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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Jenkins steers course for University's future



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer  
University President Father John Jenkins delivers his inaugural address Sept. 26.

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

When University President Father John Jenkins in January questioned the presence of "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame, he opened the floodgates to 10 weeks of emotional accusations, cries of censorship and national media coverage reporting that freedom of speech could soon be cut short at the nation's most prominent Catholic university.

But on Wednesday, Jenkins largely silenced the clamor when he released a closing statement on academic freedom and Catholic character that surprised many faculty members — he found no reason to ban the "Monologues" and was determined "not to suppress speech on this campus."

"What I care about is that we understand our mission to be a truly great university, in scholarship, in teaching,

in all aspects of our academic work, that we are a Catholic university and we take that seriously, it gives us a broad moral framework, it gives us a sense of spirituality in what we do," Jenkins told The Observer Wednesday. "Both of those are part of our identity at Notre Dame, and they allow us to move forward and make decisions."

"I think if we can be true to that, and just explain that, I frankly don't worry too much about image or perceptions, as long as we're true to who we are and we state that clearly and act accordingly."

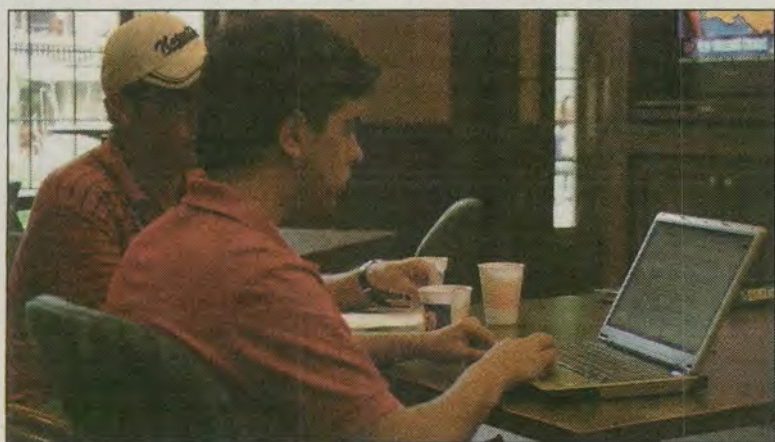
In minimizing the importance of image, Jenkins refutes what many critics have insinuated since the January addresses — that a decision to ban the "Monologues" and other controversial performances would be made to appease the Church and conservative alumni.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer  
University President Father John Jenkins speaks at an interview in his office Wednesday.

## Students reported for illegal file sharing



KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer  
Two freshmen use a laptop in the Coleman Morse Center Sept. 1. ResLife is now punishing some students who share files illegally.

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

That illegally downloaded Kelly Clarkson song might be a secret pleasure, but more people than you think might know about the "Since U Been Gone" file on your computer.

Both musicians and the Recording Industry Association of America have struggled for years trying to keep songs and albums from being transferred from one user to another in file sharing programs such as KaZaa, LimeWire and Ares, among others.

At Notre Dame, computer usage violations were the fourth most frequent incident reported to the Office of Residence Life and Housing during the 2004-05 academic year, accounting for 11 percent of disciplinary violations handled by the Office.

DuLac's Responsible Use of Information Technologies policy stipulates that any "unauthorized copying or transmission of copyright-protected material" might result in the termination of the user's access to the Notre Dame networks.

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## Moms to visit SMC daughters

*Annual event brings juniors, mothers closer*

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Memories will be made and tradition supported this weekend as junior students' mothers arrive in South Bend for Saint Mary's annual Junior Moms' Weekend.

"[The weekend is a] really great opportunity to spend time with our moms and have some girl time," junior class president Heidi Goepfinger said.

Activities will begin Friday with a wine and cheese reception accompanied by a silent auction. Juniors, families and businesses were asked to donate items for the silent auction, said Laura Corke, the Junior Moms Committee chair. The committee has been planning the event for about a year, she said.

On Saturday, campus tours will be offered, as well as a free movie. Event coordinators have scheduled appointments at Emerald Spa for many juniors and their moms. A Mass will be held later in the evening, followed by a semi-formal dinner downtown at the Century Center, where another silent auction will take place.

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## Seniors win NCSA honors with projects

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER  
News Writer

Five Saint Mary's seniors presented their senior comprehensive projects at a sociological conference last week after receiving honors in a nationwide sociology paper competition.

Sociology majors Katie Dingeman, Stephanie Lutz, Sam Medina, Stephanie Roth and Jackie Savinon submitted their projects in the annual North Central Sociological

Association (NCSA) student paper competition March 23 to March 25. All five papers were selected for presentation in research sessions at the conference, sociology department chair Susan Alexander said.

Presenting their papers and accompanying PowerPoint presentations alongside graduate students and sociology professionals, Alexander said, was a "great honor and experience."

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CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer  
Saint Mary's seniors Sam Medina, left, and Katie Dingeman pose with their awards from the North Central Sociological Association.



## INSIDE COLUMN

## Spoon's Goons

Forget the flowers, forget the birds, forget the vernal equinox. For me, spring starts when baseball starts. Real, Major League Baseball, mind you, not the World Baseball Classic, because, as Ozzie Guillen would have you know, that champion Japanese team would not win 20 games in the Major Leagues. I'm a big supporter of the Classic, but watching tape delayed contests from Puerto Rico is just not the same as seeing your favorite team take the field in magnificent pinstripes in the chilly, early days of April in the Big Apple. After a long winter of watching the Jets' pathetic rebuilding efforts and the horror that is Isaiah Thomas running the Knicks, it's great to have a team to follow that always has some newly purchased talent and a shot at a championship.

Tim Kaiser

Sports Writer

Hope springs eternal in April, not only for a 27th World Series ring in New York, but for the bragging rights and possible cash payout that come from winning your fantasy league. My hopes are high, as I've won four years straight. Four years ago I began my first season of fantasy baseball, armed with nothing but enthusiasm and a sketchy scouting report from some website. I missed the draft, which was probably a good thing, so the first decisions I had to make were regarding which autopicked players I should keep, and which I should replace with free agents whom I knew nothing about. With this as my general strategy, my first pick-up was an Atlanta Braves pitcher named Timothy Floyd Spooneybarger, in part because he had a chance to compete for the closer role, but mostly because his name is Spooneybarger. He soon injured himself and spent most of the season on the disabled list. It was a big joke around the league, that I had this guy on my team. But it worked. I squeaked into the playoffs and managed to pull off upset after upset in the playoffs, and I ended up winning the championship. Somehow, my unlikely success continued, despite my eccentric managerial practices: I never showed up to a draft, cut or traded any Red Sox who ended up on my team, and routinely made trades that seemed nonsensical. The whole time, I had Spooneybarger, always my first pick-up, stashed on the DL. I stuck with him through hard times, through two surgeries and a fight that got him shipped to the Marlins. It was generally accepted around the league that my improbable run was either because of Spooneybarger or voodoo — perhaps both. I even went as far as to name my squad "Spoon's Goons" in his honor.

But then this baseball season rolled around. With everyone in college, the draft wasn't held until the day before the season began. I found myself with time to spare on a Saturday afternoon, and I broke tradition and decided to actually draft players this time. But when it came time for my first round pick, which I was totally prepared to use on Spooneybarger, as others had been threatening to take him from me, he was nowhere to be found. Though he has more stints on the DL than career innings pitched, I was shocked to find that Spooneybarger is out of baseball. The cruel reality of a Spoonless squad in 2006 took some time to sink in. I face a season devoid of my good luck charm, my constant compatriot, every summer, his career cut short by arm troubles and just generally being a locker room cancer. Rumblyings around the league are that it's a sign, that a new champion will be crowned this year, but I'm determined to win this one in his honor, to go for the five-peat, because I know that's what he would have wanted.

Timothy Floyd Spooneybarger, we hardly knew ye.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ADVISING SYSTEM AT NOTRE DAME?



Vince Niou  
junior  
Keenan

"I got no problem with it. Always been real helpful to me."



Adebola Giwa  
freshman  
O'Neil

"Aside from getting my DART and registration number, I do not see hide nor head of my advisor."



Angelo Gacad  
junior  
O'Neil

"I think they're great. When my friend's SYR fish died, they totally helped him through it."



Johanna Sioson  
junior  
PE

"They're actually really helpful and are really patient considering how many people they have to work with."



Aubrey Jarred  
sophomore  
Lewis

"They seem pretty knowledgeable."



Jessica Lau  
sophomore  
Lewis

"Yeah, I am pretty knowledgeable."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Hawaii Club members, from left, Andrew Knutson, Eric Salto, Kenneth Negro and Christina Marzo practiced Thursday for the club's Hawaiian Luau, which will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$7.

## OFFBEAT

## Jesus may have walked on ice?

MIAMI — The New Testament says that Jesus walked on water, but a Florida university professor believes there could be a less miraculous explanation — he walked on a floating piece of ice.

Professor Doron Nof also theorized in the early 1990s that Moses's parting of the Red Sea had solid science behind it.

Nof, a professor of oceanography at Florida State University, said on Tuesday that his study found an unusual combination of water and atmospheric conditions

in what is now northern Israel could have led to ice formation on the Sea of Galilee.

Nof used records of the Mediterranean Sea's surface temperatures and statistical models to examine the dynamics of the Sea of Galilee.

The study found that a period of cooler temperatures in the area between 1,500 and 2,600 years ago could have included the decades in which Jesus lived.

## 'Brokeback Mountain' banned by Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas — The Bahamas has banned the gay

cowboy movie "Brokeback Mountain," triggering a new controversy over the island chain's reputation for homophobia.

Gay rights groups and other critics called on the Plays and Films Control Board to think again, so far to no avail.

"I cannot understand denying people the right to make their own choices," said theater director Phillip Burrows.

The award-winning 2005 film got the thumbs-down from the control board after a request for it to be banned from the Bahamas Christian Council.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The lecture "National Sovereignty and the Right to Self-Determination in Africa" will be held today at 1 p.m. in DeBartolo 116 as part of Africa Week.

Country singer Pat Green will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at the Stepan Center. Sponsored by the Texas Club, the concert is open to ND, SMC and HCC students only. Tickets cost \$10.

CSOUND presents Caribbean Festival, featuring food and music, tonight at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Oscar Wilde's "Salome" will be performed today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the DPAC. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for the public.

Saturday from 3-7 p.m. O'Neill and Lyons Halls will host recess on South Quad. Bring back your childhood days with free food, inflatables and schoolyard games all afternoon.

The Hawaiian Club will present the Hawaiian Luau Saturday at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$7 for students.

Runners will race in the Holy Half Marathon Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. between South Dining Hall and Welsh Family Hall. Students can still enter by e-mailing [holyhalf@gmail.com](mailto:holyhalf@gmail.com) or registering at 8:30 a.m. on race day. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities' Operation Helping Hands.

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

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# Institute president tells how rich men can get to heaven

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER  
News Writer

A rich man can go to heaven — but first, he must follow Christ and respect the dignity of other people, Father Robert A. Sirico said Wednesday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

In a lecture entitled "Can a Rich Man Go to Heaven?" Sirico spoke about economic responsibility and social justice to approximately 100 students, faculty and community members. Sirico is the co-founder and president of the Acton Institute, an organization whose mission is "to promote a free and virtuous society."

The relationship between economics and society is a precarious balance, Sirico said. He emphasized that money is not "intrinsically evil" and can be used to promote good.

"The economy can be likened to a very powerful automobile," Sirico said. "It can be used as an ambulance to drive people to safety, or it can be used to drive drunk and to hurt people."

The responsibility lies not only in the hands of the rich to lessen suffering in poverty but also in the hands of the poor to work to secure what they need, Sirico said.

"Too often in these [economic] discussions, what we do too simplistically is to revere the poor and condemn the rich without considering personal characteristics," he said.

Sirico said while economic justice is supremely important, there is not one particular system that can unequivocally provide both prosperity and fairness.

"The Church does not have its own economic model," Sirico said. "It has an insight into human dignity and into the human person. ... We have to look at prudential economic proposals and see how they best respect the human person."

He also advised current and future business leaders to be aware of how their businesses affect society.

"Ask not what kind of capi-



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Father Robert A. Sirico speaks on economic responsibility and social justice in the Jordan Auditorium Wednesday.

talist [you] will be, but ask what kind of person you will be," Sirico said.

The lecture's title comes from a passage in the Gospel in which Christ and his disciples discuss the rich man's ability to get into heaven. The rich man is often criticized in the Gospels, and in the story, Christ says a man who lives such a life of selfish depravity may not enter heaven.

"Everybody always remembers that story," Sirico said. "Jesus says the man won't get into heaven because he's rich or poor, but because he has grace."

Before he became a priest, Sirico said he "spent several years being involved in leftist

social change." Both political and spiritual conversions, he said, led him to become a priest and eventually to found the Acton Institute.

The Institute's goal is to educate business leaders to form a more just society. Each year it sponsors programs such as Acton University, a summer symposium of classes and seminars.

Sirico lectures at businesses and schools across the country. His writings have been published in many major newspapers and magazines, and he has provided commentary for television and radio programming.

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## Dr. Rita Colwell

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Monday, April 10, 2006

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## Analysis

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The decision to push for an end to violence against women carries Jenkins in the opposite direction from what many anticipated Notre Dame's new president would be — squeamish about sexuality and reserved in discussion on sensitive subjects.

W. David Solomon, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Center for Ethics and Culture who taught Jenkins when the president was a Notre Dame undergraduate, told The Observer in January that people tend to make false assumptions about Jenkins.

"Many faculty members have misjudged Father Jenkins because he's a nice man and a gentle man — I've heard many faculty members talk about him like he's a weak man," Solomon said. "Those of us who've known Father Jenkins for many years — and I've known him since he was a sophomore — know he's very tough, he doesn't lack for courage."

Jenkins' method in making his decision, history professor Gail Bederman said, was as surprising as its content.

"I can't remember the last time I saw a public figure say, 'Here's a problem, this is what I think, let me know what you think and I'll pay attention,'" Bederman said Wednesday.

While Jenkins' mild demeanor has masked an inner assertiveness, one quality it highlights is his ability — and willingness — to listen, to analyze, to contemplate.

This rational deliberation that played so heavily into Jenkins' decision should have been expected, said University President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh.

"I think he approaches everything from an intelligent philosophical and theological point of view," Hesburgh said Wednesday. "I believe that's a very good way to approach things at a Catholic university. ... We're not out in a desert somewhere."

Hesburgh described the decision as "a measured statement."

"It should be well respected by everybody," he said. "It doesn't foreclose any questions."

Despite initial perceptions that Jenkins would take a hard line and suppress anti-Catholic views, he has done the polar opposite, stressing the importance of openness and promoting a campus-wide exchange of opinions — opinions he has responded to with sincerity and personal conviction.

And what that came down to, Director of Admissions

Daniel Saracino said, was a relatively moderate statement — a decision reached in a "forthright" manner.

"I'm certain his response today doesn't make everyone happy, but that's not his job," Saracino said Wednesday. "He went right down the middle."

Jenkins said in his statement he expected the decision to be one "a large majority of this community can embrace."

"I made the best decision I could in line with the character of the University and its mission," Jenkins said Wednesday. "I don't believe in leading by consensus, I don't believe in just taking the temperature and following it down, but at the same time I don't

believe in making decisions without having a serious discussion. And I think we've had that, and I think it's helped us reach a resolution and will help us move forward in a very constructive manner."

Regardless of Jenkins' stated disregard for image, faculty said Wednesday the decision reflects positively on both the president and the University. During the past two months, concerns surfaced among faculty members that Notre Dame would be running directly against nationally accepted American Association of University Professors' guidelines, should Jenkins decide to ban controversial events from campus.

But those concerns were more than alleviated Wednesday, as faculty said

Jenkins' decision not only met but also exemplified a proper standard for a Catholic university.

"There are some people who want Notre Dame to be more of a seminary," Dean of the College of Arts of Letters Mark Roche said. "I don't worry about that. Some faculty members were concerned that we might have been perceived as being less than a university and that will no longer be a perception that is possible and that is good."

English professor Glenn Hendler said Jenkins' decision would "reassure a lot of people" and could provide a strong model for fellow Catholic universities grappling with similar issues.

"The implication is really important for recruiting students and faculty in the future," he said. "It's essential that Notre Dame take the lead. I hope that other Catholic universities looking at this can say 'Oh, there's a way to work it out so that neither academic freedom nor Catholic character need to be compromised.'"

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Northern Ireland receives ultimatum

ARMAGH, Northern Ireland — The British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, issued an ultimatum Thursday to Northern Ireland's divided politicians: Elect a power-sharing administration by November or your legislature will be disbanded.

Their declaration followed 3 1/2 years of diplomacy that has failed to revive a Catholic-Protestant administration, the intended centerpiece of the Good Friday peace accord that both prime ministers oversaw eight years ago. A previous coalition collapsed in October 2002 over an Irish Republican Army spying scandal.

The end result, they said, must be a vote by members to form an administration led by the province's extremes of opinion: Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists, who represent most of the British Protestant majority, and Gerry Adams' Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party that represents most Roman Catholics.

### Swan confirmed to have bird flu

LONDON — Britain confirmed its first case of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in a wild swan on Thursday, setting the stage for concerns the disease could spread across the Atlantic.

The swan was found in the Scottish town of Cellardyke, more than 450 miles north of London, according to Scotland's chief veterinary officer, Charles Milne. Health officials said the case poses no serious risks to public health but the government began restricting poultry movement and implementing a 965-square-mile "wild bird risk area" around the site where the infected swan was found.

The deadly virus has not been found in domestic British poultry, although an imported parrot from Suriname died in quarantine from the strain last year.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Giuliani testifies in Moussaoui case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani described the opening horrors of Sept. 11, 2001, to Zacarias Moussaoui's death penalty trial Thursday, saying he was unwilling to believe people were jumping to their deaths from the World Trade Center until he saw it with his own eyes.

He said the image of two people jumping together, appearing to hold hands, sticks with him every day. Moussaoui affected a look of boredom when the prosecution played video of victims falling to their deaths.

Jurors watched intently; some family members in the courtroom hung their heads with reddened eyes during the testimony.

### Mine survivor returns home early

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans and Democrats closed in on a last-minute compromise Thursday on legislation opening the way to legal status and eventual citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally.

President Bush praised the lawmakers' efforts, noting the details were unfinished, and encouraged them "to work hard and get the bill done."

As outlined, it would provide for enhanced border security, regulate the future flow of immigrants into the United States and offer legalized status to the millions of men, women and children in the country unlawfully.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Local dog found after five years

SOUTH BEND — A couple says they are thrilled to have their dog back nearly five years after it disappeared.

Holly and Troy Webb said they thought the worst when Gidget, their Lhasa apso, ran away in 2001.

The South Bend Animal Control officials called the Webbs last week, saying they found the dog, still wearing the collar and tags she had on when she disappeared. The dog was found tied to animal control's front door, the Webbs were told.

# Court filing targets Bush in leak

*Authorities allege that the President authorized a breach of intelligence information*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's former top aide told prosecutors that President Bush authorized a leak of sensitive intelligence information about Iraq, according to court papers filed by prosecutors in the CIA leak case.

The filing by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald also describes Cheney involvement in I. Lewis Libby's communications with the press.

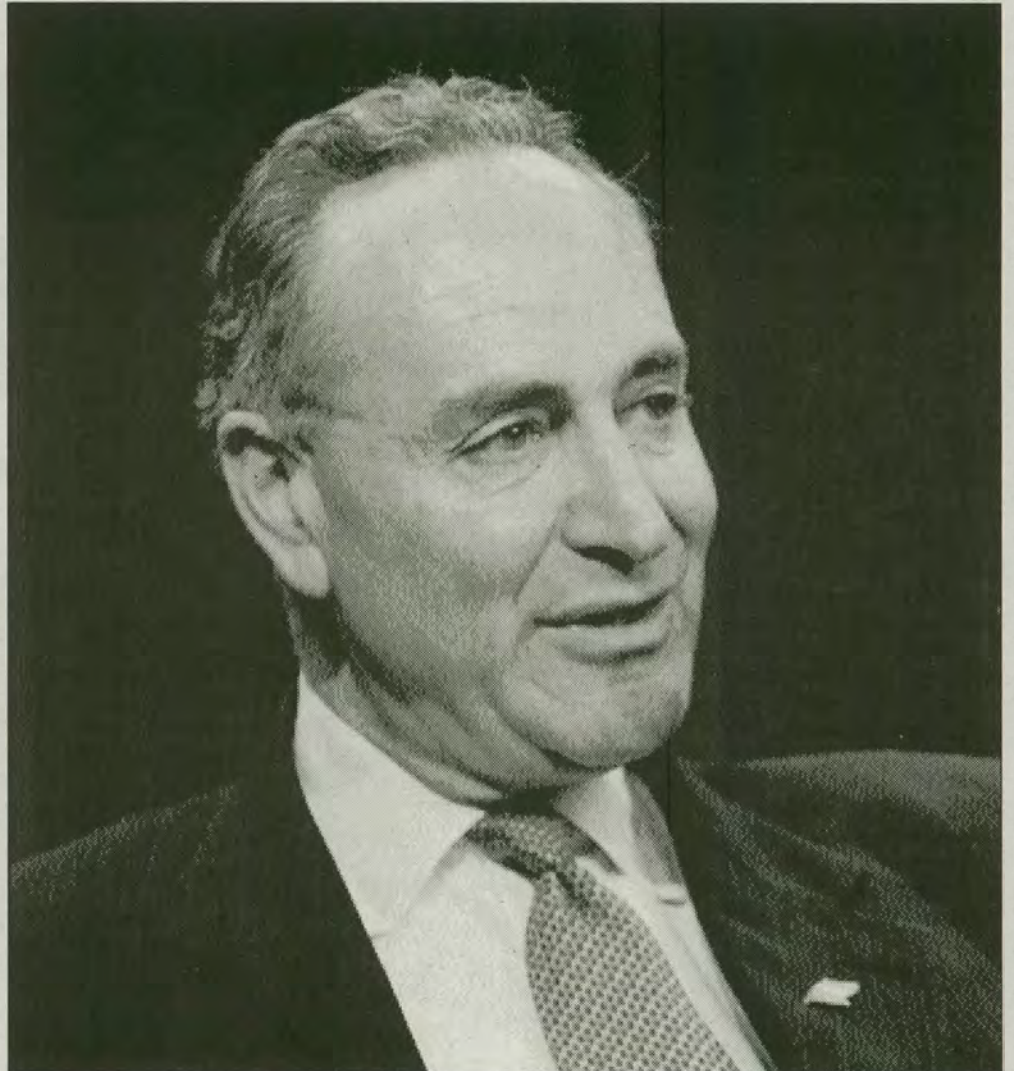
There was no indication in the filing that either Bush or Cheney authorized Libby to disclose Valerie Plame's CIA identity. But it points to Cheney as one of the originators of the idea that Plame could be used to discredit her husband, Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson.

Before his indictment, Libby testified to the grand jury investigating the CIA leak that Cheney told him to pass on prewar intelligence on Iraq and that it was Bush who authorized the disclosure, the court papers say. According to the documents, the authorization led to the July 8, 2003, conversation between Libby and New York Times reporter Judith Miller. In that meeting, Libby made reference to the fact that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA.

According to Fitzgerald's court filing, Cheney, in conversation with Libby, raised the question of whether a CIA-sponsored trip by Wilson "was legitimate or whether it was in effect a junket set up by Mr. Wilson's wife."

The disclosure in documents filed Wednesday means that the president and the vice president put Libby in play as a secret provider of information to reporters about prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday the White House would have no comment on the ongoing investigation.



Senator Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., answers a question during a Capitol Hill news conference Thursday to discuss new revelations in the CIA leak case.

At a congressional hearing, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information."

Libby is asking for voluminous amounts of classified information from the government in order to defend himself against five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI in the Plame affair.

He is accused of making false statements about how he learned of Plame's CIA employment and what he told reporters about it.

Bush's political foes jumped on the revelation about Libby's testimony.

"The fact that the president was willing to reveal

classified information for political gain and put the interests of his political party ahead of America's security shows that he can no longer be trusted to keep America safe," Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "The more we hear, the more it is clear this goes way beyond Scooter Libby. At the very least, President Bush and Vice President Cheney should fully inform the American people of any role in allowing classified information to be leaked."

Libby's testimony indicates both the president and the vice president

authorized leaks. Bush and Cheney both have long said they abhor that practice, so much so that the administration has put in motion criminal investigations to hunt down leakers.

The most recent instance is the administration's launching of a probe into who disclosed to The New York Times the existence of the warrantless domestic surveillance program.

The authorization involving intelligence information came as the Bush administration faced mounting criticism about its failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the main reason the president and his aides had given for going to war.

## IRAQ

# Top Shiite acts as hope in Iraqi deal

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's most respected Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, lives in virtual seclusion in its most sacred Shiite city, Najaf.

Unlike his counterparts in neighboring Iran, al-Sistani has long maintained that clerics should remain above politics and instead offer moral guidance.

But with a standoff blocking the formation of a crucial national unity government in Baghdad, Shiite politicians suggest they may turn to al-Sistani, the sole figure with the

authority to make a decision that risks shattering Shiite unity.

That decision involves the fate of Iraq's embattled Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who vowed Thursday to pursue his bid for a second term despite pressure from home and abroad to step down.

Al-Jaafari told reporters he would relinquish his mandate only if parliament refuses to approve him or if the seven groups within the Shiite alliance withdraw their nomination, which he won by a single vote in a caucus in February.

The Shiite bloc controls 130 of the

275 parliament seats, enough for first crack at the prime minister's job but not enough to govern without Sunni and Kurdish partners. But the minority Sunnis and Kurds demand that al-Jaafari be replaced, blaming him for the sharp rise in sectarian tensions that threatens to plunge the country into civil war.

Al-Jaafari has refused to stand down despite pressure from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who personally urged the Iraqis to break the logjam during a two-day visit this week.



## Moms

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Harmonia, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's female a cappella group, will be performing at the dinner, and a slide show will be shown.

The juniors were also asked to write an essay, poem or letter about their mothers. These were compiled into a book that will be given to all of the mothers, Corke said.

"We like to leave free time so [the juniors and their mothers] have time to do whatever they want along with the activities," Corke said.

The wine and cheese reception is held earlier so that juniors are able to make other plans with their mothers after the event. Like many other students, Corke plans to go out to dinner with a group of friends and their mothers after the wine and cheese reception.

"A lot of moms go out," Corke said. "[It] depends on the girls and their moms."

Junior Jessica Jordan's mother will be traveling from Pennsylvania to attend the events.

"I might take [my mother] out with some of my education major friends," Jordan said.

She also plans to go shopping and to brunch with other mothers and daughters.

"[The mothers] get to see how your life is on the weekends here at Saint Mary's," junior Sarah Deshon said. "It's a lot of fun to spend time with your mom and hang out for the weekend."

Though she is looking forward to spending time with her mother and friends, Deshon said the event's timing was not ideal, calling it "probably one of the worst weekends" because of the pileup of assignments due before Easter Break.

"Hopefully it will be a good time," she said.

Jordan said the weekend may be hectic but will remain worthwhile.

"It's always busy, but it's a good weekend," she said.

Corke said juniors will enjoy the events and quality time.

"[It is] really just a relaxing weekend and kind of a nice break from all work and stuff like that," she said.

Almost 90 percent of the class sent out invitations to their mothers, and there are about 500 students and mothers set to attend the dinner, Corke said.

Lodging close to campus may be hard to find this weekend. Goeppinger said the Saint Mary's Inn has been booked for months.

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## Awards

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Two of the students received additional honors when Dingeman's paper was awarded first place in the competition and Medina's placed third.

Alexander said that while this is the third consecutive year Saint Mary's students have placed in the competition, this year was particularly significant.

"There was a national call to the United States and Canada, so the number of papers that came in was much larger this year," she said. "Normally, the call has just gone out in this region."

For her project, Dingeman performed an ethnomethodology, a sociological study that deals with the codes and conventions that underlie everyday social interactions. She analyzed a group of recently resettled Liberian refugees in South Bend.

"I specifically analyzed the strength of their community and potential integration

patterns," she said.

Dingeman was inspired to investigate the topic by her volunteer and intern work at the Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend. She said she felt compelled to study the topic in depth because of the recent sociological attention to issues of immigration and the incorporation of cultural groups into American society.

"I wanted to show the humanity behind the debates while paying particular attention to the Liberians, a community that is largely overlooked despite their historical ties to the United States," she said.

Spending time with refugees for her project enriched her understanding of humanity, Dingeman said.

"I learned that I can become involved in aiding [Liberians'] transition into

American society," she said. "However, in many ways they also taught me how to live my life as selflessly as possible, with lots of love and compassion."

Medina approached her project by creating and distributing a survey investigating issues of minorities — specifically racial, ethnic, class and sexual minorities — to randomly selected Saint Mary's students.

"It was so interesting to see how student's responded, and to piece together different opinions and try to picture how Saint Mary's as a

whole felt about these issues," she said.

Medina said that researching GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer and questioning) issues became important to her after she attended a conference in October 2005 with

Student Diversity Board. After she learned about the environment of other colleges and universities and how they were approaching these issues, Medina said she thought it would be interesting to compare those climates to that at Saint Mary's.

"I think that it is a very important topic because Saint Mary's is working on making the campus and community more diverse," Medina said. "Without doing studies similar to this project, there is no way the College will know how it can improve itself."

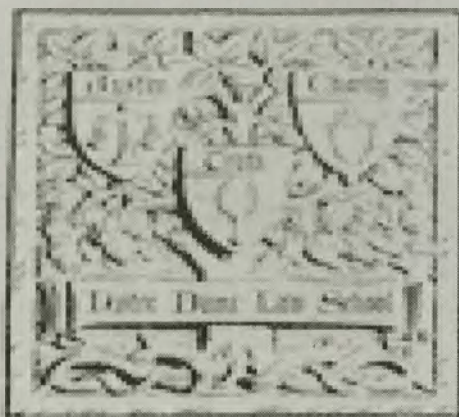
Dingeman and Medina said they learned from their experiences and felt flattered by the success of their projects.

"I think this project was a good starting point for me," Medina said. "I am so happy that I had the opportunity and the support from my professors and other students to follow through with it."

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<b>NYSE</b>	<b>8,359.82</b>	<b>-9.35</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>1,309.04</b>	<b>-2.52</b>
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	<b>17,489.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	<b>6,045.70</b>	<b>+1.60</b>

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CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-2.35	-0.51	21.18
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+4.82	+0.19	4.13

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.12	+0.54	48.93
13-WEEK BILL	+0.11	+0.05	45.52
30-YEAR BOND	+1.37	+0.67	49.60
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## IN BRIEF

### Boston Scientific, Guidant shares rise

BOSTON — Shares of Boston Scientific Corp. rose Thursday after the medical-device maker won antitrust clearance from the Federal Trade Commission's staff for its \$27 billion acquisition of former rival Guidant Corp., whose shares also rose.

Shares of Boston Scientific, which announced its FTC agreement after markets closed Wednesday, rose 24 cents, or 1.1 percent, to close at \$21.93 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Shares of Guidant rose \$1.12, or 1.5 percent, to finish at \$77.85 on the NYSE.

The deal still needs final approval from the full commission and European regulators.

Also on Wednesday, Guidant said its first-quarter sales dropped 6 percent from last year, and it expects to record more than \$120 million in charges for the quarter. Guidant has suffered sliding sales because of product recalls and news that the company withheld information about the faulty devices.

Boston Scientific said it continues to expect its acquisition of Guidant to close around the middle of this month following regulatory clearances.

### Merck denies withheld information

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — In his first appearance in a Vioxx trial, the former chief executive of Merck & Co. insisted Thursday that the company was up front about the safety risks of its troubled arthritis drug during his tenure — despite a jury verdict to the contrary.

Raymond Gilmartin, 65, who retired last year after 11 years running the company, testified during a hearing aimed at determining whether Merck should pay punitive damages in addition to the \$4.5 million it was ordered to pay a former Vioxx user stricken by a heart attack.

Dueling over semantics and Merck's candor in the development of Vioxx, Gilmartin and plaintiff's attorney Mark Lanier engaged in a series of contentious but civil exchanges Thursday.

Gilmartin rejected Lanier's assertions that the company withheld safety data about Vioxx, which was taken by 20 million Americans before a 2004 study linked it to increased risks of heart attack and stroke.

# Stocks suffer as oil hits \$68

*Inflation concerns dominate Wall Street; jobless claims fall for third straight week*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Inflation concerns dominated Wall Street Thursday, with stocks mostly lower as crude prices marched toward \$68 per barrel and jobless claims fell. Interest in small-cap and technology stocks pushed the Nasdaq composite index narrowly higher, however, sending the index to its third straight five-year high.

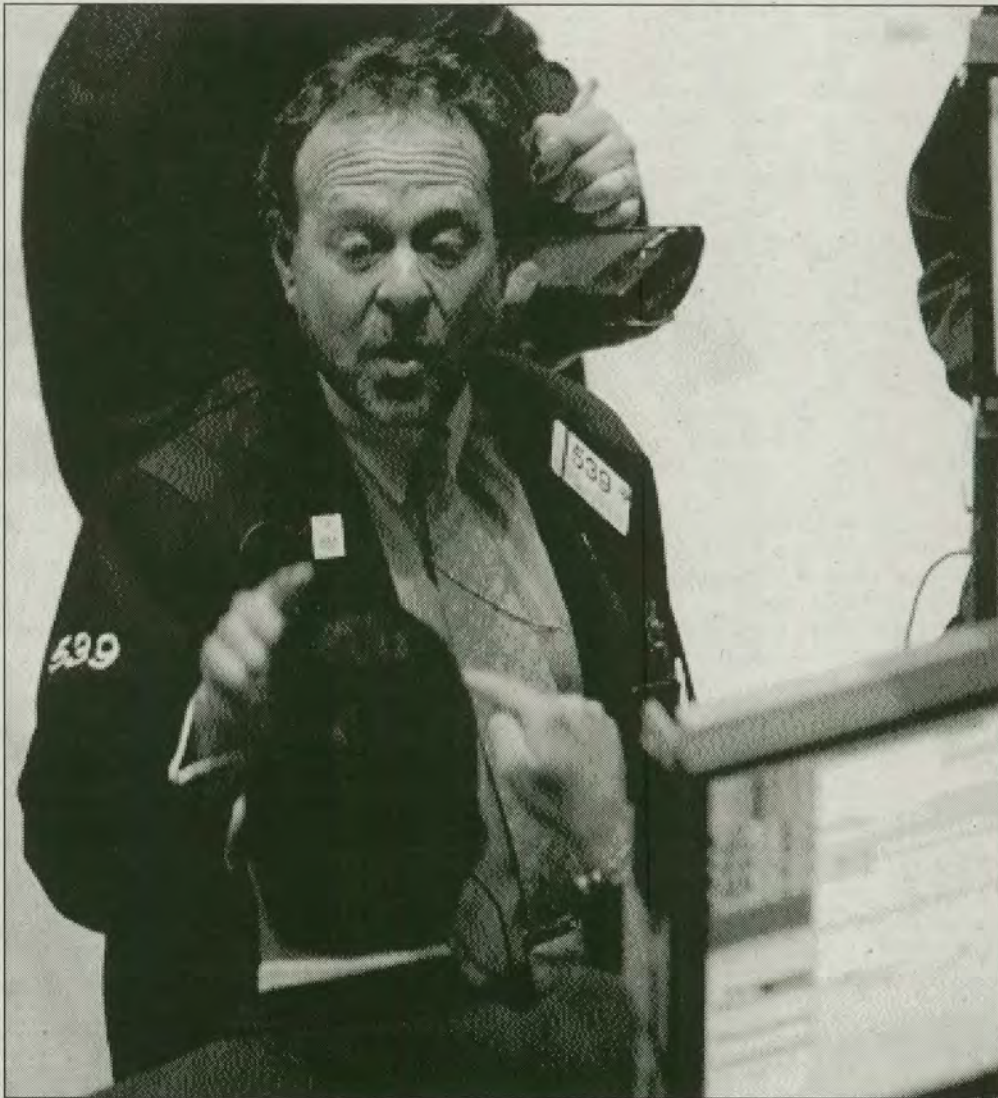
While the economy has so far absorbed high energy costs, fears remain that chronically high prices could spark inflation. A barrel of light crude settled at \$67.94, up 87 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Strength in the labor market also unnerved investors, as the Labor Department reported a third straight drop in weekly unemployment claims. With the monthly jobs report due Friday, Wall Street worried that more people on the nation's payrolls would mean increased demand, another potential catalyst for inflation.

Should the inflation threat increase, the Federal Reserve would continue raising interest rates to combat higher prices — a move that would make consumer loans and mortgages more expensive and corporate expansion efforts more costly.

"You still have a lot of uncertainty, and the jobs report tomorrow, which will set the stage for what the Fed could do," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia. "You're just not going to see a lot of buyers in the market ahead of that."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23.05, or 0.21



Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange observe the falling stocks caused by higher oil prices Thursday.

percent, to 11,216.50.

Broader stock indicators were barely mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.52, or 0.19 percent, to 1,309.04, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 1.42, or 0.06 percent, to 2,361.17. It was the Nasdaq's best close since Feb. 16, 2001.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.89 percent from 4.84 percent late Wednesday. The dollar fell against most major cur-

rencies. Gold prices rose, surpassing the \$600 per ounce mark for the first time since 1981.

The increase in gold prices and the rise in oil spooked stock investors, as commodities are generally seen as a hedge against higher interest rates. With the economy growing solidly, investors worry that more rate hikes will pressure corporate earnings, and thus share prices. However, there's also an unwillingness to abandon

stocks, since once the Fed has stopped raising rates, there's the potential for stocks to rally.

Among individual companies, investors sent shares of Dow industrial Merck & Co. down \$1.15, or 3.2 percent, to \$34.84 after a New Jersey jury said the company hid the potential dangers of its painkiller Vioxx and awarded a plaintiff \$5.4 million in damages. The verdict could create further legal troubles for the drug maker.

# Negotiators work to extend tax cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House and Senate Republicans worked toward agreement Thursday on a bill to keep tax cuts for capital gains and dividends in place for two additional years.

The legislation under discussion also would prevent more families from paying the alternative minimum tax this year. Intended to prevent the wealthy from evading taxes, the alternative minimum tax now threatens less wealthy families with higher taxes.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said there is "some hope" that the House could pass a bill containing those two changes on Friday, before lawmakers depart for a two-week break.

"As we approach April 15, assuring Americans that their taxes will be kept low is a big goal of this

Congress," Boehner said.

Treasury Secretary John Snow postponed a planned Friday trip to Ohio and Kentucky to stay in Washington for consultations on the tax legislation.

Tony Fratto, Snow's chief spokesman, told reporters the administration believes that extending the tax cuts on dividends and capital gains for two years is "critical for this economy" because it would send the right signal to financial markets.

"Secretary Snow can be more effective in helping to achieve this priority for the president by remaining in Washington," Fratto said.

The tax cuts that reduced the top rate for capital gains and dividends to 15 percent — a centerpiece of President Bush's tax policy — are set to expire at the end of 2008. The bill under discussion would keep them in place through 2010.

If they expire, the top tax rate for

capital gains would increase to 20 percent, and dividends would be taxed at marginal tax rates as high as 39.6 percent.

The alternative minimum tax threatens to hit nearly 19 million taxpayers this year. That could shrink to less than 4 million under the tax changes being considered.

Lawmakers started work on the bill last year, when their budget made room for a tax cut worth up to \$70 billion over five years.

Negotiators expect that the tax cuts they want to include in the bill will surpass that limit, requiring some provisions raising revenue to offset the extra cost.

Items they want in the bill include expanding the amount of investment that small businesses can write off and lifting income restrictions on contributions to certain retirement accounts, congressional aides said, speaking on condition of anonymity while negotiations remained ongoing.



## Illegal

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But the people who pose the greatest threat to Ares users are the musicians, organizations and companies who fail to make a profit every time an album or movie is downloaded free of charge.

Companies such as HBO, Columbia Pictures and Universal Music Group have previously monitored Notre Dame students downloading movies, television shows, music files and other software, and have directly contacted the University, said Kathy Brannock, Assistant Director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Brannock said Notre Dame does not actively monitor which students download "The Sopranos" or Bon Jovi hits to their computers, but when external organizations detect these activities, they file reports with the University's legal department and expect it to address the issue with the students.

Junior Mike Bogacz said he was contacted by the Office of Residence Life and Housing after downloading a few songs.

"I got an e-mail from ResLife telling me to cease and desist and to call them up to schedule a meeting," he said. "I had downloaded maybe three dozen songs using LimeWire, and I wasn't even aware that I was sharing them with other users."

For first time offenders such as Bogacz, Brannock says the University will only issue verbal warnings and expect the student to delete the files in question from his computer.

However, Brannock said she could not guarantee the company that detected the illegal file sharing would not press charges.

"We have been receiving more and more violation notices from companies, as they are becoming increasingly vigilant of their copyright-protected material," Brannock said.

This semester alone, the Office of Residence Life and Housing has met with more than 33 students who were specifically reported by external organizations that witnessed them engaging in illegal file sharing, thus making this offense one of the most common ones among students.

"Every time you download a song for free, you're running the risk of being watched by these companies and these musicians," Brannock said. "They really are looking out for violators of copyright laws, and if you happen to download that one song at the wrong time, you might just get into trouble."

The Office of Residence Life and Housing says it has received violation notices from outside companies against both students who may have downloaded more than 100 songs and movies and students who downloaded a mere handful.

While students are aware of the practical risks of downloading, not all consider it a serious offense.

"My RA at the time who was basically the student of the year, head of ROTC, etcetera heard of my plight, and said something like, 'That's illegal?'" Bogacz said.

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## Detectives could get life in prison

Former NYPD cops convicted of moonlighting as mob hitmen

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two highly decorated former detectives were convicted Thursday of moonlighting as hitmen for the mob in one of the most sensational cases of police corruption in New York history.

Louis Eppolito, 57, and Steven Caracappa, 64, could get life in prison for their roles in eight murders committed between 1986 and 1990 while they were simultaneously on the payroll of both the NYPD and Luchese crime family under boss Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso.

Federal prosecutor Daniel W. W. described the case as "the bloodiest, most violent betrayal of the badge this city has ever seen."

Prosecutors said the two men carried out two hits themselves — after pulling the victims over in traffic stops — and delivered up some of the other victims to the Mafia to be killed.

Neither defendant showed any emotion during the 10 minutes it took the jury forewoman to reply "proven" 70 times to the racketeering acts they were accused of. The verdict was reached after

two days of deliberations.

The defendants' \$5 million bail was revoked and they were led off to jail to await sentencing May 22. The men's lawyers said they will appeal.

"It's an appearance of justice, but it's not justice," said Bruce Cutler, who once represented John Gotti and put on a thundering defense for Eppolito, claiming the government's mob witnesses were lying to save their necks.

Prosecutors said the two used their law enforcement positions to help the Mafia at a price of \$4,000 per month — more if they personally handled a killing. They earned \$65,000 for one of those slayings, prosecutors said.

The two officers also supplied Casso with inside information on law enforcement interest in the mob, prosecutors said. Casso was said to have referred to the two men as his "crystal ball."

They were convicted of charges that included racketeering conspiracy, witness tampering, witness retaliation and obstruction of justice.

"There has never been, in the history of the NYPD, an officer convicted of being a hit man for the mob," said Tom Reppetto, co-author of "American Mafia" and

"NYPD," a department history. "There's cases of police misconduct, but going to work for organized crime? Wow."

Caracappa, who retired in 1992, helped establish the city police department's unit for Mafia murder investigations. Eppolito, the son of a Gambino crime family member, was a much-praised street cop, although there were suggestions that some of his arrests resulted from tips from mobsters.

In his autobiography, "Mafia Cop," he portrayed himself as an honest cop from a crooked family.

Eppolito also played a bit part in the mob movie "Goodfellas." After retiring in 1990, he unsuccessfully tried his hand at Hollywood scriptwriting.

The former detectives, who retired to homes on the same block in Las Vegas, insisted on their innocence from the time of their arrests in March 2005. But neither took the stand at their trial.

The key prosecution witness was Burton Kaplan, a drug dealer who spent four days on the stand linking the pair to an assortment of murders. Kaplan testified that he served as middleman between Casso and the detectives.

Casso, known as one of the most brutal mobsters in the city, is suspected of involvement in 36 murders himself. Both sides considered calling him as a witness but ultimately decided Casso came with too much baggage.

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ESPA 3000: TEXTUAL ANALYSIS  
Various Times MW, TR — E. Davis, Staff

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11:00-12:15, 12:30-1:45 TR — E. Davis, Alexander

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11:00-12:15 TR, 1:30-2:45 MW — C. Jover-Farino, Staff

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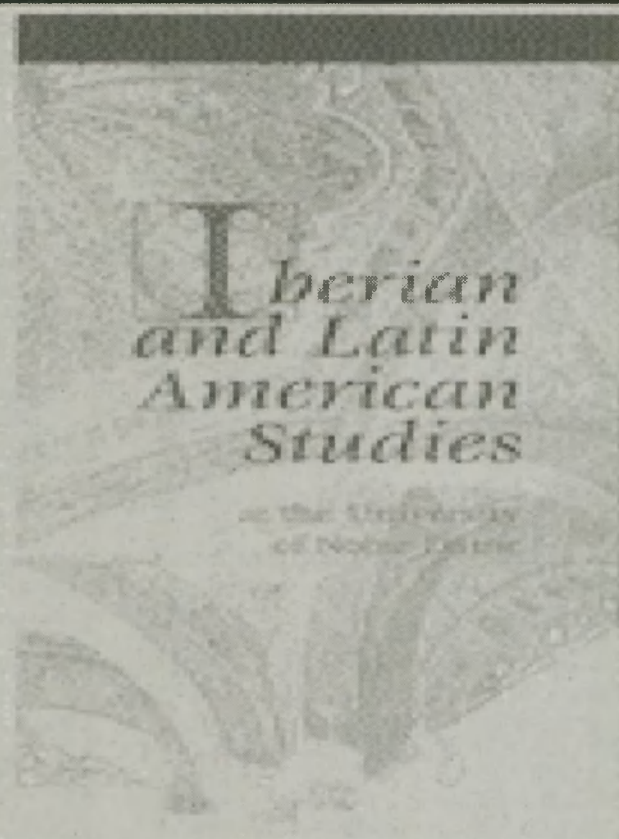
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ESPA 5100: SEMINAR: WRITING WRITERS IN CONTEMPORARY SPANISH LIT.  
10:30-11:45 TR — C. Jover-Farino

ESPA 6010: FROM RECONQUEST TO RENAISSANCE: MEDIEVAL SPANISH LIT.  
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ESPA 6011: POSTMODERNISM AND THE BAROQUE  
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## 'Gospel of Judas' made public

Story of Jesus and his betrayer may actually be act of obedience

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Perhaps it wasn't history's greatest betrayal after all, but a simple act of obedience.

Judas turned Jesus over to the high priests, not for money, but because Jesus asked him to do so, according to a newly translated ancient Coptic document.

The "Gospel of Judas" tells a far different tale from the four gospels in the New Testament. It portrays Judas as a favored disciple who was given special knowledge by Jesus — and turned him in at Jesus' request.

"You will be cursed by the other generations — and you will come to rule over them," Jesus tells Judas in the document made public Thursday.

The text, one of several ancient documents found in the Egyptian desert in 1970, was preserved and translated by a team of scholars. It was made public in an English translation by the National Geographic Society.

Religious and lay readers alike will debate the meaning and truth of the manuscript.

But it does show the diversity of beliefs in early Christianity, said Marvin Meyer, professor of Bible studies at Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

The text, in the Coptic language, was dated to about the year 300 and is a copy of an earlier Greek version.

A "Gospel of Judas" was first mentioned around A.D. 180 by Bishop Irenaeus of Lyon, in what is now France. The bishop denounced the manuscript as heresy because it differed from mainstream Christianity. The actual text had been thought lost until this discovery.

Elaine Pagels, a professor of religion at Princeton University, said, "The people who loved, circulated and wrote down these gospels did not think they were heretics."

Added Rev. Donald Senior, president of the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago: "Let a vigorous

debate on the significance of this fascinating ancient text begin."

Senior expressed doubt that the new gospel will rival the New Testament, but he allowed that opinions are likely to vary.

Craig Evans, a professor at Acadia Divinity College in Nova Scotia, Canada, said New Testament explanations for Judas' betrayal range from money to the influence of Satan.

"Perhaps more now can be said," he commented. The document "implies that Judas only did what Jesus wanted him to do."

Christianity in the ancient world was much more diverse than it is now, with a number of gospels circulating in addition to the four that were finally collected into the New Testament, noted Bart Ehrman, chairman of religious studies at the University of North Carolina.

Eventually, one point of view prevailed and the others were declared heresy, he said, including the Gnostics who believed that salvation depended on secret knowledge that Jesus imparted, particularly to Judas.

In Cairo, the editor of the Coptic weekly "Watani," Youssef Sidhom, did not want to make an immediate judgment on the manuscript.

"However," he said, "this will not greatly affect the central belief that considers Judas as a traitor, but there is an old school of thought that says one should not persecute Judas because his role was to complete the prophecies. It seems that the new manuscript will support this point of view — that Judas' role was pivotal to completing the prophecies."

The newly translated document's text begins: "The secret account of the revelation that Jesus spoke in conversation with Judas Iscariot."

In a key passage Jesus tells Judas, "You will exceed all of them. For you will sacrifice the man that clothes me."

This indicates that Judas would help liberate the spiritual self by helping Jesus get rid of his physical flesh, the scholars said.

"Step away from the others and I shall tell you the mysteries of the kingdom," Jesus says to Judas, singling him out for special status. "Look, you have been told everything. Lift up your eyes and look at the cloud and the light within it and the stars surrounding it. The star that leads the way is your star."

The text ends with Judas turning Jesus over to the high priests and does not include any mention of the crucifixion or resurrection. National Geographic said the author believed that Judas Iscariot alone understood the true significance of Jesus' teachings. The author of the text is not named in the writings.

Discovered in 1970, the papyrus was kept in a safety deposit box for several years and began to deteriorate before conservators restored it. More than 1,000 pieces had to be reassembled.

The material will be donated to the Coptic museum in Cairo, Egypt, so it can be available to all scholars said Ted Waitt of the Waitt Institute for Historical Discovery, which helped finance the restoration.

In addition to radio carbon dating, the manuscript was also authenticated through ink analysis, multispectral imaging, content and linguistic style and handwriting style, National Geographic reported.

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## Clarifying 'Catholic character' at ND

This week marked a great and courageous day for Notre Dame's new president, Father John Jenkins. For the first time since the term of former Notre Dame president Theodore Hesburgh, a University leader established a balanced, inclusive and well-thought policy defining Notre Dame. It is a moment every friend and family member of Notre Dame should remember.

Nearly a quarter of American Christians consider themselves Catholic, but many seldom attend mass regularly. For them, the character of the Roman Catholic Church is lacking — perhaps not as much for its dogma as for the Church's inability to effectively connect on an individual level. They are not convinced that the message from the gospel matches the actions of Church leaders. A similar disconnect between University actions and rhetoric has certainly disenfranchised a significant portion of Notre Dame alumni for many years.

Father Jenkins, in confronting a contentious issue now on campus, has set a fair policy for generations to come. It was embarrassing to claim that Catholics, and Notre Dame specifically, adhered to the life and mission of Jesus' service to others while not even recognizing that gay students existed in the universe, let alone could meet on campus. Somehow the fear of bad publicity perpetuated a series of similarly negative impressions of Notre Dame. Jenkins is the first campus leader who truly displays King Solomon's biblical sensibilities and wisdom.

In this era of hourly news cycles, religion is ridiculed — but many times for good reason. When the spokesperson for a leading American Catholic organization appears on political cable programs to assert that a secular movement is removing Christ out of Christmas, many won-

der if he is fairly representing Catholics who respect the fact that non-Christians do not recognize the holiday. The confusion for non-Christians is as baffling as our lack of understanding for Muslim riots over a cartoon joke of Mohammed. Neither side attempts to bridge the divide with the other.

Last week, a segment of so-called Christians met in Washington, D.C., to whine about our society's attack on Christianity. They claimed that gays are attacking marriage, secularists are attacking Christmas and liberals are attacking values. Their cries defy the truth of the Word as they attempt to deceive goodhearted folks for personal political power and greed.

The conference attempted to connect how Jesus could have had a good word about war in certain circumstances, how torture should be included in CIA operational manuals or how Jesus could support tax cuts for the wealthy because, after all, it is our money. Their vitriolic hate of foreigners forbids even their own followers from ministering to a wayward undocumented immigrants in this great and free (only for them) nation. While claiming how everyone else is attacking all that is holy to them, they in turn attempt to attack their followers' wallets.

Sadly, Catholics get swept up in this illogical reversal of the definitions of values and morality. Religion is a personal and private matter. Catholics are fortunate that their service is universal and is seeded in a long history dating back to Jesus. No other religion can claim to have been the first, although Martin Luther defied the Church with his interpretation of Christ's original teachings. Luther's break, and every succeeding religious element that claims to follow Jesus, regardless of how strange its precepts may seem, are a matter of interpretation ... including the early Roman Catholic Church.

Inasmuch as Jenkins has balanced liberal thought with conservative dogma at Notre Dame, he has freed everyone to officially respect others without confrontation. No longer at Notre Dame does

one need to claim to be "attacked" like the Christian conference did last week. Gone at Notre Dame is the self-righteousness of those who, rather than debate others, attempt to quiet and discredit them.

Nobody advocating equal protection through civil unions (marriage rights without the word "marriage") ever wanted to force any religion to marry them. President John F. Kennedy set the standard that no publicly elected American Catholic needs to answer to the Vatican, but to the constituents who placed their confidences in that official. Nobody is forcing Christians to now celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanzaa in December. Notre Dame is saying, "Get over the us versus them mentality in favor of respect and understanding."

Last night, a television commercial stopped me in mid sentence. People who appeared to be gay, interracial married, old or of minority heritage sat in church pews but suddenly were ejected out of the screen as though in a fighter plane. The United Church of Christ (www.ucc.org) sponsored the advertisement that simply read, "Religion does not exclude. Religion includes everyone."

President Jenkins' Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character proclaims that message for Notre Dame. It is a great day on campus. Seniors who are our next generation of American Catholic leaders should take that message to heart, both in the political and spiritual aspects of their lives. While it takes effort from all of us to reach out to others, Jenkins has articulated a framework that is neither liberal or conservative, but one for which all of us can be proud.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Jockular misleading and offensive

We are disappointed in the Jockular comic strip run on April 6 and the fact that it was even published. We feel that the portrayal of Saint Mary's students is not only inaccurate, but insulting. Why would you approve a comic strip that indirectly destroys the relationship between the students of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame? For a newspaper that serves both schools, you present a rather slanted perspective of Saint Mary's students.

In particular we are offended by the reference of Saint Mary's students as "parasites," as Jockular so eloquently dubbed us. The word parasite insinuates that the relationship between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame is unhealthy and harmful to Notre Dame. We do not feel this is the case because, although Saint Mary's students may make use of available opportunities, this does not prevent Notre Dame students from doing the same. In addition, Saint Mary's offers events and programs of which Notre Dame students may take advantage.

It is not the actions of Saint Mary's students that hinder growth between the institutions, but the attitude articulated in this comic strip. The implication that Saint Mary's students care

more about their room size than their education is insensitive to our feelings as well as reality. Since being founded in 1844 and 1842, both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame have prided themselves on their mutual support and collaboration as educational institutions. The students who come here expect a warm community that both welcomes and supports. How can prospective students feel invited to share in this community if they are exposed only to this biased opinion?

We propose that, instead of presenting these negative and false views of the relationship between the institutions, The Observer encourage greater community through its publications. Rather than put into question the integrity of Saint Mary's students, why not question the integrity of the views portrayed by Jockular?

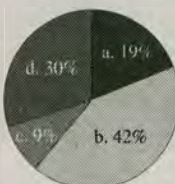
Felicia Lipari and Megan Wetekamp  
students  
Saint Mary's  
April 6

### OBSERVER POLL

What do you think of the academic advising system?

- a. No problems.
- b. Advisors should be more active.
- c. Advisor involvement should be strictly optional.
- d. I do not know who my advisor is.

\*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 81 responses.



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"What is the difference between unethical and ethical advertising? Unethical advertising uses falsehoods to deceive the public; ethical advertising uses truth to deceive the public."*

Vilhjalmur Stefansson  
Canadian explorer and ethnologist



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Student Senate not ignoring MAC

As one who served on the 2005-06 Student Senate for the University of Notre Dame, I would like to respond to statements issued in Karen Langley's Wednesday article concerning the amendment to make permanent the ad hoc Senate Committee on Minority Affairs. On Wednesday, March 29, senators voted down an amendment to make permanent the Minority Affairs Committee (MAC), chaired by Rhea Boyd. By no means was this a move to deny minorities on campus an avenue through which their voices can be heard more clearly. This has been a major focus throughout the course of the administrative year — hence the creation of the committee by former student body president Dave Baron. And many positive steps have been taken to improve upon issues at Notre Dame, thanks in part to the diligent work Rhea and her committee have put in behind the scenes.

However, at present the Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs is in existence for a seemingly similar goal, as its name clearly states. Certainly it is not farfetched for the two committees to collaborate on large-scale diversity issues,

which they have on a semi-frequent basis. However, when push comes to shove, where do the two differ? The Student Union Constitution reads as follows: "The Committee on Diversity Affairs shall address issues of multiculturalism and diversity and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate." My main concern is that these lines of text are far too vague to discern some level of distinction between Diversity Affairs and MAC, which in its current form perseveres for the same goals.

Yes, something does need to be done. Yes, the two committees need to be distinct. But, first and foremost, the line between the committees needs to be clearly drawn, and the amendment presented on March 29 did not adequately do this. Diversity can be extended to many walks of life — social, economic, spiritual, sexual and of course racial, among others. MAC, naturally, should speak to racial and ethnic diversity issues, while Diversity Affairs should address issues of difference based on religion, sexual orientation, economic status and the like. Now, I do not know many of the members of the 2006-2007

Student Senate, but I do know Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik. They will see to it that this issue is resolved in the proper fashion. Once this is done, MAC, I believe, will receive its permanent status in the Student Union Constitution. Until this point is reached, no other amendments should go through. The Constitution is not something that should be treated like a sheet of notebook paper. Amendments should be written in a fashion that will make them solid as a rock, thus not needing to be edited in the future.

Lastly, I will speak to a comment made by Minority Affairs Committee member Jason Laws concerning the past senators. In Langley's article, Laws is quoted as saying, "At the meeting, I just don't know if people had their eyes open," and that "senators would have done well to consider the significance of MAC ... before rejecting it." Personally, I consider this a slap in the face to all who served the entire student body of Notre Dame as senators the past administrative year. Of course the experiences of the minorities on campus are important; no one is denying this. MAC has been an inval-

able asset to Student Senate, and its importance was duly noted. If its significance were not considered, do you honestly believe the senators would have spent over an hour discussing the amendment? This issue needs to be addressed in the clearest and best way possible to serve the needs of all minorities here at Notre Dame. And it certainly will be as soon as the distinction is made by those in office for the 2006-2007 administrative year. But I find these statements to be both offensive and insulting to those students who have worked tirelessly through Student Senate for the student body.

I have the utmost confidence in the new administration to resolve this issue in a fashion that best serves all involved. It may take a week, it may take months, but it will happen. An issue this big will not go by the wayside unnoticed. And to think that student government will do otherwise is just outrageous.

Rob Lindley, Jr.  
sophomore  
Keough Hall  
April 6

## Impact appreciated

Concerning the Friday, March 3rd edition of The Observer, "Notre Dame benefactors to be recognized" — I attended the weekend. It provided a wonderful opportunity for those invited to hear the experiences of several students and to hear of their appreciation of what Notre Dame and the benefactors have done for them. We all take a lasting happiness in our effort to pay back our great school in our own fashion — however small — and in the realization that we are helping to carry the image of our Lady's school out to the world through the finest and brightest young people in our country. A week has gone by and the memories are vivid in my mind.

I was able on Sunday morning to visit with two of the scholars from my endowment — both from my hometown area of Moline and Davenport. I hope to follow their progress as they go on in life. You students will also have this opportunity to pay back our school. Few things, if anything at all, can be as satisfying.

Bob Eckland  
alumnus  
Class of 1957  
March 10

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



U-WIRE

## The French: masters of protest

I'm currently studying abroad in Aix-en-Provence in southern France, but I haven't been to class in five weeks. My university is on strike. Starting last week, our program began offering provisional classes to make sure we don't have too much time on our hands in this sun-drenched vacation spot.

Andrew Perrine

University of Michigan  
Michigan Daily

In fact, I should've been in class Tuesday. But as appealing as "D'Aubigne, Chateaubriand, Malraux: trois representations litteraires de l'insurrection" sounded, I opted to play hooky to attend the most massive, well-orchestrated and seamless expression of civil unrest I've ever seen with my own two eyes. As I watched the French in action, I got the distinct impression that they had done this before.

Unlike the few American protests I've seen, I barely detected any self-conscious forced enthusiasm. Instead, the manifestation in Marseille was unreserved and unapologetic. This charivari of Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and President Jacques Chirac left many dummies noosed and caricatures guillotined amid a constant stream of Gallic epithets. A huge fountain was decorated with the battered body of a cardboard-and-foam prime minister and dyed with his red blood.

But it wasn't just punk kids having fun — the giant crowd included parents, grandparents and employees of all sorts. The unions say attendance was 250,000; the police say 35,000. I estimate the crowd could've easily filled Michigan Stadium.

But for what, exactly? Most obviously, the student movement takes aim at the CPE, or the "First Employment Contract," that was passed earlier this year. De Villepin and his right-wing allies sold it as a way to reduce unemployment among the under-26 crowd, but the Left criticized it as a significant erosion of workers' rights. De Villepin, who coincidentally is running for President next year, has taken a hard line. The CPE works, he says, and no modifications should be made. The socialists have taken

an equally hard line: They will accept nothing less than the full retraction of the law.

At the center of the argument is that the CPE allows employers to fire their young workers for no reason during a two-year "tryout period." From an American perspective, it might be difficult to understand the outrage. We take for granted that we're not going to have job security. If you get fired, there's really not much you can do about it. C'est la vie.

But in France, the protection of the worker against capitalistic exploitation has fared better than in the United States. The French have a working social democracy and are in the enviable position of having a 35-hour workweek, not to mention the generous vacation time. The CPE is seen as the first step in dismantling their beloved system.

The system may be on the verge of rupture anyway. Unemployment is high, and members of the next generation are going to be poorer than their parents. The big, happy, socialist pie is being stretched too thin, but instead of seeking reform, French students are clinging fearfully to their old ways. The turmoil in France that I'm witnessing right now is not just about one law hastily rushed through Parliament. The national dialogue is really about whether France is once again going to be the exception to the rule, or if the Fifth Republic will simply become another cog in the globalized economy.

Of course, this is also a partisan battle at heart. The left wants to undermine the power of de Villepin before the '07 elections. As it stands, both sides are so obstinate that I seriously question whether I'll ever go back to the classes I enrolled in. In the meantime, I can only marvel at how French public transportation works better than ours even when it's on strike — and drink pastis.

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## WASHINGTON HALL SPOTLIGHT

# Notre Dame Opera a 'hellishly' good production



Orpheus (Eric Petrucci) and Eurydice (Emily Sladek) have an argument at the beginning of the 2006 Opera Notre Dame production of "Orpheus Goes to Hell."



The company convinces Orpheus to follow Eurydice, who is caught in the Underworld. The Opera will be performed this weekend in Washington Hall.

By SEAN SWEANY  
Scene Writer

The 2006 Opera Notre Dame production of "Orpheus Goes to Hell" is definitely not your grandmother's opera. Hilarious and irreverent, this satiric romp by 19th century composer Jacques Offenbach pokes fun at Greek mythology, imperial French politics and modern society while entertaining the audience with lively song and dance numbers.

The opera, a yearly event sponsored by the Notre Dame Department of Music and Opera Notre Dame, will take place this weekend 7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday night in Washington Hall.

Director and Notre Dame Opera professor Mark Beudert believes the show simultaneously entertain and educate.

"This art form is a collaboration of all the other art forms," Beudert said, who hopes that the opera can provide an experience befitting the liberal arts atmosphere that permeates Notre Dame.

"Orpheus Goes to Hell" retells the classic

Greek myth of the legendary singer Orpheus who pursues his wife Eurydice to Hades after she has been taken by Pluto, much to the dismay of Jupiter, king of the gods. Along the journey from Thebes to Mt. Olympus to Hades, many characters from Greek mythology show up to add their own lampoons and satiric comments during the riotous romp.

Offenbach's original version has been reworked several times, which adds many types of humor to the opera that stem from various historical periods. Offenbach himself seems to generate most of the humor, poking fun at the establishments of 19th century France. But there is also more modern humor clearly introduced by the Notre Dame production team.

"We've tried to incorporate a lot of Notre Dame [humor], while also making the relationship between Orpheus and Eurydice a "Brad Pitt-Jennifer Aniston thing," Emily

Sladek (Eurydice) said.

Modern references like these, along with other humorous allusions to Starbucks, "Desperate Housewives" and a surprise operatic debut by Notre Dame legend Digger Phelps help make the play appealing and entertaining to a wider audience.

Eric Petrucci (Orpheus) describes the play as "basically one big ridiculous joke" that audiences should not take as a serious opera. Steven Soebbing (Jupiter) echoes these sentiments, describing the opera as a "political commentary." While his character originally symbolized the derisory Napoleon III, it can also apply to several more contemporary political figures.

Sladek, Petrucci and Soebbing are all music majors, a group that makes up the bulk of the large cast and crew. The production of "Orpheus Goes to Hell" gives the music majors a chance to showcase their skills in singing, acting and dancing — a laudable goal which must be promoted and encouraged as part of the Notre Dame tradition, according to Phelps.

All of the performers are accompanied by the seventeen-piece Notre Dame Orchestra, which is composed of both Notre Dame students and professional musicians directed by John Apeitos, a visiting professor and conductor of Opera Notre Dame for the past 13 years. The group is downsized from a normal orchestra because of the size and acoustics of Washington Hall — a full orchestra would drown out the voices of the singers in the small space. In spite of its small size, the orchestra in "Orpheus" has a great influence on the show, filling in as another character at times and playfully interacting with the lead singers.

"Orpheus Goes to Hell" is a perfect opera for the college audience. Witty and fast moving, the catchy songs and lyrics combine with graceful choreography and fantastic set design to make the art form of opera enjoyable and exciting. The student players give excellent performances fitting for full-sized opera houses. Opera Notre Dame's production of "Orpheus Goes to Hell" is a wonder to see and hear.

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## DPAC SPOTLIGHT

# Kurosawa's 'Samurai' masterpiece comes to DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

Though it sounds like the stuff of hyperbole, in 1954 Akira Kurosawa made "Shichinin no samurai" ("The Seven Samurai") and cinema was changed forever. Almost unparalleled in its scope, brilliance and effectiveness, Kurosawa changed the idea of what an action film could be while tying his epic to a solid and entertaining story.

"The Seven Samurai," as its name implies, follows seven Japanese warriors as they defend a village from a group of bandits who have been terrorizing the people. Led by the wise Kambei (Takashi Shimura), the samurai are comprised of Kikuchiyo (Toshiro Mifune), Gorobei (Yoshio Inaba), Kyuzo (Seiji Miyaguchi), Heihachi (Minoru Chiaki), Shichiroji (Daisuke Kato) and Katsushiro (Ko Kimura).

Each of the samurai has a distinct personality, but the most notable are Kikuchiyo, whose youth and rebellious attitude drives the group, Kyuzo, the master swordsman and Katsushiro, a boy who longs to be a true samurai.

Though set in a bygone era of samurais and villages, Kurosawa's acute ability to weave social commentary is evident throughout "The Seven Samurai." What

constitutes "good" versus "evil?" What makes the samurai better than the bandits? Kurosawa explores these issues and more over the course of the film — there is an extraordinary scene about what it means to be a man that resonates despite the differences between Japanese and Western society because of Kurosawa's insight and directorial courage.

The action scenes are justifiably famous, as Kurosawa set a new standard in how to film such sequences. The moving camera, elliptical edits and well-executed editing all blend to make a picture that is undeniably cinematic. Though "The Seven Samurai" is quite long — over 200 minutes — it rarely drags thanks to its sure narrative footing and Kurosawa's filmic style.

There is something inherently tragic about "The Seven Samurai" — despite its thrills and surprisingly fluid pace, there is something somber about the film. Its emotional impact is strong and the final scene is one of those reminders of just how great the cinema can be. Kurosawa was a visionary who saw that

there was still magic in film and brought out the best in the medium, revitalizing it with power and grace. Modern filmmakers have much to learn from Kurosawa's pictures — few filmmakers, before or since, have effectively tied action, social awareness and meditative introspection as well as Kurosawa.

He is easily one of the world's great filmmakers, from the time he burst into national prominence with 1950's "Rashomon" through 1985's "Ran." His influence is incalculable, but remains evident by the number of his films that have been remade — this includes "The Seven Samurai" which was remade by John Sturges in 1968 as the Western "The Magnificent Seven." Others include 1958's "The Hidden Fortress"

(which served as the basis for George Lucas' seminal 1977 "Star Wars") and 1961's "Yojimbo" (which was remade by Sergio Leone as the Clint Eastwood spaghetti western "For a Fistful of Dollars").

Other classics the director has made include 1952's "Ikiru" and 1957's "Throne of Blood" — all of these films established Kurosawa as arguably Japan's finest director (although Yasujiro

## The Seven Samurai



Time: Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m.  
Venue: Browning Cinema, DPAC



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The DPAC will screen Akira Kurosawa's "The Seven Samurai" on Saturday.

Ozu fans may argue differently).

"The Seven Samurai" is not only a classic, but one of a handful of the truly most influential films and is essential viewing for anyone even remotely interested in film.

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## DVD REVIEW

## 'Narnia' DVDs offer choice



"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is being offered in two separate DVD releases. An Extended Cut DVD is also on the way.

By ERIN MCGINN  
Scene Critic

As with all technology, DVDs have managed to both simplify and complicate buying a movie. With the ease and flexibility of producing DVDs, there are numerous possibilities for just a single movie. Take "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," for example. Two versions — the single disc and the two-disc editions — currently exist, and a third "extended version" will be released later in the year. Which one, if any, should a fan — casual or otherwise — buy?

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is about the four Pevensie children: Peter (William Moseley), Susan (Anna Popplewell), Edmund (Skander Keynes) and Lucy (Georgie Henley). After evacuating London during WWII, they live with an eccentric professor in the country where Lucy discovers a wardrobe which leads to the fantastical world of Narnia. Eventually all four children enter Narnia and meet Aslan (voiced by Liam Neeson), the benevolent Lion who is the rightful ruler of Lewis' mythical land. Eventually, they engage in battle with the White Witch (Tilda Swenson), a tyrannical queen who keeps a dark pall over Narnia — it's always winter but never Christmas.

The film is excellent, staying very true to C.S. Lewis' original work. The acting of the four children, especially Henley, is quite endearing and they are all believable in their roles. Neeson's Aslan is a solid performance, and easily steals all of the scenes he's in. Andrew Adamson, best known for helming the two animated "Shrek" films, directed the movie very well, although he clearly suffers from "Lord of the Rings" envy. In an attempt to be epic, Adamson has inadvertently made the battle scenes too disjointed from the narrative, something that Peter Jackson achieved far more fluidly in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

The single-disc version of the DVD contains the theatrical release — the "extra" and deleted scenes will be released only in the future extended version of the film. Its bonus features include two commentaries, one with the director, producer and production designer (very dry, and very technical) and one with Adamson and the four children (highly entertaining). It also has a very short yet entertaining blooper reel. The best fea-

ture, however, is the "Discover Narnia Fun Facts," which functions much like VH1's "Pop-Up Video" — while watching the movie, bubbles will appear with short anecdotes, production info, trivia, etc.

The two-disc version has the same first disc as the single-disc release, plus a second disc of exclusive bonus features. There are nine features in total on the disc, ranging from 20 minutes to an hour in length. "Chronicles of a Director" is a look at Andrew Adamson and his making of the movie. "The Children's Magical Journey" contains interviews and background information on the four children. "One Man's Mind" is a biography on C.S. Lewis — sadly, it is quite short and altogether not that informative. "Cinematic Storytellers" goes into the intense detail required to create an entire world.

"Creating Creatures" is another fun feature that further details different character designs. "Anatomy of a Scene: Melting River" breaks down the melting river scene from the middle of the movie. "Creatures of the World" is something of a sister feature to "Creating Creatures." This feature is a bit more character-oriented and provides background on how the creatures were detailed within the books. "Explore Narnia" and "Legends in Time" are both interactive features. This version also comes with two pieces of concept art and a foldout map detailing the features on the set.

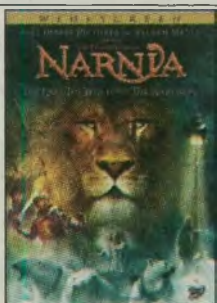
So which version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" should fans buy? The single-disc is recommended for casual fans who might not really care about the bonus features. The two-disc is recommended for big fans of the movie who are really interested in the making-of and background information. The truly die-hard might be best suited waiting for the extended edition, but probably can't wait that long, either. The easiest solution for Narnia addicts is to buy the two-disc now and re-gift/re-sell it later when the extended version is released.

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## The Chronicles of Narnia

Widescreen Edition

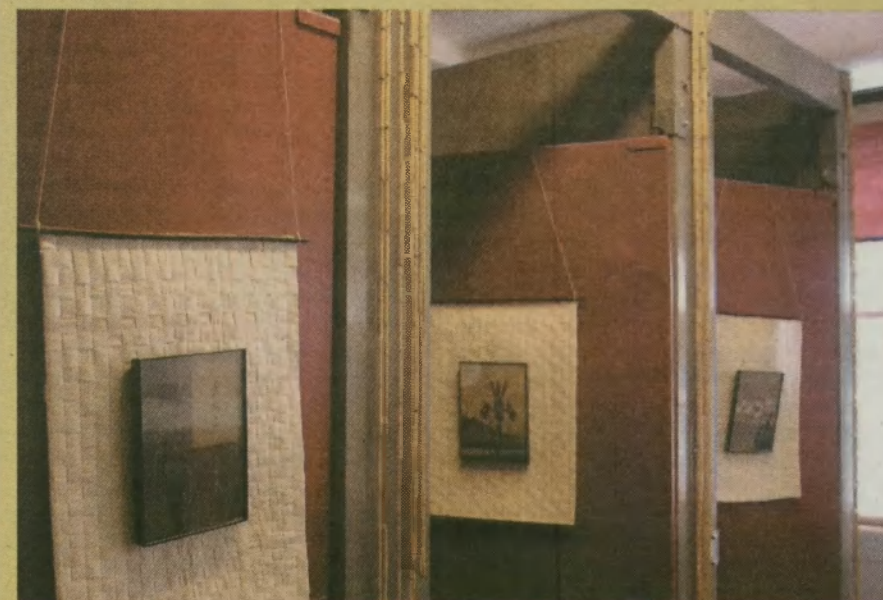
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NOTRE DAME'S  
BEST... *Bathrooms*

BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF



With wood-paneled stall doors, clean sinks and even their own water fountains, the Main Building has thrones fit for a king — or for prospective students, at least.



Ever disappear into a bathroom to think things over? Farley's Zen Garden bathroom takes this idea to the next level, offering a serene setting for comfortable meditation.



It's common knowledge that girls enjoy traveling to the bathroom in packs. Keenan Hall was thoughtful enough to give them a comfortable waiting room as well.

**After Easter:** What are the best libraries on campus?  
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## WOMEN'S CREW

## Irish head to Indianapolis for three races against top foes

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

After an impressive showing at the San Diego Classic last weekend, the Irish will travel to Indianapolis for the Indiana Classic in Indianapolis this Saturday and Sunday.

The event, sponsored by Indiana University, pits the Irish against one of three tough opponents on Saturday morning, Saturday after-

noon, and Sunday morning. Notre Dame will row against Indiana, California and Wisconsin, respectively.

Notre Dame head coach Martin Stone called the Hoosiers an "up-and-coming program." He specifically cited the strength of the Hoosiers' novice boats.

The Irish also have the opportunity to take on the Golden Bears, the defending national champions, for the second straight week. Last week, No. 2 Cal's varsity eight boat

defeated Notre Dame's Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meg Boyle and Sarah Palandech by fewer than seven seconds.

"[Cal] is one of the best teams in the country and we are really looking forward to racing them again," Stone said.

The Irish will conclude their weekend by taking on the Badgers.

Stone said the level of competi-

tion will present a challenge to Notre Dame.

"The expectation is to pick up even more speed than the previous day," he said. "Each of these teams is going to be a great test for us."

He also said the Irish have to be extremely prepared for each opponent.

"In college athletics, anything can happen on any given day," Stone said, pointing out his own team's performance last weekend in San Diego, where the Irish fin-

ished fourth in the varsity eight, second in the open eight and first in the second varsity eight and novice eight.

"Some of the teams there took us lightly and we really performed well. We definitely exceeded expectations," Stone said. "I know we can race really well if we just concentrate on doing our own thing."

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## BOOKSTORE XXXV

## Saltines top Team 501, 21-11

Charles Manson Strikes Back, Counter Ballerists Unit also advance

By TIM KAISER and DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writers

The Saltines used their supreme height advantage and athleticism to knock off Team 501 21-11 in a hard fought game.

At the outset, both teams played sloppy basketball, each going scoreless in their first two possessions.

Needing a quick victory in order to finish before a class, the Saltines decided to step up their game.

"We came out slow," said Dan Ott of the Saltines, "but we had a test right after this, so we wanted to finish them off fast."

After falling behind 3-0, the Saltines made three straight before Team 501 was able to answer. Using its superior height and athleticism, the Saltines went on an 8-2 run to end the half.

Although the score at half was lopsided in favor of the Saltines, the play remained competitive and heated on the court.

There were a number of hard fouls, and a scuffle broke out at one point. The pushing and shoving was quickly broken up by other players and resulted in no ejections.

In the second half, the Saltine players followed the same game plan of using their height to their advantage. They were able to force a number of turnovers, which led to six second-half fast-break points en route to the 21-11 final.

"It was a tough draw for the first round," Team 501 guard Steve Howenstein said. "They have a lot of size and were very

athletic. Those guys are going to go far."

#### Charles Manson Strikes Back 21, Jaredisjake 4

Emerson Epartz and Ben Roesch scored seven points each as Charles Manson Strikes Back slaughtered Jaredisjake in first round at Stepan Courts Thursday night.

Jaredisjake struggled from the field, scoring only four points in the contest. The group of seniors officially ended their Bookstore careers with a record of 1-4.

"We were just out here to have some fun today," said Jaredisjake guard Shane Duba, who scored one point.

Duba said his teammates enjoyed themselves during the whole game, despite trailing throughout.

"We aren't in very good condition. We also didn't rebound, pass, or shoot well," Jaredisjake forward Mark Seiler said.

With those ingredients missing, Jaredisjake found it tough to hang with the fast-paced offense that the Manson team ran through out the game.

Manson, made up of two freshman, two sophomores and a junior, passed well throughout the game. All five players scored.

Manson was able to pick up easy baskets by driving hard toward the hoop and dishing to open teammates as the Jaredisjake defense collapsed. The fancy passing worked well in several instances, but also led to many turnovers.

Roesch said his team will have to improve its consistency before it plays No. 3 The Caged Badgers in the third round.

"We're hoping for at least one more win until we have to play the third ranked team," Roesch said. "But who knows? We could be the next George Mason."

#### Counter Ballerists Unit 21, MaCCCK Daddies 5

The Counter Ballerists Unit advanced to the second round of bracket play after a big win over MaCCCK Daddies. The experienced seniors exploited their advantage in both size and athleticism to come away with the 21-5 victory.

CBU was led by Steve Colnitis, who sunk the first six baskets of the game. Colnitis finished with 11 points and four assists.

Once it built up a sizable lead, CBU never looked back. It came up with several steals, which were easily converted to fast break buckets.

"We just wanted to work out all the kinks in the first round. It was a good all around effort," CBU guard Dave Kuck said.

Kuck's outside shooting proved to be a valuable weapon for CBU throughout the game.

The slow start hurt the undermanned MaCCCK Daddies, who were gasping for air by the end of Colnitis' hot streak.

"They had five guys and stamina," MaCCCK Daddies guard Bill Bordogna said. After trailing 11-2 at the half, the Daddies looked for any advantage they could try to stop the bleeding.

"We thought the half-time cigarette would get us back on track, it normally calms me down a lit-

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## NCAA HOCKEY

## Badgers beat Bears in Frozen Four, 5-2

Associated Press

Whether he's rolling on the ice or flying over it, Ross Carlson is dangerous as long as he's near the puck.

Carlson scored an acrobatic goal and his diving attempt at a second earned him an assist in Wisconsin's 5-2 victory over Maine on Thursday night in the NCAA Frozen Four semifinals.

Robbie Earl had two goals and an assist, and Adam Burish and Ben Street also scored for the Badgers (29-10-3), who will play Boston College on Saturday night for the national championship. The Eagles beat North Dakota 6-5 in the first semifinal.

After stealing the puck from Maine's Michel Leveille, Carlson skated down the left side and left his feet to avoid Bret Tyler, the last Maine defender. Carlson maintained control despite his momentum as he landed and fired the shot at Ben Bishop, the 6-foot-7 goalie for the Black Bears.

"I knew I was going to cut to the middle, but I didn't know when or how," Carlson said. "The guy went flying, and I flipped the puck up, knocked it down and shot it."

Said Bishop: "I didn't think he was going to shoot it because he had all the time in the world. When he shot it, it surprised me."

Maine (28-12-2) had played a gritty game to that point, but the goal shook the Black Bears, who gave up a costly scoring chance minutes later.

With 11:44 left, Maine had an opportunity on a short-handed rush, but Wisconsin's ensuing 2-on-1 break left Earl with a sharp wrist shot he fired past Bishop for a 3-1 lead.

"Being on that side, I know what they were going through," Burish said of the momentum swing. "It's frustrating."

Maine finally scored again with 8:39 remaining in the game when Josh Soares left a drop pass for Greg Moore, who found Mike Lundin across the ice for a slap shot past Brian Elliott that cut it to 3-2.

But Wisconsin retook control about a minute later.

Bishop blocked Street's initial shot from the left circle. Carlson was knocked over as he rushed the net and slid through the play, managing to push the puck toward Bishop in the process.

"I was just spinning like a little top," Carlson said. "I accidentally hit the puck, hit the pipe."

Undeterred, Street charged to the net and flipped the follow-up over Bishop's outstretched body to put Wisconsin up by two goals again.

"I was coming in too fast, but then I kind of gathered myself and stopped, and then got some composure and buried the backhand," Street said.

Earl made it 5-2 when he added an empty-net goal with 1:44 to play.

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## Major League Baseball

### American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Baltimore	2-0	1.000	2-0	-
Boston	2-1	.667	2-1	.5
Toronto	1-1	.500	1-1	1
New York	1-2	.333	1-2	1.5
Tampa Bay	0-2	.000	0-2	2

### American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	2-0	1.000	2-0	-
Cleveland	2-1	.667	2-1	.5
Minnesota	1-1	.500	1-1	1
Chicago	1-2	.333	1-2	1.5
Kansas City	0-2	.000	0-2	2

### American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	2-1	.667	2-1	-
Seattle	2-1	.667	2-1	-
L.A. Angels	1-2	.333	1-2	1
Texas	1-2	.333	1-2	1

### National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	2-2	.500	2-2	-
New York	1-1	.500	1-1	-
Washington	1-1	.500	1-1	-
Florida	1-2	.333	1-2	.5
Philadelphia	0-3	.000	0-3	1.5

### National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Milwaukee	3-0	1.000	3-0	-
St. Louis	3-0	1.000	3-0	-
Houston	2-1	.667	2-1	1
Chicago	1-1	.500	1-1	1.5
Cincinnati	1-1	.500	1-1	1.5
Pittsburgh	0-3	.000	0-3	3

### National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Francisco	2-1	.667	2-1	-
Arizona	1-1	.500	1-1	.5
Colorado	1-1	.500	1-1	.5
San Diego	1-1	.500	1-1	.5
L.A. Dodgers	1-2	.333	1-2	1

## USA TODAY/ESPN College Baseball Top 25

No.	team	record	points
1	CS Fullerton	24-7	849
2	South Carolina	26-3	845
3	Florida State	27-4	1770
4	Rice	24-8	762
5	Mississippi St.	22-3	741
6	North Carolina	23-6	401
7	Clemson	20-7	690
8	Nebraska	20-5	677
9	Georgia Tech	22-6	636
10	Texas	21-11	549
11	Arkansas	23-6	519
12	Arizona State	23-9	513
13	NC State	25-8	448
14	Oregon St.	19-8	442
15	Alabama	22-9	370
16	Oklahoma	21-9	277
17	Miami (Fla.)	23-10	227
18	Virginia	24-8	265
19	Florida	19-13	262
20	Old Dominion	29-3	113
21	Louisiana St.	20-10	102
22	Baylor	19-10	101
23	Vanderbilt	19-9	95
24	Coll. of Charleston	23-6	94
25	Wake Forest	23-7	92

## PGA



Davis Love III watches his drive on the 18th hole during first round play of The Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club Thursday. Love III shot a two-over 74.

## Masters opens with plenty of surprises

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, GA — Vijay Singh was at the top of the Masters leaderboard. No surprise there.

Phil Mickelson was right in the mix. That's to be expected.

Tiger Woods got off to a sluggish start at Augusta National. Sounds about right.

Still, there were plenty of surprises on Day 1: Rocco Mediate and Arron Oberholser were Singh's closest challengers, and Ben Crenshaw — who was talking retirement a day earlier — put himself in contention with a stunning

round.

Showing no regard for the longer, tougher course, Singh put up a bogey-free, 5-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead over Mediate on Thursday. Oberholser, a Masters rookie, was another shot back.

"I played pretty decent," Singh said. "I didn't make too many mistakes. I had a lot of chances early on and I putted very well."

Mickelson shot 70, part of a group three strokes off the lead that included two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen.

Lefty said it's much easier to play the Masters now that he's a past champion,

having won in 2004 when he captured his first major title. He added the PGA Championship last year.

"It's a different feel teeing off in this tournament knowing you've won it," Mickelson said. "I always wanted to win it so bad ... that it was harder to let my swings go, relax and enjoy the day. I feel I can do that now."

Singh and Mediate had something in common. They were the first two players to make birdies on the 11th hole, a tough test that became even harder when Augusta National decided to super-size its course to 7,445 yards — the second-longest

in major championship history behind Whistling Straits.

That's where the similarities end.

Singh is a three-time major champion who won the Masters in 2000. Mediate qualified for Augusta based on a sixth-place finish at the U.S. Open last summer. Otherwise, he's been mired in one of the worst slumps of his career, finishing 114th on the money list a year ago — an improvement on his 176th-place showing in 2004.

"I haven't been here in a while," Mediate quipped as he walked into the interview room. "Still the same, though."

## IN BRIEF

### BC advances to Frozen Four title game

MILWAUKEE — Chris Collins made North Dakota pay for its mistakes, and Boston College's unselfish play helped the Eagles advance to the NCAA Frozen Four title game for the first time since 2001.

Streaking in alone in the second period, Collins got a pass from teammate Benn Ferriero and buried the puck in the back of the net to lead Boston College to a 6-5 victory over North Dakota on Thursday in the semifinals.

"They weren't ready for that," Collins said. "To be skating out across the blue line and Benn Ferriero putting it right on my stick was pretty nice."

Collins scored three goals and the Eagles didn't let North Dakota bully them out of the NCAA tournament like they did last season.

Freshmen Anthony Aiello, and Brett Motherwell added goals and Cory Schneider made 36 saves.

### Mannings to face off in Sunday opener

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts will open the season on the road for the seventh straight year, this time against the New York Giants in what is expected to be the first NFL matchup between brothers Peyton and Eli Manning.

"We thought that was coming, and the unfortunate thing is for the other 54 guys that are involved in the game, it'll almost be like they're not there," Colts coach Tony Dungy said Thursday. "That is unfortunate, because there are a lot of other good players on those two teams, but we pretty much know how that one is going to be promoted."

The league released its 2006 schedule on Thursday, and the Sept. 10 opener at the Meadowlands is part of NBC's new Sunday night package.

Indianapolis also is scheduled to play a Sunday night game at New England on Nov. 5 and a Monday night game at home against Cincinnati.

### Blake ready to take on Gonzalez in Davis Cup

RANCHO MIRAGE, CA — James Blake gets to go first for the United States and, if the Davis Cup quarterfinals against Chile go the limit, he'll also go last.

Blake, No. 2 on the U.S. team behind Andy Roddick, will face Chile's No. 1 player, Fernando Gonzalez, on Friday in the opening singles match. Roddick will play Nicolas Massu in the second match of the day.

The order of play was determined during Thursday's draw.

"I think this is the first time I've been picked," Blake said of the opening assignment. "It should be fun, and hopefully I'll start us off on a good note."

Blake said he doesn't worry much about anything but his own game, and will stick with that approach for his first match and — if the match is even and he faces Massu in the deciding match Sunday — the finale of the round.

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### PGA

The Masters, 4 p.m., USA

### NBA

Dallas Mavericks vs. San Antonio Spurs, 8 p.m., ESPN

LA Lakers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m., ESPN



## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

## ND starts drive to NCAAs with stop in Virginia

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to Harrisonburg, Virginia this weekend to take on several east-coast squads in the James Madison Invitational.

Two of the teams the Irish will face include conference rivals Georgetown and Rutgers.

"It will be good to see some Big East teams because that hardly ever happens," Notre Dame head coach Debby King said of the event, which will be

held at the Lakeview Golf Course in Harrisonburg.

But the Irish will not face any teams from the NCAA Central Region this weekend and are therefore more focused on maintaining a low scoring average than on competing with the field at the James Madison.

"We don't get to face any more [NCAA Central Region] teams so we can't improve our head-to-head ranking," King said after the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Hawaii March 21-22.

Head-to-head record and

overall team scoring average are the two criteria that are used to determine if a team is worthy of an NCAA tournament bid.

Notre Dame will begin first round play Saturday without the benefit of a practice round. The team's flight will arrive in Harrisonburg Friday evening, after the other teams have already finished their practice rounds and seen the course.

King said that she has printed out pictures of each hole of the course and distributed them to her players, although she realizes that her team will still be

entering the tournament at a disadvantage.

"The first round of play will essentially be our practice round," King stated.

However, the coach remains confident that her players are well-prepared.

"We've been getting good scores in practice all week," she said.

King specifically cited the impressive play of senior co-captain Suzie Hayes, who had shot a 73 during Wednesday's practice.

This weekend, as the team

enters their final tournament before the Big East Championship, the Irish know that they have little margin for error if they want to attain their third NCAA berth in as many years.

"[The NCAA tournament] is so prestigious so it would definitely be a huge honor to be chosen again," senior co-captain Katie Brophy said. "Hopefully, we can finish strong and get rewarded for it."

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Team to play four road contests

*Squad will travel to Syracuse, Pittsburgh for conference games*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

The Irish will put their undefeated conference record to the test this weekend as they travel to Syracuse and Pittsburgh for a pair of doubleheaders.

The Orange and the Panthers are tied for third in the Big East with an identical 7-1 record.

Notre Dame and South Florida are the only two teams without a loss — both at 4-0 — and remain tied for first. Although it is early in the season, the match-ups may have a major impact on where each team ends up in the conference standings.

"They are both on fire right now," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "To have a good week we have to be able to control their hitters."

Both teams, she said, are "crushing the ball right now."

The Orange are poised to continue their rise with two big games this Saturday. On Thursday, the team tied a program record by winning nine of its last 10 games. The one loss was a 7-4 upset at the hands of St. John's in the second of two games on March 26.

Syracuse pitcher Alexis Switenko currently leads the Big East with 11 home runs and has a .365 batting average. She was also 2-0 on the mound last weekend, striking out 10 in an 8-1 complete game win over Villanova.

"[Switenko] is hitting the snot out of the ball," Gumpf said. "She can single-handedly change a game, and we need to give her the respect that she has earned."

The competition will not ease up on Sunday. Pittsburgh (24-13) is also riding an impressive streak, with 10 wins in 11 contests. A victory over Kent State Wednesday gave the Panthers the most wins in the school's history.

Consistent and powerful hitting has helped the team find its way into the record books. Leading the way are leadoff batter Jessica Dignon (.350 BA) and the power-hitter Lisa



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish shortstop Sara Schoonaert fields a ground ball during Notre Dame's 4-2 loss to Akron Wednesday at Ivy Field.

McGregor, who has homered six times this season.

"We just need to focus on each other and keep ourselves enthusiastic — that's all we can do," designated hitter Jessica Hufnagle said.

Notre Dame, currently 20-11, has also been tearing through its schedule recently. Wednesday's loss to Akron was the first since dropping a game to No. 7 Alabama on March 19.

"We know we are a good team," Hufnagle said. "We just have to take the Akron game and learn from it, then go out there and get the job

done."

Gumpf said the team will get back to basics this weekend and concentrate both on getting good pitches to hit and driving runners home once they get on base. Notre Dame has left 181 runners on base so far this season, averaging just under six per game.

The Syracuse games are scheduled for noon and 2 p.m. Saturday. The Pittsburgh games will take place at noon and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

## Twelve Irish runners travel to Miami Invite

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

A dozen members of the Irish track team will trek to the Miami Invitational in Oxford, Ohio this weekend in the hopes of qualifying for, or improving their seeds, in the May 5-7 Big East Championship meet.

"This meet is not a major meet by any means," senior sprinter Ryan Postel said. "But it represents a chance to hit Big East qualifiers for those who haven't done so."

Among those competing is freshman Alyssa Hasan. Already a Big East qualifier in the long jump, she will be competing in that event, plus the shot-put and 100-meter hurdles.

"Hopefully, I'll be able to set some good marks," Hasan said. "I'm hoping for a Big East qualifying time in the 100-meter hurdles."

Other Big East hopefuls include Antonia Bethel in the 400-meter hurdles on the women's side and Charlie Hilding, whose best time in the men's 200-meter event is

only one-hundredth of a second behind the qualifying mark.

Sophomore Bob Kueney has already qualified for the Big East meet. He will compete in the 400 meters in Oxford.

"I'm just trying to get a good seed going into the Big East championships," Kueney said.

So far this season, Irish have 29 Big-East qualifying scores and five Mid-east Regional qualifying marks.

On the schedule next week is the four-day Mt. SAC relays starting Wednesday in Walnut, Calif. It is one of the biggest meets in the country, with dozens of high school and universities around the countries sending their top competitors.

As of now, Irish coach Joe Plane said he has not decided who will represent the Irish. Possibilities include Postel for his individual events and the Irish 4 x 400-meter relay team comprised of Postel, Kueney, Jordan Powell and Austin Wechter.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Squad splits doubleheader with Flying Dutch

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

The Belles redeemed themselves in the second game of their doubleheader against No. 24 Hope after losing the first game 5-2 Wednesday in Holland, Mich.

Saint Mary's came back in the second game to win 1-0, capturing its third Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) win. The

game remained scoreless until the bottom of the third inning when Sarah Meisle singled to drive in the only run of the game.

Kristin Amram secured the Belles lead on the mound, striking out 11.

Saint Mary's coach Erin Sullivan said that after losing the first game, the Belles wanted to turn things around.

"We realized that we had the opportunity to win," Sullivan said. "We kept our intensity up."

The Belles (14-6, 3-1 in the MIAA) took the lead in the first game in the top of the third when Bridget Grall scored off an error. The Flying Dutch answered back in the bottom of the third with three runs and never looked back. Jessica Regnerus singled to drive in a run and both Laura Tanouye and Emily Adams tallied sacrifice flies.

Sullivan was pleased with her team's performance in the split. "Even against a really great

team, we are just as good," Sullivan said.

The Belles hope they can continue their success when they face defending MIAA champion Alma Saturday. Alma enters the game coming off a split against Defiance. Alma won the first game 4-0 but lost the second 6-5.

"Alma has always had strong hitters and a very deep line up," Grall said.

Grall also said that the Belles will look to get ahead early and

hold on against Alma.

They expect sluggers like Meisle to step up at the plate.

Grall said that everyone will come into Saturday's game with high intensity.

"Our players are going to be playing with everything they have," Grall said.

Alma and the Belles face off at Saint Mary's Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## SMC GOLF

## Belles travel to Illinois Wesleyan

Saint Mary's placed  
second at Normal, Ill.  
tournament last year

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

Fresh off a tournament and a repeat win at Capital University's Purple and White Invitational last Sunday, the Belles of the Saint Mary's golf team look for continued success at the Illinois Wesleyan University Spring Fling in Normal, Ill. this weekend.

The Belles placed second out of 20 in last year's tourney at IWU, scoring 305 and 310 on the first and second days, respectively. They finished 14 strokes behind winner DePauw University. Sarah Gates of DePauw and Maggie Loney of Wisconsin Eau-Claire both

recorded totals of 144 to share the individual title.

This fall's MIAA League MVP Megan Mattia of Saint Mary's placed seventh individually last year, recording two five over par 77's on the 5842 yard par 72 Ironwood Golf Club course. The team will look to her for leadership as the highest placing Belle returning to the tournament this year. The Belles will compete this year without their number three finisher Stefanie Simmerman and sixth place finisher Julia Adams, both of whom graduated from the team last year.

Nonetheless, many of the current Belles are very familiar with success at the Normal, Illinois course. At last year's Spring Fling, Captain Kirsten Fantom carded a final round 85 and earned fifty-second place overall, and Katie O'Brien had a top round of.

"We have a positive outlook

going into the upcoming tournament; we're familiar with the course and we've played well there in the past," Fantom said.

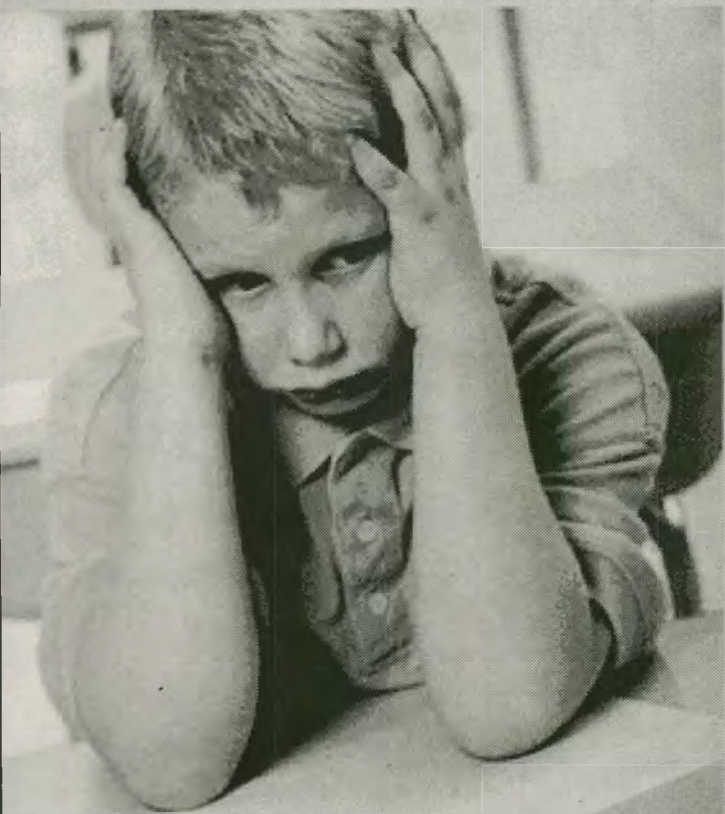
Mattia agreed.

"We have high expectations [for this tournament]," she said.

The Belles will face a very talented field in Normal. DePauw will return to defend their title and is ranked No. 2 nationally in Division III by the National Golf Coaches Association, and No. 3, just above Saint Mary's, in the Golfstat.com rankings. Wisconsin Eau-Claire is on the upswing as well, only recording five losses in their fall season that totaled over thirty contests, and Illinois Wesleyan will look to avenge their defeat by the Belles on their home course last year.

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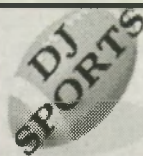
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## Upset

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rules do not allow for a team to replace an injured player, so Craig Fencing played the remainder of the game a man down.

The two teams went back and forth until Nussbaum and Brandon Beck scored inside baskets to give Rule No. 76 a 19-16 lead.

"It was obviously a setback," Craig Fencing captain Gresham Kay said. "There was really nothing we could do about it. We went into a 2-2 zone and did the best we could."

Martin said Craig Fencing bore down on defense and prevented Rule No. 76 from running away with the game.

"They didn't let us take full advantage of [the injury] because they played hard," Martin said. "We pushed the ball inside ... and it worked out all right."

Kay was proud of the way his team played in the first half, as the two squads went back and forth in fast-paced play.

"I felt we were playing good basketball," he said. "The main thing was that [Craig Fencing guard] John Lindenmeyer was carrying us on his back."

Martin said he was proud of his team for knocking off a ranked opponent, no matter the circumstances.

"It's a good feeling," he said. "We weren't intimidated, but we didn't have high hopes coming in here. We had nothing to lose."

### Team 265 21, We Got a Bad Draw 13

Team 265 defeated We Got a Bad Draw with physical play in the paint and a height advantage on the wings.

"I think that was our plan from the get-go — to use our height," Team 265 center Phil Rosloniec said. "I was blessed with height and I had to use it."

Rosloniec dominated in the paint, scoring four second-chance points in the second half.

"I know I couldn't get it done by shooting," he said. "In the paint is where I feel at home. It's my home away from home."

Undersized, Bad Draw kept the game close early. Joe "Mad Dogg" Schonhoff tied the game at three on a layup thanks to his own offensive rebound. But Rosloniec continued to dominate the paint, and Team 265 took an 11-6 lead at the half.

"They used their height — we used our hearts," Bad Draw's Nick "Nicky Z." Zarazua said. "Even when we boxed out, they were able to reach over our heads and get the rebound."

Team 265 took a 12-6 lead after the squads switched ends and Joe "Jay Murph" Murphy hit a jumper to cut the lead to 12-7. But Rosloniec and his teammates rattled off a 6-3 run to take an 18-10 advantage.

Three minutes later, Bad Draw guard Jimmy "Herbie" Buffi hit a runner and Murphy made a layup to cut the Bad Draw deficit to 18-13, but those were the final baskets the team would score.

"We accept responsibility," Zarazua said. "We could have played better. We give them credit — they were very athletic."

Rosloniec ended the game with a jumper from the left side.

"We've got to play better to win in the next round," he said.

Team 265 next plays April 18 against No. 8-seeded Mean Girls.

### Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters 21, Team 43 16

Team 43, an all-female team, scored the first point against the Shooters, a mixed squad, but couldn't hold the lead and fell behind 4-1.

Team 43 rallied to be down by just one at the half on the strength of a strong defensive performance, but the Shooters' post offense proved too much for them to handle. The Shooters took over the second half, showing impressive ball movement and securing the win.

"It was a hard-fought battle," the Shooters' Peter Johnson said. "It was looking bleak for a little bit there, but we persevered. It took dedication and years of practice."

### Shoot, Don't Dribble 21, Lewis 3SW... and Mikey 1

Shoot, Don't Dribble advanced to the third round with a lopsided victory over Lewis 3SW ... and Mikey. Shoot, Don't Dribble jumped out to a large lead early, scoring 19 points before 3SW was able to get on the board.

The game became a defensive struggle late, but was ended decisively on a thunderous dunk from Shoot forward Matt Besler.

"We thrive when there's a target on our back," Shoot, Don't Dribble said in a team statement. The team has won its first two games by a combined score of 42-3.

3SW had a different take on the contest.

"We let them win because they're freshmen and we felt bad," they said in a joint statement after the game.

### Bruce Flowers All-Stars 21, Moving Staircase 10

This marathon match-up at McGlinn courts featured two teams with unique names.

The All-Stars took their name from team member Thomas Flowers' father, Bruce, who played with Bill Laimbeer on the 1978 Notre Dame varsity basketball team that reached the Final Four and is Notre Dame's career leader in personal fouls with 378.

Moving Staircase took its name from an escalator mishap that caused guard Carrie Orr to spend part of her spring break in an emergency room getting stitches.

The two teams battled back and forth in a defensive struggle that lasted for over an hour before the All-Stars came away with a victory. The All-Stars used their height advantage and post presence to pull away at the end.

"We gave it a great effort," Orr said of her team's performance.

The All-Stars were happy to come away with a win after the grueling contest.

"It was a tough battle, but sheer determination brought us to victory," All-Star guard Kevin Johnson said.

The All-Stars also had a message for their next opponent.

"Insurance Waivers better watch their back," they said in a statement after the game.

### Globo Gym Purple Cobras 21, Drop It Like It's Hoff 0

Drop It Like its Hoff arrived at the Bookstore courts confident Thursday night. Dressed in matching team jerseys, it taunted Globo Gym from across the court during the Purple Cobras warm-up.

Unfortunately for Hoff, Globo Gym let its playing do the talking, en route to a 21-0 victory.

The game started out with both teams missing their first four shots before the Purple

Cobras were finally able to find their mark. Globo Gym used its height and athleticism to make an 11-0 run before half time.

Hoff's defense, which consisted of yelling "Noonàn!" at random intervals in addition to kicking and punching the other team, could not slow down Globo Gym's offense.

"We knew we were in for a battle when the abuse started," Purple Cobras forward Ben Kaplan said.

Going into the game, that's what team Hoff wanted to do.

"All I got is defense," Hoff guard Julie, who asked that her last name remain anonymous, said. "I [am not good] at offense, so I got to play tough defense."

In the second half, it was more of the same, as Globo Gym could not be stopped. It used a series of breakaway lay-ups to increase its lead to 17-0 just minutes into the half.

After a few more shots by Hoff missed their mark, Globo Gym went on a quick 4-0 run to close out the game.

"It was a learning experience," Hoff forward Jim Riley said. "I just couldn't hit anything today. I think I spend too much time benching in Rolfs. We'll be back next year though."

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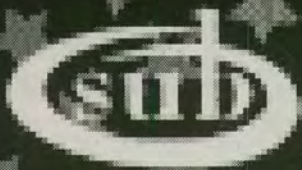
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# Mustangs

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Although the Irish are ranked higher than the Mustangs, no one is looking past the match.

"It looks like they're peaking at the right time," Bayliss said. "They're very well coached, they play great doubles — they always have."

The singles players at SMU are also formidable.

"They've been around the block," Bayliss said. "They have a couple of Swedish players that have big serves and really big forehands. We just got a little bit overpowered last year so we're ready for that. We'll expect a

very close match."

Notre Dame last played in Texas March 25 and 26, losing a 6-1 match at Texas and a 5-1 decision at Texas A&M.

Before the road trip, the Irish had played in the finals of the Blue-Gray National Classic, losing 4-2 to Virginia Commonwealth University to take first runner-up in the tournament and ending an 11-match winning streak.

The two-week hiatus was unusual for the team, which has played multiple matches most weeks since the season started.

However, the time off was good for resting up and regaining long-term focus.

"At the beginning of the season we had a tough set of

matches — we had trouble closing out matches," Buchanan said. "I think that's really made us a lot tougher."

Notre Dame is particularly deep in singles, with junior Stephen Bass, sophomore Sheeva Parbhu, freshman Brett Helgeson and junior Ryan Keckley in the top four in the singles lineup.

"I hope there's a sense of urgency that we have to max our matches at the end of the year," Bayliss said. "Certainly the seniors want to go out on a strong note and we want that for them."

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish sophomore Andrew Roth returns a shot during a Feb. 15 match against Michigan State.

## MEN'S GOLF

# Boilermaker Invite to welcome Irish golfers

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

After finishing 11th in the Augusta State Invitational in Augusta, Ga., Notre Dame will return to the Midwest to take part in the Boilermaker Invitational Saturday and Sunday in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Irish will look to improve upon their performance last week at the Invitational. Although that tournament had a particularly strong field — featuring seven top-30

teams — Notre Dame is not using that as an excuse for last weekend's result.

"We weren't happy at all with our performance last weekend," freshman Josh Sandman said. "We went in with a game plan, but we didn't execute it."

Despite failing to put together a complete performance so far this spring, the Irish head into this weekend's meet with high expectations.

"We're looking for things to turn around this weekend," Sandman said. "Anything less than a first or second-place finish will be a disappointment for us."

While the field at the Boilermaker Invitational may not be as strong as the one at

Augusta State, it contains some teams that will force Notre Dame to play very well.

Multiple Big Ten teams like Minnesota — currently ranked No. 1 in the Midwest Region — will challenge the Irish this weekend.

Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 10 in the Midwest District. District rankings are based on head-to-head records, so by finishing ahead of its fellow Midwest District competitors in this weekend's tournament, Notre Dame would pick up valuable wins and boost its ranking.

The team will face a challenging course when it arrives at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex. The Kampen Course is 7,333 yards long with a slope rating of 145.

"It's a real tough course, and it will be a good test for us," Sandman said. "I don't expect to see many low scores this weekend."

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## Butler

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Notre Dame finished its non-conference slate with a 6-2 mark — including losses to No. 2 Hofstra and No. 5 Cornell and victories over then-No. 14 Penn State and then-No. 20 North Carolina. They now stare down the Bulldogs in the first test of a four-game road trip of conference foes that will shape their postseason future.

If the Irish emerge unblemished they will be playing for an automatic NCAA tournament berth in the field of 16 when they return home to finish their season against Ohio

State and Quinnipiac.

"At the beginning of the season we were really concerned about this point in the season when we start league play," Peters said. "We've taken our league for granted a little bit the past couple of years. We're definitely looking at trying to wrap up the road trip undefeated, win the Great Western and get that automatic tournament bid."

The Irish dominated Butler 22-6 at Moose Krause Stadium

last year, outshooting them 68-24 and picking up twice as many groundballs as the Bulldogs.

*"We've taken our league for granted a little bit the past couple of years."*

**Drew Peters**  
Irish midfielder

This Notre Dame squad is a different team than last year's edition, as Irish coach Kevin Corrigan throughout the year has criticized the team's inability to capitalize on scoring opportunities — including last Sunday's 8-7 win

over Dartmouth.

The 2006 Irish hold a .252 shooting percentage and an 8.12 scoring average compared

to .309 and 11.91 a year ago. Though Notre Dame has also held opponents to 6.75 goals per game (down one and a half goals from a year ago), against Butler they hope to regain the offensive form of last season — during which they wore out opposing nets with the fourth highest scoring offense in the country.

Senior attack Matt Karweck had a monster day against the Bulldogs last year, tallying five goals and three assists. He enters Saturday's game with 11 goals on the year — second on the team behind senior attack Brian Hubschmann, who has 16.

Senior All-American Pat Walsh collected three scores

and distributed three assists in last year's win. Walsh comes into Saturday's game after being named GWLL Player of the Week — the second such distinction of his career — for his two goals and six assists in last week's wins over Brown (11-5) and Dartmouth.

Peters said the team's chief concern this Saturday against Butler is to be the best team in the GWLL.

"It's our first game in league play," Peters said. "Every game in the league is very hard, so we expect them to come out very hard. We're ready to play a tough team."

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some now stands at 18-1 in dual action this season.

The only loss in doubles came from the No. 39 duo of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft at No. 2. The pairing was upset by Alexis Conill and Georgia Rose 8-5.

"Doubles has really been one of our strengths [all season]," junior Catrina Thompson said. "We are hoping it'll take us far as we finish out the season at the Big East [Tournament] and the NCAA [Tournament]."

In singles, the Irish found wins in the middle of their lineup to capture the victory early-on.

The most impressive win came from Buck, who upset No. 24 Alexis Prousis 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3. Her win was followed by Tefft at No. 4 over Jamie Peisel 6-3, 6-1. Tefft now holds a 14-4 record in duals matches. The final win came from Stastny at No. 5 who downed

Esseghir 6-3, 6-0.

"It was definitely a hard fought win," Tefft said. "We are hoping that we can take the momentum [from this win] to close out the season."

Although Notre Dame has demonstrated their full potential this season, the Irish will encounter a DePaul program that has made an impressive debut in the Big East Conference this season. The Blue Demons are coming off a 4-3 victory over Syracuse last Saturday.

Their team is led by Beatrix Csordas at No. 1 and Gergana Ganeva at No. 2.

"Even though they are not ranked as high as us, it is always hard to compete against a team in [your conference]," Catrina Thompson said. "We just have to compete like we have been all season."

The Golden Eagles are 7-12 in dual meets this year. They struggled early in the season, starting 2-11, but had won five straight before a 7-0 home loss to Syracuse Sunday.

They are led at No. 1 by Maria Calbeto and at No. 2 by Lauren Little.

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# Bulls

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and junior righty Jeff Manship pitching Sunday.

"If we play our game — pitch as well as we can and play good defense — do the things that we do, then I think we can compete with South Florida and have some good results this weekend," Mainieri said.

South Florida head coach Eddie Cardieri said he expected his pitchers to rise to the occasion against the Irish starters.

"If our guys pitch as we can, I think we're looking at three real good pitching matchups," he said in a telephone interview with The Observer Thursday. "I shudder when I look at the numbers

Thornton, Samardzija and Manship have."

South Florida right-hander Casey Hudspeth squares off against Samardzija in the opener at 7 p.m. Friday. Hudspeth is 3-3 in eight appearances with a 3.99 ERA this season. He has 57 strikeouts in 49.2 innings while holding opposing hitters to a .250 batting average.

"He's got a good arm and a good curve ball," Mainieri said. "We've got a great challenge against him."

Samardzija enters the weekend with a 3-1 record and a 3.16 ERA in six starts.

Notre Dame (19-8, 5-1 Big East) topped Ball State 6-4 Wednesday to extend its winning streak to nine. Irish second baseman Russ Brezovsky hit a two-run homer in the seventh to give Notre Dame the lead for good.

South Florida's season has been marked by streakiness. After winning just four of their first 13 games, the Bulls went 10-3 to climb to 14-12 on the season before facing Florida March 20. USF lost 6-5 in Gainesville, Fla., and then was swept by Cincinnati the next weekend. With an 11-0 loss to Central Florida Wednesday, the Bulls extended their losing streak to five.

"We just kind of hit the skids a little bit, ran into some tough luck," Cardieri said. "We just hope that we can turn it around."

Despite South Florida's recent troubles, Mainieri said he is not taking the Bulls lightly.

"We're not really concerning ourselves that much with how South Florida is playing," he said. "We need to be clicking on all cylinders. This will be as challenging a series as we have all year."

Notre Dame outfielder Danny Dressman leads the Irish attack at the plate with a .483 batting average and .481 slugging percentage. Mainieri said Dressman began the season as Notre Dame's No. 4 or No. 5 outfielder, but acknowledged that Dressman "keeps forcing me to play him with how well he's been playing."

First baseman Craig Cooper will most likely bat first for Notre Dame in all three games. He has reached base to lead off the first in 14 of his 18 starts in the No. 1 hole.

South Florida sophomore righty Daniel Thomas will start game two against Thornton. Thomas is only 1-3 on the season but owns a 3.77 ERA. Thornton is 4-1 in six

starts with a 3.02 ERA in 41.2 innings.

Cardieri will send sophomore left-hander Davis Bilardello to the mound Sunday to oppose Manship for game three. Bilardello has started in seven of his nine appearances and has a 1-1 record. He has struck out 31 batters in 44.2 innings with a 3.83 ERA.

Manship enters as Notre Dame's top starter on the season with a 2.12 ERA. He has

fanned 50 in 38 innings, holding opposing hitters to a .199 batting average.

"We know and respect Notre Dame's program and what they've done," Cardieri said. "[But] this league has so much parody, anybody can beat anybody."

The games will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

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Senior centerfielder Alex Nettey hustles to beat out a throw at first base during Wednesday's game against Ball State.



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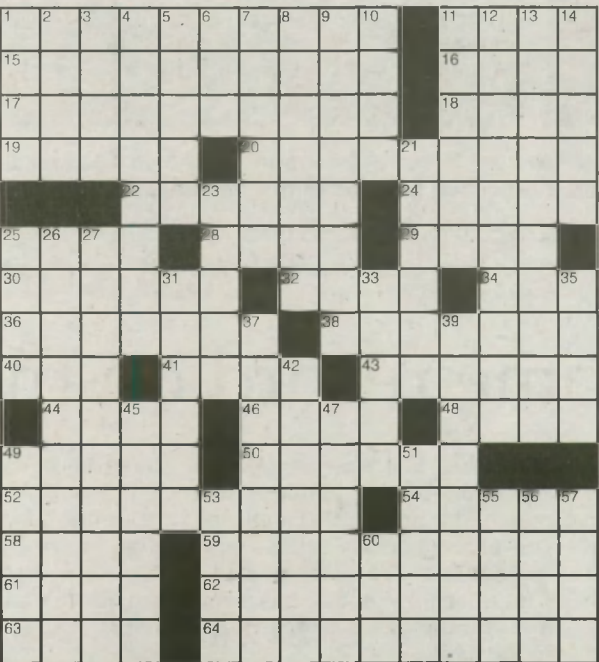
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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Candace Cameron Bure, 30; Ari Meyers, 37; Marilu Henner, 54; Merle Haggard, 69

**Happy Birthday:** It's time to size down and rid yourself of what you don't need. The same goes for acquaintances, hangers on and people who are just too much work. Once you clear yourself of all these, it will be time to excel. A new direction or reworking of what you're doing should be your next move. Your numbers are 12, 17, 25, 32, 37, 40

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You'll know how to please others today. Any involvement you have with younger or older people will be rewarding. Sudden changes will be to your benefit so don't fight the inevitable. Money matters can be resolved. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You may find yourself in a tight spot if you disagree with the people you are closest to. Changes may be required to satisfy everyone involved. Don't be stubborn if someone has a good suggestion. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will be talkative and intent on getting to the bottom of things. Traveling about and visiting friends or relatives will give you a better understanding of your options. Expect to receive something special from someone you respect. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You are likely to misplace something you value today if you aren't careful. Don't believe everything you hear. A romantic encounter is apparent, so be sure to make plans for two. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be dramatic in your personal actions today. Try to curb being too much of a diva or you may end up with the short end of the stick. Taking on too much or overdoing it in any way will only end up complicating your life even more. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get any dealings with institutions out of the way as quickly as possible. Avoid making a big deal out of something that really isn't that important. Visit someone who has not been well. Do not overspend, even if someone is pressuring you to do so. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let your generous heart be taken advantage of. The right contributions will enhance your reputation and make you feel good about yourself. A chance to get involved in an interesting project will draw your attention and lead to profits. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your life is changing, so roll with the punches. A creative endeavor will pay off. You can make your dollars work for you if you put what you have back into the project you are trying to get off the ground. Take heed of the advice given by someone on the outside looking in. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may be pulled in several different directions. Money can be made if you invest wisely but someone you owe money to or that you are responsible for will want your help. Do your best to deal with both. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make some career moves today that will satisfy your needs. Don't be afraid to step out on a limb. Much can be accomplished if you are straightforward in your dealings. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Emotional matters may leave you feeling uncertain about your future. You may be questioned about your past and your plans for the future. Even if you don't know the answers, go through the process. It will help you get your facts straight. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Ideas will develop if you get out and socialize with colleagues. Don't let problems at home stop you from networking. A moneymaking deal is present. You may want to get involved. \*\*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are clever and quick to change your mind. You are a visionary, open-minded and intent on trying new things. You gravitate toward the unusual, are unique and very entertaining.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Blue and gold foes

No. 2 Notre Dame to challenge DePaul and Marquette in last two regular-season matches

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

This weekend, the No. 2 Irish face two challenges at home beginning with No. 73 regional rival DePaul today at 3:30 p.m. and Marquette Sunday at noon at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Notre Dame enters the matches after narrowly defeating No. 9 Northwestern 4-3 last Wednesday.

In doubles, the Irish trailed early but won two of the three matches to get out to an early 1-0 lead against the Wildcats. The No. 4 duo of juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson downed Northwestern's Feriel Esseghir and Alexis Prousis 8-4 at No. 1.

The second win came from seniors Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny who topped Nazlie Ghazal and Jamie Peisel 8-5 at No. 3. The two-

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Freshman Kelcy Tefft follows through after a forehand smash in Wednesday's 4-3 win over Northwestern. The Irish take on DePaul and Marquette this weekend.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# No. 8 Irish prepare to face Butler

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Notre Dame men will take their highest ranking of the year to Indianapolis to face off against Butler in the Great Western Lacrosse League opener for both teams.

The Bulldogs (3-6) have struggled, but they host the Irish carrying their strongest momentum of the season after two straight 8-7 wins against Robert Morris and Bellarmine.

Butler's defense has improved after allowing 20 goals against No. 12 Duke Feb. 18 and 16 goals against No. 14 Towson March 15. The Bulldogs limited No. 6 Princeton to nine goals and No. 16 Delaware to seven goals in two closely contested losses, winning two straight for the first time this year.

"When we watch film on them they look very good," Irish midfielder Drew Peters said. "Both offensively and defensively, they're a solid team. We want to get this win to get a jump start going into league play."

The Irish are 12-1 all-time against Butler and 11-1 in GWLL openers. Overall, Notre Dame is 44-7 in 12 GWLL seasons, including nine league titles.

Last season the Irish went 3-2 in conference, the only year in which they lost more than one game and missed the NCAA tournament by one spot.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Undefeated spring home record on the line

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame returns to action after a two-week layoff and hopes to preserve its flawless home record against Southern Methodist Sunday at 1 p.m.

The No. 18 Irish are 6-0 at

home this spring and host No. 60 SMU in their penultimate match of the season.

Notre Dame is 18-7 on the season while playing one of the most difficult schedules in the country. The final matches of the spring will have important ramifications in seeding for the NCAA tournament.

"We lost last year at SMU so we're just looking to take it one match at a time and win out the rest of the season," Irish senior captain Patrick Buchanan said.

Southern Methodist has been a close match for Notre Dame in the past.

"The tradition in this series — we've lost at SMU and beaten

them here," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "The matches have all been good. Two years ago we beat them here but we won every three-set match and I think that's what it's going to take this year."

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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

# Rule No. 76 exploits injury, upsets No. 26

By KEN FOWLER, TIM KAISER, and JOE QUINN  
Sports Writers

Rule No. 76 21, Craig Fencing 18

Rule No. 76 used an effective transition game and an injury to Craig Fencing's Russell Schaefer to take down the No. 26 seed in the tournament.

"We just knew we could push the ball," Tyler Martin of Rule No. 76 said. "Coming in

unranked against a ranked team, all we thought we could do was run against these bigger guys.

Rule No. 76 forward Danny Nussbaum hit a jumper from the three-point line with his team leading 20-18 to secure the win.

Craig Fencing kept the game close even after Schaefer's injury when the game was tied at 11. Bookstore Basketball

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## BASEBALL

# Big three to invade Florida

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will bring its nine-game winning streak to Tampa this weekend for a three-game series against Big East newcomer South Florida.

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri will send his "big three" to the mound for the set, with junior right-hander Jeff Samardzija starting Friday, senior southpaw Tom Thornton throwing Saturday

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish junior Danny Dressman slides into second base on Wednesday in a 6-4 win over Ball State.

## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### SMC GOLF

Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling

Saturday-Sunday

The Belles placed second to Depauw in last year's Fling.

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### SMC SOFTBALL

Alma at Saint Mary's

Saturday, 1 p.m.

The Belles split with Hope on Wednesday in Holland, Mich.

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### TRACK AND FIELD

Miami Invitational

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Twelve Irish runners will travel to Oxford, Ohio to earn Big East qualifying times.

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### ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame at Syracuse

Saturday, noon

The Irish are undefeated in the Big East so far this season.

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### ND WOMEN'S GOLF

James Madison Invitational

Saturday-Sunday

The Irish will face several East Coast teams, including Rutgers.

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### ROWING

Indiana Classic

Saturday-Sunday

Notre Dame will compete against Cal, Indiana and Wisconsin in Indianapolis.

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