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Kite Realty submits Eddy proposal

Residential, commercial development scheduled to begin southeast of campus this fall

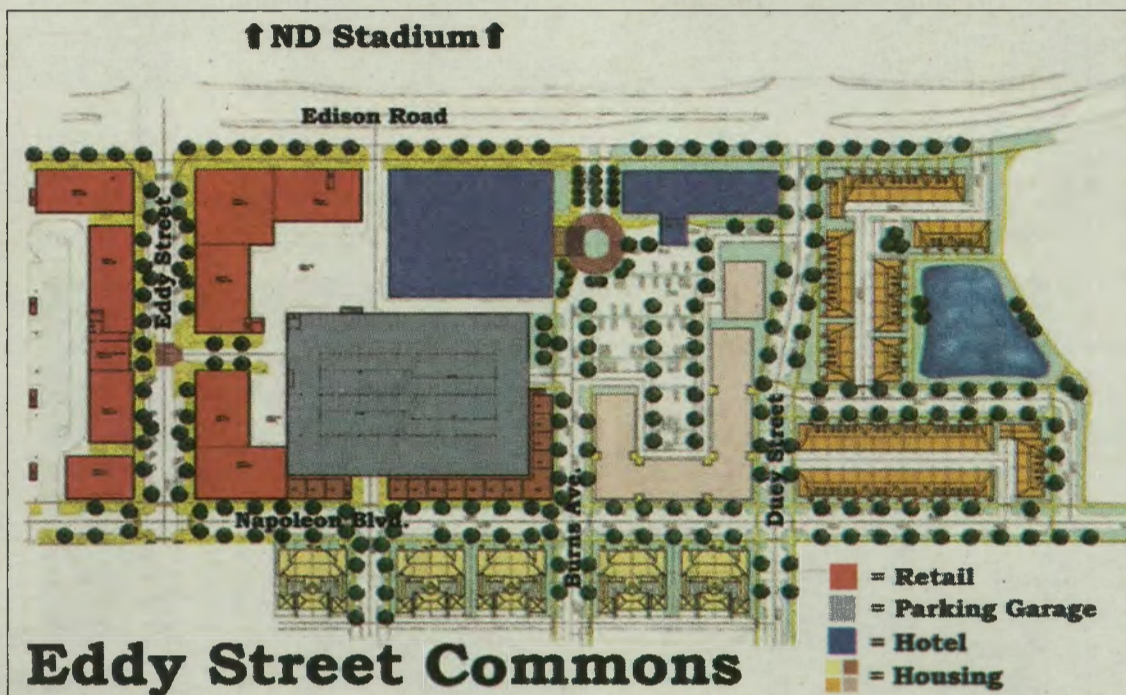
By CHRIS KHOREY
News Writer

Ann Arbor has State Street. East Lansing has Grand River Avenue. Columbus has High Street. And soon, South Bend will have Eddy Street — or so city and University officials hope.

Kite Realty Group, a development company contracted by Notre Dame to redevelop the Eddy Street corridor south of campus, submitted its proposal for "Eddy Commons" to the city of South Bend for zoning approval Monday and hopes to start construction on the first phase this fall.

That first phase, which would include 80,000 square feet of retail along Eddy Street, as well

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Eddy Street Commons

Graphic courtesy of Kite Realty

JEFF ALBERT/Observer

Committee to continue next year

Jenkins: Group to focus on gender relations

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The ad hoc committee created by University President Father John Jenkins last April to discuss gender relations, roles and ways to prevent violence toward women will continue its work next year, Jenkins wrote in an e-mail to the student body last week.

The committee encouraged the presentation of three events this year — the student play "Loyal Daughters," an Edith Stein Project conference and a "Sex and the City of God" panel discussion.

Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, who sits on the committee, said in an e-mail that the chance to increase discussion of gender issues, gender relations and roles and ways to prevent violence against women was "an accomplishment." But, she said, that work is not yet done.

"We must continue to inform the community about these matters and in particular, support survivors of sexual assault," Shavers said.

Following last spring's discussion about academic freedom, Jenkins formed this committee — which he chaired — with faculty members, administrators and students to continue discussion about issues affecting women, both at Notre Dame and in the world.

In his e-mail, Jenkins said he

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Hesburgh prepares for 90th birthday

University plans celebratory activities as former president continues to serve quietly



Father Theodore Hesburgh, left, speaks at the inauguration of University President Father John Jenkins in September 2005.

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Father Theodore Hesburgh doesn't have a complicated daily routine — just a phrase.

"La présence."

Translated "the presence," these two words — used often by a former archbishop of Paris — serve daily as a guideline for the former University president's life, encouraging him to continue to be present as a priest and servant as he approaches his 90th birthday May 25.

As the date draws nearer and the University community pre-

pares to celebrate the life and work of its most influential president since founder Father Edward Sorin, Hesburgh said he feels blessed to be alive and will continue to do what he can to serve Notre Dame and the world.

"I keep remembering a famous cardinal ... who was archbishop of Paris, and he used to speak about "la présence" — just being there, that's what life is about," Hesburgh said in his office on the 13th floor of the library named after him. "And [former Dean of Arts and Letters Father] Charlie Sheedy put it

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White steers ND in \$100 million project

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a four-part series looking at Notre Dame's athletic department under the direction of Kevin White as he enters his eighth year at the school.

Athletic Director Kevin White's \$100 million "master plan" reached another modest, but important milestone April 28 with the groundbreaking of Melissa Cook Stadium, a new softball facility set to rise near Frank Eck Stadium on the southeast corner of campus.

While it's just one project, the

softball stadium is part of a much larger plan that White orchestrated to upgrade the University's athletic facilities — an ambitious undertaking without parallel in scope or size in Notre Dame history.

The University has raised approximately 68 percent of its goal for the master plan, which White initiated in his early days at Notre Dame. The planning has come to fruition, at least in part, with the slew of construction projects recently completed and underway across campus.

Improvements outlined in the master plan include:

◆ the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, completed in 2005

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Suspected protest prompts action

Student Activities forces Peace Fellowship, CLAP to modify event

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The Student Activities Office ordered the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship and Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) to alter their planned demonstration at Fieldhouse Mall Tuesday, "accusing the groups of misleading in conversations leading up to the event, but activists pushed on with the event at a scaled-back level.

While organizers said they shared their agenda with the SAO as they planned the event—which they said was meant to commemorate the



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Ellen Gunn, a Notre Dame custodian, sings during a CLAP and Peace Fellowship event Tuesday at Fieldhouse Mall.

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INSIDE COLUMN

To Greg

My second year as a student here is coming to a close. That might not sound like much to you seniors, but I've come to refine certain feelings about this place that I'd like to share.

The first time I came to Notre Dame, I was a junior in high school. Being from Miami, Fla., I was not raised in a strong atmosphere of Notre Dame culture. No one in my family went to Notre Dame, and so I was unfamiliar with the campus.

As soon as I arrived, though, I felt something that most of you can relate to — there is something special about this place. Some ethereal presence is kindled in our hearts by the sight of the Dome blazing in the sun.

What I didn't realize at the time was that the "Spirit of Notre Dame" exists not just in the Basilica, the Grotto or the Stadium. It exists inside everyone who is associated with this place.

I found this spirit in one of the first people I met at Notre Dame — a South Dining Hall chef named Greg Easley.

I was dropped off at Notre Dame for the NDVI program, given some dining hall coupons and told I was only allowed to eat in South (despite living in Stanford).

So, being a hungry teenager, I left my stuff in my room and went to eat. I stood in the first line I found for the Oriental stir-fry. I thought it was the most amazing thing in the world — someone was going to cook my food right in front of me.

I was greeted by a man who didn't just ask me whether I wanted Szechwan or Sweet and Sour. He asked me my name, where I was from and why I had come to Notre Dame.

That man was Greg. From the first moment, we had a special connection. More than just saying "hello," "thanks" and "chicken" — we became friends.

As much as I enjoyed my time at Notre Dame that summer, the program was only a week long. I returned home so full of spirit that I knew that I had to return.

Luckily, I was accepted to Notre Dame a year later and when I went to South to get my freshly minted student ID during Frosh-O, I went in search of Greg as well.

I was glad to find him where I first had — and even happier that he remembered me — after the interval of two years.

Now, two years after that, I look forward to going to South as much as I can — the kindness Greg showed to me when I was 15 is repeated every day when I shake his hand, talk to him about his family and am treated with caring by someone who has no obligation to do so, other than the dictates of his soul.

I will study in Notre Dame's Cairo program all next year, and I wish my friends, advisors, Greg and The Observer's staff blessings and love. Go with God.

John-Paul Witt

News Production Editor

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the April 30 edition of The Observer tracing Athletic Director Kevin White's career said he withdrew his name from consideration for the athletic directorship opening at Virginia Tech in 1997. According to articles in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, however, White withdrew his name from consideration for the job at Georgia Tech that year. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR SUMMER?



Kat Sabloff
senior
Cavanaugh

"I'm moving cross country to Portland, Oregon."



Andy Crutchfield
senior
off campus

"Slaying dragons in Medieval Europe."



Aimee Sirois
junior
PW

"I'll be missing Katie."



Katie Linder
junior
Lyons

"I'm taking the MCAT and then engaging in debauchery."



Laura Conlon
junior
Farley

"Selling insurance."



Michael Masteller
sophomore
Morrissey

"I'll be working in a hospital."



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Sophomore Sarah Lyons shows her support for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker Tuesday. Lyons is a member of ND Peace Fellowship.

IN BRIEF

The last day of classes at Notre Dame is today.

"Sandlot" will be showing on South Quad tonight at 9 for the Class of 2010. Free pizza, popcorn and ice cream will be served. Event is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross freshmen.

Finance professor Sophie Shive will deliver the lecture titled "Good Dollars Chasing Bad Dollars: The Impact of Venture Capital Funding on Industry Stock Returns" Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

Penny Peng, the mother of the first woman from mainland China to graduate from Notre Dame, will lead a presentation and discussion of her book "On the Great Wall," Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. This event is free and open to the public.

Purdue University finance professor Laura Frieder will deliver the lecture titled "Separating Up from Down: New Evidence on the Idiosyncratic Volatility — Return Relation" Friday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Seton Hall Friday night at 6:05 at Frank Eck Stadium.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Town tells park visitors to BYOTP

WALKERSVILLE, Md. — Bring your own toilet paper if you're visiting a park in Walkersville. Last week, vandals set some paper on fire in a men's bathroom at the Walkersville Community Park.

On Monday, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins announced that all paper products have been removed from bathrooms at the town's four parks.

Hand dryers will replace paper towels and visitors will have to bring their own TP, Rollins said.

The measure is part of an effort to combat vandalism, graffiti and drug use in the parks, she said.

Teacher asks girl to wear mermaid outfit

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — A middle school teacher who asked a student to pose for a photograph in a mermaid costume has been reassigned to an adult education program.

Les Leonard, a music teacher with 17 years in the school system, agreed to the transfer from Johnson City's Indian Trail Middle School to a vacant position in adult educa-

tion that will include testing coordination and possibly some adult teaching.

"I thought it was in the best interests of the school system," Schools Director Richard Bales said.

According to a letter in Leonard's personnel file, a female student reported that Leonard asked her to stay after class to pose for a photograph with his guitar. Then he asked her to put on a mermaid costume for a second photograph. She declined.

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Potter site plans for VII

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Like millions of Harry Potter fans all over the world, Notre Dame sophomore Emerson Spartz, the founder of mugglenet.com, has mixed feelings about the July release of the latest and last installment in the series — “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.”

“On one hand, I don’t know whether to be excited about it because I really want to read it, but on the other hand, it is the end of an era almost, and there really won’t be much to look forward to after that,” Spartz said. “Part of me wishes it would take longer.”

For Spartz, the years that he and other Potter fans spend waiting for a new book between installments is part of the excitement of the series.

“The time between books — the anticipating and the speculating — is almost more special than just the actual reading of the book,” he said.

After the release of book six, Spartz co-authored Mugglenet.com’s “What Will Happen in Harry Potter 7.” The book — with 290,000 copies in print — is currently No. 3 on the New York Times Children’s Book Paperback Best Seller list, Spartz said.

Spartz said the “What Will Happen” authors have two main predictions for book seven.

“We’re pretty sure that neither Harry, Ron nor Hermione will die,” he said. “We think Snape is working for the Order of the Phoenix. Those are our two biggest predictions for the book.”

Trying to consider the book from author J.K. Rowling’s perspective, Spartz said he does not think she will have Harry, Ron or Hermione die. Since he believes Rowling got the idea to write a series about a boy with a difficult life, he doesn’t think she would let him die at the end of it.

Another reason Spartz is still optimistic about Harry, Ron and Hermione’s survival comes right from the author’s mouth. At a book signing in Chicago, the bookstore manager told Spartz that he had asked Rowling “if Harry, Ron, and Hermione will live through the end of the series, and she said yes,” Spartz said.

“She could have changed her mind since then, but she’s had it planned out from the beginning,” he said.

Spartz said he has not had access to book seven, since it is in the editing phase and “kept under lock and key.”

As the series approaches

its end, Spartz said his Mugglenet site — founded in the fall of 1999 — has been doing “better than ever.” He said the Web site gets more than 40 million hits a month from “literally every country on the planet.”

When Harry Potter books or movies are released, Spartz said the amount of visitors to mugglenet.com “spikes big time,” and he expects the same to happen this summer.

But even after the last book is released, Spartz predicted mugglenet.com will remain relevant for Potter fans.

While Spartz said that “there probably won’t be as much news going around” after the final book is released, there are still more Harry Potter movies left to be made. Also, he said new Potter fans will continue to be interested in the site.

“There’s always going to be new people getting exposed to the series for the first time,” Spartz said.

Spartz also said Rowling has written a lot of back story to the series that has not yet been published in any of the books. There “is always the possibility,” he said, that she publishes a collection of it.

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Kent State deaths recalled

Shootings survivor alleges Guardsmen were told to fire

Associated Press

KENT, Ohio — A static-filled recording of war protesters yelling, followed by a voice and gunfire, was released Tuesday by a survivor of the Kent State University shooting who claims the tape proves a military order was given to fire on demonstrators.

“The evidence speaks for itself,” said Alan Canfora, 58, one of nine students wounded during the National Guard shooting. Four students were killed in the 1970 shootings, which followed several days of protests over the Vietnam War.

Canfora played two versions of the tape — the original and an amplified version — in which he says a Guard officer issues the command, “Right here! Get Set! Point! Fire!”

To the casual listener, the word “point” can be heard followed by the sound of shots being fired. There is no indication on the tape of who said the word.

The tape, played to a group of reporters and students at a small university theater, was given to Yale University

for its Kent State archives in 1979 by an attorney who represented students in a lawsuit filed against the state over the shooting, Canfora said. He found out about the tape six months ago while researching the shooting.

Canfora said he will turn over copies of the tape to federal and state officials with an appeal to reopen the investigation over how the firing began.

“We’re hoping for new investigations and new truths,” he said. “We need truth, we need healing.”

After the shooting, the FBI investigated whether an order had been given to fire and said it could only speculate. One theory was that a Guardsman panicked or fired intentionally at a student and that others fired when they heard the shot.

After an initial investigation, the case was reopened in 1973 when a grand jury indicted eight Guardsmen. They were acquitted of federal civil rights charges the next year.

Larry Shafer, a Guardsman who said he

fired during the shootings and was among those charged, told the Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier newspaper Tuesday that he was unaware of the tape and that “point” would not have been part of a proper command.

“I never heard any command to fire. That’s all I can say on that,” said Shafer, a Ravenna city councilman and former fire chief. “That’s not to say there may not have been, but with all the racket and noise, I don’t know how anyone could have heard anything that day.”

The reel-to-reel audio recording was made by a student who placed a microphone at a windowsill of a dormitory overlooking the anti-war rally, Canfora said. The student turned the tape over to the FBI, which kept a copy.

Stan Pottinger, who helped prosecute the Guardsmen when he was an assistant attorney general with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department, said Tuesday from New York that he doubts anything was overlooked then.

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Hesburgh

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put it even better in English by saying, 'Life is mostly showing up.' And if you can show up everyday and do what you can, it may not be a big deal, but each day is another day, another opportunity and I'm grateful for that."

Celebrating the life of a leader

Notre Dame's longest serving president will be the focus of celebration this month as three initiatives are planned in honor of Hesburgh, a priest for more than six decades and a servant to "God, country, and Notre Dame," as his autobiography's title says.

Heather Tonk, director of community services for the Alumni Association, said the Association began planning for Hesburgh's birthday last fall in conjunction with the Department of Development.

"We were thinking about putting something together, as we knew that Father Hesburgh was going to be turning 90 in May," Tonk said.

The two groups organized a service campaign, a collection of birthday greetings and an opportunity to make a monetary gift in Hesburgh's name.

Tonk, responsible for coordinating the service campaign, said the goal was to get 90 groups — alumni clubs around world as well as offices and departments on campus — to commit to a service project during the month of May.

"Right now we have over 100," Tonk said.

After each group completes its service project, it is asked to submit a picture of their work and perhaps a card for Hesburgh, she said. The pictures and notes will be compiled into a book for Hesburgh, Tonk said.

All of the greetings collected — both those submitted online and in the mail — will be compiled and presented to Hesburgh.

Hesburgh said he is honored to have people commit to the service work, something he said brings a "promise of hope" for a troubled world.

And he is looking forward to all the greetings that he will receive, and is appreciative to those who would donate their time and money in honor of him.

"I have a principle I've had all my life — I acknowledge everything I get, but this time I'm going to have to print up something and send everybody the same message," Hesburgh said with a laugh. "I think they'll understand, but I always thought that if people take time and think of you and pray for you and say something nice, you've got to respond."

Perspectives at 90

While May's month of service brings him joy, Hesburgh said that the service students and Catholics provide to others daily inspires him constantly.

"To me, it's a great inspiration," he said, adding that "one of my happiest thoughts these days" is anticipating the new building that will house the Center for Social Concerns and the Institute of Church Life.

"To think that now I will be able to look out my window and see a beautiful gothic building that will not only symbolize [service], but serve the students who want to learn about the world's needs and learn about all the possibilities to do good, where ever they go in life, is wonderful," he said.

Service that students undertake "all over the world" is a

strong and distinctive quality of the Notre Dame family, Hesburgh said, a family that takes great care for all of humanity.

"I remember a great saying ... 'humani nil a me alienum puto' — 'nothing human is alien to me' — which means we embrace our humanity and the world we inhabit, and we hope that we leave it a little better than when we arrived," Hesburgh said.

As a priest, University president and public servant, Hesburgh has had a multitude of opportunities to serve others. Today, he said the greatest thing he does in service is prayer through offering daily Mass.

"It's the best thing you can do as a priest because it's for the whole world, and while I'm sitting here at Notre Dame, I'm thinking about the whole world out there," Hesburgh said. "It's a pretty messy world — you have to be grateful for the fact that there are over a billion Christians out there, trying to do something for the kingdom of the Lord. ... Insofar as they do, the world is better each day."

Dedication to bringing peace to our world like that, Hesburgh said, "is a very uplifting kind of thought about life."

If dedicated service is uplifting, Hesburgh has lifted up many through his numerous accomplishments. Two of his proudest include admitting females to the University and his work on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, helping to pass "the toughest, roughest law we could write about equal opportunity for all Americans."

Hesburgh also described a conversation he said he could have had with the Virgin Mary

had he not admitted women to Notre Dame.

"[Mary would have said,] 'You had a beautiful Catholic university, and you had me there on top, and I looked down, but all I could see was men, and I remember that half the universe is women. ... It just doesn't seem right that you have a university named after a woman but you have no women students, and very few women faculty,'" Hesburgh said. "Now we have great women students, women faculty, trustees and benefactors."

More recent gazes to Mary's statue on the dome lead Hesburgh to look toward the promise of eternal salvation.

"I look out there, and I figure I'm going to meet her someday soon — at least I hope [I meet her] — and I'm pretty sure I will," he said.

Until that time, he said, he is grateful for the time he has been given.

"It's a great thought that the Lord gives some people longer than others," Hesburgh said, "but that's just a great challenge to keep on going — or as Charlie Sheedy says, to show up each day — and to do what you can for the kingdom of God."

For now, that includes prayer and being a counselor to students and other visitors. Hesburgh said he speaks with individual students every day, hoping to give them snippets of personal advice that serves both the counseled and the counselor.

"It's kind of like a vitamin of my life, that these students constantly come, and we don't have a lot of time, and yet to be able to spend a few minutes with them," Hesburgh said.

Reflecting in those few minutes and throughout the day makes Hesburgh grateful "just to live in a place like this, to drink of the sense of service to humanity and the world," he said.

"I thank God that I have my life here at Notre Dame, with some of the most wonderful people on earth — dedicated faculty, an alumni body in every state in the union and [many] countries in the world, students here from

over a hundred countries, students from every state in the union, all of whom say it's the best four years of their life," Hesburgh said. "It's a great blessing to spend your life in this kind of place. I don't ask for anything else."

Ken Fowler contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran: U.S. poses true nuclear threat

VIENNA — Iran accused the United States and other world powers of being the true nuclear threats Tuesday at a meeting hamstrung by Tehran's opposition to language calling for full compliance with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Amid closed-door talks aimed at ending the impasse, France criticized Iran for defying a U.N. Security Council demand to freeze uranium enrichment, a potential pathway to nuclear arms, and urged Iran to "comply with its international obligations."

The conference, which began Monday and lasts two weeks, is intended to help prepare for a full review of the treaty in 2010.

Iran opposed wording in the meeting's agenda that mentions the "need for full compliance with the treaty." The agenda must be adopted by consensus before delegates can move on to more substantive issues.

Turkey halts parliamentary vote

ANKARA — Turkey's highest court halted a parliamentary vote Tuesday that looked certain to lead to a president rooted in political Islam, a victory for secularists who fear the country is moving toward Islamic rule that would undermine their Western way of life.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan responded by calling for a constitutional amendment to allow the president to be elected by popular vote, rather than by the parliament. And he said new parliamentary elections could be held as early as June 24, instead of in November as scheduled.

The goal would be to elect a government with a fresh mandate and resolve a crisis that has seen the stock market plummet and the pro-secular military threaten to intervene.

NATIONAL NEWS

Fewer protest in immigration rallies

LOS ANGELES — Immigration rallies held across the country Tuesday produced only a fraction of the million-plus protesters who turned out last year, as fear about raids and frustration that the marches haven't pushed Congress to pass reform kept many at home.

In Los Angeles, where several hundred thousand turned out last year, about 25,000 attended the first of two scheduled rallies, said police Capt. Andrew Smith, an incident commander. In Chicago, where more than 400,000 swarmed the streets a year earlier, police officials put initial estimates at about 150,000.

Organizers said those who did march felt a sense of urgency to keep immigration reform from getting pushed to the back burner by the 2008 presidential elections.

Border fence riles valley officials

McALLEN, Texas — A new map showing President Bush's planned border fence has riled Rio Grande Valley officials, who say the proposed barrier reneges on assurances that the river would remain accessible to farmers, wildlife and recreation.

City officials in the heavily populated valley had anticipated a "virtual" fence of surveillance cameras and border patrols. Instead, a Customs and Border Protection map depicts a structure running piecemeal along a 600-mile stretch of Texas from Presidio to Brownsville, a border region where daily life is binational.

LOCAL NEWS

Gonzales gives \$2.5 million

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Tuesday gave \$2.5 million each to Indianapolis and three other cities to help fight gangs but declined to discuss new details in the lingering controversy over fired prosecutors that could cost him his job.

The embattled attorney general's visit to Indianapolis was part of a multistate tour of federal officials who are meeting with local government leaders, law enforcement officers, educators and mental health professionals to discuss violence in the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings.

CUBA

Castro a no-show at Cuba's May Day

Questions raised about whether 80-year-old leader will recover, return to power

Associated Press

HAVANA — There was no sign of a convalescing Fidel Castro as hundreds of thousands of Cubans marched through Havana's Revolution Plaza to celebrate May Day, casting new doubts on his recovery and whether he will return to power.

Tuesday marked only the third time in nearly five decades that Castro has missed the sweeping International Workers' Day festivities — a major celebration here and around the world.

While recent images of Castro meeting with Chinese leaders indicated he had improved considerably since undergoing emergency surgery nine months ago, his absence at the parade through the Revolution Plaza raised questions about whether he is strong enough to run the country.

The 80-year-old leader has missed two other major events since announcing his illness on July 31 and temporarily ceding power to his 75-year-old brother Raul Castro, the defense minister. Raul presided at the Nonaligned Summit in September and a major military parade in December.

"It now seems more unlikely than before that he will fully resume the presidency," said Wayne Smith, the former head of the American mission in Havana. "And the more time that passes, the more unlikely it seems."

Smith said that with Castro failing to show Tuesday, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's assertions this week that Castro was back "in charge" appeared to be "a lot of hot air."

Others said he could still resume some responsibility.

"To me, the key question is to what degree is he coming back?" said Phil Peters, Cuba specialist for the Lexington Institute, a Washington-area think tank.



Thousands of Cubans march during May Day celebrations in Havana Tuesday. There was no sign of convalescing leader Fidel Castro during the festivities.

"Would his comeback be partial, ceremonial? Will he spend two hours in the office checking off on strategic decisions?"

Raul Castro, wearing his typical olive-green uniform and cap, stood stiffly and smiled under the shadow of a towering statue of Cuban independence leader Jose Marti. He occasionally waved as marchers clad in red T-shirts and dark slacks streamed past, clutching plastic Cuban flags, portraits of his more famous brother and banners denouncing U.S. "imperialism."

Although Cuban life is little changed under Raul's leadership, loyalists missed the energy Fidel brought to events such as May Day.

"Everyone wanted to see him, but it's good that he recovers completely. Now the revolution is continuing with Raul," said 68-year-old hotel worker Victor Reyes, who was among the marchers.

Special guests included a Cuba solidarity group from New York. The foreigners were impressed by the large turnout, which Havana's Radio Reloj estimated at 500,000. Smaller marches were held simultaneously in cities around the island.

"Even without (Fidel Castro), they came out en masse," said Joppe Van Meervelde, 29, a metal workers' unionist from Belgium.

Marchers protested the

recent decision to free on bond anti-communist militant Luis Posada Carriles, pending his trial on U.S. immigration charges. Havana accuses the Cuba-born Posada of orchestrating a 1976 airliner bombing that killed 73 people — a charge he denies.

Signs and banners demanded "Prison for the Executioner" and accused the U.S. government of a double standard on terrorism in the Posada case.

Marchers also demanded the release of five Cuban spies imprisoned in the U.S. for being unregistered foreign agents, calling them heroes who were merely protecting their country from violent exile groups.

Bush delivers promised Iraq bill veto

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush vetoed legislation to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq Tuesday night in a historic showdown with Congress over whether the unpopular and costly war should end or escalate.

In only the second veto of his presidency, Bush rejected legislation that would require the first U.S. combat troops to be withdrawn from Iraq by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later.

He vetoed the bill immediately upon his return to the White House from a visit to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., the headquarters of U.S. Central Command, which oversees military operations

in the Middle East, including Iraq. He was to comment on television at 6:10 p.m. EDT.

Democrats made a last-minute plea for Bush to sign the bill, knowing their request would be ignored. "The president has put our troops in the middle of a civil war," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. "Reality on the ground proves what we all know: A change of course is needed."

Lacking the votes to override the president, Democratic leaders quietly considered what might be included or kept out of their next version of the \$124 billion spending bill.

It was a day of high political drama, falling on the fourth

anniversary of Bush's "Mission Accomplished" speech and his declaration that major combat operations in Iraq had ended. Democrats held an unusual signing ceremony of their own before sending the bill to the White House.

"This legislation respects the wishes of the American people to end the Iraq war," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said.

Bush signed the veto with a pen given to him by Robert Derga, the father of Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Dustin Derga, who was killed in Iraq on May 8, 2005. The elder Derga spoke with Bush two weeks ago at a meeting the president had with military families at the White House.

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162 condominiums, 268 apartments and two hotels in a triangle between Eddy, Edison Road, and State Route 23 (South Bend Avenue), is designed to better connect South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood with Notre Dame's campus in a physical sense — and perhaps even ease town relations.

"We want to strengthen connections between the neighborhood and the University and at the same time create a vibrant new urban center that can be a model for South Bend as well as other cities throughout the country," South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke said in a statement released to The Observer.

A decaying neighborhood

Until the 1960s, the Northeast Neighborhood of South Bend — located in large part between Notre Dame, the St. Joseph River and South Bend Avenue — was a thriving community of middle-class families and safe streets. Studebaker automobiles provided jobs, and children played on the vast green swath next to Notre Dame Stadium, where DeBartolo Quad is today.

But that changed when Studebaker started cutting jobs and eventually went out of the car business all together. Families moved and houses were either torn down or rented to students or other low-income individuals. Property values plummeted and the crime rate rose.

A determined group of residents created the Northeast Neighborhood Council, which tried to clean up the area and crack down on absentee landlords.

"It did what it could, but it wasn't blessed with a lot of resources," said Greg Hakanen, Notre Dame's director of asset management and real estate development.

To aid the underfunded organization, five major institutions in or around the neighborhood — Notre Dame, the City of South Bend, Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and the Madison Center — combined to form the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization (NNRO).

The NNRO immediately put together a plan to try to redevelop the area, buying up vacant property and, in 2005, selecting Kite to put together a development of 25 acres of mostly Notre Dame-owned land in the northeastern corner of the neighborhood.

Kite will either buy or lease most of the land as the project begins to take shape over the coming years, Hakanen said.

Major changes ahead

The land for the proposed

development now consists of a mostly wooded area, a few gravel lots and some boarded-up homes along Eddy Street.

But Kite Vice President David Compton sees something much different.

"As you walk down Eddy, you're going to have four-story buildings on both sides of you, with old-style shops with painted signs," he said.

The city has promised to lengthen several roads into the current woods east of Eddy; Napoleon Boulevard will be extended several blocks further east to State Route 23, while Georgiana Street, Burns Avenue and Duey Street — currently cul-de-sacs off 23 — will be extended north into the development. At Edison, Duey will connect to a service road for the parking lots south of Notre Dame's Joyce Center.

Luecke said the extra infrastructure is a cost the city is willing to bear in exchange for the increased tax revenue and improvements to the neighborhood.

"We want to build new streets and roads that will serve this development and its neighbors," he said.

Along the new roads, Kite plans to build "Phase One" of the residential properties, which will vary from condominium townhouses to apartments above the stores. Under the plans, some tenants will have parking at their residences, while others will use the four-story parking garage to be located at the new corner of Napoleon and Georgiana.

East of that area — near the corner of Edison and State Route 23 — the city hopes to find a separate developer to build a "tech park" of office space for research firms.

"It's a live-work-play," Compton said. "You could live here, you could work at the retail or office or the University of Notre Dame. It's pedestrian friendly."

But some people are upset with the loss of so much green space.

"We have heard from individuals that would clearly prefer that the woods stay as woods," Hakanen said.

Hakanen said the University researched the area and found that it is already environmentally disturbed — it was farmed until World War II and later was used as a trash dump.

"As woods, it's not that great an example," Hakanen said. "Also, it was never available to the public. There was a fence along it."

Hakanen also pointed out the University is planning to landscape the area south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center into a "town commons" that will be available to students, shoppers, and residents.

As the neighborhood improves, land values likely will rise —

something that some fear will force out the current residents of the area, including students.

Mark Kramer, president of Kramer Properties, which owns many rental homes in the neighborhood, said he will try to counter this trend by continuing to market to students.

"I like dealing with students," he said. "I have fun dealing with students. It's part of the reason why I get up every morning."

But Kramer admitted that if his properties are reassessed at higher values, his taxes will go up. And that means either higher rents or fewer services from him as a landlord.

"It does put me in an awkward position," he said. "Just because the county raises your taxes doesn't mean that you can raise rents the same amount. We'd just have to get leaner in other areas."

Junior Ryan Mingo, a junior who will live a few blocks west of the development next year in a house that has been passed down from current seniors — and one he hopes to similarly pass down — said he isn't worried that rents will rise beyond students' means anytime soon.

"The house is still surrounded by a bunch of vacant lots," he said. "Just because they build something a few blocks away doesn't mean it's going to suddenly get much nicer."

Shoppers' paradise or student ghetto?

After "Phase One," retail will stretch along the block of Eddy between Edison and Napoleon Boulevard. Assistant Project Manager Ashley Ottesen said "anchor" institutions like grocery stores and bookstores will take up large chunks of the 80,000 square feet of retail and smaller shops will fill in the rest.

"You need one larger tenant to anchor the center, and then you need smaller tenants," she said. "We're looking for a mix."

Compton said he envisions a coffee shop in the neighborhood and said that, while nothing has been finalized, the South Bend Chocolate Company has expressed interest in a location in Eddy Commons.

"You'd like to have that shop, whether it be a bookstore or a market, that would be your main reason to be there, but you also need a coffee shop or a small restaurant where you could grab a sandwich or some ice cream," he said.

Mingo said a pressing need for the area is a place where students and residents on-the-go can get quick food.

"I think one key would be a chain restaurant like a Chipotle or a McDonald's — something that would be quick," he said. "Right now there are a lot of restaurants in that direction, but you have to sit down, or they're really [only] bars."

Hakanen said the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore has also

expressed interest in a location in the area, but that for the most part, the University's role has been mainly limited to what Notre Dame would not like to see along Eddy Street.

"As part of our agreement with Kite, we identified some of what we called 'noxious' uses that we felt were inappropriate to the neighborhood and the mission of a Catholic university," Hakanen said, adding that businesses counterproductive to a retail district would also be excluded.

Hakanen said funeral homes and second hand stores were on the list, among other things. He also said that while there will be restaurants that serve alcohol, there will be no bars in the new development.

In addition, the residential areas will be priced out of students' range. Compton said that in order for the retail to succeed, the district will need year-round residents.

"We want people that come home there at night," he said. "They would live in those condominiums and shop in the retail area."

Mingo said the lack of nightlife would not be a problem, but that keeping students out of the housing may divide the neighborhood and hurt town relations even more.

"Not having bars is no big deal. It's only a couple more blocks to the [Linebacker]," he said, referring to the popular bar at the intersection of State Route 23 and Edison. "But not having students living there will be counterproductive to a college atmosphere. Not making it directly oriented to students means it won't achieve what they want."

Hakanen said if so many premium residences so close to campus were available to students, it would hurt the University's residential mission.

"A significant portion of the Notre Dame experience is having most students live on campus," he said. "The University did not want to create housing that would draw students off campus."

And Luecke said he thinks Kite will have no trouble filling the housing.

"We think they'll be attractive to any number of audiences," he said. "There are young professionals who already live in the community that would be attracted to this neighborhood, and there are older people who want to downsize their homes and live closer to the campus and the downtown area."

Phase Two

In the coming years, Compton said Kite wants to begin "Phase Two" — expanding the development towards the "Five Points" intersection of Eddy Street, Corby Boulevard, and State Route 23.

Formerly a hot spot for

nightlife near Notre Dame, the intersection now boasts only a few businesses and several empty lots. Compton said he envisions retail stretching down Eddy from the University and several new blocks of homes in the area between Route 23 and Napoleon.

But redevelopment will not come to that area until the state government finishes its proposed rebuilding of Route 23. The project was supposed to begin a few years ago, but opposition to the plan forced a re-design and pushed back the start date possibly as far as 2011.

Luecke said that, even with the delay, he thinks pushing to change the design was the right thing to do.

"The portion of state [Route] 23 [north of Edison Road] is just five lanes of concrete — it's not a very attractive road," Luecke said. "The state wanted to do that same thing south of Edison — just bulldoze five lanes through the neighborhood. The neighbors were not happy about that."

Instead, the plan is to build a four-lane road with a landscaped median.

The delay in this construction will also hold up another infrastructure project that will be important for the area. Twyckenham Drive, the road built to bypass Notre Dame when Juniper Road was closed in 2006, needs to be connected to a road south of State Route 23.

But St. Joseph County Engineer Susan Al-Abbas said the short connection cannot be completed until Route 23 is done.

"The traffic study that we had performed for the area showed that the widening of State Route 23 was necessary prior to the opening of the Twyckenham and [State Route] 23 intersection," she said. "The reason being is, if we open that intersection prior to the completion of the project, there will be additional traffic on the Twyckenham corridor and that will impact the residents on that corridor."

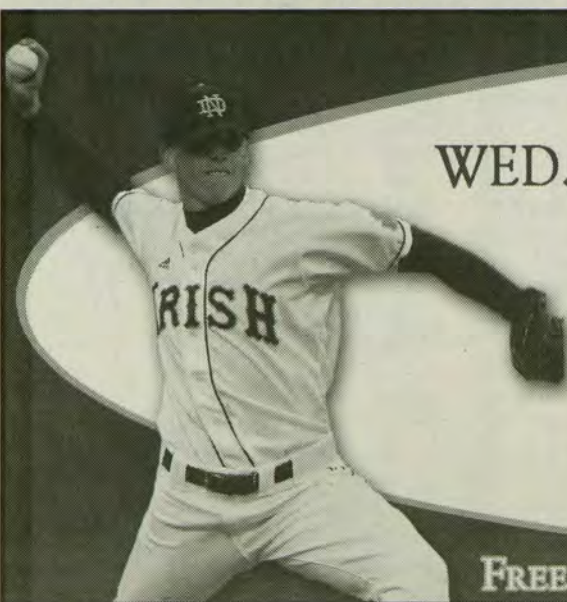
But even with the road construction being delayed, Compton said, the project will be a major addition to the community.

"This adds jobs and people to the city of South Bend, and you won't need an automobile to get there," he said.

And inside the existing Northeast Neighborhood, Kramer said the new development will help get the once-proud area back on its feet.

"It's going to give the students that live in my houses and apartments options to stay close to the University to shop and eat," he said. "And the environment it's going to create will be a positive as well."

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IRISH BASEBALL

WED. MAY 2ND AT 6:05 PM vs. FRANKLIN

FRI. MAY 4TH AT 6:05 PM vs. SETON HALL

SAT. MAY 5TH AT 1:05 PM vs. SETON HALL
ND, HCC & SMC STUDENT STUDY BREAK BBQ!
*FREE FOOD FOR EARLY ARRIVING ND, HCC & SMC STUDENTS

SUN. MAY 6TH AT 12:05 PM vs. SETON HALL

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL ND, SMC, AND HCC STUDENTS

MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
Dow Jones	13,136.14	+73.23

Up: 1,764 Same: 134 Down: 1,444 Composite Volume: 3,411,516,859

AMEX	2,185.16	-10.12
NASDAQ	2,531.53	+6.44
NYSE	9,639.79	+12.06
S&P 500	1,486.30	+3.93
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,406.33	131.35
FTSE 100(London)	6,419.60	-29.60

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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.26	+0.38	148.67
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.26	-0.05	45.92
ISHARE RUS 2000 (IWM)	+0.50	+0.40	81.14
LEVEL 3 COMM (LVL3)	-5.08	-0.28	5.28
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.84	+0.25	30.19

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	+0.63	+0.030	4.755
30-YEAR BOND	-0.02	-0.001	4.816
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.51	+0.023	4.539

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	-1.31	64.40
GOLD (\$/Troy oz)	-6.20	677.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.88	102.60

Exchange Rates		
YEN		120.0200
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POUND		0.5013
CANADIAN \$		1.1130

IN BRIEF

Film piracy punishments increase

NEW YORK — With the summer blockbuster movie season just ahead, Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed legislation on Tuesday that upgrades film piracy from a violation with a \$250 fine to a misdemeanor that carries up to six months in jail and penalties of up to \$5,000.

The stricter law coincides with an advertising campaign against film piracy.

The Motion Picture Association of America says more than 40 percent of bootlegged films are secretly videotaped in New York City theaters. The duplications are typically sold for mass reproduction or posted on the Internet, sometimes just hours after the movie has premiered.

Pirated movies cost major U.S. film studios more than \$6 billion in 2005, according to the MPAA. And a new study by the group shows that the New York movie industry loses an estimated \$1.5 billion a year because of piracy, and the local economy suffers further with lost earnings, tax revenue and jobs.

"We're going to keep the heat on the con artists, so that the real artists who make up our film industry can continue to thrive," Bloomberg said after signing the law.

Ethics chief unaware of Riza's contract

WASHINGTON — The World Bank's ethics committee wasn't consulted and didn't approve of a hefty compensation package for bank president Paul Wolfowitz's girlfriend, says the man who was the panel's chairman at the time.

Ad Melkert made his comments Tuesday in an appearance before a special bank panel looking into how Wolfowitz handled the 2005 promotion and pay package of bank employee Shaha Riza.

Melkert, who was ethics chief when the arrangement was made but now works at the United Nations, said he rejects "any direct or indirect allegation or suggestion that the ethics committee was aware or should have been aware of the terms and conditions of Ms. Riza's contract."

A day earlier, Wolfowitz told the panel the bank's ethics committee had access to all the details surrounding the arrangement involving Riza "if they wanted it."

Last month lousy for auto sales

Every major manufacturer but Chrysler reported decrease from April 2006

Associated Press

DETROIT — April was such a lousy auto sales month that every major manufacturer but Chrysler reported a decrease from the same month last year.

Even Toyota.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Corp. all showed declines as automakers released their monthly U.S. sales numbers on Tuesday, but the drop for Toyota Motor Corp. countered a nearly two-year trend of rising sales, sometimes in double digits.

Toyota sales, which include the Toyota, Lexus and Scion brands, dropped 4.4 percent to 210,457 last month from 219,965 in April 2006, the company said Tuesday. It was the first year-over-year monthly decline for Toyota since May of 2005.

The Japanese automaker has seen double-digit increases in recent months and it seemed like the rising sales would never end. In March, for example, its sales jumped 11.7 percent.

"This certainly is uncharacteristic of Toyota," said Joe Barker, senior manager of global sales analysis for CSM Worldwide, an automotive forecasting firm in Northville. "I would expect them to rebound strongly next month."

U.S. light vehicle sales for all automakers declined 7.6 percent last month to 1.34 million from roughly 1.45 million a year ago, according to Autodata Corp.

Industry analysts say the bad month is a harbinger of things to come for the whole industry in the second half of the year with economic uncertainty, high consumer debt, the housing slowdown and rising gasoline prices contributing to a softer automotive market.

Consumers also are wait-



Unsold 2007 Tacoma and Tundra pickup trucks sit outside a Toyota dealership in Englewood, Colo. Sunday. Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday that its U.S. auto sales fell last month.

ing for incentives to rise as many manufacturers try to reduce them, said Jesse Toprak, senior analyst for the Edmunds.com auto Web site.

"They're waiting for the next big sale and perhaps postponing their purchases because of this combination of factors," Toprak said. "They don't have a lot of confidence in the housing market, gas prices are higher."

Nissan reported the worst decline in April with sales down 18 percent from the same month a year ago. The company sold 71,124 vehicles, down from 86,720 in

April of last year.

Ford Motor Co. reported a 12.9 percent decline in U.S. sales due largely to slumping car sales. Ford sold a total of 227,619 light vehicles last month, down from the 261,381 in April 2006. Car sales were off 23.6 percent, while truck sales fell 5.7 percent, the company said.

General Motors Corp. sales dropped 9.5 percent from April of last year, while DaimlerChrysler AG sales were up 1.2 percent. Honda sales sank 9.1 percent from a year ago.

GM sold 307,554 light vehicles in April, down from

339,796 a year earlier. Its car sales fell 10 percent, while truck sales were off 9 percent.

DaimlerChrysler's overall sales increased to 213,999 from 211,365 a year ago, due to an increase at its Chrysler Group. Chrysler sales rose by 1.6 percent to 193,104 last month from 190,095 last year. Mercedes sales slipped 1.8 percent, from 21,270 to 20,895.

Chrysler said it had a strong retail month, with the Jeep brand up 29 percent due largely to sales of the four-door Wrangler and Compass models.

Residents refuse ethanol plant plans

Associated Press

TOWN OF DOVER, Wis. — Barney Lavin ought to be the poster child for ethanol.

A fifth-generation corn farmer, working the land his family homesteaded in 1842, Lavin should see dollar signs over a proposed ethanol plant in this small southeastern Wisconsin town.

Instead, Lavin put down his pitchfork and picked up his cell phone, joining the ranks of other unlikely opponents organizing against ethanol plants, fearing air pollution, increased traffic and groundwater depletion.

"I'm unwilling to give up the obvious quality of life we have here for some added income," said Lavin, who grows corn on a 300-acre farm on rolling hills that include a recently restored wetlands. "We feel very strongly about this area and we don't want it ruined."

Across the corn belt and beyond —

from Minnesota to Missouri, Illinois to Pennsylvania, Kansas to Indiana — residents in areas targeted for ethanol plants are refusing to go along with politicians who say it is a more sustainable alternative to foreign oil and a way to save dying Main Streets.

There are 115 ethanol plants operating in the U.S. — most of them are in Midwest states including top producers Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Minnesota. Another 79 are under construction or planned, according to the Renewable Fuels Association trade group.

Debbie Krogh lives next door to one of two proposed sites for the Dover plant.

"I can't tell you how sad this has actually made me," Krogh said. "We have had to fight for our lives here."

In most places, ethanol plants are welcomed, said Robert Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association president.

According to the association, the ethanol industry created more than 153,000 jobs as of 2005 and boosted U.S. household income by \$5.7 billion. The association also said ethanol industry operations and spending for new construction added \$1.9 billion in federal tax revenue and \$1.6 billion for state and local governments.

When ethanol plants are properly sited, and the benefits explained, opposition disappears, said Josh Morby, executive director of the Wisconsin Bio Industry Alliance, a group consisting primarily of businesses and labor organizations that benefit from increased ethanol production.

"Those of us in the industry are excited and encouraged by the technology and developments that are taking place, but it's important to remember the average citizen still doesn't know what ethanol is, where to get it, or the benefits of ethanol," Morby said.

White

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◆ a new year-round golf facility, completed in 2006

◆ "Athletic Quad" landscaping, under construction now between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center

◆ the new softball stadium

◆ renovation of the Joyce Center's south dome

◆ renovation of the Joyce Center's north dome for a new hockey facility

◆ a new soccer stadium

◆ a new boathouse for rowing on the St. Joseph River

◆ a new lacrosse stadium

◆ a new track and field complex

◆ moving the outdoor tennis facility to the current softball location

◆ a new football practice field with artificial turf

◆ relocated soccer practice fields

Estimates for totals on the projects include a \$21.25 million price tag on the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, a \$24.7 million bill for the renovation of Joyce South and approximately \$15 million for the hockey facility. Melissa Cook Stadium is expected to cost \$4.8 million.

But large-scale plans for athletic facilities are nothing new in White's career.

In 1998, White highlighted his \$20 million fundraising effort at Arizona State with a \$5 million naming rights deal with Wells Fargo for the school's 14,198-seat basketball facility. The deal came less than a year after White announced plans to raise \$20 million dollars for Arizona State by 2002. Within a year of the five-year effort's start, he had raised more than \$16 million.

That and other moves White made helped increase Arizona

State's athletic department operating budget from approximately \$16 million a year to more than \$25 million a year.

Along with his fundraising ability, White's handling of the aftermath of a point-shaving scandal that occurred three years before his arrival at Arizona State garnered him praise and continued his rise in esteem among athletic directors nationwide.

At Notre Dame, demand for better mid-week facilities, especially in football, was evident early in his tenure. When football coach Bob Davie was fired in December of 2001, the press conference included questions for White about his then-young master plan, and he commented specifically on practice facilities.

"We know we have some shortcomings," White said.

The plan was slowed by the University's moratorium on building during the economic downturn of the early 2000s, but has continued steadily since. The past year saw White announce a lead benefactor and a second significant contributor for the renovation of the Joyce Center's south dome — home to men's and women's basketball and volleyball — and the beginning of construction on the new softball stadium, as well as the planned scenic quad between the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium.

With the hockey team's success this season, much attention turned to Notre Dame's rink and the desire to renovate the facility for a squad suddenly among the elite. The current arena falls far below contemporary standards.

"I'd be surprised if anybody in the Notre Dame family doesn't realize we need a new hockey facility. Everybody realizes that. We're in search of a lead benefactor," White said. "We've got a lot of supporting

gifts in place. ... That project is certainly not in the witness protection program. It's out there."

But even if the school had the necessary funds to complete every project, White said, the construction process for the entire master plan would take time. What's more, development stages and finalizing plans are only part of the reason for any delays.

"There's another element to it — that the University can only handle so many construction projects at one time," White said. "We run into it at almost every turn. We're almost at capacity."

If White's ambitious master plan is realized by the end of his current contract — which runs through 2012 — Notre Dame will have updated facilities used by at least 21 of the University's 26 sports teams in a dozen years of his leadership.

White seems content with his job, and, with a five-year extension and a two-year extension within three years of his hiring at Notre Dame, is poised to guide the athletic department for at least another half decade.

Aside from his duties in the athletic department, White teaches a sports business class during spring semesters in the Mendoza College of Business as part of Notre Dame's MBA program.

For him, like for fellow long-term contract holders football coach Charlie Weis and hockey coach Jeff Jackson, the job is much more than just a nine-to-five commitment.

"At the moment, I can't tell you anything else I'd rather do," White said. "People that know me well will tell you that I really don't have any hobbies. This is what I do. This is who I am. I've done it for a long time."

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Gender

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was proud of the work of the committee and the work members put into planning events with other groups around campus.

"I believe these initiatives were valuable in contributing to a deeper awareness of the tragic reality of sexual violence, a more serious engagement with questions of sexual morality, and a greater openness to addressing questions and issues with the resources of both reason and faith guided by the Catholic tradition," he said.

Shavers said the three events this year were well attended.

"Each event considered the issues through a different lens, hopefully, in ways, representing the broad array of experiences and perspectives on campus," she said. "Notably, each event considered the unique history, culture and mission of Notre Dame as a Catholic university within its framework in order to make the experience relevant and timely for students."

"Loyal Daughters," a student-produced play, debuted in November. The play, written and produced by senior Emily Weisbecker,

revolved around actual student narratives about sex, sexuality and sexual violence at Notre Dame.

The committee discussed two more events that were held in February, Jenkins said. The Edith Stein Project hosted a two-day conference, titled "Toward Integral Healing for Women and Culture," that, Jenkins wrote, looked at ways that victims of violence could experience healing.

Also in February, the "Sex and the City of God" panel discussion used an episode of HBO's "Sex and the City" to illustrate sexuality and other issues.

Although no plans are finalized yet,

Shavers said the committee members have discussed holding an event next year in response to the popularity of "Sex and the City of God," "perhaps using another popular television show such as Entourage or Grey's Anatomy."

Other plans under consideration include an event that looks at gender roles and preventing sexual assault in a global context, possibly by looking at the experiences of African women or women in other cultures.

"We must continue to ... support survivors of sexual assault."

Frances Shavers
executive assistant to the president

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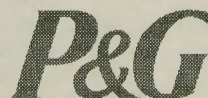
It's Skyline Time!

Take a break from your books and join us on May 5 at 4:30pm in McGlinn Hall's 24 hour lounge. Enjoy **FREE** Skyline Chili and Graeter's Ice Cream while talking with ND grads from three renowned companies in Cincinnati!

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GE imagination at work



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feast of Saint Joseph the Worker and include students, staff and faculty members — sophomore CLAP member Michael Angulo said the office called him 30 minutes before the scheduled kickoff to tell him there were problems with the “lack of transparency” in these conversations.

CLAP organizers said their application to Student Activities stated the event would celebrate the contribution of campus workers in conjunction with the feast of Saint Joseph, which typically occurs on May 1. SAO Assistant Director Amy Geist, however, said that when her office discovered some of the event’s details Tuesday, she was concerned the celebration could become a workers’ rights’ protest.

Peace Fellowship approached me about plans for a social celebratory program,” Geist said. “When it became apparent that the events of the day were more demonstration-like in nature, further discussions were had with the officers of Peace Fellowship.”

She said when it became clear the group had not taken the required steps to register a demonstration on campus, the SAO asked the CLAP and Peace Fellowship officers to “return the event to its originally proposed nature — that of a celebration of workers.”

So the event went on — though not quite as planned.

“The main difference was that professors did not speak, that there was no opening prayer, that students from Campus Ministry and Right to Life did not speak, and they had prepared a statement saying economic justice is a life issue that we need to think about,” Angulo said. “And all of the other [participants] were informed that it was no longer an SAO event, so it was simply them speaking their minds about the issues on their mind. More freedom with less security.”

Angulo said Student Activities cited four problems with the organizers’ plans, including the idea to feature campus employees as speakers demanding salary raises on football Saturdays. On those days, he said, workers clock in at 5 a.m. and do not take a break until noon.

“I told them specifically we were going to have information on Catholic social teachings, other labor rights and issues. I told them explicitly that information about workers’ justice and dignity would be presented, and they said, ‘This is not appropriate. This is antagonistic. This is a critique of the University,’” Angulo said.

Another problem Angulo said the SAO brought up was the group’s support for the defunct Copy Shop, which ran its photocopying business for 18 years in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center before the University declined to renew its contract this spring.

He said the SAO told him the group no longer had a “prayer attitude” but rather a protest attitude, because

organizers did not say in their discussion of Catholic social teachings that they would touch on the Copy Shop controversy.

“The Copy Shop was basically run out of business by Notre Dame and FedEx Kinko’s in a joint effort to get the Copy Shop off campus, which was a mom-and-pop shop run by a three-time Domer,” Angulo said.

He also said the SAO prohibited a banner that read “Thank you workers,” which students and professors signed.

“In my view, I didn’t think we needed to get that approved,” Angulo said. “It’s such a small detail, but they kept taking these small details and trying to make them into a big deal when none of them were.”

Event organizers and participants said they did not give complete cancellation serious consideration, despite the SAO’s request, because they were determined to highlight the solidarity and dignity of every worker.

“We wanted to have a celebration and mark the day and highlight the importance of the dignity of work,” said senior Casey Stanton, CLAP member and main organizer of the event. “In doing so, sometimes that involves looking at a critical eye of where we are, we wanted to thank the workers and inform the dignity of work, and it included a call to action.”

Freshman Miriam Olsen said she didn’t understand why Student Activities hadn’t questioned organizers earlier.

“[SAO] clearly had some agenda other than ‘it was a violation of Student Activities policy,’” she said. “Otherwise, they would have

told us yesterday, not thirty minutes before.”

Organizers said guests who had agreed to perform or speak to the students were disgruntled at the SAO’s handling of the situation, not thinking the event could become a large protest in any way. Many of the guests scheduled to speak at Fieldhouse Mall did not attend due to the cancellation rumors.

Junior Stuart Mora, a member of CLAP, took the podium and spoke about his relationships with the workers on campus and the issues they face, including wages, childcare, health insurance and understaffing.

Mora then introduced two workers from the Huddle, who voiced their dissatisfaction with the treatment they said they receive during home football weekends. The Observer did not quote the workers, because the event organizers would not release their names.

Students who attended the event were happy CLAP went on with most of its plans despite SAO’s decision to scale back the event, and said they felt like it reinforced Catholic Social Teaching principles on campus.

“I’m here because I think justice is a really foundational aspect of my faith,” freshman Kristi Haas said. “As a Catholic, I feel that every person has human dignity and deserves to be appreciated, and we want to build fellowship with these workers on campus.”

Angulo said that he was “pleased with the turnout” despite the circumstances, and felt that principles of solidarity and dignity in Catholic Social Teaching were emphasized effectively.

“Not enough Catholics know about the social teachings and see them as a call to action,” he said. “We’re here today to show the Notre Dame community that we must take these ideals and make them more concrete in the world.”

George Porter, a Subway employee who has been working at LaFortune for more than seven years, echoed Angulo’s words, adding he wishes he received more support from his employers.

Porter, a self-published author, was signing copies of his book, “A Boy Amidst the Rubble” — a semi-autobiographical account of his family’s experiences during the London bombings in World War II — at Tuesday’s event.

Porter said he moved from his native country, England, to the U.S. about 29 years ago. He spent the last 13 years writing the book, but he said both the Huddle and the Hammes Bookstore have refused to put it on their stands.

Angulo said the SAO also told him his verbal invitations to campus employees to attend Tuesday’s event were inappropriate. He said he didn’t think there were any guidelines in duLac, the student handbook, that said he could not verbally invite people to an event, and so he didn’t think it was necessary to inform the SAO.

The “Thank you workers” banner was available to students and professors who attended the event and wanted to sign it.

Marcela Berrios contributed to this report.

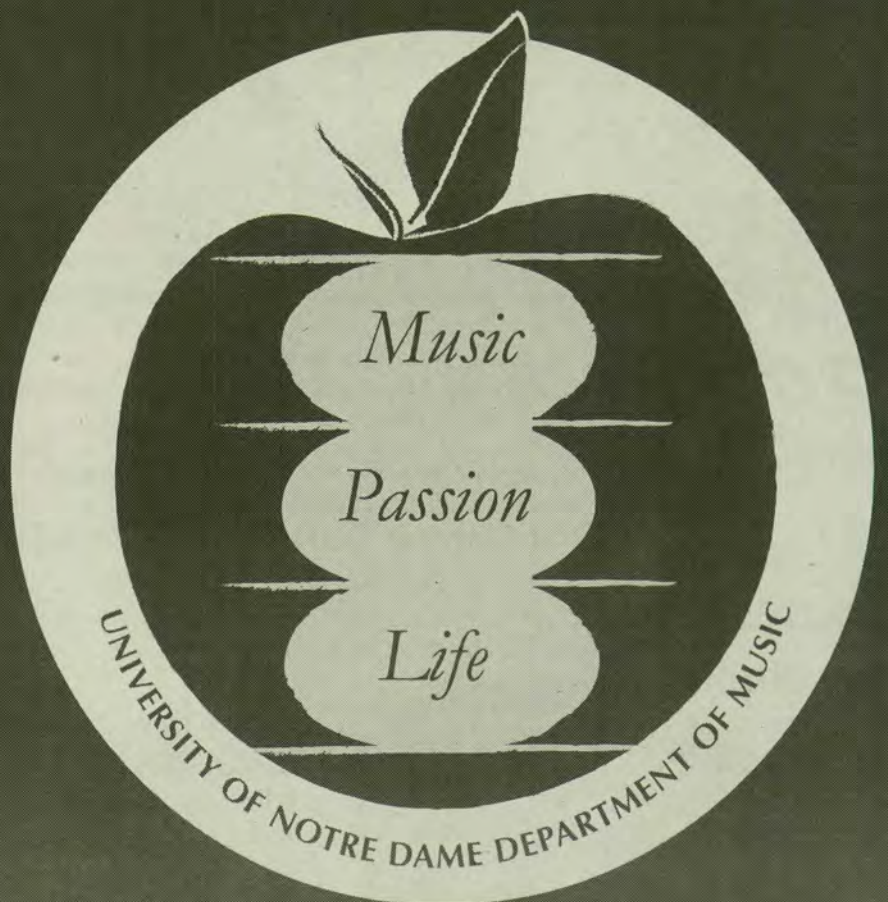
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World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz, second from left, speaks with other officials at the White House last Wednesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The World Bank's board expressed fresh concern Tuesday over bank president Paul Wolfowitz's handling of a hefty pay package for his girlfriend and promised a decision soon in a controversy that has led to calls for his resignation.

The 24-member board met several hours with a special bank panel that over the past two days had heard from Wolfowitz, his girlfriend and bank employee Shaha Riza and other present and former bank officials about Riza's promotion and pay raise to \$193,590.

In a statement afterward, the directors said they "remain very concerned about the impact on the work of the bank group and are committed to the earliest possible resolution of the matter."

The board said the next step is for the special panel to "draw its conclusions from the

information obtained from the documents and during the course of the interviews" and expeditiously submit a report to the directors.

Ultimately, the directors will decide what action should be taken, if any. The board could ask Wolfowitz to resign, signal it lacks confidence in his leadership, reprimand him or take no action. There might also be a compromise under which Wolfowitz would be found to have acted in good faith and he would resign later.

Earlier Tuesday, the special panel was told by the former chairman of the bank's ethics committee that his group wasn't consulted and didn't approve Riza's compensation package.

Ad Melkert, who was ethics chief when the arrangement was made but now works at the United Nations, said he rejects "any direct or indirect allegation or suggestion that the ethics committee was

aware or should have been aware of the terms and conditions of Ms. Riza's contract."

Wolfowitz told the panel Monday that the bank's ethics committee had access to all the details surrounding the arrangement involving Riza "if they wanted it."

Melkert said the committee was not consulted, nor did it approve details of Riza's compensation package, including "the large initial pay increase, the stipulation for subsequent annual increases and the stipulations for subsequent promotions."

Laying out his defense on Monday, Wolfowitz pointed to a Feb. 28, 2006, letter by Melkert that Wolfowitz characterized as showing that the bank's ethics committee was aware of Riza's compensation arrangement because it referenced an anonymous whistleblower's e-mail that complained about the size of her pay raise.

Melkert on Tuesday acknowledged that the anonymous e-mail "stated a salary figure but did not refer to other aspects of the terms and conditions in question."

Wolfowitz has led the bank whose mission is to fight global poverty for close to two years. Before he took over, he was the No. 2 official at the Pentagon, where he played a key role in mapping out the Iraq war.

Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, urged Wolfowitz to step down.

"It would be my hope that Wolfowitz finds that discretion is the better part of valor and finds a way to no longer be a part of the bank," said Baucus, D-Mont.

Engineer denies giving information to China

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A Chinese-American engineer accused of conspiring to export defense technology materials denied at his federal trial Tuesday that he was trying to give information to the Chinese government.

Defense attorney Ronald Kaye asked defendant Chi Mak about three computer disks containing material presented at technical conferences, including a paper on a submarine propulsion system called quiet electric drive.

"Did you give the three disks with the conferences on them to your brother in order for them to be given to the Chinese government?" Kaye asked.

"No," Mak said. Authorities believe Mak, a naturalized U.S. citizen, took thousands of pages of defense documents from his defense contractor employer, Power Paragon of Anaheim, and gave them to his brother, who passed them along to Chinese authorities over a number of years.

Mak was arrested in 2005 in Los Angeles after FBI agents stopped his brother and sister-in-law as they boarded a flight to Hong Kong. Investigators said they found three encrypted CDs in their luggage containing documents on the propulsion system, among other items.

Mak, 66, has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to export defense material to China, failure to register as a foreign agent, attempted and actual export of defense articles, and making false statements. His wife, brother and other relatives also have been indicted.

Mak was expected to continue his testimony Wednesday.

Kaye asked Mak why he gave the disks to his brother to take to China. Mak said he wanted to have an exchange of technological ideas with two old colleagues, one who worked at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and one who worked at the Hong Kong Electric Co.

He said he did not believe he was doing anything wrong because all the information had been presented to attendees at international conferences.

Prosecutors have alleged Mak was able to leave communist China for Hong Kong only because he was being groomed as a future agent. They have also alleged he kept detailed records of U.S. Navy ships that docked at Hong Kong as one of his earliest assignments for the Chinese government.

Mak testified that he was granted a pass to leave mainland China in the mid-1960s because he had a severe case of rheumatism and needed a German medicine that was not available in China. He said that in order to get permission to leave he had to provide doctors' letters and copies of prescriptions and wait more than a year.

He acknowledged he kept detailed records of ships coming into the harbor, but said he did so to keep track of U.S. sailors who were customers at a custom clothing shop, Johnson Tailor, where he worked in the Navy purchasing department.

The high-end tailor encouraged such record-keeping because American customers often wanted monograms on their clothing that listed the name of their ship, ship number and their rank, he said.

Investigators have said that during a search of Mak's home they found two torn-up notes from Chinese officials asking him to get documents on sensitive U.S. naval projects involving torpedoes, electromagnetic artillery, missile detection and nuclear defense.

They also seized documents on a new type of warship called the DDX Destroyer, electromagnetic launch systems for aircraft carriers, high-powered electromagnetic guns, and submarine-mounted kinetic energy projectiles, according to court papers. The government also suspects Mak fed information about Aegis-class warships.

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President advocates animal policy change



Federal protections for bears like "Boo-Boo," an Alaskan Grizzly, will be lessened under President Bush's proposed policy changes.

Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — More than three dozen scientists have signed a letter to protest a new Bush administration interpretation of the Endangered Species Act, saying it jeopardizes animals such as wolves and grizzly bears.

The proposed policy revision would enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect animals and plants only where they are battling for survival. The agency would not have to restore the animals in areas where they have died out, or protect them where they're in good shape.

The proposed changes were being sent this week to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne and leaders of congressional committees that oversee the department. The changes were revealed last month in draft department documents released by environmentalists, who said the changes would amount to a gutting of the federal Endangered Species Act.

Interior Department officials said then that the drafts were still under review and that no decision had been made on whether to proceed.

The proposed changes would "have real and profoundly detrimental impacts on the conservation of many species and the habitat upon which they depend," said the letter, signed by 38 prominent wildlife biologists and environmental ethics specialists.

The scientists wrote that the proposal would have allowed the bald eagle to become extinct in the lower 48 states.

The new policy would give the department an excuse to avoid adding new species to the list, increasing the likelihood of extinctions, said Michael Nelson, an environmental ethicist at Michigan State University.

Nelson and John Vucetich, a wildlife biologist at Michigan

Technological University, circulated the letter.

Interior spokesman Hugh Vickery said senior career biologists who run the program are supportive of the proposal and believe it will enable them to "focus their limited resources on areas where species are truly threatened or endangered."

Vickery said it was unclear how the revised policy would affect particular species but accused the critics of exaggerating. He dismissed as "complete nonsense" the suggestion it would have doomed the bald eagle everywhere but Alaska if it had been in effect decades ago.

The revision was outlined in a legal analysis by Interior Department Solicitor David Bernhardt that was released in late March. Bernhardt said the department needed to reconsider its definition of "endangered" because federal judges had rejected its previous reading of the law in eight of 10 cases since 2000.

Those rulings came after environmentalist groups sued the wildlife service for refusing to add species such as the flat-tailed horned lizard and Florida black bear to the endangered list.

The debate centers on a provision in the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requiring the government to list any plant or animal "in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range."

Bernhardt disagreed with court rulings that "range" includes areas where species lived previously but are gone because of habitat loss or other reasons. What matters, he said, is whether they're declining in areas they now occupy.

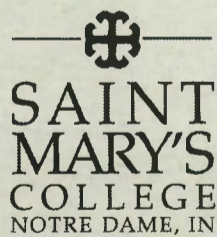
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See you in September

The average college student is currently enduring a lot of tragedy. Our country is fighting a war in the Middle East; a recent study confirmed that, although equally educated, women are still getting paid less than men; and we have benchcriers littered throughout the beautiful Notre Dame campus. Although not as serious as disturbed international relations or sexism in the workplace, benchcriers still contribute to the morale of college students, especially in the spring.



Katie Palmitier

A Word to the Wise

Many of you, especially first year students, may be wondering what benchcriers are. Allow me to explain. After finals last spring, while packing up the Suburban and making all our last minute stops on campus, my mom and I could not help but notice the large amount of couples sitting on benches throughout campus. Clasp a tissue between their interlocking hands, these couples were tearfully mourning the thought of a three-month absence from their beloved. Overwhelmed by the massive amount of couples, my mom and I could not help but dub these woe-filled lovers "benchcriers."

And with the end of the year upon us, I assume many couples will be taking their positions on a bench very soon. Whether they get there early and snag one of the benches by the Grotto, or put off their goodbyes and are left sharing a bench with another sobbing couple by a very public bookstore entrance, these couples will all be dreading the time about to be spent away from one another.

While I sympathize with these couples, these benchcrying situations do not all have to be sorrowful. In fact, they can be quite joyful.

So whether you find yourself on a bench with your boo in the upcoming weeks, or you are more like me and are in a not-in-a-relationship-but-I-am-still-going-to-miss-my-friends kind of situation, take some time to reflect on the following few things to add a little joy, and humor, to your upcoming benchcrying experience.

The Michigan State game: If you were lucky enough to snag these away game tickets, then you truly made a lasting memory. Enduring the unforgiving rain and wind was totally worth it.

The Ben Folds concert: Nothing beats a packed Stepan Center when it's raining, but Ben Folds referring to the venue as a "geodescent dome" made his concert even more amazing.

The SNL speaker series: Nice work, SUB. Inviting Ana Gasteyer, Colin Quinn, and Kenan Thompson to talk about their SNL days was a novel idea that attracted all types of Notre Dame students. The FTT majors used it as a way of jump-starting their careers, while the rest of us enjoyed hearing about what Will Ferrell was like off the air.

The men's basketball Alabama upset: It is not very often a student body has a chance to rush the court, but after the men's basketball team defeated then-No. 4 Alabama, the Leprechaun Legion was the first on the court to celebrate with the team. And with the team's continued success, including an undefeated home game record, this year's basketball season was truly a memorable one.

The Blue-Gold game: Not only was it a perfect spring day in the always-unpredictable South Bend climate, this year's game allowed Notre Dame stu-

dents, alums and fans the once in a lifetime opportunity to see two of the greatest coaches in Notre Dame football history on one field. Truly a Blue-Gold game for the books.

Omelets at SDH: No longer do we need to wake up at 8 a.m. on a weekday to get our favorite breakfast food. South Dining Hall launched weekend brunch omelets this spring, a milestone in food services for all us egg lovers.

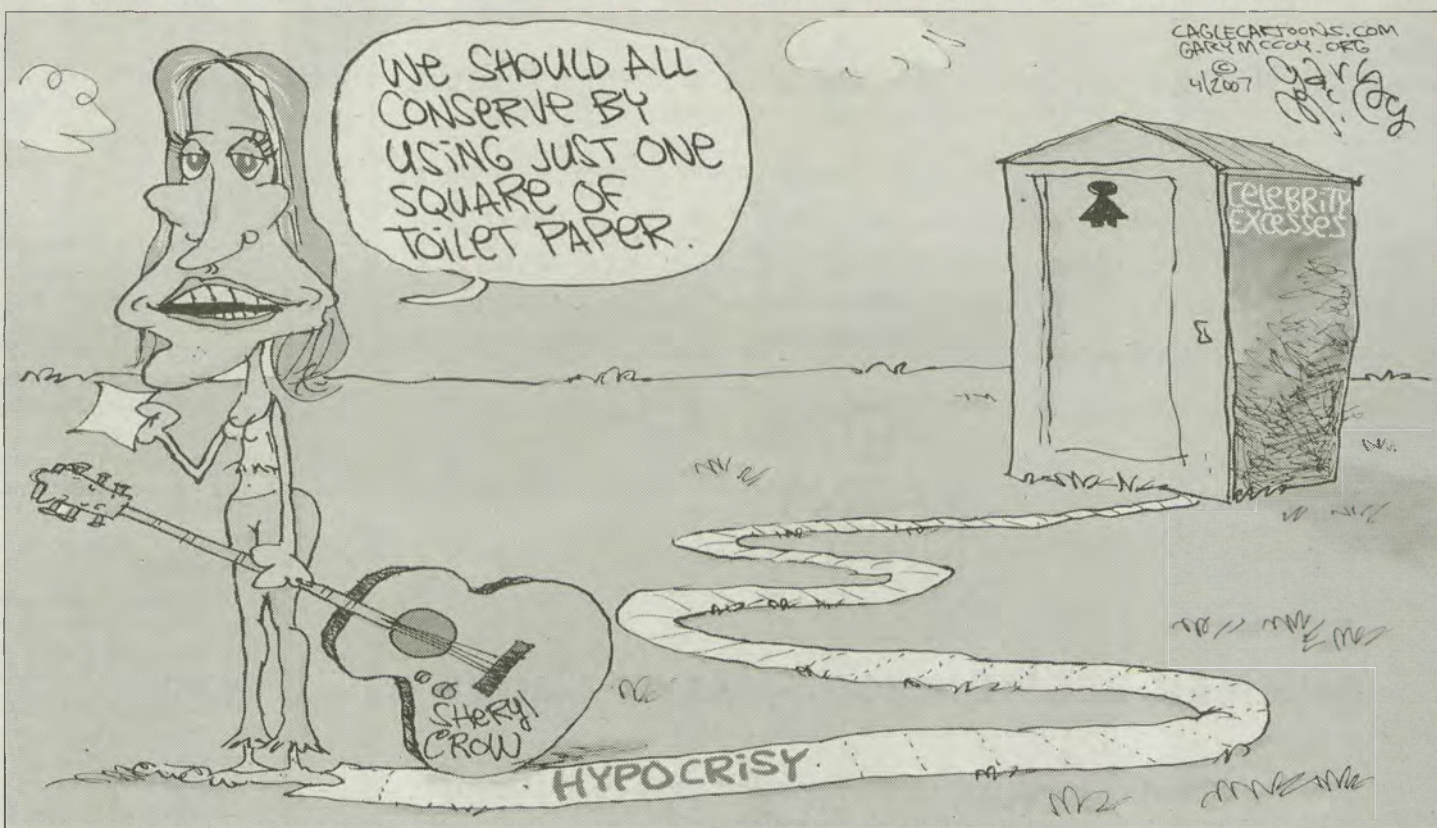
Whether you were able to experience one or all of these events, they surely had a positive impact on your academic year at Notre Dame. But these staple events pale in comparison to the numerous memorable moments you shared with close friends and classmates. Whether of sharing late-night pizzas at Reckers, day trips to Chicago, or off-campus Target and Rocco's runs, we all have certain memories with our friends that we will cherish forever.

And for us underclassmen, we thankfully have the opportunity to make more of these memories in the upcoming years. The seniors, although graduating, are not going away empty-handed. Leaving with them are lasting friendships and numerous memories of their time here at Notre Dame. And while we may be sad to be without our friends until late August, and for the seniors, until next football season, there is no excuse to be a benchcrier. Reminisce about old times and look forward to the new ones. And, instead of crying on a bench, just smile and say, as the Four Seasons so eloquently put it, "See you in September."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jenkins' statements contradictory

With all due respect to Father John Jenkins, I would like to share some serious concerns that I have with regard to his recent Letter to the Editor ("Proud of strides made by gender-relations committee," May 1). Something by which I am constantly perplexed is how statements from the president's office concerning the production of "Loyal Daughters" never fail to contradict each other.

In his faculty address in January 2006, Father Jenkins considered the title of the proposed play, then "Her Loyal Daughters," to be problematic. He said, "As you may know, in the Catholic tradition Mary is venerated for holiness and fidelity, and is considered a model of chastity. Though I did not doubt that the students involved were sincere in their desire to be loyal daughters of Mary, it seemed that a title like this, if there were material about sexual experiences, abortion, or contraception described in a morally neutral way, would appear intentionally offensive to Catholics who revere Mary." I couldn't agree with this statement more.

Then, as we all remember, in his closing statement he wrote "The student leaders of 'The Vagina Monologues' have proposed producing a play written in their own voices and describing their own experiences, entitled 'Loyal Daughters.' This production will be put on entirely by Notre Dame students in consultation with the faculty advisors they have chosen. I will do all I can to support this effort." What happened? What happened to seeing the proposed play as "intentionally offensive?" What happened to concern that it would represent sexual immorality "in a morally neutral way?"

Well apparently he did have a change of heart, and prior to opening night in November, he retracted his endorsement of the play. According to an article in The Observer ("Loyal Daughters' debuts at DPAC," Nov. 13, 2006), University spokesman Dennis Brown said Father Jenkins was uncomfortable with the "neutral stance" on sexual behavior like premarital sex, saying it was "in direct opposition to the Church and Father Jenkins' position on issues of sexual morality." OK,

phew. That was a close one; I thought there was a contradiction there for a second.

But now to his recent letter. Is he celebrating "Loyal Daughters" as an achievement of this year? Is he "proud" of the play itself? If not, why does he list it with endeavors that are in no way morally objectionable like the Edith Stein Project? His letter certainly sounds like endorsement to me.

Also, to use words like "consensus" with regard to the ad hoc committee is potentially deceiving; it leads the campus community to forget about the resignation of Margot O'Brien from the committee last fall. According to Letter to the Editor ("Reasons for Ad hoc resignation," Nov. 15 2006), she resigned precisely because of the committee's support of "Loyal Daughters." Her concerns were similar to Father Jenkins' — the morally neutral presentation of sexually immoral acts, its misrepresentation of University policies and stereotypes against seminarians. Even though it was less crude than the Monologues, she said, "the relative subtlety

of 'Loyal Daughters' really magnifies the problem because the fraudulent message is masked for the unwary by the guarded prose and not highlighted by the glaring profanity." In view of all these objections, she thought the play unworthy of both her personal support and of any institutional support of the ad hoc committee. Saying that the committee is united behind a continued effort for next year, and united in recognizing this year as a success, is a joke. Sure it's united, one of its most loyal daughters having resigned.

I emphasize that my objection is not to the ad hoc committee, to its activities in general or to the cause of ending the horrors of sexual assault. Such a cause is a most necessary one. I simply note that the endorsement — explicit or implied — of the culture of sexual immorality on this campus will do nothing to advance this cause.

Jon Buttaci
 sophomore
 Morrissey Manor
 May 1

Slavery once found in natural law

Professor Charles Rice seems to think ("Church condemns slavery," April 30) that my Letter to the Editor ("Natural law proves fallible," April 25) was an attack on the papacy. It was not. It was an observation about natural law.

Of course, we can all list dozens of cases in which popes valiantly condemned the abuses of slavery, the inhumane treatment of slaves, the indiscriminate enslavement of populations, or the slave trade. Many of these condemnations came from the same popes who upheld the institution of slavery itself (Paul III, for example, or Eugenius IV, or Benedict XIV). And, yes, slavery, not servants; the distinction being that servants could not be bought or sold. The instruction I quoted from Pius IX, saying that "slavery in itself, considered as such in its essential nature, is not at all contrary to the natural and divine law. ... It is not contrary to the natural and divine law for a slave to be sold, bought, exchanged or given, provided in the sale, purchase, exchange, or gift, the due conditions are strictly observed which the approved authors describe and explain," was explicitly in answer to a question about American slaves in the Civil War and the 13th Amendment (it was issued in June 1866). In specifying that "the purchaser should carefully examine whether the slave who is put up for sale has been justly or unjustly deprived of his liberty, and the vendor should do nothing which might endanger the life, virtue, or Catholic faith of the slave," Pius IX also implicitly condemned the mistreatment of American slaves and the slave trade.

All this is beside the point. The point is that for many centuries the popes, in accordance with theological tradition, interpreted natural law to say that in principle one human being can own, buy, sell, or donate another human being (though they should treat that human being with dignity, and not enslave him unjustly). If such buying and selling can ever be considered consonant with natural law, what cannot?

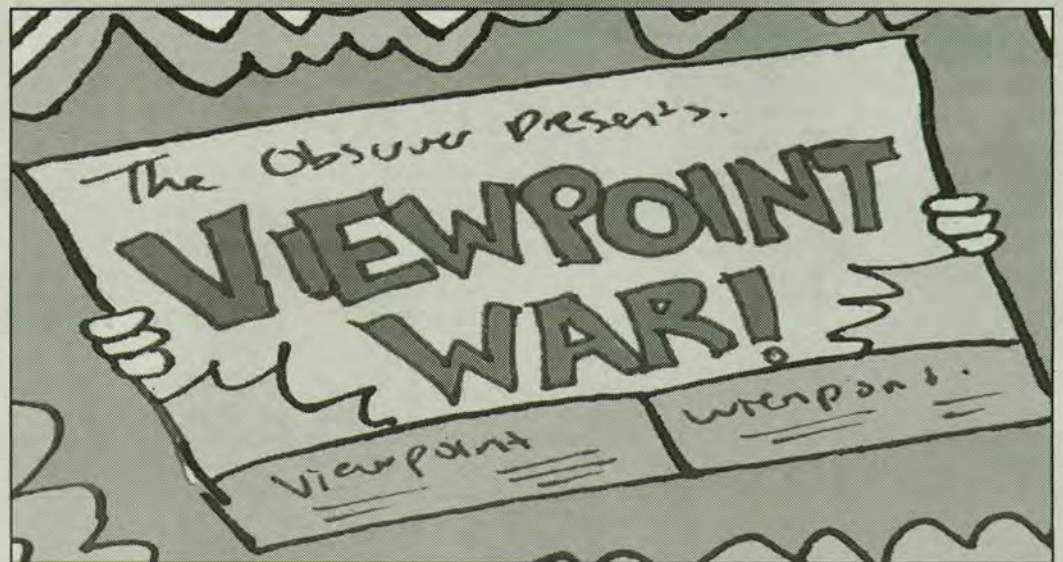
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Threats to 'Bun Run' logical, unnecessary

This past Sunday, the men of Zahm Hall were made privy to some rather disquieting news: Due to the disturbing and disorderly nature of the event commonly known as the "Bun Run," members of Notre Dame Security and Police (NDSP) are going to start apprehending individuals who are seen partaking in this biannual occurrence.

Now, certainly there is sound logic behind the University's decision to end this tradition, and prominent among the various reasons for the Bun Run's removal are two apparently inexorable

facts. First, were such an activity to take place off campus in "the real world," police would be quick to make arrests for indecent exposure. Second, the event offends an otherwise well-mannered and civil student body. But, to be honest, most would probably agree that the Notre Dame bubble is a far cry from the real world, and to treat it strictly as such would be a mistake. As for the second concern, it's hard for me to believe that the throngs of women who line the pathways of LaFortune during the Bun Run are there to decry the odious image of

the naked male.

That the Bun Run is childish is undeniable; that it is silly and risqué is certain. However there are times when donning these characteristics can be, at the very least, entertaining; and finals week is one in which momentary entertainment often comes as a welcome diversion. The Bun Run — in its own quirky, irreverent way — reminds us that despite being the best and brightest this country has to offer, we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously. Sometimes it is good to be childish, and it's never better to be child-

ish than in college.

I would be morally remiss to encourage participation in any such activity which might induce punitive retribution by The Office of Residence Life and Housing. However, to those brash, brave souls for whom willful words of warning go unheeded, I have this simple advice: run fast boys, run fast.

Conor McEvily
 senior
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 May 1



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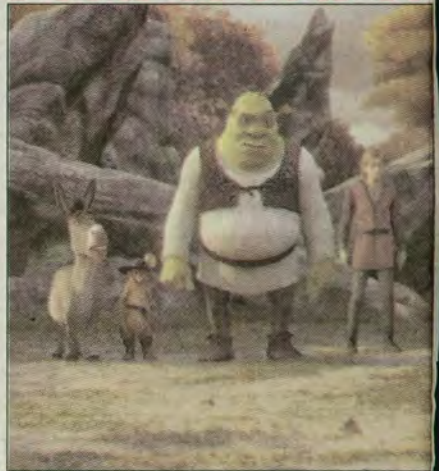
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Spider-Man 3 (May 4)

The wall-crawling webslinger returns in the third (and final?) installment of the Spider-Man series this weekend. Directed by Sam Raimi and featuring Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker/Spidey, the franchise has garnered both critical acclaim and massive box office bucks. In his third trip out, the webhead finds himself in his most desperate situation yet, with the transformation of his friend Harry Osborn (James Franco) into the second Green Goblin, the rise of the Sandman (Thomas Haden Church) and the dreaded arrival of the granddaddy of all Spider-Man villains, Venom (Topher Grace).



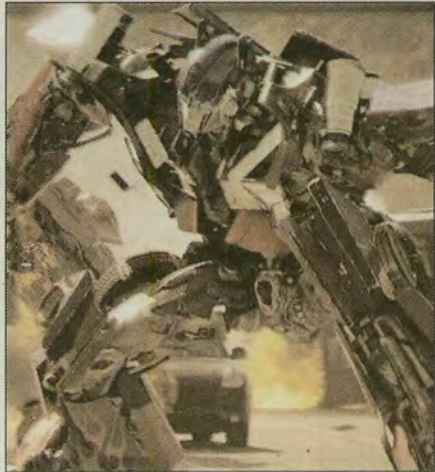
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Ocean's 13 (June 8)
The heist is on again. Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and crew are back in Las Vegas in this third "Ocean's" film, trying to outdo their former casino grab job. This time, after casino owner Willy Bank (Al Pacino), goes after one of the original "Ocean's Eleven," the remaining crew goes for more than just his money: they're out for revenge. Julia Roberts and Catherine Zeta-Jones will not appear, but with the star power of Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Andy Garcia and others returning once again, this film should captivate audiences just as much as the first two did.



Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (June 15)
After an awful first film, the Fantastic Four are giving it another go in the second film in the franchise. After the sudden, enigmatic appearance of the Silver Surfer (basically the coolest thing since the other side of the pillow), Reed Richards (Ioan Gruffudd), Invisible Woman (Jessica Alba), the Human Torch (Chris Evans) and the Thing (Michael Chiklis) must combine their forces again in order to defeat the evil Dr. Doom (Julian McMahon). Look for lots of comedy (Evans), hotness (Alba) and punches (Chiklis) in this scintillating sequel.

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Transformers (July 4)

Directed by that master of the action flick, Michael Bay, "Transformers" promises nothing less than to be the biggest, baddest and most robotic summer hit this year. With a plethora of fantasy and comic book films this summer, "Transformers" promises some unadulterated mechanized joy. It will be fun to look at (unless it gives us a headache) but what remains to be seen is whether Bay can field a film closer in nature to "The Rock" than "Pearl Harbor." Starring Shia LeBeouf, who seems to be popping up in every film this year, Bay's latest will at least be a thrill ride, if nothing else.



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The Bourne Ultimatum (August 3)
Matt Damon returns for the third time as supreme assassin Jason Bourne in "The Bourne Ultimatum." In the follow-up to 2002's "The Bourne Identity" and 2004's "The Bourne Supremacy," acclaimed director Paul Greengrass joins returning cast members Julia Stiles and Joan Allen, with new additions David Strathairn and Edgar Ramirez. In the latest installment, Bourne's only objective is to go back to the beginning and find out who he once was — all the while avoiding cops, federal officers and Interpol agents. It's not easy being Bourne again.



Rush Hour 3 (August 10)
Chris Tucker returns to the big screen after a six-year absence as he reunites with the all-star team of co-star Jackie Chan, director Brett Ratner and writer Jeff Nathanson to deliver the third installment of the blockbuster "Rush Hour" franchise. "Rush Hour 3" sees the action-comedy duo of Tucker and Chan reprising their roles as LAPD Detective James Carter and Chinese Chief Inspector Lee. This time, the two must travel to (where else?) Paris in order to battle (what else?) a Chinese organized crime family, the Triads.

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Shrek the Third (May 18)

Green is in again. The jolly green ogre (Mike Myers) ambles his way back onscreen for the latest film in the Shrek series. Joined by his irascible pal Donkey (Eddie Murphy), new hubby Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and the one and only Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas), Shrek's latest adventure promises more magical mischief and mayhem in this unconventional take on fairy tales. In order to return to his swampy stomping grounds, Shrek has to help Artie (Justin Timberlake) ascend to the crown and thwart Prince Charming's (Rupert Everett) push to usurp the throne.



Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (May 25)

Break out the eyepatches, bandannas and cutlasses, because "Pirates" are back. Director Gore Verbinski's third "Pirates" film sets sail in search of the beloved Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp). Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) have to find their lost leader at the far side of the earth in order to ensure the fate of pirate-kind everywhere. Expect lots of swashbuckling swordfights, giant sea monster battles and a love triangle or two to take place in this latest saltwater adventure.

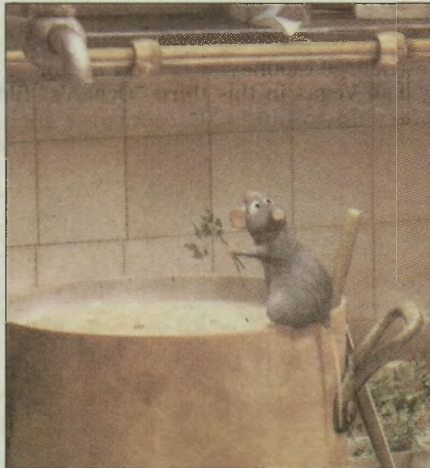
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Ratatouille (June 29)

Pixar's follow-up film to "Cars" stars a Parisian rat who dreams of becoming a bistro chef in spite of the fact that rats are typically not chefs. Director Brad Bird ("The Incredibles," "The Iron Giant") helms what is the most heavily-anticipated Pixar film in years.

With a voice cast including Brian Denehy, Peter O'Toole, Will Arnette and Pixar regular John Ratzenberger, in addition to stellar early reviews, this overachieving rodent could be the best thing since Mickey Mouse en route to finishing as one of the top five grossing movies of the summer.



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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (July 13)

Number five in the "Harry Potter" film franchise, "Phoenix" looks to be bigger and badder than its younger siblings. With the return of a certain baddie, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his loyal band of friends (and girlfriend?) face their most dangerous threat to date.

Helmed by award-winning British television director David Yates, it will be hard to top the third "Prisoner of Azkaban," but the hype coming out of London seems to say the magic we've come to expect will be dealt in spades.



The Simpsons Movie (July 27)

Heralded as the antithesis to the high-tech wonders coming out of Pixar, television series and essential commentator on American culture "The Simpsons" finally gets its very own adaptation to the big screen. Primary writer and series creator Matt Groening and director David Silverman have called the plot very loose and the film will showcase all of the main characters alongside many of the frequent guest stars on the show.

"The Simpsons" fan-nation is a large one and will certainly turn out in full force to support Homer and family.

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Mr. Bean's Holiday - August 31

The name's Bean. Mr. Bean. Rowan Atkinson returns to the titular role that made him an international star in "Mr. Bean's Holiday." In his latest misadventure, Mr. Bean — the misfit who seems constantly followed by a trail of pratfalls and hijinks — goes on holiday to the French Riviera and becomes ensnared in a European adventure of kidnapping and intrigue.

His adventures, which he records on a camcorder, somehow manage to make their way to the Cannes film festival as Mr. Bean causes chaos throughout the French countryside.





The HA-POCALYPSE is coming. The comedy show to end all comedy shows.

JEFF ALBERT | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

The end is near. You may have seen this slogan scrawled on cardboard cutouts and draped on the shoulders of crazy people announcing the imminent arrival of the armageddon while loitering around campus quads, near the dining halls. Don't worry: they're not (entirely) insane, they're just advertising for the HA-pocalypse, the Humor Artists of ND's final show of the year, coming live to you tonight in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7:30.

"Amusing and offending since 1996" (club slogan), the Humor Artists of ND (more commonly known as HA) are Notre Dame's very own improv and sketch comedy club. This bunch of pranksters and wise acers is known for its eccentric comedy and ability to find the humor in any situation, even if it's not immediately apparent. With humor ranging from high-minded to low-brow, HA's unconventional takes on the day-to-day comedy inherent to life

on campus and life in general are hilarious, and they even manage to toss in spoofs, goofs, crack-ups and put-downs to spare.

Club co-presidents James Spitalare and Steven Tortorello are the ringleaders of this pack of comics. In anticipation of tonight's show, Tortorello sat down to answer a few questions about the HA-pocalypse. So why the name?

With previous shows including October's HA-llooween, December's HA-nnukkhah, February's HA-rts and HA-lleluia, an Easter-themed show, the Humor Artists put on shows designed to correspond with holidays happening during the calendar year. "[The use of the HA theme] is sort of a running joke for us," Tortorello said.

Unfortunately, the HA-lleluia show was nixed this year. With the impending conclusion of the semester, Tortorello and company decided to come up with the HA-pocalypse, a show designed to fit in keeping with the end of the year motif.

If brevity is the soul of wit, then the HA-pocalypse won't be lacking in soul power: the HA-pocalypse features a combination of 12 skits and 12 improv games mixed together. In describing the HA creative process, Tortorello said, "Usually someone writes a skit, and then everyone sits down and we read through it in practice. Afterwards the club officers sit down and pick out the best combination of all the skits. Some are ND-related, some are about pop culture, and there's some intellectual or academic stuff and some cute stuff."

In addition to presidents Tortorello and Spitalare, the four-person board also includes HA-storyian Josh Talley and club treasurer Alyssa Ratzlaff.

This year's show figures to be the best in a while, which might be a good thing, because if the advertisements are true and the end is near, there

won't be any more shows. "In the past three years, we've had way more skits to choose from for this show," Tortorello said. He went on to say that he and the rest of the board had over 30 skits to choose from in selecting the 12 to use in the HA-pocalypse.

As club president, Tortorello continues to participate in the onstage antics and appears personally in several of the show's skits. "I joined HA freshman year and at first, it was a really nerve-wracking experience," he said. "You're not sure if something will be funny or not. It's kind of like riding a bike though: once you learn how to do it you know you can always do it again."

"It's also like being a musician. For

improv sketches, you just go out there and jam. There's ups and downs, and sometimes your skits turn out to be flops or busts, but once you get out there and get the adrenaline going, it's like being a rock star."

With skits ranging from zombie invasions on campus to a literary standoff involving Percy and Mary Shelley, John Keats and William Wordsworth to a parody of the famous "Leroy Jenkins" YouTube video featuring Notre Dame clergy, the HA-pocalypse certainly isn't lacking in variety. "It's a comprehensive show," Tortorello said. "It's the best of the best with a little bit of everything."

Without a doubt, that variety comes from having a broad and diverse cast. HA includes members of all different majors, ranging from freshmen to seniors, with a few grad students as well.

And the one common thread between all of them is their love of comedy. Monday night's rehearsal was tantamount to a running roast, in which most of the cast members spent more time poking fun of each other than rehearsing their lines.

As you might expect, they're all pretty funny in person and are hard to take seriously. One thing you might not expect is that they all finish each other's sentences. So obviously, doing a roundtable interview with four cast members was an interesting experience.

Freshman Mitch Bradford commented on the experience of working with his cast members by saying, "I hate these guys." Mike Johnson, a senior who describes his name as "the best in the world because everyone has it," said, "We really enjoy our own shows" to which Bradford cut in, "...more so than the audience does. You have to have fun onstage, if you're not then the audience knows and they won't laugh."

Sophomore Joe Kwaczala said, "It's nice to challenge each other." Bradford replied, "When you're around funny people, it challenges you to be funnier." Johnson said, "We feed off each other and make our skits bigger and better," to which Kwaczala returned, "...at least we hope," before pausing the conversation by jumping out of a second-story window of Washington Hall. After a momentary panic, Kwaczala's head popped up from beneath the window sill,



Photo courtesy of Cassidy Russell

From the top, Steve Tortorello, Rory Norton and Mitch Bradford clown around during rehearsal.

as he was crouching on a ledge on the outside part of the wall. Despite giving nearly everyone a heart attack, Kwaczala just smiled and said, "That's why they call me XXX."

Daredevil antics aside, sophomore Cassidy Russell explained, "We're too attractive not to be onstage and too amusing to do straight theater."

One thing is for sure heading into tonight's show and the end of the semester: if stress and finals do manage to get us and the end really is nigh, at least we'll all die laughing.

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The talented cast of "HA-pocalypse" is putting its comedic chops on display at its show tonight at 7:30 in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

MLB

Willingham's five RBIs lead Marlins over Mets

Casey's pinch-hit single in eighth lifts Tigers over Orioles; Sabathia recovers and strikes out nine as Indians win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Josh Willingham's big night at the plate was huge and Ricky Nolasco gave the Florida Marlins a nice effort, too.

Just don't forget about Florida's defense.

The Marlins made three great defensive plays and Willingham drove in a career-high five runs in a 5-2 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

"We played some great defense tonight," said Nolasco, who came off the disabled list to pitch five effective innings. "Defense picked me up when I needed them to and this is how we're going to win."

Willingham tripled with the bases loaded in the first inning and hit a two-run homer off Aaron Heilman in the eighth after the Mets pulled within one. Willingham narrowly missed two more homers, flying out to the warning track in center twice.

"It's one of those things

where it's a combination of I feel good at the plate, I'm getting into good hitters counts a lot of times and getting good pitches to hit," said Willingham, who is hitting .450 with 11 RBIs in his last five games. "If they make their pitches on the corners, obviously you don't drive the ball."

Nolasco was backed by solid defense, especially from center fielder Alfredo Amezaga. Carlos Beltran hit a long fly to center in the fourth, but Amezaga leaped high to catch the drive near the top of the wall.

Amezaga was responsible for the final out of the inning, too. He easily threw out Carlos Delgado trying to score on Paul Lo Duca's single to get Nolasco out of the inning.

"In the box score it's not going to be noticed but for me he's got to be up there with Willingham as far as heroes of the game," manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "Those are two runs or maybe even possibly more runs that he saved us."

The Marlins also turned an unusual double play when the Mets attempted a double steal with runners on first and third in the first inning. Carlos Delgado took a called third strike and shortstop Hanley Ramirez cut off catcher Miguel Olivo's throw and threw back to the plate to get Jose Reyes.

Nolasco (1-0) allowed one run and six hits. He was 0-3 with a 19.73 ERA in four previous appearances against New York. He got his first road win since he beat Arizona on Aug. 13.

"You can't put people on base for free because they'll make you pay," said Nolasco, who struck out five and walked none. "My perspective was just if they're going to get on base I'm going to make them earn it."

Detroit 5, Baltimore 4

Sean Casey hopes with the start of a new month, his fortunes have changed at the plate.

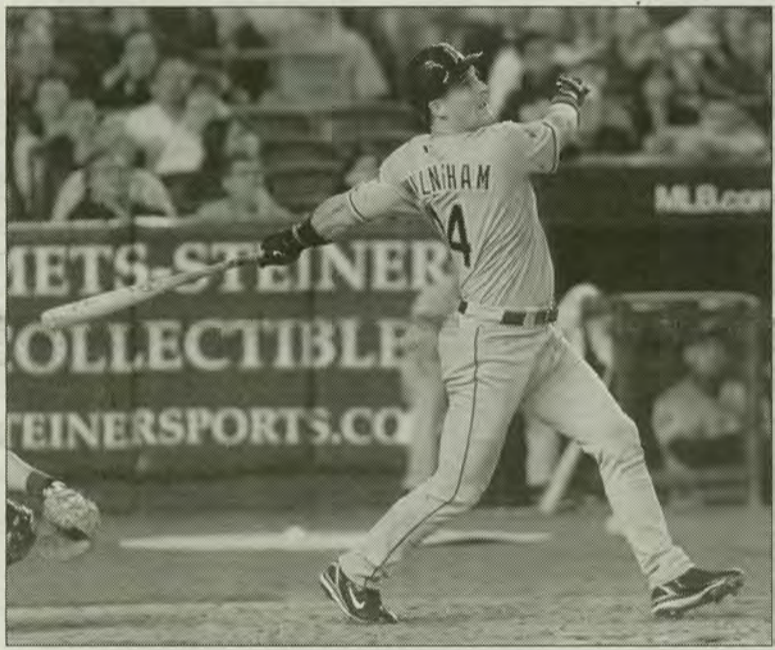
Casey's pinch-hit tiebreaking single with one out in the eighth inning lifted the Detroit Tigers to a win over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Craig Monroe also homered for Detroit and Placido Polanco went 4-for-5 with two RBIs.

Casey has gotten off to a poor start, hitting only .203. The RBI was only his second of the season.

"I kind of struggled through the first month of April," Casey said. "And, hopefully, it's a good sign for me in May."

Pinch-hitter Carlos Guillen led off the eighth with a walk by Danys Baez (0-1) and was sacrificed to second by Brandon Inge. Curtis Granderson was then walked intentionally. Casey then pinch hit for Neifi Perez and hit a sinking liner that just eluded third baseman Melvin Mora that scored Guillen with the go-



Florida left fielder Josh Willingham hits a two-run single during the Marlins' 5-2 win over the Mets Tuesday.



Detroit outfielder Craig Monroe, right, celebrates with Placido Polanco after hitting a two-run home run Tuesday.

ahead run to make it 4-3. Polanco added a run-scoring single.

Casey is also just getting over the flu.

"Just what the doctor ordered, believe me," he said.

Reliever Joel Zumaya (1-1) pitched two innings for the victory. He struck out four and allowed one hit.

He has also struggled recently, but this was his second consecutive effective appearance.

Cleveland 12, Toronto 4

Not long ago, one bad inning probably would've unhinged C.C. Sabathia, sending him into mound-stomping rage.

On Tuesday night, he didn't lose his cool or the game.

"I guess I'm getting older," he said. "I hate to say that."

Rocked by Toronto for three homers in the first inning, Sabathia buckled down to stay unbeaten and Jhonny Peralta had a career-high five RBIs as the Cleveland Indians beat the

Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Sabathia (4-0) found himself down 3-0 five batters into the game. But the left-hander settled in and held the Blue Jays to one hit over the next five innings, retiring 16 of the final 17. He walked none and struck out nine in six innings.

"They put some good swings on some balls," said Sabathia, who seems to have one tough inning every time out. "I was just glad it was at the beginning."

After enduring a season-opening month of snow, postponements and travel, Cleveland began May with a comeback victory, scoring nine consecutive runs and a season-high 12 to win for the eighth time in nine games.

The Indians' lone loss since April 22 came in a 7-4 setback on Saturday to Baltimore, a game they played under protest and one they're hoping baseball officials will give them a second chance to win.

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team	points
1 Georgia	97
2 Virginia	90
3 Ohio State	89
4 Baylor	85
5 NOTRE DAME	78
6 North Carolina	74
7 Mississippi	72
8 UCLA	69
9 Illinois	66
10 USC	65
11 Texas	62
12 Oklahoma State	61
13 Wake Forest	60
14 LSU	58
15 Duke	58
16 Tulsa	54
17 Alabama	54
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22 Clemson	46
23 Boise State	44
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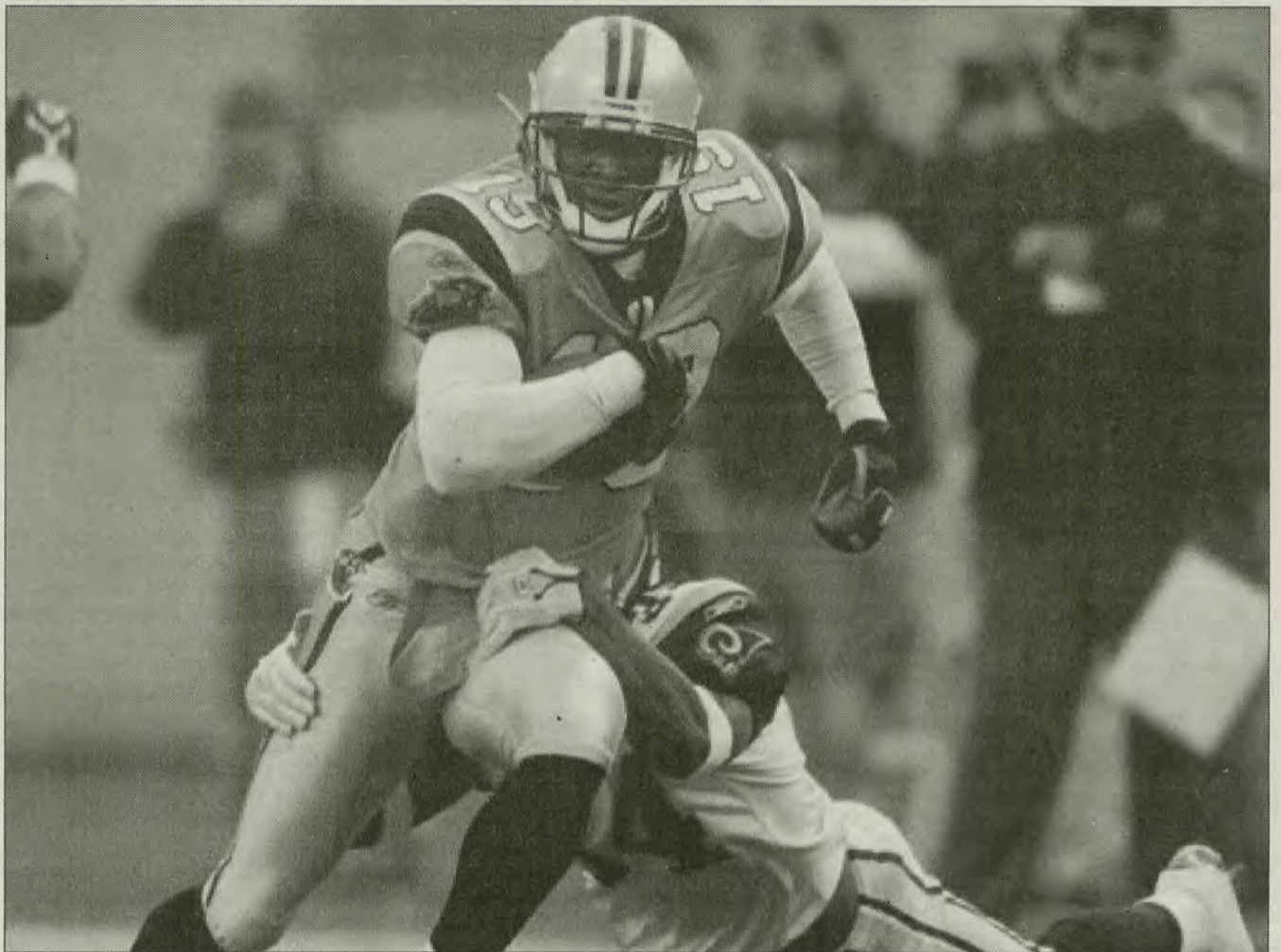
NCAA Women's Softball

team	record	points	prev.
1 Tennessee	50-2	499	1
2 Alabama	46-4	467	2
3 Oklahoma	47-5	464	4
4 Arizona	34-9	443	3
5 LSU	46-6	417	6
6 Texas A&M	37-7	396	5
7 Arizona State	42-11	365	9
8 Baylor	41-11	351	7
9 Michigan	37-8	341	8

NCAA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Poll

team	record	pts.
1 Cornell	8-0	240
2 Albany	8-2	225
3 Virginia	10-1	217
4 Duke	9-2	206
5 Georgetown	6-2	187
5 Princeton	6-2	182
7 Maryland	8-3	166
8 Navy	8-2	152
9 John Hopkins	4-4	136
10 North Carolina	7-4	123
11 NOTRE DAME	6-3	102
12 Bucknell	9-2	98
13 Towson	6-3	90
14 Loyola	5-3	74
15 UMBC	6-4	64
16 Drexel	8-3	50
17 Delaware	6-4	35
18 Syracuse	3-5	30
19 Fairfield	5-3	26
20 Brown	6-3	20

NFL



Former Panthers receiver Keyshawn Johnson avoids a tackle during his last season of NFL play. He was released from the team Tuesday, three days after Carolina selected Dwayne Jarrett in the draft.

Johnson released from Carolina Panthers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When the Carolina Panthers drafted Southern California receiver Dwayne Jarrett in the second round Saturday, Keyshawn Johnson was ecstatic.

"This is a great pick. We need another wide receiver," Johnson gushed while working as a draft analyst for ESPN. "This guy is much like me. I'm going to teach him how to play from the point of attack."

He won't get the chance. The Panthers deemed their older former USC receiver was expendable Tuesday. Johnson, the 6-foot-4 possession receiver

and 1996 No. 1 overall pick, was released to make way for a younger 6-foot-4 possession receiver taken with the 45th pick.

"We appreciated the contribution of Keyshawn in his season with the Panthers," coach John Fox said. "He brought us high production, but at this time, we are in a situation in which we have a number of young receivers and thought this was the right time to make the decision."

The Panthers also selected receiver Ryne Robinson in the fourth round of the draft. While he will likely be primarily used as a punt returner, he did catch

91 passes at Miami of Ohio last season. The Panthers also have receivers Drew Carter and Keary Colbert — plus star Steve Smith.

Johnson, who will turn 35 in July, had 70 catches for 815 yards and four touchdowns last season and became the 16th player in NFL history with 800 career catches. The Panthers signed Johnson last year after he was released by Dallas in a salary cap move so the Cowboys could sign Terrell Owens.

It was hoped Johnson would take pressure off Smith, who was Carolina's lone option in 2005 and was shut down in the NFC

championship game by Seattle. But the Panthers, plagued by injuries, stumbled to an 8-8 record and missed the playoffs.

Numerous calls placed to Johnson on Tuesday were not returned. Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said he had a couple of phone conversations with him.

"I don't think he agreed with the decision. I think he feels like he could have come in and helped us in our goal of trying to get to the playoffs and win the championship, but I think he understood our thought process," Hurney said. "I would just say he didn't agree with it."

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7 p.m., Versus

IN BRIEF

Cowboys' owner will root for Quinn to struggle

Jerry Jones will spend almost as much time next season rooting against Cleveland as he will rooting for his Dallas Cowboys.

That's because the Cowboys now have the Browns' first pick, courtesy of Cleveland's desire to get back into the first round of last weekend's draft to grab Brady Quinn as he went into free-fall. Dallas finally gave the Browns the pick they needed to take the Notre Dame quarterback — for Cleveland's first pick next year.

Good for Jerry. That pick figures to still be high, especially if Quinn is the starting QB ahead of Charlie Frye. That's because almost all rookie quarterbacks struggle, which means the Browns will struggle. And that means Dallas could well have a top-five pick next season — even if it wins the Super Bowl. (Dream on about that, Jerry and that portion of fandom that finds something appealing about "America's Team.")

Pletcher hopes to crack goose-egg with 5 Derby starters

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Todd Pletcher is certainly goosing his odds of ending an 0-for-14 streak in the Kentucky Derby. He plans to enter a record-tying five horses in Saturday's race — a quarter of the expected 20-horse field — although none of them figures to be the favorite.

"I'm not as excited about having five in there," he said. "I want to have one that wins."

The 39-year-old trainer has come close twice before. He finished second to Barbaro with Bluegrass Cat last year and second with Invisible Ink in 2001.

This year, he's saddling Any Given Saturday, Circular Quay (pronounced key), Cowtown Cat, Scat Daddy and Sam P.

"I still don't feel like in years past that we've brought the best horse to the race," he said. "I'm hoping this year that maybe one of ours is."

Pilot misjudged U-turn resulting in fatal crash

WASHINGTON — New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor did not realize their misjudgment of a U-turn until it was too late to avoid their fatal New York City plane crash, investigators said Tuesday.

They had several options in how they handled that maneuver, the probe found.

In presenting their findings, National Transportation Safety Board members said they still didn't know whether Lidle or his flight instructor Tyler Stanger was piloting the plane in the Oct. 11, 2006, crash.

Both were killed when the Cirrus SR-20, owned by Lidle, slammed into a high-rise apartment building. The NTSB declared Tuesday that the cause was "inadequate judgment, planning and airmanship" by Lidle and Stanger.

MLB

Hughes injures hamstring, will likely be out 4-6 weeks

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Phil Hughes was working on a no-hitter in the seventh inning of his second major league start when a hamstring injury cost him a chance to make history.

The Yankees' prized prospect is expected to miss four to six weeks, a sour end to an otherwise encouraging night for the last-place club. New York responded to criticism from owner George Steinbrenner in a big way Tuesday with a 10-1 rout of the Texas Rangers.

Hank Blalock hit a leadoff double against reliever Mike Myers in the eighth inning for Texas' first hit, not long after Hughes (1-1) became the latest Yankees pitcher to go down.

The 20-year-old right-hander, considered one of the top prospects in baseball, was cruising along in a dominant performance when he winced and grabbed the back of his left thigh after throwing an 0-2 breaking ball to Mark Teixeira with one out in the seventh. It was Hughes' 83rd pitch.

"He said he felt a pop," catcher Jorge Posada said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre, pitching coach Ron Guidry and a trainer came out to the mound to check on Hughes, who was removed from the game and walked gingerly back to the dugout, where he received a warm reception from teammates.

Hughes walked three and

struck out six. He left with a 9-0 lead.

Hughes was called up from Triple-A Scranton to fill a spot in New York's injury-depleted rotation. Mike Mussina (hamstring), Carl Pavano (forearm) and Jeff Karstens (broken right leg) are

on the disabled list. Chien-Ming Wang also missed the first three weeks of the season with a hamstring injury.

Ian Kinsler followed Blalock's double with an RBI single. Myers finished the eighth and Luis Vizcaino worked the ninth

to complete the two-hitter.

New York's dismal first month — which ended with a 9-14 record and 6 1/2-game deficit to first-place Boston in the AL East — roused Steinbrenner to issue his first public remarks of the season, at once throwing his

support behind Torre and rebuking the team for its record.

Steinbrenner's vote of confidence in Torre and general manager Brian Cashman silenced, at least temporarily, speculation that their jobs were in jeopardy.

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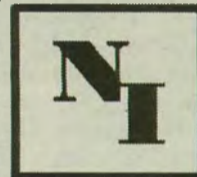
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NBA

Nets' hopes alive with close win over Raptors

Ford, Calderon go down with injuries, but expected to return for Game 6 action Friday

Associated Press

TORONTO — After staving off elimination by holding on for a win in Game 5, the Toronto Raptors hope they have enough healthy players for Game 6.

Jose Calderon scored a career-high 25 points before spraining his ankle in the final minute and Andrea Bargnani added 18 points as the Raptors rebounded from two double-digit losses to beat the New Jersey Nets 98-96 on Tuesday night.

"It took everything and it took everybody," Raptors coach Sam Mitchell said. "They didn't go away quietly."

Game 6 in the first-round series is Friday night in New Jersey.

The victory came at a cost for Toronto, who lost point guards Calderon and T.J. Ford to injury.

"We're going to need these couple of days in between games," Mitchell said. "We've got some guys banged up but hopefully they'll feel a little bit better tomorrow."

Ford left shortly after colliding with Carter with less than 30 seconds to play in the first quarter. Ford, who suffered what team officials called a "stinger," was taken to a hospital for tests. He returned to the arena and was sitting on the bench late in the fourth quarter. Tests showed no serious problems but Ford still complained of soreness after the game.

Calderon was taken to a hospital after the game for tests on his ankle. The severity of his

injury was not known.

"We just kind of rallied around each other and got stops when we needed to," Raptors forward Morris Peterson said.

Calderon was praised for stepping up in Ford's absence.

"Jose did a spectacular job tonight," Toronto's Chris Bosh said. "He made some big shots, especially when they were going under the screens. They paid a lot of attention to me so that freed him up."

The Raptors led by as many as 17 points in the second half but the Nets got within one in the final minute when Calderon rolled over on his ankle and lost the ball to Jason Kidd. Vince Carter then hit a 3-pointer to make it 95-94 with 27.6 seconds remaining.

Two free throws by Bosh and a putback from Mikki Moore of the Nets made it 97-96. Bosh was fouled again but made just one of two, giving the Nets a chance to tie or go for the win. Carter drove to the basket but Juan Dixon's defense forced him to give up the ball and Bostjan Nachbar's 3-pointer bounced off the rim as time expired.

"He was wide open," Carter said. "I'll go for that every time. I told him if that play happens again, I'm going to make the same play."

Kidd said the Nets "couldn't have asked for a better shot."

"It was all set up for us to win the game," Kidd said. "Unfortunately we didn't."

Nachbar, who went 0-for-7 from beyond the arc, felt bad for missing the opportunity.

NHL

Rangers even series at two



New York left winger Brendan Shanahan scores the game-winning goal on Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This no-goal got the New York Rangers even with the Buffalo Sabres in more ways than one.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped Daniel Briere's shot just short of fully crossing the goal line with 17 seconds left, and the Rangers hung on for a 2-1 victory over the Sabres on Tuesday night to square the Eastern Conference semifinal series after four games.

Both teams had to wait out a lengthy video review for the second straight game.

"What we're looking for is either confirm what the call is on the ice, or we have to have a conclusive picture of the puck being in the net," Bob Hall, the supervisor of officials for the series said in a statement. "It's what we're looking

for in this case because the on-ice ruling was no goal.

"We looked and looked and looked. No replay that we have seen shows it definitely crossing the goal line."

On Sunday, Rangers defenseman Karel Rachunek lost a goal when league officials in Toronto used a replay to determine he kicked the puck in.

The game went to double overtime, but a major controversy was avoided when the Rangers eventually won.

This time the call went New York's way.

"I guess it was really close," Briere said. "I think they misjudged the one last game. The Rangers' goal should've been a goal. For the sake of all, I hope they made the right call because that wouldn't be good — two games in a row, two

critical goals disallowed."

Jaromir Jagr and Brendan Shanahan scored power-play goals, and Lundqvist made 29 saves to get the Rangers back in the series.

The best-of-seven matchup now shifts back to Buffalo, where the Sabres — the NHL's best team in the regular season — took a 2-0 lead. Now they will be feeling the heat from a nervous, title-starved town unwilling to accept anything less than the first Stanley Cup in franchise history.

Game 5 is Friday night, with Game 6 back in New York on Sunday.

Buffalo picked up the pace right after Ales Kotalik cut the Sabres' deficit to 2-1 just 33 seconds after Shanahan's goal. The Sabres stormed for the tying goal during the final 10 minutes and outshot New York 11-4 in the third.

"We played good for 50 minutes, and the last minutes were a headache," Jagr said. "It was awful. We were lucky we won."

The pressure is back on the Presidents' Trophy winners, who have trailed in the third period in every game but the opener. After scoring an NHL-high 308 goals during the season, the Sabres have been held to five in three games following a 5-2 opening win.

All the questions before the series were whether the Rangers could slow down Buffalo's four fast lines. Now two goals have been enough to win consecutive games.

"In the playoffs there is a lot less chances available and Lundqvist has been really good, also," Briere said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Big East meet awaits Irish

Men hope to defend title; women look for win after 2nd place last year



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior high jumper Christopher Jacques clears the bar during the Notre Dame Indoor Opener January 19.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame runners have a lot to live up to as a select few travel to Storrs, Conn., this weekend to compete in the Big East championship.

The men are the defending conference champions at the George J. Sherman-Family Sports Complex, while the women hope to improve on their second-place performance from last season.

Championship races inspire a slightly different disposition in the runners.

"It's in the back of my mind," freshman Jake Walker said. "I want to perform my best at the championships. I'll go out and run as well as I can."

Walker is not currently qualified for the NCAA Mideast

regional meet, something he may be able to do at the Big East championship.

The meet will be close, since Louisville appears to be Notre Dame's toughest competition.

"We're gonna need everything we've got to beat Louisville because they're adding additional points that they didn't get against us indoors with some of their outdoor events," senior Ryan Postel said. "It's gonna be tough to beat them."

Postel is currently nursing an injured hamstring and the races he will run in the championship meet are not yet determined. He hopes to be able to compete in both the 4x400 meter relay and the 200-meter dash, but may have to choose one or the other.

"It's kind of going to come down to points," he said. "The real difference is, can I, on my

bum leg, help us more by attempting to run a 200 not at my top speed and get, say, five points, or is it going to come down to us having to put a larger margin than five points between us and Louisville."

Postel was able to run at almost full speed in practice Monday and will test the leg in the 200 dash over the course of the week.

The other runners have begun reducing their workouts before their races.

"It's the latter part of the season. I'm not going to kill myself," Walker said. "I usually cut down runs a little a few days before. I'll do strides and sprints to loosen up. I don't want to do too much."

The Big East meet is more of a team atmosphere than the Irish have experienced in recent meets. Rather than going for individual qualifying times, the runners compete in a cumulative effort for the whole team.

"My personal goal is to get in the top eight and score points for my team," Walker said.

One runner is in good position to do so. Freshman Balazs Molnar holds the fastest time in the conference in the 400-meter hurdles. But sitting atop the field means he has to deal with the baggage that comes with that position.

"I feel pressure because everybody told me I have to win this event," he said. "I try to do my best. It's a really big pressure."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 8 Irish place their focus on Quinnipiac



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Senior midfielder Brian Hubschmann fends off a Denver defender during Notre Dame's 14-6 win April 15.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Fresh off a victory over Ohio State that clinched both the Greater Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) title and an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, all the No. 8 Irish want to talk about is Quinnipiac.

"We need to win one more game," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said after Saturday's game against the Buckeyes. "I'm not going to talk about all those other things right now because [the Quinnipiac game] is what's right in front of us, and that's where our focus needs to be."

It's not as if Notre Dame has nothing to play for when it travels to Connecticut this weekend to close out the regular season Saturday at 1 p.m. On the line for the Irish will be a perfect conference record, an outright GWLL title, and finishing the regular season on an eight-game winning streak.

"I think all those things are important, but more than anything else, [we want] to continue to play well," Corrigan said. "We're at the time of the year where you don't want to take any backward steps. It's not just about getting wins. It's about getting yourself to play the best that you can play."

One could argue that the Irish could not play much better than they have over the past month-and-a-half. Since losing to Dartmouth on March 17, Notre Dame has rattled off seven consecutive victories — a streak that has helped the Irish jump 11 spots in the polls.

During their winning streak, the Irish have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 93-29. Notre Dame has been especially tough in the second half of games, allowing an average of 1.57 second-half goals.

On the offensive side of the field, Notre Dame has ridden a balanced attack to the tune of 11.56 goals per game, which is the fifth in the country. Four Irish players — attack Ryan Hoff, midfielder Michael Podgajny, midfielder Brian Hubschmann and attack Will Yeatman — have tallied 20 goals or more. Corrigan credited the unselfishness of his players in explaining the team's offensive success.

"We're willing to take what the defense gives us and have a lot of different people contribute," Corrigan said. "Our most consistent players are unselfish, and that makes a huge difference. As long as we're productive, they're happy."

It will be Quinnipiac's turn this Saturday to deal with both the Irish offense and defense, and the Bobcats don't appear to stand much of a chance on paper. Quinnipiac enters this weekend's game with a record of 6-6 overall and 1-3 in conference play. The Bobcats' three losses in GWLL play have come at the hands of Denver, Ohio State and Air Force — all teams that Notre Dame has defeated this season.

That said, Corrigan emphasized that he believes Quinnipiac will play with great intensity this weekend, and he has been working on his team to prevent a let-down.

"I expect [their intensity] to be good," Corrigan said. "They have a chance to put a feather in the cap of their seniors which is to win a big league game and to knock off a top-ten team. That's plenty to play for."

"We've been talking to our guys all week about the idea that we haven't proven anything to this team until we get out on the field with them and take care of business."

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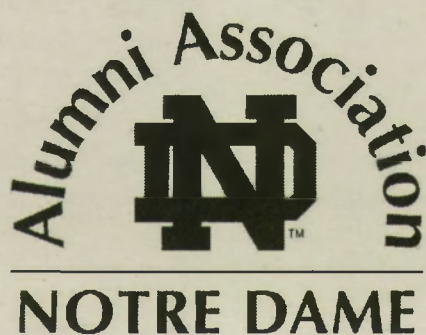
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ND SOFTBALL

Ramblers can't touch Bargar



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish pitcher Brittany Bargar winds up against IUPUI March 22. Bargar threw her second no-hitter of the season Tuesday, with only a hit batter standing between her and a perfect game.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame snapped a seven-game losing streak Tuesday with a big win over Loyola Chicago.

Sophomore Brittney Bargar picked up her second no-hitter of the season while blanking the Ramblers 5-0.

Bargar struck out 10 and was only a hit batter in the first inning away from throwing the first perfect game of her career. She received all the run support she would need before she even took the mound.

Senior centerfielder Stephanie Brown led off the game by reaching safely on a bunt to the pitcher. Two batters later, shortstop Katie Laing knocked her second home run of the year over the left field wall, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead.

In the following half inning, Ramblers junior Kat Krause reached first after being plunked by Bargar and stole second shortly afterwards. However, that was the furthest any Loyola runner would get all game.

The scoring came to a halt after Laing's blast as Bargar and Loyola pitcher Amy Solova retired 22 consecutive batters. Solova threw more than five innings, giving up two hits and only one earned run.

The run came in the sixth inning when freshman Ashley Ellis scored for the first time in her collegiate career, driven in by a Linda Kohan double in the sixth. The Irish tacked on two more insurance runs in the seventh when Christine Lux doubled. Laing and Brown scored on the play, the second run of the game for both.

Notre Dame will finish out its regular season this week as it

takes on Rutgers and Villanova on the road in a pair of conference doubleheaders. The Scarlet Knights are currently in ninth place in the 12-team Big East conference with a 7-11 record. Villanova is in the cellar at 5-13. Notre Dame will need to win all four games for a chance at catching Louisville at the No. 3 spot before the Big East tournament.

The Irish will be close to home as they attempt to defend last year's championship. The tournament begins May 10 and will be held in South Bend for the second consecutive year. Notre Dame upset top-seeded Louisville in a 1-0 pitcher's duel to claim the 2006 title.

No members of the team were available for comment following Tuesday's game due to travel.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Nakazaki chosen for NCAA Tournament

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki was selected Monday for the individual competition at the 2007 NCAA Central Regional, marking the first time the Irish will send an individual golfer to the event.

"It means a lot to me, obviously," she said. "Last year we weren't able to qualify for the tournament and it was a big disappointment. However, it just motivated me even more to try and make it this year. I'm still kind of saddened that we didn't make it as a team, but I'll try my best to make them proud."

The three-day tournament is set to start May 10 and will be held at University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The NCAA is divided into three regions, each of which sends 21 teams to their respective regional, and three separate golfers from non-qualifying teams. Next week, these three regionals will take place across the country to establish the national championship field.

In total, 324 golfers are participating, of which 126 will advance to the NCAA finals. Eight teams and two individual golfers will represent each regional in the finals, which will be held May 22-25 at the LPGA International Legends Course in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Although Nakazaki has never competed in the NCAA regionals as an individual, she has participated in Notre Dame's only appearances in the tournament in 2004 and 2005 — her first two years as a student-athlete.

In the 2004 NCAA Tournament in Normal, Ill., Nakazaki shot a 20-over-par

233 (80-74-79) over three rounds. The effort led the Irish in scoring, and put her in a tie for 36th out of the field of 108.

As a sophomore, Nakazaki once again paced the team, while shooting a 14-over-par 230 (75-80-75) — good enough for a 37th place tie in Lubbock, Texas.

The senior is coming off a fifth-place finish in the Big East championship out of a field of 33, which helped the Irish claim a second-place finish overall. Her 3-over-par 219 (73-74-72) helped her receive her fourth All-Big East honor of her career.

The co-captain held Notre Dame's best career scoring mark with a 75.76 average through three seasons. This season, Nakazaki's scoring average is 74.71, a stroke below her own mark from last year, which was the team's lowest average ever on a season.

Nakazaki stressed the need to improve her chipping and putting for the regional competition.

"My short game is the key to a successful round, and I need to work on that to do well," she said.

Although her teammates and coaches will not be with her in Ann Arbor, they will all be cheering her on in spirit with the hopes that she can make it to the NCAA Championships.

"My main objective is to make it to the finals," Nakazaki said. "Ever since my freshman year it has been our goal to make it to the final round. It makes me proud that I will be representing Notre Dame, representing my coaches and teammates, so I want to perform my best."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to avenge loss

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to improve its play against Alma, Tri-State and Hope as the team enters the MIAA tournament Thursday.

The fourth-ranked Belles will face top-seeded Alma (27-9, 14-2 MIAA), which is also hosting the tournament in Alma, Mich.

The Belles finished regular season play strong with a 25-7 record (10-6 MIAA) and swept Kalamazoo and Adrian April 28 and 30, respectively.

But their record against the three teams they could face in the MIAA tournament is dismal. The Belles went 1-5 this season against Alma, Tri-State and Hope.

Alma handed Saint Mary's its first regular-season loss March 31, topping the Belles 9-1 and 4-0. Saint Mary's struggled with Tri-State as well, falling 9-1 and 3-2 on April 17. The Belles had some success against Hope as they split the decision 5-6 and 7-6 on April 27.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said the team wasn't at its best when it lost to Alma, Tri-State and Hope. She believes the Belles are much stronger now.

"We gave them those wins,"

Sullivan said. "Two of those losses were by one run. Kristin [Amram] threw a four-hitter against Alma and they still won, so it all comes down to run support."

Alma won the MIAA championship for nine consecutive years until 2006 when Hope reclaimed the title. The Belles last won the tournament in 2004 but lost out on the overall championship to Alma.

"The whole Alma [mystique] is gone for us. We won three out of four of the games against them last year and slaughtered them twice. They're the same team as last year," Sullivan said. "It's tough to be on the bus for four hours, but we're going to be well-rested. To us we're clearly better."

Last year, the Belles went 1-2 in the tournament, dropping games against Hope (5-2) and Alma (4-2). Their one win also came against Alma 3-2. Sullivan said the team will do nothing different in its preparations for the tournament.

"We're just going to prepare like we have for our last 12 games where we won 11 of them and we should have won 12," Sullivan said. "Clearly, we're doing what we need to do to get the job done."

To finish the season strong

the Belles will rely on their sluggers, senior shortstop Sarah Miesle and freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, batting .413 and .412, respectively.

Sophomore pitchers Kristin Amram (1.47 ERA) and Calli Davison (3.48 ERA) will look to continue their dominance from the mound.

Amram has held opponents to a .145 batting average and struck out 157 batters — second best in the league — and was named MIAA Pitcher of the Week for three consecutive weeks this season. Davison, who has held batters to a .270 average, has a 14-3 record.

As for hitting, the Scots are batting a .259 team average. The Belles are batting a combined .351, third in the league.

Sullivan said winning will come down to executing the small things.

"If you look at the records ... everybody seems so evenly matched. Any given day can be somebody's day," she said. "Hope, Alma, Tri-State, they all split against each other. We split with Hope and we should have split with Tri-State. At that point, it's whoever wants it more."

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ROWING

Irish look for second Championship spot

By DANIELLE KELLER
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After winning an unprecedented fourth consecutive Big East title, Irish rowing wraps up its spring season with the Central/South NCAA Region Championship Regatta May 12 and 13 in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

At the Region Championships, Notre Dame will look to qualify for the NCAA Rowing Championships. The No. 6 Irish will face some of the nation's best crews including UVA, Ohio State, Michigan State, Michigan State, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

"We think that this year we are a lot stronger team and we're willing to fight for our spot at NCAAs," sophomore rower Ellie Greybar said.

If the team qualifies, it will compete in the NCAA Rowing Championships May 26 and 27 in Oak Ridge for the second time in program history.

"We're ready to step up and make a name for ourselves," Greybar said.

Notre Dame competed against

some of the top rowing teams in the nation this spring. The season began on March 17 in Knoxville, Tenn., with a regatta against Tennessee and Minnesota. The following day, the Irish raced Cincinnati and Alabama at the site of this year's NCAA Championships. On March 24, the team faced Midwest rivals Michigan and Michigan State.

"We're ready to step up and make a name for ourselves."

Ellie Greybar
Irish sophomore

The most exciting victories came later in the season, when the team won the Lubber Cup title, beat two-time defending champion California and bested No. 6 Princeton and No. 5 Virginia. The

novice eight boat remained undefeated for most of the season, and the varsity eight boat moved up from its No. 11 ranking at the beginning of the season to its current No. 6 spot.

Notre Dame has been successful against many of the teams it will face in the NCAA Tournament, and the team hopes it will be able to further its success in the postseason.

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department's support of the flourishing program.

"It's nice to be recognized for what you've accomplished," Jackson said. "The big thing for me was they recognized the entire staff."

Assistant coaches Paul Pooley, Andy Slaggert and Mike McNeill will be guaranteed positions as long as Jackson is around.

The extension will also give top young recruits the confidence to sign on with Notre Dame knowing that the staff will still be around when they begin their career. This season's freshman class was recognized as one of the top in the nation, with three players named to the CCHA All-Rookie team.

In the wake of losing eight key players to graduation this season, the 2007 freshmen will continue the upward trend of talent coming through the Notre Dame locker room. NHL scouts recently named all seven of the incoming freshmen in their list of the top-240 prospects for the upcoming draft.

"The NHL isn't the perfect evaluator of talent," Jackson said. "I think that the players we have coming in will be recognized as one of the best classes in the country, but they still have to get it done on the ice."

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Power

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[Powerhouse] was probably the best team we ever faced," Anthony captain Jill Bodensteiner said.

Bodensteiner and fellow Notre Dame alumnae Maja Hansen and Sarah Liebscher were joined by Saint Mary's students Ali Bender and Alison Kessler. Kessler was the leading scorer for the Belles varsity team this winter.

Belles freshman Mary Lynn Carlson also filled in during the championship game for Bodensteiner, who severely injured her knee in the semifinals — an injury that will most likely end her decade-long Bookstore career.

However, Bodensteiner was not upset about the way she went out.

"They were such a classy team and had such great teamwork that it wasn't that upsetting to lose them," the 1991 graduate said.

The game was also the last for Powerhouse's Parrett, Hall, and Lauren Hesano, who will be graduating in two weeks. Their careers came to a perfect close by ending Anthony Travel's reign at the top.

"I thought it was an awesome way to end senior year," Parrett said. "So many girls around campus have come up to [us] and thanked us for beating them."

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NBA

Study suggests racism in refereeing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An academic study of NBA officiating found that white referees called fouls at a greater rate against black players than against white players, The New York Times reported on its Web site Tuesday night.

The study by a University of Pennsylvania assistant professor and Cornell graduate student also found that black officials called fouls more frequently against white players than black, but noted that that tendency was not as pronounced.

Justin Wolfers, an assistant professor of business and public policy at Penn's Wharton School, and Joseph Price, a Cornell graduate student in economics, said the difference in calls "is large enough that the probability of a team winning is noticeably affected by the racial composition of the

refereeing crew."

The study, conducted over a 13-season span through 2004, found that the racial makeup of a three-man officiating crew affected calls by up to 4 1/2 percent.

The NBA strongly criticized the study, which was based on information from publicly available box scores, which show only the referees' names and contain no information about which official made a call.

"The study that is cited in the New York Times article is wrong," president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "The fact is there is no evidence of racial bias in foul calls made by NBA officials and that is based on a study conducted by our experts who looked at data that was far more robust and current than the data relied upon by Professor Wolfers.

"The short of it is Wolfers and Price only looked at calls made by three-man crews. Our experts were able to analyze calls made by individual referees."

Litvin said the NBA's study, using data from November 2004 to January 2007, included some 148,000 calls and included which official made each call. The Times said the NBA denied a request by Wolfers and Price to obtain that information, citing its confidentiality agreement with the officials.

The study also found differences in everything from a decrease in scoring to a rise in turnovers depending on the officials' race.

"Player performance appears to deteriorate at every margin when officiated by a larger fraction of opposite-race referees," Wolfers and Price wrote.

But the key finding was in

regard to foul calls, saying "black players receive around 0.12-0.20 more fouls per 48 minutes played (an increase of 2 1/2-4 1/2 percent) when the number of white referees officiating a game increases from zero to three."

The NBA has an observer at each game and closely monitors its officials, who are required to file reports after each game they work and are expected to be able to explain each potentially controversial call they have made.

Litvin said in an original version of the paper, dated March 2006, Wolfers and Price came to the conclusion that there was no bias. He added that the NBA's research "all prove beyond any doubt in our minds that these guys are just flat wrong."

"They reached conclusions in their own papers that are unsupported by their own calculations," Litvin said.

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Homer

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"Weglarz was looking to get on base, basically, and hit the ball hard."

Sophomore Brett Grafty got the win coming in on relief in the sixth, holding the Flames to just three hits and no earned runs. Junior Wade Korpi started the game, pitching five innings and allowing two runs on three hits, striking out three and walking one.

"[The] biggest positive of the night was Korpi and Grafty," Schrage said. "As we go on in the season, I don't want to jump ahead to think about the conference tournament, but if we get there we're gonna need guys like that to pitch well."

Illinois-Chicago used four pitchers, none going more than 3 1-3 innings. Matt Weldon started the game for the Flames.

The Flames came out bunting — laying down three in a row at one point and five total in the game.

"A team like UIC coming in and playing against us is a big game for us but I think it might be an even bigger game for them," Weglarz said. "... I think them playing small ball kept the game close, and that's what they probably needed to do to win."

The game saw five errors, four unearned runs, 10 walks, three hit batsmen and two wild pitches.

The scoring started early for the Irish. In the bottom of the first, second baseman Jeremy

Barnes ripped a 1-1 pitch past Flames third baseman Nick Rainwater with the bases loaded to score third baseman A.J. Pollock.

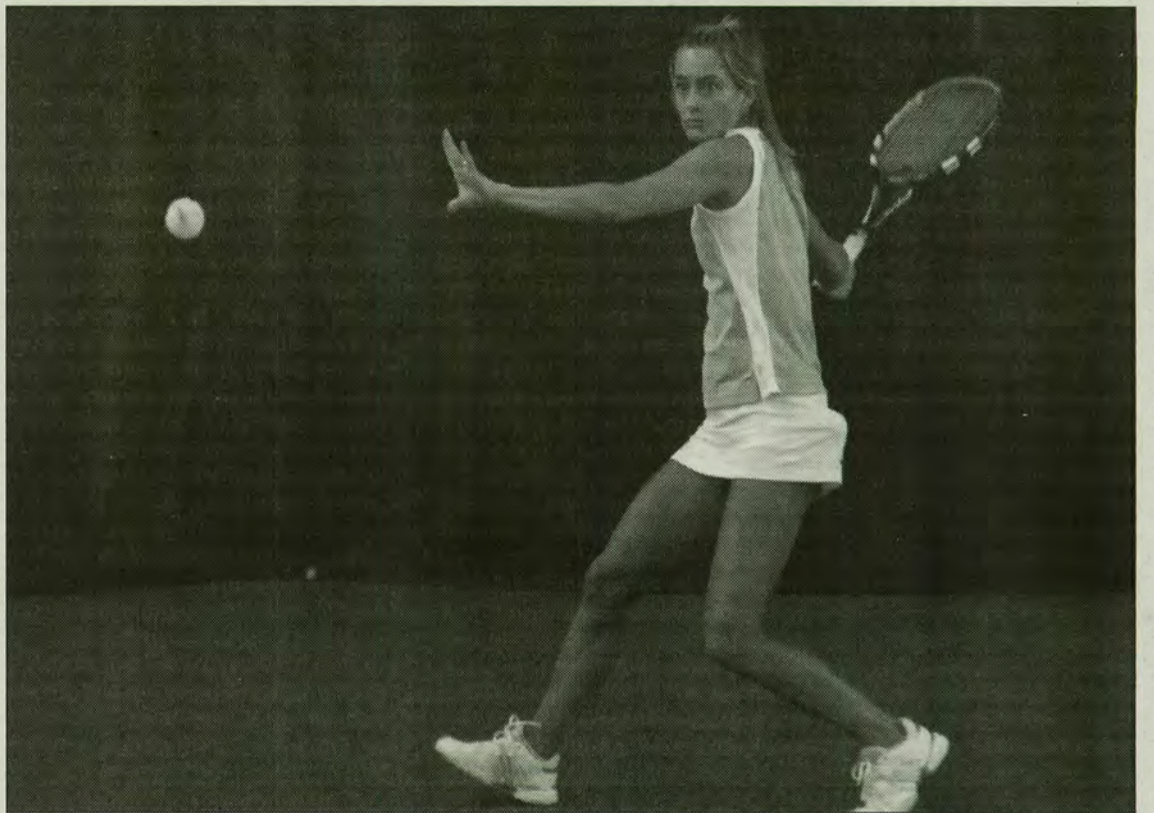
The Flames were dormant until the third, when Korpi ran into trouble. With runners on second and third, Rainwater grounded out to third, scoring catcher Ben Trotter.

With Barnes at the plate, left fielder Ross Brezovsky on third and Weglarz on second in the bottom of the third, Flames pitcher Grant Kohlstaedt's pitch bounced in the dirt and got away from Trotter, allowing Brezovsky to score and Weglarz to advance to third. Barnes then grounded out to short to score Weglarz and push the score to 3-1.

The Flames turned the tables and took advantage of Notre Dame fielding miscues in the fifth. Following a double down the left field line by first baseman Jake Carr and a walk issued to Trotter, Korpi's pitch to right fielder Ty Rubio fell short of the plate. Weglarz got in front of it in time to throw down to third in an attempt to catch Carr, who was advancing to third on the wild pitch. Weglarz' throw, however, went wide of Pollock and into left field, allowing Carr to cross and bring the score to 3-2.

Illinois-Chicago tied the game at three in the sixth, when second baseman David Cales hit a hard shot that bounced into left field after Pollock misplayed it, allowing Larry Gempis Jr. to score.

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish junior Brook Buck returns a volley during Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over Louisville Feb. 9. Buck returns to action in the NCAA Tournament May 11 after struggling with injury.

UIC

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for us, we've been hoping we can get outdoors the rest of the time before regionals."

Notre Dame has knocked off Illinois-Chicago in each of the teams' past seven meetings. The winner of the first round match will take on either Michigan or Colorado in the second round. The Irish defeated the Wolverines 6-1 at the Eck Tennis

Pavilion on Feb. 16 but have yet to face Colorado. Whoever emerges victorious from the second round match will head to Athens, Ga., to play in the round of 16.

In their 28 matches this season, the Irish faced 15 qualifiers in the 64-team field and went 12-3 against these opponents. At the ITA National Indoor Tournament in February, the Irish faced three of these top-tier opponents in consecutive days, going 2-1. In the opening round, Notre Dame knocked off

Clemson 5-2 and defeated Northwestern 4-3 in the semifinals before falling to Georgia Tech 4-2 in the finals. On April 13, a banged up Notre Dame squad, playing without Buck and freshman Cosmina Ciobanu in singles, lost to the Wildcats 5-2.

Last season, the Irish entered the tournament as the No. 2 overall seed and advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Miami 4-0.

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Big East title. The Irish will take on Butler (14-9) in the first round.

Notre Dame will need to keep a sharp focus after the team was showered with individual awards at the end of the Big East season. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss won the Big East coach of the year for the sixth time since coaching the Irish, and senior Stephen Bass won the conference's most outstanding player award. In addition to the accolades, Irish players Brett Helgeson, Barry King and Sheeva Parbhu all were named to the Big East tournament all-

singles team. In doubles, Sheeva Parbhu and Brett Helgeson, along with Ryan Keckley and Barry King, were honored by the Big East for their outstanding seasons.

Notre Dame is sporting one of its best records in past memory at 24-3 — the best mark for the team since the 1989-90 season. The team only needs three more wins to get to the 27-win plateau to tie the school record for victories in a season. That mark was set by the 1980-81 team.

But all of the awards and honors do not mean much when the Irish start play in the NCAA Tournament.

Butler, which does not boast the same record as the Irish, is still a team to be taken seriously.

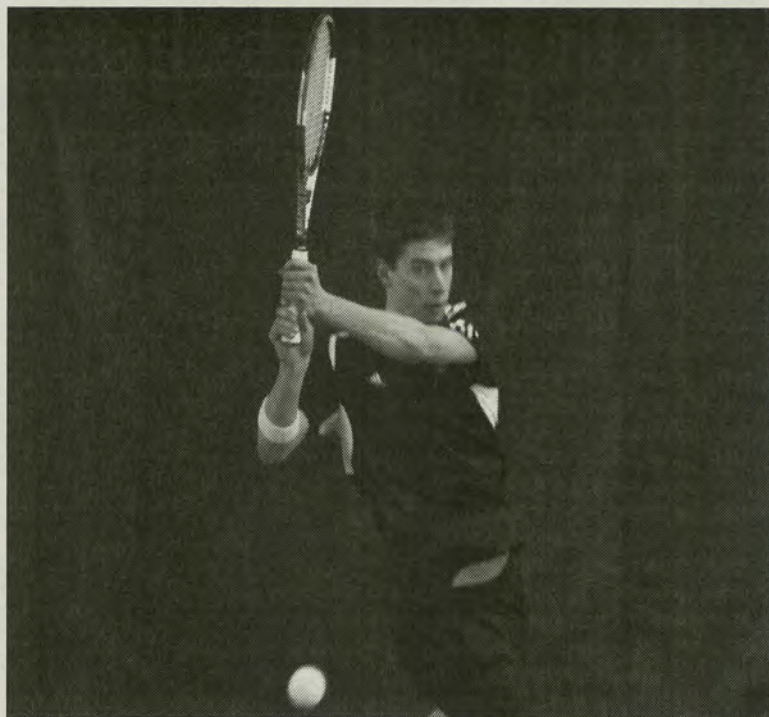
"You just try to win every match and see how it goes," Bayliss said.

The Bulldogs have won eight straight matches and are playing in the tournament for the sixth straight season. On top of that, Butler was the champion of the Horizon League this season. Butler's No. 1 player, James Low, was named the Horizon League athlete of the year.

Despite Butler's strengths, the Irish are confident their preparation and hard work throughout the season will help them in the tournament.

"I think we are prepared, we've change our doubles combinations ... and we think our doubles are good, but we'll see this weekend," Bayliss said. "You don't take anybody lightly in the NCAA Tournament, so we'll be ready."

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Irish senior Ryan Keckley returns a volley in Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Northwestern Feb. 25.

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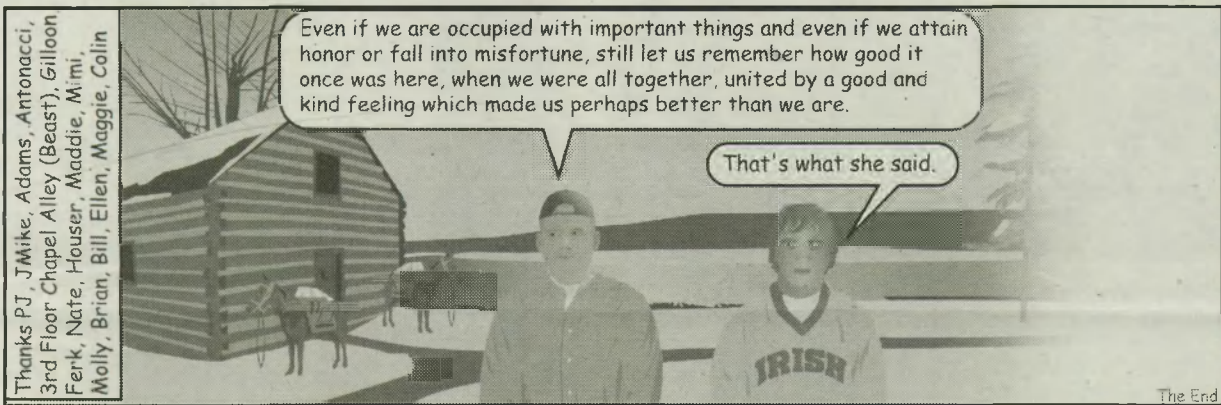
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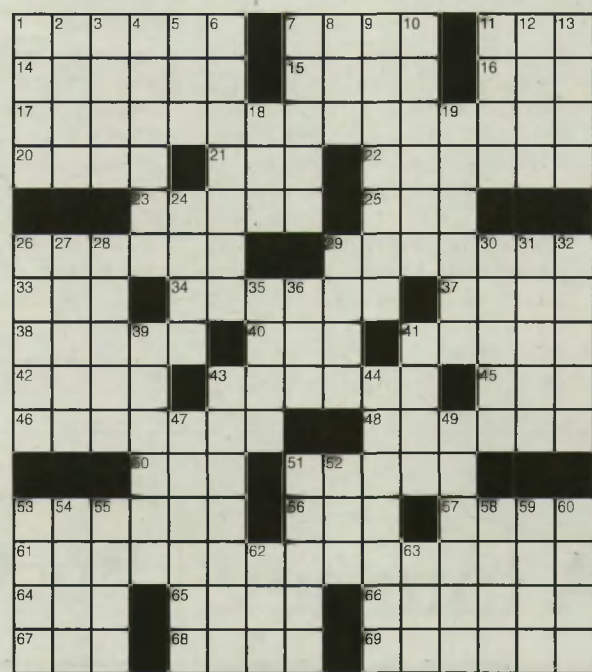
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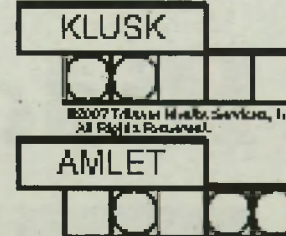
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BASEBALL

Hidden gem

Weglarz wins game with walk-off homer

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

In an ugly game full of mishaps, Matt Weglarz provided the one shining moment.

With the game tied at three in the bottom of the ninth, the catcher connected with a 1-1 pitch from Joe Skinner and sent it well over the left-field wall to give the Irish a 4-3 victory over Illinois-Chicago Tuesday.

"He hung me that same pitch earlier in the at-bat, first pitch," Weglarz said. "[First baseman Chris] Dury and some other guys said he was hanging that pitch there. And I was kind of, not sitting on it, I guess, but looking for it. He threw it right on the inside corner and I turned on it."

The Irish were expecting to face Skinner as the starter, but Illinois-Chicago changed at the last minute.

"He's a strike-thrower," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

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The Irish welcome catcher Matt Weglarz home after his ninth-inning walk-off home run Tuesday, which drove in the winning run in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Illinois-Chicago.

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WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE

Three-time champions fall in final

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Team Powerhouse unseated three-time defending champion Anthony Travel Sunday afternoon in the Women's Bookstore Basketball finals.

The two teams met for the second year in a row in the championship game, but this year Powerhouse avenged its 2006 loss by running away with a 21-12 decision in the second half.

"Ever since we've been here, they have been the winners, so it was great to finally beat them," Powerhouse captain Annie Parrett said.

Parrett was named MVP for her play in the final as well as throughout the 84-team tournament.

"We all play pretty even and spread the ball around, but it was cool to have your hard work recognized liked that," Parrett said in regards to her award.

In the end, it was Powerhouse's speed and conditioning that allowed it to pull away in the later parts of the game.

Parrett and her teammates — Danielle Hall, Lauren Hesano, Kristin Hesano and Tess Murray — were able to run the floor, scoring several times before Anthony Travel was even down the court on defense.

Hall created opportunities for her team throughout the entire game by running the baseline consistently.

"I have played ten plus years of Bookstore and

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame signs Jackson until 2013

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Coming off a record-breaking season in which the Irish finished 32-7-3, Notre Dame attempted to ensure the continued success of the hockey program Tuesday, signing coach Jeff Jackson to a two-year contract extension.

Jackson, who built the Irish program into a national contender in two years, will now be behind the bench for Notre Dame until the 2012-13 season. But if things go as planned, he said, he will be sticking along for much longer than that.

"I think this would be a great place to finish my career down the road,"

Jackson said. "It seems awfully early to be talking about that, but I have already done a stint in the NHL and I have no desire to move on to any other college."

Before coming to South Bend, Jackson spent two years as an assistant coach with the New York Islanders. He has also headed the Ontario Hockey

League's Guelph Storm and Lake Superior State. Jackson won two national championships with the Lakers before taking a sabbatical from the college game.

The contract extension is both a sign of what Jackson has been able to so far with the Irish and the athletic

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team to host NCAA tourney

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to continue its success after capturing the Big East championship title April 22 as the Irish head into the NCAA Tournament beginning May 11.

The No. 4 Irish have worked hard all season and will take their 24-3 record with them into the NCAA Tournament.

That record means Notre Dame will play host to the first two rounds of the tournament, which the Irish won an automatic bid to by sweeping Villanova, St. John's and Louisville, 4-0 en route to their



Irish senior Stephen Bass celebrates a point in Notre Dame's 5-1 win over Illinois April 1.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Buck returns for post-season play against UIC

By CHRIS HINE
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Thanks to a 25-3 record in dual-match play this season, Notre Dame on Tuesday earned the No. 6 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, which begins May 12.

The Irish will face Horizon League champion Illinois-Chicago in the first round at the Courtney Tennis Center.

South Florida upset Notre Dame 4-3 in the finals of the Big East tournament April 22, but Irish coach Jay Louderback said his team has moved on following the loss and is getting ready for

the NCAA Tournament.

"We're done. They played well against us and they won at every spot they could," Louderback said. "It's over and [junior] Brook Buck is back healthy, playing singles for us."

Buck, who normally occupies the No. 6 singles spot, did not play singles for the past month due to an injury. But with the time off since their last match, Buck and the rest of the Irish have had time to heal and prepare for May 12.

"We took the weekend off and we've been outdoors lately, too," Louderback said. "That's a key

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