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Lecture examines gay life on campus

Alumni, students, expert participate in talk as part of StaND Against Hate Week events



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Alumnus of the class of 1954 Tom Field discusses his experience as a gay student at ND Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium.

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

As a part of Notre Dame's StaND Against Hate Week, student government hosted a talk titled "Homosexuality Under the Dome: Past Struggles and Present Solutions" Tuesday night at the Carey Auditorium at the Hesburgh Library.

Notre Dame alumni and student members of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community opened the discussion with personal testimonies about their experience with discrimination at Notre Dame and their suggestions as to how to improve an environment of inclusion on campus.

All five speakers reverberated the same theme in their solutions: amending the University's nondiscrimination clause to include sexual orientation.

Tom Field, a 1954 graduate of the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) and former student body president, began the talk with a series of questions invoking the power of the Holy Spirit.

"How can we tell when the Holy Spirit speaks to us?" Field said. "When the Holy Spirit speaks to us,

he will call us to greater personal integrity. For gay and lesbian individuals, that means recognizing that God made no mistakes."

Field said honesty is a critical element in the understanding process for the gay community.

"We have to be honest with ourselves about who we are," he said. "And therefore we have to be honest with others about who we are."

Field said his experience as a gay man at Notre Dame was not an easy one.

"Violence at Notre Dame warped and changed my life profoundly. It was an internal violence," he said. "I was totally closeted here and nothing in my environment provided a path to self-awareness and personal integrity."

Social structure, he said, is largely to blame for students remaining closeted.

"Universities must be open to learning no matter where it can be found," he said. "Our beloved University must reclaim its place as a leader in compassion."

Discrimination, furthermore, is inherently against Catholic teaching, Field said, urging the University to adopt a non-discrimination clause.

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ND women to analyze workforce

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Some might think the world of business and corporate heads still belongs to the men, but the Undergraduate Women in Business Club (UWIB) is hoping to challenge this notion with their second annual Women's Professional Development Conference.

The theme of the conference, which will be held on April 17, is "A New Decade, A New Beginning."

"The mission of the Undergraduate Women in Business Club is to foster and encourage women involvement in business," senior Katie Curtin, the conference chair said. "The conference is meant to advocate empowerment in women."

Registration for the conference, which ends today, is open to students from all majors, something committee and UWIB members say is reflective of the common message of the conference.

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ND fishing club is making a splash

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

While some students spend their free time running, relaxing or spending time with friends, over 40 students are active members of Notre Dame's fishing club.

The club — started about four years ago by Dave Patterson, a 2009 alumnus — does not meet regularly but usually participates in three tournaments and four to five recreational outings per year, according to sophomore Sam Stimple, president of the fishing club.

"In the fall, we do a few low-key outings on the campus lakes and the St. Joseph River, and we also held a fly casting clinic," Stimple said. "We also go to the fall and spring Collegiate Steelhead Tournaments and the Icebox Bass Tournament in the spring."

Although the club aims to attend all three tournaments, this year was a slow year for the club as they were unable to attend

any of the aforementioned tournaments due to various conflicts and complications.

"We had a lot of member conflicts with the two Steelhead tournaments this year," Stimple said. "The Icebox tournament pairs us up with boaters, but there has been a shortage of boaters due to the economy, so we were unable to go the past two years."

The collegiate tournaments involve fishing clubs from regional universities, such as Western Michigan, Indiana and Purdue. However, Stimple said club officers are currently looking for new tournaments to participate in next year to provide more opportunities for club members.

The fishing club currently enlists 37 dues-paying members and several current and former club officers. Stimple said club dues cover the costs of a club shirt, necessary equipment, gas, hotel accommodations and entry fees for tournaments.

But club members are

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McAdams delivers Last Lecture

A graphic featuring a photograph of the Notre-Dame de Paris dome under construction. Below the photo is a blue banner with the text "Advice from James McAdams: Professor of political science & director of the Nanovic Institute". Below the banner is a white box with the text "The Spirit of Notre Dame is transformative for professors and students alike." followed by three bullet points: "...every act of teaching is an act of risk and sacrifice.", "It's about getting out there on the stage and making yourself very vulnerable.", and "...it's important to be honest about your mistakes and your shortcomings." The graphic is credited to SOPHIA ITURBE | Observer Graphic.

By JOHN TIERNEY
Senior News Writer

The Spirit of Notre Dame is transformative for professors and students alike, professor of political science James McAdams said Tuesday.

McAdams, who has served as the director of the Nanovic Institute since 2002, delivered the third installment of student government's Last Lecture series.

"Being at Notre Dame gives you perspective not just as a student, but for me as a teacher," McAdams said.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame in 1992, McAdams taught at Princeton University. The news media frequently consulted him as an Eastern European expert during the collapse of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. His television presence during this period allowed his ego to grow too large, McAdams said.

When the network television

stations no longer needed an East Germany expert, McAdams said he "waited for that phone to ring and it never rang again."

"Inside, I waited for that massive recognition of my bountiful wisdom and it didn't happen again," he said.

McAdams said Notre Dame helped him to regain perspective and become a better teacher.

"I began to recognize that Notre Dame is different,"

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INSIDE COLUMN

Logical reasoning

The definition of “logic” in my pocket dictionary reads, “sound reasoning.”

I bring this up, because lately, quite frankly, I have noticed an absence of logic. The vast majority of us, myself included more often than not, no longer use “sound reasoning.” Emotions, preferences and lack of sleep rob of us of our logic.

Upon realizing this, I started making a concentrated effort at using logic more often when making decisions.

But it wasn’t enough. Illogical actions around me bred illogical decisions by me. Illogical decisions that could have been avoided.

During room picks for example, many people face a decision of two or three rooms that they did not initially want. A flaw can be found in each room’s résumé. The pick should still be simple: Pick the room with the best flaw — for certainly, of multiple things, there is always a best.

Yet, undoubtedly, a rash room pick will be made, regretted only a few hours later and yet lived in for a full year.

The same logic can be applied to finding somewhere off-campus to live. Sign the lease on the house that meets the most of your needs, not the house that is simply nicest on first glance.

Late DART time? Well, first off, I’m sorry. Assuredly, you’ll end up one class short and only a handful of college seminars available. Of the bad seminars, sign up for the one that you think you’ll find most interesting, because, again, of multiple things, there is always one most interesting.

Only have time to sleep or to finish your paper? Determine which one you can go the longest without. If you slept in this morning, finish the paper. If the paper isn’t due for another week, get some sleep. Not that difficult.

But, we are college students, and often enough, find ourselves short sleep with the paper due in two days. At that point, a point I encounter weekly, we must admit that these grades are not the defining aspects of our lives. Their effect on our future is minimal compared to the experience we gain working over the summer, or the lessons we learn with our friends on the weekends.

If anyone tries to argue that point with me, I am confident my sound reasoning will win, for it is simple — I will remember my hours as a teller, and my nights watching roommates worship the porcelain goddess. I will not remember my 12-page research papers.


So consider this my plea, for the betterment of us all, let us all resume the use of sound reasoning, at least four nights a week.

And I apologize if you found this Inside Column rather boring, cliché, redundant and mundane. I could not for the life of me come up with a topic that inspired me, besides the Yankees and Hideki Matsui. Believe me, I tried.

Fortunately, I don’t foresee me writing another Inside Column until, oh, sometime around Spring Break next year.

Logically, I think that is best for everyone.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Douglas Farmer at dfarmer1@nd.edu




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Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: TELL A STORY IN SIX WORDS.

				
Claire Stephens <i>freshman Pangborn</i>	Claire Kenney <i>senior Holy Cross Hall</i>	Sarah Spieler <i>sophomore Pasquerilla West</i>	Jordan Matulis <i>sophomore Howard</i>	Ryan Lion <i>freshman Sorin</i>
<i>“Some nights, students break parietals. GASP.”</i>	<i>“Once upon a time... the end.”</i>	<i>“On Wednesdays we wear pink. Duh.”</i>	<i>“The cow jumped over the moon.”</i>	<i>“I woke up. Sharpie on face.”</i>

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



Junior Matt Momont gathers signatures for StaND Against Hate Week’s Day of Silence in LaFortune Student Center Tuesday. StaND Against Hate Week runs until Friday, and includes a t-shirt distrobution and silent procession.

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OFFBEAT

Man on mower charged with DUI, fishing pole theft

ATHENS, Tenn. — An East Tennessee man driving a lawn mower in the road has been charged with DUI. Athens police said 30-year-old Jimmy Graham Jr. smelled like alcohol and failed a sobriety test Monday after an officer spotted him on the lawn mower. He told the officer he had consumed a beer and taken a stress reliever prescribed to him.

A jailer said Graham was in custody Tuesday and there was no record of him having a lawyer.

The Daily Post-Athenian

in Athens reported that Graham was also charged with aggravated burglary and theft under \$500.

Man arrested twice in one day on identical drug charges

ALBANY, Ga. — Albany authorities did a double take when they arrested a man twice on the same drug charge in one day. Authorities said a man, 26, was charged with possession of marijuana around noon on Friday after police pulled him over during a routine traffic stop. He was sent to the Dougherty County Jail and released on bond four

hours later.

But Bill Berry of the Albany-Dougherty Drug Unit says police soon received a tip that the man was trying to set up a drug deal. He said the suspect was arrested again at 6:30 p.m. Friday after authorities found him with two ounces of marijuana on him and charged a second time with possession of the drug.

This time, though, Berry said he stayed in Dougherty County Jail with no bond.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A presentation, “Atticus Finch: Not Only Gregory Peck But Also Southern Gentleman and County-Seat Lawyer Whose Daughter Is a Whiz-Bang,” will be held tonight from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Auditorium. The lecture is promoting the One Book, One Michiana project and is open to the public.






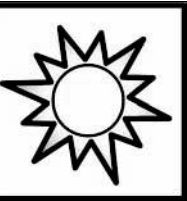
A lecture, “Sportswriter is One Word,” will be held in the Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium tonight at 7:30 p.m. Writer and commentator Frank Deford will speak as a part of the Red Smith Lecture in Journalism series. The event is free and open to the public.

Artist Caroline Chiu will be present at an artist talk and lecture in the Snite Museum of Art Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She will speak about her two current exhibitions. The event is open to the public.

The Relay for Life, Fightin’ Irish Fightin’ Cancer, will take place Friday through Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium, starting at 6 p.m. Friday evening. Register online at Relay for Life’s Web site.

A lecture, “Notre Dame vs. the Klan,” will take place at the Geddes Hall Auditorium at 10 a.m. Saturday. Author Todd Tucker, graduate of the class of 1990, will lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

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

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College artist featured at South Bend museum

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Nicole Krou has talked about being an artist since preschool. “We had preschool graduation,” Krou said. “We had this stupid ceremony and we walked across the stage and this lady — I don’t know who she was — asked us what we wanted to be when we grow up. At the rehearsal I told her artist, then at the actual graduation I said I wanted to be a paleontologist.”

Today, Krou has the opportunity to show off her work in the South Bend Museum of Art.

“I thought it was pretty cool, and it was actually rather terrifying,” she said.

The junior art major had an internship during the summer of 2009. After sending in her portfolio, she was granted the internship, and was awarded the chance to have some studio space for her own art exhibit at the museum.

“I gravitated towards print making this year,” Krou said. “I just took foundations courses my freshman year and then I was abroad all of my sophomore year so I didn’t do any art. Then I took silkscreen last semester and really enjoyed it.”

Though she enjoys creating silkscreens, Krou said she likes dabbling in other art forms as well.

Krou said her work is inspired by a variety of popular cultures from the 1980s including the band Poison, the popular television show “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” and vinyl records and cassettes.

Krou said she’s willing to work anywhere. She often works within the print studio at the College, on her kitchen floor or out on her deck at her off-campus housing.

“The kitchen floor is a nice place,” Krou said. “Good light. Pretty much wherever it’s suitable. I don’t want to limit myself. When it happens, it happens.”

Krou said she hopes those who look at her work will feel some sense of nostalgia. “I just want you to kind of look at it and be like, ‘hey, I remember that, that was cool. That makes me feel happy inside,’” Krou said. “I just want you to feel an emotion.”

After Saint Mary’s, Krou said she plans to attend grad school, but hopes to go abroad.

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Prof. travels to Iraq to teach

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

A Notre Dame political science professor had the unique opportunity last month to teach students about “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” in a place where such terms are foreign and difficult to grasp.

Professor Vincent Muñoz traveled to the American University of Iraq - Sulaimani (AUI-S) to teach students about the principles behind the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

“The ideas were new and not familiar. They really wanted to know what it means to have the right to life, the right to liberty,” Muñoz said.

AUI-S, a private university, opened in 2007 and offers an American-style liberal arts education. All classes are taught in English.

Muñoz met AUI-S Provost John Agresto last November after the Notre Dame professor gave a lecture about the Constitution in Philadelphia. Agresto later invited Muñoz to teach students about American democracy in a workshop setting at AUI-S.

Muñoz left for Iraq on March 25 and returned on April 5, traveling 30 hours each way. Notre Dame’s Institute for Scholarship in the

Liberal Arts (ISLA) funded the trip.

“I definitely want to thank Agustín Fuentes, director of the ISLA,” Muñoz said.

On a typical day, Muñoz did some of his own work in the morning, ate lunch with faculty in the afternoon, met with his class and held informal conversations with students after class.

“I taught for five days, but the total trip was 10 days,” Muñoz said. “I taught a 75 minute class which tended to go to 90 minutes. Anyone could come, and more students came every day.”

Muñoz said the students arrived at each seminar class well prepared and with many questions.

“The first day we did the Declaration of Independence and [discussed] what the purpose of government is. The second day we did the Federalist Number 10. [We then] spent two days on religious freedom and one day on constitutional design,” Muñoz said. “Students were so engaged because Iraq just wrote a constitution.”

Muñoz said most students looked to America as the ideal democratic society.

“[We discussed that] liberal democracy has its advantages and disadvantages,” he said. “They are so enamored with the idea of democracy, to have someone talk about the disadvantages of democracy was new to them.”

Muñoz said some female students worried about the abuses of freedom. These students were concerned too much freedom could lead to an increased preva-

lence of abortions and pornography.

Toward the end of his stay in Iraq, Muñoz gave a lecture open to the entire university titled “Constitutional Democracy and Religious Freedom.”

“In the lecture I did a comparison between the Iraqi and American constitutions,” Muñoz said. “Islam is the established religion in the Iraqi constitution. I compared that to how we don’t have an official religion in America. Students thought it would be impossible not to have an established religion [in Iraq].”

Muñoz said students were surprised a separation of church and state is not considered anti-religious. They also struggled to comprehend the idea of a limited government.

“They had not seen the arguments for these ideas before,” Muñoz said.

Muñoz said his class felt “in many ways, just like a seminar at Notre Dame.”

But he said teaching students who are so unfamiliar with concepts like freedom of speech and freedom of religion — concepts most Americans do not think twice about — was refreshing.

“[The trip] reminded me why I love to teach these things, because the students were so hungry to learn and the ideas were so new to them,” Muñoz said. “The eagerness of the students was infectious — they desire so much to live as a stable democracy like America.”

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Sexuality & the Sacred

Wednesday, April 14, 7:00-8:30 pm

Mendoza Room 122

A Student Panel moderated by Senior FIRE Starter Craig Ford and GRC Director Heather Rakoczy Russell

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group reviews ImproveND survey

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) was given a presentation about the results of the ImproveND survey and what the implications are for student government at its meeting last night.

"This survey was really extensive about everything at Notre Dame," student body president Catherine Soler said. "This is about what students want."

Associate Vice President for Strategic Planning Erin Hoffman Harding said the ImproveND survey, administered to the student body in January, was different than previous surveys given to the student body.

"This survey was one big effort," Hoffman Harding said. "We've never really done a comprehensive student services survey before this."

The survey had 51 percent participation of the undergraduate students, which Hoffman Harding said "was really good considering the survey wasn't mandatory."

The results of the survey were

examined in the context of gender, class year and College and focused on three main categories of academic services, extra and co-curricular activities and campus environment and services.

Hoffman Harding said many of the resulting figures from the survey fit with the results of past services in regards to specific subjects and areas. But she said some of the results were "shocking."

"We asked the question how much time an individual student spends on academic activities outside of class and there was a huge difference based on the College," she said.

According to the results of the survey over 60 percent of Arts and Letters and Business students spend 15 hours a less on academic work outside of class. This is a huge contrast to the School of Architecture, where 80 percent of students said they spend 25 hours or more a week on academic work.

"The University officers weren't very happy with these results," Hoffman Harding said. "They want to make sure they're serving the

students in their academic endeavors."

Soler said she was also surprised by the results.

"I'm pretty shocked especially being a Business major," she said. "We do a lot of group projects and still over 60 percent say that they spend less than 15 hours a week studying."

Hoffman Harding said the survey showed many students are upset by the lack of diversity on campus, something Hoffman Harding said has become a "high priority for the University."

Hoffman Harding asked COR members to take in what the survey revealed and think of ways how student leaders can address the issues of concern.

"The one big question we have for you coming out of this is what do you student leaders think is important," she said. "We did this for a reason. We want to better ourselves and make Notre Dame better for you."

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Women

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"We're trying to reach out to all women who are looking at entering the field of business and this can apply to all majors," UWIB president senior Staysha Sigler said.

Many of the organizers of the conference said part of the purpose of the conference is to challenge the traditional notion there aren't many women currently in the workforce, something that has significantly changed in the past decade.

"It's a new society that we're entering and it doesn't have rules yet," sophomore committee member Juliet Palko said. "People aren't used to having as many women in the workforce but it's progressing."

The conference, which Curtin described as an "education event," is partly aimed at helping women connect the past

"It's a women's professional development conference and it

focuses on mutual learning between students and successful women in business today," Curtin said. "It's about learning from their own experiences in the field."

The conference will feature two keynote speakers: Dean Carolyn Woo of the Mendoza College of Business and Diane Guyas, president of DuPont Performance Polymers.

"These are women who are going to talk about what they've gone through and help prepare us for this new environment," Sigler said.

While the organizers said the conference is primarily an educational experience, there are also networking opportunities. The 10 companies visiting are ones that Sigler says are supportive of women's roles in the workplace.

"Today, companies are realizing that women are assets," Sigler said. "There are a lot of opportunities for women that are out there and companies are coming to realize that and utilize them."

With Mendoza College of

Business recently being ranked the top business school in the country, Sigler said events such as the Women's Professional Development Conference are necessary to be worthy of the title.

"Other top business schools in the country have workshops like this," she said. "If we want to step up to the challenge of being the number one business school in the country then we need to keep having events like this and make them bigger and better."

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Fishing

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required to purchase their own fishing licenses and food during the club's trips.

Although the majority of club members have fished prior to joining the club, a large range of experience exists between club members, from those who fish every day in the summer to members who only fish at school.

"No one should be scared of not being experienced enough to join the club," Stimple said. "It's not that important to have previous experience."

In addition to participating in outings and tournaments, the club's major project this year was preparing and maintaining their recently acquired boats for use on the campus lakes.

"We had to make sure they were up to safety standards and purchase life jackets, oars and a trailer," Stimple said. "We can start using the boats by next weekend."

Stimple said goals for next year include buying a slow motor for each boat to simplify fishing on

campus and to purchase enough equipment for members to be able to fish nearby more often. He also said he hopes to find a way to use the boats on nearby rivers in addition to on campus.

Stimple said many members heard about the club at Activities Night and also through friends who have been members in the past, but he encouraged anyone with an interest in fishing to consider joining the club.

"It's a fun way to get out and relax during busy or stressful stretches of school," Stimple said. "We want to see club membership grow next year."

In the future, Stimple said he hopes club members take advantage of the opportunity to fish on their own time during the school year.

"If a club member wants to fish on his own, he just has to e-mail the officers, and they will do their best to provide the necessary equipment," Stimple said. "No one needs their own equipment, so members can just find a friend and fish whenever they want to."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ship grounding scars Barrier Reef

SYDNEY — A Chinese coal carrier rocked back and forth over a section of Australia's Great Barrier Reef after running aground, inflicting a gash 2 miles (3 kilometers) long into a shoal that will take 20 years to heal. A leading marine scientist called it the worst damage he's ever seen to the world's largest coral reef.

The Shen Neng 1 veered into protected waters and ran aground on Douglas Shoal on April 3, immediately leaking 2-3 tons of fuel when coral shredded its hull.

The 755-foot (230-meter) ship was successfully lifted off the reef Monday after crews spent three days pumping fuel to lighten it. Salvage crews later towed it to an anchorage area near Great Keppel Island, 40 nautical miles (45 miles, 70 kilometers) away.

Michelle Obama visits Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE — First lady Michelle Obama made a surprise visit Tuesday to the ruins of the Haitian capital, a high-profile reminder that hundreds of thousands remain in desperate straits three months after the earthquake.

The first lady and Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, took a helicopter tour of Port-au-Prince, where many people are still homeless, before landing at the destroyed national palace to meet President Rene Preval. They later talked with students whose lives have been upended by the disaster and walked along a vast, squalid encampment of families living under bed sheets and tents.

NATIONAL NEWS

Huckabee blasts gay marriage

WASHINGTON — Mike Huckabee, a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2012, says the effort to allow gays and lesbians to marry is comparable to legalizing incest, polygamy and drug use.

Huckabee also told college journalists last week that gay couples should not be permitted to adopt. "Children are not puppies," he said.

Huckabee visited The College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J., last Wednesday to speak to the Student Government Association. He also was interviewed by a campus news magazine, The Perspective, which published an article on Friday.

Adoption advocates petition Russia

NEW YORK — Worried over a threatened freeze of adoptions from Russia, thousands of American adoption advocates are petitioning leaders of the two nations to prevent such a step even as they decry a Tennessee woman returning her adopted son to Russia.

Poignant pleas from would-be adoptive parents were included in the petition to President Barack Obama and his Russian counterpart, Dmitri Medvedev, that was being coordinated Tuesday by the Joint Council on International Children's Services. The council, which represents many U.S. agencies engaged in international adoption, estimates there are about 3,000 pending U.S. applications for adoptions from Russia.

"My husband and I have been working toward a Russian adoption for two years now," wrote Susan Busek, a teacher from Loveland, Colo. "Please know that there are many would-be parents like us, who want only the opportunity to be parents and give our love."

LOCAL NEWS

One dead after IU chemical exposure

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University police say one person has been found dead in an IU dormitory following a possible chemical release in a dorm room.

Police Capt. Jerry Minger says a male was found dead in a third-floor room in the 11-story north tower of Willkie Residence Center about 2:20 p.m. Tuesday.

No one else was injured and police evacuated the second, third and fourth floors.

Minger says the death is being investigated as a possible suicide, but it's unclear if the victim is a student because the body has not been identified.

Archdiocese suspends Colo. priest

Fr. Melvin Thompson of Denver maintains innocence after sex abuse allegations

Associated Press

DENVER — The action against the priest was swift and public.

Within five days of receiving a decades-old child sex abuse allegation against the Rev. Melvin Thompson, Denver's Roman Catholic Archdiocese investigated, alerted law enforcement and announced his suspension to parishioners and the public.

The archdiocese says Thompson, 74, maintains his innocence. Some parishioners have complained the process was unfair and too fast. However Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput called prompt action "painful but necessary."

The episode highlights the challenges American Catholic Church leaders face as they follow through on a promise to be more transparent in dealing with priests accused of abuse, while respecting the rights of both victims and the accused.

The case comes amid a worsening global clergy abuse scandal focused on how Pope Benedict XVI has dealt with problem priests in his past church roles.

For years, some U.S. church officials kept mum about abuse allegations and shuffled problem priests from parish to parish — practices first exposed in the 1980s and then on a larger scale in the early 1990s.

Denver's handling of the Thompson case is the latest example of American Catholic leaders shifting from secrecy to greater openness, an attitude church leaders elsewhere in the world have been slower to adopt.

This week, the Vatican for the first time made it clear that bishops and clerics worldwide should report such crimes to police if they are required to by law, matching a policy worked out by U.S. bishops after an explosion of sex abuse cases in 2002.



Five days after receiving a decades-old sex abuse accusation, Denver's Archbishop Charles Chaput, above, suspended Fr. Melvin Thompson.

Critics of the church remain dubious of the U.S. efforts.

Some Catholics, while saying protecting children must be the overriding concern, worry church officials are moving too quickly in some cases.

"The church at this point is simply recognizing that children are more vulnerable than adults," said Diane Knight, the retired head of Catholic Charities in Milwaukee and chairwoman of the National Review Board, an advisory panel created by U.S. bishops in 2002. "If we're going to err, we're going to err more on the side of protecting children."

Policies approved by the Vatican as church law in the U.S. bar credibly accused

priests from public ministry — including saying Mass and working as a parish priest — while allegations are investigated. Diocesan review boards, comprised mostly of lay people, help bishops oversee cases.

Initial inquiries to determine whether a claim is credible tend to focus on making sure dates and places named in allegations stand up. A more in-depth investigation, also involving lay diocesan review boards, is then carried out. Clergy found guilty are permanently barred from public ministry and, in some cases, ousted from the priesthood.

Under the 2002 reforms, U.S. bishops are to comply with state laws for reporting abuse, and to cooperate with authorities.

All U.S. dioceses were also instructed to advise victims of their right to contact authorities themselves. Most cases are old and fall outside statutes of limitations, making criminal prosecution impossible.

The Denver archdiocese, Knight said, acted more quickly than most but essentially followed protocol.

On April 7, the archdiocese said it received a complaint from a man who alleged he was sexually abused by Thompson in the early 1970s. That same day Chaput said he removed the popular Thompson from his position as assistant pastor at St. Thomas More Parish in suburban Centennial and suspended his ability to function publicly as a priest.

Governor signs bills restricting abortion

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Two landmark measures putting new restrictions on abortion became law in Nebraska on Tuesday, including one that critics say breaks with court precedent by changing the legal rationale for a ban on later-term abortions.

Republican Gov. Dave Heineman signed both bills, one barring abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy and the other requiring women to be screened before having abortions for mental health and other problems. Both sides of the abortion debate say the laws are firsts of their kind in the U.S.

A national abortion rights group already appeared to be girding for a

legal challenge, calling the ban after 20 weeks "flatly unconstitutional" because it is based on the assertion that fetuses feel pain, not on the ability of a fetus to survive outside the womb.

"It absolutely cannot survive a challenge without a change to three decades of court rulings," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights. "Courts have been chipping away at abortion rights ... this would be like taking a huge hacksaw to the rights."

The law focusing on late-term abortions is designed to shut down one of the few doctors in the nation who performs them in Nebraska.

Set to take effect in October, it is based on the claim that fetuses can feel pain at 20 weeks. The current

standard in abortion restrictions is viability, or when a fetus is able to survive outside the womb — generally at 22 to 24 weeks.

The law could lead to changes in state laws across the country if upheld by the courts, said Mary Spaulding Balch, legislative director for National Right to Life.

"It would broaden the interests of states in protecting the unborn child," she said. "It says the state has an interest in the unborn child before viability."

Heineman also signed the other bill, approved by lawmakers on Monday, that requires the screening for mental health problems and other risk factors indicating if women might have problems after having abortions.

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"Notre Dame's failure to not include the nondiscrimination clause is in itself discrimination," he said. "Notre Dame's act of discrimination allows others to feel it acceptable to treat the LGBTQ community as less than equal."

"One discrimination begets another," he added.

Rick Duffer Landavazo, a 1981 graduate who majored in American Studies spoke next about his experience as a gay student at Notre Dame nearly 30 years ago, recounting several instances of overt acts of aggression and hate from his fellow students.

"If gay and lesbian students today are like those in the 1970s, you are in a community that preaches love and practices hate," he said.

Landavazo said dialogue is a critical part of inclusion for the LGBTQ community.

"I urge the University to bring gay and lesbian students to bring their concerns into the open," he said. "Homosexuals are probably the most disdained minority group."

Dialogue, he said, could also have prevented many of today's problems among the gay and lesbian community.

"Could not an open dialogue among priests have avoided the sex abuse scandal in the Church?" he asked.

He also described a "survival guide" for the gay student community.

"Embrace 'Cafeteria Catholicism.' Everyone else has," he said.

Richard Beatty, a 1991 graduate student and former member of the Glee Club, said he came to the University after a "very comfortable life" as a gay man in California.

Besides the lack of administrative recognition of LGBTQ groups on campus, Beatty said he did not experience discrimination from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

"I do sense a certain progress on campus," he said.

Beatty reiterated the importance of adding sexual orientation to the University's nondiscrimination clause, emphasizing the difference between a gay person and gay actions.

"There is a clear distinction between being and doing," he said.

Co-chairs of the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students Melanie LeMay and Eddie Velazquez, both seniors, recounted their experiences as undergraduates at Notre Dame so far.

"Last year the 'Gay? Go to hell' T-shirts were never reprimanded in any way by the administration," LeMay said, referencing the "Gay? Fine by me" T-shirts worn by many students as a protest last semester.

But the environment for the Notre Dame LGBTQ community has improved, she said.

"Most of the change has been from students and faculty," she said.

Velazquez said his impression of the Notre Dame community was better than he had anticipated before coming on campus.

"The ND students are actually opposite to how they were portrayed in the media," he said, referencing a Princeton Review article that pinned Notre Dame as the top most unwelcoming students for "alternative lifestyles."

The last speaker of the event was Dominic Parrott, assistant professor of psychology at Georgia State University, who addressed the psychology behind people who discriminate against others based on their sexual orientation.

"For every big act of aggression like murder, there are more and

more smaller ones that go unreported and uncounted," he said.

Thirty-five states are not legally required to count hate attacks against gay people, he said. Furthermore, an estimated 20 percent of sexual minority adults were victims of a person or property crime due to their sexual orientation and 50 percent of sexual minority adults have been verbally insulted or abused.

"The true prevalence of the problem is underestimated," he said.

Parrott noted several causes of aggression against gay people, focusing especially on men, who constitute 75 to 80 percent of acts of aggression.

Gender role reinforcement, he said, is a factor because society prescribes certain norms for how men and women behave.

Not showing emotion, being sexually active and anti-femininity are all characteristics society pins on men, he said.

"Male homosexuality represents a threat to the masculinity of some heterosexual men," he said. "Men feel they have to establish gender bounds."

The solution to this over-aggression, he said, ought to come from both societal and individual levels.

"Any change in societal level must be supported by education, legislation, social policies and social and cultural messages," he said. "[On an individual level], intergroup contact will reduce sexual prejudice if there is equal status between groups and a norm exists that supports positive relations and cooperative interaction."

He said society must continue to understand and refine its understanding of sources of aggression in order to create a safe and welcome environment for all people, no matter what their sexual orientation.

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McAdams said. "Notre Dame cast a magical spell on me."

He said he has focused on "bringing my own humanity to my students" since beginning to teach at Notre Dame.

"I began looking at my students and recognizing in them myself," he said.

He said he began to see his students as "part of this common humanity," and as people who shared in his "curiosity for the way we live our lives and think about what our callings are."

McAdams said a teaching method that is based on sharing humanity with students requires courage.

"When you're a teacher, you're at risk all of the time," he said. "For all your teachers at Notre Dame — all your real teachers at Notre Dame — every act of teaching is an act of risk and sacrifice."

"It's about getting out there on the stage and making yourself very vulnerable," he said. "If I have the courage to get out amongst all you, then I can teach."

McAdams said part of his credibility as a teacher comes from when he can admit he is wrong.

"I realized that when I talk about being wrong, in a way, I

think my students get more out of that," he said.

Notre Dame, unlike secular institutions, allows McAdams to discuss his religious faith in the classroom, he said.

"It really isn't a problem at Notre Dame to say 'I believe in God and these are my struggles with my belief,'" he said. "It turned out that it was natural to the point of being obligatory, just like it's important to be honest about your mistakes and your shortcomings."

Talking about his faith and mistakes helps McAdams fulfill his ultimate goal as a teacher, he said.

"I realized that when I talk about being wrong, in a way, I think that my students get more out of that."


James McAdams
director
Nanovic Institute

"I see it as my obligation to figure out ways to motivate you to understand the complexity of human existence through Notre Dame and your own faith, if you're wrestling with that," he said.

McAdams is currently working on a new book, "The Rise and Fall of World Communism." He continues to travel regularly, and discussed his recent trips to Belarus and Vietnam.


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Facebook reveals new safety site

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Facebook has launched a revamped internal site designed to help people stay safe and report threats while on the popular online hangout.

Facebook’s “Safety Center,” which features new tools for parents, teachers, teens and law enforcement, is the first major endeavor from the social networking site and its four-month-old global safety advisory board.

The company unveiled its Safety Center a day after meeting with child advocacy officials in the U.K., who had been pushing the company to install a so-called “panic button” on the site for some time, following the kidnapping and murder there of a teenager by a man she encountered on Facebook.

Britain’s Child Exploitation and Online Protection Center, or CEOP, had wanted Facebook to install a prominent link on U.K. users’ profile pages that would take them to CEOP’s own safety site designed to help children deal with online threats.

U.S. labor leader steps down

WASHINGTON — One of the most politically powerful — and polarizing — union leaders in the U.S. is preparing to step down from his post.

Andy Stern, president of the 2.2 million-member Service Employees International Union, plans to resign, a senior union official told employees in an e-mail on Monday.

The message from the official, Diane Sosne, was obtained by The Associated Press. She is a member of the union’s board and president of an SEIU local based in Seattle.

Stern, 59, is one of President Barack Obama’s closest political allies and a major force in Democratic politics. His union spent about \$60 million to help Obama win the presidency and millions more on House and Senate races around the U.S.

He is also one of the most frequent visitors to the White House, showing up more than 20 times last year, according to official logs. Stern has served as a popular punching bag for conservatives who accuse him of using political largesse to push union causes like health care overhaul and stimulus spending.

Failed bank execs defend actions

Washington Mutual officials testify at Senate hearing regarding alleged fraud

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A trio of former Washington Mutual officials and a trove of documents on Tuesday portrayed a pattern of breakneck loan-making and alleged fraud at the biggest U.S. bank ever to fail.

Former CEO Kerry Killinger defended WaMu’s actions at a Senate hearing and insisted the government should not have seized it at the height of the financial crisis in September 2008.

Killinger argued that WaMu had adequate capital and shouldn’t have been shut down and sold for a “bargain” price of \$1.9 billion. The bank “should have been given a chance to work its way through the crisis,” he testified at a hearing by a Senate panel.

The 18-month investigation by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee found that WaMu’s lending operations were rife with fraud, including fabricated loan documents. It concluded that management failed to stem the deception despite internal probes.

The bank’s pay system of rewarding loan officers and sales executives for their volume of loans closed ratcheted up the pressure, the investigators found.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the panel’s chairman, has said it will decide after its hearings this week whether to make a formal referral to the Justice Department for possible criminal prosecution. Justice, the FBI and the Securities and Exchange Commission opened investigations into Washington Mutual soon after its collapse.

The Senate subcommittee is known for conducting hard-hitting investigations by bipartisan staff and has sometimes made such referrals to federal



AP

Former Washington Mutual Bank general auditor Randy Melby testifies before the Senate Tuesday on behalf of the bank’s suspicious actions during the financial crisis.

prosecutors. The former WaMu executives appeared before Congress for the first time since the bank’s collapse.

Killinger deflected the criticism and laid blame on the government. He argued that even before the crisis struck with force, the government treated Seattle-based Washington Mutual unfairly. He noted it was excluded from a list of large financial firms whose stock couldn’t be sold short under a temporary government ban in July 2008. In short-selling, traders bet a stock price will drop and use borrowed shares to profit from any decline.

“For those that were part of the inner circle and were ‘too clubby to fail,’ the benefits were obvious,”

Killinger said. “For those outside of the club, the penalty was severe.”

Levin came armed with e-mail correspondence among senior executives at the bank showing anxiety over elevated rates of delinquency and default in the high-risk mortgage loans WaMu had made. The exchanges show the executives wanted to urgently sell the loans packaged as securities to Wall Street, Levin said.

Two former WaMu chief risk officers said they tried to curb risky lending practices by the bank. But they said they met resistance from top management when they brought their concerns to them.

As the housing bust deepened in late 2007 and

early 2008, “I was increasingly excluded from senior executive meetings and meetings with financial advisers when the bank’s response to the growing crisis was being discussed,” Ronald Cathcart, who helped oversee risk until April 2008, testified at the hearing. By January 2008 he was “fully isolated” and was fired by Killinger a few months later, Cathcart said.

The other risk officer, James Vanasek, testified that he tried to limit loans to those who were unlikely to be able to repay and the number of loans made without verifying borrowers’ income. But his efforts fell flat “without solid executive management support,” Vanasek said.

Trump rebounds from third bankruptcy

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — About to leave its third bankruptcy behind, Trump Entertainment Resorts has a simple formula for the future in the cutthroat Atlantic City casino market: less debt, more cash and more Ivanka.

It also plans to expand beyond New Jersey.

A federal bankruptcy judge on Monday chose bondholders led by New York-based Avenue Capital Group and Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka to buy the company out of bankruptcy for \$225 million. Their bid topped a rival one from billionaire Carl Icahn, who wanted to swap the \$486

million mortgage he holds on Trump Entertainment for ownership of the company.

When Trump Entertainment emerges from bankruptcy court later this year, its debt will be cut to \$334 million, from nearly \$1.8 billion. And that, Donald Trump says, is why the company will succeed where it failed three times before.

“This time we really cut the debt,” he told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “It was never really cut enough. We’ve cut the debt down to a low level, and we now have a company in good financial shape.”

Icahn’s plan would have eliminated all the company’s debt, but it also would have wiped out

bondholders’ investments — a key factor that led Judge Judith Wizmur to side with the proposal from the Trumps and the bondholders.

Mark Juliano, Trump Entertainment’s CEO, said the company’s first priority is revitalizing the three Atlantic City casinos it owns: the Trump Taj Mahal Casino resort, Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino and Trump Marina Hotel Casino, which is being put back on the selling block this week.

But Juliano said the company will seek opportunities in other states to lessen its dependence on a single, struggling market, particularly if it can sell Trump Marina.

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In defense of baseball

Spring in the Midwest is exciting. The snow has finally melted (we think), the temperature has warmed up to bearable temperatures and the sun shines for more than 10 minutes per month. To me, though, the coming of spring has meant only one thing for as long as I can remember: the arrival of baseball season.

Andy Zicarelli

Moment of Inertia

Now, some don't share my enthusiasm. I have heard a lot of negative things said about the game of baseball, just within the past few weeks. Some of my favorites include calling it "the most boring game on the planet," "painful to watch" and that "you need to be drunk to be able to enjoy it." The best, though, was the person that I overheard say that baseball is "three minutes of action packed into three hours." It was kind of funny. It is also completely and totally wrong. Somewhere along the line, baseball developed a reputation for being an unexciting game. Quite the contrary, I would even make the claim that baseball is maybe the most interesting and exciting sport played. I'll wait for you to stop laughing before I explain.

What makes baseball so entertaining isn't necessarily the physical aspect, though it certainly is important. The mental aspect and the strategy involved in good baseball is what sets it apart from every other game that is played in the world. My dad always told me that baseball is "a thinking man's game," and he couldn't be more right. The game changes on literally every single pitch. For example, if a pitcher throws a ball on a 1-1 count, he has just dug himself into a hole and likely has to come with a fastball that he knows he can throw for a strike on the next pitch.

The hitter knows this too, though, and can be ready for it. However, if the same pitch is moved just a few inches and crosses the plate in the strike zone, then now the pitcher has two strikes on the batter and can afford to throw just about any pitch in his repertoire to try to fool him. The pitcher and hitter both must take into account what type of pitches the pitcher can throw, what pitch he tends to throw in certain situations, what locations and types of pitches the batter likes to hit, what pitch the pitcher threw in a similar situation in the past (and if the batter will be expecting the same thing), among other concerns. So does the pitcher go with the fastball knowing that the batter is expecting it, or does he try and fool him with the curveball, which is harder to control? Where do the fielders position themselves and where are they going to the ball if it is hit to them? Does the manager look to the bench to try and create a more favorable matchup? Each pitch in baseball creates a new dilemma. No two situations are ever the same. So, while you look at baseball and see a game that is boring and always looks the same, I see a game that provides me with something that I have never seen before on a nightly basis.

Now, baseball is not just a mental exercise. Otherwise, it would be as entertaining as watching chess. The physical aspect can spoil even the best of strategies if a player isn't careful. A pitcher can have the perfect pitch called for a certain situation, but if he leaves it hanging over the middle of the plate instead of on the corner, he might see it sail over the wall for a home run. Likewise, a hitter can know exactly what pitch is coming, but if his swing is only a few hundredths of a second late or early, he will come up with nothing

but air.

Some people say that there is not enough action and excitement in baseball to keep them interested, and to a point, I understand where those people are coming from. There can be stretches of games that consist of nothing but strikeouts and groundouts for innings at a time. Scoring is scarce. But there are few things that are more majestic and pure than seeing a hitter square up a pitch and drive it for what seems like minutes into the night sky, and then watching it clear the fence for a home run. Plus, because of the pace of the game, there is a lot of tension that is built up in the late innings of a close game. Anticipation grows with each pitch of a critical at-bat. Then, in an instant, whether the outcome is a clutch base hit or a huge strikeout, all of the tension that has been built up in the stadium is released all at once in the form of uncontrolled excitement, or in many cases, extreme frustration. The nature of the game acts like an emotional amplifier for everyone involved, and it creates unforgettable moments, both good and bad.

Football may have overtaken baseball as America's most popular sport, but baseball will always remain our national pastime. There is a deeply rooted, almost religious, bond between the game and this country. It has produced heroes and legends for generations and has created a tradition that I, for one, am proud to be a part of.

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"Man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter."

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U.S. poet

What can body odor tells us about sexual attraction and sexual orientation?

Can “BO” (body odor) actually be a good thing?

Sexual attraction is complicated. While we may swoon over self-professed “types” (blue eyes, brown hair, great smile), mate selection relies heavily on a series of conscious and unconscious calculations made deep within our brains.

Jessica D. Payne, Ph.D.

Guest Columnist

Take body odor, for instance. Most of us try to cover it up with deodorants and perfumes, but BO might actually help us find our best-fit romantic partners. Considerable evidence suggests that humans produce individually unique body odors, and that we easily discriminate between the body odors of different people. Even newborns can tell the difference between the odor of their own mothers and those of mothers of other infants. Thus, BO may be crucial for forming social relationships, even early in life.

Body odor is largely influenced by Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) molecules, which are genetically determined and linked to the immune system. Experiments on non-human animals and human participants have shown that we tend to judge potential sexual partners as more attractive if their MHC composition is substantially different from our own. In other words, opposites really might attract, perhaps because such variation in our immunity makes the

population more resistant to disease. Interestingly, MHC has also been linked directly to sexual orientation, suggesting that the differences in MHC that influence sexual orientation may be related to the differences in MHC that regulate odor production.

In the last article of this series, Professor Wirth, also in the Psychology Department, talked about hormones, or the chemical signals that act on cells within an individual. Pheromones, on the other hand, are chemical signals that influence the behavior and physiology of other individuals. Scientists think that pheromones are detected by the olfactory system or by the vomeronasal organ (VNO), which is located in the nasal cavity. Perhaps because this region is vestigial in humans, pheromones may or may not be active in human mating behavior. In lab animals, however, pheromones have profound effects on other animals. For example, when adult male rodents are around, females will reach puberty faster, and in some cases their estrous cycles will synchronize.

Our vestigial VNOs aside, odor may play a large role in human sexual attraction. For example, the chemical 4-16-androstadien-3-one, or ‘and’ for short, is an androgen-like chemical found in the underarm sweat of males and females, and we humans are highly sensitive to it. Brain imaging studies show that and exposure activates brain regions that are critical for sexual behavior, such as olfactory areas and regions of the hypothala-

mus. A recent study showed that lesbian women process ‘and’ with their olfactory systems rather than the hypothalamus, which is the opposite of heterosexual women.

Just like heterosexuals then, people who are attracted to the same sex may follow their noses. Consider, for example, a 2005 study published in the prestigious journal Psychological Science, which showed that gay men and lesbian women had different body odor preferences than straight men and women.

Now, this is a study that would be interesting to participate in! For nine days volunteers used only odorless soaps and shampoo, not shaving their armpits, and abstaining from garlic, curry and cumin. They then wore cotton pads wedged into their armpits for several days while going about their typical activities. The pads were cut up and randomly placed in plastic squeeze bottles with flip-top lids for easy access smelling. Shortly thereafter, another set of volunteers, of both sexes and sexual orientations, smelled and rated the odors on intensity and pleasantness on scales of 1 to 10.

Interestingly, homosexual men had different preferences than straight men, straight women and lesbian women. Not only were their body odor preferences different than these other groups, but their own body odor was regarded differently than these other groups as well. Homosexual men were drawn to the odors of other gay men and heterosexual women, while odors

from gay men were the least preferred by heterosexual men and women and by lesbian women.

Many scientists, myself included, believe that these findings suggest that neurobiological processes are at work in determining our sexual orientation, just as they are in determining our sexual assignment, although they could certainly interact with environmental influences as well.

In his related article, Professor Fuentes pointed out that homosexual activity exists naturally (i.e. in nature) across a wide array of species. His observations were echoed in the cover article in last Sunday’s New York Times Magazine, “The Love that Dares Not Squawk its Name: Inside the Science of Same-Sex Animal Pairings” by Jon Mooallem. Given the ubiquity of homosexual behavior, across time and across species, and given that research has not found any effect of parenting style or childhood experiences on sexual orientation, what, then, causes people to be gay, straight or bisexual? The answer to that question will surely be complex, but an ever-growing biological database strongly suggests that nature plays a fundamental role in why we are attracted to the people we are and fall in love with the people we do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the soccer boom articles

It’s time for the world’s greatest sporting event: the FIFA World Cup. This quadrennial 32-team tournament pits some of the best footballing countries against one another to determine which country gets lift the most prestigious trophy in sports. I remember waking up in the early hours in 2002 to watch the USA take on Mexico and feeling elated when the stars and stripes came through. I remember watching America be one of two teams to score against the eventual world champions Italy in 2006. Now we reach 2010 and I am ready for another thriller of international soccer. But what’s this? I suddenly see mainstream newspapers, television networks and magazines covering soccer like it’s their job. They are all proclaiming soccer is about to take off in the USA! Or can we win the cup?

First, there is no way USA will win the cup. Even a diehard would be willing to admit it. We are not there yet. It is the former point that I wish to address. As reliable as the World Cup comes every four years, as does the articles regarding soccer and America. It’s a socially intriguing and conflict-creating topic. Soccer has long been here, starting with the first organized match: Rutgers-Princeton on Nov. 6, 1869. It grew to be the winter sport paralleling baseball (being that most clubs were owned by baseball owners) and became the second most popular professional sport in America. Then a combination of the Great Depression and petty politics killed it until the birth of the North American Soccer League in the late 60s. This is where we see the articles regarding the return of soccer to America and how it

will boom. Rather than embrace soccer they expected soccer to suddenly and magically transform them into fans and they’d comprehend every little thing done on the pitch. This never happened and thus people never gave soccer a fighting chance. So every time someone would write: Here Comes Soccer, this group would laugh and say: “I’ve been hearing that for 30 years.” What they fail to take into account is that soccer has grown in leaps and bounds since the writers started saying soccer is going to be big.

Twenty years ago you would be lucky to get an English match on TV, now there are four to five live matches every weekend and some even during the week (North London Derby 3 p.m. Wednesday on ESPN2). Some of you weren’t even born when USA qualified for World Cup 1990. It was the first

time in 40 years that USA qualified. Now the USA is in its fifth straight World Cup and has 10 times the talent of that 1990 squad. I could go on and on of how MLS is currently outdrawing the NBA and NHL or that soccer is the most participated in sport, but that avoids the point. These articles about how soccer is about to catch on do nothing but avoid history and the truth that soccer was here and is here. It doesn’t need a magical boom to make it popular when it already is. But I will be ready; with 59 days until the World Cup, I’ll take the crazy articles with little research, just in order to get to the Cup.

Tim Staub
freshman
Dillon Hall
April 13

EDITORIAL CARTOON



STUDENT-PRODUCED SATIRE COMES TO WASHINGTON HALL

URINETOWN THE MUSICAL

Scene Staff Report

The St. Edward's Hall Players bring the subversive Broadway hit "Urinetown" to Washington Hall today and Thursday. Tickets for the 7 p.m. shows are \$5 for students, \$7 for the general public and are available the LaFortune box office or at the door.

A few members of the cast and crew talked to The Observer about the searing, satirical show and the work that went into putting it together.

From the cast:

Tricia Coburn, freshman

"Hope Cladwell," the daughter of the evil, miserly CEO of Urine Good Company. She falls in love with Bobby against her father's wishes.

Will Docimo, sophomore

"Bobby Strong," the Everyman hero who both leads the revolution against the pay toilet system, falling in love with Hope along the way.

Ellyn Michalak, senior

"Little Sally," as the play's precocious quasi-narrator, along with Officer Lockstock.

Brian Rodgers, freshman

"Officer Lockstock," the corrupt cop who is the other half of the narrating team.

From the crew:

John Kemnetz, freshman

Musical director

Claire Conley, sophomore

Stage manager

So, what exactly is "Urinetown"?

Docimo: The name is pretty self-explanatory. It takes place in the not-too-distant future, in which people's natural need to urinate is exploited for profit. It's really quite a solid business model.

Kemnetz: "Urinetown" takes the audience into a dystopian world where a 20-year drought has caused all bathrooms to become privatized, and everyone must pay to pee.

While most of the poor manage to scrounge together the pennies they need for their daily trip to the toilet, there is the occasional unfortunate soul who ends up having to relieve him or herself elsewhere — a serious crime resulting in the convicted being sent to a mysterious place called Urinetown from whence they never return.

The show begins with [Bobby Strong's] father being carted off to Urinetown for peeing outside the bathroom ... [Bobby responds] by taking over the amenity and giving free access to all the poor. With his revolution in motion, Bobby captures the daughter of the CEO of Urine Good Company, the evil, money-hungry corporation that has control over all the bathrooms, and an all out battle between the poor and the UGC erupts.

Conley: "Urinetown" is a dark comedy that is a combination of musical theater, parody and political satire. These people live in a world of regulations that they see as unjust, and so [they]

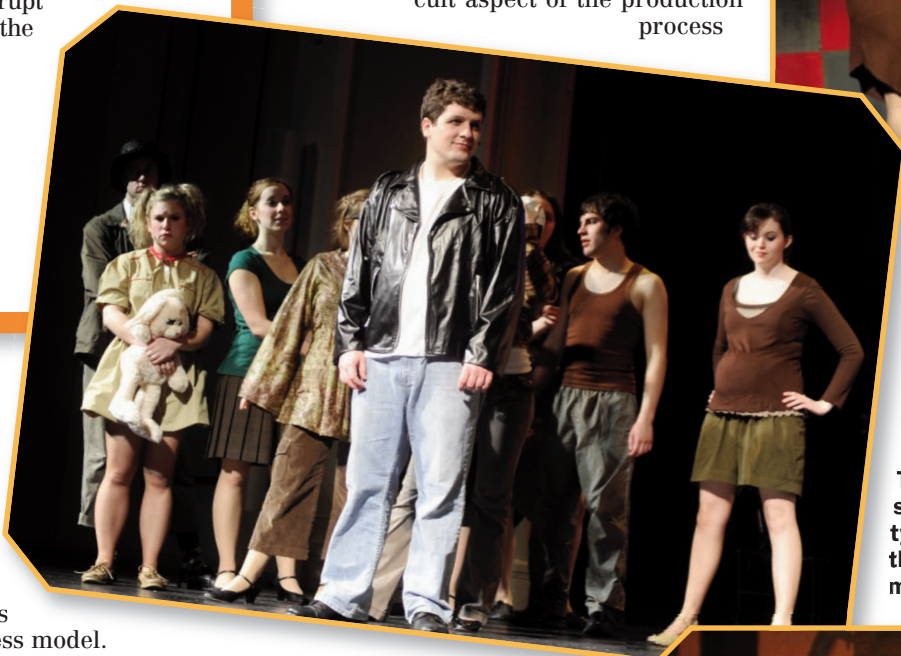
eliminate them, not realizing that the regulations are what holds their precariously balanced world together. There are many themes that can be pulled from it, based on what you personally see in the show: political, environmental and social issues are all present.

Kemnetz: It was first shown at the New York International Fringe Festival and was soon produced as an off-Broadway show before taking the Broadway stage in September of 2001. The show ran for just over three years and toured briefly.

It's been met by audiences with mixed reviews. In particular, grandmothers and businessmen have found the show particularly offensive or vulgar, while teenagers/college kids tend to find the pee jokes and awkward humor funny. I know, right? College kids and grandmas not having the same sense of humor? Must be a weird show.

What has been the most challenging or rewarding aspect of your role or job?

Coburn: The most rewarding yet difficult aspect of the production process



Kemnetz: The most frustrating aspect of this show was the fact that everyone involved is a Notre Dame student. That means they're not just actors, instrumentalists or crew members — they're athletes and singers and so many other things. And, being good at all of these things, they're pulled in many directions, which can make scheduling and working with the full cast a big struggle.

This show is known for its ridiculous premise, the satirical commentary and its parody of the stereotypical Broadway musical. How did you approach these aspects while still trying to put together the musical and technical aspects?

Michalak: Since "Urinetown" is supposed to be both satirical and comical, every action, every line, every song, has to be done over the top. We definitely spent a lot of time learning how to act as caricatures, always making our actions bigger, louder and more comical.

Coburn: There are many points in the show where we all have to do outrageous things that force us to step out of our comfort zones. In these cases, being comfortable with everyone has been critical in being able to overcome any self-consciousness.

Rodgers: I went in knowing that in this show, we had to be funny but with a purpose — this is not your typical run of the mill comedy and as a result there was a slight degree of seriousness.

Docimo: I was unaware that "Urinetown" was satire. I just assumed it was a realistic forecast for the future of Nevada. This changes everything.



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The Scene section is written by volunteers. It may be hard to believe, but we're not paid for our efforts; we write because we like writing, culture and deep down, we believe we have good taste. The articles reflect this: They are usually about subjects we love or hate. To combat this, I'm writing about a show I've never seen but is hugely popular, "Glee" on Fox. On Tuesday night, it returned for the second half of its first season. I wrote in real time as I watched in an effort to make the most honest record possible of my reactions.

Nick Anderson

Scene Writer

9:27 Ryan Seacrest ended American Idol with "Glee out!" I can't say it excites me.

9:28 The show gives a recap of the season so far. They talk fast and make things appear more dramatic than they actually are.

9:30 Sue, the resident wicked witch, makes an appearance. She's well-written and performed. I'm going to miss her when she's not on screen. The editing reminds me of a Dan Brown novel: There's a lot happening and it's presented in the choppiest and most

confusing way possible.

9:35 The first romantic sub-plot (other than a pregnancy) comes in for Will. I can't honestly tell if the characters are charming or creepy.

9:37 Reflecting on it, I don't think I've ever watched a show about high school other than "Freaks and Geeks." There's been more drama in 10 minutes of "Glee" than my entire high school career.

9:38 First song: The Doors, "Hello I Love You." I'm hugely unimpressed. It fits into the story with only a bit of stretching. Finn, wandering the halls singing like he has a message to convey, reminds me of an 80s music video. As much as the decline of MTV is maligned, it may be for the best if these are the videos we'd be left with.

9:43 A break-up comes from Finn while referencing his "inner-rock star." This scene produces tears. It's only been 16 minutes. I do not miss high school at all.

9:45 Rachel sings All-American Rejects. The singing, dancing and lip syncing is the worst not only so far on the show, but also since Ashley Simpson's SNL performance. Luckily there is an inappropriate break-dancer present to try to redeem the

scene.

9:49 A rival singer appears, singing Lionel Richie and wearing all black. I've fully accepted the campiness of the show. It's slowly becoming more vaudevillian and entertaining.

9:52 At the second commercial break, I realized why this show is so enchanting to our generation: Disney movies defined our childhood. Why can't we keep watching them, but with more sex appeal?

9:58 "Hello Again" by Neil Diamond is playing in the background. Will takes time out of acting to explain why this is an appropriate song choice. The writers don't seem to think much of their audience's intelligence.

10:06 This is, depending on how you count, the second instance of cheating on the show. This whole show has a strange mixture of evil, wisdom, honesty and high school clichés. If nothing else, it's unique.

10:09 Admittedly, I've only seen 31 minutes of the series but many of the characters play straight into stereotypes.

10:13 The "Old Maids' Club." This may be the best-written scene on the episode. It's pure absurdity with just a small bit of malevolence added in. It's

close to how high school boys imagine how high school girls work.

10:17 I think these people go to high school inside a Taylor Swift song.

10:23 The Beatles "Hello Goodbye" makes a predictable appearance. It's much worse than the original, but then again, every Beatles' cover is.

10:25 Sue performs Madonna's "Vogue" as a commercial for next week's episode, complete with cone bra. I'd call it gimmicky, but that would imply the rest of the show isn't. The show didn't quite feel complete as the credits rolled.

Final thoughts: It's a strange time for Glee to be on the air. Television is currently in a golden age of drama but this show bucks the trend. It's fun, but there's little substance and the only substantial difference from a soap opera is the music. I can't say I'm eagerly awaiting another episode, but I'll probably give the show another chance when Neil Patrick Harris guest stars.

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By COURTNEY COX

Scene Writer

It's that time of year again — the annual release of the Lollapalooza lineup.

The release of the lineup began as a game. The crafty folks at C3 Presents, the Texas-based concert promotion company, essentially created a "Wheel of Fortune" style board with all of the names of the bands.

From that point it wasn't too difficult to decipher the eventual headliners because four blank spaces marking a four-letter word followed by another four-letter word could of course only be Lady Gaga. There was much less mystique about who the headliners would be this year because many very reputable leaks that gave away basically all six.

However anti-climactic the revealing of the headliners may have been, the actual appearance of these six groups is quite impressive. Okay, sure, no one actually wants to see Green Day, unless they're trying to come off as ironic or something, but the others are all worth going to.

The problem with having such amazing headliners is that there will be a guaranteed conflict no matter what. To have to choose between Arcade Fire and Lady Gaga might just be too much to handle. Either way, the headlining stages will be sure to have loyal fanatics camping out all day at the front of the crowd simply to get the best seats for the likes of Soundgarden, Phoenix, The Strokes, Arcade Fire and Lady Gaga. Again, Green Day is laughable, but what can you do?

The rest of the lineup is nothing to scoff at either. While MGMT's new album "Congratulations" may not have offered what casual listeners were looking for it, is still a good album in its own right and they will most definitely draw a large crowd of people who come just to see them play "Kids."

The British quartet Hot Chip promises to be a

fun time as well. Their electro-rock has resonated with fans for quite some time and they will no doubt be able to get the crowd dancing. It will also be a great opportunity to hear the band's new album "One Life Stand" live. Perhaps they will even perform their cover of Shakira's "She Wolf."

Cut Copy is another one of those dancey bands that is sure to force thousands of people to cram into a tiny field. Some may have been introduced to the band's music through an iTunes free download about a year and a half ago, but their most famous song, "Lights and Music" from their album "In Ghost Colours," is the perfect example of their aesthetic.

They are very electronic driven but they don't cease to be appealing to fans because their music is in fact very catchy. Ideally they would receive a time slot later in the night so that festival-goers can actually enjoy the lights while listening to the music of Cut Copy.

The happiest band on earth, Matt and Kim, is returning to Lollapalooza after having played for the festival in 2007. The Brooklyn-based duo is known for its upbeat pop, energetic live shows and overall adorableness. For those of unfamiliar with the band, they are most well known for the song "Daylight," which had been featured in a Bacardi commercial. If anything they're worth seeing simply because they're so darn cute.

These bands represent only a fraction of the amazing groups set to perform August 6 to 8 in Chicago's Grant Park. Other bands worth checking out include Yeasayer, Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeroes, Dirty Projectors, The New Pornographers, Blitzen Trapper and so many more.

So, "Shirtless Jerks" and "Hipster Parents," dish out that \$215 and get psyched. Lollapalooza 2010 is shaping up to be quite the event.

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MLB

Yankees welcome Matsui back in home opener

Los Angeles hits four home runs in win over Arizona; Detroit makes late comeback in victory over Kansas City

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte hit the corners, Derek Jeter homered into the right-center field stands, Jorge Posada rambled into second base for a double. And for good measure, Mariano Rivera closed it out with a cutter.

Don't tell the Yankees' core four it's 2010.

The longtime All-Stars each picked up World Series ring No. 5, then led New York to a victory in its home opener Tuesday, 7-5 over the Los Angeles Angels in front of a record crowd that included owner George Steinbrenner.

"Everyone talks about how long we've been here but in our minds it seems like we are just still little kids," said Jeter, the AL Rookie of the Year in 1996. "We want to come out here and contribute and try and be consistent. That's what we tried to do throughout the years and that'll never change."

The Angels' Hideki Matsui might have gotten the loudest ovation of the stirring ceremony that celebrated the Yankees' 27th title, with fans welcoming back the World Series MVP. But the four stars who last won a title in 2000 wound up winners in the end.

"They all played big roles last year, as well," Yankees manager

Joe Girardi said. "Andy won the last game at the Stadium last year and won the first one this year — pretty fitting. Derek had some big hits, Jorgie. Mo closed it out. It is appropriate."

With the 2009 World Series banner whipping in a chilly breeze, Pettitte (1-0) returned to the Yankee Stadium mound for the first time since he won the clinching Game 6 against Philadelphia last November. He threw 100 pitches in six crisp innings as the Yankees dropped the Angels to 2-6, their worst start since 1972.

The 40-year-old Rivera was needed to earn his third save after another ex-Yankee, Bobby Abreu, hit a grand slam in the ninth off Dave Robertson to make it 7-5.

"Obviously we did too many things poorly early in the game and had to crawl our way back and it was too little too late," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "There's definitely some things we need to clean up the way we're playing ball this week."

Matsui was mobbed by his former teammates near the mound after getting his ring in the pregame festivities. He was regaled with a prolonged standing salute when he stepped into the batter's box in the first inning.

"I was very deeply moved by

that moment. It's something that I did not anticipate at all," he said through a translator. "It's something that I will remember forever, that moment. I'm just very happy and very thankful, the way that the fans had welcomed me back."

The Angels' designated hitter stepped out and tipped his helmet before striking out — another cheer — to end the inning and got tangled with Posada, who playfully tagged him a couple of times. Matsui went 0 for 5 in front of a record regular-season crowd of 49,293 at the ballpark, now in its second year.

"The fans wanted him to tip his hat. I just felt he deserved that so I stepped off the mound," Pettitte said. "As soon as he steps in the box, it's just put your head down. You better make good pitches to him."

Jeter, who led off the Yankees' last regular-season home game with a home run, hit his first homer of the year in the fourth and hit a sharp grounder off Ervin Santana's thigh for another RBI in the fifth.

Nick Johnson also homered for New York, who hit a team-record 136 homers in their first year at the ballpark. The most home runs across 161st Street, now a fading memory — thanks to a wrecking crew — was 126 in 2004 and '05.

Johnson homered off Santana (0-2) in his first at-bat in pinstripes since 2003, when he was traded to Montreal during the offseason, helping the Yankees win for the 12th time in the last 13 home openers. They were routed by Cleveland in the first game at the new stadium on April 16, 2009.

Alex Rodriguez received his first World Series ring and later drove in two runs with a three-hop single off reliever Jason Bulger that nicked diving shortstop Erick Aybar's glove in the sixth to make it 5-0. Posada drove in a run, too.

Pettitte became the first pitcher in postseason history to start and win all three clinching games, including Game 6 of the ALCS against the Angels, and he began this season in equally fine fashion. He allowed a run and six hits against Boston in his first start and shut down the Angels' speedy offense for his 230th career win.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 5

Manny Ramirez homered for the first time this season, the first of four longballs by the Dodgers, and Los Angeles beat the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday to win its home opener for the third consecutive year.

Casey Blake hit a two-run drive, Matt Kemp added a solo shot and Andre Ethier hit a three-run homer for the Dodgers, who beat San Francisco 11-1 in their 2009



Kansas City Royals designated hitter Jose Guillen hits a two-run home run for the Royals during their loss against the Detroit Tigers Tuesday.

home opener. Blake went 1 for 2 with a walk and is batting .389, carrying over his strong spring into the regular season.

Ramirez, Kemp and Ethier homered in the same game for the second time since Ramirez joined the Dodgers in 2008.

Clayton Kershaw (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits in 5 1-3 innings. The 22-year-old left-hander struck out seven and walked five in his second start after a no-decision in the Dodgers' 4-3, 10-inning loss at Pittsburgh last week.

Ian Kennedy (0-1) gave up six runs and six hits over 4 1-3 innings in his first game against the Dodgers.

Ramirez's leadoff homer in the fourth — No. 547 of his career and his 2,501st hit — gave Los Angeles a 2-1 lead. He hit a 2-2 pitch from Kennedy halfway up the pavilion in left-center, eliciting chants of "Manny! Manny!" from the sellout crowd of 56,000. Ramirez, who has been unusually quiet around the media since spring training, responded with a brief curtain call from the top of the dugout steps.

James Loney doubled before Blake went deep, reaching the first row of the left-field pavilion to make it 4-1.

In the fifth, Kemp sent a 3-2 pitch over the wall in right for his third homer of the season, bringing his girlfriend Rihanna to her feet for a celebration dance behind the dugout.

Ethier connected on an 0-2 pitch from Esmerling Vasquez in the sixth, making it 9-2.

The Dodgers led 1-0 on Russell Martin's bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the first.

Ramon Ortiz retired the first two Arizona batters in the seventh, then gave up three runs in his second major league appearance since Oct. 1, 2007. He allowed a two-run homer to Mark Reynolds on the first pitch and an RBI single to Kelly Johnson that

left the D'backs trailing 9-5.

Tigers 6, Royals 5

Carlos Guillen's two-run double capped a six-run rally in the seventh inning and the Detroit Tigers pulled off another big comeback, beating the Kansas City Royals Tuesday.

Jose Guillen hit his fourth home run in three games as the Royals took a 5-0 lead against Dontrelle Willis and the Detroit bullpen. But just like Sunday, when the Tigers fell behind 5-0 to Cleveland, they recovered to win.

The Tigers hadn't gotten a runner past first in the first six innings against Kansas City, then rallied against four pitchers.

Gerald Laird doubled home Brandon Inge with one out and chased Royals starter Brian Bannister. Scott Sizemore hit Roman Colon's second pitch for a run-scoring double and with two outs, Austin Jackson pulled the Tigers within 5-3 with Detroit's third RBI double in four batters.

Dusty Hughes (0-1) came in, but didn't retire either batter he faced, leaving Juan Cruz to face Miguel Cabrera with the bases loaded. A four-pitch walk brought in Detroit's fourth run, and Guillen hit a two-run double on the next pitch to put Detroit up 6-5.

Reliever Joel Zumaya (2-0) picked up the win and Jose Valverde pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

The Royals left the bases loaded against Willis in the first, but took advantage of their next scoring opportunity. David DeJesus led off the third with his first homer of the season, and with one out, Scott Podsednik walked and took third on Guillen's double.

Willis struck out Rick Ankiel, but Alberto Callaspo made it 3-0 with a two-run single.

Guillen made it 4-0 with a homer in the fifth and the Royals added a fifth run off Zumaya in the seventh on Yuniesky Betancourt's RBI single.



Los Angeles Angels' Hideki Matsui shows appreciation before his first at bat at his former home field, Yankee Stadium Tuesday.

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Women's Division I Tennis ITA Poll

	team	previous
1	Baylor	2
2	North Carolina	1
3	Michigan	8
4	Florida	3
5	Northwestern	4
6	NOTRE DAME	6
7	Duke	5
8	UCLA	7
9	Clemson	10
10	Miami	9
11	Stanford	12
12	California	11
13	Florida State	17
14	Georgia	13
15	South Carolina	19
16	Tennessee	14
17	Southern California	18
18	Mississippi	NR
19	South Florida	15
20	Georgia Tech	20
21	Arizona State	16
22	Iowa	NR
23	Arkansas	22
24	VCU	NR
25	Washington	23

Men's Division I Outdoor Track USTFCCCA Poll

	team	previous
1	Florida	1
2	Texas A&M	2
3	Oregon	3
4	Texas Tech	5
5	Florida State	4
6	Southern California	6
7	Auburn	7
8	LSU	8
9	South Carolina	11
10	Arizona State	9
11	Mississippi State	12
12	Nebraska	10
13	Oklahoma	13
14	Baylor	19
15	Louisville	14
16	Virginia Tech	17
17	Mississippi	23
18	Arkansas	15
19	California	18
20	Brigham Young	24
21	Minnesota	20
22	Kansas State	NR
23	Washington State	22
24	Tennessee	21
25	Wisconsin	25

Men's Division I Baseball Big East Rankings

	team	record
1	South Florida	8-1
2	Connecticut	7-2
3	Rutgers	7-2
4	Louisville	6-3
5	Pittsburgh	6-3
6	St. John's	5-4
7	Cincinnati	3-6
8	West Virginia	3-6
9	Seton Hall	3-6
10	Villanova	2-7

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo leads his team during their Final Four appearance in Indianapolis earlier this month. On Tuesday the NCAA changed recruiting rules for summer camps and clinics on school's campuses that will affect all coaches.

NCAA makes changes to basketball recruiting rules

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — College basketball coaches no longer have to shy away from potential recruits during summer camps and clinics on their own campus.

On Tuesday, the NCAA's Legislative Council announced it would allow coaches to have "recruiting discussions" on campus, loosening a rule that was nearly impossible to enforce anyway. The change does not mean coaches can go into full recruiting mode, but they can converse with players they are actually recruiting.

The changes must still be approved by the NCAA's

Board of Directors, which meets later this month. The proposal does not distinguish between head coaches or assistants.

"The coach cannot give them campus tours and do the kinds of things that they would do on an official visit," said Steve Mallonee, the NCAA's managing director of academic and membership affairs. "We wanted to eliminate some of the third-party influence in recruiting."

The proposals intended to clean up college basketball recruiting gained traction in October when the board unanimously endorsed a package of changes. Some were adopted. Others did not survive the NCAA's rigorous legislative process.

The council considered more than 30 proposals during a two-day meeting this week and passed more than 20, including an amended package that creates new testing requirements for the sickle cell genetic trait that has been linked to the deaths of some athletes.

Most of today's newborns now undergo the test, which many states were offering in 1998. Some of today's college athletes, however, have not been tested and the NCAA recommended last June that all athletes be tested.

The recommendation came as part of lawsuit settlement with the family of a

former Rice football player who died.

On Tuesday, the council decided to give athletes three options: Take the test, provide documentation they have been tested or sign a release to decline the test.

"We as a council felt very confident after we had taken the vote that certainly the vote shows the support of the council as well as the membership for the health, welfare and well-being of the student-athlete while also providing for the ability to opt out of the test if for some reason they have concerns about taking the test," said Joe D'Antonio, the committee chairman and senior associate commissioner of the Big East.

IN BRIEF

NFL invites 16 players to next week's NFL Draft

NEW YORK — Sam Bradford, Ndamukong Suh and Gerald McCoy are among 16 players who have accepted invitations to the NFL draft.

The Oklahoma quarterback and the defensive tackles from Nebraska and Oklahoma are projected to be the top three picks on April 22.

With the draft extended to three days, the first two in prime time, the NFL has increased the number of player invitations. Also accepting are running backs C.J. Spiller of Clemson and Jahvid Best of Cal; cornerbacks Joe Haden of Florida and Brandon Ghee of Wake Forest; offensive tackles Russell Okung of Oklahoma State, Bryan Bulaga of Iowa and Trent Williams of Oklahoma; defensive tackles Lamarr Houston of Texas, Jared Odrick of Penn State and Dan Williams of Tennessee; defensive end Derrick Morgan of Georgia Tech; receiver Demaryius Thomas of Georgia Tech and safety Eric Berry of Tennessee.

QB Roethlisberger meets with commissioner Goodell

NEW YORK — Ben Roethlisberger has finished his meeting with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, and there's no immediate word if the Steelers quarterback will be punished for his problems off the field.

Roethlisberger flew to New York from his Pittsburgh home one day after a Georgia district attorney announced the player would not be charged after a college student accused him of sexually assaulting her in a nightclub bathroom last month.

He tells ESPN that Tuesday's meeting was "very productive."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello says the league will review the facts — in accordance with its personal conduct code — and will follow up with Roethlisberger and the Steelers.

The Steelers, clearly angered with their star player's conduct, can discipline Roethlisberger even if the league doesn't.

Roy's playoff status unknown after tearing meniscus in knee

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy has a torn meniscus in his right knee and his status for the playoffs is uncertain.

The three-time All-Star will miss Monday night's game against the Oklahoma City Thunder and Wednesday's regular season finale against Golden State on Wednesday night.

He will require surgery and will be out from four to six weeks. But he said he may try to play with the injury in the playoffs because doctors told him it cannot get worse.

"I want to play," Roy said. "It's the playoffs. You play 82 games and take a beating just to get to this point."

Roy is the Blazers' leading scorer with 21.5 points per game. He injured his knee on Sunday, 11 minutes into the Blazers 91-88 victory at the Los Angeles Lakers.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Paterno discusses adding to Big Ten conference

Associated Press

Penn State coach Joe Paterno, who wed the former Suzanne Pohland in 1962, knows a thing or two about what makes a successful marriage.

So he recognizes how important it is for the Big Ten to pick the right partner or partners if it expands from its current 11 teams.

“The thing that you have to do is when you get married, you’d better marry somebody you love,” the 83-year-old Paterno said Tuesday during spring drills for his 45th season as head coach. “That means somebody who appreciates what you want to do.”

The Big Ten is exploring the possibility of expanding. Paterno said the conference cannot add schools just to get bigger but needs to invite like-minded institutions.

“So we can really mesh. That it’s going to be a happy marriage, and we’re all on the same page and nobody dominates it,” Paterno said on a Big Ten coaches teleconference. “It’s not a question of just bringing somebody in that you’re just going to kick around. It’s a question of bringing someone in who can handle the academics, the research, AAU schools, people with a commitment to the women’s sports, a commitment to all sports programs, a commitment to the ideals of what intercolle-

giate athletics should be all about.”

The conference made its trademark name into a misnomer when it added an 11th school, Penn State, in 1993.

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said he’s OK if the Big Ten doesn’t budge.

“I’m more of a traditionalist,” Fitzgerald said. “We need to be sure we know where the landscape is going to go in college football. But I am not, for one, saying we have to keep up with the Joneses. The Big Ten product is as competitive as it’s ever been. At this point, if we’re going to add a team or teams, it needs to be the significance of when we added Penn State.”

Paterno said that no administrators have asked him about his thinking on the subject of expansion, but he would favor the Big Ten adding at least one team in the East to help broaden the appeal to television audiences. More members would mean a lucrative and attention-drawing conference championship in football.

“Can you find one, two, three, four? I don’t know,” he said. “That’s up to some people that are outside my realm.”

On the field, Paterno’s Nittany Lions are one of four Big Ten teams trying to replace a graduated starting quarterback this spring. Illinois lost Juice Williams, Northwestern is without Mike Kafka, Penn State must find a replacement for

Daryll Clark and Purdue is missing Joey Elliott.

Illini coach Ron Zook is keeping an eye on redshirt freshman Nathan Scheelhaase, sophomore Jacob Charest, who spelled Williams a year ago, and true freshman Chandler Whitmer.

“They’ve all kind of had their positive things and they’ve all made some mistakes,” said Zook, back for his sixth year. “To me, it’s going to be the one guy who comes out of it who can learn from his mistakes and not make the same mistakes.”

Northwestern is taking a hard look at junior Dan Persa, who saw action in 10 games a year ago.

Paterno said his squad, coming off an 11-2 season, hasn’t been all that impressive midway through spring workouts.

“We’re not a very good football team right now,” he said. “The quarterbacks are very average, but they’re very young. Hopefully over a period of time they get better. We’re just not doing some things very well. The kicking game is terrible. We’ve got six more practices and we’re going to try to concentrate on getting a little bit better.”

At Purdue, Elliott’s successor likely will be junior Robert Marve or sophomore Caleb TerBush, the backup a year ago. Coach Danny Hope has had difficulty just getting enough guys together to practice.

“At one point in time, we had as many as 20 guys out, including 10 starters,” he said. “Some of the guys have come back.”

Michigan has 16 starters back from last year — the most in the conference. But the Wolverines, who lost their final five games while sinking into a tie for last place with Indiana last season, have a tight battle going on at quarterback as well between last year’s starter, Tate Forcier, backup Denard Robinson and touted incoming freshman Devin Gardner, who enrolled in January and is pushing the two sophomores.

“Tate knows he can’t be average and expect to be a starting quarterback,” coach Rich Rodriguez said.

Ohio State, which has won or shared the last five Big Ten titles, welcomes back all but two starters on offense.

The man under center for the last two of those championships is junior Terrelle Pryor, who is

healthy after offseason knee surgery. Coach Jim Tressel, starting his 10th year on the Buckeyes sideline, said Pryor is getting better all the time.

“His calmness and his command have improved just in the course of these seven practices,” he said.

Kirk Ferentz, who led Iowa to an 11-2 mark a year ago, including a win over Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl, is pleased with the progress his team has made during an unusually warm spring in the Midwest.

“That’s the great thing about spring practice,” he said. “There’s not game-planning, there’s no pressure of trying to get prepared for a kickoff on Saturday. So it’s pure teaching, pure evaluation and you get to see how guys learn, how they respond, and how they’ve progressed and grown, physically and mentally. I really enjoy this time of year.”

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Linebacker Lounge beats Nothing But Air, 21-9

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

From the outset, it appeared as if Nothing But Air would be overmatched by the height advantage and experience of the Linebacker Lounge.

But after the underdog scored the first basket of the game, Linebacker Lounge looked like it was on its heels. In the end, however, the game ended decisively for Linebacker Lounge as they cruised to victory.

Consisting of sophomores Mitch Gainer, Kevin Mader, Aaron Patzwahl, Allan Jones and Meghan McKinney, Nothing But Air showed nothing but heart the entire way. They came in with humble expectations, and they more than exceeded those expecta-

tions.

“Our goal was to score five, and we surpassed that,” Jones said.

The Linebacker Lounge, consisting of David Brochu, Steve Colnitis, Tom Timmermans, Jon Carpenter and Dave Peloquin, proved that this, indeed, was not their first rodeo. But they showed a youthful passion for the game.

“We were just trying to gain our chemistry,” Colnitis said. “This is only our second game this year.”

Even though Linebacker Lounge dominated the game, the team made sure Nothing But Air enjoyed the experience, and even posed for a picture after the game with their opponents.

“We got the win. We’re happy,” Brochu said. “We wanted to make sure they had a good time as well.”

Stu, Doug, Al, Phil and Doug’s Phone 21, Koala Yummies 10

In a lopsided affair between two victims of the First Amendment violation that is censorship of team names, Stu, Doug, Al, Phil and Doug’s Phone utilized a balanced offense and stingy defense to thoroughly suppress the Koala Yummies.

Consisting of juniors Joseph Jensen, Grant McKinley, Peter Ritchie, Steve Morris and Andrew Taylor, the squad jumped out to an early 6-1 lead and never looked back.

“We played like a devil on fire,” Ritchie said. Ritchie referred to himself as the “Phoating Phenom,” for his trademark dribble drive down the land leading to a teardrop that floats over the outstretched defense.

The game ended with an

emphatic, long distance fade-away from the corner by Jensen with the fans chanting, “End it.”

“We were like five chickens in a coop,” McKinley said.

McKinley, the self-proclaimed “Mac Daddy,” played most of the game hampered by an injured knee. But that did not stop him from sprinting out on the fast break and making a diving save for a ball headed out of bounds.

The Koala Yummies, consisting of fifth-year senior and graduate students Jordan Delpalazio, Patrick O’Connell, Kevin Sommers, Luke Golesh and Dave

Murren, just could not put it all together for a significant stretch in the game.

“Our mindset was to pass it on down and go to town,” Ritchie said, referencing their preference for shots in the paint.

Ritchie attributed the win to “a combination of our fans and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Doug, Stu, Al, Phil and Doug’s Phone know what they have to do in order to keep their winning ways alive.

“We need to make it rain and bring the pain,” McKinley said.

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“We were like five chickens in a coop.”

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NHL

Theodore given high honor

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — There’s nothing like juicy bulletin-board material to accompany the announcement of a starting goaltender.

Jose Theodore not only was formally anointed the No. 1 goalie for the Washington Capitals on Tuesday, he also proved he can give as good as he can get when it

comes to taking a dig at the opposition.

The back-and-forth started when Montreal Canadiens center Tomas Plekanec was quoted in Tuesday’s edition of the Montreal newspaper La Presse, talking about the Capitals’ goaltender situation.

“It’s not as though we are facing Brodeur or Miller,” Plekanec said, according to the paper. “They don’t have a dominant goaltender. When you look at the goaltending matchup in this series it favors our team. I just believe that our goaltending is more solid than theirs. I’m not saying their goalies are bad. I’m just saying our goalies are better.”

After Washington’s practice Tuesday, Theodore was redy with a response.

“Tomas who? Jagr?” Theodore said with a smirk. “Oh, Plekanec, OK. I thought you meant Jagr.”

So while it’s clearly established that neither Martin Brodeur, Ryan Miller nor Jaromir Jagr will be on the ice when the top-seeded Capitals host the eighth-seeded Canadiens in Game 1 on Thursday, the ones who are taking part already have some axes to grind.

“The reason why we have the record we have is because of Jose,” Capitals defenseman Mike Green said. “He’s won us more than a handful of games this year just by himself. For (Plekanec) to say that is a little unnecessary.”

The gibes quickly overshadowed the confirmation that Theodore will indeed be patrolling the net. Washington coach Bruce Boudreau had been playing coy about his starting goaltender and had not planned to announce a starter until Thursday, but he said he was getting tired of being “bombarded” by the question.

“There’s no need to ask the question anymore,” the coach said.

The decision was no big surprise. Theodore ended the regular season on a club-record 23-game streak without a regulation loss (20-0-3), but Boudreau has been known to do the unpredictable with his goalies. A year

ago, he benched former league MVP Theodore after just one game in the playoffs and replaced him with playoff neophyte Semyon Varlamov, who anchored the Capitals until a Game 7 loss in the second round.

Asked about Plekanec’s Brodeur-Miller comments, Boudreau made the case for Theodore.

“I’ll take Jose’s record the last 23 games over those two guys,” the coach said. “The reason quite frankly that I wasn’t saying anything was just to keep everybody on their toes, but I told Jose last week and he knew he was going to be the starter and he’s earned it.”

“It’s quite a different situation than it was from this year to last year. He’s been our guy. What people don’t realize was last year, his 10 previous games before going into the playoffs weren’t anywhere near what his 10 previous games are here, so there is no short leash. He’s the guy we’re going to go with and see how he goes.”

Theodore has endured an emotional, tragic 12 months. Getting benched during the playoffs became trivial when he lost his 2-month-old son, who died in August from respiratory complications following a premature birth. When Theodore returned for training camp, it was assumed he would be at best a veteran placeholder for the up-and-coming Varlamov.

“A lot of people counted me out when the season started, for different reasons,” Theodore said. “It was a big challenge for me to have a solid season.”

But Varlamov spent much of the season injured, and Theodore showed down the stretch why the starting job should be his.


“He did it in the face of a lot of adversity this year,” Boudreau said. “I give him full credit for everything he’s done.”

The series will take Theodore back to Montreal, where he played parts of nine seasons and won the Hart and Vezina trophies in 2002. When he made a relief appearance there in February, he was serenaded derisively with chants of “Tay-Oh!”

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MEN’S TENNIS

Watt, Moros lead Irish in regular season finale

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish are looking to rebound after last week’s two straight losses to No. 2 Ohio State and Louisville when they host Ball State this afternoon.

The Cardinals (14-7) come into South Bend to wrap up the home portion of Notre Dame’s spring schedule. Despite the recent setbacks, the Irish (11-11) enter the contest confident having picked up some big wins from freshman Blas Moros and junior David Anderson in recent matches.

“David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “He has added good all-court skills and can finish at the net, something that was problematic for him as a freshman. He has a big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and counters better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”

The Irish have faced some tough opponents and know that they have battle-tested players on the team.

Sophomore Casey Watt at No. 1 singles leads the Irish this season.

Watt has been successful this season, but he has taken some tough losses at doubles, including one against Southern Methodist University.

“Even though they lost, I thought Casey and David fought hard,” Bayliss said. “Casey had some match points, but had trouble finishing at the net.”

In the loss to Louisville, Moros and sophomore Sam Keeton were able to pull out victories for the Irish.

“Blas Moros played more aggressively,” Bayliss said. “He stayed up tight on the baseline and played a very gritty match. He is growing before our eyes and it is rewarding to see. He served well at key times and did not back down under pressure.”

The Irish are working on their doubles constantly to try and secure the doubles win more often to get the match rolling to a fast start.

After wrapping up the home schedule today, the Irish will then head to Bayliss’ former school, Navy, to take on the Midshipmen Saturday.

The Irish play Ball State Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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“Even though they lost, I thought Casey and David fought hard.”

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

SMC TENNIS

Belles look to rebound against conference foe

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off a shutout loss to national powerhouse Chicago Monday, the Belles will look to take their exposed weaknesses and turn them into strengths today against Albion.

Saint Mary’s (8-5, 2-2 MIAA) has had trouble with Albion (9-6, 3-1) in the past, so today’s matchup will allow the Belles to avenge last year’s sweep and return to the form they exhibited early on in conference play.

“Last year [Albion was] fourth in the conference and they beat us twice,” Belles coach Dave Campbell said. “But we had a close match with them the second time.”

Close will not cut it this year. “They are a very good team, but we can beat them,” Campbell said. Albion is also coming off a loss, a road to defeat to conference foe Hope, so they will be looking to get back into tip-top shape as well.

The loss to Chicago showed the Belles how they measure up against the stiffest competition in the MIAA and what they must do in order to beat the best.

“We’ve raised our level a bit,” Campbell said. “We’re more aggressive in doubles and smarter in singles.”

For better or for worse, Campbell said the Belles will not take any emotional baggage into the Albion match. What they will do is come in and play their game the best way they know how — an attacking style of play in doubles and precise play in singles.

The importance of today’s match is two-fold for the Belles. Not only do they want to win to put themselves in better position for the MIAA Tournament, but they also want to be able to take pride in the way they perform in the conference.

“[Today’s match is] important for the seeding of the tournament,” Campbell said. “We take pride in every conference match and we want to win every one.”

With the right pieces in place, Saint Mary’s has the capability to make a move in the right direction in the MIAA. Campbell does not want his players to try to play outside themselves, nor does he expect more out of his players than he knows they can deliver. But with what they have, he believes they can win.

“My expectations are for us to play at the level we can play,” Campbell said. “If we do that, we can win. We expect to win.”

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SMC GOLF

Belles seek automatic bid

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

No. 5 Belles quest to repeat as conference champions will start anew Wednesday when they play the first of three MIAA qualifiers in Marshall, Mich.

The Belles come in confident following two victories over conference rival Trine University over the past weekend, one at home and another in Angola, Ind.

Junior Rosie O’Connor said she was satisfied with her team’s performance during the two dual meets and hopes the team’s success can continue into the first qualifier.

“We are confident going into the MIAA qualifier,” O’Connor said. “We had two great rounds this weekend at South Bend Country Club and Zollner Golf Club, and everything we have been practicing is starting to come together on the course.”

The Belles will again need to minimize mistakes if they hope to win an automatic berth for the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Inconsistency has prevented the Belles from higher finishes in a few tournaments this year, including the Southwestern Invitational. To eliminate those mistakes, O’Connor said the team needs to stay “confident and focused on the course.”

“We must go out and play our game one hole at a time,” she said.

Saint Mary’s hopes once again to be one of the 11 team given an automatic bid to the

Tournament, which occurs by virtue of winning the MIAA qualifying tournament. Because the Belles won the MIAA conference title during the fall season, they have the privilege of hosting the second and third qualifying rounds to be held on April 23 and 24 at the Medalist Golf Course

“[The Medalist Golf Course] is a challenging course, but one that we are confident on and have played on many times,” O’Connor said. “It’s nice to know we have the next two rounds of qualifying at home. We know our home courses the best.”

Although the Belles expect to win their qualifying tournament, if they falter they can still qualify if they win pool B, which conference opponent Olivet University did to qualify after the Belles won the automatic berth last year. There are 10 additional individual qualifiers for the NCAA tournament.

The Belles enter the first qualifier with a target on their backs, having won the conference title in the fall and being ranked as high as No. 2 at that time.

O’Connor, along with standouts sophomore Natalie Matuszak and junior Mary Kate Boyce, must put up a big performance in order for the Belles to get off to a good start. Belles coach Mark Hamilton stressed the performance of the back end of the lineup as well.

“I look for whoever plays in those spots to come in with a good number,” Hamilton said. The Belles begin their jour-

ney for automatic qualification to the NCAA Tournament Wednesday at noon at the Medalist Golf Course in Marshall, Mich.

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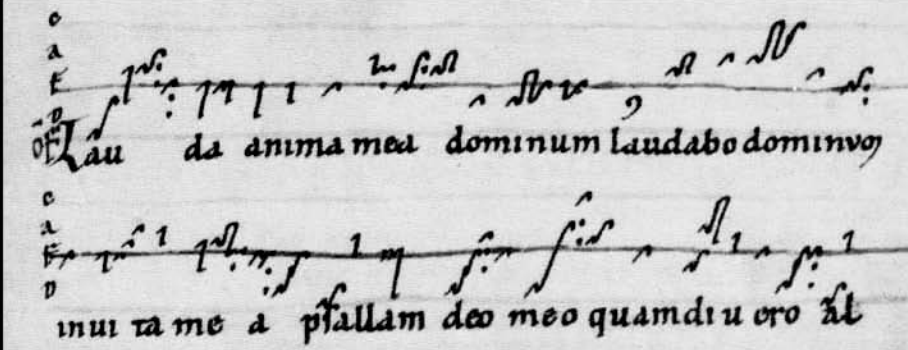
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Stewart

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year at Notre Dame, there's not even a question," he said.

All three of the fifth-years will vie for playing time this spring and throughout summer and fall camp. Stewart seems to have a comfortable lead for the starting left guard spot, and Wenger's previous starting experience at both center and guard should give him the chance to work his way into the rotation, starting or otherwise.

And while most of Gallup's past playing time has come on special teams, the fact that Kelly's spread offense employs several multi-wide receiver sets should give him a shot to find a niche in the passing game.

"They use a lot of wide receivers and [the offense] can use a lot of my strengths," Gallup said. "We've got eight or nine guys that can bring something to the table, and everyone's different and has their strengths. Practice is really competitive, and we're going to find out who thrives in

those situations."

The competitive, fast-paced practices present a challenge for the Irish, but Wenger said it is one that will prepare them for Saturdays in the fall.

"These practices are tough. Everyone's moving around fast with very little break. The legs are hurting, you're breathing heavy," he said. "You pay the sacrifice in practice, games are going to be a lot easier. That's the way I'm looking at it."

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Hoyas

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Irish (26-6, 8-0) stay on top of their game to avoid a home upset.

"Georgetown is solid," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They have good pitching and good hitting. They are a team that will absolutely beat you if

you are not prepared for them."

This double-header marks Notre Dame's first conference game to be played in the middle of the school week, which Ganeff said presents a new difficulty. Winning each of Wednesday's games is crucial to the team's primary seasonal goal of winning the Big East Tournament in the coming weeks.

"I think the challenge is time management, not necessarily the

game, but I think our team does a good job of focusing on the task at hand," Ganeff said. "So for those six to eight hours when they are at the field, they are focused 100 percent of the time on dominating the opponent."

In practice this week, the Irish are focusing on how to prepare for the different types of offensive strategies the Hoyas could use by seeing their strategies demonstrated in game situations.

"When we work on specific things, we try to focus on the type of line up we will be facing," Ganeff said. "We try to incorporate a lot of short game situations if we know the opponent has a lot of left-handed slappers. We will work on outfield situations if we know they have a team that can let the ball fly."

Both the Hoyas and the Irish are coming off of Big East wins. The Irish just finished a three-game sweep over South Florida at home, and the Hoyas recently defeated Pittsburgh.

The games will take place at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday at Notre Dame's Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Sophomore catcher Kristina Wright fields her position during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over South Florida Sunday.

Norton

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soreness during warm-ups, Johnson was a late scratch. In his second career start, Norton pitched well in four and one-third innings, giving up three earned runs on six hits and two walks.

"Norton is changing speeds well and I really think that he just got tired," Schrage said.

The Irish jumped out to an early 2-0 lead against Chicago State with an RBI double from senior left fielder Ryan Connolly and an RBI single from senior center fielder Brayden Ashdown.

Schrage said he was impressed with Ashdown, who went 2 for 5 with three RBIs for the game.

"Brayden is really coming on in the last few weeks," Schrage said. "In the last two weeks he has gotten really hot and he looks comfortable in there."

Chicago State took the lead away from the Irish 3-2 in the top of the fifth inning with singles from junior second baseman Mike Carpen (1 RBI) and senior shortstop Austin McDowell (2 RBIs), but the inning was ended by an out-

standing 4-6-3 double play.

The Irish then retook the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning with a two-RBI double from Ashdown.

Hudgins came on in relief for Norton and also went four and one-third innings, giving up only one earned run on four hits.

"Hudgins is really keeping the ball down well. The slider was good," Schrage said.

The Irish would add two more runs in the sixth and seventh innings, which proved to be the difference in the game as Chicago State could only add one more run in the seventh.

Schrage said he is worried about his team's preparation for its weekend conference series against Seton Hall.

"As a coach you rant and rave before the game about getting ready, and it is just human nature for them not to think that they are going to win the game because they are not very good," he said. "There better be a sense of urgency this weekend because we have some work to do."

Notre Dame faces Seton Hall Friday at 6 p.m. in East Orange, N.J.

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Kubinski said. "We know the course inside and out."

The golfers will have one last chance to polish their play before competing in the Big East Championships in Florida. This could pay dividends for the Irish in the playoffs, as there are still minor problems that need to be addressed at the tournament. Kubinski said the talent is there, but it needs some prodding.

"When we allow our natural ability [and] talent to come through, we're a very good team," Kubinski said.

Once the golfers get the kinks out of their game, they should be more at ease on the golf course.

"We need to be more relaxed and just play," Kubinski said. "We need to be focused."

The final event of the regular season begins Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Warren Golf Course.

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16 90° from sur

17 Key building support

19 Across the entire United States

21 Dispatch boat

22 Put into words

26 Unable to run

30 Seconds, at dinner

31 "That's ___!"

32 Letterman list, e.g.
- 34 Boomerang, in a way

39 Order to relax

40 Perfectly

41 Marquee name

42 Publisher of The New Yorker

47 Cry of praise

50 Guardian spirits

51 Be disadvantageous to

55 Reasonably priced ... or a hint to 17-, 19-, 26-, 34-, 42- and 51-Across

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60 100, in Italy

61 In the public eye

62 "Horrors!," online

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2 Disputed Balkan territory

3 Necessarily involve

4 Skill not displayed by asking "Have you put on weight?"

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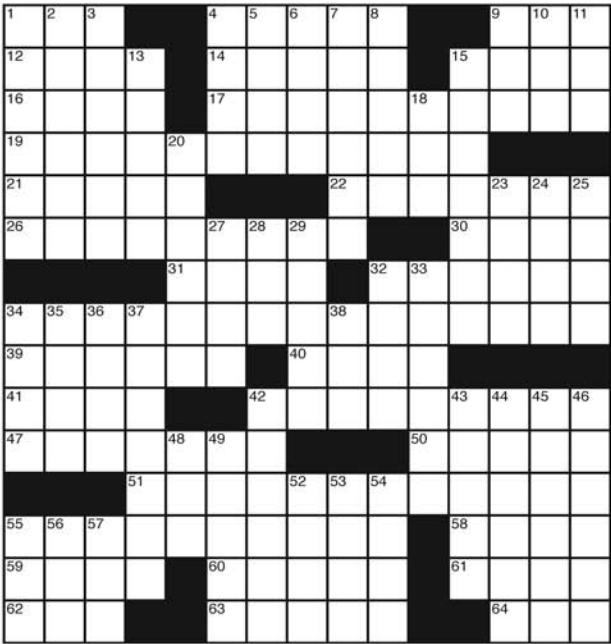
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36 Tsp. or tbsp.

37 Malady treated with drops

38 Whole lot

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Happy Birthday: You will thrive on challenges this year and show your best side when faced with problems. Be objective, don't let your emotions cloud your vision and, most of all, look for solutions that suit everyone involved. Don't let someone else's uncertainty or unexpected reversal cause you to make a move you wouldn't ordinarily make. Your numbers are 4, 10, 14, 24, 28, 35, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An energetic approach to whatever you do will serve you well and keep you out of trouble. Unpredictable motions will keep everyone around you guessing. Keep your emotions out of the equation. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A trip will pay off if you get to confront someone face-to-face. A problem at home is best left alone until you have your facts and plans in order. Changes at work may be unnerving. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Join in and be a participant. A burden you face will be to your advantage once you realize how easy it is to put your skills to the test. Your curiosity, quick response and desire to experiment will lead to greater motivation and new ideas. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love and romance can be yours if you are bold and make the first move. Recognize anyone trying to take advantage of you. Emotional tactics will be used -- acting fast will be your best recourse. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The more you accomplish, the better you will feel about yourself and the people you have helped. A job opportunity may not be what you expected but, if you do your best, it can be so much more. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relationships can make a big difference in your financial affairs. A change of heart may help you out personally, financially and with regard to the stress and burden you've been carrying. Love is in the stars. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take anything too personally. It's best to get your own responsibilities out of the way. Deal with any pending settlement, agreement or contract calmly and you will get what you want. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An unusual opportunity will come into play as a direct result of someone who has supported and loved you all along. Do whatever you can to meet the offers being given with equality, dedication and a long-term promise. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Property purchases will prove to be within reach and will provide you with a secure future. A relationship may cause some unexpected changes to occur with regard to how you live your life and where. In the end, you will come out on top. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't want to raise any questions or give anyone the wrong impression. The less communication and the more action, the further ahead you will get. A change in your financial situation will be directly linked to your home, family or money from an unusual source. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An old deal you thought was a dead issue will surface. Prepare to handle things differently this time around and you will reap the rewards you missed out on in the past. Don't be afraid to question anything that appears dubious. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take on a responsibility that someone else can no longer carry. You will eventually get something worthwhile out of the effort you put in. A partnership will lead to a higher position, greater income and future financial freedom. ★★

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FOOTBALL

Final Countdown

Three fifth-years make the most of last spring

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Chris Stewart is in the midst of his fifth spring with the Irish, and he's the oldest guy on the team. But with a new coaching staff, a new scheme and a new practice attitude, there's a learning curve for everyone — even the offensive guard who enrolled at Notre Dame in January 2006.

Still, his perspective as someone who has been there before should be valuable to the Irish, whose spring roster includes five early enrollees and several young players battling for playing time under the new regime.

"The biggest perspective [I can bring] is that it's spring ball, a time to get better and a time to clean up some things," Stewart said. "You're always going to have pressure from the coaches ... but you have to keep in your mind that the season's a little bit away. There's time to get comfortable, learn new things and adjust to what's best for you so when the season does come, you can play your best."

Stewart and the other two fifth-year seniors — offensive lineman Dan Wenger and



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Senior guard Chris Stewart prepares for a play during spring practice Monday. Stewart is one of three fifth-years who chose to close out their collegiate careers under Irish coach Brian Kelly.

wide receiver Barry Gallup — will all serve as mentors of sorts this spring, despite going through adjustment periods of their own, Wenger said.

"It's my fourth spring, and it's my last spring," he said. "I'm embracing it no matter

what. It's my last time as a college player and I'm trying to make the best of it. Fourth spring, fifth-year guy — you try to help the younger guys out, help them through this transition process as much as possible."

Gallup said he knew imme-

diately that he'd want to take advantage of his fifth-year option and talked to Irish coach Brian Kelly soon after he was hired.

"I feel like if you have the opportunity to play another

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish wrap up season at home

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

In preparation of the upcoming Big East Championships, Notre Dame welcomes Detroit Mercy in the Battle at the Warren. The tournament is the final tune-up before the playoffs begin.

The Irish have a final opportunity to work on the aspects of their game that need a boost.

"I would like to see our players come out playing the game," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I think we've done too much trying this spring."

This final round of golf will be crucial for the Irish as the Big East Championships looms less than one week away. Notre Dame has not participated in a competitive golf tournament since its 12th place finish at the Spring Break Championship to conclude the month of March.

Since the Irish will be hosting the Battle at the Warren, they have the advantage of a comfort level with the course.

"Playing at home is normally a big edge in golf,"

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ND SOFTBALL

ND to battle Hoyas at home

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The No. 24 Irish welcome the Georgetown Hoyas for a double-header Wednesday for a mid-week conference tilt as they look to extend their win streak to seven games.

"Georgetown will be a great opponent for us this week," Irish assistant coach Kris Ganef said. "They are new to the conference last year, but they play like a seasoned team."

Entering only their second season with a softball program, the Hoyas (15-20, 5-4 Big East) have struggled to eclipse the .500 mark, but their 15 total wins and five Big East conference victories over Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Syracuse necessitates that the

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TOM LA/The Observer

Senior infielder Heather Johnson takes a cut during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over South Florida Sunday.

BASEBALL

Clutch hitting, strong pitching lead squad

By JARED JEDICK
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame edged out a close 6-4 win against struggling Chicago State by riding quality pitching from freshman right-hander Adam Norton, sophomore right-hander Will Hudgins and senior left-hander David Mills on a night when the bats seemed to be a bit quiet.

"I want to tip my cap to Norton, Hudgins and Mills, because they pitched really well for us today because our hitters were not very focused against their pitchers," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We hit too

many fly balls and we got away with this win. We need to be more focused at the plate."

Chicago State (1-23, 0-3 Great West) has only one win this season, and Schrage said the Irish (12-19, 2-7 Big East) were hoping for a more dominant result.

"At this point I don't know what to expect. I mean, it's a win," Schrage said.

Norton got the start somewhat unexpectedly as junior right-hander Cole Johnson was expected to return to the mound after suffering a shoulder injury three weeks ago. However, after feeling

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