will proceed to wear The Shirt to almost every football game. Whether the students love to be dressed the same or simply can't help but do what they are told, everybody comes into the stadium wearing The Shirt and the student section becomes a massive field of blue/green/yellow. Notre Dame students love it so much that everybody has failed to notice the increasingly apparent Curse of The Shirt (the fact that the Irish have failed to win a single National Championship since the project began).

This year promises to be no different. With the unveiling of The Shirt scheduled for this afternoon, the committee is promising that it will be the best The Shirt of all the The Shirts. The color and slogan will be revealed to triumphant fanfare, only to be brought down a couple notches when everybody realizes how much they don't like it; and the complaining begins.

No. 8: Claiming to have inside information about the football team.

If there is one thing Notre Dame students love to do it's going to football games, and if there is one thing they like to do at these football games it is claiming to have inside information about the football team they know and love. When Jimmy Clausen overthrows a receiver voices can be heard throughout the student section saying things like, "Dayne Crist has been looking really good in practice" or "I hear that Nate Montana is gonna make a play for the starter's job next year."

While these students do not have any rational basis for these claims, they love

to think that they know more about the state of the football team than the next guy. Every student reads Rivals.com and ND Nation as if they are hidden gems of knowledge tucked away on some mystery machine known as the internet.

Invariably they read posts by crazed alumni and feel the need to tell everybody about their inside information. Sorry bros, everybody knows that Coach Weis tried to woo Romeo Crennel here to be the D-Line coach.

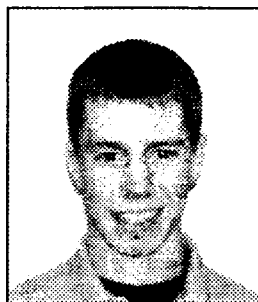
The greatest source of inside information however, comes from the students who claim they know players on the team. Students love to say things like, "I don't understand why Weis doesn't run James [Aldridge] more. He (Aldridge) tells me that he's been doing great in practice." When a Notre Dame man claims that he is friends with a football player, it almost certainly means one of two things: a) they live in the same dorm, or b) they are in Professor McKenna's Human Ethology class together. (Sidebar: if a Notre Dame woman claims she is friends with a football player, it probably means they had sex or are going to have sex.)

Inside information about the football team does not exist because the only people who happen to be insiders as well as normal students are the football managers. They have such a self-proclaimed level of stature that they would never reveal anything of importance to retain their self-perceived aura around campus.

Although my sources do say that Kapron Lewis-Moore has been looking really good in practice, and don't be surprised to see Goodman play QB in a spread look.

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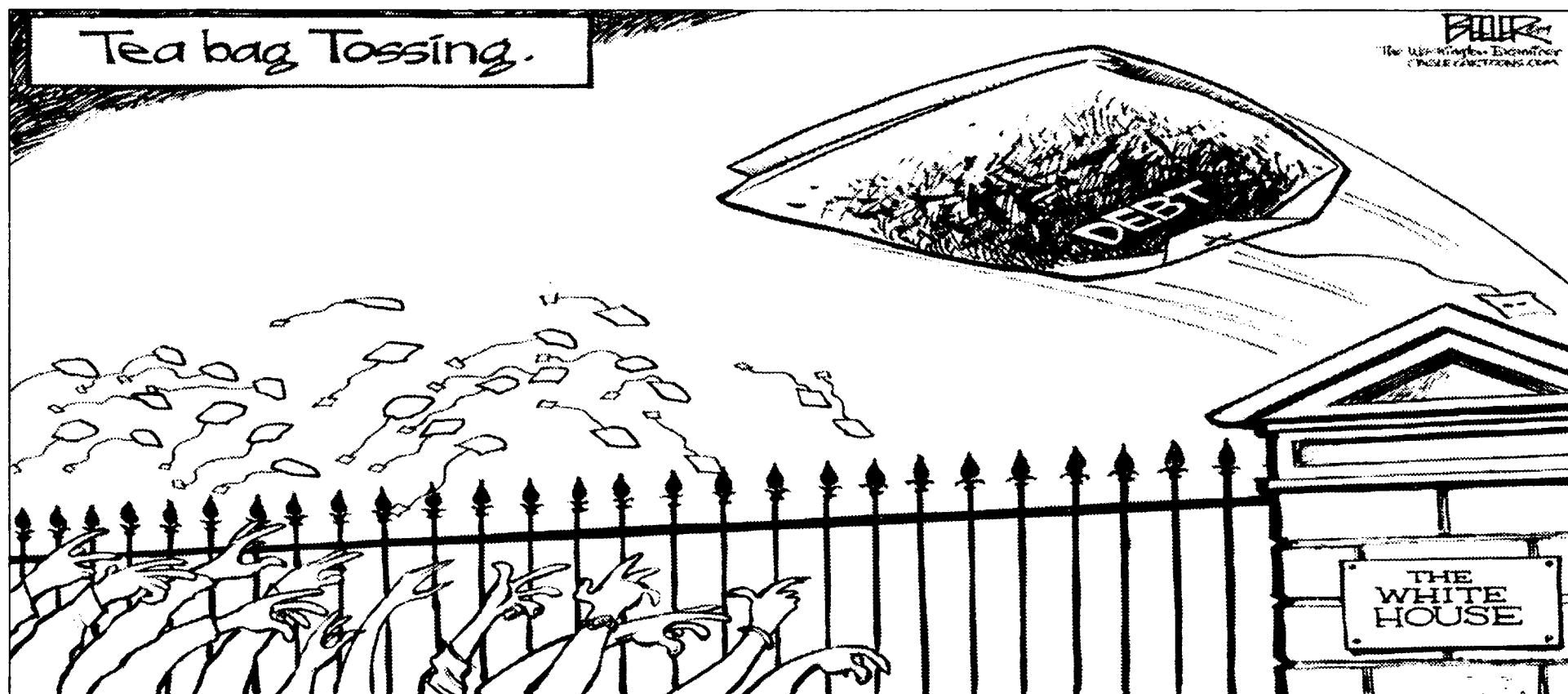
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Bob Kessler

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them."

Rodney Dangerfield
U.S. comedian

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower."

Steve Jobs
Apple CEO

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protest Church's intolerance

A couple weeks ago, there was an article in The Observer that there was a "disconnect" between the current students and alumni concerning the debate of the granting of an honorary degree to the President of the United States — positing that 70-plus percent of students were in favor, and 70-plus percent of alums were against. Mathematical sophistry. Those numbers only reflect the immediately stimulated individuals from both sides who decided to submit a letter to the editor, and hardly a statistically valid survey. Where is our Math Department when we need them?

I posit the contrary: alums are probably more supportive of POTUS than our current, a bit more conservative, student body. Mr. Donahue ("Slamming the door," April 15) is spot-on. This Church, these critics of this University, are so myopic in being non-Catholic (non-universal) that it drives real Catholics away.

Not only am I Notre Dame '64, but I'm also Georgetown Law '68, where yesterday our President was greeted with a standing ovation and with enthusiasm for his economic policies and social justice in this

time of our country's need. Some may joke that Georgetown is not Catholic, but Jesuit. I counter by saying Notre Dame is not Catholic, but wishing to be Arizona State.

I applaud the ten C.S.C. priests who have spoken out in dissent against Fr. Jenkins. As a product of the '60's, I support their right to protest. I have no vow of obedience either, so I can slam my church. I also believe that the senior class and other students should take aggressive action/dissent against those non-Christian activists who have vowed to turn your graduation into a "circus." I, for one, advocate aggressive resistance to this right-wing advocacy to disrupt in the name of a phony, political issue, my University and your graduation. Protest, protest, against your Church's intolerance.

K. Eric Gisleson
alumnus
Class of 1968
April 15

Students not the Pharisees

This is in response to the "Slamming the door" letter (April 15) written by Mr. Donahue and his condemnation of the actions of our students in keeping with the teachings of our Church. I feel insulted that any person, especially an alumnus, would compare the students to the Pharisees. I also oppose his implication of praise on those who are in favor of letting the most pro-abortion president in our nation's history speak (which is in direct defiance of the USCCB) as being humble worshippers of God.

Perhaps Mr. Donahue was speaking only to outside protesters, but as for the students, we do not deserve this condemnation for publically supporting the view of the Church through protest. Are the many bishops that have spoken out about this being self-righteous? Was John Paul II "proudly" condemning the culture of death in the West?

For anyone to say that promoting the clear and non-negotiable view of the Church as tarnishing the image of the University is offensive and ridiculous. Notre Dame is indeed a beautiful University and has been a great Catholic institution. Here it has a great opportunity to uphold the holy teachings of the Church. But to suggest that Notre Dame should allow Obama to speak here merely because of his civic position is not a legitimate position for Notre Dame. We should hold ourselves to the same authority the holy Catholic Church does, the revealed Word of God, and we should thus respect the guidance of the Church and humbly respect the bishops.

What offends me the most is Donahue's suggestion that the Holy Mother would embrace her University honoring a man whose public policy has directly led to the increase in the murder of the innocent. It is that honor that we protest; we are not opposing dialogue, but opposing giving a pedestal to a man who fundamentally rejects our

faith's core values.

The Holy Mother, our God and this University offer reconciliation, but offering forgiveness to a penitent heart and publically honoring Obama with a degree and speaking platform are very different things. The USCCB holds itself to only the highest of authorities, and to suggest that they should bow to the influence of civil authorities is disrespectful. Donahue saying this move would be a continued "stiff-arm" to powerful civil authorities suggests that the bishops are conspiring and not upholding the holy teachings of the Church.

The bishops act with the apostolic authority that has passed down from the Apostles. Donahue addresses two problems: the staining of Notre Dame's image, and the lowering numbers of faithful. He seems to claim that those in protest will only serve to worsen both issues.

Notre Dame stands for God over country, for the dignity of human life over the popularity and prestige of an elected civil official. If we ignore this, Notre Dame will leave a legacy of lost priorities. And to blame protest against the culture of death for the empty pews is unfounded, to say that enforcing doctrine is driving Catholics from worship.

The actions of Randall Terry may be unfortunate in how he fights for life, but to call the faithful students and bishops (who uphold the sanctity of life with dignity and respect) Pharisees is shameful. I do not wish to condemn Mr. Donahue or the president, only those views that tarnish the authority of the Church and the dignity of all human life and Notre Dame's role in these issues.

Erik Bock
freshman
Stanford Hall
April 16

Save PigTostal

Every school has its day. Unofficial St. Patrick's Day at Illinois. Cedar Fest at Michigan State. Little 500 at Indiana. Halloween at Wisconsin. Mardi Gras at SLU. Hash Bash at Michigan and so on and so on. Every school has that day where thousands not attending that school can blow off a weekend and road trip, because "dude, *insert event* at *insert school* is going to be sick this year. I didn't go last year, but my buddy that goes there said its for sure legit."

Racking my brain, Notre Dame has no such event. Unless, of course, you count PigTostal. And now, rumors have been flying about how the University has decided that the next front in the war on fun is this event. ResLife and its Dometroopers have begun in their attempts to take from us this, our one "event." To be sure, PigTostal really isn't even that great. It's kind of a bummer. It's what most students do every weekend with the addition of specially printed plastic cups and an unfavorable ratio of shirtless dudes to available beer. And you have to buy a ticket for it.

Now, nobody at nearby schools has been itching

to road trip down to Notre Dame this weekend, and, if you have been there before, you can't really say that you have preemptively written "greatest day ever" in Saturday's box in your Jonas Brothers calendar. But it is something. And as a student you must stand up for your right to stand up in a backyard, with an empty cup, no girl because you're not an athlete, and wish you would have gone to the Blue Gold game. I heard Weis even guaranteed an Irish victory (Notre Dame football joke).

So, in ending, to ResLife: please don't take PigTostal from us. It's all we have and, trust me, you can take away our fun much more effectively elsewhere. And to the students, go and enjoy the red headed stepchild that is PigTostal. Love it because it's yours. Bring your friends. If they won't come, tell them it's an anti-Obama rally. Go Dome or Go Home.

Matt Paletta
senior
off campus
April 16

Eddy St. Commons

When the Eddy Street Commons (ESC) plan was announced, Notre Dame's Office of Business Operations presented it as "a showcase for both Notre Dame and the City of South Bend."

ESC promised a partnership between town and gown, and was supported by the city with tens of millions in tax increment financing. But it now seems Notre Dame has decreed for itself an out-of-state pleasure dome. To date these tenants only are announced: Chipotle, a six story Marriott, a Follett Bookstore, a Hot Box Pizza, Doc Magrogan's, Noodle and Co, a Springhill Suites and Kildare's. Far from a 'showcase' for South Bend, these merchants respectively hail from Denver, Washington D.C., Chicago, Indianapolis, Philly, Broomfield, Colorado, Washington D.C. again and Philly again.

Chain businesses typically funnel dollars out of local areas more quickly than indigenous counterparts. They arrive with developed and out-of-area supply networks and management structures, and depend less on local suppliers and services. The current proposal for ESC demonstrates lack of awareness of how local economies are sustained and little respect for the South Bend community's contributions to ESC. Further, it is difficult to determine that the University has considered Catholic Social Doctrine and its emphasis on solidarity and subsidiarity in economic affairs.

South Bend has recently benefited from growth in locally owned businesses, from Fiddler's Hearth and the Tire Rack, to the South Bend Chocolate Co. and Better World Books, for example. These join outstanding traditions near campus like CJs, Parisi's, Rocco's, Studebagels, Lula's and many others, each well articulated within the Notre Dame-South Bend community. With these, Eddy Street could have more in common.

Notre Dame enjoys final approval of all tenants with Kite Realty, the site's developer. The University could shorten the slack on Kite's string and direct its retail recruiters to the local area. It could also specify that future vacancies from current tenants prefer local entrepreneurs. At another level, Notre Dame could expand its salutary programs to engage faculty with Catholic Social Doctrine to members of the University administration, so that current and future economic initiatives exhibit virtues of Catholic social thought.

Kite Realty, an out of town developer with no previous experience in South Bend, has not thus far visibly or successfully recruited local businesses. If this pattern persists, the stretch from Edison Road to Napoleon Street cannot be considered a bridge between Notre Dame and South Bend, but a stumbling block. The city deserves better, and the University could do much more.

Richard Klee
alumnus
Class of 2002
April 15

Right kind of pride

Pride? Four years ago I was overcome with pride when my son was admitted to Notre Dame. His attendance here buoyed our extended family as everyone learned, and I re-learned, so many fine Irish traditions. We have long looked forward to graduation day as a celebration of his achievement and that of his classmates.

Our pride grew further when we learned the president, who so inspires the young and in whom we have all placed so much hope, would speak to his class at Commencement. Those who intend to protest the president's presence ask too much of Notre Dame families. The pro-life movement has always asked us to ignore the distinction between sins that, because of broad societal consensus, are also condemned as civil crimes (like murder) and those (like abortion and adultery) that are not. They further demand that fealty to the Church's official position on abortion be the only litmus test for our political leaders, regardless of that leader's stand on other critical issues of life and death.

But the protestors seek yet one more thing here. They ask that we, who have with tears of pride and much sacrifice, cheered and consoled and supported our children these four long years, now turn this moment over to them in order to advance a cause. That's pride, but not the good kind.

My answer is simple: No. May 17 belongs to my son and his classmates. They earned it. They are my only cause on that day.

Nick Simeonidis
alumnus
Class of 1986
April 16



WOWED BY WILCO

By JAMES DUBRAY
Scene Writer

A certain logic exists in rock and roll about a band's trajectory. Arenas are thought of to be the penultimate goal for any group of twenty-somethings with big record collections and bigger creative Joneses. Yet, Wilco have never been much about respecting corporate notions of rock and roll.

On Tuesday, America's best live rock band took the stage at the 1,345 capacity Pabst Theater in Milwaukee. And no, that number is not missing an extra digit. Wilco could probably sell out the flipping Bradley Center — the largest arena in Milwaukee — but instead chose to treat fans to two intimate nights at one of America's oldest — and most beautiful — rock venues.

As fans rose to their feet in uproarious applause, the band opened with a thank you of their own, playing "Wilco The Song," the opening track from their forthcoming June LP. The audience sang along and critics lauded, but Jeff Tweedy couldn't help crack his big slanted smile, singing, "Wilco will love you, baby."

The main set continued in a greatest-hits fashion, focusing on the band's two most lauded records, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" and "A Ghost Is Born." While Yankee is almost universally agreed upon as the Chicago group's studio masterpiece, Ghost has translated to the live setting better than any other Wilco album to date.

Fan favorites "Handshake Drugs" and "Muzzle of Bees" sounded as boisterous as ever as Nels Cline jerked frantically on his skull-crushing guitar solos. Three guitar attack "Impossible Germany" and Woody Guthrie penned "One By One" displayed the importance of musicianship in a band that is most loved for its leader's lyrics, while "Ashes of American Flags" and "Via Chicago" revealed yet again that no one today writes as insightfully and hauntingly as Jeff Tweedy.

The highlight of the set was the Neil Young inspired, Marquee Moon era Television influenced

"At Least That's What You Said." The song began with Tweedy singing achingly above his hushed electric guitar as the audience fell silent at the beauty in front of them.

As tears welled up in singles' eyes and couples pensively swooned, the Ghost opener erupted into a massive Tweedy guitar solo, which was joined by a Nels Cline riff after only a minute. Clearly, the avant-garde guitar virtuoso is having an effect on his band's benevolent dictator because Tweedy looked as brilliant as ever making his guitar say more than his voice ever could.

After an hour and a half filled with jokes about jean jackets smelling like "Mostaccioli schnapps" and set staples "Jesus, Etc" and "A Shot In The Arm," Wilco exited the stage leaving behind a fully satisfied crowd.

Five short minutes later, the band returned for what would be a nine-song double encore. Die-hard Wilco fans, who were compared to Deadheads by Milwaukee Brewers announcers a night earlier, pounded their heads in unison as the unusually simple bridge of "The Late Greats" seemed like perfect company for the empty PBRs on the theater floor.

It took til the end of the second encore for Wilco's first two albums to even be touched. "A.M." single "Box Full of Letters" inspired a sing-along as Tweedy belted out the words to his (rumored) goodbye letter to childhood friend and ex-bandmate Jay Farrar.

The set ended with typical encore dweller, "Kingpin." The band pandered to the crowd, changing "Pekin" to "Wisconsin" as Tweedy pleaded with fans to come up with a new audience response to the band's chorus. (Typically, after Wilco sings "Kingpin," audience members in unison bust out a sloppy "Ooooooo.") After a couple failed alternatives, Wilco and the audience returned to their usual arrangement echoing a statement Tweedy made minutes earlier to his drummer and friend, "If it ain't broken, don't fix it." Nothing could better sum up the rock world's message to its favorite live band.

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Wilco Set List

- Wilco the Song
- Hummingbird
- At Least That's What You Said
- Muzzle of Bees
- You Are My Face
- I Am Trying To Break Your Heart
- Pot Kettle Black
- Ashes of American Flags
- One By One
- I'll Fight
- Via Chicago
- Impossible Germany
- Jesus, Etc.
- Handshake Drugs
- A Shot in the Arm

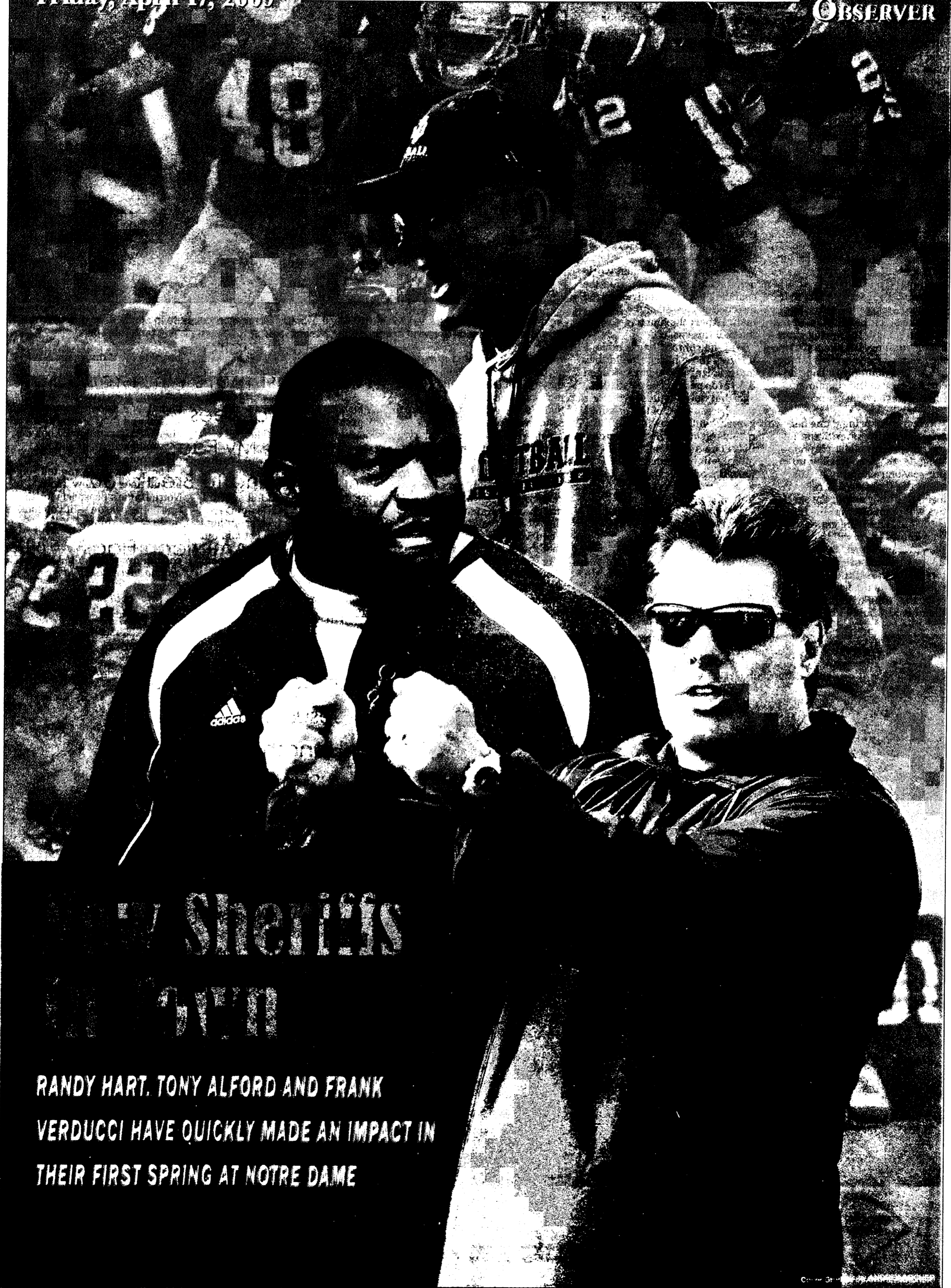
- Encore 1:
- Late Greats
 - Heavy Metal Drummer
 - Theologians
 - Walken
 - I'm the Man Who Loves You

- Encore 2:
- California Stars
 - Hate It Here
 - Box Full of Letters
 - Kingpin

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COMMENTARY

Don't take Blue-Gold results too seriously

How much stock can we place in the outcome of the Blue-Gold game? It depends what outcome we're talking about.

It helps Irish fans not at all if Gold beats Blue 45-37. Two main interpretations of spring-game performance exist: the positional performance and the unit performance. Both get coaches and fans into trouble if they read too much into either, but the performances can also provide nuggets of information about the upcoming season.



Bill Brink

Sports Writer

Look at positional performance first. The fact that a second-string linebacker has 11 tackles, an interception and a blocked punt in the spring game means nothing. It's like a pitcher throwing seven scoreless innings in spring training; you hope it carries over to the regular season but have no insurance that it will.

In fact, the spring game balances all praise or criticism for the players. Should a player struggle, they can chalk it up to pre-season rust that will wear off by the time Nevada rolls around. If they shine, the skeptics will point out that they shined in the spring game and who knows what will happen in the regular season. This catch-22 makes it impossible, therefore, to take too much away from individual performances.

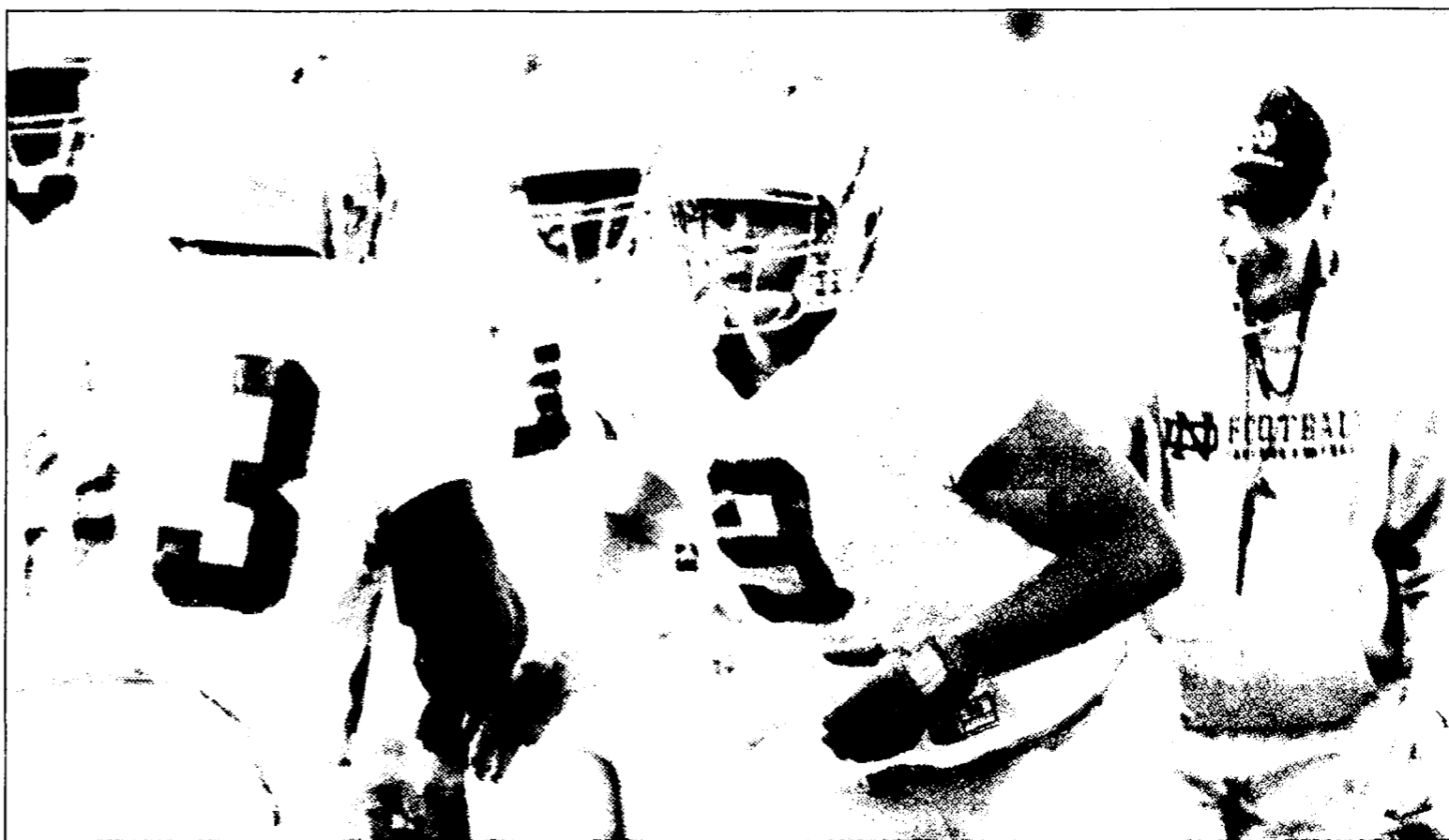
It's the same with the play of the units. I wouldn't be surprised

if Jimmy Clausen throws four touchdowns. In fact, facing a defense he's watched play for two years and that he has practiced against all spring, I hope he has a good day. Conversely, if the defense holds Clausen to 7-of-24 for 87 yards and picks him off twice, it wouldn't faze me. They've seen the man play for two seasons and practiced against him. His mannerisms and style should be well-documented.

So rather than look at the play of the individual players or the units facing their teammates, look for aspects of play that bode well for the season. For example, can the offensive line create holes for the running backs? New O-line coach Frank Verducci's got the linemen working. Tackle Paul Duncan said the coaching staff has individualized instructions for all of the linemen. Expect the line to get off the ball this season.

Will the running backs make it through those holes, should they materialize? The team averaged 3.3 yards per carry last season, and that needs to improve to take pressure off of the passing game. Can Clausen look off his receivers, or will he still watch them down the field? Costly interceptions against North Carolina and Michigan State last year stopped drives and switched momentum, and Clausen's helmet looked like it had a string attached to his receiver both times.

How will the linebackers adjust to the absence of five-year stalwart Maurice Crum Jr.? Can they effectively communicate plays and coverages? Watch them before the snap. If they're



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Irish defensive linemen Ethan Johnson (9) and Morrice Richardson compete in spring drills during a March 25 practice. Johnson is one of several young players looking to secure playing time this spring.

running this way and that, wildly gesticulating to each other, they're still learning the communication process. Harrison Smith's move from linebacker to safety won't help.

Same deal in the secondary, which lost safety David Bruton to graduation. Safety Kyle McCarthy is back for a fifth year, and cornerback Darrin Walls returns as well. In fact, the match-up to watch is between the receivers and the secondary. The Irish have the most talent in those units.

In spite of all my negative thoughts about the usefulness of the spring game in predicting performance next season, those aspects should provide a helpful

hint. But finally, look at the team as a whole. It's last time out, remember, the team traveled five time zones to face Hawaii in a bowl game and stomped the Warriors in their house on Christmas Eve. Confidence should be sky-high right now.

The players talk about having "good practices." Receiver Robby Parris said the players are flying around at full speed. I bet that continues. Remember last spring game when running back Armando Allen got laid out near the goal line? Something like that will happen again. Remember last spring game when the O-linemen got into it with some defensive guys after a touchdown? Wouldn't

surprise me if things got a bit tense.

The team has talent, the players know they can play better than they did some games last season and they're on a roll after the Hawaii Bowl. Look for passion, excitement and big plays come Saturday.

The spring game can tell you all you need to know about Notre Dame's prospects for the upcoming season — if you look for the right things.

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New faces, new places

Weis brings in Frank Verducci, Randy Hart and Tony Alford to shake things up

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

Last season's late-season collapse has been analyzed, dissected and torn apart by Notre Dame fans all over the country. Many of those fans were even calling for Irish coach Charlie Weis' job.

Weis wasn't fired, but he did shake up the coaching staff in a big way. Former running backs coach Michael Haywood left to become the head coach at Miami (Ohio), and offensive and defensive line coaches John Latina and Jappy Oliver left to pursue other opportunities. Replacing them were Tony Alford at running backs, Frank Verducci at offensive line and Randy Hart at defensive line.

Verducci was the first new coach hired, just a week after Latina resigned. Like Weis, he is a New Jersey native, and gained most of his coaching experience in the NFL. Verducci had been in the pro ranks since 2001 coaching the Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills and Cleveland Browns. Prior to that, though, he had spent nine years coaching the offensive line at the University of Iowa.

"Frank provides an excellent background on both the offensive line and run game in general from two perspectives, having coached several years in professional football and at the Division I level, predominantly in the Big Ten," Weis said in Verducci's introductory press conference. "His experience will be an asset both to our players and our staff."

Alford was the next hire, just five days after Verducci. The new running backs coach came to the Irish from Louisville, where he coached for two seasons after nine seasons at Iowa State sandwiched around one at Washington.

"Notre Dame is the epitome of college football," Alford said

in his first press conference. "To join a place with the tradition and history of Notre Dame is very exciting and I'm grateful to Coach Weis for extending me this tremendous opportunity."

Hart was the final piece to the puzzle, joining the staff in late February, more than a month after Verducci and Alford were hired. The 61-year-old Hart had spent the previous 21 years as the defensive line coach at Washington but was not retained when the Huskies hired new head coach Steve Sarkisian.

"I'm thrilled to add someone with the resume and personality of Randy Hart to our coaching staff," Weis said at Hart's introduction. "As I discussed last week, there were certain attributes and qualities I was looking for in this hire. First and foremost, he had to have great chemistry with Jon

[Tenuta, defensive coordinator] and Corwin [Brown, associate head coach]. Second, we wanted someone that was a high-energy coach that could develop our young defensive line."

The new coaches didn't have much time to get acclimated to South Bend, with spring practice starting just a month after the staff was set.

"It was pretty much all business the first time I met [Verducci]," senior guard Eric Olsen said.

All three new hires said they knew what they wanted to accomplish when they arrived, though. Verducci, for example, said he wanted to focus mostly on the technical aspects of blocking.

"As long as the effort's there, and I can see on the field that they're grasping piece by piece what we're trying to teach them and the changes we're trying to make, that's encouraging," he said. "Technical errors right now I can understand because a lot of things I'm teaching they haven't been



Offensive line coach Frank Verducci watches sophomore guard Andrew Nuss (76) go up against junior guard Chris Stewart in practice April 15.

exposed to before.

"But in many ways, assignment-wise, this is the same offense they've been in, and we spend time before practice trying to put them in as many situations as possible. Mental errors to me are more disturbing."

Alford was less technical, saying he was more concerned with the confidence and mental state of his running backs.

"They have to understand how good they can be. They have to feel that they can be good before they will be good," he said. "We want to be complete players, being able to run, being able to block, being able to carry, not putting it on the ground. That's what we're looking for, just the consistency of making plays all the time."

Hart was probably faced with the biggest challenge of the new staff, taking on a defensive line that is arguably Notre Dame's most inexperienced unit.

"Spring practice is experi-

mentation of your scheme," Hart said. "It's an experimentation of personnel."

So far, the early returns from the players have been nothing but positive.

"He's an energetic guy, fun to be around," freshman defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore said. "He's a little tough, but he's fun to be around."

Similarly, the offensive linemen have responded enthusiastically to Verducci's detail-oriented approach. Senior tackle Sam Young said his new coach was making him rethink small details such as whether to dominate with the inside or outside hand when pass-blocking.

"Honestly, it was like learning how to walk again," Young said. "I've been taught one way since I started playing football, and now it's different."

Olsen echoed his teammate, saying that a new approach was necessary

to keep the veteran linemen on their toes.

"Coach Verducci definitely brings a new approach to the offensive line, which is good for me personally," Olsen said. "Going into my fourth year, getting a little comfortable in the system, that changeup is definitely a good thing."

Verducci himself admitted that he might be a little more concerned about the little things than your average college coach.

"In college football, the priority is development. In pro football, the priority is details," Verducci said. "So it's details versus development. I guess what I've tried to do here is mesh the two of them. We have to challenge them to develop, but in the same instance I can show them details to accelerate that development."

As for Hart, it's hard for anyone to say much without mentioning the intensity he brings to practice. Despite his unassuming appearance — Weis joked that he originally thought Hart was a lost professor looking for the philosophy department — the new defen-

sive line coach has been known to keep up with players more than 40 years his junior.

"He is just wired for sound," Weis said with a laugh.

Part of Hart's job description is mentoring new defensive graduate assistant, and former Irish defensive lineman, Bryant Young.

"I think Randy might be wearing him out as the time goes on," Weis said. "I bet [Bryant] never thought that would happen, but you've got to keep going to keep up with [Coach Hart]."

Alford, on the other hand, has used his recent playing experience as a way to connect with his unit. He played running back at Colorado State and was an All-WAC selection in 1989.

"You have a coach that knows what he's talking about in the film room, and then when he gets on the field can translate the same thing and still have as much energy as if he was playing the game," sophomore running back Armando Allen said.

Alford inherited a unit that has been high on potential, but low on production the last few years. While the phrase "running back by committee" has been the hot phrase recently, Alford said that wouldn't necessarily be the case this year.

"Everyone's got a role," Alford said. "That role might be 75 snaps, that role might be 40 snaps, that role might be 10 snaps. You will dictate your role by what you do in practice every single day."

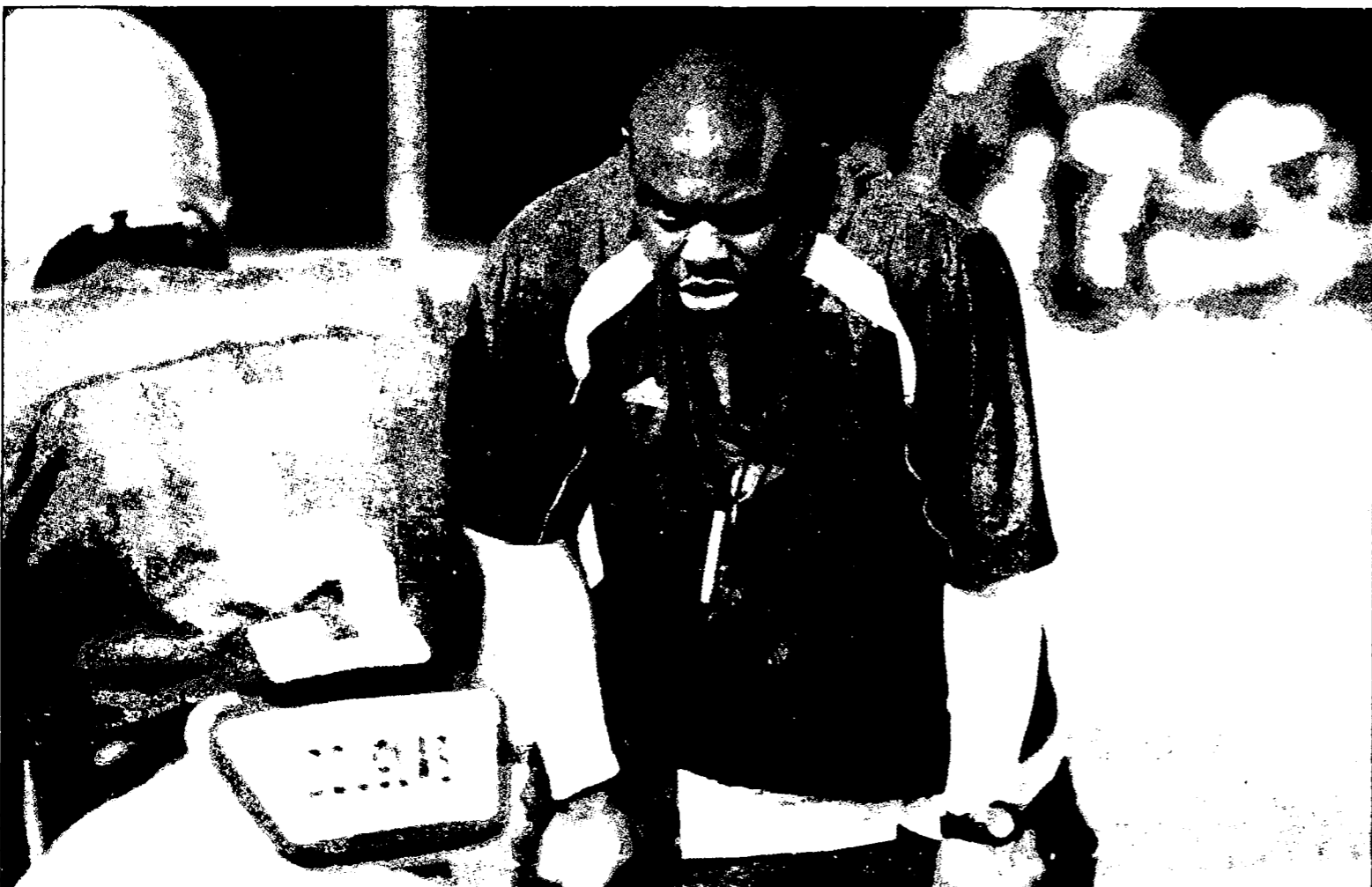
Though it's only been 15 practices, Weis said he likes what he sees from his new staff.

"They are good teachers and they go, go, go, go, go," Weis said. "I appreciate good teachers, but I especially appreciate good teachers with high levels of energy, and that's been infectious at their positions as well."

Despite the early success, all the coaches know kickoff against Nevada is a long way away, and the ultimate judgment of their success or failure won't be made until the 2009 season is in the books.

"We're moving in the right direction," Hart said. "But the name of the game is work."

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New running backs coach Tony Alford watches sophomore halfback Armando Allen during practice on April 15. Alford was hired from Louisville this January.

BLUE-GO

Players to watch

Projected depth



QB Dayne Crist

Crist may be the surefire backup heading into the season, but this will be the first look at Jimmy Clausen's heir apparent on a big stage. Weis has been high on Crist's competitiveness all spring.

Tate showed last season that he could be more than just the go-route specialist he was as a freshman, and the Irish need him to continue his development into an elite receiver alongside Michael Floyd.



WR Golden Tate



RB Robert Hughes

With James Aldridge likely to see significant reps at fullback next fall, Hughes needs to step into the role as the primary bruising back behind Armando Allen, the more elusive back.

Injuries gave Parris a chance to re-assert himself this spring, and Weis said he has taken advantage. He's being pushed by John Goodman, though, and needs to continue to impress.



WR Robby Parris



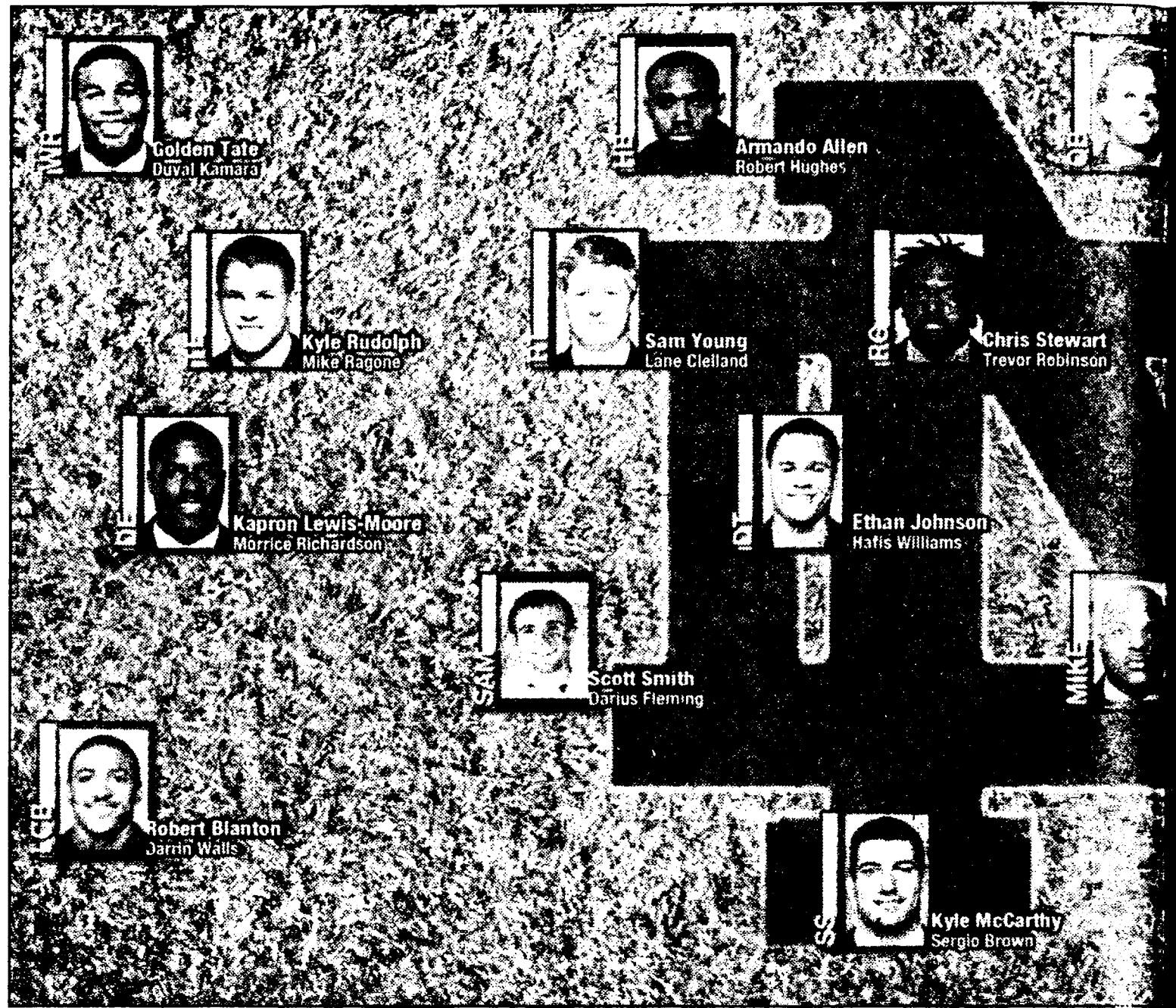
OL Paul Duncan

Duncan missed last year with an injury, but he'll be back on Clausen's blind side. The left tackle position is always one of the most crucial on the field, especially for a throwing team.

Ragone looked good in last year's spring game but missed all season to injury. He'll look to pick up where he left off and establish himself as a sound option alongside starter Kyle Rudolph.



TE Mike Ragone



Editor's Note: The depth charts above are based on those released at the beginning

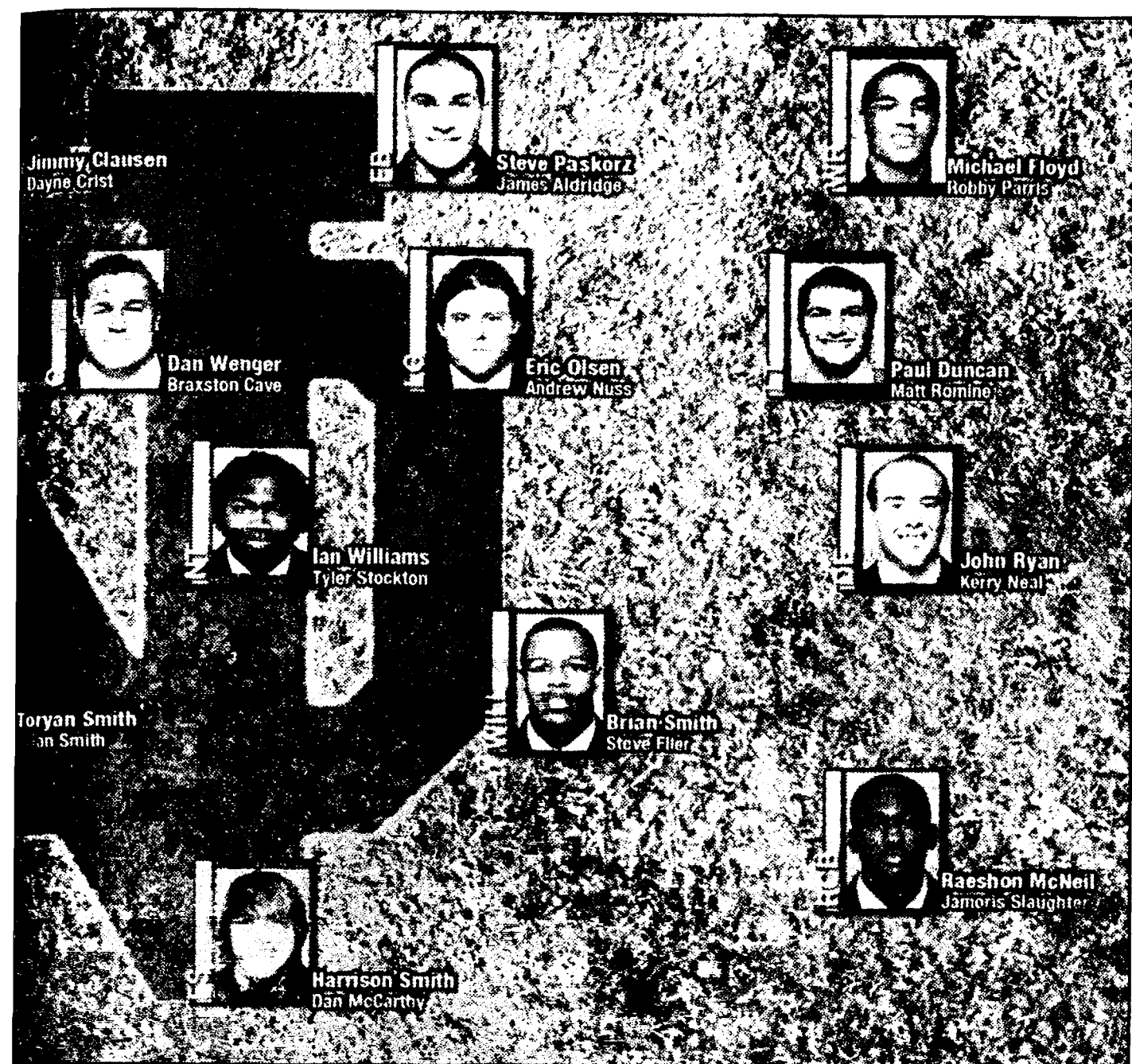
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Depth charts



of spring practice and take into account injuries and other developments.

Players to watch



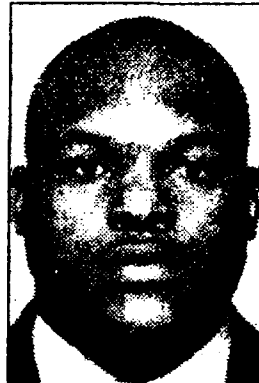
LB Steve Filer

A top recruit a year ago, Filer is battling for playing time in a crowded linebacker corps that will receive a boost with the arrival of Manti Te'o in the fall. He has all the tools to be an impact player now.



DL Hafis Williams

Williams has flown under the radar at times, but he's shown that he can use his frame to be a force on the interior defensive line — which will be critical to Notre Dame's run defense.



LB Torryan Smith

Weis said Smith would be the starting Mike linebacker if the Irish opened their season today. He needs to show a consistent ability to defend the pass if he wants to keep a spot in the line-up.



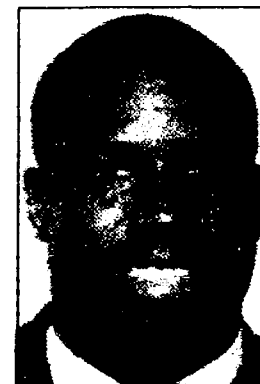
DL Ethan Johnson

Johnson showcased his natural ability in limited action a year ago, and his ability to play both inside and outside will give the Irish options with their pass rush in obvious situations.



DB Harrison Smith

Smith asserted himself with a big play in last year's spring game, and after seeing action at various positions in the fall, he's made the full-time move to safety, his more natural position.



DL K. Lewis-Moore

Lewis-Moore was listed atop the depth chart to begin the spring despite not seeing the field as a freshman, and Weis was impressed with him enough during the spring to keep him there.

GAME FORMAT & SCORING ADJUSTED FOR 2009 BLUE-GOLD GAME

80th Annual Spring Game Will Feature the Offense Against the Defense

GAME FORMAT

GAME CLOCK

Two 30-minute halves with a running clock
Clock stoppages only due to injuries or timeouts
Normal clock rules apply to the last two minutes of each half

TIMEOUTS

Each team is allowed three timeouts per half.

HALFTIME

Halftime will last 10 minutes.

COIN TOSS

A preliminary coin toss (Wednesday, April 15) determines jersey color and sidelines for the offense and defense.

A ceremonial coin toss at the beginning of the Blue-Gold game determines which end zone the defense will defend.

OTHER RULES

Players in red jerseys must be tagged off with two hands to be down. A hit to a player in a red jersey will result in a 15-yard personal-foul penalty. All other players are live.

Each possession starting a half, following a score or after a defensive stop will begin on the 35-yardline. If the ball is punted, then the drive will begin from the spot of the return.

There will not be any kickoffs.

A scoring point system (right) will determine the winner of the game.

There will not be an overtime period should the score be tied at the end of regulation.

POINT SYSTEM

	OFFENSE	DEFENSE
1	First Down Extra Point	Missed Extra Point
2	2-Point Conversion Explosive Play (10-yard rush / 20-yard pass)	Defensive Stop Sack Missed 2-Point Conversion
3	Field Goal	3 and Out Missed / Blocked Field Goal
6	Touchdown	Turnover
10		Turnover for Touchdown

Early enrollees adjust to football, life at ND

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

While it's been reported that Irish coach Charlie Weis wouldn't encourage his own child to skip the end of high school to get a jumpstart on spring football practice, Notre Dame's three early enrollees are glad they did.

E.J. Banks, Zeke Motta and Tyler Stockton all decided to forgo the second semester of their senior year of high school, instead choosing to enroll at Notre Dame and begin their careers as college student-athletes.

"I thought that the positives kind of outweighed the negatives as far as coming in early," said Motta, a product of Vero Beach (Fla.) High. "I just think that it's going to be real beneficial to me — getting some classes out of the way, learning the system of college life and football life."

But it hasn't been a clean break from high school for the three early enrollees. In fact, it was the chance to head back home and enjoy the end of his prep career that made Notre Dame an attractive choice for Banks.

"That was one thing that I was really concerned about when I was talking to the coaches doing my recruiting," said Banks, who played quarterback and defensive back at Montour (Pa.) High. "Coach Weis was probably the best about saying I could do other

things I would usually do as a senior, like going to prom and going to my senior football banquet, things like that."

Though Banks hasn't yet seen the field as he continues to rehab a knee injury, it's been a productive spring for the future Irish defensive back, Weis said.

"He's really been just recuperating, getting ready to go, and that's gone really well," Weis said.

And not just on the field. Banks said that while he certainly wants to play now, he has reaped the benefits of becoming better adjusted to the rigors of college academics.

"When I first got here I was overwhelmed, but slowly but surely they have helped me along and I think I've gotten through the transition pretty smoothly," Banks said.

Stockton, who played his high school ball at The Hun School (N.J.), has already worked his way into the mix on the interior defensive line, Weis said.

"As he's worked his way into shape he's shown what we thought he'd be," Weis said. "[He's] a really quick guy at the line of scrimmage who's a pain in the butt and can penetrate. We're very encouraged with his play on the defensive line because he did not look out of place."

Stockton was the subject of much conversation after Notre Dame's lone open practice of the spring on March 28. After

guard Chris Stewart dominated Stockton in a one-on-one drill and then proceeded to stand over and slightly taunt him, Weis told Stockton not to be afraid to stand right back up and get in the upperclassman's face.

"That was just my introduction to college football," Stockton said. "I realized I have to play really aggressive, really stay low on bigger guys like that, and it's just the tempo — it's faster, guys are bigger, and I have to use my quickness."

Stockton isn't a lock for playing time in the fall, as several other young defensive linemen are also competing for limited spots. But he has a positive outlook on his spring experience, even if it doesn't immediately pay dividends.

"I know this is going to help me out in the long run," Stockton said. "It's better to come in now, get adjusted to guys like Chris Stewart and Eric Olsen — going against these guys and really knowing what to expect. Now coming into summer practice, I really have no excuses. I just have to show what I can do."

The start of classes and practice are typically viewed as the two biggest changes for an early enrollee, but for Motta, it was something else — a South Bend winter.

"Obviously coming up here in January has been a little cold, but everything's going good," Motta said. "I'm enjoying it and working on my fun-



Irish linebacker Zeke Motta is one of three recruits — along with E.J. Banks and Tyler Stockton — to enroll early this spring.

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damentals and techniques."

Motta played primarily defensive back in high school, but the majority of his looks with the Irish have been at linebacker. He's still learning the ropes, but his athleticism has impressed Weis, who said he could start immediately on all four special teams units.

"He's been probably one of the best-conditioned guys on our team," Weis said. "He can run fast and he can run all

over the place, but right now we've got to get him to run to the right spot."

As for now, Motta is focused on running out of one spot: the tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's something to look forward to," Motta said. "I've been looking forward to it my whole life, and I've heard

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Receivers take advantage of spring chances



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Duval Kamara is one of several Irish wide receivers vying for playing time this spring with the absence of several key pass-catchers.

By BILL BRINK
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Jimmy Clausen's worst nightmare, believe it or not, can benefit the Irish receiving corps.

Not having the tandem of freshman Michael Floyd and sophomore Golden Tate around to catch passes can't be fun for the sophomore quarterback, but it has allowed the rest of the Irish receivers to get more work in spring practice. Floyd has practiced on and off because of a knee injury and Tate has spent the spring as the starting left fielder and leadoff man for the Irish baseball team. But their absence lets receivers like Robby Parris, Duval Kamara, John Goodman and Deion Walker get more work.

"It's still competitive because you know we have guys like Goode and Deion out there," Kamara said. "The competition hasn't went down. I'd just say it's more reps, if anything."

Floyd and Tate combined for 1799 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. Kamara finished with 206 yards and one touchdown and Parris had 50 yards receiving. Both Kamara and Parris said they wanted to improve their consistency this spring.

"To be a consistent receiver you gotta block, you've got to catch, you've got to run routes, you've got to know what to do," Parris said. "If you're a receiver and you can't block, you're probably not going to play. If you're a receiver and can block and can't catch,

you're probably not going to play."

"To be a complete receiver you've got to block, be smart, catch the ball, finish everything."

The way the receiving corps is structured, Kamara said, helps the unit improve as a whole. The players spend time together off the field and have a good time during practice.

"I spend time with almost all of the guys, when we're in the dorms it's like Deion and Floyd," Kamara said. "If we're out on the weekends it's more Robby and George [West]."

That closeness goes hand-in-hand with a tight balance between living it up and putting in hard work.

Parris said that, as an older member of the unit, he's the one who keeps the balance.

"I used to be kind of the clown of the group, and now I just kind of ease in there and make sure everyone's not screwing around too much," Parris said.

But it's hard for Parris to shed the fun-loving persona that he said coaches have tried to limit since he arrived. He makes sure to liven up the receiving corps as well.

"I'm also the one who likes to have fun too," he said. "So I kind of make sure everyone's in check, but not in check at the same time, because you

can't be too tight if you're going to play good."

The receivers, Parris said, all have a little character in them, even the ever-business-like Floyd. They all have nicknames, too, but Parris isn't snitching.

"We all got nicknames for everybody around here, but we gotta keep those on the hush-hush," he said.

While more reps means more work for the receivers, it also means more focus on other aspects of the offense.

"It's tough not having those guys out there, not being able to throw the ball to them, but it helps us in other ways," Clausen said. "We can work on the run game a little bit more and get better at that."

Parris said the reps are starting to even out, and that the receivers are getting more rest. But the practice speed, he said, indicates a team working hard to prepare itself.

"It's been more up-tempo than it has been in the past, because we know we have to get ready for the season," he said. "Even if it's not full go, everybody's running around, hitting people, making sure we're trying to get ready for the game."

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Robby Parris
Irish wide receiver

Irish welcome return of five fifth-years

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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After four years, they still have some unfinished business.

Five seniors will return for a fifth year this fall — offensive lineman Paul Duncan, safeties Kyle McCarthy and Ray Herring, linebacker Scott Smith and special teams star Mike Anello. After underwhelming performances by the Irish their junior and senior seasons, each returns hoping to contribute and conclude his career on a high note.

"There's a lot left on the table the last four years, opportunities that I could have had that I left there," Duncan said. "So now I'll be able to come back and get this fifth year, I'm excited to right that ship."

Duncan will provide more leadership to an improved offensive line whose success will be critical for the Notre Dame offense. He looks to be the presumptive starter at left tackle, and has drawn praise from new offensive line coach Frank Verducci and head coach Charlie Weis in spring practice.

Weis, who could not speak specifically about the seniors until they were officially approved for a fifth year and added to the roster, mentioned Duncan as a player who had caught his eye. "There's a left tackle that has been one of the more pleasant people for me to look at so far in camp," Weis said. "It's been a good thing to watch."

Duncan missed the entire 2008 season because of a hip injury. He started all 12 games of his junior season, with two starts at left tackle and 10 at right tackle.

Individually, Duncan said he feels he can improve on his

past performance in the coming season. "I feel like I didn't play up to the potential that I had," Duncan said. "The way I approached things, I feel like I could have done a lot more."

McCarthy also will have a starting role as a fifth year, returning at strong safety after a strong performance in his first year playing a bigger role in the Notre Dame defense.

"I set my goals high this year," McCarthy said. "I want to be one of the best defensive backs in the country, flat out."

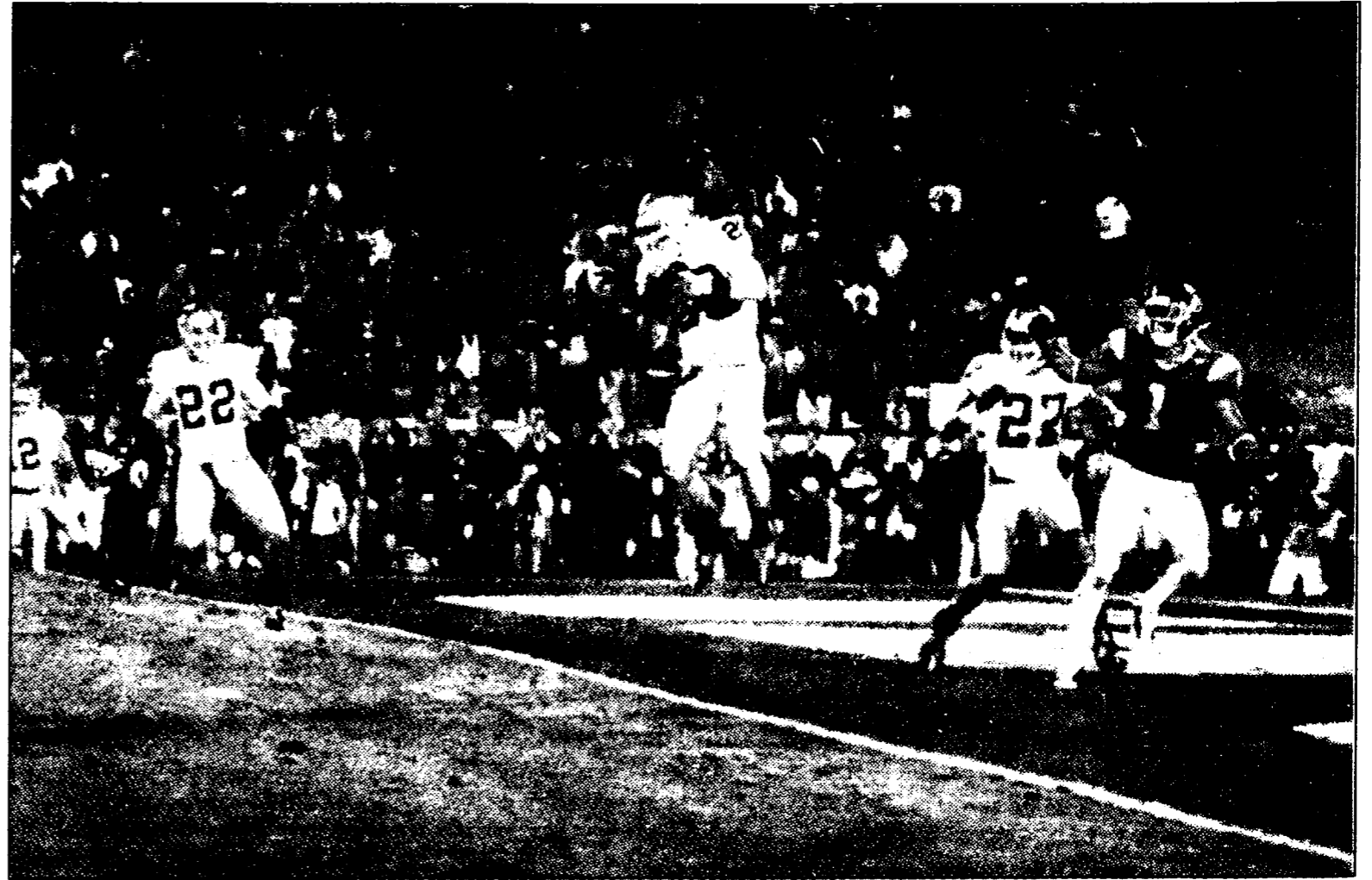
The Ohio native led the Irish in tackling with 110 in 2008, and also recorded two interceptions and forced a fumble. McCarthy said he was confident heading into the season that he would perform well replacing NFL draft-pick Tom Zbikowski.

"I knew I could do it, I don't know if you guys knew that," McCarthy said. "You have to have confidence playing in the defensive backfield. Hopefully we can build on last year and continue to move forward."

McCarthy has also adjusted in the spring to communicating with a new safety alongside him, as rising junior Harrison Smith has taken over at free safety after David Bruton's departure.

"It's different, but the guys we have in are coached so well that we know how to do it and we're trained to do it, so it's a pretty smooth transition," McCarthy said. "As a young guy coming in a couple years ago, it's been fun watching [Harrison] develop into an every-down player."

The former walk-on and special teams standout Anello will bring his energy and toughness back for one more season, and the senior is champing at the bit to return. "I just can't wait to get out there," Anello said. "I'm going



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Irish senior safety Kyle McCarthy intercepts a Mark Sanchez pass during Notre Dame's loss at Southern Cal on Nov. 29, 2008. McCarthy is one of five Notre Dame players who was granted a fifth year of eligibility.

stir-crazy."

Anello began seeing the field as a gunner in punt coverage as a walk-on during his junior season, and earned a scholarship for his senior year.

"It's exciting [coming back] because ... the opportunity to come back and play another year is something I couldn't have dreamt about. I'm really excited about it," Anello said. Listed at 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds, Anello had 12 tackles on special teams in 2008, forced two fumbles and recovered one. He played a key role in the early-season victories over San Diego State and Michigan, where he had a forced fumble and a recovery that set up an Irish touchdown.

"The San Diego State game,

after that I said, this is the best game of my life. Then the Michigan game happened," Anello said.

Anello's season ended early after breaking his tibia against USC, but he said the recovery process was going well. He was recently named to the Lott Trophy watch list for 2009, an award given to top defensive players who have the biggest impact on and off the field.

When asked, Anello said he didn't know he had been named to the watch list, but was excited. "I hope I can live up to that, eh?" Anello said.

Scott Smith will return and bring depth and leadership to a young but talented corps of linebackers. Smith recorded 12 tackles, including a sack, and played in all 13 games in

2009.

Herring will return behind McCarthy at strong safety, and will like Anello hope to make an impact primarily on special teams. Last season Herring also appeared in every game and tallied 17 tackles.

In order to qualify for a fifth year, players must have remaining NCAA eligibility, have graduated by the end of spring semester, and enroll in graduate studies at Notre Dame.

"We are happy to officially include all five players onto our roster," Weis said after the group was approved for another year. "Their leadership is greatly appreciated."

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Notes: Weis clarifies Chicago Tribune story

By MATT GAMBER
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An article in Sunday's Chicago Tribune reported that Charlie Weis considered leaving Notre Dame after last season, but the Irish coach clarified that statement after his Wednesday press conference.

The article said Weis briefly contemplated a potential return to the NFL as a coordinator, but Weis said that while he addressed the possibility of a job change with his family, he fully intended on staying with the Irish.

"Not that anything that was in the article was totally wrong. I think that the interpretation of what the intent and from my end and from the story are just a little bit different," Weis said. "The question was clearly asked to me 'Did you talk to your family about leaving?' I said 'Well, yeah.'"

"Like anyone who has a situation that is uncertain, as any husband and father would do, you know, you address it with your wife and address it with your kids and you talk about the what-ifs."

Weis said if he hadn't addressed the situation with his family, he would have been "neg-

ligent in [his] responsibility."

"Did I think I was going to quit and walk out the door? That's not what I came here for," Weis said. "Even in that article, it said very clearly that that's not why we came here. We came here to get Notre Dame back to the top of the heap and that's what we intend on doing."

Steaks or hot dogs?

It's not a done deal, but Weis said there's a good chance the Blue-Gold game will feature the added incentive of a friendly wager.

Last year, the offense won on a last-second touchdown, and to the victors went the spoils — in this case, steaks as the post-game meal. The defense had to manage with hot dogs.

So will Weis, who will call plays Saturday and during the season, be hoping the offense can work the defense up and down the field?

"Hell yeah," Weis said. "When I'm the offensive coordinator, you betcha I do."

"I'm a sore loser. I don't want to eat hot dogs, OK?"

Ones versus ones

Asked how much of Saturday's game would feature the first-team offense against the first-

team defense, Weis simply said, "the majority."

Last year, the lack of a backup quarterback to Jimmy Clausen forced the Irish into an offense versus defense scrimmage. This season, it is a shortage of offensive linemen — or rather, the lack of two complete, cohesive units, Weis said.

"We had 10 guys to put out there, but a couple of the guys that you would have put in that second offensive line, it would have been a fire drill," Weis said. "So what do you do, go put Dayne out there and then every time he goes to pass the ball he's getting hit in the face by somebody right there?"

"We just didn't think that that made a lot of sense."

Manning the sidelines

The addition of several new coaches to Weis' staff made headlines this spring, but on Saturday, there will be four even new faces on the sidelines.

This year's honorary coaches are Justin Tuck, Bertrand Berry, Jeff Faine and Reggie Brooks. They will address the players during Friday's team meeting, Weis said.

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Irish coach Charlie Weis looks on as his players stretch before a March 20 practice.

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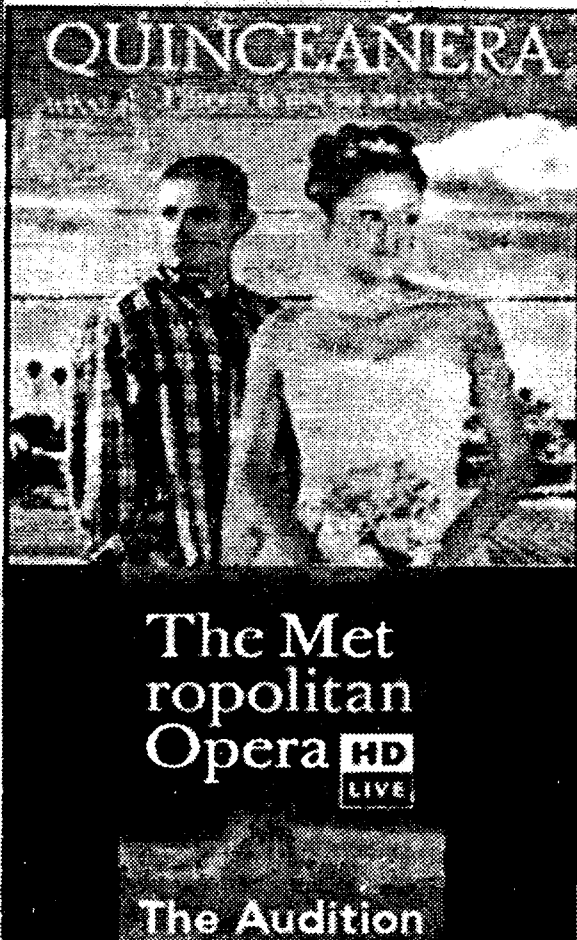
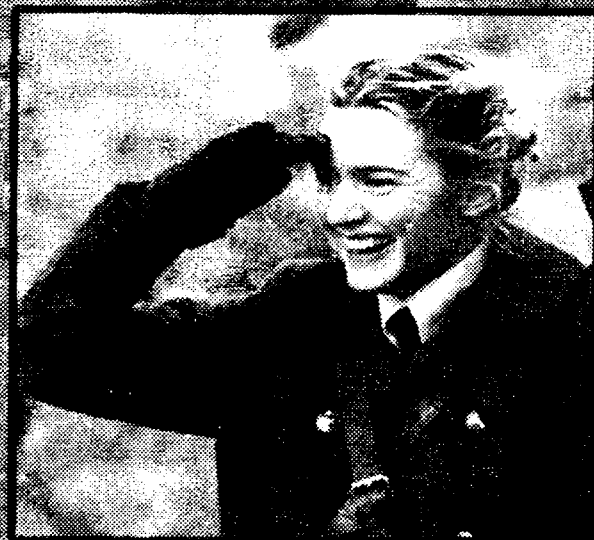
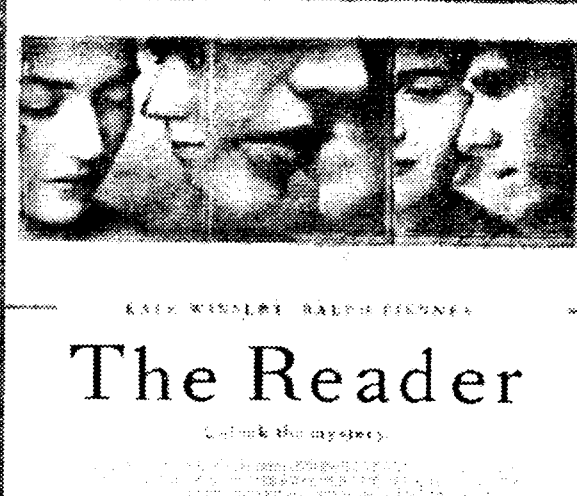
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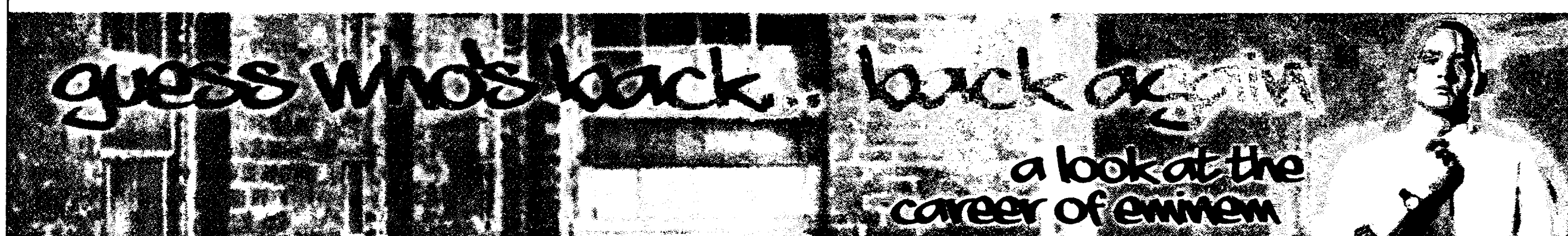


Don't miss the chance to see Kate Winslet's intriguing, Oscar-winning performance in the post-WWII tale "The Reader" Friday night in DeBartolo Hall. Watch as a fascinating and inappropriate relationship develops between an older woman and young boy who meet on not only a physical but also an emotional level, further inflamed as the teenage Michael Berg (David Kross) reads stories to his older mistress Hanna (Winslet). One day Hanna mysteriously disappears only to come back into Michael's life eight years later, when he witnesses her on trial for Nazi war crimes. Witness captivating and life-altering secrets unfold that capture the era of secrecy and surprise that comprised the Second World War.

In a drama that chronicles the life of the soon-to-be 15 year old Magdalena, tales of teenage tragedy and unexpected complications flood the scene in a typical soap opera manner. When Magdalena discovers that she cannot fit in her Quinceanera ball gown created for her special coming-of-age party, the truth comes out of her house with no support from her family or her baby's father, she turns to her distant great-granduncle and finds love and a home in surprising places. Experience the ins and outs of the complex days of Magdalena, a teenage girl trying to bring a sense of order to her constantly changing life.

Look behind the scenes at the overwhelming pressures young opera singers endure when trying to make it to the top. Watch as men and women make or break their careers in auditions far more sophisticated than American Idol's, and compete for chances to win money, fame and an opportunity to sing on the one and only Met stage. Three men steal the show with characterizations ranging from the conflicted fireball (Michael Fabiano), to the attractive overachiever (Alek Shrader), to the aging underdog (Ryan Smith). Watch as they meet challenges, success, and heartbreak in pursuit of victory. See if these men have what it takes to win in "The Audition."

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By NICHOLAS ANDERSON
Scene Writer

An Oscar for Best Original Song, three-time winner of The Source's lyricist of the year, three Grammys for Best Rap Album, four Grammys for Best Rap Performance, best selling rap artist twice, NME's best rap act, ranked 82 on Rolling Stone's "The Immortals," named best rapper alive by Vibe in 2008, fastest selling rap album in history, four platinum albums.

Eminem has a few honors already racked up.

On April 7, Eminem released his latest single, "We Made You" off of his highly anticipated new album "Relapse," which is scheduled for release May 19.

As his first official release since 2005, it is hard not to be a bit disappointed.

The song contains the expected amount of celebrity bashing, profanity and drug references which makes it feel a little dated. Six years ago, Eminem was unparalleled in his combination of both critical and commercial success,

but with his newest effort we have to ask, was his act ever really that good? To answer this question, one must start at the beginning.

"The Slim Shady LP" was released slightly more than ten years ago. After hearing Eminem freestyle on a radio show, Dr. Dre signed him to the label Aftermath and released his first album. With impressive hype surrounding the release following the huge underground success of "I Just Don't Give," the song "My Name Is" delivered.

In his first album, Eminem was engrossed in his Slim Shady persona. Each song walks a balance between funny and dark, charming and troubled, smug and sympathetic. The lyrics jump freely from his drug abuse to his stunted childhood, his frustrated love life to his broken home, and from cartoonish violence to threats aimed at his family.

The second single, "Guilty Conscience," continues this fine line between hero and villain as an angel played by Dr. Dre verbally spars with Eminem's devil on robbery, date rape and even murder.

The following year, Eminem release his second album, "The Marshall

Mathers LP." Undeniably, "The Real Slim Shady," the first single off the album, made him a household name.

Controversy surrounded his lyrics; parents found the music sexist, profane, sexually explicit and violent. While these allegations hold true, others found value in his humor and social criticism. Remarkably, after a decade of examining these songs, it is still hard to tell when he is joking.

Two more songs off his sophomore album stand out as examples. Both "The Way I Am" and "Stan" are incredibly dark and aggressive rants responding to his fame.

The former is a violent, selfish song where Eminem lashes out at his fans, critics and record label.

The latter tells the story of an obsessed fan and a compassionate artist. Surprisingly, "Stan," the least successful song at the time of release, is considered as one of the strongest rap singles ever created because of its poetic narrative, sympathetic and personal portrayal of an artist, exceptional production and an impressive hook provided by Dido.

Several components run through his

first two albums which contribute to Eminem's success; his flow is accessible, the crafty balance between humor and darkness provides a dramatic tension,

the anger fueling his lyrics is unrestrained without being out of place and the production features Dr. Dre in near perfect form.

When it comes down to it, no one should feel comfortable listening to Eminem's first two albums. His early work was rarely fun and would certainly be out of place at a club or party.

At the same time, Eminem really was, for a few years, the voice of a generation; the only problem is most of his audience didn't give him the chance to act as such.

As he's released more material, Eminem gradually lost some of his grace in vocalizing his anger and began to feel manufactured.

Today, he feels out of date and appears to be playing catch up with the current music scene. Even with that, the greatness shown on his first two albums cannot be ignored.

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MLB

Cardinals stay hot with win over rival Cubs

Astros edge Pirates behind Berkman's sixth inning homer to lead Houston's rally over Pittsburgh

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Duncan is back and better than ever — at the plate, anyway.

Despite some adventuresome fielding, the St. Louis Cardinals are happy to have Duncan back in the lineup every day.

"When he's healthy, he's clutch," manager Tony La Russa said Thursday after Duncan atoned for some adventurous fielding with a home run, two singles and three RBIs in the Cardinals' 7-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

In winning for the seventh time in eight games, St. Louis struck first in a 16-game season series against its longtime rival. The Cubs' frustration showed when Milton Bradley was ejected for arguing a called strike in the sixth inning.

St. Louis, which leads the league in scoring, battered five Chicago pitchers. Duncan, back after missing the second half of last season with a degenerative disk in his neck, is batting .389 with 10 RBIs.

"His toughness is off the charts," La Russa said. "You see it the way he plays, the way he runs the bases, the way he defends, the way he takes at-bats. He's never going to give in."

Duncan's two-run homer gave St. Louis a 3-1 lead and he followed Yadier Molina's go-ahead single in the seventh with a hit of

his own to make it 6-4.

Things didn't go as smoothly for Duncan in left field. He failed to catch a popout that led to the Cubs' first-inning run off of Adam Wainwright and he dropped a routine fly to get Wainwright in trouble in the sixth.

Wainwright responded to the bases-loaded, one-out situation by striking out Bradley and getting Alfonso Soriano to fly out.

"After I dropped that ball and he was able to get out of that jam, that just set the tone," Duncan said. "I think I broke back and then tried to make up for it and started running hard. I went at it and didn't slow down, so it kind of bounced off me. I just flat-out missed it."

Said La Russa: "I liked the fact that (Wainwright) picked up Chris on that play. Chris would have been walking the streets tonight if that leads to the inning that beats us."

Instead, Bradley ended up being the angry one.

Ever combative and combustible, the Cubs' newest \$30 million acquisition got in umpire Larry Vanover's face after the strike-three call. Bradley had been on his best behavior since joining the team and had downplayed his reputation as a hot-head.

He left the clubhouse before the media was allowed to enter and was unavailable for comment. When asked about Bradley's

reaction to Vanover's call, Cubs manager Lou Piniella said only: "What do you want me to say?"

Though television replays made it appear Wainwright (2-0) received a generous call, he said the pitch "was too close to take."

Making his first start of the year for the Cubs, Sean Marshall left after five innings with a 4-3 lead. The bullpen then imploded, as has been the case often this season, wasting Kosuke Fukudome's three-run homer.

Aaron Heilman served up Kahlil Greene's tying homer in the sixth, David Patton (0-1) walked pinch-hitter Joe Thurston to lead off the seventh, Neal Cotts gave up Duncan's run-scoring single and Angel Guzman allowed Brian Barden's eighth-inning homer.

Twice, a perturbed Piniella instructed pitching coach Larry Rothschild to make changes on the mound. Piniella, who like most managers usually makes such moves himself, later got more agitated when asked about it.

"What's the difference whether the pitching coach, the manager, the hitting coach or the third-base coach ... makes pitching changes?" he said.

"I'm not trying to make a point about anything. You guys want to make a big deal out of who makes pitching changes. It doesn't matter. What matters is when the pitcher comes into the ball-



Astros outfielder Hunter Pence rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run during Houston's 6-3 win over Pittsburgh.

game that he gets some outs."

Astros 6, Pirates 3

Two at-bats made all the difference for the Houston Astros. The first ended with Lance Berkman hitting the decisive home run and the other after reliever Chris Sampson needed what seemed like a game's worth of pitches to get a key out.

Berkman made up for an earlier missed opportunity with a go-ahead three-run homer in the sixth inning and the Astros overcame an early two-run deficit to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday.

Hunter Pence added a solo home run as the Astros won the final two games of the three-game series. Before that, they'd lost five straight during a 1-6 start, their worst in 25 seasons.

Berkman left the bases loaded by flying out in the fourth inning with the score tied at 3. He made up for it with a drive into the left-field seats in the sixth off reliever Sean Burnett (0-1), who retired two batters before Michael Bourn doubled and Miguel Tejada drew one of Houston's seven walks off six pitchers.

Burnett got ahead in the count 1-2 but, successfully throwing Berkman a slider in the dirt, left another slider over the plate.

"If it doesn't [stay up], I probably miss it," said Berkman, whose average was down to .200. "You don't hit home runs on good pitchers' pitches, it's usually a mistake. I'm sure he

was trying to bury it down and in and left it over the plate."

Pirates manager John Russell allowed the left-handed Burnett to pitch to Berkman, even though right-handers are hitting .326 against him the last two seasons compared to .167 by left-handed hitters.

Burnett called it "really frustrating," saying, "I got two quick outs and let it slip away and gave the game away."

An inning later, Sampson needed 17 pitches before retiring Sanchez on a fly ball to center during an extended at-bat with runners on first and second and one out.

Often, a hitter wears down a pitcher during an at-bat that requires so many pitches.

"I think they brought a whole new case of balls in for that at-bat," Sampson said. "I threw everything. I threw my whole repertoire. I threw curveballs early in the at-bat, I threw sliders, I threw sinkers, I threw four-seamers, I was like, 'Man, I wonder what pitch can I invent to throw up there?' I didn't know if I should go sidearm or underhanded to him."

A couple times, Sampson said, he and the 2006 NL batting champion exchanged smiles that acknowledged the extended duel.

"That was a tough battle," Sampson said. "Thankfully I came out on top. You can't give in. Somebody was going to win. He got the runner over and I got the out, so I guess we both won."



Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright throws towards the plate during St. Louis' 7-4 win over Chicago on Thursday. Wainwright pitched six innings and picked up his second win of the season.

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team	points
1 Virginia	81
2 Mississippi	76
3 Ohio State	73
4 Georgia	70
5 Tennessee	70
6 Southern California	67
7 Baylor	67
8 Stanford	64
9 UCLA	61
10 Florida	58
11 Illinois	54
12 Texas A&M	53
13 Texas	51
14 Kentucky	50
15 Alabama	49
16 Florida State	44
17 Pepperdine	42
18 Arizona	36
19 Boise State	36
20 NOTRE DAME	34
21 Washington	33
22 Virginia Tech	33
23 Miami (Fla.)	33
24 South Carolina	32
25 Wake Forest	32

USILA Division I Men's Lacrosse Top 20

team	record	points
1 Princeton	10-1	178
2 Virginia	12-1	165
3 NOTRE DAME	10-0	152
4 Syracuse	9-2	149
5 Cornell	8-2	149
6 UMBC	9-2	135
7 Hofstra	8-1	129
8 Duke	9-3	125
9 Johns Hopkins	5-4	106
10 North Carolina	9-4	98
11 Navy	9-3	86
12 Maryland	6-5	66
13 Colgate	9-3	65
14 Brown	9-2	58
15 Loyola (Md.)	7-4	57
16 Massachusetts	7-3	57
17 Harvard	5-4	44
18 Bucknell	7-6	29
19 Villanova	8-4	10
20 Albany (N.Y.)	6-4	9

IWLCA Division I Women's Lacrosse Top 15

team	points
1 Northwestern	400
2 Maryland	375
3 Penn	365
4 North Carolina	327
5 Duke	311
6 Georgetown	309
7 Princeton	282
8 Syracuse	266
9 NOTRE DAME	240
10 Virginia	214
11 Boston U.	185
12 Vanderbilt	175
13 Ohio State	159
14 Dartmouth	143
15 Stanford	128

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NFL



Former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden speaks during his enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on August 5, 2006. His last day as a broadcast analyst was Super Bowl XLIII.

Madden retires from broadcasting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Madden's last game as a football announcer was a thrilling Super Bowl decided in the final seconds.

The perfect ending to a run as one of sports' most popular broadcasters, now that Madden called it a career Thursday. Yet it didn't fit Madden's style to think about his retirement that way.

"I'm a grinder," he said on his Bay Area radio show. "You just grind and get through it and when it's all over, you think about it. You don't rush into any decisions."

Madden's exuberance for football and blue-collar persona endeared him to TV viewers for three decades. Boom! As sudden as his signature call, he's leaving midway through a six-year contract with NBC's "Sunday Night Football."

"I think his work ethic and passion and love for the game made him apart from everybody else," said longtime broadcast partner Pat Summerall.

Madden said his health is fine, but at the age of 73, he wanted to spend more time with his family. His 50th wedding anniversary is this fall, and his five grandchildren are old

enough to notice when he's gone.

"The thing that made it hard is not because I'm second guessing: 'Is it the right decision?' But I enjoyed it so damn much," Madden said. "I enjoyed the game and the players and the coaches and the film and the travel and everything."

Cris Collinsworth will replace Madden, moving over from the network's studio show, NBC Sports chief Dick Ebersol said. Collinsworth filled in when Madden took a game off last October.

Ebersol called Madden "the absolute best sports broadcaster who ever

lived."

Madden traveled by bus because of a fear of flying, and with the two Bay Area teams struggling and not hosting any Sunday night games, he would be on the road and away from his family the entire season.

Not that Madden expects to sit at home all the time. He'll keep using the bus and stay busy with his many endorsements. His "Madden NFL Football" is the top-selling sports video game of all time.

Still, he noted this will be his first season away from the sport since he was a freshman in high school.

IN BRIEF

Celtics' Ainge hospitalized after heart attack

BOSTON — Boston Celtics general manager Danny Ainge was hospitalized Thursday after suffering what the team described as a minor heart attack.

The team issued a brief statement saying that Ainge, 50, was taken to a Boston hospital but provided few other details.

"Danny Ainge is recovering at Massachusetts General Hospital after having a minor heart attack. He is recovering nicely," the team said. "Mr. Ainge is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days."

A spokeswoman for Massachusetts General Hospital referred comment to the team.

The news was first reported by WCVB, a Boston TV station.

"All of Celtics Nation is thankful that Danny got incredible medical care so quickly and so effectively," Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck said.

Castroneves tax evasion trial still incomplete

MIAMI — A federal jury reached a partial verdict Thursday in the tax evasion trial of Brazilian race car driver and "Dancing With The Stars" champ Helio Castroneves, but was hung up on several counts.

Federal Judge Donald Graham said he would not immediately read the verdicts on two tax evasion counts against Castroneves and told jurors to continue deliberating on four other tax evasion counts and one conspiracy count. The jurors left without taking further action at the end of their fifth day of deliberations. They were expected to return Friday to continue deliberating.

Castroneves, 33, is charged with conspiring with his sister and lawyer to evade more than \$2.3 million in U.S. income taxes.

The jury said it also reached a partial verdict on charges against Katiucia Castroneves, 35, who is her brother's business manager.

Garnett could miss playoffs with injury

WALTHAM, Mass. — The Big Three is down to Two.

Celtics star Kevin Garnett, the centerpiece of Boston's 2008 championship and a key to its hopes of a repeat, could miss the playoffs because of a knee injury that has limited him to four games over the final two months of the season.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday that Garnett will not be ready for Game 1 against the Chicago Bulls and possibly won't be back at all.

"It's not official that he's out for the entire playoffs, but it's official as far as I'm concerned," Rivers said before practice at the team's workout facility. "I just don't see how. I hope I'm wrong, but I just don't see it."

Garnett has been the Celtics' inspirational leader since joining them in a 2007 trade that completed the new Big Three and propelled the franchise to its record 17th NBA title.

MLB

Indians spoil Yankees' opener at new stadium

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other stars from the New York Yankees' famous pinstriped past would have been embarrassed.

After an 85-year run in a stadium that was home to 26 World Series champions, the Yankees opened baseball's fanciest and priciest ballpark Thursday with a humiliating 10-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

"It felt like we disappointed quite a few people today," Johnny Damon said.

Fans in the sellout crowd of 48,271 and players alike bubbled about unprecedented amenities on a picture-perfect sunny afternoon. New York's hitters then fizzled and its bullpen came apart in the formal debut of the new Yankee Stadium, a \$1.5 billion monument to the Yankees' wealth and power.

Jhonny Peralta broke a 1-all tie in the seventh with a two-run double off Jose Veras, and Grady Sizemore hit a grand slam into the right-field seats off Damaso Marte.

By the time Victor Martinez's solo homer capped the nine-run inning, just as the shadow of the famous frieze was about to creep past home plate, angry spectators who paid up to \$2,625 list per ticket taunted the Yankees with chants of, "We want Swisher!"

That was a reference to New York right fielder Nick Swisher, who pitched a scoreless inning during a blowout loss at Tampa Bay on Monday.

"It's not how you want to start a new stadium, but one game is not going to make the history of this Yankee Stadium," manager Joe Girardi said.

Cleveland, whose only Series titles were won in 1920 and 1948, enjoyed its accomplishment against a superpower whose \$201 million payroll dwarfs the \$82 million the Indians spent.

"To come in here and do what we did is something we'll always remember," Sizemore said.

On April 18, 1923, Ruth homered as New York opened the original Yankee Stadium with a 4-1 win over the Boston Red Sox. The ballpark, built for \$2.5 million and considered grand at the time, was quickly dubbed "The House that Ruth Built."

The opening of the new house drew a celebrity-filled crowd that wasn't happy with the result.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who has attended few games since becoming increasingly frail, watched from his box to the left of home plate, with baseball commissioner Bud Selig and developer Donald Trump among his guests.

Current and former New York City mayors Michael Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani watched from the first row to the plate side of the Yankees dugout in some of the most expensive seats, while former Yankees pitcher David Wells sat in the bleachers. New York Archbishop Timothy

Dolan was on hand, as was rapper Jay-Z.

They saw the Yankees botch numerous chances in the first five innings, when they stranded 10 runners while going 0-for-7 with men in scoring position against Cliff Lee (1-2). The primary cheers were for Jorge Posada, who hit the first home run in the ballpark's history, a fifth-inning drive that landed in Monument Park behind center field.

"I'm going to remember the home run, no question about it, but right now it's a little disappointing," Posada said.

CC Sabathia, pitching in pinstripes for the first time since signing a \$161 million, seven-year contract, allowed an RBI double to Kelly Shoppach in the fourth just after third baseman Cody Ransom threw out Peralta at the plate on Ben Francisco's grounder. But Sabathia left after 122 pitches and 5 2/3 innings in his first start against his former team.

"The park still looks kind of like the old stadium," he said. "But it's a weird feeling, too, going out, you know, it being a clean slate, a new era of Yankee baseball."

After Edwar Ramirez and Phil Coke finished the sixth, Veras (0-1) failed to retire anyone in the seventh, walking Mark DeRosa and allowing a double to Martinez before Peralta's double into the right-field corner.

"I feel bad. Better to happen now than later in the season. I know I can be better than that," Veras said.

Marte hit Shin-Soo Choo with a pitch, loaded the bases when he fielded Francisco's sacrifice and threw too late to third before giving up an RBI single to Shoppach and walking Trevor Proulx one out later with the bases loaded, making it 5-1.

"I didn't throw the ball inside or outside. I threw it down the middle and I paid for it," Marte said.

Steinbrenner, who watched the first five innings from an outdoor seat in his luxury suite, quickly went inside. From the pricey seats to the \$5 obstructed-view bleacher spots, fans started emptying out.

It was the second ballpark opening in New York in a four-day span, following the Mets' 6-5 loss to San Diego on Monday night in the first game at \$800 million Citi Field.

Coming off two poor outings, Lee (1-2) allowed one run and seven hits in six innings in a matchup of the last two AL Cy Young Award winners.

"You could feel that it was not just a normal game," Lee said. "But for me, I've got to kind of filter that stuff out and focus on executing pitches."

Fans were entertained at the start of hourlong pregame ceremonies by the West Point Marching Band, which played the "Washington Post March" and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, who led the Seventh Regiment Band before the first game at the old stadium.

NBA

Starters may return to Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said injured starters Rashard Lewis and Hedo Turkoglu might be able to play in the Magic's first-round playoff series against the Philadelphia 76ers beginning Sunday.

Those injuries combined with spotty play during the regular season's final weeks raised concern for a franchise with a history of early playoff exits.

"I don't know how ready we are," Magic guard Rafer Alston said. "We have some days in-between here and hopefully we can refocus."

Turkoglu missed the last two games with a sprained left ankle, and Lewis missed the last three with right knee tendinitis. Van Gundy said Lewis wanted to play in the regular-season finale Wednesday night but told him during warm-ups his knees weren't ready.

"I think he will be ready, and I

hope he will be, but I just don't know at this point," Van Gundy said. "I think they'll be out there, I do. But until it's game time and they're out there, I don't know for sure."

The Magic (59-23) finished with the second-best record in franchise history, one win shy of the 1995-96 team led by Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway. But there are plenty of questions surrounding Orlando heading into the postseason.

Until last year, Orlando hadn't been past the first round of the playoffs since 1996. The franchise still hasn't made it past the second round since that year, when they were swept in four games by Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls in the conference finals.

"It's up to us to bring it in the playoffs," forward Tony Battie said. "With everything on the line, with the intensity up, it's up to us to get it done this year."

Orlando was having problems before the injuries surfaced.

The Magic lost to New York,

Toronto, New Jersey and Milwaukee — all teams that missed the playoffs — in the final two weeks, costing them the East's No. 2 seed. Poor defensive play, turnovers and lack of effort made Orlando look anything but the team with the league's best record back in January.

"The past few weeks, we've been turning the ball over too much," guard Anthony Johnson said. "That's a concern. We have to take care of the ball and play some solid defense if we want to be successful in the playoffs."

The Magic's funk led to a season-high, three-game losing streak before beating Charlotte in the finale Wednesday night. Even if the Magic get Lewis and Turkoglu back, it may take some time before Orlando can find its groove.

"The biggest thing is we have to just play. We don't need to be out there thinking too much about what we need to do and what we should do," center Dwight Howard said.

Why Holy Cross College?

By Robert Kloska, ND '90

Notre Dame is not for everyone.

I know, I'm an alum. So are dozens of my colleagues on the faculty, staff, and administration here at Holy Cross College.

While this may sound strange in the *Observer*, you've got to admit that it's true. As wonderful as Notre Dame is, not everyone would thrive at a large, international research university.

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Although we're very proud of our own accomplishments, we've got to admit that most of us also cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame! For years we have marched in the band, done push-ups at football games, drilled in ROTC, and worked together in many student clubs and organizations.

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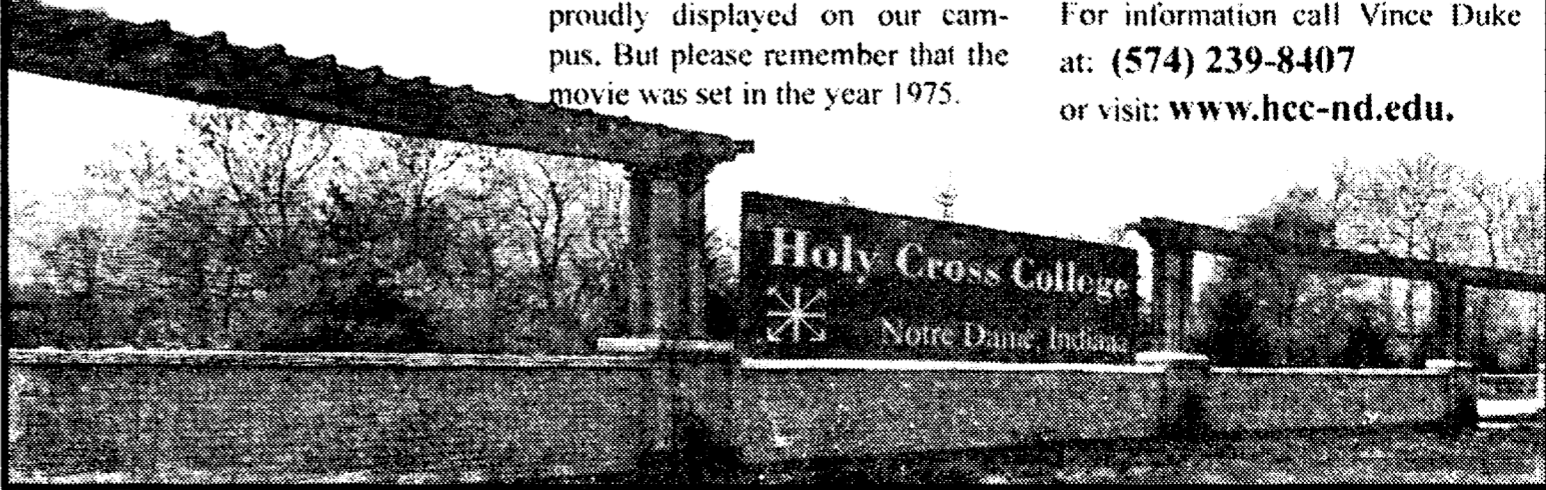
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish seek fourth Big East title

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

The defending Big East champion Irish will put their title on the line when they compete in the Big East Championship this Sunday at the Jovita Golf Club in Dade City, Fla.

Last year, Notre Dame surprised heavily favored Louisville to win its third Big East Championship in school history. Once again, the No. 15 Cardinals are the favorites, but Irish coach Susan Holt says her team has been there before.

"Last year they were sup-

posed to kill us," Holt said. "We ended up winning by nine strokes."

Even with the title of defending champions, the team is looking at this weekend's championship as just another tournament.

"It's been one of our main goals all year to win the Big East Championship," Holt said. "But, there's really no need to bring anything more to the round than we normally would."

Holt, previously head coach at the University of South Florida, will be making a homecoming of sorts when she returns to the Jovita Golf Club, the Bulls' home course.

Trying to duplicate her strong 2008 performances will be junior Annie Brophy who took home medalist honors at last year's tournament. Brophy also took home all-Big East honors last season.

Holt's only concern with the team this year is that it hasn't been playing up to expectations all spring.

"We haven't been playing particularly well this spring and we know that," Holt said. "If we can find a way to play up to our potential, we could once again bring home the championship."

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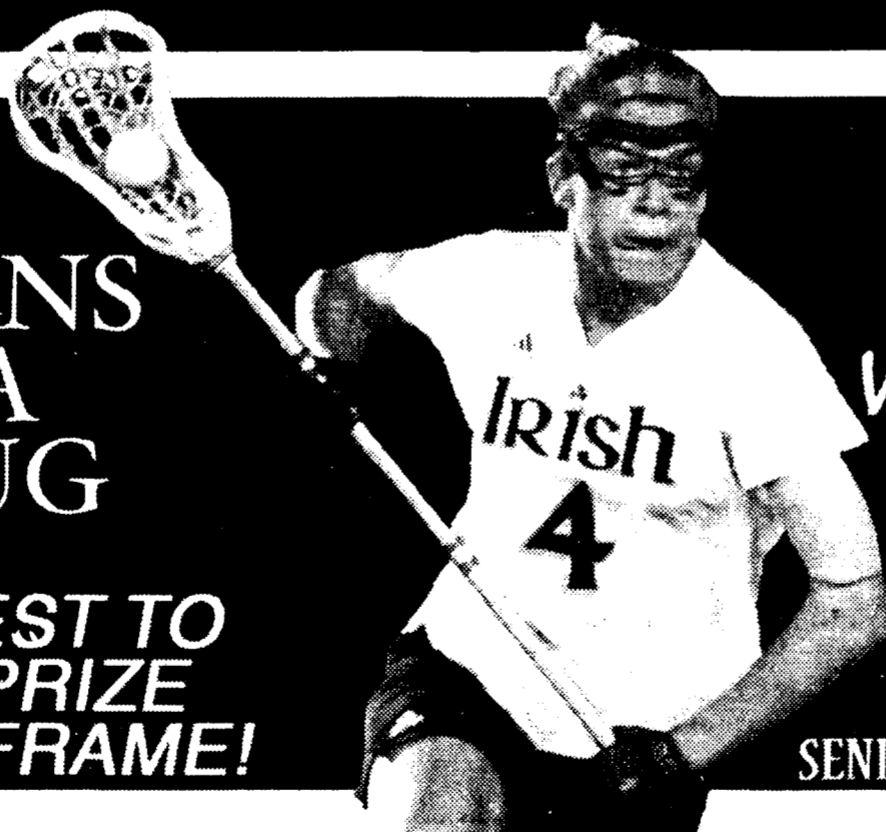
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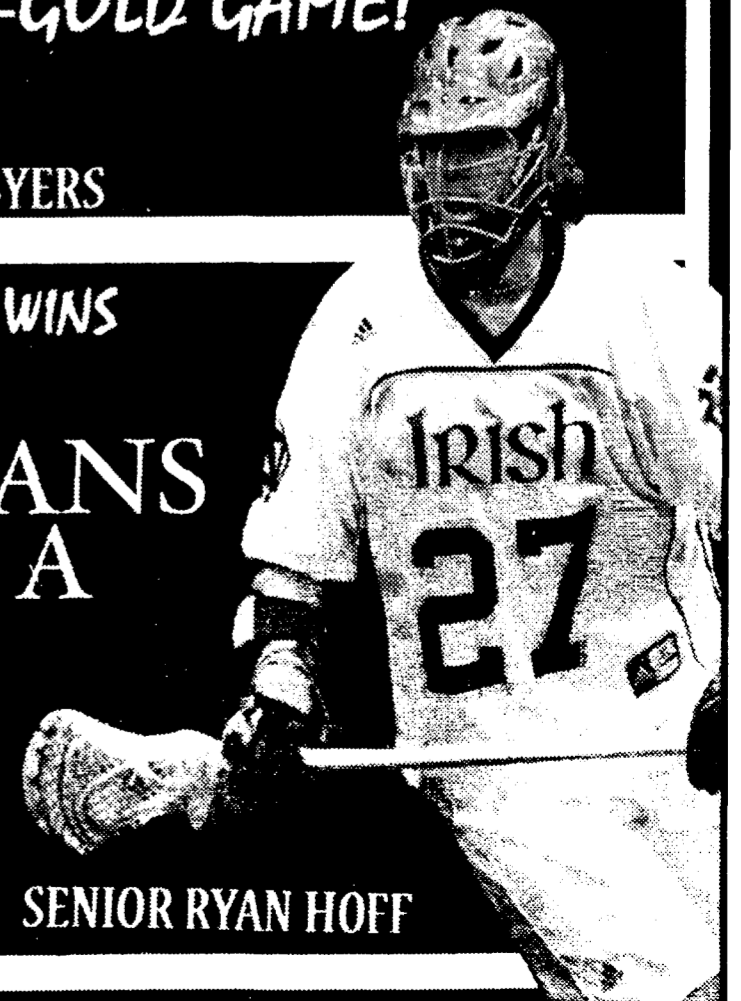
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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop doubleheader

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles' run towards an MIAA championship title hit a speed bump as they dropped both games of a doubleheader to Hope College on Wednesday.

The losses were the first for Saint Mary's (22-6, 6-4 MIAA) at home in almost a month and come just as its bid for the MIAA playoffs seemed to be falling in place.

The team managed just two runs total between the games, which is a disappointing number considering the dominant offensive numbers it has put up this season.

"We struggled a little bit with hitting but I think we have a good attitude so I think we will be ready for our next game," freshman third baseman Kate Mitchell said. "It's more mental than it is physical and I think with a day off it will help us regroup ourselves. We have been looking for the end of the sea-

son for a while now." Even with the losses, however, Saint Mary's still controls its own destiny with four league games remaining in the season. As it stands now, the Belles are hanging on to the

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Kate Mitchell
Belles freshman

fourth spot in the standings, but they still need to win three of their next four games to avoid being left out of postseason play.

The Belles hope to right the ship against Adrian when the two teams meet Saturday. This will be no

easy feat as the Bulldogs boast an impressive 29-3 record on the season and are coming off a sweep of Calvin College. If that wasn't daunting enough, Adrian was recently named the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division III Central Region.

Looking further into the future, the schedule doesn't get much easier as Saint Mary's finishes its MIAA schedule with a doubleheader against two-time reigning champion Trine University. The Thunder boasts a 23-7 record and is coming off two close wins over Albion.

Despite the high level of competition that awaits the Belles, Mitchell feels her team will be ready.

"We are not nervous, we are not scared, we are a confident team and I think this weekend will prove that," she said.

The doubleheader against Adrian is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's seeks second MIAA win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will continue their search for a second MIAA Conference victory when it faces Kalamazoo this Saturday in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Just like Calvin and Albion, we know that Kalamazoo is one of the better teams in the conference and they play like it," junior captain Camille Gerbert said.

The Belles (6-7, 1-2 MIAA) got their first conference win at the expense of Alma earlier in the season, but tough losses against Calvin and Albion have set them back since then.

"Our match against Albion last Saturday was very disappointing," Gerbert said. "We should have won, and it was an important conference match for us."

Despite a disappointing overall record, Saint Mary's has some momentum coming off Wednesday's win over

cross-town rival Bethel College.

"We played Bethel, which was a solid win for us," Gebert said. "We have been down lately, and a win was crucial to our overall confidence."

"We should have won and it was an important conference match for us."

Camille Gerbert
Belles junior

Even after the win against Bethel College, this weekend's match proves to be of utmost importance to the success of the remainder of the season.

"If we want any chance at a good draw for the conference tournament, we need to pull through with a win this Saturday," Gebert said.

As a team of all sophomores

and one junior, the Belles boast a large amount of young talent.

"We need to work on our confidence in singles play," Gebert said.

At the forefront of the competition at this weekend's event will be the doubles tandem of Gebert and sophomore Jillian Hurley. Jessica Kosinski and Betsy Reed will hold down the No. 2 doubles spot for the Belles.

"It will be important to start strong and win at least two of the three doubles points," Gebert said.

Aside from delivering in both singles and doubles play, the Belles have a few other areas on which to work to secure the win on Saturday.

"We need to close matches, expand on leads, fight back from deficits — all the things we know how to do," Gebert said. "We must implement them into our match play."

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish set to make title run at Big East Champs

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish have been unable to put together a solid string of rounds over the past month, resulting in three straight disappointing finishes outside the top 10. And Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski knows that will be the key at this weekend's Big East Championship tournament if his team plans on snagging a top finish.

"We don't need the spectacular. We need only a focused and consistent effort," he said.

The Irish will need to put all the pieces together if they are going to mount a serious charge at the Big East Championships at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Dade City, Fla. Notre Dame captured its last Big East Championship in 2006 under Kubinski. That year, the tournament was also held at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club.

"Lake Jovita was 'our place' the last time we competed there in winning the [2006 Big East Championship]," Kubinski said. "We have great, great memories of doing something rarely done. We came from 12 shots back on the last day to beat Louisville after firing 16-under that day. We'll have positive vibes."

The Irish have struggled in recent events, including back-to-back 10th place finishes at the FAU Spring Break Championship and the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament.

While individual golfers have excelled, a complete team effort has been lacking for the Irish since they grabbed top-five finishes at a pair of events over Spring Break.

"From one to five we're as good or better than every team in our conference," Kubinski said. "It's just a matter of playing solidly over 54 holes. The team understands that."

The lack of consistency can be chalked up to an extraordinarily young line-up, featuring no seniors and only one junior, Doug

Fortner, who has seen regular action his entire collegiate career.

"We've gained a lot of experience this season," Kubinski said. "If you look at our roster, just about every player other than [Fortner] either played their first event as a college player or doubled or tripled what they had played previously."

Despite their youth, leaders have emerged in the ranks of underclassmen. Freshman Max Scodro has played in five tournaments this spring with a solid 76.29 scoring average, including an eighth-place finish at the Caputo Invitational. Sophomore Jeff Chen has also matured into a strong leader, carrying a team-best 74.67 scoring average.

"I saw [Chen's] confidence grow with each event," Kubinski said. "He now knows he can compete at this level. I've really appreciated his approach and his consistency. Even when he doesn't have his golf swing where he'd like it, he doesn't panic. He just goes out with what he has and competes."

The 7,153-yard, par 72 Lake Jovita course will be the setting for the Big East Championships, which begin Sunday morning and conclude Tuesday evening. The Irish hope to duplicate their success from the last time they played on this course.

"Lake Jovita is a good test," Kubinski said. "There are some very good holes but a player can make some birdies if he hits the shots. I like what we're bringing to the event from one to five in our lineup."

Still, Kubinski understands that nothing can be taken for granted, especially considering Notre Dame's struggles this spring.

"The guys know this is it," Kubinski said. "They know what's at stake and how an entire season of work comes down to this. We don't see it as pressure, though. We see it as opportunity."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish enter tourney on top

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the 13th time in the past 14 seasons, No. 4 Notre Dame will enter the Big East Championship tournament as the top seed as it begins its run for a second straight title today in Tampa, Fla.

The Irish (21-4, 3-0 Big East) earned an opening round bye as a top-four seed and will take the court for the first time today at 9 a.m. against Pittsburgh. The Panthers knocked off Cincinnati 4-3 in first round competition yesterday.

The Irish have had good success in this position, taking eight titles in 12 previous tries as the top seed, but coach Jay Louderback isn't getting caught up in hype.

"Our goal is to win the Big East so we really don't worry

about the seedings," he said. "We will have to beat the best teams to win it."

Notre Dame has handily defeated each of its conference opponents so far this season and the team knows what stands in the way of another title.

"We had 5-2 matches with both South Florida and DePaul so we know they are very good," Louderback said. "There are also some other good teams we could face in the draw."

For the most part, when the Irish have played well this season, they have come away with the victory. And the key to their success has undoubtedly been the doubles portion of the match. The team is 1-3 on the season in matches where it hasn't clinched the doubles point. Louderback knows how

much it means to his team to get started on the right foot.

"We really want to start each match out well in the doubles," he said. "We are just going to worry about how we play and not our opponents."

The Irish have had a tremendous season thus far and have high expectations for the postseason. After beginning the season ranked outside the top-15, the Irish wasted little time climbing up to the No. 3 spot after victories over Stanford and Baylor in the ITA National Indoor championships in February.

"We have had a really good year up to this point," said Louderback. "Our schedule was very tough and I think our kids did a great job each time we played."

If the heavily favored Irish get past Pittsburgh, they will move on to face the winner of the Marquette-Rutgers matchup in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

MLB

Dodgers defeat Giants for fifth straight victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rafael Furcal hit a leadoff home run and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Eric Stults (2-0) allowed two runs and five hits, Casey Blake and pitch-hitter Doug Mientkiewicz each had two RBIs, and Matt Kemp hit a run-scoring triple, helping send San Francisco to its sixth straight loss.

It's the first time the Giants have lost their first six road games since moving west with the Dodgers after the 1957 season. The last time they dropped their first six on the road was in 1947 — the year Jackie Robinson made his big league debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Three-time All-Star Barry Zito (0-2) had another rough start, allowing six runs over five-plus innings on four hits

and four walks. He also hit two batters and struck out four.

Last Friday in his season debut, he gave up four runs and seven hits over four innings in a 7-3 loss at San Diego.


Zito, in the third year of a seven-year, \$126 million contract, is 21-32 with a 4.95 ERA in 67 starts for the Giants. Last season, the 2002 AL Cy Young Award winner gave up 102 walks, struck out 120 batters and lost 17 games — his worst totals over a full season in the majors. He also became the first Giants pitcher since Jesse Burkett in 1890 to start a season 0-8, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Zito left in the sixth after nicking Russell Martin with a pitch and walking the next two batters. All three scored, as Brandon Medders gave up Blake's sacrifice fly and Mientkiewicz's two-run double into the right field corner.

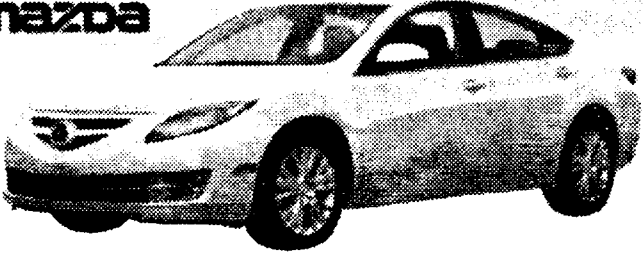
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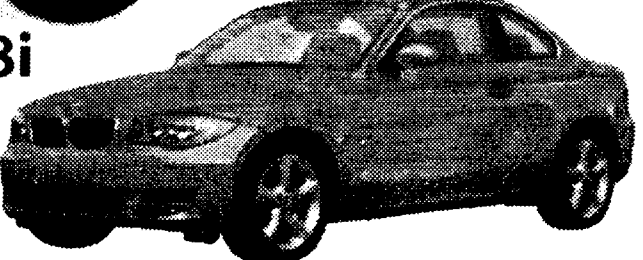


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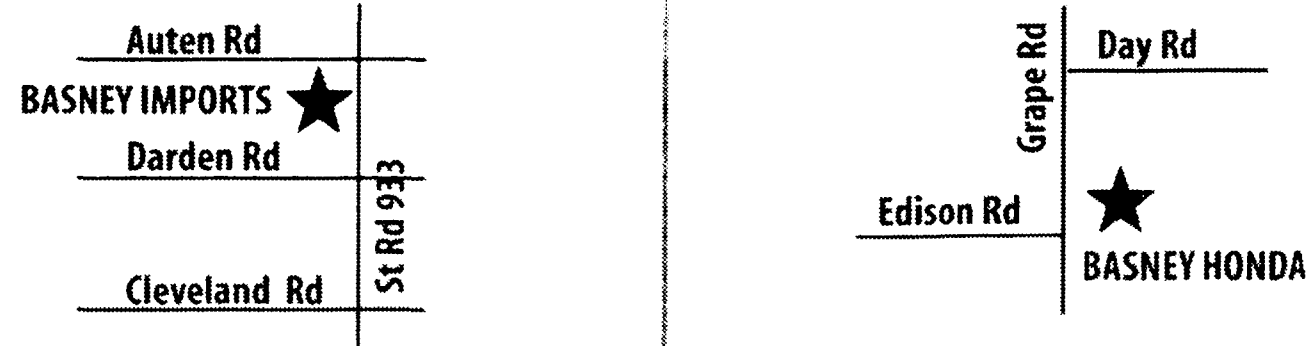
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Flying from Connecticut to South Bend on Saturday night could prove tiring. Coach Kevin Corrigan is not overly concerned about this factor. Rather, Corrigan foresees the Irish rolling through as they have all season.

"We are not short on momentum right now; we have not lost yet this year," Corrigan said. "But I don't know how much that will really affect this weekend. We just have to go in with the mindset of outplaying them and outworking them for 60 minutes."

The second game of the back-to-back weekend is at home, and Notre Dame seems to play well at home. Along with the undefeated 10 game start to the season, the Irish have not yet lost at home. In fact, the Irish have not lost at home in the past 24 games. The team last lost at home on April 7, 2005, to Denver.

The seven seniors have never lost at home, and on this senior day will look to add to the 45 victories they have amassed in their four years. That is the most victories over a four-year span in the history of Notre Dame men's lacrosse, and the team still has season left to add to the record.

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers will look to continue to make the most of his first year of playing time. Having sat behind three-time All-American Joey Kemp for his first three years in South Bend, Rodgers made his first collegiate start 10 games ago, and now he finds his name on the short list of nominees for the Tewaaron Trophy, given each year to the nation's best player.

This weekend Rodgers and the six other seniors look to earn two victories in one weekend hundreds of miles apart. If they do, the team would remain the only undefeated team in the country, and extend the record home streak one more game.

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in this outcome as enchantEe cruised to an easy 21-3 victory over Goodnight Moon in a game that took less than 20 minutes.

EnchantEe opened up a 5-0 lead early and never looked back from there. Leading 11-1 at halftime, enchantEe outplayed and outthrustled Goodnight from start to finish.

"We got owned," Goodnight captain Katie Kohler commented after the game. "Goodnight Bookstore."

However, the senior-laden team from Saint Mary's was still happy to have played in the tournament.

"We knew we were up against some serious basketball players,"

Kristi Braunlich from Goodnight said. "We just liked to keep up with the game after playing in high school."

Meanwhile, enchantEe attributed their success to their number one fan, sophomore Erica Ramirez.

"Erica Ramirez motivates us with her bongo beat," Sarah

Smith said. "Also, my horoscope said I was going to have a five-star day today."

It was right. "We'd like to thank the other team for their kindness," Saint Mary's junior Megan Hooper said. "[The tournament is] all about camaraderie."

Smith summed up enchantEe's feelings of the game best, simply saying: "It was good."

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NHL

Blackhawks take down Flames in overtime

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks waited seven long hours to get back to the playoffs. In a matter of seconds, thanks to Martin Havlat, they had a victory.

Havlat took a pass from Dave Bolland and his quick wrist shot from between the circles 12 seconds into overtime Thursday night beat Miikka Kiprusoff and gave the Blackhawks a rousing 3-2 victory.

"It doesn't matter who scored the goal. We got the first game the hard way," Havlat said. "I know (Andrew) Ladd was in front. I took the pass from (Dave) Bolland and went to the net."

After tying it late in regulation, Havlat delivered the third-fastest overtime goal in playoff history, and sent the towel-waving crowd at the United Center into a frenzy.

"We were patient, sticking to the plan until the end. There wasn't planning going into overtime," Havlat said. "I was shooting to score a goal."

Calgary coach Mike Keenan said there could have been interference called on the play.

"I believe it was Ladd who did not try to stop his movement toward the net and that's goaltender interference," Keenan said. "However, the officials saw it

different or didn't make the call because of the excitement of overtime."

Game 2 of the Western Conference quarterfinal series is Saturday night in Chicago.

"We can expect them to come out with a better game," said Chicago's Cam Barker, who tied it at 1 in the second. "It might have taken us a little bit to get into this game, but once we did, we started making more plays."

Mike Cammalleri gave Calgary a 2-1 lead about 4 minutes into the final period when he scored on a 2-on-1 break, taking a nice pass from Daymond Langkow.

But Chicago got even with 5:33 left when Havlat scored on his own rebound after Kiprusoff stopped his initial shot from the right circle.

David Moss opened the scoring for the Flames in the first period.

Havlat was 3 seconds off the NHL record of 9 seconds set by Brian Skrudland for Montreal in 3-2 victory over Calgary on May 18, 1986, in the Stanley Cup finals. J.P. Parise of the Islanders scored in 11 seconds of OT against the Rangers in 1975, and Chicago's Pit Martin also scored at 12 seconds in 1972 against Pittsburgh.

Kiprusoff finished with 25 saves, including one on Bolland to preserve the tie in the closing seconds of regulation. Chicago's Nikolai

Khabibulin, who has a 22-5-2 regular-season record against the Flames and beat them in the 2004 Stanley Cup finals while with Tampa Bay, made 23 stops.

"He (Havlat) has scored a lot of big goals for us this year," Khabibulin said. "Tonight he put us on his back."

Chicago won the regular-season series 4-0, outscoring the Flames 19-7, but Calgary's physical play from the outset Thursday night showed that the regular season has little bearing once the postseason starts.

"We established a pretty good road game to start with, but we couldn't sustain it in the third period when it was most necessary," Keenan said. "And to win on the road, you have to be able to push back when there is a momentum. You look after the details and stay assertive and stay forceful in terms of your defensive posture and not get on your heels a little bit, which I think we did."

The Blackhawks have only 10 players with postseason experience and it took a while for them to adjust.

Barker's tying score in the second came as he skated along the left circle and sent a wrist shot past Kiprusoff, who was screened on the play by teammate Anders Eriksson.

Ex-Blackhawk Rene Bourque delivered a crushing hit on 20-year-old

Chicago star Patrick Kane, sending him into the boards and then to the ice in the second period, an example of the approach applied by the Flames.

But the Hawks began to match the physical play as the second period progressed and Barker's goal gave them a lift to carry into the first period. Kane had a breakaway attempt with 37 seconds left in the period but Kiprusoff flicked it away at the last second with his glove.

Moss, parked in front of the net, chopped a shot past Khabibulin—the score coming after a 3-on-2 for the Flames. Craig Conroy took the first shot that bounced off Khabibulin before Curtis Glencross retrieved it and pushed it toward the goal where Moss converted at 8:38 of the first.

Chicago had a first-period power play opportunity after Kiprusoff flipped the puck over the glass for a delay of game penalty, but the Blackhawks couldn't convert.

Chicago's Jonathan Toews was assessed a double minor for high-sticking, giving the Flames a 4-minute power play that carried over into the first 28 seconds of the second period. But Calgary, which was 0-for-43 on the power play over its final 10 regular-season games, failed again with the extra man, getting off only one shot.

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game. His goal is to impress enough people and raise his draft stock to the point where he can leave Notre Dame for good.

"Right now, as me and coach said, I don't think we're going into this thing 50 percent," Harangody said. "We're going to go full speed. We're going in to go into it, not to just see if I need to improve on anything. We're just going to go and try to get this thing done."

Harangody said there is no definitive pick number that'll make him jump for the pros and that he might not make his decision until a few days before the June 15 deadline. It's a decision he'll make after receiving feedback from the teams he works out for, his coach and his family.

"I've talked to a lot of people and gotten a lot of input," Harangody said. "It's too early to tell how things are shaping up right now. I think that's one thing I'm going to know as the process goes on."

Harangody will be the fourth player under Brey to declare for the draft before his senior year.

"My feeling was after we went through it last year and the year that he had, in January, I really felt he owed it to himself to do this," Brey said. "Everything he's done for our program, as consistent as he's been in this league, playing against NBA frontline people, especially this year, you take advantage of the rule to get out there and do it."

Troy Murphy decided to enter the draft following his junior season in 2001, and was selected with the 14th overall pick. Chris Thomas and Torin

Francis also tested the waters following their junior years, but chose to return for their senior seasons.

In all three cases, Brey said, his players made the correct move and he hopes Harangody makes the right decision, regardless of whether he comes back to Notre Dame or goes pro.

"Troy Murphy and I were going through it and he said, 'Coach I think I have to go.' And I said, 'You do have to go because you're going to be in the top 15. We're proud of you and we'll lead the parade and congratulations,'" Brey said. "I've been down that road before and I've been down two other roads where guys were smart enough not to stay hanging out there on draft night."

Harangody knows the obstacles that lie ahead of him. He knows some think he's undersized and knows he needs to improve his post defense, but Harangody heard the same things when he came to Notre Dame. Two All-American selections and a Big East Player of the Year award later, Harangody said he's ready to show his doubters what he can do.

"I do see it as a challenge. I talked about this with coach the other day. When I came into college, that was a challenge, to get playing time, get a starting position," Harangody said. "This is going to be exactly the same way. I feel like I have to prove myself again and that's fine with me. I like that type of challenge."

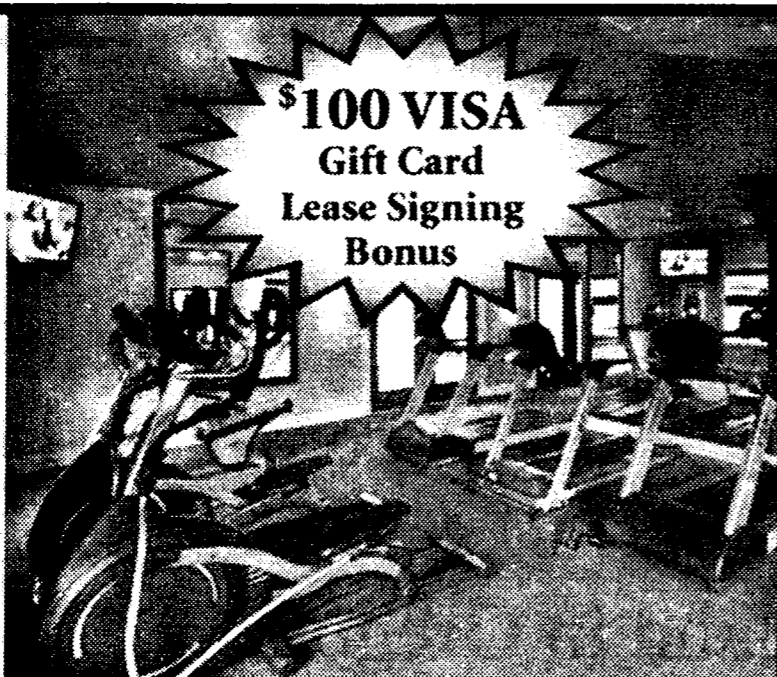
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Huskies

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"Our focus is shifting back to the Big East," Irish Coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think it's good to get back to our goal of winning the Big East Championship. We need to take care of business Saturday against Connecticut and then start preparing for really tough competition in the Big East Tournament."

The Huskies recently defeated Holy Cross, snapping their three game losing streak. Connecticut (3-12, 2-4) comes into the match with its Big East tournament berth hopes on the line.

The Irish are 8-2 all-time against the Huskies, winning four out of the five matches played at home. In the teams' previous meeting a year ago, Notre Dame defeated Connecticut 18-11.

Scoring has been a strength for the Irish this season, as they come into the matchup averaging nearly 16 goals per game, good for first in the Big East. Five Irish players enter the contest with point streaks, including senior Jillian Byers and sophomore Shaylyn Blaney, who are each riding 15-game point streaks, and junior Gina Scioscia, who enters the contest with a 13-game point streak.

"I have confidence in the team on both sides of the ball, but I think we feel better as a team when we're scoring," Coyne said. "It

relaxes us. From that standpoint, if the attack is struggling a little bit early, it makes us a little more tense. If we're scoring early, it will relax us a little more and maybe we'll play better."

Notre Dame will also honor its seniors before the game on Saturday. Byers, along with Shannon Burke, Erin Goodman and Beth Koloup will be honored as they play in their last home game this weekend against the Huskies.

"Everyone's going to be really motivated to go out and play well for the seniors and thank them for their contributions to the program and honor them with a great game," Coyne said.

The class of 2009 has been one of the most successful in Irish history, appearing in three Big East tournaments, two NCAA tournaments and accumulating a 49-21 career record, the best in team history.

"[The seniors have] had a huge impact on the success of the program in terms of elevating our overall profile on the national level," Coyne said. "I think they've brought a certain level of intensity, commitment and competitiveness that's allowed us to compete with the top teams in the country."

The meeting between the Irish and the Huskies is scheduled to begin at noon at Alumni Field.

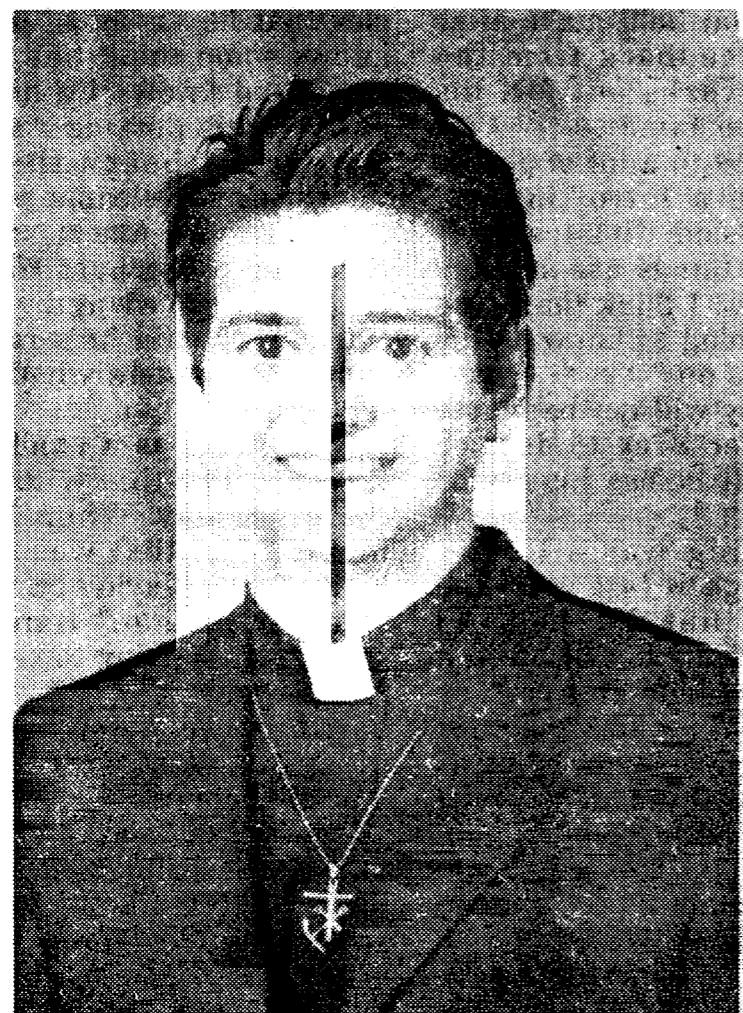
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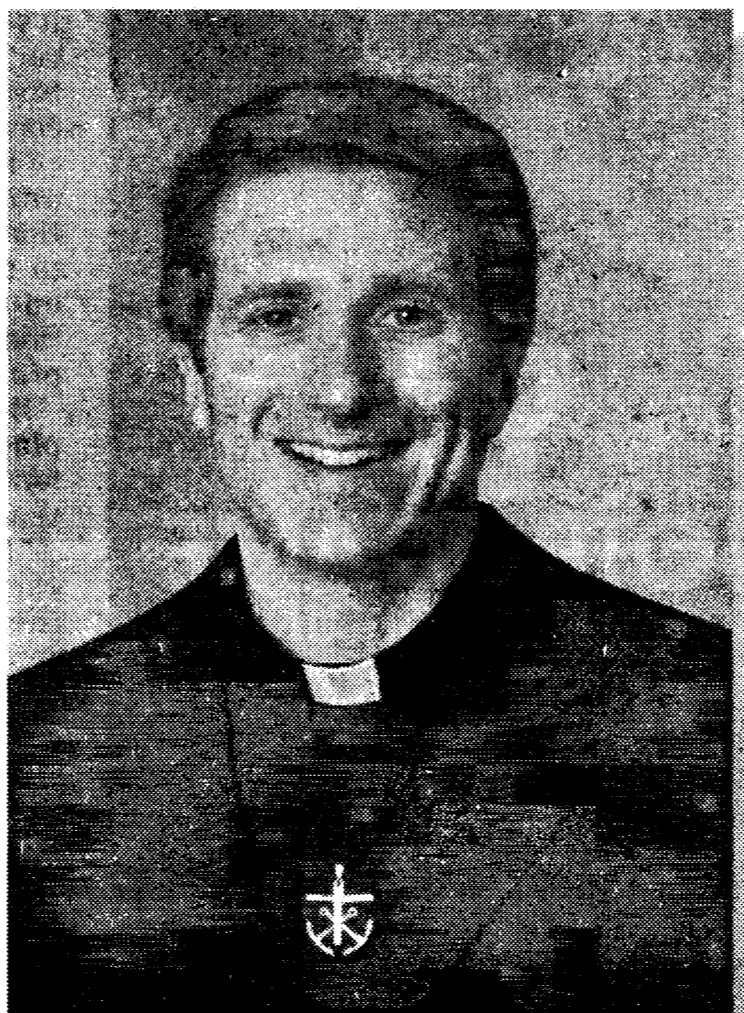


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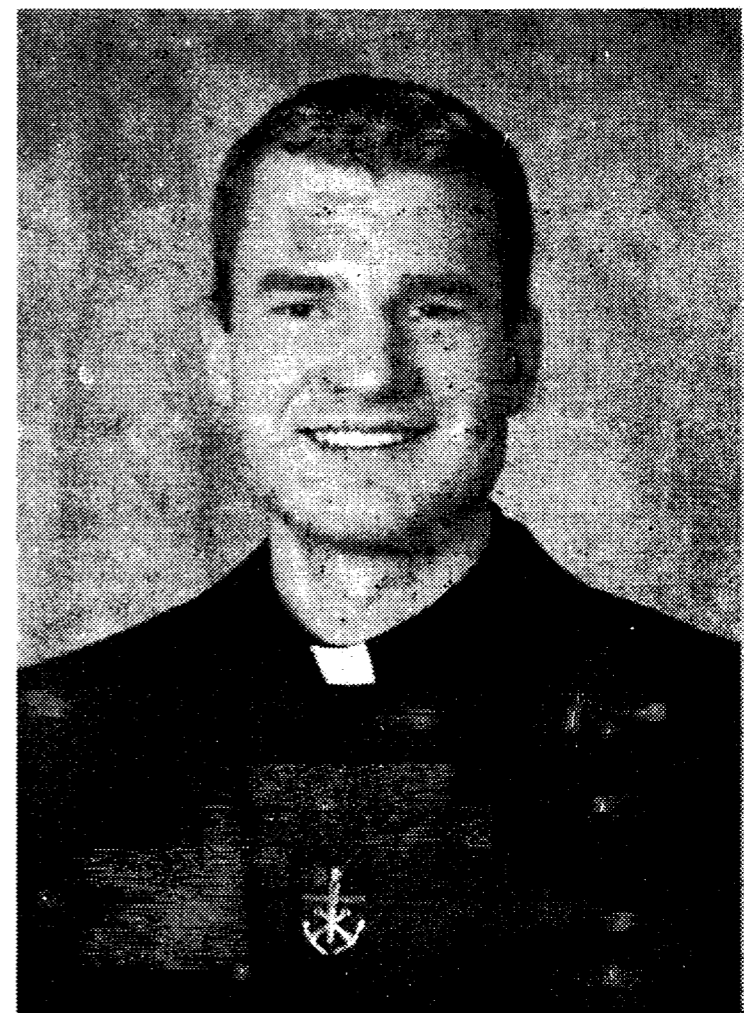
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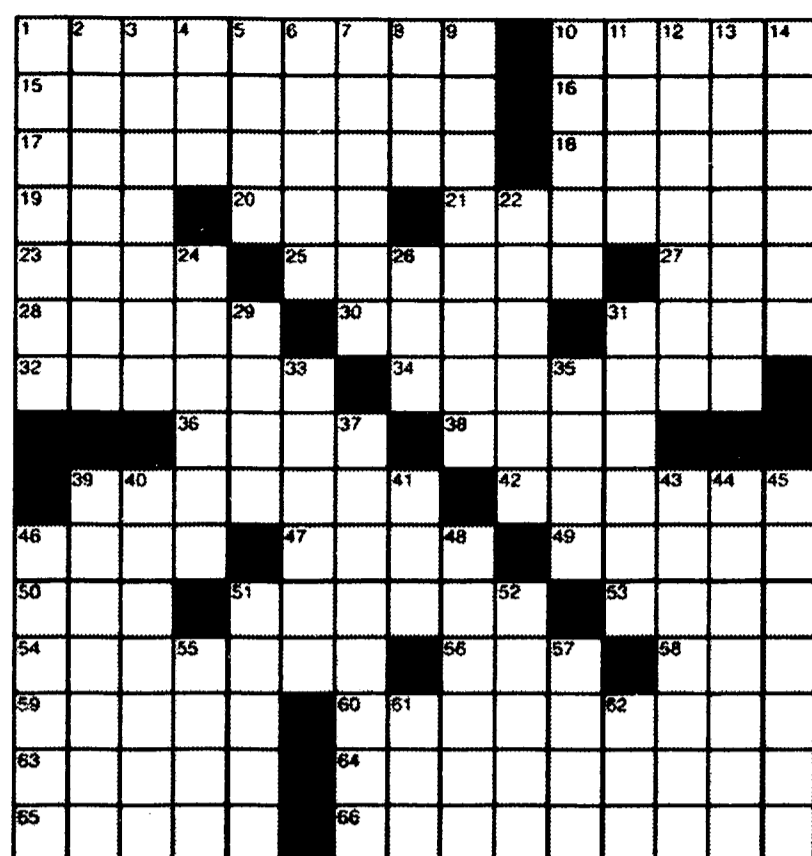
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- Across**
- 1 It's shared by Russia and Ukraine
 - 10 Dated will?
 - 15 Flawlessly crafted
 - 16 Less well-looking
 - 17 They're produced in great quantities by supernovas
 - 18 Mosaic work
 - 19 Honorific that's Sanskrit for "majesty"
 - 20 O, say
 - 21 Light haulers
 - 23 8 for O, say
 - 25 "Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair" writer
 - 27 "Silent Spring" subject
 - 28 "Like Niobe, all ____": Hamlet
 - 30 It may concern arms or contain legs
 - 31 Supportive side
 - 32 Old bombs
 - 34 ____-cat
 - 36 Finno-Ugric tongue
 - 38 ____ de la Société
 - 39 Isabella's home
 - 42 Pittdown man locale
 - 46 Make fun of
 - 47 100 cents, in East London
 - 49 Dish cooked in seasoned broth
 - 50 Extraction target
 - 51 Wildcats and Cougars play in it
 - 53 Pro ____
 - 54 "Sartor Resartus" essayist Thomas
 - 56 Payoff
 - 58 1951 A.L. strikeout leader
 - 59 Become part of history
 - 60 It's open to debate
 - 63 Start to prepare, as 49-Across
 - 64 Italian meal starter
 - 65 A lot of assessments?
 - 66 Saloonkeeper of note

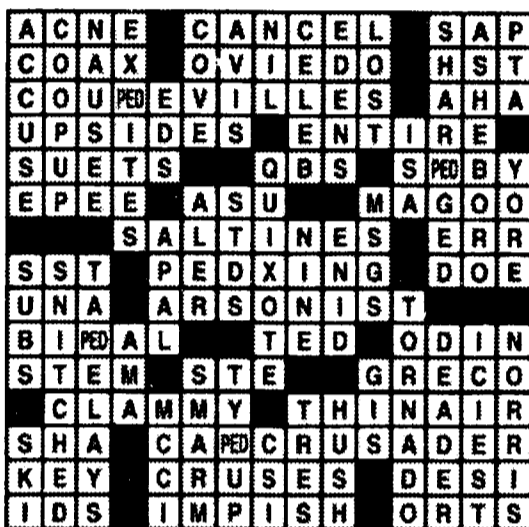


Puzzle by Joon Pahk

- Down**
- 1 Having feeling
 - 2 Brought to bear
 - 3 "Summa Contra Gentiles" theologian
 - 4 Tag cry
 - 5 Tofu specification
 - 6 See 9-Down
 - 7 It may be fired back at someone
 - 8 Chiwere dialect
 - 9 He demonstrated that what Columbus had discovered was not 6-Down
 - 10 Virgo's alpha star
 - 11 Bit of hair
 - 12 Referred
 - 13 March preceder, periodically
 - 14 Couples might set them up
 - 22 They can't get any better
 - 24 Ominous words
 - 26 ____ the Destroyer (rabble-rouser in Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man")
 - 29 Strip on a bed
 - 31 Drill bit?
 - 33 Like some shells
 - 35 Go for another tour
 - 37 Put-down in a restaurant?
 - 39 City due south of San Juan
 - 40 Quick impressions
 - 41 Specialized M.D.
 - 43 Blindly imitative
 - 44 Deplete
 - 45 Hard-to-define influence
 - 46 Sportive
 - 48 He joined Pizarro in the conquest of the Inca Empire
 - 51 Funeral arrangements
 - 52 Tag cry
 - 55 It's featured in two Vivaldi concertos
 - 57 Afterthought #3: Abbr.
 - 61 "Revolution 9" collaborator
 - 62 Intl. group with 35 members

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Regroup and recognize the importance of not getting side-tracked. You have more important things to do than waste time on something you cannot change. Take care of the people who have been good to you in the past. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rely on your own abilities and knowledge to avoid someone trying to lead you off-track. Relax and enjoy the company of friends who share your beliefs and can contribute to what you are trying to accomplish. A short trip will pay off. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pay back any money you owe. A situation regarding contractual or legal matters will escalate fast. Ward off any chance of embarrassment or excess costs by coming up with viable solutions. Your promptness will impress others. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A fabulous arrangement between you and a perfect partner can be made. Special consideration given at a time like this will show your strength of character and ability to meet any opposition halfway. Resolutions made now will lead to a brighter future. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be tempted to do something drastic for the wrong reason. It isn't that you shouldn't make changes but rather how and why you go about it. Check out ways to better your skills or move to a location more conducive to the industry you work in. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take what you know and have recently learned and get moving in a new direction. Don't let someone else's unpredictable nature override what you know you have to accomplish. A new friendship can be established. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rise above gossip and rumors. Make your own decision on what to believe and who to support. Problems at home or with children or a loved one will require legal documentation to protect your interests. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be your own spokesperson and refuse to give in to pressure. Put your money in a safe place and don't hire anyone unlikely to give you your money's worth. Figure out what you can do yourself. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you aren't fair, you won't win. A lover or companion will be upset with your actions if you bend the truth or intentionally hurt someone. Coming across as a class act will impress your greatest critic. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An idea you have will bring about a change in your financial standing. Property investments will result in greater security and eventual prosperity. A relationship you cherish will be amplified if you are attentive. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep things to yourself and you will avoid interference. Someone you trust will give you the heads up to proceed with a plan to add to your skills. A past acquaintance or an experience you had long ago will influence a decision you have to make now. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a chance and listen to the advice being given by someone in a powerful position. You stand to prosper by following a plan of attack that has worked in the past. A partnership will prove to be beneficial. ★★★★★

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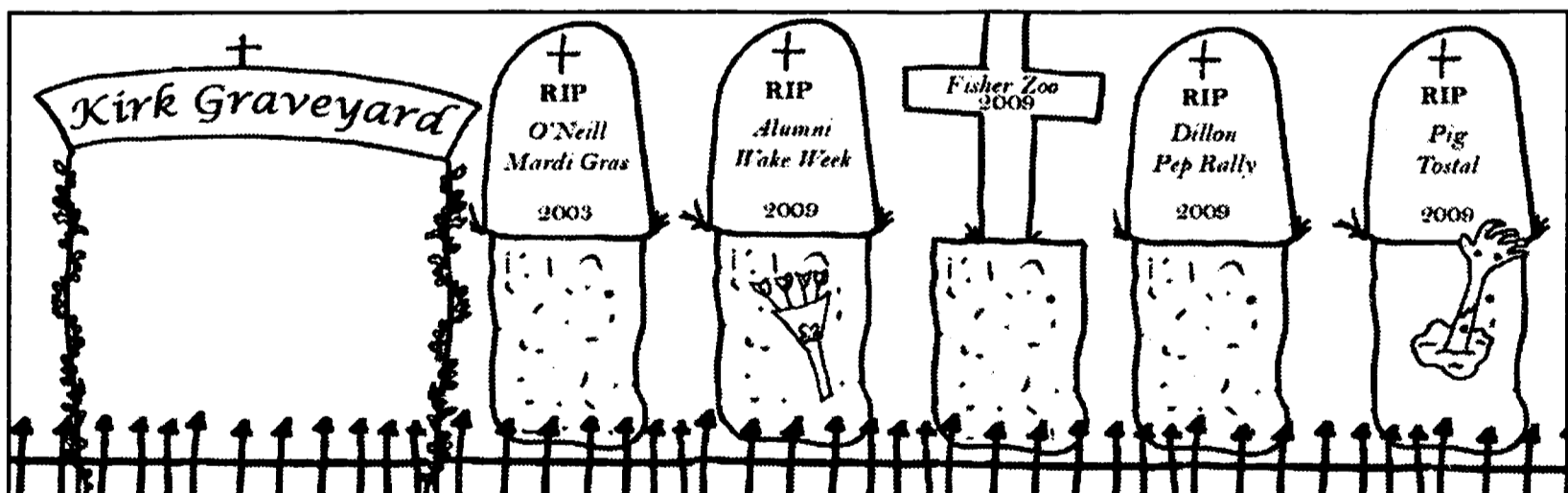
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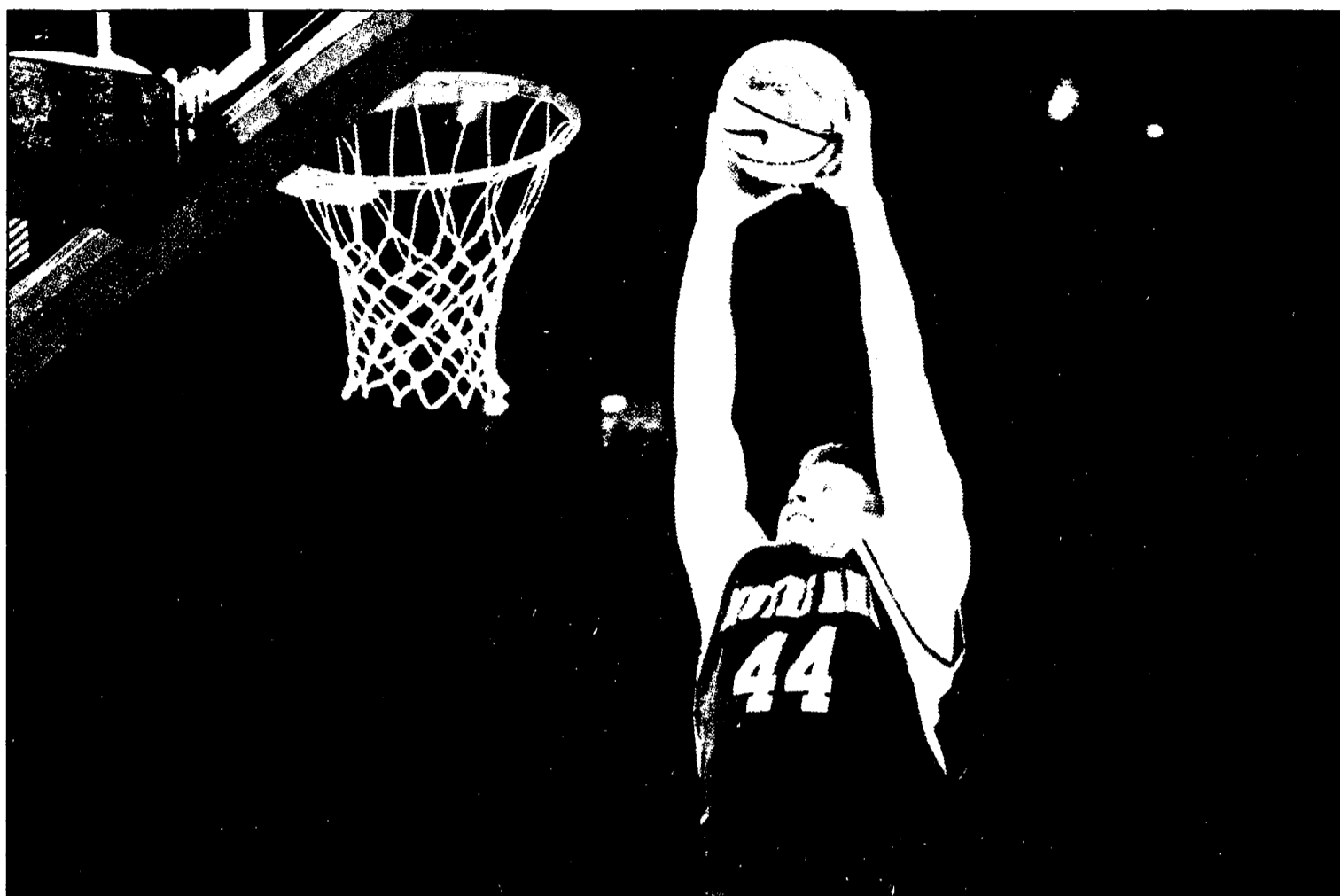
Harangody announces plans to enter draft

By CHRIS HINE
Senior Sports Writer

When Luke Harangody arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, he was just worried about getting a few minutes of playing time and finding a niche in the competitive Big East. How life can change quickly.

On Thursday, Harangody announced he will make himself eligible for the NBA Draft and potentially forego his senior season to fulfill his dream of playing professional basketball. Harangody will not hire an agent, which will allow him to withdraw from the draft by June 15 if he so wishes, but Harangody isn't entering this process of the draft just to have NBA teams critique his

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish junior forward Luke Harangody goes up for a dunk during a 74-62 loss to West Virginia in the Big East Tournament. Harangody announced Thursday that he will enter the NBA draft.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers take on Huskies in finale

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame hopes to bounce back in its final match of the regular season when it faces Connecticut on Saturday at Alumni Field.

The Irish (11-4, 4-2 Big East) are coming off two tough losses against No. 8 Syracuse, which is tied atop the Big East standings, and non-conference foe No. 12 Vanderbilt. Notre Dame's conference record has it sitting in third place behind the Orange and Georgetown. The Irish have already clinched their spot in the Big East Championships on April 24 and 26.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team visits Big East rivals, looks to improve standing

By LAURA MYERS
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame looks to gain ground in the Big East this weekend as it travels to conference bottom-feeders Villanova and Rutgers.

The Irish (26-13, 9-3 Big East) currently sit third in the conference, two games behind

leader Louisville and 1 1/2 games behind Depaul.

The games this weekend will wrap up a seven-game road trip for the Irish, the longest of the season.

Notre Dame will travel first to Villanova (19-15, 4-11) for a doubleheader Saturday. The squad will then head north to face Rutgers (16-25, 3-11) on Sunday.

"Whether we win depends 100 percent on how we play, not on how our opponents play," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The Wildcats have had mixed success lately, winning three of their last six.

Wildcats senior Meghan Morese, who leads her team in hits with 37, hit her 200th career home run Thursday

against Towson.

The Scarlet Knights, who are last in the Big East, have also won three of their last six. However, the team lost both games of its last Big East doubleheader against Connecticut.

After this weekend, the Irish will return home for three non-conference games and then will end the regular sea-

son with three more Big East doubleheaders.

The first contest at Villanova will begin at 12 p.m. Saturday with the second to follow. The first game against Rutgers will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday with the second game immediately after.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Undefeated Irish to play two

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will get a taste of the past and a taste of the future in its two matches this weekend.

The No. 3 Irish (10-0, 3-0) face GWLL foe Quinnipiac (3-7, 1-2) on Saturday and host future Big East foe St. John's Sunday.

The Saturday matchup with the Bobcats will be the penultimate GWLL regular season game for Notre Dame. On April 25, the Irish face Ohio State at Columbus in a prequel to the Buckeye spring football game.

Next season, men's lacrosse is joining the Big East conference and Notre Dame will be leaving the GWLL.

The weekend presents two matchups in two days, halfway across the country.

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Irish senior midfielder Peter Cristman defends an opponent during Notre Dame's 9-7 win over Villanova on March 31.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Police Squad defeats BOOM in long contest

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

South Bend Police Squad — You're Screwed (SBPS) defeated BOOM! Roasted in a lengthy, physical and equally matched game 21-14 on the bookstore courts Thursday night.

The game started slowly with neither team taking control early in the first half. It wasn't until a five-point run by SBPS gave them an early advantage. SBPS lead 11-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the game remained evenly matched. After SBPS started the second half with a three point run to open the lead to seven points, BOOM! brought the game back to four with a run of their own.

SBPS was finally able to

pull away and get the win after over an hour and 15 minutes of action.

"Their height got us," BOOM! captain Sarah Trent commented after the game. "We just came up a little short."

Kaitlyn Lynch of the SBPS was excited not only about her team's performance, but also about their fan base. "It was great!" Lynch said. "We have some hardcore fans that come to every game."

Tiz Shadley of SBPS was also inspired by the team's fans.

"Once we heard our cheering section we knew we were going to win."

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There wasn't much doubt

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