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Future of Library hangs in limbo

Ohmer to take interim role after director steps down; petition calls for improvements

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

The Hesburgh Library may boast a nationally recognized image on its facade, but the future of the Library itself is not as clearly established.

After a year of renovation talk, a petition calling for the Library's improvement and the recent stepping down of its director, the Library hangs in a state of limbo.

But Assistant Provost Susan Ohmer, who was recently named interim director of the Hesburgh Libraries, said she is ready

to fill the gap.

"I'm really excited about it. It's a great opportunity," Ohmer said. "I'm happy to serve as long as needed."

Strategic plan

Ohmer said a major goal is formulating a strategic plan for the future direction of the Library. The University is currently in the planning stages for the strategic plan, but nothing has been written yet, she said.

Ohmer will also chair the committee for the strategic plan, which she hopes will be finished next spring.

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JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

Washington chosen as top of class for 2010

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame announced Katie Washington of Gary, Ind., as the valedictorian of the graduating class of 2010 Wednesday.

Having earned a 4.0 GPA in biological sciences with a

minor in Catholic Social Teaching, Washington said she owes the success she's had to the support she's gotten from loved ones.

"By no means do I feel like I've done this on my own," she said. "I'm humbled and grateful to have had this experience at Notre Dame."

Washington, who received the announcement Tuesday evening, said she is still processing the news.

"I'm still trying to distill my feelings and get a grasp on what it really means," she said. "It's very surreal."

During her time on campus, Washington was the



Washington

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CommUniversity Day spurs service



Photo courtesy of Denise Baron

Participants in last year's CommUniversity Day help make signs outside of the Robinson Community Learning Center.

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

From painting houses and fire hydrants to working at the Center for the Homeless, over 700 students will participate in 35 different service projects benefiting the South Bend community for Saturday's second annual CommUniversity Day.

A number of these projects are sponsored by student groups and campus offices, such as Circle K, GreenND, the Psychology Club and the Center for Social Concerns.

In addition to on- and off-campus projects, a children's festival for all community families will take place on Irish Green, as well as hourly campus walking tours. The day of service will culminate with a community picnic at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

"This is an opportunity for everyone from Notre Dame and the surrounding community to get together to interact," junior Rachel Roseberry, co-director of the event and outgoing Social Concerns chair, said.

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College increases tuition by 4.76 percent

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In order to maintain the quality of the academic and co-curricular programs at Saint Mary's College, the Board of Trustees have authorized an increase in tuition for the 2010-11 academic year, Richard Speller, vice president for Finance and Administration said.

The percent of increase for the 2010-11 academic year will be 4.76 percent, raising tuition costs from \$28,980 to 30,360. Additionally, Speller said fees will increase 3.77

percent, from \$636 to \$660. Students can also expect a 2.96 percent increase in room and board, making an average double room price rise from \$9,206 to \$9,480.

Speller said the projected increase is smaller than in previous years.

"Tuition increases for the four previous years were five percent each year," Speller said.

Speller said the increases would be beneficial to enhance programs that directly affect students.

In the previous year, the

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Construction to close campus roads

New hockey arena, other projects expected to be finished on time

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

Although new construction projects — such as a new arena for the hockey team — are expected to close some roads around campus, Vice President of Business Operations James Lyphout said he expects the construction will proceed smoothly.

Roads around the Joyce Center, including Holy Cross Drive, will be closed until Sept. 1 for the construction of the new ice arena.

"We have worked with Barton Malow, the construc-

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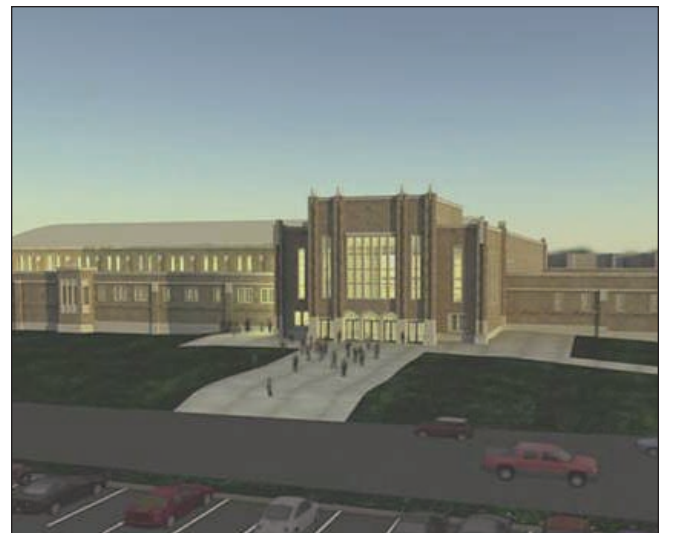


Image courtesy of James Lyphout

An artist's rendering provides a glimpse of what the new hockey arena will look like when it opens in Dec.

INSIDE COLUMN

Survival of the frosh

As Ferris Bueller once so famously remarked, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around every once in a while, you could miss it.”

In just about a month, I will be returning home to the great state of South Carolina for the summer and will have successfully (knock on wood!) survived my first year of college. For me, that is pretty hard to believe.

Emily Schrank

News Wire Editor

In the midst of the endless papers and countless tests, it may seem like the days don’t go by fast enough. But before we know it, the days eventually turn into years and we’ll be out in “the real world,” the comforts of our homes under the Dome far behind us.

I was reminded of that fact this past weekend, when my family came to visit me for Easter.

As we sat and visited with my dad’s former Howard Hall mate (yes, Howard Hall was once a men’s dorm), they began to discuss their approaching 30-year reunion this summer. Both my dad and his friend could not believe that so much time had passed since they themselves had been Notre Dame students, but still said that it “felt just like yesterday.”

As much as it pains me to say, I know that, all too soon, my friends and I will be in the same situation: reminiscing and longing for the “good old days” of Notre Dame.

Time is certainly a tricky thing and it is a concept that has always been puzzling to me. Some moments in life seem to drag on, while others happen in the blink of an eye.

As my father’s conversation with his old friend suggested, events that may have occurred years ago, often feel as if they happened just yesterday. Meanwhile, things we may have experienced in the not so distant past, seem to have taken place ages ago.

Although the great mysteries of time might never be made clear to us, one thing is for certain. We must take advantage of whatever time we are given and learn to recognize the beauty of living “in the moment.”

Despite the day-to-day challenges we may come across, it is important to keep it all in perspective. I myself am often guilty of letting the stress of classes and my ever-growing to-do list get me down.

But, as the academic year winds down and the summer quickly approaches, let’s all try to appreciate that simple walk across South quad or a meal shared with friends in North Dining Hall. We don’t know just how soon we maybe longing for that time again.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Emily Schrank at eschrank@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could have a Hollywood best friend, who would it be?



Jennifer Prather

freshman
McCandless

“Taylor Swift because I love her and her little brother is coming to Notre Dame next year!”



Kelly Clune

freshman
McCandless

“All 19 of the Duggar children.”



Claire Priestley

freshman
McCandless

“Kim Kardashian because she rolls with some incredibly attractive pro athletes.”



Katie Hester

freshman
McCandless

“Ashton Kutcher because he’s always funny and easy on the eyes.”



Maria Sheehan

freshman
McCandless

“Will Ferrell because I’ve always wanted to know what his hair felt like.”



Allison Kincaid

freshman
McCandless

“Jennifer Aniston. Who wouldn’t want to be her friend?”

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



EILEEN VEIHMEYER /The Observer

Students receive henna tattoos in the Saint Mary’s College Student Center Thursday for SMC Tostal. The opening of the event featured activities and freebies including t-shirts, a photo booth and food vendors.

OFFBEAT

Judge fired over teen arrest for overdue DVD

LITTLETON, Colo. — A longtime Colorado judge has been fired after issuing an arrest warrant for a teenager over an overdue library DVD.

Municipal Judge James Kimmel issued the warrant after 19-year-old Aaron Henson failed to show up in court Jan. 14 over the overdue DVD, “House of Flying Daggers.” On Jan. 25, police stopped the teen for speeding and held him for nearly eight hours after discovering the warrant.

Henson had moved and didn’t received the summons to court. The teen said he had packed the DVD in a box, and returned it about a week before Henson issued the warrant. The library notified the judge the DVD was back.

Workers strike over ban on drinking at work

COPENHAGEN — A few hundred warehouse workers and drivers at Danish brewer Carlsberg halted work for a second day on Thursday to protest a company decision to limit beer drinking

at work to lunch breaks.

The strike in Denmark followed the company’s April 1 decision to introduce new rules for employees on beer drinking at work, said Jens Bekke, spokesman at the world no.4 brewer.

“There has been free beer, water and soft drinks everywhere,” he said. “Yesterday, beers were removed from all refrigerators. The only place you can get a beer in future is in the canteen, at lunch.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Halftime A Cappella Student Musical Group are performing their Spring Concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Call 574-631-8128 for tickets.

A classical music concert will be performed by the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields tonight at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$22 for faculty and staff and \$32 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

The film “Seven Samurai” will be shown Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty, and \$6 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800 or by visiting the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center box office.

The 2010 BFA/MFA Candidates’ Theses Exhibition will be shown Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art and the O’Shaughnessy Galleries. The event is free and open to the public.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus will be speaking and signing copies of his new book titled “Faith, Hope & Charity: Pope Benedict’s Prescription for Catholic Living” on Monday at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

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

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Two ND juniors awarded Truman Scholarship

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

Notre Dame juniors Elizabeth Simpson and Puja Parikh were awarded the prestigious Truman Scholarship, an award given to college juniors with plans to attend graduate school who then work to make a difference through public service, according to Roberta Jordan, assistant director of national fellowships at the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement.

"A lot of people don't know about the Truman Scholars. But it's the domestic equivalent of the Rhodes," Parikh said. "There are obviously differences between the two but it is a national scholarship for graduate school."

The application process started in November for Notre Dame students when the Center for Scholarly Engagement contacted eligible applicants.

"We begin the process in mid-fall when we reach out to juniors, and we have them turn in an application identical to the Truman scholarship. We have a selection committee which accesses all the students' applications and decide who will

want to nominate," Jordan said. "This year we had eight applicants, of whom we nominated four. Two of those four were invited to regional interviews with the Truman Scholarship Foundation."

Included in the application were three essays, two letters of recommendation from professors and an interview.

"The Truman scholarship is the most extensive scholarship application that I'm aware of, even more so than the Rhodes and the Marshall and the Fulbright applications," Jordan said. "There are a lot of components to it but they are broken down to really help the student access what they want to do in the future."

Simpson said she used the application process to examine what type of civil service she was passionate about and use that discovery to plan her future goals.

"It was unique for me because I started the application when I was studying abroad in Chile. I had a little more time on my hands to just reflect and recognize the issues most important to me and to really discern that I had a passion for rural development particular within the U.S.,"

Simpson said.

"I'm from Wyoming and the application challenged us to write about any policy that we feel strongly about," Simpson said. "I recognized that I've always had a concern and passion for development and poverty alleviation. I realized I feel called to work with poverty alleviation within the rural United States."

Parikh, on the other hand, said she realized last minute that the scholarship applied to all graduate programs, whether it be medical school, law school or other graduate programs.

"I looked at the information about it, and thought this was only for grad school and I want to go to law school," she said. "Three days before the application was due, Roberta sent me an e-mail asking me if I was going to do it, and I said I wasn't because I want to go to law school. She said it was for law school too so I went in and

talked to her."

In three days, Parikh was able to write the essays, get recommendations and finish the application just in time for the due date.

"I think one of the only reasons I was selected was the interview because my application was not the strongest it could be," she said. "After performing well in the interview and being selected, I went in and got some constructive criticism and had to rewrite three of my essays."

Once the students are nominated, Jordan and other University employees really worked to help fine tune the students' applications.

"We have mock interviews and we work really hard to give them an experience that will replicate what they are about to face at their regional interviews," Jordan said. "We play devils advocate, and really push them on being able to respond to the questions about their applications."

Both Simpson and Parikh said they look forward to their senior years, knowing that the possibilities available in their future have just opened up.

"Because of the prestige of this scholarship, I hope that it will open some opportunities they might not have considered as far as graduate programs they are looking at," Jordan said. "And for them, I'm sure it is nice to know that they already have \$30,000 dollars in their pockets to pay for that graduate school."

Parikh said she plans to apply to law school next year and become a public health lawyer.

"I knew I wanted to do public health law, and I knew I was a really good public speaker so I focused my whole application on being an application for different aspects of health law reform," Parikh said. "I was really excited when I found out, and I had visions of top law schools floating through my head because I felt like I really could do it."

Simpson looks forward to the opportunity to study rural development.

"I never imagined that leaving the state of Wyoming and coming to [Notre Dame] that I would desire to study rural development. This application was the catalyst to help me do that, and has helped me realize there are resources available to help me do that," Simpson said.

"It is somewhat of a relief to know I have already established a certain amount of funding for graduate school so I can head in that direction," Simpson said. "I am also excited for the internship that the Truman Foundation will coordinate for the summer after senior year. I want to intern with the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

Notre Dame has not had a Truman Scholar in nine years, and this is the first time in the history of Notre Dame that two students have received the award in the same year.

"We are thrilled to have two scholars in one year. It's been a long time since we've had even one — our last one was in 2001 — so we are especially proud to have had such great success this year," Jordan said.

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Safewalk usage consistent

Reports of sexual assault have not lead to an increase in demand

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Despite recent reports of sexual assaults on campus, Safewalk, Notre Dame's student-employed escort service, has not seen an increase in business, according to Safewalk supervisor Cappy Gagnon.

"We would always like students to use Safewalk more just because it's a free service that we provide," Gagnon said. "On the other hand, we're pleased that the students have a high comfort level on the campus and don't utilize us as much as we would like."

Gagnon said the service averages two to three escorts a night.

During the academic year, Safewalk offers confidential escorts to and from anywhere on campus from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Safewalk employees are in radio contact with Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), carry photo identification cards and wear a vest with lettering illuminated at night.

Dave Chapman, assistant director of NDSP, said four sexual offenses have been reported this academic year, one of which occurred in 2009. Last year, NDSP reported a total of two sexual offenses.

Chapman encouraged students to take precautions, including walking with friends, calling Safewalk or reporting suspicious behavior.

"We can't be everywhere at all times so we have to depend on students here to be our ears and eyes and to help each other out," Chapman said.

Chapman said students



KATLYN SMITH/The Observer
Safewalk supervisor Cappy Gagnon displays the Safewalk uniform Thursday. The service averages two to three escorts a night.

should contact NDSP with any information.

"One lead can change a whole case, and it may be something where someone thinks this isn't going to do them any good, and it's the best lead that we have, and it leads to the arrest of a person so we encourage people to call us for anything at all," he said.

Last year, Chapman said a Notre Dame student reported an individual's "out-of-the-ordinary behavior." Although the student doubted whether the information would be valuable, NDSP discovered that the individual had been trespassing following a ban from entering onto campus. The student's tip led to the individual's arrest, Chapman said.

Students can report information anonymously and to further prevent crime, sign up for a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class, a self-defense program taught by

NDSP officers.

Chapman said RAD has become more popular, following campaigns by crime prevention officer Keri Kei Shibata.

"Now we are running classes every couple months, and they're full, and we have to turn people away, and so we run them as often as we can," Kei Shibata said.

Overall, Chapman said students' perceptions of safety on campus can interfere with taking safety precautions.

"When nothing happens to you while you are here, you get that mentality that nothing can happen to you, and that's the kind of mentality that we want to discourage," Chapman said. "Yes it can happen to you, and we don't want it to happen to you but here's what we can do to try to prevent that from happening to you."

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Levi Strauss & Co. wins University award

Special to The Observer

Armin Broger will accept the 2010 Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Exemplary Ethical, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices from the University of Notre Dame April 12 (Monday) on behalf of his company, Levi Strauss & Co.

Broger, a 1986 alumnus of the Notre Dame MBA program, serves as president of Levi Strauss, Europe.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president emeritus, will present the award at 4 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The award is presented annually by Notre Dame's Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide and Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.

The apparel company Levi Strauss was nominated for the award for two areas of contribution, explains event organizer, Patrick E. Murphy, a professor of marketing at Notre Dame. First, in 1991, Levi Strauss became the first multi-national apparel company to extend a comprehensive

code of conduct beyond its own facilities, to its suppliers to provide the individuals making their products worldwide with safe and healthy working conditions.

Second, this year Levi Strauss became the first major retailer to include messaging encouraging consumers to donate used clothing on its product care tags. The "A Care Tag for Our Planet" program is a partnership with Goodwill Industries that empowers consumers to participate in their mission to reduce waste and increase the life cycle of clothing.

The award ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by the Frank Cahill Lecture featuring a panel discussion by current MBA students Molly Iarocci, Karl Jensen, Matt Kelly and Azar Williams, who will discuss ethical issues they have faced in the early years of their professional careers.

Previous winners of the Hesburgh Award include General Electric, Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, and Ronald Grzywinski and Mary Houghton of ShoreBank Corp.

Library

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"A strategic plan is when people from all over the University sit down and confer about the general direction of a program. It guides you when moving forward," Ohmer said.

She said the strategic plan will answer questions about the Library's needs.

"What do we want to stress? What do we need going forward if we're going to continue to expand? What do we need that we don't have?" she said.

The strategic plan comes in the aftermath of a petition calling for improvements to the Library, which was founded by graduate student David Morris.

The petition called for an increase in both the number of collections and of profes-

sional staff, as well as the renovation of the entire building. The Observer reported in November.

"Our graduate students and our undergraduates are really important and if your work is being compromised in some way, we want to know that. I found the petition very helpful and the Provost did as well," Ohmer said.

However, the strategic plan will not be able to be finished until the University chooses a new director, Ohmer said.

"It won't be carved in stone because when the new director comes in the director will be bringing new ideas and experiences," she said.

The search for a new director

The University is conducting a national search for a new director of Hesburgh Libraries to replace Jennifer Younger, who

recently stepped down after 13 years.

"I think our main concern ... is we want a director who will be able to help us assess the competing demands on the Library," Ohmer said.

A major question will be whether the Library should be focused on acquiring books or utilizing electronic resources, Ohmer said.

"How do we sort out these competing priorities? We expect the director to have some vision and insight to help us make those decisions," she said.

Morris said Notre Dame has a unique opportunity to integrate the two competing facets of the Library, and he said he hopes the Library can formulate a strong relationship with the Office of Information Technologies.

"It would be nice if we could sort of rewrite both positions and have a closer

working relationship between both of them," he said.

Ohmer said the University will not begin the interview process until next academic year.

"Ideally, they hope to bring in candidates in the fall sometime and then, if it goes well, they will be able to make an offer," she said. "Often, people start the following academic year but somebody may start sooner."

Renovations

Renovation plans for the Library are in place, but the University is still waiting for funding, Ohmer said.

"The renovations are expensive. We are fortunate that we have pledges from donors, but it can take awhile for the money to be delivered," she said. "When that money comes in, we're ready to get to work."

The renovation will focus

on revamping the first and second floor of the Library, she said.

"We're going to have reading rooms," Ohmer said. "But also, more spaces for collaborative work and a seminar room."

"The Library is meant to be a place of activity and people gathering, [like] the way it is during finals week. Now, it's sort of quiet up there," Ohmer said.

Prior to renovating the building, however, Morris said the Library should acquire a depository, a place where books can be stored.

"I think that has to happen before the renovation," he said. "Right now, they want to renovate the building, but they have no place to put books."

Ohmer said she would like input from students on what they normally use the Library for during the semester. She encouraged students to contact her at sohmer@nd.edu.

"If people want to share ideas, I would really welcome that," she said.

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Students to present at United Nations

Peace studies classmates develop proposal focused on Colombia

Special to The Observer

Five University of Notre Dame peace studies master's students who developed an innovative proposal to advance peace in Colombia will present their recommendations to a panel of experts at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Friday (April 9).

The proposal, developed by classmates Maria Helena Ariza, Colombia; Jimena Holguin, Colombia; Rachel Miller, USA; Patrick Otim, Uganda; and Laura Snider, USA; was selected for this honor by Students Participating in Resolving International Tensions (SPIRIT), a partnership of the U.N. and Columbia University.

"When you work on an academic project, you always have this dream of creating something that becomes real outside of the university," Holguin said. "We feel very privileged to present our ideas and meet so many people in policy-making and peacebuilding. It's an opportunity to show the world what we can really do."

The students' project, "La CARA de la Paz," is a detailed plan for a new phase of Colombia's disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process, which focuses on reintegrating more than 40,000 former combatants from paramilitary and guerrilla groups. The students' plan calls for Colombia's existing DDR resources to be used for inclusive projects that promote peaceful co-existence and reconciliation among all members of the community, including the victims of the conflict.

"In a war that has gone on for nearly 70 years, we're not talking about victims and perpetrators anymore," said



Image courtesy of News and Information.

The students whose "La CARA de la Paz" project will be presented to the UN pose in Hurley Hall.

Snider. "Former fighters and victims all live next door to each other and need a way to transcend their war identities. If everyone can work on common goals and benefit collectively, there is less reason to take up arms in the future."

The roots of the project go back to a class the five students took together in 2009 with John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding, who asked students to form teams and work together to map out one major world conflict. Last fall, Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Studies was invited to participate in the SPIRIT competition. After hearing about the competition, students decided to turn their academic presentation into a proposal. A flurry of transatlantic e-mails ensued, since the students were in Uganda, South Africa and the United States pursuing their internships at Kroc field sites.

This week at the U.N., the students will join other

teams of students from around the world presenting creative plans for alleviating violence and suffering in the Afghanistan/Pakistan border region, Colombia or Israel-Palestine. Experts will work with the students to refine their plans and prepare an implementation strategy. In keeping with SPIRIT's philosophy of "open-source peacebuilding," the students' proposal will be available for any person or group who wishes to draw from it, adapt it or implement it.

"This project has been a great way to 'challenge theory with practice,' which is what the Kroc Institute expects of us," Snider said. "We took what we had learned and put it in a project that would really work in the world." Holguin, who has worked as an analyst and technical advisor for the government of Colombia, said she hopes the plan "could be a model or inspiration for other DDR processes around the world and even, we hope, a real contribution to Colombia."

Student

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director of the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir and active with the Center for Social Concerns, serving as the student coordinator of its "Lives in the Balance: Youth Violence and Society Seminar."

For more than two years, Washington has worked in a research lab with biology professor David Severson, with whom she co-authored a research paper.

Washington said working as an undergraduate in a research lab has been one of the most significant parts of her college experience.

"It has been a really transformative experience," she said. "I was able to take charge of a project on my own but also build relationships with people in my lab."

Washington said her work in the lab with mosquitoes that transmit diseases like dengue fever and malaria has cultivated her interest in global health equity.

"These diseases account for many of the deaths of people in impoverished countries," she said.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the Valedictorian Selection

Committee unanimously chose Washington from a group of 11 students.

"The Valedictorian Selection Committee was greatly moved by the address that Katie Washington wrote for her fellow graduates and their families and guests," Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs.

Jacobs said Washington is an exemplar for the graduating class.

"Katie's time at Notre Dame exemplifies the principles by which she lives — excellence in all she does, compassionate service to those in need and a deeply rooted faith life that animates her," he said. "Katie's humble but determined spirit represents well the Class of 2010 and will serve as an inspiration for generations to come."

Upon graduation, Washington plans to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. dual degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Outburst shows wounds unhealed

JOHANNESBURG — A white politician stormed out of a live TV debate about race relations and a black leader of the ruling African National Congress threw racial epithets at a journalist he kicked out of a news conference.

The events are just part of the fallout in South Africa after the slaying of a notorious white supremacist. Eugene Terreblanche, leader of the once-feared AWB paramilitary group, was bludgeoned to death on his farm April 3. The acrimonious aftermath reveals strained race relations 16 years after apartheid collapsed and Nelson Mandela became president, urging all races to come together.

Former bishop accused of abuse

OSLO — Norway's Catholic Church has received new allegations of clergy abuse after revealing that its former bishop had admitted to molesting a minor in the early 1990s, a church official said Thursday.

The current bishop, Bernt Eidsvig, told The Associated Press he had received e-mails alleging new cases of abuse, but said the nature and seriousness of the claims remain unclear.

"There may be something very serious there. But there may also be things there that lunatics made up," Eidsvig said. "Whether it is abuse of minors or stupid priests doing things which are sinful but not illegal or things between adults — I can't say yet."

NATIONAL NEWS

Sikhs protest minister's appearance

NEW YORK — Several dozen Sikhs on Thursday protested a speech by an Indian minister who they say instigated mob riots in their country in 1984 that left more than 3,000 dead, most of them Sikhs.

About 100 members of the Sikhs for Justice, a U.S.-based human rights organization, gathered outside McGraw-Hill's headquarters in Manhattan where Kamal Nath, India's federal minister in charge of road transport and highways and a Congress party member of India's Parliament, was addressing McGraw-Hill Construction's Global Construction Summit.

"We want to put him behind bars. Anyone guilty should be behind bars," said Avtar Singh Pannu of Queens, the group's coordinator.

The group's legal adviser, Gurpatwant S. Pannun, called Nath "a violator of human rights" who shouldn't be in the U.S.

Ex-employee guilty of torturing elderly

LOS ANGELES — A former nursing home worker accused of body-slaming one 78-year-old woman and encouraging wheelchair-confined residents of a pricey assisted-living facility to fight was found guilty Thursday of torture and elder abuse.

Jurors deliberated for less than a day before convicting Cesar Ulloa.

"He attacked the most vulnerable people, and he laughed while doing it. This was sport for him," Deputy District Attorney Robin Allen with the Elder Abuse Unit said.

The Silverado Senior Living facility in Calabasas specializes in caring for people with dementia and charges \$70,000 a year or more for care, prosecutors said.

LOCAL NEWS

U.S. Rep. Pence leads GOP comeback

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Rep. Mike Pence helped rev up about 730 people at the Indiana Republican state dinner by urging them to help the party regain control of the U.S. House in November and the presidency in 2012.

The eastern Indiana congressman told the crowd in Indianapolis Thursday night that the Obama administration and the Democrat-controlled Congress were on a course of runaway spending and big government.

Pence is the third-ranking Republican in the U.S. House and has been an outspoken critic of Democratic President Barack Obama's policies.

Noxious gas levels fall in coal mine

Conditions improve, offer hope to find four missing workers

Associated Press

MONTCOAL, W.Va. — Levels of noxious gas dropped Thursday in a coal mine where 25 workers died in an explosion, giving rescuers hope that they might be able to get inside soon to look for four still missing.

Teams spent more than four hours working their way through the Upper Big Branch mine by rail car and on foot in the morning, but had to turn back because of an explosive mix of gases in the area they needed to search.

Crews at the surface resumed drilling in an effort to get fresh air into the mine. Gov. Joe Manchin said Thursday evening that the levels were near those considered safe.

"We're just moving as quickly as we can," Manchin said. "We want to bring the loved ones back."

Rescue teams had made it within 500 feet of an airtight chamber with four days worth of food, water and oxygen where they hoped the miners might have sought refuge Monday after the worst U.S. mining disaster in more than two decades.

Chris Adkins, chief operating officer for mine owner Massey Energy Co., said the rescue teams were angry when told to abandon the mission, but their safety was paramount. He said the teams are off their feet and resting, but too anxious to sleep.

Massey's chief executive officer, Don Blankenship, continued to defend his company's record and disputed accusations from miners that he puts coal profits ahead of safety.

"To some extent the fact that there were more survivors than those that are lost suggests that the mine was in pretty good shape relative to what mines would have been in the past and hopefully by today's standards," he told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday. There were 61 miners in Upper Big



Candles are displayed in Whitesville, W. Va., Thursday as a tribute to each of the 25 miners known to be dead following Monday's mine explosion. AP

Branch when it was rocked by the blast.

Despite the increasingly slim chance of finding anyone alive, Adkins said he considered Thursday's effort a rescue mission.

"I still believe in God, I believe, and I'm not gonna give up," he said.

The rescue crews did not get far enough to see the bodies of the dead or if anyone had made it to the chamber. They knew where the bodies would be because rescuers made it that far before gases forced them out of the mine after the explosion Monday.

Officials were not sure what caused the high gas levels this time but said a drop in barometric pressure as a storm rolled in might be to blame.

The rescue crews were leaving their equipment behind so they did not have to lug it back in with them when they returned.

Manchin said the families of those still in the mine were being patient.

"These are the strongest, toughest people I've ever seen," he said. "These people can handle about anything you put up."

Rescuers had already had to wait to enter the mine until crews drilled holes deep into the earth to ventilate lethal carbon monoxide and highly explosive hydrogen as well as methane gas, which has been blamed for the explosion. The air quality was deemed safe enough early in the day for four teams of eight members each to go in, but later tests

showed the air was too dangerous to continue.

Adkins said rescue teams described seeing evidence of "a horrendous explosion and a lot of destruction."

He also said they may have found an alternate route that will allow them to get where they need to be faster when they can safely go back in.

Once that happens, rescuers will have to walk through an area officials have described as strewn with bodies, twisted railroad track, shattered concrete block walls and vast amounts of dust. Each team member wears 30 pounds of breathing equipment, lugs first-aid equipment and must try to see through total darkness with only a cap lamp to light the way.

Dad defends men accused of raping daughter

Associated Press

ATRENTON, N.J. — The father of a girl police say was gang-raped at a party by at least five men is defending three of them, saying they tried to get his daughter out of the apartment where she was attacked but were stymied by others who held them at gunpoint.

"These three had nothing to do with nothing; I don't know why they locked them up," the father said of Gregory Leary, 20; Timear Lewis, 19; and a 17-year-old whom authorities have not identified because of his age.

"My daughter said these guys were trying to help her," the father said.

The Associated Press does not identify sex crime victims and is not naming the

father so as not to identify his daughter.

In all, five men and boys have been arrested on suspicion of raping the girl. The other suspects are ages 13 and 14.

According to police, the 7-year-old was prostituted out by her 15-year-old stepmother, who watched as she was raped by as many as seven men and boys at a party March 28. As many as a dozen people were at the party, held in a vacant apartment in a crime-plagued public housing complex not far from the New Jersey Statehouse.

Investigators said that soon after arriving, the older girl took money to have sex with several men at a party, including Leary. The teen then gave some of the money she had collected to the younger girl to let the men start touching her.

It soon escalated to rape, police said, and the men threatened to kill the child if she screamed or told anyone, according to police.

The girl later put on her clothes and left the apartment; her older sister stayed, police say. Two women found the child crying outside the apartment and walked her home, where police were waiting because the girls' parents had reported them missing.

Leary's lawyer suggested Thursday in court that the child had been pressured to make up the story.

"She was not raped, was not gang-raped," Robin Lord said. "I'm 100 percent certain that the 7-year-old was not sexually assaulted. The allegations will not be substantiated by any forensic evidence."

Service

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The event was started last year by the Community Relations and Social Concerns committees of student government, and participation in the event is projected to be higher than last year's total, Roseberry said.

"Students have been doing service in the community for a very long time," senior Denise Baron, co-director of the event and outgoing Community Relations chair, said. "That mission of service really shines through in CommUniversity Day because students are doing service in the traditional sense, but they are also participating in civic involvement by working with public works."

Baron also said the University has modified its commitment to serving the community by creating new positions in community relations and increasing funding of service projects. She said CommUniversity Day lends its success to the continual collaboration between students, Notre Dame staff and administrators, community leaders and city officials.

"The role of community relations in both student government and CommUniversity Day is to make sure we are the best possible neighbors to South Bend," Baron said. "It really builds bridges and relation-

ships through connections between people on and off campus."

Roseberry also emphasized that CommUniversity Day is much more than just a day of service to the community.

"We want to work with the community to better the area together," Roseberry said. "The dynamic of engagement with the community has changed, so we are always looking for creative ways to engage with the community."

In addition to discovering new ways for Notre Dame to interact with the South Bend community, Baron said she believes CommUniversity Day allows participating students to learn something about themselves.

"The day recognizes the reciprocal nature of Notre Dame's relationship with South Bend," Baron

said. "Our free labor and service directly help to improve the community, but they also help students understand service in a broader sense and their place in the world outside South Bend as well."

Both Roseberry and Baron hope the event will expand and be improved in the future based on the needs of the community and the ideas of students.

"The model will be different every year depending on who is involved," Baron said. "It's an organic, self-defining project that is always changing."

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CommUniversity Day

Tuition

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College increased tuition and fees by five percent, and room and board by three percent.

"The increases are taken into account in determining financial aid awards and may impact need based financial aid, in particular," he said.

Overall, the rate of increase for tuition, fees, room and board is 4.32 percent. The total increase for the 2009-10 academic year was 4.5 percent.

"The administration reviewed the need for pricing increases in the context of the projected 2010-11 budget," Speller said. "The administration recommends the pricing structure to the Board of Trustees who have the final authority for the pricing decision. The Board

of Trustees approved the 2010-11 student charges at its meeting in February."

The College has continuously increased the cost of attendance since 2006. According to Speller, the total annual cost for the 2005-06 academic year was \$32,538. The total cost of attendance for the 2010-11 academic year will be \$40,500.

According to a College press release, 80 percent of Saint Mary's operating revenue comes from tuition, room and board.

The College is also supported by gifts from alumnae and friends. Additionally the College gains financial resources through they earnings of the endowment.

Speller said a letter discussing price increases was sent to parents in March.

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Building

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tion firm, on a previous project, Purcell Pavilion," Lyphout said. "The new arena will be an improvement from what we have now in that it will add 2,000 seats and have two sheets of ice, one for the hockey team and one for student and community use."

The new arena will be located on the north side of Angela Boulevard, south of the Joyce Center. Construction will last until December of 2011.

"The new ice arena has been a target project for a long time," Lyphout said. "Preliminary planning began in February of 2009."

Lyphout said he does not anticipate any problems.

"[The closed roads] will be open and in use before the first home football game," Lyphout said.

The roads that are currently closed were open during the NCAA women's basketball tournament on March 21 and 23 and will be open for the Blue and Gold football game on April 24, the Commencement exercises from May 14 to 16 and the 2010 Alumni Reunion from June 3 to 6, according to a University press release.

Hockey coach Jeff Jackson said he is thrilled for the new facility.

"It is exciting to see the construction get under way," Jackson said. "It will be an

exciting time for our entire program, watching it's evolution over the next 18 months."

He said the new facility will improve upon almost everything the current program has, including ice conditions, controlled practice environments, locker rooms and player amenities, equipment and trainer facilities, weight rooms and offices for staff.

"The best part of all is the environment that it will create for our students and fans. Having balconies all around will create an intimate environment and intimidating to our opponents," Jackson said. "Having a majority of chair back

seats, a club area and seating all with great sight lines for watching a hockey game will be awesome for our loyal supporters. They will also benefit from the amenities like restrooms, concessions and souvenir shops that we desperately lack at the JACC."

Jackson said the players have helped build the program to what it is today.

"So many of the players that have helped build this program over the last five years have graduated or are

graduating. They deserve to see how their efforts and on ice success have helped elevate the Irish hockey program," he said. "This also goes for all the great hockey alumni that have waited a long time for this, many of

which have contributed a lot of money to make it a reality."

Jackson said he had a hand in the design of the new facility.

"We wanted it to be built with a 'retro' appeal, not just a 'cookie cutter' bowl appearance," he said.

He said the design team looked at older college rinks like Northeastern's Matthews Arena

and Michigan's Yost Arena for inspiration, as well as new arenas at Miami and Denver.

"My main emphasis was making it an exciting venue for our students and fans, something that we can all be proud to call our home, including future recruits, and a scary place for our opponents to play," Jackson said.

Also under construction is Harper Hall, an addition to Raclin Carmichael Hall, part of the Indiana University School of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame.

The two-story 72,000 square foot hall will function as a cancer research center. Construction is expected to be complete during the 2010-11 winter season, according to the University Architect Web site.

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IN BRIEF

Steak n Shake parent changes name

INDIANAPOLIS — Steak n Shake Co. shareholders have approved changing the parent company's name to Biglari Holdings Inc. Shareholders approved the name change Thursday during Steak n Shake's annual meeting in New York City. Shares will begin trading Friday under the new name and ticker symbol, BH. The Indianapolis Business Journal reported in February that the parent company proposed the name change to avoid confusion between it and its subsidiaries, including Indianapolis-based Steak n Shake Operations Inc. Steak n Shake Operations' restaurants will retain the Steak n Shake name. The parent company moved its corporate headquarters from Indianapolis to San Antonio last year, but most Steak n Shake employees remain in Indianapolis.

Winfrey plans night show on network

NEW YORK — Calling her new venture "the network built on great intentions," Oprah Winfrey says her sleeves are rolled up to make the Oprah Winfrey Network "all that I know it can be." What will those great intentions look like? Speaking to media buyers Thursday at a presentation by partner Discovery Communications, Winfrey filled in a few of the gaps that have left people wondering just what her round-the-clock network will be since she announced it in January 2008. She took her audience through a dozen or so new shows planned for OWN after its launch next Jan. 1, and offered reassurance that she would be appearing on the 24-hour network she'll also be guiding from behind the scenes. After reigning in daytime for a quarter-century, she moves to nights to host a show called "Oprah's Next Chapter" that will release her from the confines of a studio and talk-show format for conversations and travel around the world. "I'll do it anywhere, I'll do it anytime, with anybody I want," she summed up saucily. Expected to air two or three nights a week, "Oprah's Next Chapter" is scheduled to premiere in late 2011. That will be shortly after Winfrey lays to rest her week-day syndicated talk show at the close of its 25th season, a milestone she had said "feels right in my bones" when she made her plans official on the air last November.

Major American airlines combine

Passengers worried United-U.S. Airways coalition will increase airfares

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Bigger isn't necessarily better for airline customers. United and US Airways are talking about combining into what would be the second-largest U.S. carrier. Travel watchers said that although a reduction in service and competition works out for money-losing carriers, it's not usually to the benefit of airline passengers. "Mergers tend to be a net negative for consumers," said Tim Winship, the editor of FrequentFlier.com. A combined United-US Airways would trail only Delta Air Lines Inc. in size. Combining them "would inevitably result in a significant loss of competition, the predictable result of which would be an increase in airfares in certain markets," Winship said.

The last big airline combination — Delta and Northwest — has so far gone as well as could be expected for both airlines and passengers. Airfares have actually dropped in the time since the deal closed in late 2008 but that largely reflects the recession's impact. People who can travel have enjoyed deeply discounted fares over the past year. Airlines cut fares to keep leisure travelers flying, as business travel dropped sharply. U.S. carriers all reduced capacity too. Airlines are beginning to see business travel return. Rick Seane, CEO of FareCompare.com, said it will take another year to see whether fares increase in the long run because of Delta's purchase of Northwest. He said competition is the main thing that drives ticket prices lower. United and US Airways are both major carriers in Washington, although that market also has extensive service from discount carriers. "Anytime you take somebody off the board, regardless of how much overlap



A United Airlines plane and a U.S. Airways plane share the runway at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix Thursday after news of their merger was met with approval.

they have, it's a net bad thing for consumers because it's less competition," he said. Both United and US Airways have been improving their operations. In February, even as massive storms tied up East Coast flights, United and US Airways had the top two arrival rates among international carriers, according to Transportation Department data released Thursday. It's far from certain that a deal will actually take place. Antitrust regulators would have to clear it, and pilots from different unions would have to be integrated. And it's unclear which name would survive, where the combined company would be based, or who would run it.

Winship said he's most worried that the US Airways approach to travelers would be the one that survives. He said US Airways gave away about 4 percent of its seats to frequent fliers last year — half the rate of United, American, and Southwest. And US Airways riled passengers last year when it tried to charge for bottled water; it backed down. "Overall, they have been a pretty consumer-unfriendly airline," he said. If US Airways is the corporate culture that survives, instead of "a midsized consumer-unfriendly carrier, we would have a mega consumer-unfriendly carrier," he said. The general thinking among analysts, and airline executives including United CEO Glenn Tilton and US

Airways CEO Doug Parker, has been that the U.S. has too many big carriers offering too many seats. That drives down ticket prices and makes it harder to turn a profit. US Airways and United lost a combined \$856 million last year. UBS analyst Kevin Crissey wrote in a note that no major U.S. airline is earning a profit that justifies the size of its investments. "Consolidation, though not easy, riskless, or free, is a logical way to attempt to rectify this long standing problem," he wrote. He estimated that a major combination such as United-US Airways would reduce capacity as much as 3 percent, mostly in the U.S. With fewer seats and competition, fares should rise, he wrote.

Mayor asks political donors to think of NYC

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg is expanding his effort to persuade political donors to write checks only to candidates who pledge to keep New York City's priorities in mind. Bloomberg has for years lobbied a small group of donors to dole out their cash to candidates who back causes that benefit the city, but now he is expanding the effort by mailing letters to 50,000 New Yorkers who give money to political campaigns all over the country. "We want you to know about New York City's highest priorities — and as someone who is active in politics, you have the opportunity to call for action on those priorities," Bloomberg wrote

in the letter released Thursday. By reaching out to thousands of contributors in a direct-mail campaign, the effort could have implications on races nationwide. "It's certainly a novel way to influence the influencers," said Dave Levinthal, spokesman for the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks money in politics. "This is the mayor of the most powerful city in the United States lobbying for his agenda through folks with a lot of influence and clout." Seven of the 10 ZIP codes that donated the most money nationwide to candidates during the 2008 presidential cycle are in New York City, more than \$6 million coming from just one swath of Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Every spring since 2006, the billionaire Republican-turned-independent mayor has gathered wealthy donors for a lunch at the Four Seasons, where he lists the causes he wants them to consider before supporting anyone running for office. He gives his guests a card for them to keep in their wallets that has a list of his legislative priorities for the year. The intention is that donors will consult the card and question candidates about those issues before writing any checks. The annual lunch is Thursday. This year, Bloomberg and his organizing partners expanded the effort and wrote letters to 50,000 New Yorkers — all of whom have contributed \$200 or more in federal elections from the 2004 cycle until present.

Trial team heads to Nationals

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

Notre Dame's Mock Trial Team 925 will compete with the best teams in the country at the American Mock Trial Association's National Championship Tournament April 16-18 in Memphis, Tenn. In February, Notre Dame hosted the South Bend Regional from which the top teams advanced to the Opening Round National Championship series recently held in Illinois.

The Mock Trial Team 925 was among the top six teams from that competition to advance to nationals. The top six teams from each of eight opening round tournaments around the country advance to the nationals in Memphis, representing the top 48 teams from across the country.

The team consists of 10 members who have been preparing for the upcoming competition.

"We have spent countless hours preparing for the case, and I am really proud of our team for advancing this far," co-captain Puja Parikh said. "We have almost lived and breathed Mock Trial this year, so this is definitely rewarding."

The Notre Dame Mock Trial Association began in 1989 and includes both classroom work and competition experi-

ence.

"Basically, we simulate what occurs during a real trial," Parikh said. "We get to be attorneys, both for the prosecution and defense, we put on witnesses that the attorneys direct and cross-examine in order to receive testimony, and as attorneys,

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Puja Parikh
team co-captain

the organization is "to stimulate reasoned and analytical thinking, to improve public speaking, to further individual experience in the legal field and in the courtroom, and to succeed in intercollegiate competition at the regional and national levels."

Mock trial classes, which have been offered for credit by the College of Arts and Letters since 2002, provide an introduction to the fundamentals of arguing a case.

"Mock Trial class teaches students how a criminal or civil trial is carried out by using a hands-on approach," team member senior David

Crisostomo said. "With the exception of the presiding judge, all parts in a trial are played by students who act both as witnesses and the attorneys."

Mock Trial Team 925 is expecting tough competition at the Nationals.

"Nationals is an opportunity to go against the best schools in the country and will be a very competitive environment," Crisostomo said. "I am especially excited since this is the first time I have participated in the later levels of competition and it provides a great end to my mock trial career."

Crisostomo also said he enjoys the commitment and camaraderie of the team members.

"The people involved in Mock Trial are some of the most dedicated people I've ever met and have become some of my closest friends," he said. "By the end of each

"Mock Trial class teaches students how a criminal or civil trial is carried out by using a hands-on approach."

David Crisostomo
senior team member

Trial members is that the alumni of the program will often visit to help coach or even judge in the competitions."

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Driscoll emphasizes liturgical reform

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted Fr. Michael Driscoll, associate professor of theology at Notre Dame, as the final part of the "Catholicism at the Crossroads" lecture series.

Driscoll emphasized the history of liturgical reform and how the nine primary English-speaking countries of the world decided to collaborate to form one universal understanding of the English language.

Driscoll said the ultimate goal would be for an English speaker to "go from country to country and participate in the liturgy without any hesitation."

Driscoll then addressed the three concerns of Synod of Bishops, which are liturgical, theological and ethical. This helps people better understand the mystery of how the Eucharist works in that, the way people pray leads to the way they believe which leads to the way people live.

"The Eucharist is a mystery to be celebrated, believed and lived," he said.

The liturgical concerns

have to deal with the active participation of people, both outward and inward, within the Catholic community.

"The liturgy is an art unto itself. It is enacted and embodied," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said the theological concerns are how the community believes in the presence of God — past, present and future and ethical concerns

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Fr. Mike Driscoll
Associate professor of theology

cal concerns imply the mission that a person is undertaking after leaving the Church.

"We've been nourished at the table of our Lord, so that now we can move on to our mission," Driscoll said.

"There has to be this strengthening between life and mission."

Driscoll also addressed the Aesthetics of Worship, which involve the three levels of mystagogy. The first level focuses on an excellent, careful, well-planned and well-executed liturgy. The last two emphasizes the reflection and sharing of the liturgy between an individual and community.

"The liturgy is a full conscience and active participation of all of the baptized," Driscoll said.

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Greene receives 2010 Ganey Award

Special to The Observer

Stuart Greene, associate dean for undergraduate studies in the University of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters and associate professor in the Department of English, was honored with the 2010 Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D., Faculty Community-Based Research Award at a ceremony this week.

The award, presented by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, recognizes Greene's latest project, No Parent Left Behind (NPLB), a parent-centered research initiative that springs both from Greene's theoretical work in literacy learning and his many years of community-based research in South Bend schools.

"Stuart's commitment to research and service in education is truly admirable," said John McGreevy, I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. "I am particularly pleased to see his work recognized for the positive impact it has had on both our community and our students."

"What he's accomplished through the NPLB initiative is a great example of Notre Dame's commitment to con-

ducting research, providing a vibrant undergraduate education, and engaging in and with the world."

The Ganey Award recognizes faculty research that engages Notre Dame students in collaborations that affect real community issues in South Bend.

It was a conversation with school principals about the need for more parental involvement that started Greene on his two-year study that connected students from the College of Arts and Letters' Education, Schooling and Society (ESS) minor with parents in local schools. Based on interviews, focus groups and surveys, Greene and his students "began to challenge prevailing models of parental involvement for minority and low-income parents," he said.

"The typical observation about low-income parents is that they just don't get involved in their children's learning," Greene said. "What we're finding is that they're actually doing a lot—it's just not as visible as it could or should be. Our work is helping these parents tell their own stories, opening the way for them to make teachers and administrators aware of their strengths—and their needs."



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Offshore leasing investigated

GAO report reviews environmental effect of sales

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — The federal Minerals Management Service in Alaska has been a target for lawsuits that claim it hasn't properly considered the environmental effects of offshore petroleum lease sales. A report by the Government Accountability Office concludes there's a reason why.

The investigative arm of Congress said MMS did not provide consistent policy to guide staff members in environmental reviews of petroleum drilling, leaving it vulnerable to litigation and allegations of scientific misconduct.

The report released Wednesday said information within the Alaska region was selectively shared. Reports submitted by industry that contained both proprietary and nonproprietary information, and that should have been available to environmental analysts, were withheld. Managers told the GAO that circulating reports on a "need-to-know" basis allowed them to protect proprietary information.

In its official response, the agency promised to do better, but environmental groups long frustrated with the MMS seized on the report as proof that the agency has made poor decisions in conducting lease sales in sensitive Arctic waters.

"The report highlights the inconsistencies with the way the Minerals Management Service in Alaska has conducted its environmental analysis," said Mike LeVine, an attorney for Oceana, which has challenged the validity of leases sold in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas.

Decisions on offshore lease sales are guided by the National Environmental Policy Act, a 1969 law that requires agencies to consider the environmental impacts of their proposed actions.

Interior Department policy directs agencies to prepare handbooks on how to implement the law. MMS did not develop a handbook, citing in part the agency's small size.

"Managers in the Alaska OCS Region told us that they rely on institutional knowledge of experienced staff to help new staff learn the process," the report said. The GAO found gaps in that institutional knowledge: Only two of 11 Alaska environmental assessment staff members interviewed in May 2009 had been in the office more than 3½ years.

Without strong guidelines, MMS regions varied in what constituted significant environmental effect. Alaska officials told auditors that they would not use explicit "significance criteria" because criteria are hard to develop.

A basic tenet of Oceana and

other environmental groups is that too little is known about Alaska wildlife to allow drilling to begin. There are endangered whales that swim far off the coast, ice seals that spend much of their lives in snow lairs or below ice, and walrus spread over international boundaries and thousands of square miles.

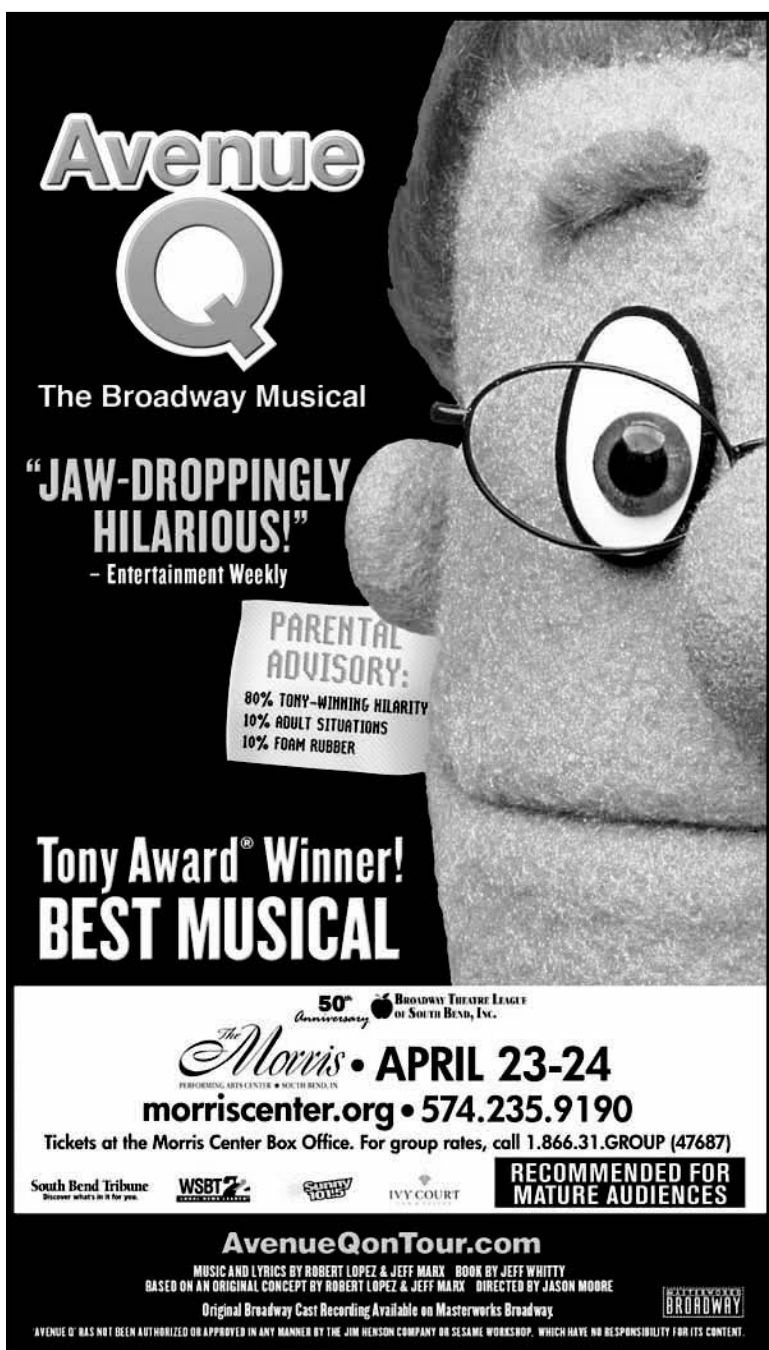
The agency approved lease sales anyway, said Brendan Cummings of the Center for Biological Diversity, which sued to halt an MMS five-year leasing plan.

"The report reaffirms what we have been saying all along: The Arctic is a very sensitive and understudied area, and there is no rational basis for concluding that impacts from oil development will not be significant."

Levine said MMS has not fulfilled its basic obligation under NEPA.

"They're saying that given the little we know about the ocean, it's difficult to figure out whether what we're doing is having a significant effect or not," LeVine said.

MMS Alaska spokesman John Callahan said Thursday that the agency is taking steps to put the GAO recommendations in place. The GAO report addressed Alaska's Bristol Bay, but Callahan said offshore frontier areas need additional exploration and analysis before other areas are offered for leasing.



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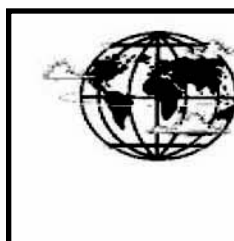
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Saint Mary's to host Little Sibs Weekend

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

This weekend, the Saint Mary's College Residence Hall Association (RHA) will be hosting Little Sibs Weekend, which gives Saint Mary's students a chance to show their little siblings life at the College.

"Lil Sibs Weekend is a fun event which gives the younger brothers and sisters of Saint Mary's students an opportunity to visit the campus," Kady Shea, RHA co-advisor, said. "Siblings are given the chance to hang out and stay overnight with their older sib to get a little glimpse of college life."

Little Sibs of all ages will be attending the event. Siblings must be over the age of three and male siblings must be under the age of 12 to stay in the residence halls.

"There is no better way to inspire the younger generation to pursue high academic achievement than to show them the opportunities they can have," Leslie Robinson, co-advisor of RHA, said.

Check in begins at 4 p.m. and is followed by an ice cream social for the whole family beginning at 8 p.m.

Students and siblings will have breakfast between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday in the Noble Family Dining Hall. A County Fair on the Library Green begins at noon and includes inflatables, tug of war, crafts, a petting zoo, a magician and a clown. Lunch will be served at the event.

After dinner Saturday night, the movie "Barnyard" will be shown in Carroll Auditorium.

The weekend ends with breakfast and Mass Sunday morning.

More than 160 little Siblings are registered to attend this weekend.

Event planning began in October. Saint Mary's sophomores Catherine Moore and Andrea Firth organized the event with various members of the RHA board.

"This year, we have even changed the pricing of Lil Sibs weekend so that more people can become involved," Robinson said. "We now offer three packages at different price ranges, so that all students can have a Lil Sibs weekend that is more catered towards their needs."

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Parole oversight leads to death of teen girl

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Parole officers should have done a better job watching a paroled California sex offender, but closer scrutiny may not have stopped the murder of one teenage girl and the assault of another woman, a draft report released Thursday said.

Even if suspect John Albert Gardner III had been sent back to prison for one of his repeated parole violations, he was unlikely to have qualified as a sexually violent predator, members of the California Sex Offender Management Board said.

The board softened language in the draft report that contradicted previous statements from mental health officials who said Gardner would have been strongly considered for commitment to a mental health hospital.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked the 17-member board of law enforcement officials, victims and treatment providers to investigate why Gardner was classified as low-risk and not punished for the seven parole violations.

The board began discussing the report Thursday. Its final report to the governor is due by the end of the month.

Gardner, 30, has pleaded not guilty to murdering 17-year-old Chelsea King of Poway, whose body was found in a park last month, and to the attempted rape of another woman in December.

He is being investigated but has not been charged in the death of 14-year-old Amber Dubois of Escondido, who disappeared in February 2009.

The report pointed out that those crimes occurred after Gardner has been released from parole and was under no formal supervision.

Even while Gardner was on parole, “it is unlikely that a revocation would have changed anything with respect to the crimes that Gardner is now charged with committing,” the report said.

However, it acknowledged that parole agents had failed to review whether Gardner should have been reclassified as a high-risk offender after he was found living too close to a school and day-care center while on parole.

They also should have immediately required him to move farther away instead of letting him live nearby for nearly two years, the report said.

His location could have been enough to send Gardner back to prison, but the parole board decided to keep him on parole for the remainder of his three-year term, which ended in 2008.

Authorities also could have sought parole revocation after Gardner was cited for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana in 2008, the report said.

“There was an opportunity to potentially violate his parole,” said board member Pamela King of the San Bernardino County Public Defender’s Office. “They had that opportunity for an extended amount of time and they chose not to violate.”

The report was prepared by Deputy Attorney General Janet Neeley and Robert Ambroselli, director of the state Division of Adult Parole Operations, which supervised Gardner for three years after his release from prison in 2005. Gardner spent five years in prison for molesting a 13-year-old neighbor girl in 2000.

Most of Gardner’s parole violations were considered technical, including four for letting the battery on his ankle bracelet run low and one for missing a meeting with his parole officer.

Other violations surfaced later, including his use of a social networking Web site.

The report called on the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to devise new policies for deciding which offenders should be banned from the Internet and better ways to track violations.

The 19-page draft report said Gardner would not likely have been classified as a sexually violent predator and been sent to a state mental hospital because he did not have a diagnosed mental disorder and the molestation he committed in 2000 involved a victim he knew, not a stranger.

Still, the report said California should provide treatment to sex offenders in prison and after their release, and follow the model of other states by requiring sex offenders to periodically undergo polygraph tests.

In addition, there should be more money for local law enforcement to help supervise offenders, and better communication with local agencies to catch potential violations, several of which were missed in the Gardner case, the report said.

It also questions whether tracking Gardner’s movements with an electronic device after he was released from parole supervision would have made a difference. It cites research that GPS tracking can help solve crimes but rarely prevents them.

“There is no crystal ball and you cannot prevent every crime from occurring,” King said.

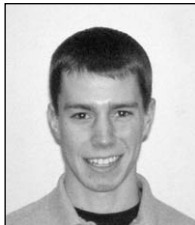
All the Pope's Men

In 1974 Richard Nixon resigned from the presidency as a result of his role in a widespread cover-up of the criminal activities that his government had participated in over the course of his presidency.

While the Watergate scandal exemplified corruption and created a distrust of our federal government, it also exemplified one of the great things about the American political system: accountability. The crook that ordered the cover-up had no choice but to resign.

Over the past month it has been reported that the Pope and other leaders of our Church have been similarly involved in a widespread cover-up of criminal activities that members of the priesthood have been participating in over the past 60 years (and probably much longer). The circumstances surrounding the priestly cover-up, however, are much more troubling than those of Watergate not only because the original behavior is so much more heinous, but also because the leaders at the top are an important source of moral foundation for a billion people in our world.

Currently I am working as a teacher in China through a Catholic organization, and before coming here I had to



Bob Kessler

The 17th Grade

take "Creating a Safe Environment for Children" training. This training included several videos of interviews with sexual predators that described their tactics to make sexual advances towards children or to get themselves alone with children.

Those of you that have seen these videos certainly remember how appalling they are. One man describes how he worked at a roller rink and how he told all the parents, "look how safe our roller rink is, no parents feel like they need to be here" and he went on to describe what he would do when he held children on his lap. Another man left pornographic magazines where children could see them, and would ask children what they thought of these magazines in order to begin his pursuit.

I believe that men like this are sick and dangerous, and that they should be locked away in the coldest and darkest prison cell imaginable so that they can't possibly come into contact with children while they await their long journey to hell. Until recently I believed that reasonable people would agree with me in this assessment, but if we are to believe The New York Times (which I do) it appears that our Pope and other leaders of our church seemingly believe that the sexual abuse of children is no big deal.

Reading these reports about the widespread sexual abuse problems that our church is undergoing disgusted me. It's one thing that a handful

(OK, more than a handful) of priests practiced this abhorrent behavior, but it's a completely different (and more disturbing) problem that Pope Benedict and other Church leaders were seemingly involved in cover-ups stretching from Munich to Milwaukee that not only protected child-abusing priests from law enforcement, but allowed some of them to continue working with children in a priestly capacity.

Aren't we supposed to look to priests and Church leaders for moral guidance? Isn't the primary purpose of religion to create a moral system that allows humans to live together harmoniously? How are the rest of us supposed to understand the difference between right and wrong if the leaders of our religion, the religion of one billion people, did not understand that these priests needed to be removed from the priesthood and sent to prison? How did Cardinal Ratzinger not understand the severity of these crimes?

The great success of Watergate is that it proved our political system works. While it certainly uncovered a disconcerting web of corruption and criminal behavior, it also proved that our system has the capacity to remove a president that can no longer credibly lead our country because of his activities. The problem with the Catholic religious system is that it has no such mechanism. I believe that the Pope is no longer able to credibly lead

our religion because of his complicity in this cover-up and his continued refusal to address the allegations in a forthright manner, but even if every Catholic agreed with my assessment, we have no ability to force a change.

The great travesty of all this is that because the scandal has now engulfed the Pope, it unfortunately impacts all of the men that serve under him. In the same way that American's trust of our government was thrown into question as a result of Watergate, our trust of the Church and the institution of the priesthood is now in jeopardy because of the actions (and inactions) of the Pope and other leaders. Catholics should therefore demand that this Pope resign from his position not only because he now lacks a credible moral basis for his leadership, but more importantly because his continuing role as leader of the church threatens to destroy the foundation of our trust in the Priesthood and general opinions and perceptions of all the good men working under him worldwide.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Furthering the argument for Atheism

I am hoping we can continue this debate about the credibility of atheism and religion. I was hoping to ask my question about what authority the Bible has today, considering that it is supposed to be the Word of God, yet is clearly written by men seeking to further their agenda of repressing women and telling false tales. Such an example is the story of Jesus kicking the merchants out of the temple, which was explained to me in my Fundamentals of Theology class as entirely impossible since he would have been murdered on the spot for such behavior. Some may argue that the Bible has to be reinterpreted for each generation and each group of people, yet doesn't this picking-and-choosing behavior disagree with the theory that it is the Word of God? How can we reconcile these concerns?

I also wanted to present my counter to Dr. D'Souza's assertion that morality cannot be a reasonable product of the evolution of humans. He described that altruistic behavior which does not directly benefit us does not make sense in light of what evolution would be more likely to produce. According to him, selfishness would be the best survival mechanism for humans. I disagree. Humans underwent a transition many years ago from small groups of hunter-gatherers to settle into agricultural societies. This creation of long-lasting societies necessitated the development of a moral code to ensure the society would prosper. An example is the members of society agreeing to not rob each other's houses. If each person took interest in theft, then the members of the society would have to invest

resources and time into protecting themselves against crime. Rather than wasting a tremendous amount of resources protecting oneself, the members of the community agree to not commit crimes. Today this attitude persists, where only a small percentage of the population and are often punished for such behavior.

In addition, this altruistic behavior is most apparent in the existence and proliferation of people with genetic diseases, some of which are deadly or debilitating. Evolution on Darwin's terms argues that such people should not live long nor reproduce, yet clearly something about human nature and technology has allowed these people to do just the opposite. Therefore I argue that morality is a product of evolution because living in societies is the better way for humans to reproduce and expand our territory, and we do not require a divine provider of morals to explain this. I do recognize that when two different societies do battle, the victor is not determined by the strength of the moral code, but by the number of fighters and technology.

I want to extend my utmost gratitude to the coordinators of this event, as well as to Christopher Hitchens and Dinesh D'Souza for an absolutely astounding debate. However, for anyone seeking the best answer to all of the questions one can have on this topic, I highly recommend Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy." For anyone unwilling to read the book, the answer is 42.

Deborah Olmstead

junior
April 7

Exploring only human sexuality

In response to Professor Fuentes who wrote "Just the Facts" (April 8), the fact that homosexual activity occurs in other animals does not give us an appropriate context for discussing *human* sexuality.

Humans are different than animals in very significant ways. Humans have a sense of transcendence or religion, a sense of the distant future, a sense of self-awareness and an ability to think abstractly. Animals, including our closest relatives like the Bonobo and the Chimpanzee, simply do not have these things. But probably the most important difference regarding this topic is our (human's) sense of consequences and our ability to differentiate right and wrong.

Humans, unlike other animals, have ethics and morality. Simply because other animals commit certain acts does not give us a foundation upon which we can discuss the appropriateness for humans to commit those same acts. The fact that cannibalism occurs in Bonobo communities should not affect how humans view an act of cannibalism among humans. Similarly, the fact that monogamy is favored among wolves and foxes should not affect how humans view monogamous relationships among humans.

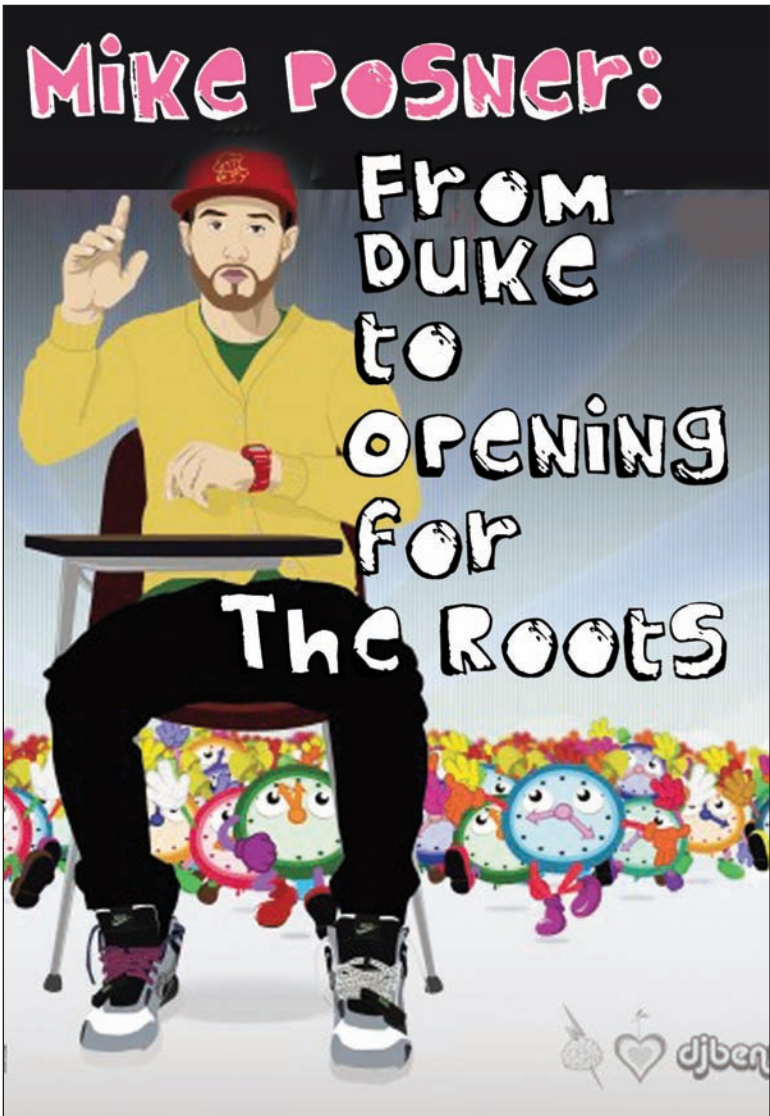
In order to foster the conversation regarding human sexuality and sexual orientation, only facts about humans and human relationships should be conveyed.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





By ALEX KILPATRICK
Assistant Scene Editor

It's the spring concert everyone's been waiting for. With talk of every band from MGMT to Girl Talk coming to perform at Notre Dame, it's finally been confirmed that The Roots will be the big band on campus this weekend.

Quoted as one of Rolling Stone Magazine's top 20 greatest live acts in the world, the Philly-based hip hop group has been around since 1993, produced 13 albums, won Grammys, played as the house band on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" since March 2009 and recently performed at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver in February.

But before The Roots take the stage Saturday night, Mike Posner will open the show. An American singer, songwriter and producer, Posner is known for his high energy sold out shows, as well as the strong nationwide buzz from his mix tapes. Although the Michigan native has not yet released his debut album, he has collaborated with such artists as 3OH!3, Kid Cudi, Big Sean, Bun B, One Be Lo and Eric Holljes. He worked with Don Cannon and DJ Benzi on "A Matter of



Time," a mix tape he released in early 2009 when he also hired manager Daniel Weisman of Elitaste, Inc. Record producer and DJ Don Cannon hosted the mix tape, while DJ Benzi mixed it. The tape includes guest appearances from Big Sean (a hip hop artist on Kanye West's record label G.O.O.D. Music), Jackie Chain, Donnis and Eric Holljes. Posner used several samples in the tape, including The Fray's "Over My Head" in "Still Not Over You," Electric Light Orchestra's "Evil Woman" in his own "Evil Woman," Keziah Jones' "Pleasure is Kisses" in "Who Knows?" and Beyoncé's "Halo" in "Halo."

After signing a major label deal with J Records of RCA and Sony in July 2009, Posner chose to return to Duke University, where he is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and is currently recording his debut album and touring on the weekends. He released his second mix tape "One Foot Out The Door" on Oct. 29, 2009. Kid Cudi, Big Sean, Bun B, GLC, 3OH!3, Freddie Gibbs and XV appeared on this sophomore effort from Posner.

He also sampled from The xx, John Mayer, Ricky Nelson, Miami Horror and Soulja Boy for the new tape. Posner is still working on his debut LP and expects to release it in the late summer after performing on all 42 dates of the 2010 Warped Tour.

Posner's well-praised show is sure to be an exciting opener for The Roots Saturday night.

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When I first heard that hip hop had won the student poll for the Student Union Board (SUB) concert, I was concerned. Coming from a hip hop fanatic, this may come as a surprise. I love the music; my fears rested with the audience. Since I've been at Notre Dame, at least two excellent but under-appreciated MCs, Brother Ali and Devin the Dude, have played shows at Legends to a less than enthusiastic crowd. To see two of my favorite rappers practically beg the audience for some reaction was embarrassing. Even Lupe Fiasco, a relatively well-known name, was given a cold reception.

Nick Anderson

Assistant Scene Editor

Granted, this could change if SUB could pull in a huge name. Artists such as Jay-Z, Lil Wayne or the Black Eyed Peas would surely sell out regardless of quality. I resigned myself to another lackluster show. This all changed when The Roots were announced as the headliner. Why? Quite simply, there is no group better at putting on a show.

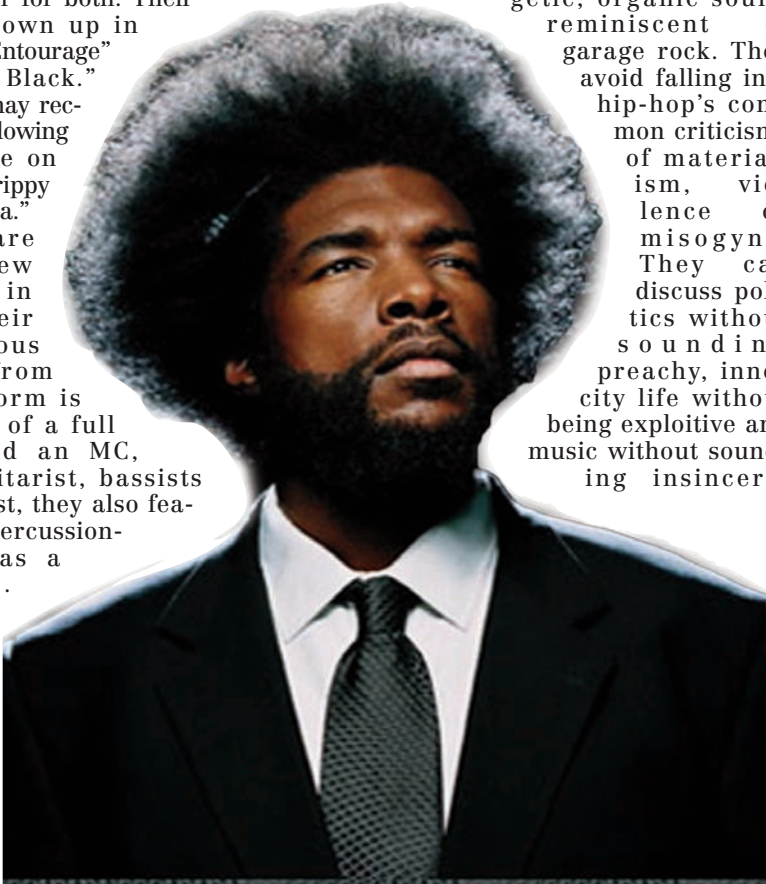
The Roots occupy a level of fame just outside of household names. Everyone is aware of someone with whom they are associated, but may struggle to name the group itself. As the house band for "The Late Show" with Jimmy Fallon, they've proven consistently to be the best piece of the show. Beyond

their current comedy gig, The Roots appeared in Dave Chappelle's "Block Party" and Jay-Z's "Fade to Black," with ?uestlove, the group's drummer and founding member, serving as musical director for both. Their music has shown up in "Superbad," "Entourage" and "Men in Black." Even toddlers may recognize them following an appearance on Nickelodeon's trippy "Yo Gabba Gabba."

The Roots are one of the few unique acts in hip hop. Their most obvious departure from traditional form is the presence of a full band. Beyond an MC, drummer, guitarist, bassists and keyboardist, they also feature another percussionist as well as a sousaphone. The band leader, ?uestlove, manages the group from his drum set in the back. Their swag-gar is undeniable and derived from

skill instead of exaggerated street cred or youthful bravado.

More importantly, their music is unique. Besides using samples sparingly, a full band produces an energetic, organic sound reminiscent of garage rock. They avoid falling into hip-hop's common criticisms of materialism, violence or misogyny. They can discuss politics without sounding preachy, inner city life without being exploitive and music without sounding insincere.

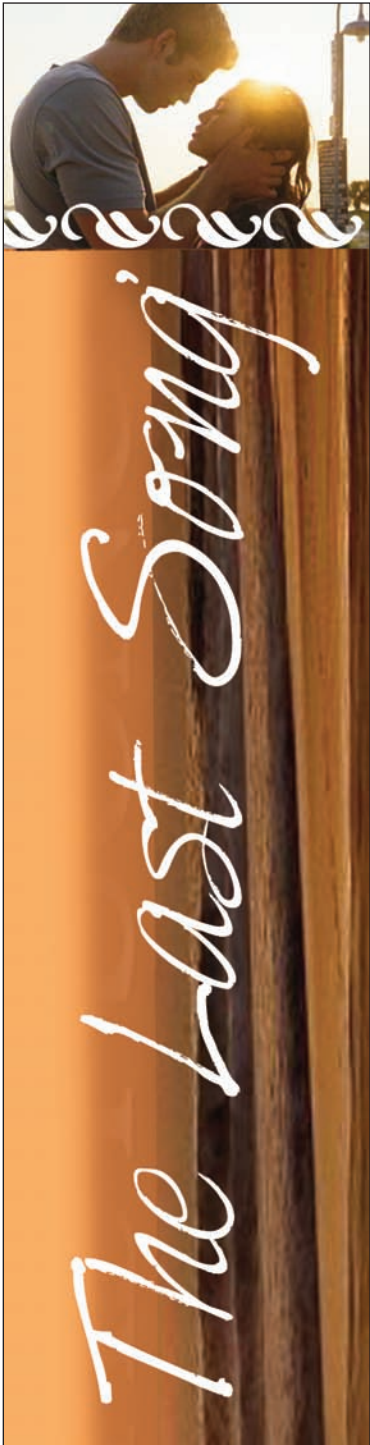


Blackthought, the group's MC, has the classic flow of a battle rapper but is perfectly at ease singing hooks. As a whole, The Roots embody the social and musical potential commercial hip-hop near-universally lacks.

As for Saturday night, The Roots will put on a hell of a show. They easily live up to their title as one of Rolling Stone's top live acts. Their shows quickly transform into a showcase of not only the group's impressive discography, but also of individual talents and creativity. Guitar riffs and strong baselines push the show towards rock; animated percussion pulls it towards jazz; all while hip-hop provides the central focus. The show may prove to be extra compelling for already established fans who hope to hear cuts from the upcoming album "How I Got Over."

Veterans of touring, The Roots will work Saturday's crowd like the masterful musicians they are. Whether you've listened to their albums or not, the show will absolutely floor you. There is literally no other group capable of putting on a show like them. Saturday night there will be no rock, hip-hop, pop or country fans. Instead, Stepan will be packed with music fans seeing some of the true greats.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
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It is always difficult to see a good book poorly adapted into a film. Director Julie Ann Robinson made a valiant effort with Nicholas Sparks' "The Last Song," but the cast, led by Miley Cyrus, was not able to successfully pull off this adaptation. Disney's queen bee tried to step out of her comfort zone by playing a serious character, but Cyrus simply doesn't cut it.

Ronnie (Cyrus) and her little brother Jonah (Bobby Coleman) are sent to Georgia for the summer to live with their father. She is a rebellious teenager who resents her father (Greg Kinnear), for her parents' divorce. She expresses this anger by sporting some punk-rock chic outfits, refusing to go to college, shoplifting and making surly faces.

While her father desperately fights to regain her love and trust, he also tries to reignite her passion for playing the piano. Music was the thing that connected the two when she was younger, and Ronnie was something of a child prodigy. However, what ultimately pulls Ronnie out of her shell is clean-cut volleyball player Will (Liam Hemsworth) who sees something in the angry teen. The two quickly fall in love. In fact, it's a bit too quickly — but that's what cheesy montages are for.

Will can see what Ronnie's father sees — that Ronnie really has a heart of gold. She is a protective big sister and befriends a girl in town who needs help. Furthermore, she appoints herself savior of sea turtle eggs threatened by evil raccoons on the beach. Thus, Ronnie's character does have depth.

Cyrus gave it her best shot, but she is simply lackluster. While she does have the star power to draw attention to the film, she just doesn't have the talent to be headlining a drama. The film is an emotional one that tackles huge issues including first love, a secret crime, illness and death. Cyrus is not convincing amidst all of the melodrama and should stick to the slapstick comedy of "Hannah Montana."

Hemsworth's portrayal of the pretty boy who has a sad secret is decent. He has some especially cute moments with little brother Jonah. But his character is not developed enough to show whether or not the Australian newcomer has a future in acting. His more immediate future consists of him as Cyrus' arm candy and new boyfriend in real life. Inevitably, some of that chemistry translates onto the screen and the couple is relatively believable as two teenagers in love.

A young actor who does excel is Coleman as the adorable, precocious younger brother who can't wait to spend the summer with his father. You might recognize him from "Martian Child" or "Post Grad." He succeeds where Cyrus fails at expressing true grief. Coleman brought the best out in the other actors especially in heart wrenching scenes with Hemsworth and Kinnear.

As basically the only adult in the film Kinnear does alright. He has proven himself to be a fantastic actor ("Little Miss Sunshine") but this film is not one to showcase his abilities. He does an average job with average material.

It's true the film's failure is not completely Cyrus' fault. The storyline itself has problems. For one, there are too many plot points for such a short film, a common problem in adapting a book to the big screen. A church fire sets the backdrop of the entire film, but a sudden illness out of nowhere causes the last third of the film to feel like a completely new story. Unfortunately, not even beautiful shots of the Georgia coastline can salvage the poor screenplay.

In the end, "The Last Song" does an okay job at exploring first love and the tenuous relationship between a father and his daughter. No, this film won't be Miley's swan song — she is after all a huge star — but it should make her consider taking back that comment about retiring from music soon, or at least get acting lessons.

Enter the theater with caution because for all its faults, "The Last Song" is still a tearjerker and enjoyable chick flick.

"The Last Song"

Directed By: Julie Ann Robinson
Writer: Nicholas Sparks, Jeff Van Wie
Starring: Miley Cyrus, Greg Kinnear, Liam Hemsworth, Bobby Coleman



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By RYAN RAFFIN
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This is a truly weird album. This isn't to say that the British post-punk quartet known as These New Puritans were ever a by-the-numbers band, but "Hidden," their sophomore full-length is something else.

Though their prior album was driven mostly by the rhythm section with little emphasis on guitars, "Hidden" takes that initiative to a whole new level. Guitars are almost entirely absent and a wide swath of new instrumentation is introduced in their place. A bassoon is heard on far more than one song, and even more surprisingly, it doesn't sound out of place. The closest comparison in terms of stylistic departure, if not musical content, is Radiohead's "Kid A." Like that classic, "Hidden" is the work of a band utterly unconcerned with commercial success and it too succeeds all the more because of it.

From woodwind sections to samples of swords being drawn to Castlevania-esque keyboards, the group seems to have turned away no idea in the composition of this album, no matter how far out there. Make no mistake, this is an album that was composed — there is far too much going on at any one moment to say "Hidden" was simply performed, as most are.

Opening track "Time Xone" is instrumental, consisting entirely of horns being played at a funereal tempo. It serves as a brief introduction to the album, lulling the listener until the song fades out and the first single "We Want War" kicks in. And does it ever kick. Over seven minutes in length, it features a militaristic drumbeat, keyboards and frontman Jack Barnett's cryptic, insistent singing. What is so incredible about the song is that it doesn't feel as long as it is, which is probably the best compliment a song can get.

The first two songs are indicative of what is to come on the rest of the album, which seems to be split between the breathy, horn heavy tracks and the rhythmic, stomping ones. Falling into the latter category is the excellent "Attack Music," featuring a choir and samples of breaking glass over a chanted refrain. Again, anything goes on "Hidden."

The rampant experimentation might be a turnoff for some listeners, which is understandable. These New

Puritans almost undoubtedly intended it to be a challenging listen. There are points where the album seems almost too scattered in its approach — but not quite. The stylistic diversity rarely hurts the album if it were focused on a single aspect, like sampling, the album would be boring beyond belief.

Still, the songs on "Hidden" aren't uniformly bizarre. "Fire-Power" recalls the relatively straightforward post-punk of "En Papier" off their debut album and is one of the only songs where guitar is present. The opening verse of "Orion" even approaches catchiness, with frontman Jack Barnett crooning over hits from a bass drum. "White Chords" could be a Joy Division B-side. Throughout the 11 songs, the beats frequently recall those heard in modern hip-hop, although certainly not in a context found anywhere near the top 40.

These New Puritans' willingness and ability to combine vastly disparate influences into an organic whole is ultimately their biggest strength.

"Hidden" is a relentlessly ambitious album that startles with every musical left turn. Is it an easy listen? By no means. Is rewarding and original? Absolutely. After a few listens to the whole album it becomes easier to pick out the subtleties of each individual track. Once everything has sunk in, it's not difficult to see how truly excellent "Hidden" is. After hearing this album, one can conclude that the band's name is almost certainly a joke, because nothing about this music is puritanical.

'Hidden' These New Puritans

Label: Angular/Domino
Best Tracks: "Time Xone," "Fire Power," "Orion"



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MLB

Aaron laments hitters' home run obsession

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hank Aaron watches games these days and is perplexed as batter after batter tries to jack pitches out of the ballpark, obsessed with the long ball that made Hammerin' Hank famous.

"I don't think they understand the role of what they need to be doing," Aaron said Thursday during a visit to The Associated Press. "I'm not saying all of them, but I think some players need to understand that they're never going to hit 50 home runs or 45 home runs (a year). They've got to learn how to hit the ball to the opposite field and do the little things to help their ballclub win championships."

He prefers not to discuss steroids, a subject that has followed him since Barry Bonds approached and surpassed Aaron's total of 755 home runs. But he's willing to talk about his likes and dislikes regarding the way baseball has changed since he retired as a player after the 1976 season.

It bothers him when he sees today's players get themselves into trouble, especially in the celebrity-obsessed glare that illuminates baseball and other public professions. He tries to counsel rookies and other youngsters to stay on the right path.

"The ones that think that they can have a shortcut in life, that's when they're going to get themselves in trouble, no matter who you are," he said.

"No one can tell me that you can consistently hit 60 and 70 homers, because the league is not made that way. This is the big leagues and every team has the best players they can," he added without prompting. "If you hit 30 home runs, that's fine, but don't think that you will hit 70 home runs because there is no shortcut. Eventually, things are going to catch up with you."

Now 76, Aaron's a bit pudgier than in his playing days but still has the same broad smile, the same large, meaty hands that pitchers feared from 1954-76 as he vaulted past Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Jimme Foxx, Eddie Mathews and Mel Ott on the home-run list.

He held the career record from 1974 until 2007, when Bonds made 762 the new 755, a record some in the baseball world find difficult to accept because of allegations Bonds used steroids.

Aaron never complained. He even recorded a video message played on the stadium scoreboard the night Bonds passed him.

A senior vice president with the Braves, the former home run

king is preparing these days for Atlanta's Arthritis Walk on May 22. He's overcome knee osteoarthritis with Synvisc-One, a medication that's relieved his pain and which he's promoting in the run-up to the event.

"I was kind of embarrassed at first, walking around with my grandson, trying to play basketball with him and going out with my friends trying to play golf. I couldn't even throw a baseball to my grandson," he said. "Rather than having surgery, I decided to try some other things. After I got my shot, I had no problem with my leg. I haven't had any problems at all."

He doesn't know if the leg pain came from hitting the wall too many times. Or perhaps hitting the dirt. He remembers very well facing Bob Gibson and Don Drysdale and Juan Marichal.

"I didn't hit the ground that much, but I got my share of knockdowns," he said.

Back in Aaron's day, it was rare for batters to charge mounds. Now, hitters sometimes glare if a pitch is even a baseball card's width inside.

As he watches these days, Aaron misses the dominating pitchers of his era.

"Most of those pitchers, when they got into the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, they didn't look back and see who was warming up in the bullpen. They usually could finish what they started. And so I was happy to know that I played in that era where those guys were able to do those things," he said. "Pitching has changed. I think that if you talked to the average manager and want to know what his philosophy is as far as pitching, he'll tell most of his pitchers before the season starts, 'You give me five good innings and I can bring somebody out there to relieve you.'"

The biggest annoyance is the length of games.

"It bothers me one inning can last, I don't know, 25 minutes or 30 minutes, when they keep bringing relief pitchers out and the catchers keep going out talking. That bothers me more than anything."

Stepping out is another pet peeve.

"They're supposed to be in the batters' box and be ready to hit," he said. "And the pitchers ought to be ready to pitch."

He'd like to see more day games, so parents can bring their kids and grandparents can take their grandkids. But he understands why most games are at night.

"What are going to do with your advertisers? There's going to be griping," he said.

PGA TOUR

Woods fires 68 in return

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Georgia — Tiger Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday, his best score ever on the first day of the Masters despite a five-month layoff.

Returning from a self-imposed exile and trying to rebuild his reputation after a sex scandal, Woods quickly showed his game was still in good shape.

His round included eagles at the eighth and 15th holes, the first time he's had multiple eagles in an Augusta round.

Also, Woods had never started with a score lower than 70 until Thursday, when he put himself just two strokes behind the surprising leader, 50-year-old Fred Couples.

"Why play if you don't think you're going to win?" Woods said. "If I don't think I can win, I won't enter the event."

The world's No. 1 player is off to a good start for his fifth green jacket, and his score could have been even lower. He lipped out four putts.

Still, no complaints after being away from the game so long and enduring plenty of ridicule over his personal life, which fell apart after a Thanksgiving night car crash led to revelations of multiple extramarital affairs.

Despite his off-the-course troubles, he heard nothing but cheers from the Augusta National fans.

"It was unbelievable, the whole day," Woods said. "The people, I haven't heard them cheer this loud in all my years coming here. It certainly helped keep my spirits up."

No longer sporting the goatee he had worn during practice, Woods bounced back from his first bogey with two precise shots that set up a 10-footer for eagle at the par-5 eighth. When the ball dropped in the cup, patrons rose in unison to salute the disgraced golfer, who delivered his first fist pump of the day.

But this round likely will be remembered for a shot Woods pulled off at the next hole. He yanked his drive left of the fairway, leaving him with a treacherous 5-iron that had to be hooked around the pine trees to reach an uphill green he could barely see.

Woods ripped into the ball with a powerful swing, then ran out into the fairway to get a look as it skidded onto the green, pulling to a stop about 12 feet above the hole. He rolled in the birdie putt, which put him on the leaderboard for the first time, just two strokes behind.

After one of the lip-outs came on an eagle attempt at 13, he rolled in an 8-foot putt at the 15th.

The gallery around the first



Tiger Woods, right, listens to advice from caddie Steve Williams during the first round of the Masters Tournament Thursday.

tee was sparse 30 minutes before Woods was scheduled to start. By the time he arrived, it had swelled to 10 deep all the way round. Woods smiled and touched the brim of his cap, acknowledging the cheers when his name was announced.

"Make us proud!" a fan yelled.

Not that he totally escaped his personal troubles inside the gates of Augusta National.

A small plane flew over the course pulling a banner that jabbed the golfer: "Tiger: Did you mean bootyism?" — a reference to Woods' claim that part of the reason for his troubles was that he left his faith, Buddhism. Some people in the stands laughed and pulled out binoculars to get a closer look. Later, another banner said: "Sex Addict? Yeah. Right. Sure. Me Too!"

Woods largely lived up to his vow to be more responsive to the crowd and try to keep his emotions in check. He doffed his cap to the fans several times, and they were appreciative.

"I think the way he's reacting with the crowd is amazing," said Jim Moehring, who cheered on Woods in Amen Corner. "He seems to be more relaxed."

Until he got to No. 14. Woods' explosive temper let loose there after an errant iron shot. He slung down his club and let out a scream as he turned away, unwilling to even watch the flight of the ball.

Couples has won three straight times on the 50-and-over Champions Tour, and that success carried over to Augusta. He had only one bogey the entire day and shot a 32 on the back side.

"I'm driving it very long and fairly straight, and I'm putting ridiculously well out there," he said. "Today I made a bunch of 6- and 7-footers on the front nine. That was just a huge boost."

Watson, who nearly became the oldest major winner in golf history at last year's British Open, showed it wasn't a fluke. He held the lead for a while after shooting 67, tying his best round at Augusta.

The last time he did it was 20 years ago. Watson closed with a 5-foot birdie putt at the tough 18th hole, set up by a brilliant iron shot that skipped along the right side of the green, caught the ridge and turned back toward the flag.

Phil Mickelson was among five players who matched Watson's 67, joined by reigning PGA Championship winner Y.E. Yang, Woods' playing partner K.J. Choi and England's Lee Westwood, seeking his first major title.

Mickelson had a blistering eagle-birdie-birdie stretch starting at the par-5 13th, and his score could have been even lower. He missed birdie tries of about 10 feet at No. 16 and a 5-footer at the 18th, but this was still an encouraging start for a two-time Masters winner who has struggled this year.

"I do love this place," Mickelson said. "I don't have to be perfect. I can miss a shot and still recover. It relaxes me when I go down Magnolia Lane."

Woods was in the next-to-last group, playing with Choi and Matt Kuchar. It looked as though there might be a rain delay as skies darkened and the wind gusted up to 22 mph (35 kph) ahead of an approaching storm. There were scattered sprinkles, but the front broke up as it passed over Augusta.

Anthony Kim endured a wild back side on his way to a 68. He started with three straight bogeys, made an eagle at 13, another bogey at the 14th, then closed with three straight birdies. His only par after the turn came at No. 16. Nick Watney also shot a 68.

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12	Texas A&M	14
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16	Louisville	10
17	Mississippi	9
18	Wake Forest	8
19	North Carolina	7
20	Duke	6
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25	Florida State	1

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PGA



Tom Watson chats with fellow tour golfer Ben Crane during a practice round at Augusta National on April 6, 2010. Watson, after surprising at last year's British Open, again finds himself near the leaderboard after Masters Day One.

Watson a surprise yet again at Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tom Watson's week began on 13th green with his son proposing to his girlfriend in an elaborately staged surprise that included the chairman of Augusta National.

His day began standing on top of a stool to get a view of a few old friends hitting ceremonial shots off the first tee.

His round began with a pep talk from the groom-to-be, who also happened to be the guy carrying his bag.

"Come on dad, let's go out and play a good round of golf," Michael Watson told him.

A storybook week

deserves a fairytale ending. And who could argue that anyone deserves one more than the man who had one stolen from him last year at Turnberry in a heartbreak heard around the world.

The odds still are it won't happen here. For now, though, there's a senior citizen near the top of the leaderboard at the Masters.

"It doesn't matter what it is right now," Watson said. "It matters on Sunday. That's all that matters. Every player in that field knows that."

Let's not spoil the moment. We all know what's supposed to happen when old nerves meet fast greens.

But if Turnberry was one

for the aged, why couldn't this week at Augusta National turn into one for the ages?

It doesn't all have to be about Tiger Woods, does it?

"It's a long shot for somebody, still, honestly, of our age to do it," Watson said. "But still, they can do it."

If anyone can do it, it's the gap-toothed wonder who almost gave us one of the great sports stories ever when he came within an easy 2-putt of winning the British Open last year at the age of 59.

He's a year older, but not much wiser. He still stubbornly believes he can play against the kids.

On this day he played bet-

ter than almost all of them, and in the process nearly stole the day from Woods.

Watson's 67 matched his best round ever in the Masters, one that came 20 years ago when he was a much younger man and Augusta National was a much different course. He didn't make a bogey and was a stroke behind the lead of fellow senior tour player Fred Couples.

All this from a guy who hadn't made the cut here in eight years and shot 83 the last time he teed it up in the Masters. The same guy who bemoaned at the British that he was nothing more than a ceremonial player here any more.

IN BRIEF

Attorney: Evidence will exonerate Steelers star WR Holmes

ORLANDO, Fla. — An attorney for Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Antonio Holmes says he has mailed Orlando Police investigators evidence that will exonerate his client against allegations that he threw a glass at a woman in a nightclub.

Attorney Adam Swickle refused to say Thursday what the evidence was since it is part of an ongoing investigation.

Orlando Police Department spokeswoman Barbara Jones also refused to say whether detectives had received anything.

Anshonae Mills filed a lawsuit last month claiming Holmes threw a glass at her, cutting her above the eye. In the lawsuit, she said Holmes and a police officer intimidated her so she wouldn't press charges.

Mills changed her mind, and the case has been reopened by the Orlando police.

Butler inks 33-year old coach Stevens to multi-year contract

INDIANAPOLIS — Brad Stevens is content to keep coaching the Butler way.

The 33-year-old coach, who came within a buzzer-beating shot of winning the NCAA men's basketball championship, signed a 12-year deal Thursday that extends through the 2021-22 season.

Team spokesman Jim McGrath declined to say how much the deal was worth, though Stevens had a total compensation package of \$750,000 last season. Athletic director Barry Collier acknowledged Tuesday that Stevens was in line for a pay raise.

The Bulldogs got the man they wanted to stay.

"Brad has demonstrated that he's the right fit for Butler University," Collier said in a statement. "Our program has grown under his leadership, and we're excited about our future under his direction."

Jets reportedly close to deal with rival Dolphins' DE Taylor

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Jason Taylor is dancing with the enemy.

The free agent linebacker and six-time Pro Bowl pick with the Miami Dolphins met with the New York Jets for a second straight day Thursday as coach Rex Ryan tried to add the NFL's active sacks leader to last season's top-ranked defense.

"Hopefully we can bring him along for the ride," linebacker Calvin Pace said.

"I think it would be a great situation for him."

The 35-year-old Taylor, who was in town with his wife, Katina, was expected to take until this weekend at the earliest before deciding on whether to sign with New York. The former "Dancing With the Stars" contestant — he finished runner-up to Kristi Yamaguchi in 2008 — has had a contentious relationship with Jets fans during his 13-year career,

NFL

Meadowlands facility prepares for trial run



The new Meadowlands stadium is slated to open this fall, playing home to the Giants and Jets.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — When Mark Lamping talked about a truly soft opening of the New Meadowlands Stadium, the chief executive of the \$1.6 billion home for the Giants and Jets wasn't kidding.

Fans showing up for a college lacrosse tripleheader on Saturday will see that the concourse around the stadium isn't complete, the access roads leading into the 82,500-seat facility aren't finished, and there's work to be done on some of the concourses and the concession areas in the upper levels.

And the 4,000 or so people who work at the stadium and have undergone 16 hours of training are going to be working their first game. So they might be as confused as the fans coming to the stadium for the first time.

"There will be some fumbles and dropped passes like any training camp," Lamping said before giving a tour of the stadium to about 40 media members Thursday.

Lamping said the positive aspect to opening the facility some four months ahead of schedule, and holding several concerts and an international soccer game, is it will allow the staff to work out the kinks before the Jets and Giants open the regular season in September.

The outside of the new stadium is metallic, looking somewhat like an open venetian blind. The inside is spectacular, with fans bound to be impressed by the cozy feeling of the seating and four Jumbotron screens that are 118 feet long and 30 feet high, with each presenting a crystal clear picture from its mid-stadium level.

"The idea was to put them lower in the bowl than typically where they would be and have them in a location that, no matter where you're sitting or where the action is, you can always see two video

boards," Lamping said.

The facility, to be called the New Meadowlands Stadium until the Giants and Jets find a title sponsor, is taller and bigger than the adjacent Giants Stadium, which opened in 1976 and served as the dual home of the Jets and Giants since 1984.

The new stadium, constructed in 34 months, can be converted from a Giants game to a Jets game in a couple of hours. Buttons can be pushed to change signage from Giants blue to Jets green almost instantaneously. The end zones with the team names can be switched by rolling up two rug sections on the fieldturf surface.

Even the outside of the stadium can change colors by shining light off the stadium fins. The fins also serve to limit the rain and wind entering the stadium.

The new stadium, which includes 9,500 club seats and 222 luxury suites, has 1.9 million square feet, about a million more than Giants Stadium.

The suites are impressive, particularly the 20 units that seat 400 people in the Commissioner Club. The suites range in price from \$750,000 to \$1 million and give the occupants access to both teams.

The common area of the Commissioner's Club is impressive, with black walnut walls and bamboo floors. The mezzanine level has 7,000 club seats.

For those who have the less expensive seats near the top of the stadium, the upper levels are high. However, the seats don't make you feel like you are sitting on the side of a cliff.

All the concessions, suites and sound systems are tied into a data center in the basement of the building.

Lamping said the demolition of Giants Stadium should be finished by July and the land should be transformed to parking hopefully by the start of the NFL regular season.

"There will be some fumbles and dropped passes like any training camp."

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MLB

Cabrera’s bat leads Tigers to win over Royals

Dontrelle Willis returns from mental struggle to earn win; Dodgers sit five starters but still outhit Pirates

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — He walked the first batter on four pitches.

Would Dontrelle Willis’ 10-month struggle to recover from social anxiety and chronic wildness blow up in his face the first time out?

In a word, no. The former two-time National League All-Star walked two batters in the first inning but none over the next five as the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals and its shaky bullpen 7-3 Thursday, giving hope that Willis’ troubles may finally be a thing of the past.

“It was a gritty ballgame early,” said Willis, who had appeared in just 15 games since signing a three-year contract with Detroit in 2008. “They had me on the ropes. But with the encouragement of my team I was able to battle, make some good pitches and get us back in the dugout.”

Miguel Cabrera drove homered and drove in four runs for Detroit.

In his previous regular-season start June 14, Willis walked a career-high eight batters in just 3 2-3 innings. Then he went on the disabled list the rest of the season with social anxiety disorder.

If the right-hander can regain the form that made him a star with the Florida Marlins, the Tigers will seem almost certain to contend in the AL Central.

“Early on, I’ve got to force contact,” he said. “I think everybody’s going to have the same approach on me. I think they’re going to wait me out to see if I’m throwing the ball over the plate.”

Without a doubt, that was Kansas City’s strategy.

“He wasn’t quite as wild as we expected him to be or as he’s been in some of his past,” said manager Trey Hillman. “He threw enough strikes for us to have to be ready.”

Cabrera hit a three-run home run on an 0-2 count off Luis Mendoza (0-1) in the eighth, putting the Tigers on top 4-2. He added an RBI single in the three-run ninth as the Royals’ bullpen blew a save for the third straight game.

While losing two of three games in this season-opening series, Royals starters Zack Greinke, Luke Hochevar and Brian Bannister gave up only two earned runs.

“It’s just a matter of making pitches on quality hitters,” said Hillman. “When you leave pitches out over the plate especially to guys like Cabrera, Magglio (Ordonez) and (Carlos) Guillen, they are going to get you.”

Willis allowed two runs on seven hits, with two walks and four strikeouts in six innings.

“He’s got to build on this one,” said manager Jim Leyland. “This one was OK. It wasn’t great, but it

was OK. I’ve kind of stayed away from making any fuss one way or the other. Treat him the way you do everybody else. If you do the job, you pitch. I’m excited for him. I’m happy for him.

“He’s got every teammate pulling as hard as you could pull for everybody. It’s great to see.”

Cabrera went 4 for 5 with a three-run homer and an RBI single. In 41 games against the Royals, he’s hitting .363 with 13 home runs and 39 RBIs.

“This is a good park to hit, this big park,” said Cabrera, who hit the tying home run on Wednesday night. “When you see a big park, you try to use the gaps. That’s an advantage.”

Dodgers 10, Pirates 2

The Los Angeles Dodgers didn’t need Manny Ramirez or Andre Ethier, Casey Blake or Russell Martin to finally find a way to beat what is usually one of the majors’ worst teams, the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Manager Joe Torre simply plugged in a bunch of backups, and a lot of hits followed.

Ronnie Belliard homered among three extra base hits and drove in four runs, and the Dodgers won 10-2 on Thursday to avoid being swept in a three-game series by the Pirates for the first time in 10 years.

The Dodgers didn’t start five regulars, including middle-of-the-

lineup hitters Ethier (sore left ankle) and Ramirez (day off), but still got 16 hits off four pitchers, including 10 from their No. 1-4 hitters. Reed Johnson doubled among three hits and scored twice, and Matt Kemp, James Loney and Garret Anderson drove in two runs each.

“They’re an aggressive-hitting team,” Pirates manager John Russell said. “You throw the ball over the middle of the plate, they’re going to make you pay.”

The Dodgers hadn’t been swept in a three-game series by Pittsburgh since Sept. 4-6, 2000, in Los Angeles. The last such sweep in Pittsburgh was May 31-June 2, 1999, when the Pirates played in Three Rivers Stadium.

Belliard, making a spot start after losing the second baseman’s job to Blake DeWitt, hit a two-run homer off Paul Maholm (0-1) in the fifth to make it 4-0. Belliard added a run-scoring triple during a breakout four-run seventh against reliever Hayden Penn, huffing and puffing into third.

Belliard doubled in the ninth, finishing 3 for 5 and a single short of the cycle.

“I’m not going to play every day, I’m going to come from the bench and sometimes when they need to give the guys off they’re going to put me out there,” said Belliard, who replaced Orlando Hudson at second base late last season. “I’m going to keep work-

ing and keep myself strong to help the ballclub.”

Maholm second-guessed himself for throwing a hittable pitch to Belliard on an 0-1 count, especially with two out and Anderson on deck.

“It was a sinker that didn’t do a whole lot, except go about 405 feet,” Maholm said. “In my head, I had a left-handed batter coming up. I agreed to it and I threw it, but in my mind I wanted to throw something different.”

Dodgers starter Chad Billingsley (1-0) gave up a run while throwing 107 pitches over 5 1-3 innings, yielding five hits, striking out seven and walking four.

Billingsley was 4-0 during five April starts last season and was 9-3 with a 2.72 ERA after 14 starts, making the NL All-Star team. He faded during the second half, losing eight of his final 11 while having a 4.03 ERA.

“Last year was last year, this is a new season, a new start,” Billingsley said. “We’ll have to take it one start at a time and one win at a time.”

With the Dodgers having no established No. 1 starter, they would welcome Billingsley or left-hander Clayton Kershaw pitching himself into that role.

“We needed a win,” Billingsley said. “You always want to be that guy who is the one who can stop it (a losing streak).”

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PGA TOUR

Woods lost morality, not golfing prowess

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — If you wanted to see him fail, a golf course was probably the last place to look.

Tiger Woods might have lost his moral compass. But his swing hasn't gone anywhere.

He striped what might have been the most pressure-packed shot of his career off the first tee, then hit his approach shot 12 feet left of the hole—this as a plane circled lazily overhead towing a banner that read: "Tiger: Did you mean Bootyism?"

Woods' birdie try at the first hole narrowly slid past the cup and spun away. Four other times his birdie tries hit the lip and spun out. He let a half-dozen similarly good birdie opportunities on the back nine get away—this time with a plane towing a different banner: "Sex Addict? Yeah. Right. Sure. Me, Too!"

For all that, Woods still shot 68, his lowest opening round ever at a tournament he's won four times. If nothing else, no matter how the rest of his time here goes, this performance should put to rest any notion that how Woods plays golf has anything to do with how he behaved.

And remember: If only half the stories of his extramarital flings are true, Woods already won a dozen times around the world knowing full well his secret could blow up at any moment. When he said this time that he feels more comfortable on a golf course than just about anywhere else, it never rang more true.

"I normally do feel pretty good on the golf course. Sometimes," Woods said, "it may be a little difficult at home when helicopters are flying overhead, taking pictures. But normally, I do feel pretty good."

He was cheered on the range, on the practice putting green alongside the first tee and everywhere else he stepped. The closest thing to derision were muttered conversations along a few fairways, where clusters of friends either dared one another to yell something nasty, or wondered whether anybody else might. No one did.

That certainly had something to do with all the extra security crisscrossing the grounds. Even when Woods sneaked over to a portable toilet on the 11th hole, he was trailed by two guards. He was also escorted all the way around by Team Tiger, which consisted of a dozen people at various times, but always included his mother, Tida, swing coach Hank Haney, Nike boss Phil Knight, agent Mark Steinberg and a few staff members from the Tiger Woods Foundation.

The cheers were tentative at first, with fans looking at one another as if all of them were searching for the right tone. But soon enough, the applause gathered steam in direct pro-

portion to how Woods was playing.

When he walked onto the 12th tee, he politely tipped the bill of his cap, then realized those in the gallery just ahead of him had popped up out of their seats. Woods took his cap off to the still-standing ovation, then moments later, hit his tee shot at the par-3 hole just 6 feet below the pin and responded to the full-throated roar by taking his cap off again. Half-embarrassed, he followed that with an awkward smile.

"I said thank you all the way," Woods said. "I was saying thank you all day."

That wasn't the only thing he said, of course. For all the talk about a new, more fan-friendly Tiger, flashes of the old one resurfaced as he climbed the leaderboard. He pumped his first with every birdie try that fell and nearly dropped to his knees several times when they didn't.

At the 14th, after a letter-perfect drive down the right side of the fairway, Woods pulled his approach left and long of the green, dropped the club and let out what

sounded like the beginning of a howl: "God ..." But he caught himself mid-scream, then just stopped, stared into the distance and composed himself for the next shot. One of his three bogeys followed anyway.

Yet those disappointments were muted compared to the five months of wall-to-wall ridicule that preceded them. As a reminder, he was ripped only Wednesday by Augusta National chairman Billy Payne, who publicly called out Woods for being a less-than-suitable role model for kids.

"We did have a conversation, yes we did," was all Woods said about it. "I was disappointed in myself, too."

Payne's admonition, however, was mild compared to the blistering that Woods caught for a new Nike commercial that aired a day earlier, in which he stares into the camera as his late father asks, "What were you thinking?" The ad has been parodied dozens of times already, most notably with the voice-over replaced by a message Woods was said to have left for one of his mistresses.

"I think that's what my dad would say," Woods said late Thursday, back on the defensive for one of the few times all day.

"It's amazing how my dad can speak to me from different ways, even when he's long gone. He's still helping me. Any son who's lost a father that meant so much in his life, I think they would understand the spot."

Maybe.

But the simple fact that Woods and his backers at Nike have decided to push back tells you two things. First, they're as determined to cash in on his misfortune as everybody else; and two, whatever things Woods needed to work on in rehab, his confidence was not one of them.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Saban likes Tide offense

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban isn't one to lavish praise on his football team, especially not during spring practice when the goal is improvement.

He's having trouble finding much fault with an offense that returns virtually every playmaker from last season, including Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram.

"I feel really good about the way we're going on offense," Saban said on Wednesday. "The quarterbacks are playing well. We've got good skill players all the way around, and they've done a really good job."

"I think we've improved the passing game."

Offensively, that would be an important objective for spring practice and next season.

Sure, the Crimson Tide won a national title last season largely with a relentless running game and one of the nation's best defenses. The forward pass was mostly an afterthought in the national championship game victory over Texas when Greg McElroy threw for just 58 yards.

A little more firepower might come in handy with a defense that returns only two starters. Tailbacks Ingram and Trent Richardson certainly wouldn't complain about a passing game that kept opposing defenses from stacking extra defenders near the line of scrimmage, or in the box.

"There were times last year when they were putting eight or nine in the box and we were still running it," Ingram said. "We wouldn't get the ball out to the perimeter, to our playmakers. That's just one thing that we have to do, and that's a point of emphasis that we're looking at this spring."

"When people are trying to load up the box to stop the run, we get the ball to them so they can stretch the field and make plays. They're dangerous and we've got to give them the ball."

Five of the top six receivers are back and three more report in the fall. Richardson and Ingram combined for 2,409 yards and 25 touchdowns rushing.

Saban said the two "probably



Alabama head coach Nick Saban wants his team to be more balanced on the offensive side of the ball in 2010.

were the salvation" of the offense last season.

Alabama's only current holes are at right tackle, left guard and tight end. Sophomore guard Chance Warmack and redshirt freshman tackle D.J. Fluker are among the leading candidates for the line spots while there are several experienced tight ends.

McElroy still has wide receivers Julio Jones and Marquis Maze and Darius Hanks in a passing game that was serviceable but not particularly consistent.

"We left a lot of plays out on the field last year," tight end Preston Dial said. "We're trying to capitalize on the plays and have more plays from scrimmage and limit the penalties. When you've got guys like Maze, Hanks and Julio outside, there's no reason we can't pass the ball."

McElroy's only significant missing target is tight end Colin Peek, who was fourth on the team with 26 catches for 313 yards. Saban said he has seen "a lot more explosive plays not only in the scrimmage but every day in practice."

Jones had a drop in numbers his sophomore season with injury problems but is now

healthy.

"I think it's safe to say that he's a different player," McElroy said. "He stepped it up tremendously. He's even probably surpassed what he did as a freshman."

The Tide had seven new starters last season.

"We started off slow on offense, if you remember the first half of the Virginia Tech game," Saban said. "There were probably many people that thought we'd never get a first down. We had a lot of new guys playing, a lot of young guys. We were rebuilding the offensive line. We got better in the second half and got better each week."

The spring's first scrimmage, at least, emphasized passing. To Ingram, it was a positive sign for a simple reason: The receivers were catching the ball.

"They were making plays," he said. "When we were taking shots downfield, they were making plays. They weren't dropping balls. Greg was making the right reads, so that showed up. Instead of incomplete passes or interceptions, those were big explosive plays. I don't think it's anything that anybody should be too concerned with, because we're going to stay a balanced offense."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish look to regain form

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concludes the regular season with the SunTrust Lady Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., as they prepare for the upcoming Big East tournament.

The Irish hope to improve their play this weekend, while adding some consistency to their game. The Invitational will provide excellent practice and preparation for the upcoming Big East championships.

The tournament features 15 teams, including four teams currently in the NGCA top 25. The competition will be fierce, but that only makes the Irish stronger and gives them an edge

against their conference foes.

Despite playing solid rounds of golf over the course of the season, putting together three solid rounds continues to elude the Irish. Irish coach Susan Holt said the team knows what it wants to accomplish in the SunTrust Lady Gator Invitational: more consistent production.

"We need to get three solid rounds together," Holt said. "We are just trying to be more consistent and productive."

At the Invitational, Notre Dame will get an idea of how they compare to the rest of the competition. With this tournament, the Irish not only face good teams, but they also get a feel for the Florida courses on which the Big East

Championships will be held.

Notre Dame looks to make a strong showing at the conference tournament this year, a tournament in which they finished second last season. The Irish return three players that finished in the top 11 last year. Both senior Annie Brophy and junior So-Hyun Park finished tied for ninth, while sophomore Becca Huffer finished tied for 11th.

"I know what we are capable of," Holt said. "We are close."

The Irish are out to prove how close they are to being among the elite as they hit the links this weekend at the Mark Bostick Golf Course Saturday.

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SMC GOLF

Belles welcome Trine for home dual meet

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The Belles will try to rebound from a disappointing third place finish at last week's Southwestern Invitational when they take on Trine University Saturday afternoon in a home dual meet.

"The last couple trips have been a challenge but it's good to be back in some familiar surroundings," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "I'm looking forward to a breakthrough weekend."

The No. 5 Belles have had success against the Thunder in the past, beating them in the fall season as well as taking second place at the Trine Invitational. With a win, the Belles will be able to regain confidence that was lost when things didn't go their way in Texas.

However, Hamilton said the Trine University lineup could have a different feel to it heading into this weekend's matchup.

"They may have added a couple new players for the spring season, but we'll see what happens," he said. "We're definitely optimistic."

Trine University is led by senior Becca Miller and junior Katlyn Pero. Miller had a successful fall season, as she was awarded First-Team All-MIAA honors. The Thunder finished fourth overall in conference play.

The Belles looks to discard the

inconsistency that plagued them throughout the Southwestern Invitational, particularly on the tournament's final day, when the team squandered a chance to hold onto second place.

"[In Texas] we were cruising along making a lot of pars and birdies, then an 8 or 9 would creep in somewhere and that would put us back behind the eight ball," Hamilton said. "It was pretty disappointing — we all just played poorly on the last day as a team which normally doesn't happen."

The Belles will need a big performance from the trio of junior Mary Kate Boyce, sophomore Natalie Matsuzak and junior Rosemary O'Connor, each of whom has played an essential role this season. With MIAA qualifying right around the corner, Hamilton is looking for a complete performance to boost the Belles to an automatic bid for the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"We need some solid scores out of our top three players, but our four and five spots are key to our success," Hamilton said. "I look for whoever plays in those spots to be consistent and come in with a good number."

The Belles will take on Trine Saturday at noon at the South Bend Country Club.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's travels to Albion

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's (13-9, 2-0 MIAA) looks to extend its winning streak to three as it hits the road to face Albion (6-15, 0-5) in a conference matchup. The Belles are coming off a two-game sweep of Kalamazoo on the road that

saw the offense explode to the tune of 53 runs.

Scoring runs has been the team's strength all season. The Belles are led by senior Ashley Peterson, who paces the team with a .467 batting average and 35 hits. Junior Hayley Bojorquez and her seven home runs have been

an excellent complement to Peterson's production.

Saint Mary's looks to develop and maintain the consistency it lacked last year as it competes for the conference title. The Belles head to Albion in search of their second consecutive road sweep Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish ready to bounce back against Louisville

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After falling 7-0 to No. 2 Ohio State Wednesday in a tough home match, the No. 36 Irish are looking to get back on their feet Saturday when they face Big East rival No. 14 Louisville. “The loss to Ohio State was tough, but that was [Wednesday] and Louisville comes in here Saturday and I doubt if they are feeling too sorry for us,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Our job now is to regroup and be ready to take on another top 15 team. We hope that the familiar home courts will give us a boost and that we can bounce back from Wednesday’s loss.” Notre Dame (11-10) returned to campus late Tuesday night after competing in Texas over Easter break, where the team went 1-1, defeating Southern Methodist and falling to Texas A&M. However, Bayliss doesn’t make up any excuses for his team.

“I believe that the first person or team to find an excuse for losing will make it a self-fulfilling prophesy,” he said. “Competing is about never allowing that doubt to creep into your mind and always finding something positive to use to your advantage. Hopefully we will handle any adversity well this weekend.”

Notre Dame is looking to avenge last season’s two losses to the Cardinals, both of which ended by a final of 4-3. Bayliss said Louisville’s impressive ranking and strong depth in its lineup will be the greatest chal-

lenges to overcome in Saturday’s matchup, not the conference rivalry.

“I don’t consider the Big East rivalry as important as I do the opportunity to take on a highly ranked team and the benefits coming from that,” Bayliss said. “We had genuine opportunities to win both matches [last season].”

Among the Cardinals’ strong lineup are four international players — Austin Childs, Simon Childs, Viktor Maximcuk and Alejandro Calligari, each of whom brings his own playing style the Irish will have to adjust to, as well as success in doubles competition. Louisville has spent a significant amount of time ranked in the top ten, and as Bayliss says, Notre Dame knows it will have to bring its best effort.

As part of that great effort, the Irish will have to continue the excellence they have shown at doubles so far this season with junior Stephen Havens and sophomore Casey Watt leading the way at the No. 1 position. Bayliss said he knows that endurance in his team’s play will be the key to success this weekend.

“A tennis match is more of a marathon than a sprint, and we need to muster the ability to stay with the good teams long enough to be able to take advantage of the momentum swings that go our way,” Bayliss said. “Being patient, yet taking advantage of opportunities, is the key to winning.”

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Corrigan

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Corrigan said he needs the Irish to play smarter, more controlled lacrosse. In their losses, the Irish got away from what they do best as a team, and it cost them.

“We need to play sound, fundamental lacrosse for 60 minutes,” Corrigan said. “We need to play with poise and intelligence. We haven’t done that consistently.”

Because of the strength of Georgetown both offensively and defensively, the Irish will need to be on their game in all areas of the field. Corrigan said he wants to see poise on offense against the

athleticism of Georgetown’s defense, stiff defense against the dynamic Hoya attack and intelligence in transition to avoid unsettled situations.

If the Irish can come away with a win, they would claim a huge road victory and a boost to their tournament résumé. On top of that, it would give them a full head of steam heading into their final three Big East games against Providence, St. John’s and two-time defending national champion, No. 3 Syracuse, a game that has already sold out.

The Irish will face off against the Hoyas at 12 p.m. in Washington, D.C., with television coverage on ESPNU.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish welcome South Florida

By CHRIS ALLEN
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Fresh off a grueling trip to Texas during which Notre Dame went 1-1 in two matches, the No. 6 Irish return to the familiar home courts of the Eck Tennis Pavilion as they take on No. 19 South Florida Friday. The Bulls will test the team in its return to the home court.

“They’re one of the top teams in the Big East,” freshman Chrissie McGaffigan said. “They’re a group of really talented players.”

The Irish (16-3) will be playing their first match at home in over a month, where they last defeated Indiana on March 5. Though they went 5-2 over the span, the month on the road definitely took a toll on the team.

“We’re done traveling for the season, which is actually kind

of sad because it means everything is close to being over,” McGaffigan said. “But it’s nice knowing that we’ll be home and we’ll have our friends and our fans out cheering for us.”

The Bulls (10-5), who lost to the Irish in the 2008 Big East Championships, are a familiar foe, and the Irish will look to build on its 4-1 record against South Florida historically. No. 41 Irene Rehberger leads the Bulls this year and will match up against Notre Dame’s top singles player No. 18 sophomore Kristy Frilling. The Irish are focused on doubles play,

where they will face the No. 16 team of Rehberger and Melissa Koning. The Irish have been preparing for the Bulls’ strong doubles play in practice.

“We’ve worked a lot in doubles throughout the season, but recently we’ve been practicing our singles heavily too,”

McGaffigan said. “The coaches have been putting us through a ton of drills as we try to improve our singles play.”

In addition to Frilling, who has been nearly flawless at the top singles position, the Irish have been getting equally strong play from the likes of No. 113 McGaffigan, who carries a 12-7 record at the third singles spot, and senior Cosmina Ciobanu, who leads the Irish with 16 wins on the season. McGaffigan believes her play is important to back up Frilling’s dominance.

“Basically, being a real close-knit team has helped us out,” McGaffigan said. “We all know that we are behind each other. We are always cheering for each other, and you can always hear us on the court. We know that every single spot is just as important as the next, so our play is really important to the team.”

The Irish look to start the three-match home stand on the right foot as they square off with the Bulls at Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m. Friday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

ND to play in Louisville Invitational

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Irish will compete in the Louisville Invitational this weekend, a four team event involving a “Border War” between Indiana and Kentucky.

Notre Dame and Indiana University will compete with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

“The Louisville Invitational is actually a pretty interesting meet,” sophomore thrower Mike Smigelski said. “It should be pretty exciting, especially considering some of the great competition we will be facing.”

“Personally, I am looking to lower my outdoor time,” soph-

omore runner Jack Howard said. “The three teams we are running against have some great 800 meter runners, so it should be an excellent opportunity to do so.”

The Irish competed in four meets last weekend before Easter break. Different athletes went to the Arizona Multi-Event, the Florida Relays, the Purdue Invitational and the Tiger Track Classic.

Notre Dame picked up three top-five finishes in the men’s hammer throw at Purdue. The top Irish performer was junior Greg Davis, who finished third overall.

“I think, as a whole, the team competed pretty well,” Smigelski said. “A bunch of people qualified for the Big East Championships, which is always nice. Also, I heard of a

bunch of personal records. Overall, I think everyone came away from the weekend feeling pretty good.”

Four Irish athletes took first place in the events. Junior Theresa Cattuna won the women’s 5,000 meters, senior Joanna Schultz finished first in the 400 meters, sophomore Jonathan Shawel took top honors in the 800-meter run, and senior Eric Quick beat out the rest of the competition in the triple jump.

After this weekend, the Irish will have only five events remaining until the Big East championships, which will be held April 30-May 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio.


“Right now our team wants to get as many guys qualified for the Big East meets as we can,” Howard said. “That and maintaining our health are our top priorities at this point in the season.”

This weekend’s match will take place Saturday at the University of Louisville.


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Both teams had to contend with cold, wind and rain, making dribbling, passing and shooting the slippery ball difficult at best. This especially hurt Team Melissa, which tried to overcome its numbers disadvantage by pushing the ball up the court and looking for fast-break and secondary-break situations to score. Cinderblock, however, tried to slow the game down as much as possible on offense, using their moderate size advantage to go inside against a team that included three defending women's bracket champions. This strategy worked well in the first half, as Cinderblock was able to take an 11-6 lead at halftime on the strength of its offensive rebounds.

Desperate for a fifth player, Team Melissa called on Finance professor Carl Ackermann, who was present to watch another game. Ackermann laced up a pair of borrowed sneakers, took off his tie and suit jacket and was ready to play before Berlin arrived at the end of halftime. Team Melissa seemed energized by his arrival and played hard till the end, with McCarthy even blocking a taller Cinderblock player. Berlin's arrival was too little, too late, however, as Dhingra broke free for a breakaway layup to seal his team's victory.

Despite his team's win, Waytula said he was not happy with its performance overall.

"We didn't do well against the zone and didn't execute like we wanted to," he said. "We came out with the win, and that's what matters, but if we play like this again, we're not going to win."

Cool Runnings 21, Go Meat 15

From the teams' height disparities alone, this game appeared to be an overwhelming mismatch in favor of Cool Runnings.

However, Go Meat used a numbers advantage in the first half and an unusually lax Cool Runnings defense to push Cool Runnings to the end, doomed only by the snow and its height disadvantage.

Freshman captain Matt Lynch's Cool Runnings squad of freshmen Rob Bauer, Mike Nolte, Drew Weltus and David Gorenz was at a disadvantage early when two players didn't show up until halftime, leaving their teammates to play 5-on-3 for the first half. The junior girls of Go Meat, including Megan McGarry, Ari Cassani, Anne Allare, Mary McKeever, Kristen Wall and captain Sarah Ceponis, were not intimidated by their opponents' size, braving the snow in nothing more than shorts and basketball jerseys and playing with high energy.

"They were good-looking and tall," Ceponis said, laughing. "Unfortunately, height is the one thing you can't overcome in this game."

Because of their numbers disadvantage, Cool Runnings started the game in a triangle zone but were not able to close out quick enough on open shooters, allowing Go Meat to stay close by scoring at the same clip as Cool Runnings. When Cool Runnings had the ball, however, they utilized their size through repeated high passes to get open looks underneath the basket and to knock down midrange jumpers.

With the game tied at 6-6, Cool Runnings began to dominate, as the cold began getting to Go Meat — at one point, Ceponis could be heard shouting "My muscles are freezing!"

Despite the cold, the game began getting chippy just before the half, with Go Meat committing some hard fouls on Cool Runnings layup attempts and using swarming defense made possible by their extra players. At halftime, Cool Runnings led by just three points over a hard-fighting Go Meat team.

The arrival of the missing play-

ers, however, energized the Cool Runnings squad, who began passing the ball up and down the court and using superior athleticism to go inside for points. Cool Runnings was able to jump out to a lead, riding a run to game point. Go Meat fought hard until the end, however, scoring multiple points on game point before finally falling on a layup. Ceponis said that the loss was hard to stomach.

"It was a heartbreaking loss. As juniors, we thought this would be our year," she said. "We played well and we're, well, done."

Pandamonium 21, Partee-Moore Wedding 6

Complete with a bride, a groom, a bridesmaid, a flower girl and a presiding priest, the Partee-Moore wedding came ready to celebrate their nuptials against the black and white clad Pandamonium.

Consisting of Brandy Mader, the flower girl, Caitlin Brown, the bride, Andy Tran, the groom, Grace Ho, the bridesmaid and Joe Serafin, the priest, the Partee-Moore Wedding never let the disparity on the scoreboard, or the miserable weather, stop them from celebrating their joyous day.

Even though Pandamonium, consisting of juniors Paige Gesicki, Kelly Pierson, Neva Lundy, Drake Hepp and Will Gesick, took a commanding 11-3 lead into halftime, that did not stop the Partee-Moore Wedding from celebrating with a toast at halftime. When she felt the mood getting too tense, Mader would throw flowers into the air or blow bubbles to cheer everyone up.

"It was the perfect day for the wedding," Ho said. "It was everything we dreamed of and more."

"We couldn't get the date we wanted at the Basilica," Tran said. "So we got the next best thing — Bookstore."

Pandamonium, who had its noses painted black in homage to



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Junior Sarah Ceponis and freshman Mike Nolte go up for a rebound during Cool Runnings' 21-15 victory over Go Meat.

the gentle giants of the Far East, was satisfied with its victory Thursday, but wanted to keep the winning alive.

Their mindset coming in was for "complete and total domination," Pierson said.

Pandamonium has a much tougher task ahead of them, but they are going to face the challenge head-on.

"We're going to practice every day," Pierson said. "Drake Hepp will lead us to victory."

Super Troopers 21, Brittney's Beat Down 17

The Super Troopers and Brittney's Beat Down, a reference to Baylor's Brittney Griner and the haymaker she laid on Jordan Barncastle, battled the rain, sleet and snow, as well as each other in one of the closer games of the day.

The Super Troopers, consisting of juniors Tom Haddard, David Adams, Donald Kafka, Erich Wolz and Alex Cota, got on the

scoreboard first.

The score was close early on, but once the Super Troopers built a lead, they never looked back.

Brittney's Beat Down made a valiant attempt at a comeback, cutting the lead to two points in the second half, but just could not convert on the offensive end with any consistency.

Cota attributed his team's victory to their stingy defense.

"Our defense kept us in it," Cota said. "Our offense struggled at times, but we made a run late in the game that won it for us."

Brittney's Beat Down, consisting of Brian Malloy, Pat Lloyd, Kevin Rahill, Connor Wills and Thomas VanVolkenburg, appeared physically drained after dealing with the wet and cold for almost an hour and coming up empty-handed.

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Pitching

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hander Steve Sabatino (2-3, 5.05 ERA) and junior right-hander Brian Dupra (2-2, 5.01 ERA).

"Good pitching should beat good hitting, so hopefully our pitching will be better than their pitching," Schrage said.

Notre Dame is in for a tough matchup against Rutgers, which is currently in a tie for first place in the Big East with Louisville (24-4, 5-1 Big East) and South Florida (13-16, 5-1 Big East).

Rutgers is led offensively by freshman infielder Steve Nyisztor, who paces the team with a .375 batting average while adding 21 RBIs.

Also playing strong offensively for the Scarlet Knights are Pat Biserta (.339, 30 RBI, 10 HR), Brandon Boykin (.333, 17 RBI, 4 HR) and

Ryan Kapp (.327, 19 RBI, 3 HR). This powerful offensive Rutgers squad has put up 196 runs so far this season in 27 games to Notre Dame's 162 runs.


"Our biggest thing is that we need to score some runs against them," Schrage said. "That is the biggest thing because their Achilles' heel is their starting pitching."

Leading the pitching attack for Rutgers is workhorse senior right-hander Casey Gaynor. Gaynor boasts a 3-3 record with a 5.70 ERA in 42.2 innings pitched.

Also playing well for the Scarlet Knights is another freshman making a positive contribution in left-hander Dan O'Niell (1-0, 5.90 ERA, 29.0 IP).

First pitch is at 5:05 p.m. Friday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Zentgraf

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“Recently, we have played a lot of really close games,” Zentgraf said. “Basically, our mindset going in is that we can’t be satisfied with winning in that fashion. It’s not enough to win these games in the last six seconds. [Irish coach Tracy Coyne] is telling us that we should be blowing these teams out.”

The weekend will offer no respite to the players as they face off against the Orange (6-3) Sunday. The game will be a huge test for an Irish team that is looking to stay near the top of the Big East.

“They are a really great team,” Scioscia said. “We beat them last year in the Big East semifinals, so they will definitely be coming after us looking for a little revenge.”

Zentgraf believes Syracuse’s athleticism will call the Irish to rise to the challenge of keeping up with Syracuse players like Big East Player of the Year Christina Dove.

“Syracuse is so athletic and fun to play,” Zentgraf said. “We haven’t really begun to prepare for them strategically with Villanova in the forefront, but it’s always exciting to play a great team like that. We’re not looking past Villanova, but we’re definitely ready to go.”

The Irish (6-6) will have to contend with Dove, but the two seniors believe their defensive effort, centered around freshman goalie Ellie



Senior attack Gina Scioscia makes a cut during Notre Dame’s 15-10 victory over Duquesne on Feb. 27.

Hilling, will be more than ready.

“Ellie’s past three games have been amazing,” Zentgraf said. “She has basically carried us through some of these games.”

Besides Hilling, some of the other Irish youngsters have stepped up too and will need to continue their strong play down the final stretch of the season.

“[Freshman] Betsy Mastropieri has been huge,”

Zentgraf said. “She was in and out in the beginning of the season, but the past few games she has really stepped up and she’s really converting.”

Zentgraf, Scioscia and the rest of the Irish will take the field at Arlotta Stadium Friday at 4:30 p.m. against Villanova and again at 1 p.m. Sunday against Syracuse.

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Bulls

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mound, freshman Lindsey Richardson, who was recently named the Big East Pitcher of the Week.

The Irish have three huge advantages going into the series. They are leading the NCAA in batting average and are ranked second in the nation defensively. Also, they have won each of their conference games so far this season.

In practice, the Irish have been preparing for the series by working on both personal aspects and team aspects of the game.

“We have had some good practices, some days focusing on individual fundamentals, sometimes on team situations,” Gumpf said.

The Irish also emphasize the benefits of practicing real game situations to avoid any surprises the Bulls might bring with them to South Bend.

“Lately in practice we have been trying to work on the things that could come up in a game and really make or break us in that situation,” assistant coach Kris Ganeff said. “We have been focusing on little fundamental details that we might take for granted at this point in the season.”

The Irish suffered their biggest loss of the season last week when junior utility fielder Erin Marrone tore her ACL, taking her out of the lineup for the duration of the season.

“This was a terrible blow to the entire team for several reasons,” Ganeff said. “First Erin is a tremendous player and was having a great year offensively and defensively for our team, but more importantly, Erin is such a good person that it hurts to see her go through this horrible experience.”

This weekend gives Notre Dame the opportunity to learn not only about the

playing styles and strategies of South Florida, but also the team’s progress towards the central goals of the season. Ganeff said finishing first in the conference is at the top of the list.

“We try to make everyday the same so we can continue to approach each game as another step towards our goals of winning the Big East Conference and proceeding on to the post season,” Ganeff said.

The first two games will be Saturday at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish wrap up the series Sunday with game three at noon.

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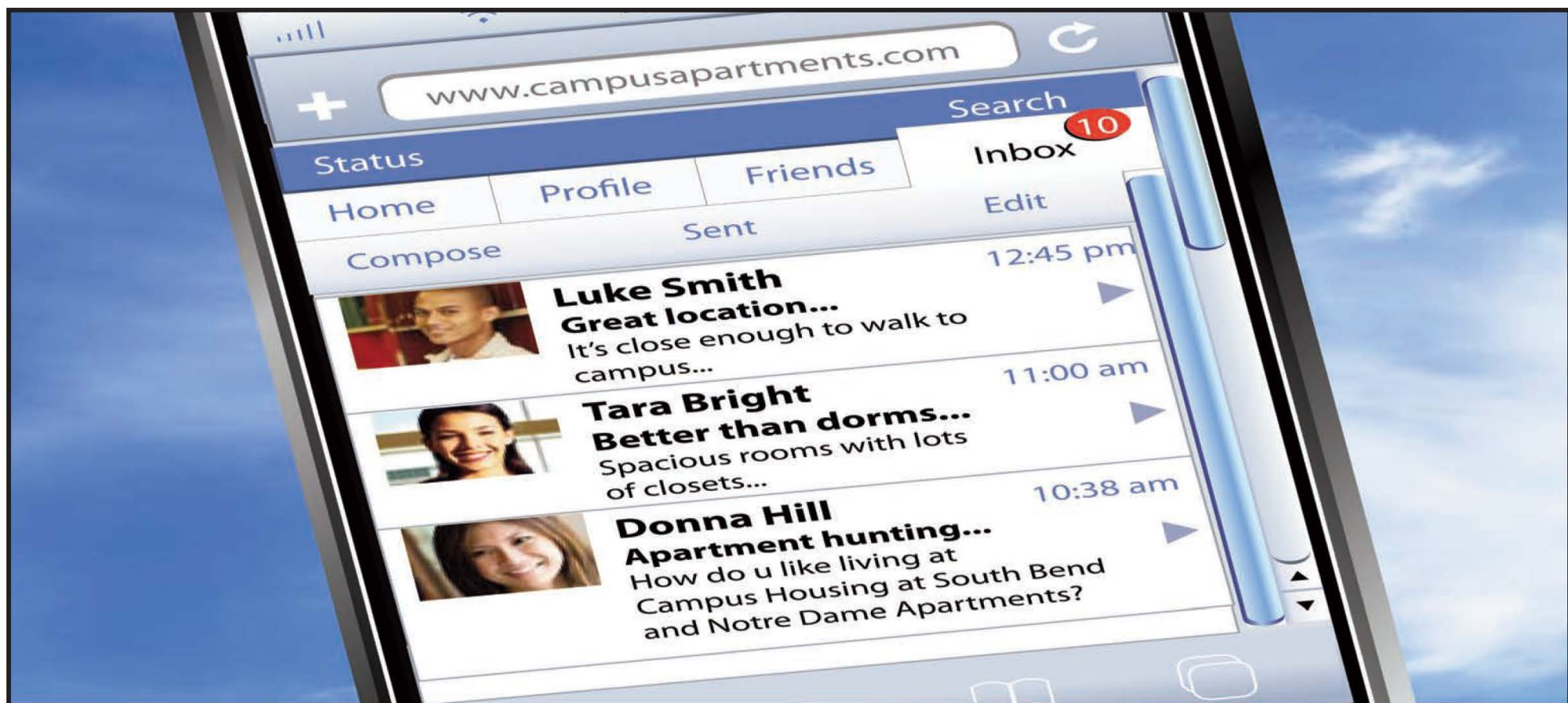
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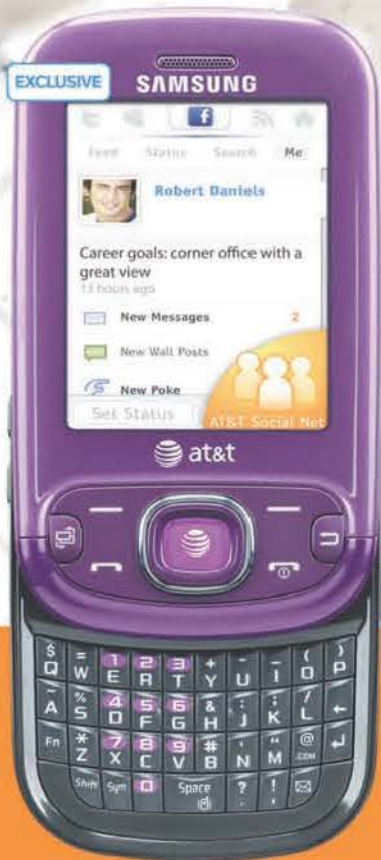
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your generosity may have taxed you physically and financially but, in the end, what you have accomplished should be worth your while. The trust you build with each and every person you deal with will help you resolve issues. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Assess your situation and refuse to let anyone pressure you into making a decision before you are good and ready. If something isn't on your terms, chances are you will not be happy with the result. Don't compensate for someone's inexperience. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dig deep and you'll find the information you need to avoid making a poor decision. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Exaggeration is the enemy and doing flawless research is your guiding light. ★★★★★

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trying to avoid emotional problems will only make matters worse. Honesty will be a must if you don't want to face criticism. A dispute over money can ruin a relationship. Have a workable solution in mind. ★★★★★

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Defending their turf

Notre Dame opens up critical homestand

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 16 Irish open up the biggest home stand of the year this weekend, as they take on Villanova and No. 7 Syracuse at Arlotta Stadium in two critical Big East matchups.

Villanova (7-2) is in its first year in the conference, but the Irish are careful not to overlook the first year Big East foe.

"We don't know a lot about them," senior attack Gina Scioscia said. "But what we do know is that they are a bunch of really talented girls from the East Coast. They're a team that loves to hustle."

Senior midfielder Maggie Zentgraf said the game plan for Villanova has centered on how the Irish have played in recent games.

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Senior midfielder Maggie Zentgraf stares down the opposition during Notre Dame's 15-10 win over Duquesne on Feb 27. Zentgraf shores up an Irish attack averaging 27 shots per game.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish ready to take on South Fla.

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After Wednesday's double-header against Bowling Green was postponed because of weather conditions, the Irish are ready to grace the dirt again with hopes of continuing their perfect record at home in this weekend's three-game series against South Florida.

The No. 23 Irish (26-6, 5-0 Big East) beat conference opponent South Florida (18-15, 3-0) twice last season, but each game was close as the Bulls offense was able to make both of the games interesting.

"They are scrappy and fast," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They are a team that makes things happen."

Though the Irish were successful last season, this year the Bulls have a new player on the

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BASEBALL

Revitalized offense propels ND into conference matchup

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

After the offense has started to come alive by averaging more than 10 runs per game in the past four outings, the Irish look to carry some of that offensive momentum into their weekend series with Rutgers at Frank Eck Stadium.

"It will be good for us. We haven't had a series at home

yet, and I think our guys feel that we have to start this weekend winning some series," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (10-17, 1-5 Big East) will face Rutgers (15-12, 5-1 Big East) three times over the weekend at 5:05 p.m. Friday, 1:05 p.m. Saturday, and 12:05 p.m. Sunday. The weekend is critical for the Irish to gain some conference wins and climb out of a tie for last place

with Seton Hall (11-14, 1-5 Big East) in the Big East.

The Irish are getting offensive help from some familiar veteran faces in senior outfielder David Mills (.371, 18 RBIs), senior outfielder/infielder Ryan Connolly (.367, 18 RBIs, 5 HR), and senior first baseman Casey Martin (.358, 17 RBIs, 3 HR), but the pleasant surprise lately has come from freshman infielder Frank Desico.

"I think we have made a

couple adjustments in our lineup," Schrage said. "These are guys that we thought would do well and they got off to slow starts, and they are good hitters and they are just starting to pick it up."

Desico is batting .347 with 17 runs, a home run and 11 RBIs. In the 13-6 victory over Oakland on Tuesday, Desico hit his first career home run, as well as going 4-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs.

"Frank Desico, who is just

a freshman, is starting to get some games under his belt and he is improving," Schrage said.

Despite the renewed vigor from the offense over the past four games, Notre Dame was only able to take two out of the four games, and only one out of three in the conference.

Leading the Irish pitching attack are sophomore left-

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Undermanned teams face off

By ALLAN JOSEPH AND
MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writers

Team Melissa played the first half missing a player and could not recover from the disadvantage, falling 21-16 to Float like cinderblocks, and sting like foam rubber.

Team Melissa senior Nick Berlin was meeting University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and showed up at halftime, leaving senior teammates Sierra Smith, Matt Meckes, Kim Bugos and captain Molly McCarthy to face the Cinderblock squad of freshmen Danny Waytula, Manin "\$" Dhingra, Scott Johnson, Ted Docherty and captain Michael



Junior Mary McKeever goes up for a layup during Go Meat's 21-15 loss to Cool Runnings Thursday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Squad hits the road against Georgetown

By MATHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off two losses to start their inaugural Big East season, the Irish need a big win over No. 11 Georgetown on the road to get back into the NCAA Tournament hunt.

The Hoyas (6-3, 2-1 Big East) come in battle-tested by one of the toughest schedules in the country.

"Georgetown has a very athletic, very skilled, dynamic offense," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "Defensively, they are very aggressive and in your face."

After starting the season strong with wins over No. 6 Duke and No. 9 Loyola (Md.), the Irish (5-4, 0-2) have fizzled out as of late and need a win in order to get back on track. At one point, the Irish had climbed all the way to No. 3 in the rankings. But after losses to Drexel, Fairfield and Rutgers, Notre Dame fell out of the USILA Coaches' Poll, and almost out of the NCAA Tournament picture.

"We need to win this game to get into the NCAA Tournament," Corrigan said. "We've lost our fall-back — we just need to win now."

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