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Mendoza ranked third nationally

BusinessWeek names ND's College among top U.S. programs

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

If recent assessments by industry analysts are any indication, the stock for Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business is on the rise.

In BusinessWeek's latest edition — which will hit newsstands May 8 — magazine editors ranked the University's program third in its first-ever national list of undergraduate business schools. The rankings were released April 27.

"Students praise the school's focus on ethics and say the career services office does a great job of preparing students for business," said the magazine's Web site, BusinessWeek online.

"At No. 3 Notre Dame, rigorous classes requiring teamwork skills and an intimate knowledge of economics, calculus and corporate strategy earned the school a high grade for teaching quality," the article said. "The curriculum works ethics into most classes, requires that half of all coursework be in non-business subjects and emphasizes group projects."

In an Friday News and Information article, Dean Carolyn Woo of the College of Business said the ranking was "an achievement for the entire Notre Dame community."

"It is good to be recognized as a Catholic university with a

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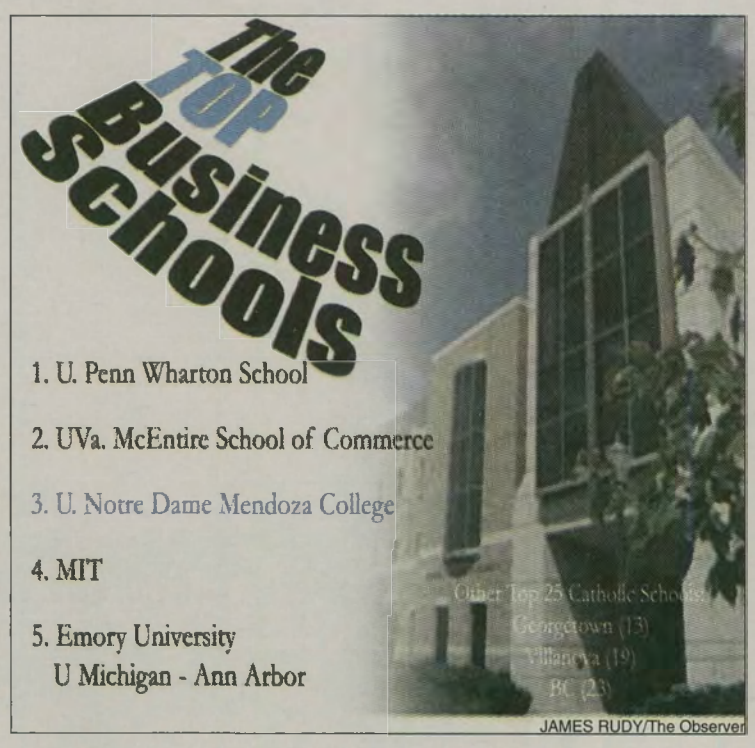

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Student robbed on Ivy Road

Unidentified, armed suspect stole wallet

Observer Staff Report

A Notre Dame student walking to campus from a local apartment complex was allegedly robbed at gunpoint on Ivy Road between Vaness Street and Courtney Lane Friday, according to an e-mail sent by Notre Dame Security/Police to the student body Saturday.

At about 10:30 p.m. Friday, the student — who police did not identify — was walking toward campus when the suspect, armed with a short-barreled rifle, "approached him from behind and ordered the student to turn around."

The suspect demanded the student turn over his wallet, and the student complied.

"The suspect fled on foot to a dark colored SUV that was occupied by at least one person and waiting nearby, and then drove south on Ivy Road and Edison Road," the e-mail read.

The student was uninjured, police said.

As of Saturday morning, police were still searching for the suspect, described as male, about 5'11," with a skinny build. He was a wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

Associate Director of NDSP Phil Johnson was not available for comment Sunday.

Thousands of dining hall items stolen yearly

Observer File Photo

Students get food from the North Dining Hall salad bar this spring. More than 38,000 dining hall items were stolen this year.

Replacement costs estimated at $25,000

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

Whether due to accidentally walking out of the dining hall with a cup of ice cream and a spoon or "borrowing" a tray to go sledding in the winter, more than 38,000 items were stolen from North and South Dining Halls this year, Director of Notre Dame Food Services Dave Prentkowski said.

That's 3,500 blue bowls, 2,000 brown bowls, 900 dessert plates, 2,000 dinner plates, 3,500 cups, 12,000 spoons, 8,000 forks and 7,000 knives.

While these losses are certainly substantial, they do not come as a shock to many students.

"It's not surprising that so much is stolen," sophomore Pat Tennant said. "It's tempting to take silverware or bowls, and there's not much there to stop people."

The replacement cost for the items stolen this year totals approximately $25,000, Prentkowski said.

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Kernan ends first term as University professor

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

He's simply not your average Joe.

Joe Kernan has been governor of Indiana, mayor of South Bend, a decorated Vietnam War veteran and now a proven professor at his alma mater.

Kernan, a 1964 Notre Dame graduate, recently completed his first year as a professor with a one-credit course entitled "The Executive Branch and Public Policy," which he plans to teach again next spring.

The class, composed of 20 political science majors, covered major issues such as education, healthcare, budgeting, campaigns and campaign finance, as well as current issues like the Indiana toll road and the leasing of U.S. ports.

John Roos, acting chair for the political science department, said having a professor with a background other than academia brings something special to the University.

"The students seem to be enthusiastic, so we think it's working out great," Roos said. "Bringing the ... concrete, real world experiences has just been a real addition."

Kernan said he looks forward to teaching the class again and feels as though he has already improved as a professor.

"I had a great group of students and I hope I taught them a little something," he said.

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Habitat founder addresses crowd

Rain moves Shack City talk indoors

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

Though Saturday night's rain couldn't sway South Quad's Shack City dwellers from their purpose, it did drive them inside for an hour to hear the founder of Habitat for Humanity International, Millard Fuller, speak.

Pangborn's chapel was full of interested listeners, the walls and stairs lined with those the seats couldn't accommodate. The group welcomed Fuller with long and resounding applause.

With his Southern accent and humor, Fuller opened the

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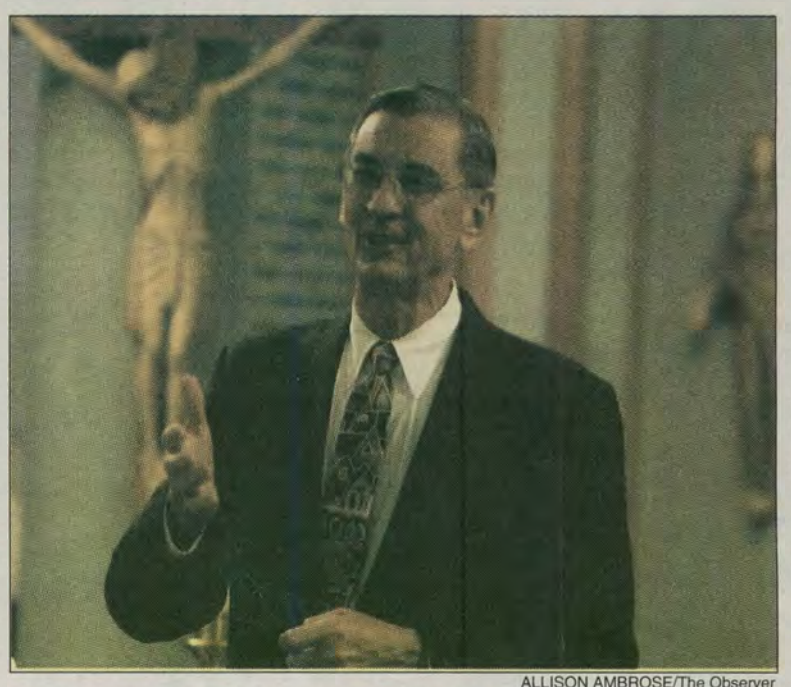
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Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller speaks to a crowd in Pangborn Hall's chapel Saturday as part of Shack City.

Inside Column

It takes two

Nicole Zook and Kelly Meehan

Assistant News Editors

Duets, doubles and duos: No matter how you say it, some of the best things in life come in pairs.

Some undertakings are just too immense for one person to handle on their own — thus is the situation within The Observer's News department on Sunday nights for the past two years.

Each Sunday — after making the mini-trek from Saint Mary's — we would attend the news meeting, enjoy a tasty chicken sandwich in South Dining Hall and begin the seemingly neverending task of editing stories and creating the paper's layout.

Sadly, with Nicole's impending graduation, last night marked the end of the Kelly-and-Nicole-Sunday-night era of creatively themed AP pages, Ken Doll headshots, "Brighter Than Sunshine" and super-scandalous secret telling.

This bittersweet time of change has allowed us to reflect on what makes us work so well together. Even though together we've got lightning-fast news skills, we may never quite achieve the legacy other famous pairs have achieved throughout history.

◆ Milk and cookies: A delicious (and maybe not nutritious, but certainly good for your mental health) snack that both satisfies your sweet tooth and quenches your inner thirst.

◆ Saturday morning and cartoons: A lazy time of relaxation that allows you to zone out after a stressful week and can magically transport you back to your childhood.

◆ Sonny and Cher: Well, minus the divorce and tragic end to Sonny's life ... a truly classy couple that provided some of the best duets of the 60s and 70s.

◆ Peanut butter and jelly: Who could make a sandwich without them? This classic couple has gotten us through many a dreary lunch at the dining hall. Without PB&J, college students and tiny children wouldn't have anything to eat.

◆ Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: This pair is actually so different it's scary, but you need one to counterbalance the other. This classic story duo proved that you never know what you are going to get and showed the dual nature in all of us.

◆ Gin and tonic: Since the 1800s, this inseparable pair has been taking the edge off life's stressors for our of age friends.

◆ Shaggy and Scooby: Separately, we wonder if they could have functioned in society. They mostly just scarfed down Scooby Snacks and ran away from creepy villains. But together, somehow they always ended up helping solve the crime.

◆ Movies and popcorn: When we go see a movie, we just can't avoid the temptation of a big bucket of the fluffy yellow stuff — it's a seriously irresistible combination.

◆ Kelly and Nicole: Well, we may not be a legend yet, but by bringing you the Monday edition of The Observer for the past two years we've got a great start.

Meat and potatoes, Lennon and McCartney, salt and pepper, Bert and Ernie, Thelma and Louise, Batman and Robin, Wayne and Garth, Barbie and Ken, Chip and Dale, Sifl and Olly — they're all great counterparts, and we can't imagine one without the other.

Through all the long nights, all the printer problems and all the inside jokes, we've figured out what really makes great partners tick.

All the really perfect pairs, we've found, are friends.

Kelly and Nicole would like to dedicate this column to former AME Joe Hettler, who said it couldn't be done.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Question of the Day: *What section of The Observer do you turn to first?*

JB Bertumen
senior
Morrissey

"The Jumble — it challenges my mind and makes me angry."

Jenna Rogers
sophomore
McGlinn

"I don't read The Observer."

Barbara MacDonald
junior
McGlinn

"Sports, because I like them."

Mary Morales
senior
off-campus

"The funnies —I like to see people poke fun at the Notre Dame bubble."

Christian Robles
sophomore
Alumni

"Probably Sports, because I like seeing what happened in the NBA playoffs."

Natassia Kwan
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"My horoscope, because I want to know if today is the day I'll meet The One."

Photo courtesy of Christina Gullo

The Notre Dame branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers competed in an annual competition to make a concrete canoe this weekend in Madison, Wis. Laura Eads, left, Colleen Loris, center, and Elisa Suarez were part of the team.

Offbeat

'Da Vinci' judge's secret code cracked by lawyer

LONDON — Mystery solved. It was the admiral.

A secret code embedded in the text of a court ruling in the case of Dan Brown's bestseller "The Da Vinci Code" has been cracked, but far from revealing an ancient conspiracy it is simply an obscure reference to a Royal Navy admiral.

British High Court Justice Peter Smith, who handed down a ruling that Brown had not plagiarized his book, had embedded his own secret message in his judgment by italicizing letters scattered throughout the 71-page document.

The judge's own code briefly caused a wave of amused speculation when it was discovered by a lawyer this week, nearly a month after the ruling was handed down.

But the lawyer, Dan Tench, cracked it after a day of puzzling. The judge's code was based on the Fibonacci sequence, a mathematical progression discussed in the book.

"After much trial and error, we found a formula which fitted," wrote Tench, who had nothing to do with the Brown case but discovered the italicized letters when studying the ruling.

The judge's secret message was: "Jackie Fisher, who are you? Dreadnought," Tench wrote in the Guardian newspaper.

Judge Smith is known as a navy buff, and Fisher was a Royal Navy admiral who developed the idea for a giant battleship called the HMS Dreadnought in the early 20th century.

Tench wrote that the judge had e-mailed him to confirm he had guessed the secret code right.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Welsh Family Hall will host its fifth annual **Clary, Murphy, Thomas Run tonight**. The **5K run and two mile walk** will begin at **7 p.m.** in front of the Dome. Registration is $15 and includes a T-shirt. The race will end with a prayer service at the Grotto in memory of the three Notre Dame students who lost their battle to leukemia.

An **I-Movie Festival** featuring short films created by Saint Mary's students will be held in **O'Laughlin Auditorium tonight** at **7 p.m.**

The **Notre Dame softball team** will face Loyola-Chicago **Tuesday** at **5 p.m.** at **Ivy Field**.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Cleveland State **Tuesday** at **5:05 p.m.** in the **Frank Eck Stadium**.

The **Notre Dame Jazz Band** will hold its **Spring Concert Tuesday** at **8 p.m.** in the **Leighton Concert Hall** of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome to this free event, but must reserve tickets by calling the Ticket Office at 631-2800.

The Saint Mary's music department will host a **spring choral concert Thursday** from **7:30 p.m. to 9:30** in the **Little Theater** in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The concert will feature performances by the Collegiate Choir, Bellacapella and the Women's Choir.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	64	57	69	79	67	61
LOW	53	33	51	50	45	40

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SMC will cut down trail trees

Decision based on Department of Natural Resources recommendation

By KELLY MAUS
News Writer

With the weather in South Bend finally warming up, many students have begun to venture outside to enjoy the many beautiful spring sights. But students who run the trails behind the Saint Mary's campus may have noticed a change in the scenery.

After a recent visit from the Department of Natural Resources, the College was advised to clear many of the trees located near the trails to maintain the area's indigenous beauty and overall safety.

Aside from clearing away damaged and dying trees, workers took special care to assure that certain species of exotic plants and trees were removed in order to restore the wooded area to its natural appearance. Some of the exotic plants that were removed included honeysuckles and wild grape.

"These plants often obstruct the natural canopy of the forest and can act as a sail to break treetops during severe storms," CEO of Holy Cross Services Corporation Judith Johns said.

Johns, under the recommendation of a professional forester, decided to follow the advice given by the Department of Natural Resources to complete the two-week removal process. Another reason for the removal of many of these trees was due to "recent tornadoes touching down in the area, destroying many of the treetops," Johns said.

CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Stately trees like these around Saint Mary's campus are being chopped down during a two-week removal process.

Sophomore Mary Frantz is one of the College's many students who enjoy the trails as a welcome backdrop for a jog.

"The trails are one of my favorite places to run," Frantz said.

However, Frantz also said the tree removal makes a drastic difference in the look of her running course.

"The trails look a lot different than they did earlier in the year ... not as natural," she said.

But Johns said the missing trees are being put to good use.

"Much of the trees cleared from the area were sold as hardwood with the profits being reinvested back into maintaining the area," she said.

The profits made from the sale will be used in removing various exotic shrubs and plants from the area.

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Mexican doctors come to train Puebla-bound

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

This fall, 16 pre-professional students will travel to Puebla, Mexico as part of a study abroad program where they will shadow doctors, intern in hospitals, observe surgeries and help in emergency rooms and family practice offices — and last week, three doctors from the Mexican city came to campus to prepare them for the experience.

The visit marks the second time doctors from Puebla have visited Notre Dame since the program began in the fall of 2001, an effort to allow more science majors to study abroad.

Dr. Francisco Albisua, a specialist in general surgery, Dr. Hector Dominguez, a specialist in general practice, public health and hospital administration, and Dr. Rodolfo Barragan, a specialist in orthopedics and emergency medicine, informed students of the experiences in store for them next year and answered any questions they had about the process.

The doctors from Puebla also met with doctors from Memorial Hospital of South Bend to set up their own exchange program with the medical community of Puebla.

Memorial Hospital has been working with the program in Mexico by giving students who plan to go to Puebla an orientation and teaching them how to administer injections.

Director of the Office of International Studies Claudia Kselman, who proposed that Notre Dame start a pre-med program in Mexico, said the program is unique because it establishes links between not only Mexican and American universities but also Mexican and American hospitals.

"Mexico is a source of so many immigrants to the United States, and [this program] helps future doctors to understand the cultural and medical backgrounds of their patients," she said.

Sophomore Natalie Rodden, who plans to go to Puebla next fall, said she wanted to be part of the Puebla program to experience Mexico's culture and to be immersed in the Spanish language.

"Being a pre-med anthropology and Spanish major, [the Puebla program] jives perfectly with my course of study," Rodden said. "Learning the language is invaluable to the health profession."

They also live with Mexican families or students during their semester abroad and experience the Mexican culture, language and healthcare system.

Rodden said students will be working in the hospital two days a week and sometimes on weekends, shadowing doctors and even treating patients.

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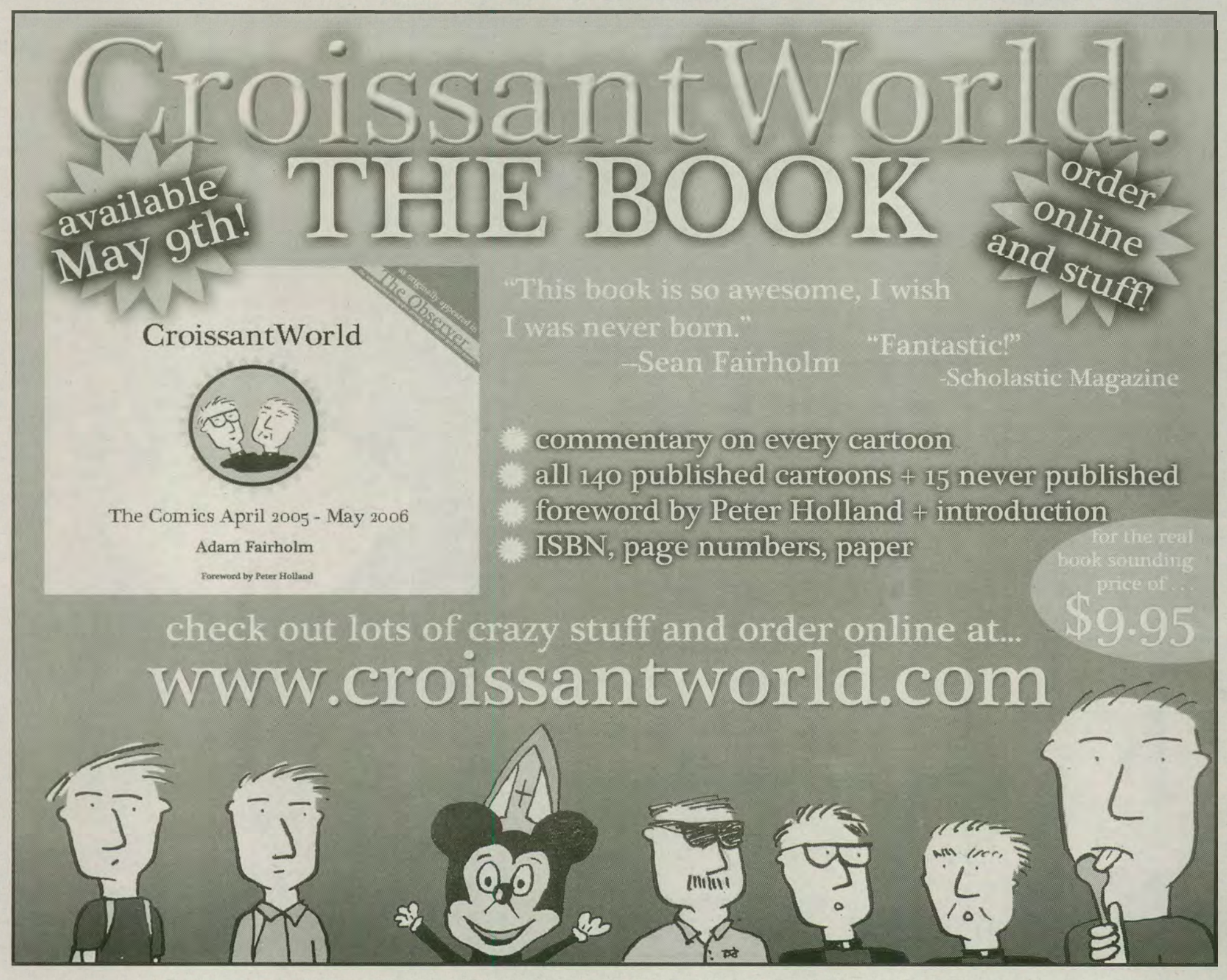

ND, USC debate fall matchup

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

It has been 80 years since then-head football coach Knute Rockne and his band of Fighting Irish rode a train out west for Notre Dame's first game against the University of Southern California.

But a new Notre Dame-USC football tradition was launched Friday as USC debaters flew east to argue the outcome of the upcoming Nov. 25 game.

The teams gathered to debate the resolution "that the University of Notre Dame should defeat the University of Southern California in the 2006 collegiate football contest."

No debate winner was announced, however, as debate team director and film, television and theater professor Susan Ohmer said the overwhelmingly Notre Dame audience would be biased.

Two debaters represented each university. Notre Dame's competitors were Corey Mehlos, a sophomore and policy debate team president, and Tim Fiorta, a senior and parliamentary debate team president.

Debating for USC were Michael Smith, a sophomore whose high school debate record earned him a full scholarship to compete on the Trojan Debate Squad, and Brandon Hancock, a senior who has started two seasons at fullback for the Trojans.

While the USC debaters focused on the Trojans' home-team advantage in November's game, Notre Dame representatives spoke about the leadership the 18 returning starters will bring to the field. The coaching advantage remained debatable, as each contingent defended its own head coach.

Mehlos argued that the Fighting Irish would have the advantage because of three factors — execution, "nastiness" and desire.

He emphasized the impact of the nine returning offensive starters, a lineup which includes wide receivers Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija and running backs Darius Walker and Travis Thomas.

In the first argument for USC, Smith acknowledged that both Notre Dame and USC are football dynasties, but argued that USC had a recruiting advantage based on recent history.

"Although many young men dream of waking up echoes and shaking down thunder, recruits choose the program with most chance of immediate success," Smith said. "Notre Dame is back, and we couldn't be happier. But while you were away, [USC] laid the groundwork that will lead to our victory in November."

Notre Dame's Fiorta agreed the current situation outweighs the two teams' rich legacies — but that will help Notre Dame take down USC in November, he said.

"Let's keep things current," he said. "Tim Brown and the Four Horsemen aren't going to suit up. Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart aren't going to suit up.

"I think Jimmy Clausen sees where recruiting is going, and he'll be heading to South Bend because of that."

In his speech for the Trojans, Hancock said that Irish quarterback Brady Quinn will "almost certainly" be a Heisman candidate next season and conceded the quarterback advantage to the Irish. But projected USC starting quarterback John David Booty — who Fiorta said has compiled statistics primarily in easy games — will be entirely protected by the USC offensive line, Hancock said.

"These guys are behemoths," he said. "These guys have more mass than the Catholic Church."

In his rebuttal, Smith argued that the Trojans displayed more commitment to the game.

"Your best defensive player is a better boxer. Your best offensive player is a better baseball player," Smith said, referring to Irish defensive back Tom Zbikowski and Samardzija. "Our players are more dedicated to football."

Fiorta had a quick response.

"Matt Leinart is a better dancer," he said. "We could go all around with this."

Ohmer prefaced the open question-and-answer period by instructing the audience that both USC and Notre Dame policy forbids answering questions about "pending investigations."

She warned audience members against inquiring into the affairs of USC quarterback Mark Sanchez or former USC running back and 2005 Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush.

Sanchez was charged with sexual assault last week, and news organizations have questioned the relationship Bush's family had with a sports agent last year.

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leadership position in business, because the practice of business has such wide-ranging implications for our society and the world we live in," Woo said in the article. "The challenge for us, and for our students and alumni, is to be worthy of this responsibility."

In its student comments section, BusinessWeek online quoted one student who credited Notre Dame for "something that has been hard to measure — a sense of family."

"[The University's] Catholic character teaches its students to work ethically in the business world," the student comment said.

"The challenge for us, and for our students and alumni is to be worthy of this responsibility."

Carolyn Woo
dean
Mendoza College of Business

BusinessWeek based its rankings on five sources of data — a student survey, a recruiter survey, median starting salaries for graduates, the number of graduates admitted to top MBA programs and "an academic quality measure."

The measure consists of SAT/ACT scores of business majors, faculty-student ratios, average class size in core business classes, the percentage of majors with internships and the number of hours students spend preparing for class every week.

The average SAT and ACT scores for business majors are 1379 and 31.9, respectively, according to BusinessWeek online. The median starting salary for Mendoza graduates is $47,500. The College of Business enrolls 1,569 undergraduate students who major in four areas — accountancy, finance, management and marketing.

In the fall of 2005, Notre Dame's College of Business did not admit any external transfers. In an article in the March 3 edition of The Observer, Woo said the College of Business should not grow larger — and Assistant Dean Samuel Gaglio agreed.

"There is a pedagogical limit to the size of any class on campus," he said in the March 3 article. "It hurts the quality of the class if you go beyond that."

BusinessWeek online said to become eligible for the list, schools must offer an undergraduate business program, receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and "exceed cutoffs" for at least two of three criteria — "university-wide SAT and ACT scores, percentage of applicants accepted, and percentage of students coming from the top 10 percent of their high school class." The eligibility standards were implemented in order to pare down the list to "no more than 100 schools.

"BusinessWeek ranked the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce ahead of Notre Dame in its list.

Rounding out the top five were business programs from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emory University and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Other Catholic universities in the top 25 were Georgetown (13), Villanova (19) and Boston College (23).

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Theft

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"I guess I never realized how much it can add up," freshman Martha Calcutt said. "I've never really thought twice about a few spoons here, a few cups there."

And theft has increased in recent years, Prentkowski said.

"It could be related to our new policy of allowing book bags into the dining rooms so they [won't] be stolen from the lobby areas," he said. "Monitors are stationed at the exits and frequently 'remind' students that permanent ware is not to be removed. Some students seem annoyed by this, [but] some understand."

In order to decrease the replacement cost for next year, Food Services will be placing boxes at both dining halls and in some of the dorms during finals week to retrieve "borrowed" items. While this may help, typically only about one percent of stolen items are returned to Food Services, Prentkowski said.

While some students feel that because they pay for room and board they should be entitled to take what they please from the dining halls, Prentkowski said he wants to remind students "costs increase every year as the costs of the lost items increase."

"In anticipation of this loss we are required to submit a higher than desired expense budget," he said. "Room and board fees must be increased to cover this."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nuclear scientist released

ISLAMABAD — A senior Pakistani nuclear scientist detained more than two years ago in an investigation into the spread of sensitive technology has been released, a Pakistan army spokesman said Sunday.

Mohammed Farooq, who worked at Pakistan's top nuclear weapons facility, was detained in December 2003 along with 10 other people after a scandal broke that the head of the facility, Abdul Qadeer Khan, gave sensitive technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

Farooq was director general at Khan Research Laboratories and was suspected of leaking technology on Khan's orders.

Farooq was released from detention last week, said army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan. "He has been released and allowed to go home," Sultan told The Associated Press.

Parliament passes cease-fire

KATMANDU — Nepal's lawmakers called Sunday for elections to an assembly to rewrite the constitution and for a cease-fire with Maoist insurgents.

Parliament also called for negotiations with the Maoists, who played a key role in protests that forced Nepal's king to give up power last week. Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, who was sworn in earlier in the day, urged the rebels to join the political mainstream.

Koirala's government must now name dates for the election, part of his effort to keep his political alliance together and steer the troubled Himalayan country toward peace and democracy.

NATIONAL NEWS

Garbage haulers consider strike

SEATTLE — A union representing 600 Seattle-area garbage-truck drivers rejected two proposed contracts, raising the threat of a strike.

Officials at Teamsters Local 174 planned to meet Sunday to discuss whether they would return to the bargaining table or strike. Garbage service for some 2 million households and thousands of businesses in King and Snohomish counties is at stake.

Waste Management spokeswoman Lynn Brown said the Houston-based company has a contingency plan to continue service, but called speculation of a strike premature. The company had not met with union leaders since the vote, she said.

Employees angry over oil-tax bill

JUNEAU — The heat is being turned up on the Legislature on proposed changes to Alaska's oil tax system. At stake are billions of dollars and possibly the future of a $25 billion natural-gas pipeline that would run natural gas to Midwestern markets.

The change would create a production tax that is based on the profits of oil companies' Alaska operations.

The tax is to be rolled into a contract between Gov. Frank Murkowski and BP, ConocoPhillips and Exxon Mobil Corp. on a key factor in building a pipeline — the tax and royalty terms to recover the 35 trillion cubic feet of North Slope natural gas. The governor is keeping the contract under wraps until the new tax is passed and the regular legislative session ends.

LOCAL NEWS

Molton iron spill causes fire

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. — A fire sparked by a spill of about 200 tons of molten iron has shut down part of Mittal Steel USA's plant at Indiana Harbor, a company official said.

A preliminary report indicates that the 2,000-degree liquid metal spilled Friday night from a giant ladle when a crane's hoist became entangled with the ladle's tilting mechanism.

One person was treated for minor injuries and another was taken to the hospital for observation, but both employees later returned to work, said Mittal spokesman David Allen.

NIGERIA

Rebels reject peace agreement

Failed peace negotiations leave thousands dead, more than two million homeless

Associated Press

ABUJA — Sudanese rebels rejected a proposal to end the bloodshed in the Darfur region on Sunday, throwing into question the outcome of yet another series of negotiations to put a stop to fighting that has left tens of thousands of people dead.

The rebels called for changes to the deal hours before an African Union deadline — and after the Sudanese government indicated it would accept the proposal.

In Washington, actors, athletes, politicians and religious leaders rallied to call attention to the Darfur conflict and urge greater U.S. involvement in ending what the United Nations has called one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters.

Years of fighting between ethnic groups and Arab militias in western Sudan have left at least 180,000 people dead and about 2 million homeless. Darfur's violence recently spilled into neighboring Chad and threatens to escalate: Osama bin Laden last week urged his followers to go to Sudan to fight a proposed U.N. presence.

Amid the negotiations, the plight of 3 million refugees in Darfur has worsened. The U.N. World Food Program said Friday that it was cutting rations in half, citing a lack of funds.

Sudan has indicated it might accept a U.N. force in Darfur to aid African Union troops if a peace treaty is signed, and the head of Sudan's delegation, Magzoub El-Khalif, said Sunday the government is willing to accept a draft resolution circulated last week.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called on China and Russia to join the United States in pushing Sudan to accept U.N. forces.

At the rally in Washington, the crowd chanted "Not on our watch" as a parade of speakers lined up for their turn on a stage on the National Mall, the Capitol

AP

Majzoub Al-Khalida, head of the Sudanese government's delegation, center, makes a speech at the Sudan peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria.

serving as a backdrop.

"The personal motivation for a lot of us is the Holocaust," said Boston-based Rabbi Or Rose of Jewish Seminarians for Justice. "Given our history and experience, we feel an obligation to stand up and speak out."

Among those headlining the Washington rally was the actor George Clooney.

"You feel completely overwhelmed," Clooney, just back from a trip to Africa with his father, told AP Radio News ahead of the rally. "We flew over areas and my father and I would look at each other and go, this is just too much. But then what are we to do? Nothing?"

The Sudanese government had said it was ready to sign the agreement. But a spokesman for one of Sudan's rebel factions said the proposal does not adequately address implementation nor their key demands for a vice president from Darfur and more autonomy. Hahmed Hussein, a spokesman for the Justice and Equality Movement, said he was speaking for both rebel factions.

Among other provisions, a draft of the agreement circulated last week called for a cease-fire. But both sides have agreed to a truce before, only to keep fighting, even in the last week. The draft also calls for an infusion of funds into a region the draft document described as "historically deprived."

Hussein, the rebel spokesman, said the agreement was "imbalanced."

"We are not going to sign it as it is," he said.

AU spokesman Noureddine Mezni said the talks' mandate requires negotiations to end by Sunday night, but a partial agreement could open up options.

"Mediation is not going to change the document or reopen the negotiation at this late hour," Mezni said. "However, if the parties agreed among themselves on any part of the document, we shall accommodate them."

Youths charged with brush fires

Associated Press

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — A pair of 10-year-old boys were charged Sunday with setting weekend brush fires that have destroyed or damaged more than two dozen homes and burned more than 1,500 acres in southwest Florida, authorities said.

Both were arrested and charged as juveniles with intentional and reckless burning of land, a third-degree felony, Lee County sheriff's Lt. Robert Forrest said. Authorities were seeking a third youth.

The boys were being held at the county juvenile detention center.

Firefighters had the major blaze 75 percent contained Sunday afternoon but worried that wind and rising temperatures could stoke hot spots, said Gerry LaCavera, a state wildfire specialist. Four smaller fires were contained Saturday. No one was injured.

At least nine homes and four sheds were destroyed, and an unknown number of other homes suffered some type of damage, said Gerry LaCavera, wildfire mitigation specialist with the Florida Division of Forestry.

The fires also destroyed two fire trucks, and killed several pets, Forrest said. "I'm aware we lost one goat and a couple dogs," he said.

Some residents who own construction equipment such as bulldozers were helping to extinguish the flames with dirt, LaCavera said.

Residents were allowed back in the area Sunday afternoon, Forrest said. About 60 people evacuated their homes and had spent Saturday night at a recreation center.

About 1,000 customers lacked power in the county Sunday, according to the LCEC energy company.

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"And I learned a lot from them."

The class was originally slated to be taught in DeBartolo, but was relocated to the Main Building in order to create a more seminar-like atmosphere.

During the Vietnam War, Kernan served as a flight officer on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. In 1972 he was shot down during a reconnaissance mission and held as a prisoner of war for 11 months.

Kernan continued his service in the Navy until 1974 and was given, among other awards two Purple Hearts and the Navy Commendation Medal.

In 1987 he was elected mayor of South Bend, a position he held for nine years. He was elected Lt. Governor of Indiana in 1996 and became Governor in 2003 following Frank O'Bannon's death.

Despite Kernan's reputation, he said he wanted to create a relaxed atmosphere in the classroom.

"I didn't sense that any of the students were intimidated, and that certainly was not my intent," Kernan said. "[My intent] was to create a good environment where we could have constructive discussion."

Senior Peter Kralovec, one of Kernan's students, said it was not difficult to adjust to the class.

"We certainly presented him a level of reverence," Kralovec said. "But we also were invited to be ourselves very quickly in the class because of his very personal and intimate style and approach."

Kralovec said Kernan succeeded in improving as a professor over the course of the semester.

"I think he was cognizant of the fact that he needed to adapt his method in order to get to us, and over the course of the semester he certainly did that," Kralovec said.

Kralovec, who plans to attend public service graduate school, said he took the class thinking there would be no better experience than to take a course with someone who has been involved in public service for a long time.

And he was not disappointed.

"[Kernan] expresses himself in ways in which students would be very comfortable," he said. "He loves baseball, he loves South Bend, he loves student life and he's very respectful of students."

Kernan invited two guest speakers to his class, his Lt. Governor Kathy Davis and chief of staff Mary Downes.

Senior Laura Feeney, a resident of Indiana, said Kernan had great chemistry with both speakers and was able to connect with students in a similar way.

"He was really approachable and nice," she said. "He was open to discussing anything we wanted."

While Kernan is a Democrat, Feeney said she found it refreshing that he was not overly concerned with such labels.

"In our class we had a mix of people from the political spectrum," she said. "[Kernan] talked about the importance of being bipartisan and working on both sides. He's a very good moderator ... he understands both points of view."

In order to get into the class, students had to present a résumé and statement of interest. Kernan said his students did not have any major projects for the course, but had to write a final, open-ended reflection.

"I was looking for them to give me an idea of what they got out of the course, their thoughts and recommendations on how I could make it better," he said. "I think that most, if not all of them, will be actively engaged in their communities in one way or another, and I wouldn't be surprised to see someone run for office at some point down the road."

Kernan said he has tried his best to fulfill his new role.

"If I didn't get better, that's a bad sign for me," he said. "I think I became more comfortable as the semester wore on, and I think the students did too."

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> **Joe Kernan**
> **former Indiana governor**

Kernan said the best part of the whole experience was meeting Notre Dame students and continuing to involve himself in the community.

The former governor is currently involved with a group of mostly local investors in the purchase of the South Bend Silver Hawks, a professional baseball team. The team remains in South Bend after it was almost relocated to southern Illinois.

"It has been good for the city, it's been good for the broader community. My interest in doing this was primarily in keeping this asset here," he said. "This is home for me, I love South Bend."

In class, Kernan said he stressed that shaping public policy does not necessarily need to be done through political office. Citizens can — and should — contribute to their communities however they can.

"I think one of the most valuable things we can learn is the responsibilities we have to the places we call home," he said.

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speech by asking those in the back to try to move forward or else, he said, he "might think you're Baptist."

He also apologized for his manner of dress.

"You must excuse me for being terribly overdressed," Fuller said, indicating the suit he had on.

Fuller greeted the audience, saying he was honored to be on Notre Dame's campus for the weekend. He said he met with alumni Friday who were sponsoring a house in Shreveport, La. through his newest organization, the Fuller Center for Housing. He also broke ground for the 99th and 100th houses built through the South Bend chapter of Habitat for Humanity — 12 of which were built exclusively by Notre Dame students.

"Out of the 800 college chapters of Habitat for Humanity, Notre Dame stands way high on the list," Fuller said. "I don't know of another campus chapter that has built more than 12 houses."

He said while he was at the groundbreaking, he related the story of 25 Matthew, which teaches service to the needy, for "inasmuch as you do it to one of the least, you do it to me."

"Well, the father of the family receiving the 100th house just happened to be named Jesus, and his son was Jesus, junior. So that was pretty appropriate, being able to provide Jesus with a home," Fuller joked.

He went on to applaud those who were participating in Shack City and sleeping outside in boxes, especially in the rain.

"It's wonderful that you're willing to get in a box and bear some discomfort to raise awareness," he said. "In years past, one of the greatest problems Habitat had was making people aware of the problem, and what we were doing to help fix it."

In his organization's seventh year, Fuller decided to walk from Americus, Ga. to Indianapolis — a journey of 700 miles — to help raise awareness, he said.

"Needless to say, my wife was very skeptical," he said.

He related the story of what happened when the group of walkers made it to Dunlap, Tenn., where the pastor they asked for shelter was reluctant to let them sleep in his church's basement, because Habitat for Humanity "sounds like some kind of cult," Fuller said.

The pastor let them sleep in his backyard and use the hose to clean themselves off — "It's amazing, but you really can shower with your clothes on," Fuller joked — and the next day invited them to service at his church. At the end of the service, while everyone was waiting to sing the closing hymn, the pastor turned to Fuller and said if he wanted to address the congregation, now was the time.

"The pastor said, 'You got five minutes,' but all I had was my standard 30 minute speech," Fuller said. "But I stood up there, everyone standing with their hymnbooks in their hands waiting to get out of there, and gave my 30 minute speech in five minutes and walked out of Dunlap."

Fuller said five or six years went by before he got a call from a man named Charles Henry in Dunlap, who had heard Fuller speak that day. Henry said he couldn't forget what Fuller had said, and wanted to donate all the money he was making in a job he took on post-retirement to Habitat for Humanity. Fuller said Henry wanted to hear all the places Habitat was working, and stopped him when he spoke of their newest sites in Guatemala.

"He said, 'Guatemala! I like the sound of that. Use my money in Guatemala,'" Fuller said.

Henry has been sending the organization checks since that day.

"I tell you this story because you never know when you do something what impact it will have. You don't know, when you sleep out tonight, who you'll impact," Fuller said. "What you're doing will certainly have an impact on you — it'll be so uncomfortable, you won't forget it."

He told the audience that even though they could not fully understand the plight of the homeless, they could be witnesses.

He related a letter he received from a woman in rural West Virginia, who said she wanted to help Habitat for Humanity but had no money to do so. She had no legs, was losing her fingers, had a disabled husband and a brother with cerebral palsy and lived in a house with no running water.

"That's her reality," Fuller said. "And this is not in a Third World country — this is in America, one of the richest nations in the world."

Fuller said he wanted to continue to expand his work and take it new places, as the problem of poverty was widespread and growing. He explained that even by building 30,000 homes per year, it would take 7,500 years to meet the current needs of the homeless in the world.

"So we need to up the ante, we need to sleep out more, we need to speak up now," he said. "Everyone in this room lived in a nice home, but so many of our fellow humans don't have that chance. It's clear in the Bible — we are our brothers' and our sisters' keepers."

Fuller then bid farewell to the group, reiterating his praise for Notre Dame's involvement in Habitat for Humanity and issuing audience members a challenge.

"You are wonderful representatives of your University and my organization," Fuller said. "But remember — to whom much is given, much is required."

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Stocks		
Dow Jones	11,367.14	-15.37

Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,956	147	1,278	2,504,470,960.00

AMEX	2,007.83	+16.10
NASDAQ	2,322.57	-22.38
NYSE	8,471.43	+30.93
S&P 500	1,310.61	+0.89
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,906.23	-208.31
FTSE 100(London)	6,023.10	-36.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.97	-0.41	41.85
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.50	-0.10	19.98
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-2.28	-0.34	14.59
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-11.38	-3.10	24.15
SUN MICROSYS INC(SUNW)	+1.01	+0.05	5.00
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.30	-0.15	50.69
13-WEEK BILL	-0.15	-0.07	46.50
30-YEAR BOND	-0.25	-0.13	51.69
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.83	-0.41	49.20
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		+0.91	71.88
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		+18.20	654.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-0.18	87.18
Exchange Rates			
YEN			113.8250
EURO			0.7916
POUND			0.5476
CANADIAN $			1.1171

IN BRIEF

Oil company posts high earnings

DALLAS — ConocoPhillips, the nation's third-largest oil and gas producer, said Wednesday profit rose 13 percent as stronger exploration and production results yielded the best first-quarter earnings since Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. combined in 2002.

Net income jumped to $3.29 billion, or $2.34 per share for the January-March period, from $2.91 billion, or $2.05 per share, in the year-earlier period.

ConocoPhillips is the first of the three largest U.S. oil companies to report earnings this week. Exxon Mobil Corp. reports Thursday and Chevron Corp. on Friday. The three were expected this week to report a total of more than $16 billion in first-quarter profits.

Honda net profits double

TOKYO — Honda more than doubled its net profit for the January-March quarter from a year ago as soaring vehicle sales in Asia and Europe offset a decline in Japan.

Honda Motor Co., Japan's No. 3 automaker, said Wednesday it racked up 219.5 billion yen ($1.9 billion) in profit for the quarter ended March 31 — a record quarterly profit for Honda and dramatically higher than the 94 billion yen profit marked the same period the previous year.

Quarterly sales jumped 20.6 percent to 2.83 trillion yen ($24.7 billion) from 2.35 trillion yen the same period last year.

Airline denied request for pay cuts

CINCINNATI — A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge on Wednesday denied Delta subsidiary Comair's request to reject its contract with its 970 flight attendants so it can impose pay cuts to stay in business.

Judge Adlai Hardin in U.S. Bankruptcy Court said requirements of the bankruptcy law that would allow the rejection of a collective bargaining agreement were not met.

He said Comair and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents the flight attendants, must return to the bargaining table to try to resolve their differences.

Microsoft Outlook stocks fall

Quarter earnings decline 11 percent; stockholders disappointed with results

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks finished mostly lower Friday as rising oil prices and a tepid outlook from Microsoft Corp. dampened Wall Street's reaction to a rebound in first-quarter economic growth. The major indexes ended mixed for the week and for April.

Coupled with lower-than-expected results for the latest quarter, Microsoft's reduced forecast sent its stock falling more than 11 percent and led a broader decline in the Nasdaq composite index.

The earnings disappointment overshadowed news that the gross domestic product grew 4.8 percent last quarter, up from a 1.7 percent rise in the fourth quarter. The gain was less than economists' estimates of 4.9 percent, which suggested the economy is expanding at a comfortable pace.

But while the GDP's inflation component surged 3.3 percent — well ahead of a 2.7 percent target — the Labor Department said employment costs grew just 0.6 percent last quarter, the smallest rise since 1999 and behind views of 0.9 percent.

Art Hogan, chief market analyst for Jefferies & Co., said the economic data were benign for inflation and the debate over interest rates, and noted a recovery among commodities and energy prices.

"With that as a backdrop, I'm not surprised to see" the Nasdaq down and little changes in the other major indexes, Hogan said. "Of course, when you have a marquee name like Microsoft disappoint, it's hard to sit up on good news."

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 15.37, or 0.14 percent, to 11,367.14.

Broader stock indicators ended mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 0.89, or 0.07 percent, to 1,310.61, and the Nasdaq fell 22.38, or 0.95 percent, to 2,322.57.

Bonds climbed on the GDP data, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipping to 5.07 percent from 5.11 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, and gold prices surged.

Crude futures recovered from four days of losses, lifted by supply worries after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran defied the U.N. Security Council by enriching uranium. A barrel of light crude rose 91 cents to settle at $71.88 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Wall Street also weighed a dip in consumer confidence as soaring gasoline prices threatened discretionary spending. The University of Michigan's April consumer-sentiment index slid 1.8 points to 87.4, while economists expected a 0.2-point drop.

Erratic trading left the major indexes flat for the week, with the Dow gaining 0.17 percent and the S&P 500 off 0.05 percent. The Nasdaq lost 0.87 percent after Friday's decline gave back most of its advance from earlier in the week.

For the month, however, the Dow jumped 2.32 percent and the S&P 500 added 1.22 percent, while the Nasdaq slid 0.74 percent. The Dow and S&P 500 earned much of their April gains from recent indications that the Federal Reserve may soon pause or halt its series of interest rate hikes.

Analysts say the overall mood of the market has improved as government reports continue painting an uplifting picture of the economy. Now that the Fed may have boosted rates just enough to stifle demand, the market is looking for growth to gently taper in the latter half of the year, said Ed Keon, chief investment strategist for Prudential Equity.

"There's still some danger that inflation could pick up, and higher energy prices could feed into that," Keon said. "But overall, it does not look like substantial inflationary pressures are developing."

AP

Investors conduct trading in shares of Microsoft Thursday. Stocks fell 11 percent last quarter and fell short of the estimated 4.9 percent gain.

Delphi plans to cancel contracts

Associated Press

DETROIT — With less than two weeks to go before Delphi Corp. plans to ask a federal judge to cancel its union contracts, the auto supplier is still negotiating with its major unions and General Motors Corp. over wage cuts.

Delphi's second-largest labor union confirmed Wednesday that it's still in talks with the company. Union executive Robert Sutton made the comments Wednesday after a media report suggested the International Union of Electronic Workers-Communications Workers of America had broken off talks because of a lack of progress.

Sutton, secretary of the unio's automotive conference board, said the union is not in negotiations this week because it is providing depositions to Delphi attorneys as part of the auto supplier's bankruptcy case.

Sutton said those local leaders also prepared documents for the court last week that argue against the wage cuts Delphi has proposed as part of its reorganization.

"The declarations say to the judge and to the opposing parties what we have done and haven't done and what we plan on doing to keep Delphi viable and competitive," Sutton said. He said he expects talks with Delphi to resume next week.

Wayne Ranick, a spokesman for the United Steelworkers, said the union hasn't talked to Delphi in about two weeks but hasn't formally ended negotiations. The steelworkers union represents about 1,000 Delphi workers.

On the other hand, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers met with Delphi twice last week and expects to meet with the company again this week, spokesman Frank Larkin said.

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Good students, better vandals

Peter Schroeder

Will Write for Food

Well, it's my last column here for The Observer. As such, I'm going to take the opportunity to talk to you about memories, about the time I've cherished at Notre Dame and about the simultaneous fear and excitement I face as I enter into the real world. I'm also going to weigh in on the war in Iraq, proper chicken caging technique, abortion, gay marriage, campaign finance reform, tolerance and diversity, the Vagina Monologues and the latest edition of "Jockular." You know, the one that you think is offensive, but you're not entirely sure because it looks like it was drawn with a foot?

Just kidding. Actually, I'm going to talk about the library. American Studies majors, you may just want to turn to the horoscopes at this point.

With finals looming overhead like an obese vulture, the prospect of heading to the library becomes more and more of a reality for most students. The harsh buzz of fluorescent lighting, the low chatter of the "study" group next to you and the overwhelming claustrophobia of the study cubicles. It's enough to drive any student mad. However, for centuries, the bored and frustrated student has found a way to fight back against academic exhaustion: petty vandalism.

Yes, like cave drawings or hieroglyphics, the scratching of a Bic into the wood of a study cubicle has long been a rite of passage for the student desperately trying to avoid any actual work. It provides the writer with some precious moments of thought not devoted to academia, and it also provides future readers with something to stare at that isn't in a textbook. Everyone who has ever studied in the library has come across some of these vandalism vignettes, but no one has ever actually given them much attention. Until now, that is.

With no regard for my own physical wellbeing, I've accumulated over a hundred actual library etchings from the entire first floor and roughly half of the second. I stopped there to keep myself from spiraling into a dark void of madness. And I got hungry. Nonetheless, looking at a large amount of student soliloquies provides a deep insight into the soul of the studier.

For some students, it seems that writing in cubicles serves as an open mic for a budding career as a comedian. Jokesters would pen some knee-slappers like, "Jesus Saves ... at Martin's," "Catholic Rebel! Eat Meat on Fridays!" and "UND(ies)." After searching the library, it is evident that this nation's future Jerry Seinfelds, Jon Stewarts and Gallaghers are hard at work writing material on cheap wooden cubicles. Of course, it is important to remember that they are working on material in lieu of studying, so I think it's also safe to say that no future Nobel laureates are in this group.

Perhaps the most fascinating thing obtained from searching library writings is the hope of past students that we now realize as unfounded and deluded. Things like "Cubs 2003 World Series," are key examples of this proud hope of a procrastinating student coming to a tragic end. In fact, the high and lows of the football team's recent past is lived out in study cubicles. Freshmen, just pretend to know what an unsuccessful football team is like, you lucky jerks. "O'Leary — 12/9/01. I was there at the beginning. I was there at the end." "10-13-02, ND is 6-0 under Ty, now 8-0, 10-3, next year all the way!" "ND Football 2003 — Why are we so bad? Tyrone Losingham." "12-14-04 ND Football resurrected, Go Coach Weis!" One can only hope that next year we see vandalism like "Brady Quinn — Heisman Trophy," "Notre Dame — National Champions" and "I'd never seen a man weep and wet himself on national television before. Thanks, Coach Carroll."

For many, cubicle writing is simply a means of venting. Things like "Finals Suck," "I Hate Orgo," "LSATS Bite" and "I Hate Calc" run rampant in the library. Perhaps these students fear that others may believe that they love calculus and other nerd-related fields, and these writings are attempts to allay those suspicions. Consider suspicions allayed.

However, it appears that sometimes intense studying will simply drive a student into madness; I can offer no other explanation for these ones. "Curse you, Red Baron," "The Batman Lives On," "I pooped a hammer," and "My intestines are over 2 miles long." President Jenkins, please consider easing the workload of the student body; it's driving them insane. And also apparently making them poop hammers.

While you're cramming information into your brain at a frantic rate, don't forget your surroundings. And heck, if no one's looking, leave a message for future frustrated students, it's as much a part of our heritage as the Four Horsemen and Rudy. Scratch one for the Gipper.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame needs Catholic faculty

It is my opinion that recent letters to The Observer have presented the rationale for opposing certain elements of Father Jenkins' closing statement on academic freedom both thoroughly and eloquently. As such, I will concern myself with addressing the April 24 editorial of Father David Kashangaki, CSC ("Closing statement response").

Father Kashangaki argues that the hiring of Catholic faculty is not essential to maintaining and expressing Catholic identity at Notre Dame. He attempts to justify this in saying that students must engage the culture by encountering diversity, and that it was actually non-Christian faculty who imparted indispensable knowledge about Catholicism to him during his time at Notre Dame. However, at the same time, he laments the lack of Catholic perspective in academic disciplines outside theology and philosophy, stating that he "would have benefited immensely from such input."

Father Kashangaki, what you need to realize is that the horrendous deficiency in Catholic catechesis among incoming Notre Dame students will not be remedied by the off chance that they will fruitfully learn about the faith from those who do not fully share it. I have been in many classes where non-Catholic professors (and, regrettably, even Catholic ones) have pressed inexcusably contrary interpretations of Catholic teaching upon a slew of impressionable Catholic students.

Father, you have correctly identified the problem: that the faith and the world are not engaging each other in the classrooms. But the solution is not to accept the situation and hope that a largely indifferent student body will seek out for themselves what Catholicism has to say. Rather, the University must pursue practicing Catholic faculty who are at the tops of their respective fields and who also have the ability to foster an engaging dialogue within the classroom. If you say there are certain non-Catholic scholars who can effectively present the Catholic worldview, is it too far-fetched to think that carefully chosen Catholic scholars can adeptly incorporate secular or contrary views into the curriculum?

As a genuinely Catholic university, we should start from the latter angle, with the aim of promoting knowledge and appreciation of Catholic insights while also maintaining academic excellence in a very secular world. Most importantly, a more visible majority of practicing Catholics among the faculty would provide an invaluable everyday example of faith in student life — Holy Cross priests need not be the sole, extraordinary models on campus. I do believe that Father Jenkins has expressed his support for this goal of Catholic hiring, and I hope it will be realized.

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"Truth is always the strongest argument."

Sophocles
Greek tragic poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to Jenkins' closing statement

Dear Father Jenkins,

I write in support of your recent closing statement. Issues attendant to academic freedom have been thoroughly vetted not only in the recent University dialog you initiated but in the subsequent exchange of views in the media. However, there appears to have been somewhat less emphasis upon the benefits of raising awareness regarding domestic violence as well as the dangers of failing to adequately address the presence of such violence. In my view, any presentation on campus authorized by faculty that reasonably promotes an awareness of domestic violence in our society is one that should be encouraged.

Notre Dame can be a part of the cutting edge in identifying all aspects of domestic violence and in understanding the devastating impacts of such violence on our families. Alternatively, the University can set up its camp out on the periphery and become an integral component of the trailing edge. Until the recent open dialog and your final decision, it certainly appeared that on the issue of domestic violence, Notre Dame tended more to the latter position.

Having recently received a gubernatorial appointment as a district court judge, I thought that my undergraduate years at Notre Dame, my law school education at UC Berkeley and well over 20 years of private practice adequately prepared me for the position. This has turned out to be true, with one notable exception. What I wasn't prepared for was the number of domestic violence cases that I would have to pass judgment on. I was expecting perhaps as many as twenty domestic violence cases per week, but in far too many instances I have had to deal with at least that many per day. With such an onslaught of domestic violence and related matters, at times it seems as though I am presiding over the disintegration of family, moral values and a portion of our society.

My court is located in Santa Fe, easily one of the most affluent cities in New Mexico as well as one where Catholics are far and away the most predominant religious group. Perhaps it is with some irony that in Santa Fe, the state capital, the City of the Holy Faith (as its name is translated from Spanish), there is hard evidence on a daily basis of a burgeoning domestic violence crisis at the same time that some in the Church here, as well as some out on the Notre Dame campus, seem to have difficulty envisioning the possibility that a substantial number of perpetrators and victims alike are Catholic.

In my view, this has the makings of a crisis if the issue of domestic violence continues to be relegated to hushed corners, far enough away from polite discourse so as not to be offensive. As with the clergy sex abuse scandals (which first came to light in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe well over 20 years ago), an integral part of the solution is first to openly acknowledge that a problem even exists, then to engage in a reasoned dialogue as to the best range of solutions.

A failure by Notre Dame to raise the awareness of domestic violence among students by whatever reasonable means necessary amounts to failure of educational vision. In addition, failing to adequately address the domestic violence crisis means that women and young children, the predominant victims of such violence, will continue to suffer without having their needs substantially recognized, much less met.

Such a failure will result in very substantial costs to our society. Domestic violence often begets domestic violence. Study after study has indicated that a victim of domestic violence is in later life considerably more likely to perpetrate such violence than an individual who has no such history. Notre Dame can actively participate in breaking the cycle of violence by taking a leadership role on the issue of recognizing and dealing comprehensively with the domestic violence crisis.

Among the many duties that Notre Dame has is educating her students such that they are fully prepared to move out into society with adequate awareness of its problems and the possible range of solutions or, at the very least, an adequate framework for creating some answers. This can certainly be promoted not only by campus presentations that raise awareness of domestic violence but by subsequent discussions guided by Notre Dame faculty members as to the appropriate response(s) to this crisis.

The better Notre Dame's students are prepared to admit and understand the grim realities of domestic violence — even if it takes somewhat shocking presentations to do it — the better they will be able to help lead us to new answers. More than any other university, and certainly any Catholic university, Notre Dame is the gold standard out here. If the University continues on its current path, I am hopeful that its recent stance on academic freedom will move us to new levels of understanding and commitment on the issue of resolving domestic violence.

I applaud your courage, not only in beginning a remarkably open dialogue within the Notre Dame community concerning academic freedom, but in reaching an honorable decision. As well, I respect your fortitude and grace in the face of the sometimes harsh and disrespectful commentary brought on by that decision. In my view, history will prove you to be on the right side of this issue.

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Purpose of 'Town' unclear

This letter is in response to a piece that ran in last week's The Observer ("'College Town' survey to seek student input," April 20). The report described an initiative undertaken by various undergraduate leaders and marketing professor Tim Gilbride to "conduct market research to determine what Notre Dame students would want to see in neighborhood development projects." This would seem to be at odds with the opening statement of the story, proclaiming that these people plan to gather "data for developers to help create a "College Town," tailored to the needs of Notre Dame students — specifically getting to and finding off-campus entertainment. Are we talking about neighborhood development? Or entertainment development? Are we talking about the needs of a community (which happens to extend well beyond the Notre Dame periphery)? Or the consumer impulses of temporary residents?

There is no Platonic Ideal of the "College Town." The "college town" comes into being through an organic process by which both the "college" and the "town" are allowed to express their distinctive characteristics within that shared territory of mutual interaction. The "college town" must be able to support local businesses and must be a place where both students and local residents feel at home. The "college town" should not simply become an extension of the Notre Dame campus — systematically pushing the boundaries southward until Near Northeast is finally purged of its less attractive elements. And it should not be devised by corporate marketers and developers whose primary frame of reference gives preference to large national chains. We have Grape and Main for that.

Let me be clear: I am totally in favor of a "college town" environment — in fact, I have long felt that both Notre Dame and South Bend suffer for lack of such an atmosphere. I recognize that development must happen for this to become a reality. But I am also highly suspicious of marketing schemes that attempt to create a community out of upper-middle class consumer demand and that fail to understand the actual needs of neighborhoods and residents. "Data" for developers to create a "college town" for Notre Dame students? Excuse me for saying so, but that would be so typical of Notre Dame!

So as not to be labeled a naysayer, I will include a constructive proposal. If Notre Dame wishes to be involved in the development of a "college town," let it invest in the LaSalle building in downtown South Bend, convert the old hotel rooms into apartments, provide shuttle services (or better yet, a bike path!) to and from campus and install a coffee shop and restaurant in the ground-level retail space. Students will have immediate access to several good restaurants, coffee shops and the Morris Performing Arts Center. With a Notre Dame residence downtown, other businesses will be attracted to and will cater to this economic target, students will have more opportunities to become positively involved in the South Bend community and eventually the territory between Notre Dame and downtown will sprout the seeds of shared commitment to a more sustainable and communally responsible vision of the "college town."

As you consider the survey that you have recently been invited to participate in, please keep the following in mind — you are not mere consumers of some ideal place called "College Town." There is more at stake than your desire for entertainment. There is also more to being a Catholic university than figuring out the degree to which controversial events are either to be sanctioned or outlawed and assigning named saints to campus cluster terminals.

In the words of Gaudium et Spes, one responsibility of modern Catholics is to remember that "freedom is often crippled by extreme destitution, just as it can wither in an ivory-tower isolation brought on by overindulgence in the good things of life. It can, however, be strengthened by accepting the inevitable constraints of social life, by undertaking the manifold demands of human relationships and by service to the community at large."

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Debate welcomed

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

I submit that she has succeeded beyond her wildest expectations, at least with regard to serving as a muse. I have enjoyed reading the disparate responses to this play, to University President Father John Jenkins' statements and to the ongoing debate in general. While there are those who have approached the issues at hand through diatribe and narrow-mindedness, there have also been those who have shown civility in giving voice to honest debate. Regardless of position, I would like to thank all those who have contributed. They have shown the heights to which thoughtful contemplation can rise, as well as the depths to which rigidity can cause us to sink. In all, it has been illuminating.

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

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Participation encouraged

As the Acting Chair of Film, Television, and Theatre during Spring semester last year, I need to set the record straight about Bishop D'Arcy's statement, as reported in The Observer, that his invitation to participate in the panel discussion about "The Vagina Monologues" was "withdrawn at the last minute." That might make for a great story, but this isn't what occurred. He is correct in asserting that he and the diocese were notified well in advance about the events and encouraged to have a representative on the panel. We received no response to this invitation. Given that lack of response, we then proceeded to organize a panel discussion that included a variety of different perspectives on "The Vagina Monologues." Once we had formalized that panel, we had posters printed and information about the events that day was widely circulated in the local media.

Someone claiming to "represent" Bishop D'Arcy appeared immediately before the panel began and asked to be added to the panel. The decision not to include this person about whom we knew nothing, who appeared from out of nowhere at such a late date, does not constitute withdrawing our invitation at the last minute. If this person was indeed his representative, why did she appear at the last minute? Given that response to our invitation, his comment, "Who was constricting academic freedom that time?" is especially baffling. If Bishop D'Arcy would like to participate in any future panel discussions we will, of course, welcome him warmly because such invitations are extended in good faith, in hopes of making for the most productive exchange of ideas. We hope that in the future, if he is indeed eager to take part part in such panels, that he might make his intentions known to us in advance of the event so we can plan accordingly.

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SCENE & HEARD

Jack Palance and the Big Bucking Chicken

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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During sophomore year, I was introduced to the concept of the supertext — the overarching combination of amazing, entertaining programming and the clever commercials that go along with it. The power of the commercial, as I came to find out, was nigh gargantuan.

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Scene Writer

Let me give you an example of how commercials insinuate themselves into our malleable subconscious. Imagine yourself on your favorite La-Z-Boy easy chair, a cold beverage in one hand, a Cheetos bag in the other. You are raptly watching Notre Dame destroy whichever team it happens to be playing on the gridiron.

They cut to a commercial break and that hilarious Pepto-Bismol commercial enters the screen — you know, the one with the funny jingle. You never thought that the digestive tract of the human body could be summed up so toe-tappingly well.

All of the sudden, the bowels begin to move and the depths begin to rumble. Could it be the beverage? I thought I checked the born-on-date. Could it be the Cheetos? You are lactose intolerant. Does the cheese on Cheetos count as lactose? What are you going to do? You race to the bathroom without an hour to spare. You throw open the door ... and stop. Why am I stressing out? I could take some Pepto-Bismol.

The commercial has done its job and whoever makes that bottle of pink gold has you $5 in their pocket. This, dear reader, is the power that those fiendish 30-second spots of marketing have.

Another popular commercial that I am sure you are all aware of is the Burger King ballad, "Big Bucking Chicken." In all my days I have never witnessed a more moving and touching commercial. The look of the cowboy as he watches the Big Bucking Chicken buck is priceless.

After seeing a giant chicken run around a holding pen with a cowboy on its back, who would not want to head right to the Burger King and order a sandwich with a big and bucking piece of chicken?

However, as clever and conniving as some commercials can be, there are others that can be spotted from a mile away — the Mach 3 razor commercials. These try so hard to make the banal act of shaving seem to be the end all and be all of one's relationship with your significant other.

While it is very nice to be a well-groomed person, is it really necessary to show me a computerized grid of my jaw line to display the cooling factor of your shave gel? And who makes those diagrams of the hair being cut by the razor? The special effects look like an eighth grader designed them and tell me nothing about the shaving product.

Clockwise from left, photo courtesy of bon-food.com, allproducts.com, movieactors.com, pepto-bismol.com

Commercial advertising impacts viewers in many ways. Companies like Burger King, Pepto-Bismol and and Gillette use various strategies to reach consumers.

So you can make bad computer graphics, but you had to get rid of Jack Palance. Remember when he was selling after-shave? Those were some fine and upright commercials. When you hear a man with the sagaciously raspy voice and those chiseled features that Mr. Palance possesses, who would not want to buy his product? Scratch the bad graphics and give me Palance.

Commercials have been with us since the creation of network television. In their endless quest to get us to buy stuff, they go from the funny to the sad to the incomprehensible. Television commercials can seem as though they advertise nothing, which can make them much more tricky than they should be. As long as we as viewers remember to watch out for those feral bucking chickens and attempt to get Jack Palance back on the air, we should all be fine.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Silent Hill' offers eerie, atmospheric experience

By MARK BEMENDERFER
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Movies derived from video games have a long and sordid history. "Double Dragon," "Super Mario Bros." and the more recent "Doom" are examples of simple video game plots that were completely butchered by Hollywood. The overall track record of such experiments indicates failure.

Silent Hill

★★★★

Director: Christophe Gans
Writers: Roger Avary
Starring: Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean, Laurie Holden, Jodelle Ferland

Enter Christophe Gans' "Silent Hill." While the previously mentioned games featured plots that could be condensed to a single, simplistic paragraph, the "Silent Hill" universe features a vast library of mythology, characters and events that would be more suited to a senior thesis. Freudian themes, inner demons and a reliance on heavily symbolic imagery proliferate in the quiet town of Silent Hill.

This could be why "Silent Hill" succeeds where the other video-game movies have failed. It already had a wealth of creative material to draw from and simply needed to be transported to the big-screen without taking an excess of creative liberty.

The story is an amalgamation of the entire "Silent Hill" video game franchise, with a very heavy emphasis on plot from the first effort in the series. It centers on Rose (Radha Mitchell), a mother in search of her daughter Sharon (Jodelle Ferland). The young Sharon walks in her sleep and experiences nightmares of a place called Silent Hill. Rose decides that instead of subjecting her daughter to clinical study, she will take her to the town in her nightmares.

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Her journey to the town of Silent Hill is hampered by husband Chris (Sean Bean) and a motorcycle cop named Cybil (Laurie Holden). Rose eventually makes it to the town with Sharon, but their victory is short-lived. Rose crashes her car while trying to avoid a spectral girl. She awakens to find that she has lost Sharon and that she is alone in the eerie, perpetually snowing town of Silent Hill.

It doesn't take long for Rose to realize that the snow is really ash and that the town harbors a dark secret. While in pursuit of her daughter, she is led underground for an unknown reason. While descending the stairs, a mysterious siren goes off, and all light is extinguished in the town.

For fans of the "Silent Hill" franchise, what happens next is fairly obvious. The games have always exhibited a surreal atmosphere, with the town alternating between a light and dark universe. The light universe has a perpetual fog, suitable for hiding monsters. The dark Silent Hill is punctuated by barbed wire, chain link fences and rusted iron gratings, usually covered with gore.

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

"Silent Hill," based on the video game of the same name, chronicles the trials of Rose (Radha Mitchell), who must navigate the town after losing her daughter.

That simple explanation describes the setting, but doesn't nearly do justice to the actual experience of seeing the dark Silent Hill. The main draw for the movie is undeniably the mise-en-scene — the scenery and settings of Silent Hill — plus its macabre occupants. Director Gans went to incredible lengths to make sure that everything looked perfect, going so far as to renting an entire town to redecorate for the film. It captures the look and feel of the games perfectly, and will be a treat to see for first-timers or veteran Silent Hill explorers.

The only complaint is that the audience doesn't see enough of it. A little more action would have served perfectly to spice up the movie's more than two-hour running time.

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SHOW REVIEW

Audiences 'Witness' stunning, emotional opera

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"Witness" tells the story of a Vermont town in 1924 that is infiltrated by the Ku Klux Klan. The story is told through the perspective of various townspeople.

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The powerful Ku Klux Klan makes Merlin (Douglas Williamson), left, poison the town's well water. He goes to school with Leanora (Minnita Daniel-Cox), right.

By NICOLE ZOOK
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Audience members in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's this weekend were "witness" to a visually, musically and emotionally stunning world premiere opera of the same name.

Composed and conducted by Saint Mary's music professor Zae Munn, "Witness" tells the story of the Ku Klux Klan's infiltration into a tiny Vermont town in 1924 through the eyes of several characters, including Esther (Mallory O'Brien), a 10-year-old Jewish girl, Leanora (Minnita Daniel-Cox), a young black woman, and Johnny Reeves (Brian Manternach), a KKK preacher.

The opera, adapted from a young adult novel by Karen Hesse, spotlights individual characters and their feelings toward the group while also showing how the town itself faces radical changes through the characters' choices.

Munn said the work is relevant to today's society because it connects events and feelings of the past to the current political climate in America.

"The Klan draws on the energy and symbols of the church and patriotism to increase its stranglehold on the community, business people look to their bottom line to decide their political alliances, the media is reluctant to move beyond so-called 'balanced' reporting and take a righteous, ethically justifiable stand," Munn said. "The community's fear of difference, embodied in the Jewish and black characters [Esther and Leanora], [also] connects to today's concerns with immigration."

The orchestra, set, lighting design and even the actors themselves carried out Munn's lofty ideas and connections with extremely powerful imagery. Munn's dramatic orchestration, tightly and beautifully performed by a seven-piece orchestra, set the tone of the opera from even the dark opening notes.

The sparse, wooden two-level set, designed by Terry Jachimiak II, set the mood by allowing key characters and moments to be elevated on stairs and a platform above the main stage. The set's rustic, small-town minimalist look helped put the audience focus on the story and characters.

Making the opera's images particularly powerful was the use of lighting, designed entirely by Saint Mary's junior Sarah Mikrut. Jachimiak said Mikrut is the first student in years qualified to design a mainstage production at the College — a feat she not only accomplished but also excelled at.

For example, in one scene the townspeople stood above a darkened stage, watching Esther stand on the town's railroad tracks with her arms spread wide like a cross as a train made visible by a widening light approached her. The audience was so stunned by the violent image that when the lights went out and the orchestra's train whistle stopped blowing, they did not clap and waited for the lights to come back up on Esther — who was still alive — and Leanora, who saved her, to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Mikrut's extremely effective use of lighting was also especially prominent in one sickeningly beautiful scene where the Klan starts a bonfire and raises a giant cross in the dark. The shadowy figures of the group with their torches created an extremely tense mood when contrasted with the spotlighted figure of young, black Leanora, who described seeing the Klan and the burning cross on the hill with the scene taking place behind her.

At the end of the song, Klan members donned their robes and pointed hoods onstage, giving the audience both a feeling of immediate repulsion and a sense that the townspeople were being transformed by the racist group.

"I really like the use of the silhouettes to show that this isn't a specific person," Mikrut said. "This could be anyone."

The entire opera gave that impression these characters were everyday people who were slowly being influenced by the message of the Klan. An early song in which churchgoers sang about how "it is up to us, neighbors" to keep their daughters well-behaved could have been any 1920s revival, were it not interspersed with an argument between Viola (Lindsey Anderson) and Harvey Pettibone (Carlton Higginbotham).

Harvey tries to convince his wife that "the Klan does good" and "they take care of their women and liquor can't tear up a family with them around — we should join them." It was obvious that Reeves, the preacher, was convinced that he was doing the right thing and that Harvey wasn't a racist. He was simply a businessman who felt it made sense to join the group.

It was not until near the end of the opera that the townspeople begin to get the idea that something is wrong with the Klan. The group slowly begins to exert serious power by forcing Leanora's schoolmate Merlin (Douglas Williamson) to poison her well water, and the preacher decides to shoot Esther's Jewish father to redeem himself for being caught with a young girl.

Eventually, the members of the community begin to realize that they care for one another regardless of race. The town newspaper editor Ramona (Charlotte Orzel) leads the citizens in a song of understanding that persecution has been "giving the power of life and death to a secret organization," and that "to have our citizens judged by a hidden jury" is "not American."

The vocal performances — both individually and by the chorus — made the relationships and feelings of community shine through, connecting the audience to the story and making it personal when they dared the audience to "come stand with us in the light" with the last few lines of the opera.

Especially touching were O'Brien and Daniel-Cox as the persecuted youngsters and Erin Anhut as Sara Chickering, an older resident who takes them under her wing. O'Brien gave an extremely strong performance, with clear vocals and a good portrayal of youthful idealism. She easily surpassed the difficult challenge of playing a believable child without sounding like one.

Daniel-Cox's powerful voice cut through the air and the tension of certain scenes like a knife, and her facial expressions clearly showed a tortured soul looking for acceptance and coming to terms with her own feelings of anger toward the white majority.

Anhut brought the two together for beautifully blended performances of the three women while also telling a familiar story of conflicting feelings. While it seemed she was slightly uncomfortable with their differences — as statements such as "I've never had a colored girl in my kitchen before" revealed — she also used her strong vocals to make it clear that she hated everything the Klan stood for.

Daniel-Cox said she felt this story of racism and relationships was important to tell and was happy to travel from her job at the University of Michigan to perform at Saint Mary's.

"Leanora made a lot of sense to me," she said. "I think [this story] needs to be said, and I think human tendency is to forget, and to whitewash or to minimize the struggle that this country went through. We have to look at the mistakes of the past and remember them so they never happen again."

Munn's opera did just that by reminding its audience that each person can make a difference by examining himself and his surroundings, while also providing a night of beautiful music and entertainment with a message that packed a punch.

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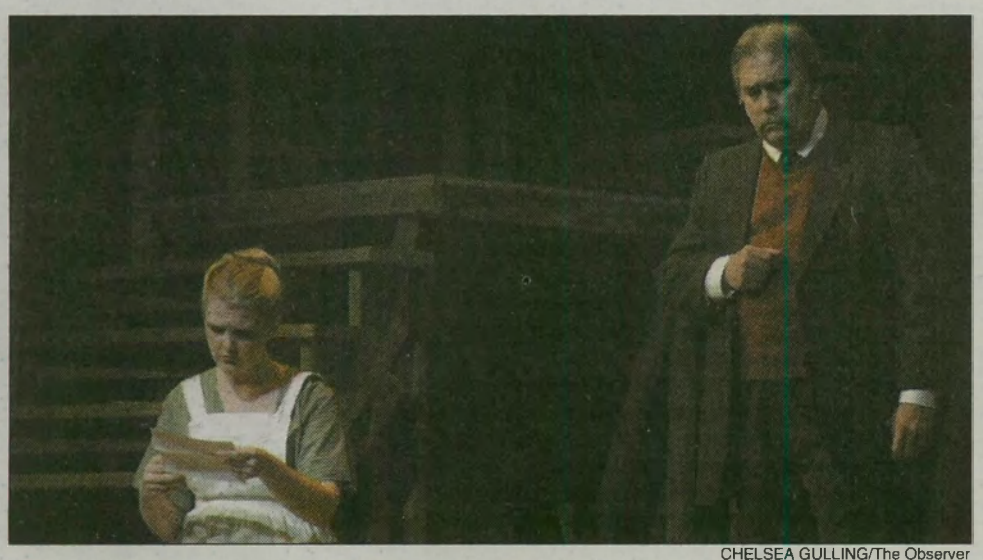

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Harvey Pettibone (Carlton Higginbottom), right, tries to convince his wife Violet (Lindsey Anderson) that the Klan's presence is not as dangerous as it seems.

CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

From left, Minnita Daniel-Cox (Leanora), Mallory O'Brien (Esther), Erin Anhut (Sara) and Brian Manternach (Johnny Reeves) take a bow at the opera's finale.

TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame adds seven competitors to Big East finals

By CHRIS HINE
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With the Big East meet looming next week, Notre Dame competed in two meets this weekend, garnering seven more Big East bids and two more Mideast Regional qualifying marks.

At the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, the men's 4-by-1,600-meter relay team, comprised of sophomore Jake Watson, senior Vinny Ambrico, junior Todd Ptacek and junior Kurt Benninger captured victory with a time of 16:28.26, edging out second-place Illinois by less than three seconds.

It is the fourth time in school history that Notre Dame has won in this event.

"It was nice to go and win there. It was nice to run in front of 12,000 people," Benninger said. "We got to run and win a relay that we don't get to run in other meets like the Big East."

Also competing at Drake was the 4-by-800-meter relay team of junior anchor Thomas Chamney and sophomores Brett Adams, Adam Currie and John Cavanaugh, which placed ninth. In the hammer-throw, Kyle Annen tossed a conference-best 190 feet and three inches.

At the Hillsdale Gina Relays in Hillsdale, Mich., Notre Dame nabbed two spots in the Mideast Regional meet, giving the team 24 for the season.

Senior Molly Huddle earned a bid by winning the 1,500-meter run. Notre Dame's other Mideast Qualifier was freshman Blair Majcina, who placed second in the high jump with a personal best of 6 feet, 10.75 inches.

Next week the Irish will compete in the Big East championship meet in Storrs, Conn. This meet is the culmination of the team track season for the Irish, with most of the season spent trying to qualify for the meet in certain events.

With two team victories already this school year, the women have a realistic chance of accomplishing the triple-crown by winning the indoor, outdoor and cross-country portions of the meet.

"Preparation is not really all the different," Benninger said. "You try to get all the stuff you have to do out of the way so you can focus for it. ... I hope everybody does the same."

Benninger will compete in the 1,500-meter and the five-kilometer run at the meet.

"I'll try to get some sleep for it," he said.

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MLB

Kazmir strikes out 10 to lift Rays past Boston

Brewers shell Cubs; Yankees upend Jays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir nearly had his strong outing wasted by Tampa Bay's struggling bullpen.

Kazmir struck out 10 in seven innings to help the Devil Rays beat Curt Schilling and the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Sunday.

"It was beautiful," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "None of it surprises me. I just love his demeanor right now on the mound."

Kazmir (3-2) gave up two runs and five hits with one walk, beating Boston for the second time this season. He is 4-1 with a 2.45 ERA overall against the Red Sox.

Toby Hall and Carl Crawford hit two-run homers for Tampa Bay. Chad Orvella worked the eighth and allowed back-to-back homers to Mike Lowell and Wily Mo Pena in the ninth before he was pulled for Tyler Walker, who walked pinch-hitter Trot Nixon.

Shawn Camp relieved Walker and got the last two outs for his third save in three chances. Mark Loretta grounded out with runners on second and third to end the game.

"I still have not exhaled," Maddon said.

The Devil Rays took two of three from Boston despite the bullpen allowing four runs in the ninth inning of a 9-6 loss Saturday.

"We've got to make it interesting," Kazmir said with a smile. "It was a great win for us to pull out the series after a tough loss like that."

Schilling (4-1) was looking to become the third Boston pitcher — joining Pedro Martinez (2000) and Babe Ruth (1917) — to win five games in April. He allowed three runs, six hits, one walk and struck out nine in six innings. The right-hander started the 2001 season with Arizona by winning his first five decisions.

The Red Sox have lost seven of 10 heading into a two-game series against the New York Yankees that starts Monday at Fenway Park. Boston has dropped three consecutive series for the first time since June 2004.

Brewers 9, Cubs 0

Chris Capuano tried not to envision his first major league complete game.

"I was just hoping to make it through five with the big lead we had," he said. "I tried not to think about it too much, but I couldn't help it."

Capuano wound up pitching a five-hitter for his first career complete game and shutout, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Chicago Cubs Sunday.

He had an anxious moment with two outs in the ninth, when Todd Walker singled off the center-field wall.

"I'm thinking just one more," he said. "Then he hit that ball. I didn't think it was going to be that close to a home run. At that point I was a little anxious."

He then retired pinch-hitter John Mabry on a game-ending groundout.

Making his 63rd major league start, Capuano (4-2) struck out six and walked none. He retired 11 straight until Michael Barrett's leadoff single in the eighth. Chicago did not advance a runner past second base.

Capuano's previous longest outings were 8 1-3 innings in back-to-back starts last year, at Washington on May 18 and against Colorado five days later.

"He was changing speeds with his fastball," Walker said. "He's crafty, meaning that he throws 89, 90 (mph), but also he also throws 86, 87, so that 86, 87 ball is darting down. He's got an unusual kind of release point — he gets on you quicker than you are used to. I took some funky swings at him."

Carlos Lee hit his 10th homer to set a Brewers' April record. Bill Hall singled, tripled and homered to drive in three runs for Milwaukee, which has won five of six.

Taking advantage of a strong wind blowing out to left, Lee connected in the second inning off Carlos Zambrano. Rob Deer (1987) and Geoff Jenkins (2000 and 2001) both hit nine April homers for the Brewers.

"It seems like every time I face him, I see the ball pretty good against him and I have good at bats," Lee said.

Yankees 4, Blue Jays 1

The riled-up New York Yankees spent all afternoon barking at the plate umpire, and an angry Joe Torre charged out of the dugout to argue a rare ejection.

Looks as though the Bronx Bombers are ready for their first trip to Boston.

Jason Giambi hit a two-run homer and Mike Mussina shut down the Toronto Blue Jays again, leading New York to a victory Sunday. Andy Phillips also homered for the Yankees, who took two of three in the series and finished 6-3 on their first long homestand of the season.

The normally even-tempered Torre wasn't around for the end — he and Toronto skipper John Gibbons were both ejected for arguing balls and strikes with umpire Adam Dowdy.

"He shows emotion in big situations," Giambi said. "It definitely, I think, gave us a lift."

Johnny Damon had three hits for the second day in a row as he prepares for his much-anticipated return to Fenway Park. He and the Yankees lead the AL East by percentage points over Boston, where they begin a two-game series Monday night.

"It feels like my bat speed, I'm quick. It feels like my balance is there," Damon said. "So, hopefully, I can keep on belting out hits and, hopefully, the guys keep driving me in."

Mussina (4-1) outpitched Gustavo Chacin, allowing one run and seven hits in six innings for his sixth solid start in six outings this year.

Featuring what Damon calls his "Bugs Bunny changeup," the right-hander struck out seven and walked two. He also beat the Blue Jays 3-1 on April 19 in Toronto.

Padres 6, Dodgers 5 (10)

Mark Bellhorn hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the San Diego Padres beat the Los Angeles Dodgers Sunday to snap a five-game losing streak.

San Diego scored five runs in the ninth inning to tie it. Brian Giles and Mike Piazza drew one-out walks against Tim Hamulack (0-2) in the 10th before Bellhorn grounded a single down the left-field line to drive in Giles.

Bellhorn also had a key hit in San Diego's ninth-inning rally. He drove in the first run with a single against Dodgers closer Danys Baez, who entered the game with the bases loaded and none out. Khalil Greene and pinch-hitter Eric Young both walked to cut the lead to 5-3.

Baez then allowed sacrifice flies to Josh Barfield and Geoff Blum. Hamulack replaced Baez and struck out pinch-hitter Doug Mirabelli to end the ninth.

Scott Linebrink (2-2) pitched a scoreless 10th for the Padres.

Dodger starter Derek Lowe tossed six shutout innings, allowing just two hits and only one runner to reach second base.

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New York	13-10	.565	7-3	-
Boston	14-11	.560	3-7	-
Toronto	12-11	.522	5-5	1
Baltimore	13-13	.500	4-6	1.5
Tampa Bay	11-14	.440	4-6	3.0

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	17-7	.708	8-2	-
Detroit	16-9	.640	8-2	1.5
Cleveland	13-11	.542	4-6	4
Minnesota	9-15	.375	2-8	8
Kansas City	5-17	.227	3-7	11

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	12-12	.500	5-5	-
Texas	12-12	.500	6-4	-
Los Angeles	12-13	.480	5-5	0.5
Seattle	11-15	.423	4-6	2

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	16-8	.667	6-4	-
Atlanta	10-14	.417	4-6	6
Philadelphia	10-14	.417	4-6	6
Washington	8-17	.320	3-7	8.5
Florida	6-16	.273	3-7	9

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cincinnati	17-8	.680	8-2	-
St. Louis	17-8	.680	8-2	-
Houston	16-8	.667	6-4	0.5
Chicago	13-10	.565	5-5	3.0
Milwaukee	14-11	.560	6-4	3.0
Pittsburgh	7-19	.269	2-8	10.5

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Women's Softball USA Today/NFCA Top 25

	team	*record*	*previous*
1	UCLA	36-4	1
2	Texas	45-5	2
3	Arizona	34-8	3
4	Tennessee	47-6	4
5	Alabama	40-7	5
6	Stanford	33-10	6
7	Cal	38-8	7
8	Oregon State	33-7	9
9	Georgia	46-11	8
10	Arizona State	41-7	10
11	LSU	44-7	11
12	Michigan	31-12	12
13	Louisiana-Lafayette	39-8	13
14	Northwestern	33-10	16
15	Texas A&M	32-13	15
16	Washington	29-15	14
17	Nebraska	35-8	17
18	Baylor	33-17	19
19	Auburn	31-13	18
20	North Carolina	46-13	20
21	Louisville	30-8	21
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24	Florida	36-19	24
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NBA PLAYOFFS

AP

Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant reacts after drawing his third foul in the first half against the Phoenix Suns Sunday. The Lakers won 99-98 in overtime to take a 3-1 series lead in the first round of the playoffs.

Bryant's buzzer-beaters sink Suns

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers needed two last-gasp shots from Kobe Bryant to beat the Phoenix Suns.

And two uncharacteristic mistakes from Phoenix star Steve Nash.

Bryant made a looping runner with seven-tenths of a second left in the fourth quarter to force overtime, and a 17-footer as time expired to lift the Lakers to an improbable 99-98 victory over the Suns and a 3-1 lead in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

"It was the most fun shot I've ever hit, just because it's us, enjoying this as a unit," Bryant said regarding the latest in a long line of buzzer-beaters during his 10-year career.

Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers to three championships, from 2000-02, but with O'Neal gone, last year's team failed to make the playoffs.

Many thought it would be the same story this season. But now, the Lakers are one win away from advancing to the second round.

"I have played a lot of playoff basketball and I have never had a game quite like this, with our backs against the wall, seemingly out of it, and us just battling back and getting this 'W,'" Bryant said. "We matured about 10 to 15 years today. We did a lot of growing up in this game."

The Lakers, who have won the last three games, can win the best-of-seven series Tuesday night in Phoenix. A sixth game, if necessary, would be Thursday night at Staples Center.

The Suns appeared to have the game won late in the fourth quarter and again in overtime, but the Lakers took advantage of Nash's mistakes.

Nash made a 3-pointer with 50 seconds left in overtime to give the Suns a 98-95 lead. Bryant's layup with 11.7 seconds remaining drew the Lakers within one point, and Luke Walton tied Nash up with 6.1 seconds to play.

Walton won the tip, with Bryant chasing the ball down near the scorer's table and then dribbling to the right corner of the key, where his ninth field goal in 14 tries swished through cleanly.

"It felt routine to me," Bryant said.

The Lakers then mobbed their superstar, who has become more of a facilitator than a scorer during this series, with his output dropping more than a dozen points from his 35.4-point average during the regular season.

IN BRIEF

USC to probe Leinart and Jarrett's living arrangement

LOS ANGELES — USC officials are investigating whether an upscale apartment that wide receiver Dwayne Jarrett shared with former teammate Matt Leinart violated NCAA rules, according to a published report Sunday.

Leinart's father, Bob, put the duo on the lease at the secured apartment complex downtown after Leinart moved out of his former residence near campus because he was constantly hounded by fans.

Leinart — the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback picked 10th by the Arizona Cardinals in Saturday's NFL draft — and Jarrett each paid $650 a month for the apartment that cost $3,866 a month, according to the Los Angeles Times. Leinart's father paid the difference and said he's been told Jarrett might have to repay him about $10,000, the newspaper reported.

Titans refute claims of McNair trade

NASHVILLE — Steve McNair's tenure with the Tennessee Titans could be over within the next 24 hours, according to his agent. Team officials don't agree, even though they gave permission for McNair's agent to talk with the Baltimore Ravens.

Agent Bus Cook said Sunday the team was considering releasing McNair or trading him to the Ravens, with something possibly worked out by Monday.

General manager Floyd Reese said a few hours later the Ravens indeed had discussed a trade with Tennessee. But the Ravens' offer was insufficient, and Reese said the talks died right there.

"Steve's a Tennessee Titan. That has not changed," Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said.

Asked about McNair being released within hours, the Titans general manager had a short answer.

"That's not going to happen, no," Reese said.

Nadal ties Borg's record for consecutive clay victories

BARCELONA, Spain — Defending champion Rafael Nadal defeated Tommy Robredo 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 Sunday to win the Open Seat Godo title, topping Bjorn Borg's mark with his 47th straight victory on clay.

Nadal, who won his 12th consecutive final, earned praise from the 11-time Grand Slam champion.

"I congratulate Nadal," Borg said in a statement. "He's fun to watch and I hope he wins Wimbledon."

Guillermo Vilas holds the Open-era record with 53 straight wins. Nadal deflected comparisons to Borg, a five-time Wimbledon winner, whom he called the greatest player of all time.

"It's nice that he thinks I'm good to watch," Nadal said. "I thank Borg for his kind words."

Nadal's next goal is to win the upcoming clay-court tournament in Rome, duplicating his three-tournament streak of last year.

SMC TENNIS

SMC places fifth at MIAA

Team finished just 38 points behind Albion in competitive field

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's wanted to prove it was better than its 5-3 conference record.

But the team's fifth-place finish over the weekend in the MIAA Tournament demonstrated just how hard it is to play in the MIAA. The Belles finished 38 points behind conference champion Albion.

"I think [the team's results] show how incredibly competitive [the MIAA] is," Kristin Palombo said. "The top five [teams] were all so close — it was just such a tough tournament."

Belles Kelly McDavitt and Calie Mulcahy highlighted the weekend finishing second in doubles play, while Saint Mary's No. 6 singles player Melissa Dinger finished third to secure the team's only top-three finish in singles play.

Besides McDavitt and Mulcahy, Palombo and Grace Gordon secured a fourth place finish in No. 2 doubles, beating Hope's Erin Bradley and Ashley Leary 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

Palombo lost 6-1, 7-5 to Kalamazoo's Megan Fink in the first round of No. 1 singles. Fink defeated Amy Zeilstra of Calvin for third place.

"I was disappointed in how I played personally, but I thought Grace and I played very well," she said.

While her play on the court was not up to her own standards, the senior was named All-MIAA Second Team.

"It's always a great honor being named to the all-league team," said Palombo, who was an All-MIAA first-team the past two years. "It's always an honor to be recognized by the other coaches. Especially being the number-one singles player [for a team], it's tough to stand out."

As the Belles No. 2 player, McDavitt was one of three players to advance to the semifinals before losing. McDavitt defeated Tri-State's Amanda Steiner 6-3, 6-1.

The team's No. 3 singles player, Mulcahy, defeated Olivet's Mallory Bailey 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 before succumbing to Hope's Ashley Leary 6-0, 6-1.

Saint Mary's saw its No. 5 player, Tara O'Brien, advance to the semifinals before bowing out to Alyssa Logan of Calvin in two sets.

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Kristen Palombo
Irish senior

While the top five were all very close, Palombo said one team was still able to stand out above the rest.

"Albion deserved to win the championship," she said.

"They are a very good team. But at the same time, they always carry themselves with such class. I think all of the teams in the top five gave them a run for their money, but they were the best team this weekend — and this year."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles sweep Hornets in road doubleheader

Grall, Smid lead team to winningest season in school history

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's captured two wins over Kalamazoo 10-9 and 5-1 this weekend on the road in its final MIAA series of the season — giving the team 27 wins and trumping the previous 25-win record set in 1985,

The weekend brought the Belles' record to 27-11 overall and 11-5 in conference action.

The 11 conference wins also mark a school record, two higher than the nine-win record set in 2004.

The team will leave the regular season behind with hope of succeeding in MIAA tournament play, Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

"We really want to win that tournament [MIAA tournament] and advance to Regionals," Sullivan said. "That has been our goal all season long."

"We hit in clutch situations. That really helped a lot."

Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

In game one, Saint Mary's withstood a furious Kalamazoo comeback to come away with a one-run lead.

Down 10-5 in the bottom of the six, Kalamazoo made a charge, scoring four runs on three hits and two crucial Saint Mary's errors.

The Hornets were unable to come all the way back, however, after Belles pitcher Bridget Grall shut them down in the bottom of the seventh.

The Belles built their lead slowly, scoring in the first, second, fourth and sixth innings and always answering when the Hornets scored.

After Kalamazoo freshman Lauren Millar homered in the third, driving in three runs and bringing the score to 5-4, Saint Mary's struck back with three runs in the fourth to go up 8-4.

Audrey Gajor and Sarah Miesle drove in a run each, and Davison scored off an error in the inning.

"We hit in clutch situations," Sullivan said. "That really helped a lot."

Saint Mary's 5, Kalamazoo 1

Seven errors by Kalamazoo gave Saint Mary's new life as the Belles won game two, 5-1.

Saint Mary's jumped out to an early lead, with catcher Martha Smid and Gajor scoring in the first.

Kalamazoo scored in the bottom of the first on an RBI single by catcher Emily Schoolmaster.

The Belles capitalized off of the Hornets' errors again in the top of the second when Smid and Davison both scored off of Kalamazoo's mistakes.

Gajor drove in an RBI to round the score out at 5-1.

Freshman pitcher Kristin Amram turned in another strong performance from the mound. Amram allowed only three hits while striking out 12.

She is now ranked 31st in Division III with a 1.09 ERA and is seventh in strikeouts with 166 strikeouts in 103 innings.

Miesle and Ashley Fusaro led the Belles from the plate, each posting a homerun in the 5-1 victory.

Note:

◆Smid was named MIAA conference player of the week. She batted 11-for-16 in four conference games, scored 10 runs and drove in five RBIs with a .813 slugging percentage.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame splits with USF

Louisville games rained out; Irish stay on top of Big East standings

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame maintained a slim lead in the Big East standings after splitting a doubleheader with South Florida Saturday before having two games with Louisville rained out Sunday.

Much like last week's doubleheader with Purdue, the Irish took Saturday's first game with a score of 7-4, then lost the second 7-3.

In game one, the offense began hot with five runs in the second.

Junior outfielder Stephanie Brown hit a grand slam — her sixth home run of the year — with one out in the inning. Right fielder Carissa Jaquish delivered an RBI double to score second baseman Katie Laing, left fielder Gessica Hufnagle singled and designated player Stephanie Mola walked to load the bases before Brown delivered her blast over the left field wall.

"Heather has really good command on all her pitches right now."

Kris Ganeff
Irish assistant coach

"To get on the board first was important for us, and once Laing scored we were able to keep it rolling," Irish assistant coach Kris Ganeff said.

But the Bulls quickly chipped into Notre Dame's cushion with four runs of their own in the next half inning.

Two errors cost Notre Dame, as the Irish surrendered two unearned runs. South Florida center fielder Samantha Ray, who was 4-for-4 with a run scored, knocked in the other two runs with a single to right.

Irish right-hander Heather Booth (19-9) calmed down after that and was able to keep the Bulls from getting past second base for the remainder of the game.

"Heather has a really good command on all her pitches right now," Ganeff said. "It makes it very hard for hitters to know what is coming next."

"To get on the board first was important for us, and once Laing scored we were able to keep it rolling."

Kris Ganeff
Irish assistant coach

Booth has now picked up a win in her last five appearances.

The stretch includes a 9-1 victory over Purdue and a perfect game against Rutgers on April 23.

Her fellow pitcher Brittney Bargar has been struggling in her last few starts, losing her second straight in game two on Saturday.

The freshman has given up at least six runs in each of her last two games.

The Bulls scored two in the second and then added four more in the bottom of the fourth against Bargar.

USF clean-up hitter Tiffany Stewart hit a bases-clearing double and scored on third baseman Krista Holle's single to left two pitches later.

Despite out-hitting the Bulls 11-9, Notre Dame was unable to punch any runs across until the sixth inning. Brown stayed hot, going 4-for-4, and Meagan Ruthrauff added two hits and a walk.

The team had runners on base every inning expect for the second but could not find away to drive them in.

"We got a lot of strikeouts and pop-ups with runners on base," Ganeff said. "That's not normal for us."

Bulls pitcher Christi Ecks struck out eight Irish batters in the game — nearly four times Notre Dame's average for the season.

The loss was Notre Dame's second in the conference, matching South Florida's total.

The Irish cling to the Big East lead because they have played two more games than the Bulls. But the team will be challenged once again this afternoon as they take on No. 18 Louisville, currently third in the Big East.

The two games that were scheduled for Sunday afternoon were postponed a day due to the weather in Kentucky.

With only five games left on the schedule, the games — starting at 1 p.m. — are crucial in determining how the top three seeds will shake out for the conference tournament at the Belleville Softball Complex in South Bend beginning May 11.

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season. This year, the two are making up for lost time.

"[Brian] getting hurt threw our chemistry off a little bit at the beginning of the season," Walsh said. "As the season has gone on, our chemistry has gotten better each week. He's a great shooter, and I'm more of a passer. We read each other well."

The two seniors' play was the catalyst for Notre Dame's victory, which improves the team's record to 2-2 in the Greater Western Lacrosse League and 9-4 overall.

The match-up was also the 25th time that Notre Dame and Ohio State have met. With the win, the Irish gained the series advantage by the slim margin of 13-12.

Notre Dame also extracted a measure of revenge on the Buckeyes, who crushed Notre Dame's dreams of an NCAA berth in 2003 and 2004 with late-season victories both years.

This time, it was the Irish who broke Ohio State's hearts, as Notre Dame ended the Buckeyes' chance to win a share of the GWLL championship.

"We used the rivalry to play extra hard and defend our home field," Walsh said. "Every win is a good feeling, but it's always nice to beat a rival like Ohio State."

Notre Dame used the extra emotion of the game to jump out to an early lead. After Ohio State's Craig Nolan tied the game at one with 4:28 left in the first period, Notre Dame rattled off four consecutive goals to take a 5-1 lead. Hubschmann scored two of the four, with Walsh assisting on the second. Matt Ryan and Matt Karweck also found the net for the Irish.

"[Getting off to a good start] has been a struggle for us so far this season," Corrigan said. "It was important because it allowed us to dictate the flow of the game. We didn't have to force it in the offensive end which prevented them from using their athletic guys in transition."

After Notre Dame's strong start, goals by Ohio State's Jason Lutz and Kevin Buchanan cut the score to 5-3 at halftime.

The third period saw a flurry of scoring, as the two teams combined to score seven goals. Like the first half, the Irish were the stronger team to start, as sophomore Michael Podgajny, Walsh and Hubschmann each scored to extend the lead to 8-3.

Ohio State cut into the lead again, as goals by Lutz and Jason Bloom brought the score to 8-5 with 6:46 left in the third period.

Walsh scored again to extend the Irish lead back to four, but a goal by Ohio State's Josh Wittenberg made the score 9-6 at the end of third period.

The fourth period saw the Buckeyes cut the lead to two at 9-7, but Ohio State could never get closer than two goals, and the Irish held on to win by the score of 10-8.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish squeak past Orange in thriller

Murphy scores game winner at last second; Foote adds five in win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

As time expired at Moose Krause Stadium Saturday, junior Notre Dame attack Meghan Murphy received a pass from sophomore Heather Ferguson off of a free possession and shot a frozen rope into the upper left corner of the goal to push the No. 7 Irish past No. 13 Syracuse in an 11-10 win.

Notre Dame (11-3, 3-1 Big East) lost the ball by the Syracuse (9-5, 2-2) goal with 30 seconds remaining, but then stole it back 15 seconds later. A foul with 2.3 seconds to play set up Ferguson's free possession, and her quick pass gave Murphy the chance to win the game.

"It was really lucky that I made the goal, because Syracuse has a really good goalie," Murphy said. "I wasn't thinking much when I shot it, but the shot worked itself out and went in."

Ferguson had been dangerous all game on free possession chances, scoring on her three previous attempts. Murphy also stepped up off the bench for Notre Dame, scoring the go-ahead goal and playing the role of hero for the afternoon.

"I said to them in the pre-game that you never know when your time will come," Coyne said. "Meghan and Heather proved that it was their time."

"I said to them in the pre-game that you never know when your time will come"

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

The scored the first four goals within the opening eight minutes, including free position goals by Ferguson and sophomore Caitlin McKinney. But by halftime the Orange had cut the lead to 6-5 and played Notre Dame tough the rest of the way.

Syracuse managed to tie the game three times and twice took the lead in the second half, but the Irish hung tough and pulled out the win.

"[We] seemed to be doubting themselves in the second half," Coyne said. "But we dug in and found a way to win."

Senior Crysti Foote, the all-time Notre Dame scoring leader and finalist for the Tewaarton trophy, again showcased her talents, as she helped keep the Irish close by adding five goals to the Notre Dame effort.

Foote also added yet another Irish record to her credit as her three draw controls in the game – giving her 41 on the season – moved her past Alissa Moser for the highest single-season mark in Irish history.

Foote recognized that her individual accomplishments were only a portion of a larger team effort.

"Being the captain, I know I have to do what it takes to help the team win," Foote said. "But this is a team sport, and everyone has to contribute or else we won't succeed."

Notre Dame finishes off its season at Moose Krause field May 7 against Vanderbilt.

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WOMEN'S CREW

Notre Dame wins Big East title

No. 12 Irish beat out nine conference teams for third championship

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame lived up to all the expectations, as the Irish scored 122 points and won their third consecutive Big East Championship on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass Sunday.

No. 12 Notre Dame easily outscored the nine other Big East Teams competing at Sunday's meet.

Louisville finished second with 103 points, followed by Syracuse with 76.

With the win, Irish coach Martin Stone captured another conference championship — and also the Big East coaching staff of the year award.

The win puts Notre Dame in the NCAA South/Central regional, which will take place in two weeks in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

"This is a very hungry group that just wants to be successful," Stone said. "I think it is on the forefront of the minds of our team, and that really is what our team is aiming for this season."

The Irish first won the varsity four grand finale with a time of 7:33.0, besting Louisville, who finished second at 7:40.1.

The Irish boat was manned by coxswain Sarah Keithley, Shannon Cassel, Kristan Madison, Casey Fairbanks and Mary McNamara.

"A team bid obviously would be the next step for this program."

Martin Stone
Irish coach

Notre Dame's second varsity four team of coxswain Kelsey Otero, Danielle Leary, Erica Castro-Larsen, Alyssa Teves and Kaitlin Jackson also won their grand final with a time of 7:46.92. Connecticut finished second in the second varsity four with a time of 7:58.96, and Rutgers was third, finishing in 7:59.28.

Manned by coxswain Maria Romano, the Irish varsity eight of Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meghan Boyle and Sarah Palandech won their grand final with a time of 6:28.32.

Louisville finished second at 6:34.83, and Syracuse was third with a time of 6:41.55.

Not to be outdone, the Irish second varsity eight captured the title in its race with a mark of 6:39.62, again finishing just ahead of Louisville (6:46.74).

The boat was crewed by coxswain Eileen Froehlke, Ankica Jedry, Jessica Guzik, Alyssa Close, Danielle Stealy, Andrea Doud, Kendra Short, Sarah Kate Hafner and Pamela Jefson.

With the Big East trophy already on the shelf, Notre Dame will now look to secure a bid in the NCAA championship on May 26 in Windsor, New Jersey.

But first it will need a strong performance at the South/Central regional race.

"A team bid obviously would be the next step for this program," Stone said.

"Our team is very unselfish, and we have a number of people on this team who want to do whatever they can to help us get that bid."

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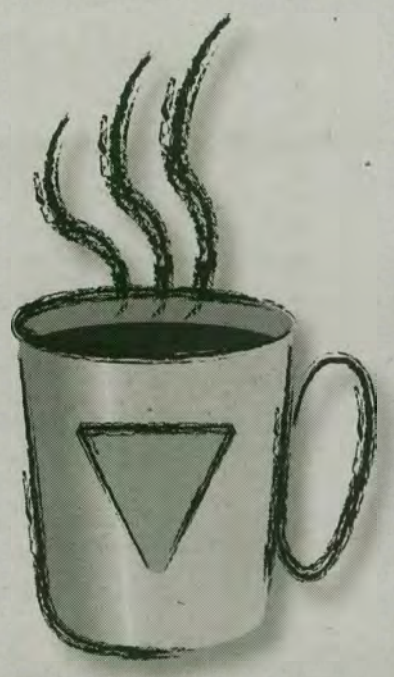

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Left, Carl Anderson of the Saltines looks to pass around Chinedum Ndukwe of U Got A Bad Draw. Center, Saltines fans Charlotte Low, left, Christopher Liedl, center, and Mark Vermeersch brave the rain to cheer on their team. Right, Chris Devitt of U Got A Bad Draw looks to drive past Dan Ott of the Saltines.

Travel

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Bodensteiner credited center Angie Potthoff and guard Sarah Leibshcer — who combined for 13 points — with the win.

Potthoff, the former Big Ten scoring champion at Penn State and WNBA forward with the Minnesota Lynx, gave Anthony Travel an inside force the Powerhouse could not counter. She dominated the offensive and defensive glass, denying Powerhouse shots in the key. Her game-high 11 points propelled her to her first tournament championship since she guided the Columbus Quest to the title of the now-defunct American Basketball League in 1998.

Unlike student-led Powerhouse, all of Anthony Travel's team members are University employees, with jobs ranging from assistant tennis coach to assistant basketball coach (Potthoff) to Ticket Office workers who guarantee those coaches' crowds.

But more important to the team than professional experience, Bodensteiner said, was Anthony Travel's basketball know-how, as all of its members have at one time played on the college hardwood.

"When it comes down to it, we have five players who've been coached at the collegiate level and that gives us an advantage," Bodensteiner said.

While Potthoff was the team's hardcourt star, Bodensteiner was the true Bookstore veteran for Anthony Travel. Sunday marks the third consecutive year Bodensteiner has taken home the title.

But the victory was not without an early scare.

After a 3-3 tie, Powerhouse went on a 4-0 run to take its biggest lead of the game thanks to the hot shooting of junior Lauren Hesano, who had a team-high four first-half points. Anthony Travel finally inched back to tie it at 10-10 before Bodensteiner put in one of her three points to take the lead at halftime.

With the rain and winds swirling down on the players, Powerhouse had trouble finding the basket in the second half as it relied on their outside shooting. Meanwhile, Anthony Travel kept feeding Potthoff and stretched its lead to the biggest of the game at 16-11 and then 19-14.

Powerhouse stayed in the game using its youthful exuberance to chase down loose balls — to the pavement if necessary. The swarming defense of Hesano and point guard Annie Parret forced turnovers to keep them in the game. Parret, who Hesano described as "a baller," carried the team in the second half with four points.

"That was probably the best team we've played against in five years in terms of the team's intensity," Bodensteiner said.

Powerhouse center Tess Murray fought hard for position underneath the basket on offense and defense, but did not see many second-half touches.

"She was hurt [earlier in the tournament], but she played really well down low," Hesano said.

Hesano managed to draw a couple of fouls on drives to the lane, but in the end, Powerhouse was not able to create enough shots in the paint against a bigger frontcourt, and the constant rain made it increasingly harder to handle the ball and bury jumpers.

"Everybody's shots were short," Hesano said. "But there's nothing we could do about it. It was fun though — that was most important."

Powerhouse's loud and loyal fans — who, judging by auditory allegiance, comprised all but two in attendance — rewarded their efforts by forming a Bookstore-staple, the tunnel of hands, while they cheered their appreciation for the players who ran through.

Meanwhile, as Anthony Travel's two loyal supporters looked on, the team was rewarded with what they entered the tournament for — the championship.

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Draw

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Draw gained control of the ball thanks to a controversial over-and-back call, a decision that lead to the Ndukwe basket. Ndukwe was fouled in the lane and, despite missing the majority of his foul shots during the contest, made the one shot that counted the most for his team.

"Chinedum carried us at the end of the game," Bad Draw captain Eric Laumann said. "He was heckled pretty badly throughout the game, but he's a Division-One athlete, and he was able to play well in spite of it."

Ndukwe took control of the game for his team in the extra time, scoring most of his teams baskets after the teams had reached the 21-point mark — a performance that helped win him the Bookstore MVP award.

"It could have gone to anyone else on the team," Ndukwe said. "Laumann, [Dan] Schultz, [Chris] Devitt, or [David] Fitzgerald. We played a great team game and throughout the whole tournament it was a full team effort."

Although Ndukwe's 10 points and nine rebounds were best on his team, the real star of the championship game was this year's Mr. Bookstore — freshman Carl Andersen, who became a quick crowd favorite with his tough defense and long-range shooting.

Andersen scored 13 points and netted five rebounds as the Saltines' point guard, and he single-handedly brought his team to overtime by scoring four straight baskets in the game after Bad Draw took a 19-16 lead.

"It feels great to be honored with the Mr. Bookstore award," Andersen said. "But if we've shown anything this year it's that team basketball prevails — the way I see it, the Saltines all won Mr. Bookstore."

Going into the game, Bad Draw felt confident about its chances and its ability to use size and experience to win the game, despite not having Irish quarterback Quinn in the lineup. Ndukwe quipped that Quinn was in Los Angeles for a movie reading.

But the young Saltines — consisting of four sophomores and a freshman — came ready to play and were able to outrebound Bad Draw for much of the game. Despite the effort, the Saltines kept the game out of their own reach in the first half with poor second-chance shooting in the paint.

As the Saltines crept closer in the second half, it looked as though the top-ranked team might falter, but Bad Draw members held strong and were able to finish their Bookstore careers on a high note.

"It's good to finish the right way with a W," Ndukwe said.

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Huskies

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was intentionally walked to secure the inning-ending double play ball.

The left-handed-hitting Brezovsky belted the first pitch from reliever Ted Garry (3-2), who was credited with the loss. Freshman reliever Kyle Weiland picked up his 12th save of the year and closed out the Irish come-from-behind victory with two-thirds of an inning of scoreless work in the bottom of the ninth.

"Even though we were down three runs early, I think the guys on our team just really believe in themselves in their ability to come from behind," Mainieri said.

Irish starter Jeff Samardzija threw seven and two-thirds innings, allowing five earned runs on nine hits and three walks. The junior right-hander struck out three Huskies batters and threw 70 strikes in his 111 pitches.

The Huskies took the early lead with three runs on four hits and an error in the second inning off Samardzija. Notre Dame responded with two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings.

Dressman scored Lilley on a double in the fourth and then scored on a Connecticut error. In the fifth, Lilley knocked an RBI single to right field, and Barnes scored the fourth Irish run with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Connecticut took a 5-4 lead with two runs in the bottom of the fifth, and the two teams traded a run each to leave the game at 6-5 entering the ninth.

Notre Dame 7, Connecticut 3

Junior right-hander Jeff Manship (6-1) mowed down eight Huskies batters in his seven innings of work to get the win and take the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Manship allowed three earned runs on six hits and a walk, while throwing 60 of his 101 pitches for strikes. In 10 starts this year the righty has fanned eight or more batters seven times.

Cooper went 5-for-5 on the game with an RBI and three runs off the Huskies. Connecticut starter Rich Sirois (4-2) entered the nightcap with the fifth-best ERA (2.79) in the Big East.

The Huskies took a 2-1 lead after the first, the Irish run coming off a Barnes double. The Irish then tied the game with one run in the third inning on a Dressman single to right field.

The Irish bats broke the deadlock with a run in the sixth before opening up the game with three men plated in the seventh to take the 6-2 lead. Left fielder Matt Bransfield, Barnes and Brezovsky each drove in a run in the seventh inning.

The Huskies picked up one run in the home half of the seventh, before Notre Dame capped off the scoring with a run in the eighth on a Cooper RBI single up the middle.

Irish relievers Jess Stewart and Mike Dury came in for Manship, throwing an inning each — Dury earned the save, his first on the year.

"Jess Stewart and Mike Dury and Kyle Weiland were just absolutely phenomenal this weekend," Mainieri said.

Notre Dame 1, Connecticut 1 (13 innings)

Sophomore Wade Korpi made his first conference start for Notre Dame and held the Huskies to a draw in seven innings of work Sunday as the game was called after the 13th inning due to a pre-set stoppage time enforced by the Big East.

"Even though it's a tie, which is not what we're looking for — there's never such thing as a good tie — we held them off," Mainieri said. "We took the field four straight innings knowing that if the other team scores, the game is over, we're off the field."

Korpi allowed one run on six hits and two walks, while striking out five batters. The sophomore lowered his season ERA from 1.56 to 1.53 after the contest and was pitching in place of injured senior Tom Thornton.

Huskies starter Nick Tucci worked seven and two-thirds innings, allowing no earned runs on five hits and three walks.

The lone Irish run came on a Barnes groundball to shortstop Dennis Donovan that was misplayed with the bases loaded in the fifth inning. Cody Rizzo and Cooper reached base after getting hit by a pitch on consecutive at-bats. Lilley then loaded the bases on an infield single with Barnes due at the plate.

Connecticut answered in the bottom of the fifth and scored on a play at the plate. With men on first and second, the Huskies' Austin Wasserman lined a single up the middle to Rizzo. Rizzo threw home but catcher Sean Gaston's tag was late and the score was tied up at 1-1.

Mainieri said Notre Dame thought it had recorded the third out twice before the score.

Connecticut received a controversial hit-by-pitch call to extend the inning, and the play at the plate was a bang-bang play.

Relievers Dury and Weiland spelled Korpi, Dury threw a scoreless eighth and Weiland pitched five innings – his longest season outing.

"For your pitcher to go out there and compete for your team like that — as a freshman, no less — is unbelievable," Mainieri said.

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Draft

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"I was just really excited after sitting around all afternoon ... to be talking to [Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones and Coach Parcells," Fasano said."I was just sitting there absolutely knowing nothing up until I got that phone call. I knew there were a couple teams that were really interested in me and could pick me, but I didn't know."

Fasano was one of two Notre Dame players selected on the first day.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected former Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall with the 90th pick in the draft.

Fasano said he spoke with Stovall after the Cowboys made their pick but before Tampa Bay selected the wide receiver. Stovall will compete with returning Buccaneers Michael Clayton, Joey Galloway, Ike Hilliard, and B.J. Johnson for playing time at wide receiver.

On day two, the New England Patriots drafted former Irish guard Dan Stevenson with the 205th overall selection. Fasano said he exchanged text messages with Stevenson after the Patriots selected the guard.

"I was just really excited after sitting around all afternoon ... to be talking to [Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones and coach [Bill] Parcells."

Anthony Fasano
former Irish tight end

Fasano was the fourth tight end selected, behind Maryland's Vernon Davis, Marcedes Lewis of UCLA and Joe Klopfenstein from Colorado. Davis went sixth overall to San Francisco, and Jackson-ville selected Lewis with the 28th pick of the Draft. Saint Louis took Klopfenstein with the 14th pick of round 2 (46th overall).

Bavaro, the man to which Weis compared Fasano, played for Notre Dame from 1982-84. He was an All-American his senior season.

"I'm honored that he said my name in the same sentence as Bavaro," Fasano said.

Parcells coached Bavaro from 1985-90, winning two Super Bowls with the New York Giants before resigning due to health issues.

A Giants fan from New Jersey, Fasano said he admires Parcells, even if they will now team up against his favorite childhood team.

"Growing up a Giants fan, watching him coach when I was a little kid, makes [the selection] a little more special for me," Fasano said.

Fasano will have to do his best to earn significant playing time, as the Cowboys return Pro Bowl tight end Jason Whitten to the lineup for the 2006 campaign. Dallas also added former Seahawk Ryan Hannam at the position. Fasano said he expects Dallas to run a two-tight end formation often next year.

"I look forward to working with [Whitten and Hannam]," he said. "And just whatever the team needs, I'll be there for them."

Fasano joins former Irish running back Julius Jones in Dallas. Jones rushed for 993 yards in 13 games last season after bursting onto the scene as a rookie with 819 yards in just eight games.

"It's going to be great," Fasano said. "Notre Dame has a ton of people in the league. Julius and I got along real well when he was at Notre Dame."

Fasano will report to minicamp in Dallas Thursday before returning to Notre Dame for graduation exercises.

Six Notre Dame players signed contracts with NFL teams as undrafted free agents Sunday. Linebacker Corey Mays and wide receiver Matt Shelton both signed with the Patriots, while punter and place kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick signed with the New York Jets.

Linebacker Brandon Hoyte went to the Colts, running back Rashon Powers-Neal signed with the Denver Broncos and offensive tackle Mark LeVoir signed with the Chicago Bears.

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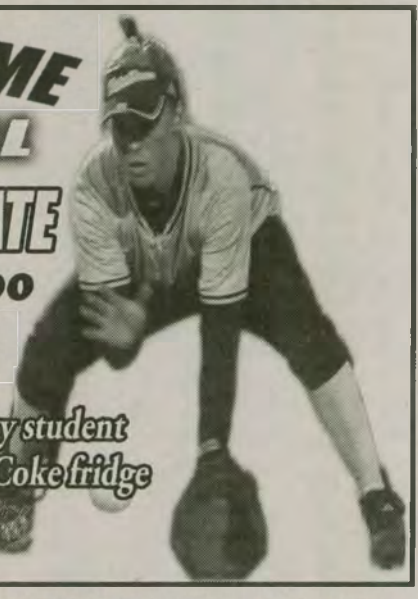

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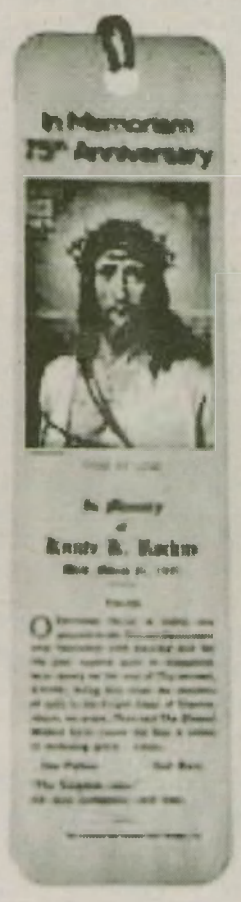

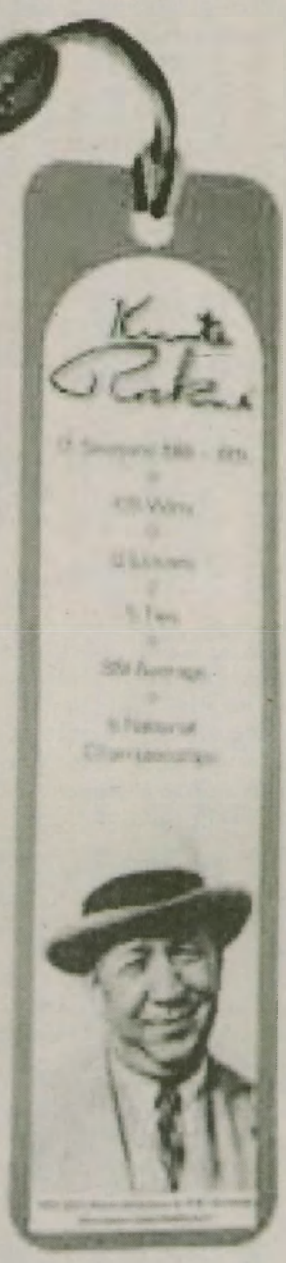

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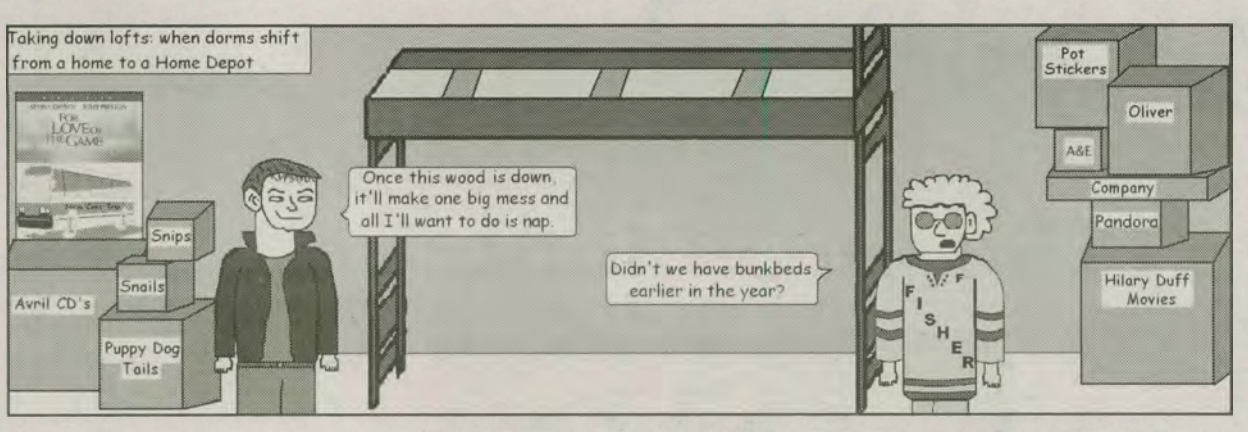

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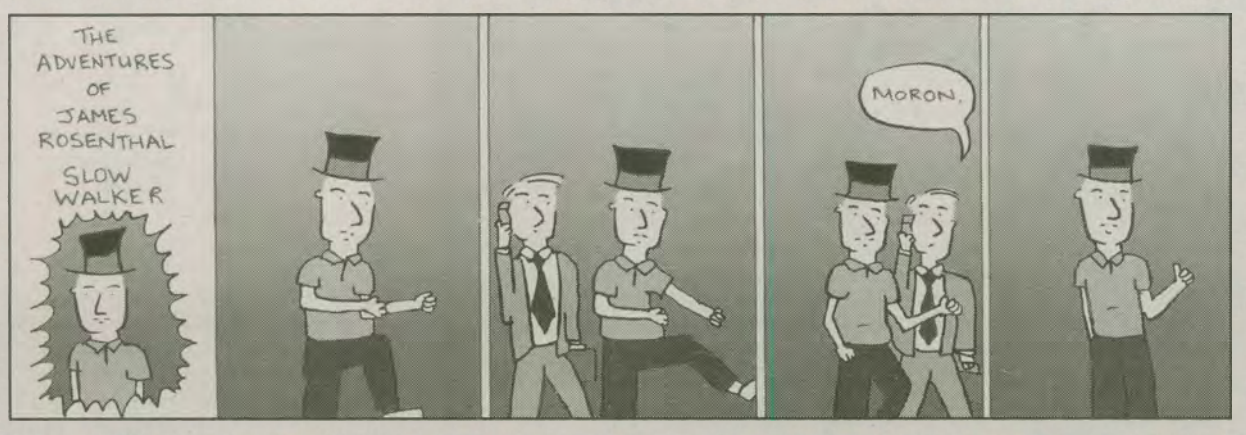

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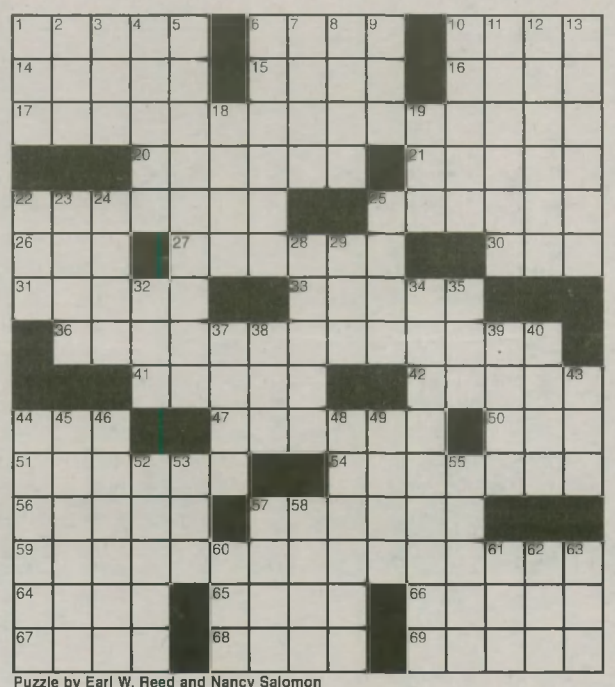

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Justin Timberlake, 25; Minnie Driver, 36; Portia de Rossi, 33; Nolan Ryan, 59

Happy Birthday: If you are practical in the way you approach things this year, you will find an angle that works. Keep in mind that you don't get anything for nothing. Hard work, ingenuity and putting yourself on the line will work as long as you don't overindulge in any way this year. Your numbers are 10, 14, 27, 33, 41, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can reach your goals if you are careful in how you present things. You will have stamina and will know what will interest the people you are dealing with. You can make financial gains if you are smart. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change can be good and, in this case, you have to trust in your own judgment. The decisions you make to put the past behind you are right-on. Partnerships on all different levels can be gratifying. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The good will outweigh the bad if you don't let your emotions get in the way. A chance to do something that can turn into a new position or advancement must not be looked at lightly. Don't let a scheme that is not viable ruin your practical plans. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It may be hard to part with things but if you really aren't using them anymore, give to those in need. You will be praised for your kindness. Someone from your past will show interest. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a close look at partnerships or any agreement -- be careful to read the fine print. Someone is likely to be dishonest with you. Don't get angry -- outmaneuver whoever is trying to take advantage. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Personal and professional relationships appear to be changing so adjust your position in both cases. Someone you work with will cause problems for you. Don't overreact -- remain calm and you will stay in control. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something that will perk you up or make you feel more confident about yourself. An idea you have for a project will take flight. Don't count on everyone being enthusiastic -- especially loved ones. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use your charisma and finesse to get what you want in your personal life. But when it comes to an important business arrangement, you may have to bend more than you think. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by a big talker. Today you will be vulnerable to other people's agendas. Deception in business can be expected so protect your interests by refraining from making a commitment.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can get a feel for what the competition is up to by listening to what everyone else is saying. A change in your professional direction will do you good. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talk may be cheap but today it will have an impact on you emotionally. Be careful not to retaliate or to say things you'll regret later. Keep your guard up but don't take action just yet. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your need to interact with others can be satisfied if you volunteer to help a cause you believe in. Money can be made if you are smart with your investments. Approach someone who owes you money -- it's time to collect. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and willing to go beyond the call of duty. You are curious, inventive and easily upset if someone doesn't get what you are trying to do. You are a little ahead of your time.

Eugenia's Web sites: astroadvice.com for fun, eugenialast.com for confidential consultations

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Pride of the pavement

Bodensteiner wins third straight title as Anthony Travel beats Powerhouse

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Anthony Travel used its years of professional experience to send five more customers packing Sunday as the top seed defeated No. 3 Powerhouse 21-17 to capture the Women's Bookstore Basketball Championship.

Despite being cold for most of the day, Maja Hansen rose to the challenge at the end of the game to sink her first point — and Anthony Travel's final shot — to cap a second half in which the favorites were able to use their superior size and experience against Powerhouse.

Anthony Travel captain Jill

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Above, Carl Andersen knocks the ball away from Chris Devitt. At left, Dan Ott shoots over Chinedum Ndukwe.

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PHOTOS BY ALLISON AMBROSE

U Got a Bad Draw wins second crown against Saltines in pouring rain

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Chinedum Ndukwe nailed a free throw at the rain-soaked Bookstore courts Sunday to secure top-seed U Got a Bad Draw's 26-24 victory over No. 10 Saltines and the 2006 Bookstore Championship Sunday.

The game marked the final contest for at least some of the two-time champions, as Ndukwe announced after the game he and fellow Bad Draw member Brady Quinn are retiring from Bookstore Basketball and will not return to play next season.

With a 1-point lead, No. 1 Bad

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BASEBALL

Irish take two, tie third game of crucial series at UConn

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went a long way in securing its grip on first place in the Big East with a near-sweep of Connecticut in a three-game series this weekend in Storrs, Conn. that reduces the team's magic number for the conference championship to five.

"You can't help but think of that," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "We play for championships, and we're closing in on winning a regular-season championship."

After taking both ends of a doubleheader Saturday, 7-6, 7-3, the Irish fought to a 1-1 draw Sunday with the second-place Huskies.

Notre Dame (35-9-1, 16-1-1 Big East) clinched a spot in the eight-team Big East tournament after the weekend series and now has a three-game lead over Connecticut (28-15-1, 13-4-1 Big East).

The tie ended Notre Dame's 16-game winning streak in Big East play, two shy of the record of 18 straight wins set by the 2001 Irish edition.

Notre Dame 7, Connecticut 6

Second baseman Ross Brezovsky's RBI single to left field with the bases loaded completed a ninth-inning Irish comeback in the opening game of Saturday's doubleheader.

"They performed in the clutch," Mainieri said. "It was one of the most exciting games I have been a part of at Notre Dame."

The Irish entered the last frame trailing the Huskies 6-5, but the top of the order came to the plate in first baseman Craig Cooper. Cooper led off with a walk and third baseman Brett Lilley advanced Cooper into scoring position with a single to left field.

Right fielder Danny Dressman tied the game at 6-6 with a double to left-center field, and the bases were juiced for Brezovsky when Jeremy Barnes

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NFL DRAFT

Parcells, Dallas take Fasano

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Former Irish tight end Anthony Fasano runs upfield in Notre Dame's 41-21 win over Tennessee Nov. 5.

Stovall, Stevenson also drafted; six Irish players sign contracts

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Charlie Weis called Anthony Fasano the best tight end he's coached since Mark Bavaro.

Thanks to this weekend's NFL Draft, Fasano will get the chance to earn that compliment under Bavaro's former coach and Weis' former mentor.

Bill Parcells and the Dallas Cowboys selected Notre Dame's

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Hubschmann leads in victory over OSU

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

It was a two-man show on Saturday as senior attack Brian Hubschmann and Pat Walsh led Notre Dame to a 10-8 victory over rival Ohio State in front of a crowd of 1,563 fans at Moose Krause Stadium.

Hubschmann tallied three goals and three assists to tie a career-high with six points while Walsh had two assists to go along with his three goals. With their strong performances on Saturday, Hubschmann (25 goals, 16 assists) and Walsh (20 goals, 21 assists) both increased their team-leading point totals to 41.

"I'm shaking my head because [Hubschmann and Walsh] are playing so well right now," Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They've really started to come into their own the second half of the season. They were our key to success [on Saturday]."

Hubschmann and Walsh were slated to start alongside each other in the 2005 season before Hubschmann tore his ACL, forcing him to miss his entire junior season. This year, the two are

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S LAX

Notre Dame 11
Syracuse 10

Junior Meghan Murphy scored the game winning goal for the Irish as time expired.

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WOMEN'S CREW

Notre Dame won the Big East Championship at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass.

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ND SOFTBALL

The Irish won 7-4 and lost 7-3 in a two-game series against South Florida in Tampa.

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SMC TENNIS

The Belles finished fifth at the MIAA Tournament in Holland, Mich.

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SMC SOFTBALL

The Belles swept Kalamazoo in a two-game series in their final regular season contests.

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TRACK

Seven more Notre Dame athletes will compete at the Big East Championships next weekend.

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