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## Catholic groups outraged over Obama selection

*University stands by invitation to president*

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Editor

Several religious and pro-life groups nationwide are expressing outrage and threatening to protest in South Bend after the University announced President Barack Obama will deliver the 2009 Commencement address at Notre Dame's graduation ceremony May 17.

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown told The Observer a rumor that University switchboards were overwhelmed with callers and had to be shut down Friday night is false — a claim made by a March 20 article on pewsitter.com.

Although many outside groups are protesting University President Fr. John Jenkins' decision, The Observer reported in an Oct. 8,

2008 article that Obama led the student body with 52.6 percent of the vote in a mock election held by student government, in which 2,692 undergraduates and graduate students voted.

The Cardinal Newman Society (CNS) — a group dedicated to "renewing and strengthening Catholic identity at America's 224 Catholic colleges and universities," according to its mission statement — launched a Web site, [www.notredamescandal.com](http://www.notredamescandal.com), that acts as an online petition asking Jenkins to withdraw the invitation for President Obama to speak based on Obama's pro-choice stance.

The site currently claims over 47,000 signers, as of press time.

David Costanzo, CNS communications director, told The Observer that the Society believes Obama is

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Left: Protesters flocked on Washington shortly after President Barack Obama's January Inauguration for the annual March for Life, in support of the right to life. Right: Obama, who is pro-choice, speaks to reporters in the Roosevelt Room of the White House Monday.

## Schmidt names Brellenthin Chief Executive Assistant

*Former Academic Affairs commissioner will bring experience to third-highest role in student government*

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

Student body president Grant Schmidt selected Ryan Brellenthin as Chief Executive Assistant (CEA) for the 2009-2010 school year.

The CEA is the third highest-ranking member of student government, behind Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber.

Brellenthin will be able to balance out the president and vice president, according to Schmidt.

"You need someone to tell you when you're wrong and to be honest with you," Schmidt said.

Schmidt and Weber also cited Brellenthin's prior experience in student government as a reason for their choice.

"Ryan did a m a z i n g work as the c o m m i s s i o n e r of the Academic Affairs



Brellenthin

Committee," Schmidt said. "He worked on majors night for two years, excused absences for interviews and knows all the deans of all the colleges."

Schmidt and Weber both said they believe Brellenthin's connection with the administration is one of his strongest skills.

Schmidt and Weber have each worked with Brellenthin before. Weber sat on the Academic Affairs committee when Brellenthin was the chair. Schmidt oversaw the Academic Affairs committee

during his term as vice president from 2008-2009.

"Grant and I met several times a week," Brellenthin said. "It was a good opportunity for me. Grant let me help him out on certain issues."

Brellenthin is also a strong leader. "Ryan can be frank and is highly practical," Weber said. "His qualities work well with Grant and I. He will keep us on track."

As CEA, Brellenthin will attend Executive Policy Board meetings and will sit on the Council of Representatives (COR), Campus Life Council

(CLC) and Student Senate.

According to the student constitution, the CEA also will chair the Executive Programming Board meeting, a task that Weber highlighted as extremely important.

"The Executive Programming Board is extremely important because it is comprised of the heads of all the University programming," Weber said.

Brellenthin will also preside over several ideas that were on their campaign platform.

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## SMC drafts new Constitution

By LIZ HARTER  
Senior Staff Writer

After almost a year of discussions and revisions, the Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution is online to be voted upon the student body this week.

As far as she could tell, the Constitution hadn't been revised since 2000, Sarah Falvey, student body vice president and chair of the Constitution Committee, said. The Committee is a group of student representatives as laid out by the Constitution meant to be representative of the entire student body. It consists of members from each major board, each

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### *If the new Constitution passes:*

- The issue of whether a stipend can or cannot be allotted to executives in the SGA budget is not addressed.
- The Board of Governance title will be replaced with Student Government Association.
- The Student Activities Board will be led by a president elected by the student body instead of a coordinator who is appointed.
- Class board elections will only be for president and vice president. The treasurer and secretary will become appointed positions.

To vote, go to <http://www.saintmarys.edu/surveys/sgaconstitution.htm?id=nVPd>

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## Web site brings ND spirituality to world

By MOLLY MADDEN  
News Writer

Spirituality plays a dynamic role in the life of the Notre Dame community, even those not on campus. The University has its own prayer Web site, [pray.nd.edu](http://pray.nd.edu), to allow people from across the world to participate in the University's rich prayer life.

"The purpose of the site is to help people connect with their spirituality," Kathleen Sullivan, senior Director of Spirituality and Service at the Alumni Association and one of

the creators of the Web site, said.

Sullivan came up with the idea for the site three years ago when a new position had been created within the Alumni Office.

"We were focusing on spirituality and wanted a way to touch as many people as possible," Sullivan said. "My dream was to find a way that we could bring the vibrant spiritual experience of Notre Dame into homes, workplaces and schools."

After a year of planning and

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Viewpoint controversies

The Observer Viewpoint has received more than 200 letters on the controversy generated by Obama's pending visit and his 2009 Commencement speech. The whirlwind of emotional frenzy surrounding our president's visit has led me to realize something very important.

No, I have no polarizing comments to make about my political views in this situation. I know you were all holding your breath for my keen wisdom, but blues not a becoming skin color. So feel free to exhale.

Jess Shaffer

Instead, I have realized that a true Viewpoint controversy requires the perfect conditions, the perfect storm so to speak.

Scene Editor

First, of course, there must be a topic that sparks the passionate, emotional and ideological foundations of how the Notre Dame community understands the world as we know it.

For example, Melissa Buddie could not have given this campus a blissful few days of poignant social commentary and comedy if it had not been for students' fundamental understanding of hook-ups and how they affect our unique Notre Dame social climate.

Similarly, there must be one person, with either a surplus of free time or an "O'Reilly Factor"-esque need to share with the class. This one person can push the boulder that can become a juggernaut force behind controversy, intrigue, mudslinging, and sometimes valuable intellectual discussion. Sometimes.

I will now make a bold claim. Everyone loves a Viewpoint controversy. Everyone. It's journalism and irrational intrigue all in one. No matter how mad one article or another will upset you or disturb you, you will always come back to Viewpoint. It's as addictive and vital to Notre Dame social life as Facebook.

But sometimes readers' love affair with opinion controversy might get a little stale. A tad predictable. Like any long term relationship, it might start to lack the sparks that originally drew you to it. It is at these low points, these lulls in controversy, that threaten the future of Viewpoint controversy and Observer readers' entertainment. It is at these pinnacle moments where new Letters to the Editor must take up the torch and rekindle the flame. Or light the powder keg as the case may be. We are completely capable members of the Notre Dame community. While it is important that we respond to current events, demonstrating our prowess and know how, we should not need to rely on Fr. Jenkins to give us material for our controversies.

I would like to close with some suggestions for Viewpoint controversy. Or better yet, these are topics that I would love to get the Notre Dame campuses take on. Because without a Viewpoint controversy, I just don't know how I will ever go about making up my mind on these important issues.

Here are just a few:

Would you rather have a moderately bad incurable stutter or continuous Cheeto fingers?

Kristen Stewart? Actually pretty? Or just unfathomably lucky to get to enjoy the benefits of riding on Rob Pattinson's hotness?

How does Hugh Hefner do what he does? Or better yet, should he?

If you're on a diet can you still look at the menu? This can be a health question or a metaphor for relationships everywhere.

Thank you for your careful consideration. I look forward to e-mails with thoughts and commentary. Or better yet a good 'ol Letter to the Editor.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?



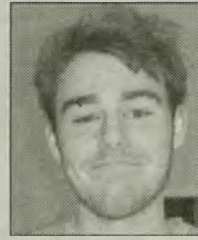
**Sarah Spieler**  
freshman  
P.W.

"I Love College" by Asher Roth."



**Kevin de la Montaigne**  
freshman  
Fisher

"In Love With the 80's (Pink Tux to the Prom)" by Relient K."



**Steven Santay**  
sophomore  
Alumni

"Hey Stephen" by Taylor Swift."



**Cristina Anaya**  
junior  
Howard

"Poker Face: Lady Gaga."



**Janeya Waked**  
senior  
Howard

"Lady Gaga - 'it'll be okay - just dance!'"



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

A student panel titled "I Shall Arise in the Salvadoran People," featuring Cinnamon Sarver, a graduate student at Notre Dame pursuing a Masters in Theology, took place Monday night in Room 103 in the Hesburgh Center. It was the kick-off event of "Romero Days," celebrating the life and work of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero.

### OFFBEAT

#### Pastor cited after shooting arrow during service

SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Wis. — A pastor and parishioner have been cited by police for shooting an arrow during a church service. The pastor asked to have the arrow shot across the front of the church during a recent service at Pentecostals of Sheboygan County as a 'teaching tool.'

As the parishioner prepared to shoot the arrow with his bow, one man stood up and objected, telling the pastor it was unsafe and illegal. Parishioners said the pastor told the man to be quiet

and sit down.

When the man objected a second time, the pastor asked him to leave. He did and called police.

The parishioner was cited for using a missile indoors and the pastor was cited for aiding and abetting. Both were fined \$109.

#### Parrot recognized for saving baby

DENVER — A parrot that alerted his owner about a baby who was choking was recognized as a hero by the Red Cross. Willie the parrot was given the Animal Lifesaver Award during the "Breakfast of Champions"

event attended by Gov. Bill Ritter and Mayor John Hickenlooper.

Willie received the award Friday for his actions in November, when he and owner Megan Howard were baby-sitting a toddler. Willie repeatedly yelled "Mama, baby" when Howard went to the bathroom and the toddler started to choke on her breakfast.

Howard saved the baby by performing the Heimlich maneuver but she said Willie "is the real hero."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

The McBride Lecture: "Protecting the Planet and Creating Jobs: A Win-Win Proposition" will feature David Foster, executive director, Blue-Green Alliance, a coalition of labor unions and environmental organizations. The lecture will take place today in the Hesburgh Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

A lecture hosted by the Theology department titled "The Igbo and their Perception of God, Human Beings and Creation," will take place Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College of Business. Nigerian novelist and poet Chinua Achebe will deliver the Third Biennial Blessed Pope John XXIII Lecture Series in Theology and Culture. The talk on Wednesday will focus on "Human Being" and the talk on Thursday will focus on "Creation."

The 22nd annual Romero Lecture: "I Am I Understand" will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Beck Visitors' Center auditorium. Journalist Eugene Ambro, who has covered the Catholic Church in El Salvador since he moved there in 1980, will give the lecture.

Greenhost Associate Vice President and University Architect Doug Marsh will deliver a lecture titled "LEED & Sustainable Building at Notre Dame" in Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune at 7:30 p.m. today.

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

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## Several clubs kick off Geek Week

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Notre Dame nerds can rejoice this week, as several clubs celebrate Geek Week, a week-long celebration of all things nerdy, according to Meagan Pitluck, senior and president of the Math Club.

"The way I see it, Geek Week is just an opportunity for science majors across the disciplines to get together and have fun doing 'nerdy' things we're often too busy or unable to do during the normal semester," said Pitluck.

"Geek Week is a week-long celebration of science, math and all things geek," said Drew Klein, junior and Social Chair of the American Chemical Society. "It's a collaborative effort ... to foster unity and camaraderie between all those with a genuine interest and fascination in science and math through a week-long series of events."

There are many activities throughout the week, including a movie in the Digital Visualization Theater in Jordan Hall, followed by liquid nitrogen ice cream on Wednesday, culminating in a dance on Friday in Jordan Hall of Science.

Senior Charlotte Crowley, the co-president of the Biology Club, is enthusiastic about the week's final event.

"The dance will finish out the week, and we're really looking forward to it," said Crowley. "The theme is 'A Night at the Nobels,' and we invite our guests to dress formally or dress as their favorite Nobel Laureate."

For Science majors, admission to

the dance is a non-perishable food item, which will be donated on Saturday.

Crowley is looking forward to the social aspect of the week's events.

"One of our goals is to create a social atmosphere where students from different College of Science majors can mingle — not something that happens very often with the way our schedules go," said Crowley.

Klein is also looking forward to interacting with other Science majors.

"It's just a fun way to bring fellow Science majors together," Klein said. "Let's face it, there's a little bit of geek in all of us at Notre Dame and it's best to just embrace it."

Geek Week is sponsored by a variety of clubs, including the Biology Club, the Math Club and the American Chemical Society, according to senior Daniel Thaner, president of the American Chemical Society.

Thaner is looking forward to "seeing how many people we are able to pry away from their books," he said.

Whatever their major, the members of the College of Science are enthusiastic about Geek Week.

"We hope this is the start of a new tradition, and we hope that Geek Week can evolve into a much bigger and more exciting celebration of what makes us science and math nerds so lovable," Crowley said.

"Geeks of Notre Dame unite!" Klein said.

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### BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

## Group addresses quota complaints

By SARAH MAYER  
News Writer

Tri-Campus commissioner Alison Spurlock reported to the Board of Governance that many rising juniors have complaints about the quota system applied to Saint Mary's residence halls.

"The Class of 2011 is the first class to have to live on campus for all three years," Spurlock said. "Many students are concerned about having to live in Regina and McCandless."

Residence Hall Association President Maura Clougherty met with the Director of Residence Life and Community Standards Slandie Dieujuste to discuss the situation.

"Slandie said that the reason they put quotas in the halls is to increase diversity among the classes and increase a sense of community," Clougherty said.

According to quotas from the 2008-2009 academic year, 130 spots in LeMans and 80 in Holy Cross, which Clougherty states students think of as the "desired" halls, were reserved for juniors. Ninety-five spots were reserved in McCandless Hall and 90 were reserved in Regina Hall for juniors this year.

Admissions commissioner Kristle Hodges said that parents have made comments when they visited campus saying they prefer their daughters live on campus as long as possible.

Clougherty also mentioned the renovations of Annunciata, the top floor of Holy Cross.

"Slandie said we are 100 percent sure that Annunciata will be getting a full kitchen and students can apply for the off-campus meal plan. This should encourage more students to live on campus," Clougherty said.

Two senior Saint Mary's Communication Studies majors asked for a co-sponsorship to attend the Central States Communication Conference in St. Louis. Stephanie Kornexl's comprehensive project was on Potawatami Indians and Lauren Kleinschmidt's was on Harry Potter. Both students were selected to present their research at the conference.

"This is a great opportunity for undergrads and grads to present their scholarly research to other schools," Kornexl said.

Senior Alyssa Ryan, a member of the National Psychology Honor Society Psi Chi asked for a co-sponsorship for the 13 members of the Saint Mary's chapter to go to the Midwestern Psychological Conference in Chicago.

"It will be a two-night conference in Chicago for the eight of us to hear talks on psychiatrists and psychologists and to go talks and lectures to approve our club on campus and campus involvement," Ryan said.

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## CEA

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"Several of our ideas from our platform came from Ryan," Schmidt said. "These ideas include hot Grab 'n' Go options as well as Catholics in America."

While in office, Brellenthin said that he had a number of goals he hoped to accomplish.

"Grant and Cynthia had a detailed platform that I helped them out with," Brellenthin said. "I feel that I have partial ownership in the ideas."

In addition to his membership on the Academic Affairs Committee, Brellenthin cited other experience that he has had.

"At the end of my freshman year I became the Stanford senator. I decided from there to join the Academic Affairs Committee as well as the Community Relations committee," Brellenthin said.

Brellenthin also said that his first year on the Academic Affairs Committee pushed him to become even more involved and apply to chair the committee his junior year.

"As the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee I got a good taste of policy and programming," he said. "I also became interested in how technology affects student life and pushed for the creation of the Campus Technology

Committee."

Brellenthin said that he believes he will be highly involved in the Schmidt-Weber administration.

"Grant and Cynthia have allowed me to be in the room to make important decisions," Brellenthin said. "While I am not nearly on the same level as them, I hope to help them out whenever they need input in the decision making process."

Brellenthin said that the biggest challenge he faces in the transition to his new position is letting go of the Academic Affairs Committee.

"I will always be connected to the Academic Affairs Committee," he said. "It is now going to be someone else's responsibility and I hope to give my successor advice."

Brellenthin said that he wants members of the community to know that he plans to be accessible to all students.

Schmidt, Weber and Brellenthin are looking forward to success in the upcoming year.

"All three of us have established the contacts that we wanted, and we are all highly experienced," Schmidt said. "We are ready to implement things that the student body as a whole will care about."

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## Prayer

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designing, the site was launched in 2007. There were about 22 key people involved with the planning and actual creation of the site including individuals from the Alumni Office, Web Office, Campus Ministry and a few faculty members.

Funding for the site came from class of 1950 alumnus, Art Frericks.

"Not only did Art give us the money we needed to get the Web site up, but he also helped me with the design," Sullivan said.

Many aspects of the site are specifically designed to connect the spiritual atmosphere of Notre Dame to those who cannot physically be on campus to experience it for themselves.

The site features a weekly video that goes to a different spot on campus and incorporates religious activities so that people away from Notre Dame can watch the video and participate as if they were on campus.

"People can see these different sacred spaces of Notre Dame and get put into a reflective, spiritual mood," Sullivan said. "It also allows them to practically live the Gospel."

There is also a section on the site that allows anyone to submit a prayer request that will then be prayed for at the Grotto on Thursday evenings.

"We have a green candle that is lit for a week in the Grotto," Sullivan said. "We get 125 prayer requests a day for their prayers to be said at the Grotto. The green candle burns for a week for those prayers and then we put in a new candle for the next week's prayers."

Every prayer request that is received by the site gets a response through e-mail,

according to Sullivan.

"We have responded to 13,000 prayers since the site began two years ago," she said.

The concept of being connected to the Grotto from anywhere in the world has been popular and is responsible for attracting many visitors to the Web site.

"It was such a simple idea that has really taken off," Sullivan said. "But we really wanted to be ambassadors for people at the Grotto and I think this is a great way to accomplish that."

The site allows visitors to print off prayer cards on topics such as unemployment, marriage, healing and gratitude.

"The prayer cards are meant to be relevant for people today," Sullivan said. "We are going to be putting up more with topics such as depression, divorce, stress and others."

The site also features reflections on the various Gospels. Until recently, Sullivan or faculty members had written these reflections. However, Notre Dame students will begin to contribute some of the reflections next month.

"I really wanted some student involvement. We want to learn through our students, and we hope that students writing the reflections will bring more awareness to the site from the student body as well as from their family members," Sullivan said.

As a whole, Sullivan believes her vision of a Web site that would allow people from all over to connect with their spirituality and the faith life at Notre Dame has been actualized.

"I hope this site helps people to feel God's presence in their day-to-day life and encourage them to live life with integrity and that Notre Dame is with them in their faith journey," Sullivan said.

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## Obama

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an inappropriate choice for Commencement speaker because the decision goes against a statement made by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in a 2004 document titled "Catholics in Political Life," which reads: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

A representative in the office of Cardinal Francis George, president of the USCCB, said Cardinal George declined to comment on the issue because Notre Dame is out of the organization's jurisdiction.

Bishop John D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who has been critical of University decisions in the past — most notably the decision to allow "The Vagina Monologues" to be performed on campus — had not released a statement regarding the Obama announcement as of press time and could not be reached Monday. Jenkins said Sunday he had spoken with D'Arcy regarding the decision but did not disclose further information.

Costanzo said the University is seeking prestige and honoring a man rather than God and the Church.

"There's tremendous appeal to having a president deliver the Commencement address for the University," he said. "It brings great fanfare, popularity and word of mouth for Notre Dame. Every time a president has spoken there in the past, there has been great visibility for Notre Dame."

Costanzo said the society is currently garnering support and considering different courses of action.

"We will continue to maintain the Web site and the planning is

ongoing as we talk with other Catholic institutions," he said. "We're collaborating about how to most effectively support one another's effort."

The Observer reported Monday that Jenkins said the invitation to Obama to deliver the Commencement address "is not intended to condone or endorse his position on specific issues regarding life."

But Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League and a Notre Dame alumnus of the class of 1950, said the University's decision is "an insult to all Notre Dame stands for."

The Pro-Life Action League, a Chicago-based, anti-abortion organization, released a press release Friday asking Jenkins to withdraw his invitation to Obama to speak at the graduation ceremony.

Scheidler said a university gives approval about what a person stands for when extending an invitation to deliver a commencement address.

He said the University's invitation to Obama, who he called a "pro-death president," contradicts the Catholic nature of the University.

Scheidler said he is planning to protest in the months leading up to the ceremony as well as on graduation day.

"I'm going to contact various pro-life groups that display the pictures of what abortion is," he said. "There will be hundreds and hundreds of graphic pictures at the exits to the expressway and on the campus if my lawyers can get us a spot."

Scheidler also said he is planning a protest outside the Joyce Center, where Commencement will be held. He said he will gather supporters to ask people attending the ceremony to abstain from applauding for Obama.

"When Obama speaks, we are going to try to cut the applause as much as possible," he said.

Scheidler said he doesn't expect Jenkins to withdraw the invitation,

but he hopes his action will raise awareness for the pro-life cause.

Randall Terry, founder of the pro-life organization Operation Rescue, expressed similar plans to protest in South Bend.

He said an Operation Rescue staffer will come to South Bend Wednesday. Terry said he will come Friday and stay with several staff members until the graduation ceremony takes place or Obama withdraws.

"We are not going to take this lying down; and we are not going to simply send e-mails and make phone calls. By week's end, we will have an office open and fully staffed in South Bend," he said in a press release.

Terry told The Observer he hopes to be working with other pro-life and religious groups to protest the Commencement.

Terry said he has a lot of plans, but does not want to disclose them in order to have an "element of surprise."

"We will recruit people from all of the country, and we will make this a circus," he said.

Terry said he has been in contact with student groups on campus, but is not at liberty to say which students or groups.

Brown said he does not want to comment on the University's response to future because that possibility is hypothetical.

However, the student handbook, "duLac: A Guide to Student Life," states that "only members of the University community may organize or lead a demonstration on campus."

The handbook also states student demonstrations must be registered in writing with the associate vice president for Residence Life, be "peaceful and orderly" and they cannot "impede the freedom of the University community."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Mexico government offers reward

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's government on Monday offered \$2 million each for information leading to the arrest of 24 top drug lords in a public challenge to the cartels' violent grip on the country.

The list indicated that drug gangs have splintered into six main cartels under pressure from the U.S. and Mexican governments. The two most powerful gangs — the Pacific and Gulf cartels — each suffered fractures that have given rise to new cartels, according to the list published by the Attorney General's Office.

### Sudanese president travels to Eritrea

KHARTOUM — Sudan's president traveled to Eritrea Monday, choosing one of Africa's most politically isolated nations for his first trip abroad since an international court sought his arrest on charges of war crimes in Darfur.

The one-day visit followed Eritrea's official invitation to Sudan's Omar al-Bashir, who faces the arrest warrant by the Netherlands-based International Criminal Court.

Eritrean television showed live coverage of al-Bashir being greeted at the airport in the Eritrean capital Asmara by his counterpart President Isaias Afwerki, along with drummers and dancers. Sudanese state television later Monday showed live images of al-Bashir returning to Khartoum.

Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor said the visit was "important" and reflected Eritrean "solidarity ... with Sudan against the ICC." Eritrean Information Minister Ali Abdu told The Associated Press that al-Bashir was accompanied by heads of security and intelligence and was there to discuss regional security.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Conn. considers apology for slavery

HARTFORD — Connecticut legislators are considering making their state the first in New England to apologize for slavery and other racist policies of old.

A legislative committee heard testimony Monday on a resolution that would issue a formal, general apology and express the General Assembly's "profound contrition" for the official acts that sanctioned and perpetuated slavery hundreds of years ago.

The state's African-American Affairs Commission, a liaison between black communities and the government, is urging legislators to pass the resolution, which it has called "an exercise in reconciliation" and not an effort to determine fault for slavery.

### Alaskan volcano erupts five times

WILLOW — Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times overnight, sending an ash plume more than 9 miles into the air in the volcano's first emissions in nearly 20 years.

Residents in the state's largest city were spared from falling ash, though fine gray dust was falling Monday morning on small communities north of Anchorage. The ash began falling around daybreak and continued into midmorning. They were supposed to end by noon.

"It's coming down," Rita Jackson, 56, said early Monday morning at a 24-hour grocery store in Willow, about 50 miles north of Anchorage. She slid her fingers across the hood of her car, through a dusting of ash.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Charter school advocates hold rally

INDIANAPOLIS — About 200 charter school advocates and students hope a Statehouse rally will draw attention to the work of the non-traditional schools.

A legislative proposal that passed the Democrat-controlled House would limit funding for charter schools. But several senators said at the rally Monday that they would work to eliminate that provision in the GOP-led Senate.

Schools set up display booths showing off their work, and brought cheerleaders, bands and steel drummers to perform at the event.

## ANGOLA

# Pope leaves Africa with plea to leaders

*Benedict XVI hopes that poor can share in proceeds from natural resources*

Associated Press

LUANDA — Pope Benedict XVI on Monday left Africa with a final impassioned plea to corrupt leaders to let the poor share in some of the proceeds of the continent's natural resources.

The parting words followed a controversial first pilgrimage to the continent where the growing number of Catholics welcomed his ringing denunciations of corruption — while critics worldwide condemned his rejection of condoms to fight the AIDS epidemic.

"Our hearts cannot be at peace as long as there are brothers that suffer the lack of food, work, a house, and other fundamental goods," the 81-year-old said in his farewell speech at Luanda's airport before returning to Rome.

The pope bathed in a warm welcome from huge crowds during the seven-day visit to Angola and Cameroon, two countries with large Catholic populations and Catholic presidents.

The countries are rich in resources, including oil, but the countries' bishops accuse the authoritarian regimes of enriching a small elite while the vast majority remain mired in poverty.

Angolan President Eduardo dos Santos, who joined the pope at the airport, did not directly address the pope's comments. "We are very happy we had this opportunity to welcome you to our country and we are very grateful for all the advice that you have given to our people," he said.

During the pilgrimage, Benedict said Christianity could inspire hope among the desperately poor of the region.

But his rejection of the use of condoms to help



AP

Pope Benedict XVI closes his African pilgrimage with a wave at Luanda International airport in Angola Monday.

Africa fight the AIDS epidemic provoked a firestorm of criticism, including from governments in France and Germany and European Union officials.

On the plane to Africa, Benedict said that distributing condoms was not the answer to the problem of AIDS. He said the best strategy was the church's efforts to promote sexual responsibility through abstinence and monogamy.

Before Benedict returned to Rome, a few dozen protesters gathered in front of the Vatican carrying candles and banners that read "Pro life? Pro condom" and "Condom no AIDS." They arranged condoms to form the word

AIDS on the cobblestones in front of St. Peter's Square.

Despite the criticisms of his comments, Benedict's flock in Africa — the continent suffering most from the disease and where the church has seen its biggest growth in recent decades — turned out in the hundreds of thousands. Even clerics and those who believe condoms save lives turned out to see him.

Nelson Pestana, a political scientist at Luanda's Catholic University, said the pope had to be wary that his visit, sponsored by the state, is not used by dos Santos to legitimize his authoritarian rule.

The visit was "a win-win situation for both sides,

but it remains to be seen how each side will use the capital gained by this greatly successful visit for their own ends," Pestana told The Associated Press.

In Cameroon, Benedict praised a nation at peace, with Christians and Muslims coexisting. But Cameroon's relative stability comes under the corrupt and authoritarian regime of President Paul Biya, who has ruled 27 years through fraudulent elections.

Benedict also praised Cameroon for refusing to sign an African Union agreement to guarantee abortion for women who are victims of rape and incest or whose pregnancy endangers their lives.

# Experts consider ice as cause of crash

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speculation over the crash of a single-engine turboprop plane into a cemetery shifted to ice on the wings Monday after it became less likely that overloading was to blame, given that most of the 14 people on board were small children.

While descending Sunday in preparation for landing at the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte, Mont., the plane passed through a layer of air at about 1,500 feet that was conducive to icing because the temperatures were below freezing and the air "had 100 percent relative humidity or was saturated," according to AccuWeather.com, a forecasting service in State College, Pa.

Safety experts said similar icing condition existed when a Continental Airlines twin-engine turboprop crashed into a home near Buffalo Niagara International Airport last month, killing 50.

A possible engine stall created by ice, and the pilot's reaction to it, has been the focus of the Buffalo investigation.

"It's Buffalo all over again, or it could be," said John Goglia, a former member of the National Transportation Safety Board. "Icing, given those conditions, is certainly going to be high on the list of things to look at for the investigators."

Mark Rosenker, acting chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, told reporters in Montana that

investigators would look at icing on the wings as a factor.

"We will be looking at everything as it relates to the weather," he said.

The single-engine plane crashed 500 feet short of the Montana airport runway Sunday, nose-diving into a cemetery and killing seven adults and seven children aboard. Relatives said the victims were headed to an exclusive resort on a ski vacation.

Safety experts said finding the cause of the crash is likely to be significantly complicated by the absence of either a cockpit voice recorder or a flight data recorder, which isn't required for smaller aircraft that don't fly commercial passenger like airlines and charter services.



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class board, each hall council, clubs and off campus.

Falvey presented the Constitution to the Board of Governance (BOG) at the March 16 meeting for ratification. The document passed unanimously.

"Our old Constitution was out of date and a lot of the rules didn't make sense," Falvey said. "It was time to streamline student government and make it clear exactly what its role and purpose is."

The new Constitution came under fire earlier this school year when its unclear wording created a debate among students, SGA Executives and College administrators when the SGA Executive Board allotted funds for a stipend for themselves in the SGA budget. Some students and Executives said that BOG was supposed to get to vote on the budget, but others stated that BOG did not have to vote and the Executive Board had the final vote. The Executive Board allowed BOG to vote and the budget, without a stipend allocation, passed after weeks of deliberation.

The new Constitution eliminates any debate as to who gets the last say on the SGA budget, by

stating that SGA, which is what BOG will become under the new document, will "provide final approval" of the budget and "recognized clubs and organization financial allotments."

Falvey said this specific wording, along with other sections like it, were put in the document to "balance the power" of SGA.

"It was our intention to clear up confusion about when commissioners played a role in voting," she said.

The new Constitution does not, however, clear up any confusion as to whether or not the SGA Executives can collect a stipend. It does not address "whether a stipend can or cannot be granted to any and all members of student government," Falvey said.

One of the main reasons the budget was not passed with the stipend was that many BOG commissioners were not comfortable with the idea of eight students receiving money for doing their jobs, but the old Constitution did not say the students could not allot themselves a stipend.

Falvey said the Committee didn't feel as though they should draft any parts of the Constitution about the stipend because it "primarily affect[s] the new administration, [so] we will let the new

board draft them and vote them into place."

She said she doesn't believe not addressing the stipend issue in the new Constitution will cause the same confusion as it did last fall because it could be addressed in the Constitution's by-laws.

"By-laws, unlike a constitution, are easily amended and are meant to outline specific procedures of an organization, which is why things like budgeting procedures which might include the granting of a stipend, and elections procedures were moved there," she said.

One of the biggest changes outlined by the new Constitution is the elimination of the BOG title. Instead, BOG will be called SGA.

"After asking students around campus to distinguish between BOG and SGA, we found that most students had no idea what the difference was," Falvey said. "So, as a committee, we thought it was unnecessarily confusing to have an organization known by two names, and decided to streamline it."

The Constitution also redefines the election procedures for various boards under what would be SGA if the document passes.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) coordinator position will be replaced by the SAB president, an elected position. The change was made at the recommendation of current SAB coordinator, Michele Peterson, and her board, Falvey said.

"We felt that the person responsible for planning the bulk of activities on campus should be elected by the students who are participating in those activities," she said.

The Class Board elections will also be changed so the positions

of class treasurer and secretary will no longer be elected, but rather appointed by the class president and vice president.

"We wanted to be consistent," Falvey said. "On all the other boards, only the president and vice president are elected and they appoint the other members of their executive board."

The purpose of the Student Diversity Board (SDB) would also be changed with the new Constitution. The old Constitution stated that SDB is supposed to unite the College community to provide an "open forum for all cultures, histories, traditions and religions." The new Constitution will change that purpose to specifically state that the SDB is in place to support the cultures, histories, traditions and religions of "multicultural and international students."

It also states that SDB is in place to "provide support for ethnic students and increase their enrollment and graduation rate from" the College.

"This part was written specifically by the Student Diversity Board and was accepted at their recommendation," Falvey said. "I believe the intent of the new statement was to represent the varied heritages of all Saint Mary's women, not just a select few."

For more information on the Constitution, a copy of it can be found online at [http://www.saintmarys.edu/~bog/Final\\_revision-1.pdf](http://www.saintmarys.edu/~bog/Final_revision-1.pdf)

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## IN BRIEF

### Economic meltdown affects minorities

The ax fell without sound or shadow: Tatiana Gallego was suddenly called into human resources and laid off from her job as an admissions counselor for a fashion college.

"The way people tried to explain it to me was, I was the last one hired so I was the first one out," said Gallego, 25, who had worked there for 17 months.

Last hired, first fired: This generations-old cliché rings bitterly true for millions of Latinos and blacks who are losing jobs at a faster rate than the general population during this punishing recession.

Much of the disparity is due to a concentration of Latinos and blacks in construction, blue-collar or service-industry jobs that have been decimated by the economic meltdown. And black unemployment has been about double the rate for whites since the government began tracking those categories in the early 1970s.

### Language, economy threaten census

WASHINGTON — With the 2010 census looming, tens of millions of residents in mostly dense urban areas such as Los Angeles and New York are at high risk of being missed due to language problems and a deepening economic crisis, government officials said Monday.

The challenges are creating consternation in some cities, which say time and state budgets for outreach are short.

"While the census is a federal responsibility, there must be earlier and ongoing communication and accountability to local governments and communities," said Stacey Cumberbatch, census coordinator for New York City.

Testifying before a House panel, officials with the Census Bureau and Government Accountability Office cited high risk groups of hard-to-find immigrants, non-English speaking residents and displaced homeowners who make up roughly 14 percent of the U.S. population.

To ensure an accurate count, census officials said they were devoting \$250 million from \$1 billion in stimulus money for outreach that will include stepped-up canvassing of addresses to identify residences with multiple dwellers and homes now abandoned due to mortgage foreclosures.

# Obama takes step for financial recovery

Administration plans to take over up to \$1 trillion in mortgage securities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration aimed squarely at the crisis clogging the nation's credit system Monday with a plan to take over up to \$1 trillion in sour mortgage securities with the help of private investors. For once, Wall Street cheered.

The announcement, closely stage-managed throughout the day, filled in crucial blanks in the administration's financial rescue package and formed what President Barack Obama called "one more critical element in our recovery."

The coordinated effort by the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. relies on a mix of government and private money — mostly from institutional investors such as hedge funds — to help banks rid their balance sheets of real-estate related securities that are now extremely difficult to value.

The goal, said Obama, is to get banks lending again, so "families can get basic consumer loans, auto loans, student loans, (and so) that small businesses are able to finance themselves, and we can start getting this economy moving again."

It was a huge gambit and one that came like a tonic to Wall Street, which had panned an earlier outline of the program that lacked detail.

Stocks soared, the Dow Jones industrial average shooting up nearly 500 points, thanks to the bank-assets plan and a report showing an unexpected jump in home sales.

The introduction of the plan was closely choreographed so that the president — rather than Geithner — would be the first administration official to appear on camera at midday to discuss it. Geithner met earlier in the day, before markets



AP

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and President Barack Obama attend meeting in Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Monday.

opened, with a group of reporters at the Treasury Department to go over specifics. But cameras and broadcast-quality audio recorders were barred.

It was the reverse of what happened Feb. 10. Then, after Obama had helped raise expectations toward Geithner and the plan, the treasury secretary went before cameras and bombed. The Dow plunged about 300 points amid investor confusion about details.

The fleshed-out plan is designed to help fix a value on damaged mortgage loans and other toxic secu-

rities.

If the value of the securities goes up, the private investors and taxpayers would share in the gains. If the values go down, the government and private investors would incur losses.

"This will help banks clean up their balance sheets and make it easier for them to raise capital," Geithner said.

The plan will take \$75 billion to \$100 billion from the government's existing \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. The government will pair this with private investments and

loans from the FDIC and the Fed to generate \$500 billion in purchasing power.

Geithner said purchases eventually could grow to \$1 trillion — roughly half of the estimated \$2 trillion of toxic assets on bank books now.

On the hot seat, Geithner has a lot personally tied to the success of the new program. His performance in the Cabinet, including his slowness in learning about multimillion dollar executive bonuses paid by insurance giant AIG after taking bailout money, has been severely criticized by some in Congress.

# Home sales increase in February

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One month does not a recovery make. But a surprising leap in existing home sales in February was a welcome if tentative sign of hope that the real estate market may be stabilizing.

While sales of existing homes remain at lows not seen in more than a decade, economists were encouraged by the news, saying it reflected buyers who were taking advantage of deep discounts on foreclosures and other distressed properties. That's essential if home prices are to find their long-awaited bottom.

Prices plunged by almost 16 percent from a year ago in February and are expected to keep falling well into 2009. Tens of thousands of homes remain tied up in the foreclosure

process and are not yet for sale. Plus, as the recession deepens and job losses mount, many buyers are likely to stay on the sidelines.

"The four-letter word in the housing market is 'jobs,'" said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "If you're worried about having a job tomorrow, you're not likely to buy a home now."

Sheryl Morgan, a real estate agent in Canonsburg, Pa., about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh, recently lost two potential clients after strapped local employers cut back on pay. "Instead of selling and buying a new home, they're staying and refinancing," she said.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that sales of existing homes grew 5.1 percent to an annual

rate of 4.72 million last month, from 4.49 million units in January.

It was the largest monthly sales jump since July 2003, with first-time buyers accounting for about half of all transactions. Home sales activity has returned to December's levels, but still remains lower than most of last year.

Without adjusting for seasonal factors, though, sales nationwide were down more than 10 percent from a year earlier. The West was the only part of the country to show increased sales, rising nearly 24 percent from a year earlier.

February's sales figures don't reflect the new \$8,000 tax credit designed to lure even more first-time buyers into the market. However, the credit has begun to attract buyers like Mindy Robbins, 30, of Billings, Mont.



# Parolees closely watched

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Parolees like the one who killed three Oakland police officers and left a fourth brain-dead over the weekend must be tracked and restricted more aggressively, state Attorney General Jerry Brown said Monday.

The former Oakland mayor said he will examine how 26-year-old Lovelle Nixon was monitored following his release from prison in November on a conviction for assault with a deadly weapon. Nixon also was a suspect in a murder last year but was never charged, according to state prison officials.

"Mixon was certainly a character that needed more supervision," Brown said. "In Oakland, the highway patrol has an office there, sheriff and police. And all those agencies should have a list of the more dangerous, threatening parolees so they can keep a watch on them."

Problems involving parolees from California's overcrowded prison system have long beset state officials who must monitor them, as well as local officials who try to keep streets safe and federal authorities who enforce firearms and other laws.

Mixon was one of 164 Oakland parolees in mid-March who had outstanding arrest warrants for parole violations, state prison records show.

The city of 400,000 had more than 1,900 total parolees at the time, including nearly 300 who had been returned to custody or whose parole was about to be revoked. Statewide, almost 17,000 of the nearly 125,000 parolees were wanted for violating their parole requirements, state records show.

Mixon shot two motorcycle officers who had stopped him Saturday afternoon. Sgt. Mark Dunakin, 40, was killed; Officer John Hege, 41, was declared brain-dead and remained on life support Monday.

Mixon then fled to what his family said was a younger sister's apartment around the corner. When a SWAT team stormed the apartment, Sgt. Ervin Romans, 43, and Sgt. Daniel Sakai, 35, were gunned down before officers fatally shot Nixon.

Mixon's relatives said he was upset that he was unable to find work and feared he would be arrested for a parole violation. California prison records show that authorities issued a warrant for his arrest after he failed to make a mandatory meeting with his parole officer Feb. 19.

Police have not said why he had been pulled over, but relatives who talked to him on his cell phone just before the traffic stop said he was looking for a parking space.

How someone could take down armed veteran officers with such lethal efficiency is a focus of the police department's investigation. Experts said officers know traffic stops carry clear dangers.

"Motor(cycle) officers are at a tremendous risk. A police vehicle at least provides you with a modicum of cover," said Dave Smith, a retired Arizona police officer who leads seminars on police street survival.

# Study finds health risks for older Americans

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The largest study of its kind finds that older Americans who eat large amounts of red meat and processed meats face a greater risk of death from heart disease and cancer.

The federal study of more than half a million men and women bolsters prior evidence of the health risks of diets laden with red meat like hamburger and processed meats like hot dogs, bacon and cold cuts.

Calling the increased risk modest, lead author Rashmi Sinha of the National Cancer Institute said the findings support the advice of several health groups to limit red and processed meat intake to decrease cancer risk.

The findings appear in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

Over 10 years, eating the equivalent of a quarter-pound hamburger daily gave men in the study a 22 percent higher risk of dying of cancer

and a 27 percent higher risk of dying of heart disease. That's compared to those who ate the least red meat, just five ounces per week.

Women who ate large amounts of red meat had a 20 percent higher risk of dying of cancer and a 50 percent higher risk of dying of heart disease than women who ate less.

For processed meats, the increased risks for large quantities were slightly lower overall than for red meat. The researchers compared deaths in the people with the highest intakes to deaths in people with the lowest to calculate the increased risk.

People whose diets contained more white meat like chicken and fish had lower risks of death.

The researchers surveyed more than 545,000 people, ages 50 to 71 years old, on their eating habits, then followed them for 10 years. There were more than 70,000 deaths during that time.

Study subjects were recruited from AARP members, a group that's healthier than other similarly aged Americans. That means the findings may not apply to all groups, Sinha said. The study relied on people's memory of what they ate, which can be faulty.

In the analysis, the researchers took into account other risk factors such as smoking, family history of cancer and high body mass index.

In an accompanying editorial, Barry Popkin, director of the Interdisciplinary Obesity Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, wrote that reducing meat intake would have benefits beyond improved health.

Livestock increase greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to global warming, he wrote, and nations should reevaluate farm subsidies that distort prices and encourage meat-based diets.

"We've promoted a diet that has added excessively to

global warming," Popkin said in an interview.

Successfully shifting away from red meat can be as easy as increasing fruits and vegetables in the diet, said Elisabetta Politi of the Duke Diet and Fitness Center in Durham, N.C.

"I'm not saying everybody should turn into vegetarians," Politi said. "Meat should be a supporting actor on the plate, not the main character."

The National Pork Board and National Cattlemen's Beef Association questioned the findings.

Dietitian Ceci Snyder said in a statement for the pork board that the study "attempts to indict all red meat consumption by looking at extremes in meat consumption, as opposed to what most Americans eat."

Lean meat as part of a balanced diet can prevent chronic disease, along with exercise and avoiding smoking, said Shalene McNeill, dietitian for the beef group.

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## Brother Courtney — the true patriot

To Whom It May Concern:

More often than not, we as citizens of an ever-changing society tend to lose sight of things that we value most — things that we shaped our beliefs and founded our culture upon.

Upon my arrival to college, I joined the United States Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps). For those of you unfamiliar with the program, college students who become Cadets or Midshipmen take courses, attend leadership training and participate in physical training, all with the intention of graduating with a Bachelor's Degree and earning a commission as an officer in one of the various branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Now to say the least, my mom was pretty apprehensive of me becoming a Cadet. The thought of me being shipped off to war upon completion of college is something that was, and remains unsettling for her. But although I understand my mother's concern, to me there was not an option when it came to this decision. It was a duty.

Something I have to explain is the reason for my mother's apprehension. She knows firsthand the strains of both growing up in and marrying into a military family. It is stressful, constantly changing or relocating, and at times can undergo debilitating tragedy. Five generations of my family have served the United States as members of the Armed Forces, in almost every major conflict in the last century and into the new millennium. If you know me personally, you know about my family's background. You also know that I bring that background up whenever I get a chance. My heritage is something that I take extreme pride in, despite the hard time I sometimes receive for carrying on about it. Shut me up about it — not a chance.

Getting back to the original intention for

this note ...

This weekend I had the distinct honor of laying to rest a true American Patriot, Brother Edward Courtney C.S.C. In 1941 Brother Courtney joined the U.S. Army and served in five campaigns in North Africa and Europe during World War II, including the storming of Omaha Beach at the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, on June 6, 1944. Upon his return stateside, Courtney joined the Brothers of Holy Cross. A very proud American, Courtney was a well-known advocate against the desecration of the American flag, petitioning the government to add an amendment to the constitution outlawing the practice. From 1989, up until he was physically incapable of doing so, Brother Courtney would sit on State Road 933, the major road dividing Holy Cross and Saint Mary's from Notre Dame, with a large American Flag by his side waving to cars as they drove by. This silent protest became well known in our community, helping Courtney to become widely supported in his endeavor. Although the Constitution was not amended according to his wishes, Brother Courtney's efforts were honored when a flag pole was erected at his spot on 933 by a reserve Marine Platoon upon their return from a deployment to Iraq. Needless to say, he was speechless.

Simply put, the point I wish to convey to you is this: Our country is divided in many ways: Democrats, Republicans, the rich, the poor, hundreds of different races and religions. Some families have been here since before the Revolutionary War, some got off a plane yesterday. Either way, we have gathered as citizens of what is in my opinion the greatest nation in the world, to seek freedom and opportunity — to seek a better existence. Throughout our country's 233 year existence, a select few have stood up to defend what we have worked so hard to achieve. These elite few have fought, bled and died for an idea. Often going unnoticed and unnamed, these few have sacrificed everything so that you, the

citizen, could wake up in the morning to get your coffee and newspaper, and begin your litany of complaints about our government, the economy, the war, and anything else that happens to grind your gears at that present moment. Meanwhile, they have not complained, they have not bickered, they have taken up their post and asked, "Yes Sir, is there anything else I can do or will that be all?"

In writing this, I do not wish to impose my ideas or beliefs on you. I only hope that you will remember how many have sacrificed everything so that you may live, so that you can have your own opinion, your freedom. I am not asking you to change your political views; I am not asking you to go sign up for military service. I simply hope you will remember what they have done, and what they continue to do. They do not complain about Government Officials or question orders, they sacrifice everything for you. They give you the opportunity to live the privileged life of an American.

So I challenge you, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Saint Mary's: next time you see a veteran, thank them. When you sit in class next to someone in ROTC thank them too. Next time you stop by the Grotto, light a candle, and ask Our Lady to watch over those who are protecting you — even if they happen to be half way around the world. Remember what they do so that you may live, but most importantly — never forget.

To Brother Courtney: here's a nickel on the grass to you, my friend, and your spirit, enthusiasm, sacrifice and courage — but most of all to your friendship. Yours is a dying breed and when you are gone, the world will be a lesser place.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend."

William Blake  
English poet



# Mixed reactions to Obama

## The audacity of giving

Before Obama-as-Commencement-speaker debate fatigue sets in for Observer readers, I would like to offer some more fuel for the fire as we continue the "dialogue" that Fr. Jenkins hopes we have as a result of Obama's acceptance of the invitation.

While most of the critique thus far has focused on how the president's radical stances on abortion and stem cell research contradict the views of the Catholic Church, another issue that is worthy of our attention deals with the University's mission to encourage charitable giving and community service.

The Obama administration released its fiscal year 2010 budget proposal on Feb. 27, which contained \$3.6 trillion in federal spending and prompted estimates by the independent Congressional Budget Office of deficits averaging \$1 trillion over the next decade.

How does Obama expect to pay for



Christie Pesavento

Right Winging It

all of this? Besides the inevitable necessity of passing the bill onto future generations (i.e. us), one of the shocking methods that would be implemented by the budget is a reduction in the tax benefit from itemized deductions, including charitable contributions, for the top two income brackets, from 35 percent and 33 percent to 28 percent. Or, in laymen's terms, the budget plan would limit the amount of tax deductions that wealthier taxpayers could receive for donating money to charity. Obama hopes to do this while simultaneously allowing the Bush tax cuts for these same people to expire.

Considering the fact that high-income Americans account for a heavily disproportionate share of charitable donations relative to their numbers (44 percent of charitable contributions as recorded through IRS tax forms came from only nine percent of the population, and less than two percent of taxpayers are responsible for 28 percent, or \$81 billion, of all giving), the combination of these policies in the midst of our current financial crisis will undoubtedly have an adverse effect on the amount of money charities receive from these taxpayers.

Setting aside the hopelessly idealistic argument that people should donate to

charity out of magnanimity rather than the desire to pay less in taxes, numerous academic studies have demonstrated that tax-deductions do provide a noticeable incentive for giving among the more affluent population. A study conducted by the Center on Philanthropy shows 47 percent of wealthier households say they would give less if these tax deductions were removed. Furthermore, total itemized contributions from the highest income households would have dropped 4.8 percent — or \$3.87 billion — in 2006 if the policy suggested had been in place, according to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Peter Orszag, White House budget chief, defends the reduction in his blog by pointing out that the extra tax revenue generated from these policies will fund Obama's plans for universal health care. Taking money from private charities and using it to pay for what amounts to government-run charity? In English, we call this 'welfare.'

What I find most disturbing about these policy proposals is how they help foster a culture that discourages the notion that people should help one another by insisting that the government will take care of the poor.

Removing the personal aspect of giving hurts not only the donors by inhibiting them from carrying out their role as followers of Christ, but generates a sense of entitlement among those in need that discourages them from seeking a way out of their desperate situation. This stands against the mission of the University, which was named for the Church's model of faith and charity, the Virgin Mary. In its own mission statement, the University claims it "seeks to cultivate in its students ... a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice." The selection of Barack Obama as Commencement speaker, however, casts serious doubt on its devotion to this statement.

*Christie Pesavento is thanking God she is not graduating this year. She also thanks her friend Chris Geissler for contributing the title to this column.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A new approach

Dear Fr. Jenkins,

I am writing to express my gratitude to you for inviting President Obama to speak at this year's commencement. Granted, I am a little disappointed that you didn't hold off until next year, when I will be graduating, but it's my own fault for not notifying you sooner. Still, it's absolutely fantastic that you've invited the President of the United States.

Just last week I was going through my collection of Observers, staring at the gray boxes pleading for Viewpoint letters and wondering what I could possibly say. Then, on Friday, one Mr. Caruso wrote a column in which he insulted ... pretty much everyone, and I thought to myself, finally, at last, we shall have a proper Viewpoint war. Being abroad last semester, I missed all the hubbub about the hookup culture, although I have enjoyed the residual Observer commentaries on the subject.

This semester's Viewpoints have so far only offered the entertaining but short-lived pet squirrel argument. But that same Friday, Fr. Jenkins, you went and invited

President Obama to be our Commencement speaker. And Monday, I opened up my Observer to find not one, not two, but three pages devoted to the Viewpoint, including a full two-page spread of verbose outcries of outrage or support from seniors as well as people who aren't even going to be around to watch the commencement on CCTV, much less actually attend the event. Most importantly, this decision drew the all-important alumni letters required to create the perfect Viewpoint war storm.

So thank you, Fr. Jenkins, for bringing quality entertainment back to the Viewpoint section. And thank you, Viewpoint editors, for courageously printing such a large selection of letters. I expect to see many more in the days to come.

Soldiers in the Viewpoint war, I salute you!

Johanna Kirsch

junior

McGlinn

March 23

### Acknowledgement, not acceptance

I applaud the administration's courage in extending an invitation to Barack Obama to speak at Commencement this year. As the controversy flares up already, I feel that it is important to remember that a university provides an opportunity for people who disagree to come together for the purpose of learning in a way that is respectful to all participating parties. Inviting Obama to speak does not mean that the University supports abortion; rather, it means that the University recognizes that a person's personal beliefs do not invalidate their potential to contribute constructively to academic dialogue.

Dissent is a powerful force that has value in politics, academics and faith. The disagreements among our community strengthen our beliefs that are correct and challenge those that are not. Where agreement cannot be found, disagreement teaches tolerance and understanding. I disagree with many of my fellow students on a wide range of issues. I certainly hope that this does not invalidate my contribution to the Notre Dame community or suggest that I do not have a place here. I also hope that my differences and disagreements contribute in a small way to a dialogue that is as proud a tradition to our school as its Catholic identity. Likewise, I hope that this controversy promotes a respectful dialogue among all of us about the meaning of respect for life.

It is my personal belief, for example, that the closing of

Guantanamo represents a critical step forward in our national responsibility to uphold human rights. Environmental policy is also a crucial component of a being a holistically pro-life nation. Being pro-life is about an attitude and lifestyle and encompasses our entire relationship to our fellow humans and to our planet, not merely whether or not you support anti-abortion legislation.

So let's talk. I invite you to disagree with me, or your roommate, or the kid in your Philosophy class, or Barack, or anyone you please. I only ask that you respect my opinion, their opinions, whether or not those opinions match your own. Acknowledging difference of belief need not imply support or endorsement. Instead, this acknowledgment does justice to the complexity of cause and effect that all of these issues involve. Acknowledging difference is the first step towards learning and understanding, towards embracing the purpose and mission of our school. Our nation faces challenges every day that involve many different people with many different interests. I would think that the man who wakes up every morning trying to balance it all probably has some interesting things to say.

Joe McLean

junior

off campus

March 23

### Confusion

The March 23 article ("Jenkins: Obama 'honored' University by accepting") containing Fr. Jenkins' response to criticisms of the University's invitation to President Obama expresses two fundamental errors. First, Fr. Jenkins contends that honoring the president does not give the impression of support for his radically anti-life policies. Instead it recognizes "his very real and significant accomplishments." Fr. Jenkins may be right in the strictest sense that relatively few individuals will receive the impression that Notre Dame condones the legalization of and recourse to abortion. But he is simply lying to himself if he does not think the general public will hear Notre Dame saying "It's alright on the whole to actively and coercively promote the taking of unborn life so long as one makes up for it with commitment to other political positions favored by the University administration."

The direct taking of innocent human life and the prudential fashioning of economic, foreign aid or entitlement policy are incommensurable, yet the University's honoring of President Obama says the exact opposite. And when it comes to the other accomplishments that are the real reason for the honor, I may have missed a part of Obama's as-yet-short presidential career. So far his largest initiative (economic stimulus) has yet to be proven successful, while most of the currently evaluable "accomplishments" can be summed up with his press-dodging Friday announcements of more taxpayer funding for abortion or ESCR and a list of radically pro-abortion cabinet nominees, including an HHS nominee well-known for shielding her abortionist crony from prosecution. The main piece of his legislative record to garner attention during the presidential campaign was his refusal to allow medical care to infants that had been born despite best efforts to kill them. That's quite an accomplishment to hang one's hat on.

As for Fr. Jenkins' second confusion, he seems to be under the impression that he has invited President Obama into a dialogue about issues of Catholic concern. My own experience could be unrepresentative, but the last few Commencement speeches through which I sat were monologues about issues important to the speaker, and Fr. Jenkins has yet to book the distinguished respondent who will be educating President Obama about how gravely mistaken he is on human life. Perhaps one of the hundreds of accomplished public servants and intellectuals who has managed to promote human dignity and equality without shamelessly kowtowing to the abortion lobby will manage to make the cut for that less distinguished invitation.

Aaron Sanders

grad student

off campus

March 23



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Choice affects everyone

As a Saint Mary's student, I have to weigh in on the debate about having President Obama speak at Notre Dame's Commencement since it affects our community. Discussions of Catholic identity and prestige aside, I am curious if anyone in the administration considered the impact such an important political figurehead will have on the travel plans of the other schools graduating that weekend. Yes, it is all very exciting that the president has agreed to come speak — Notre Dame shares the honor with Arizona State and the Naval Academy, setting them apart from the long list of Ivy League schools (even the president's own alma mater!) whose requests for his presence were declined. But really, inviting Barack Obama

takes graduation traffic to a whole new level. Those of us who will need to leave on Sunday for long car rides home are facing a nightmare of security measures and road closures. It was a tad inconsiderate, to say the least, for Notre Dame to put such a burden on the families of Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

Other than that, congratulations to Notre Dame for nabbing the president. It is an honor for my brother school — I just hope the teleprompter doesn't malfunction.

Sarah Falvey  
senior  
LeMans  
March 23

#### Don't hijack our day

To Mr. Keane and all the others who have expressed such outrage at the invitation of President Obama to speak at this year's Commencement ("Reactions to Obama as ND Commencement speaker," March 23): please don't hijack our graduation.

I understand your objections. You are absolutely entitled to your outrage, but I would ask you to direct it to the proper parties and in the proper manner. Threatening "pictures of dismembered children lining Notre Dame Ave." ("Obama choice unacceptable," March 23) is absurd. The intended viewer (the president, I assume) will not even see those

pictures. I implore you: do not turn our special day into a political circus. No one will say, "Notre Dame invited President Obama to speak, so the Church must think abortion is okay now." People are much smarter than that. However, if you choose to hijack our graduation with large-scale protests, people will say, "How sad. How embarrassing." It is our day, not yours. Show a little respect.

Sean Lytle  
third year law  
off campus  
March 22

#### Just embrace it

I am a pro-life Roman Catholic, and as such, my first reaction to the announcement of President Obama as Commencement speaker was astonishment, followed closely by a desire to protest this decision. I signed the Cardinal Newman Society's petition. But then I came to the realization that no matter how many people protest, the University is not going to rescind its invitation. That would be like slapping our nation's president across the face. Petitioning Fr. Jenkins is fruitless; Obama's coming is inevitable.

Instead, we should ask how we can bring good out of what may seem like a bad decision. Fr. Jenkins and many others have suggested that this will provide a "basis of an engagement" with Obama. But it will not do so unless we actively engage him. The massive support that has been garnered against

the University should be redirected towards the true cause of its protest, namely, Obama himself. A petition should be speedily created to show Obama the magnitude of the opposition to FOCA here at Notre Dame.

Furthermore, we could ask Fr. Jenkins to make good on his promise of "engagement" with Obama. Giving a simple Commencement speech does not allow the president to engage in an intellectual discussion with our University. Jenkins should invite Obama to take part in an academic debate of pro-life principles while he is here at Notre Dame.

Joey Kuhn  
sophomore  
Keenan  
March 23

#### Protest threat demeaning

This is in response to Kevin Keane's mean-spirited Letter to the Editor published on March 23 ("Obama choice unacceptable"). In this letter, Mr. Keane threatened that if the University administration did not heed his demands, he and others would line Notre Dame Avenue with graphic pictures of aborted fetuses. He claims that such a scene would result from the actions of the University. That is simply false — such a distasteful protest would only come from Mr. Keane and his fellow radical anti-abortion activists. I hope that he and others recognize that Commencement weekend is not for him, or other alumni, or for activists seeking to create political theater. Rather, it is a celebration for the Notre Dame class of 2009 in which we finally receive the diploma for which we worked so hard. It is a time for my classmates and me to have a final weekend together as college students before we go off into the real world or graduate school.

Through our hard work and commitment to Notre Dame, we have earned the right to have our last weekend free from angry alumni who come to bash our University's supposed loss of Catholic identity. Mr. Keane, it is your right as

an American to protest. If you really feel the desire to stand on Notre Dame Ave. with your graphic pictures next to the person with the "God hates homosexuals" sign, our great Constitution gives you that right. I just hope that you and other alumni step back from your emotions and try to think back to yourself as a graduating senior.

Would you want protesters yelling as you walk across campus in your cap and gown? Would you want your young nieces and nephews to see an aborted fetus as their parents find a parking place? Would you want students to disregard their four years of hard work and instead focus on a 30-minute speech by the President of the United States? Please, consider my classmates and me. Commencement is about us and our time at the University, not about alumni who were on campus during the time of Gerry Faust and their political positions.

Rick Raley  
senior  
off campus  
March 23

#### We are ... educated?

I am so embarrassed. We are at an institution of higher learning. Those who are leaving here with a diploma are supposed to be cultivated individuals, having the ability to receive and reflect upon conflicting viewpoints, and furthermore, to be able to understand a wider picture, one that goes beyond the Notre Dame bubble, and beyond the teachings of one religion. Graduates from our fine school should be able to see more, not less.

I am disgusted that many of my classmates aren't able to see the bigger picture. It does not matter for whom you voted. Obama is the president now. That is the first point: The President of the United States of America is coming to our University to speak at our graduation. Are you not honored? Are you telling me that if the president said that he would come to your house to have tea, you would tell him no, thank you, because he advocates different opinions than your own? President Obama is obviously an educated and thoughtful man. He is worth listening to.

Secondly, to focus on one issue on his platform, or to focus on only one issue out of the many currently troubling our world is to completely miss the point. Obama stands for much

more than a pro-choice platform. He stands for a chance for change, a drive for unity. His election was a monumental step forward for this country! That is what is important. That is what is being honored.

Finally, debate is important. Articulating one's own morally and factually informed beliefs is important. These are valuable parts of any good university. There will no doubt be frustration on both sides as the discussion continues. I can only hope that the discussion is an intelligent one that does not resort to name-calling or uninformed positions. I also hope that members of the Notre Dame community are able to remember that we should work for solidarity and mutual understanding rather than for opportunities to shout from our respective soapboxes. And, for the sake of all involved, please leave the protests outside on graduation day. This day is about the graduates and their families. I have worked hard for this day. We have all worked hard. Blood, sweat and tears hard. Please don't ruin it.

Beata Aldridge  
senior  
off campus  
March 22

#### Money talks

In my four years here, I have been less than thrilled by certain events on campus — the football team going 0-5 in 2007, the seemingly endless need to water the sidewalks or the lack of \$5 foot-long at Subway — but I have never been moved enough to write a Viewpoint Letter to the Editor. However, the announcement of President Barack Obama as the Commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary degree shocked me.

When I first heard that President Obama was to speak, I double-checked the online news source I was reading to make sure that I was not accidentally reading "The Onion." While I would support President Obama if he were to speak at Notre Dame under the practice of academic freedom, I find that he is deserving of neither the honor of speaking at Notre Dame's Commencement nor does he deserve to receive an honorary degree from the University. To bestow these honors on a man who is consistently against the beliefs of the Catholic Church and the University is an utter disgrace to Notre Dame. In my four years here, the real disappointment is not that we went 0-4 against USC, marked two decades since our last National Championship or never got a snow day. Rather, it is that Notre Dame and the administration succumbed to the celebration of a man who consistently supports many of the beliefs that the Church vehemently opposes and is actually honoring him at this year's Commencement.

Not only has Notre Dame lost my respect, but they have also lost my intent to contribute to the University anytime in the near future. I have worked in the Notre Dame Phone Center for nearly

eight semesters. In that time, I have spoken with hundreds of alumni and have solicited nearly \$90,000 in alumni contributions because I believed in the value of a Notre Dame education. Many of you may have seen the green Hollaback T-shirts promoting the recent Thanksgiving in February hosted by the Annual Fund. This was held to thank alumni for their financial support of Notre Dame as well as to raise awareness among students that tuition only covers the cost of an education at Notre Dame through February, with the remaining months funded by contributions, in hopes that students would keep Notre Dame in mind when considering charitable donations after graduation. Until now, I have had every intent to contribute to Notre Dame after I graduate in whatever capacity I could afford because every dollar does make a difference. However, unless the administration acts to prove otherwise, I now believe that my contributions will be better spent at other charitable institutions.

Seniors, in a few weeks, you will start receiving phone calls from the Phone Center asking you to contribute to the Annual Fund or to the Senior Class Gift. I strongly encourage you to consider how the dollars you pledge will be spent. If you do decide to donate money to Notre Dame, be aware that you can restrict your contribution to a group, residence hall or activity that you feel will make the best use of your dollars. After all, each dollar you donate could have been spent on four quarter dogs.

Kelly Kapshandy  
senior  
Howard  
March 23



## Twilight

### DVD Release Takes a Bite out of Sales

By JENN METZ  
Scene Writer

Edward: "And so, the lion fell in love with the lamb."

Bella: "What a stupid lamb."

Edward: "What a sick, masochistic lion."

Yes, that's right. "Twilight" (dir. Catherine Hardwicke 2008) — the film that tells the love story of a well-meaning vampire and his clumsy, pale classmate — has come to DVD.

Are we the sick, masochistic lions, willingly sitting down to watch the film again, realizing we will never, no matter how hard we look, find a vampire to whisk us through the forests of the Pacific Northwest? Or are we the stupid lambs, wasting our hard-earned money on the DVD of an at-best decent film adaptation of a book marketed to 'tweenage' girls?

The three-disc special edition of "Twilight" contains hours of extended and additional footage — making the \$17.99 purchase at Target worth it for even the most basic vampire fanatic.

The edition also includes special featurettes from iTunes, a free digital copy of the movie and, if you buy yours at Target, another set of free extra features.

Getting over Robert Pattinson's Edward Cullen's ridiculous American accent and distracting good looks, it's best to accept the movie for what it is: the choppy produced answer to the "Twilight" phenomenon.

If the movie accomplishes anything positive, besides catapulting R-Patz into the Hollywood spotlight, it makes pale people fit in, at least with a certain crowd — a crowd of vampires that uncomfortably sparkle in sunny meadows.

The extra footage and commentary can help you get inside the actors' heads. In the case of Kristen Stewart, who plays the moody and average Bella Swan, you don't really learn much. But, here's a taste of what Pattinson shares:

"There's a really awkward bit in the bedroom," he said of an interaction between his and Stewart's characters. "And [Edward] just ends up jumping out the window, which is what I would do."

The main disc features an audio commentary by Pattinson (in his native British), Stewart and Hardwicke, as well as three music videos and five extended scenes, which include one of the silliest movie moments ever. (For brevity's sake, we'll call it "the bit with the ketchup." A true "Twilight" movie buff, or at least someone who's seen the movie twice, will know what that means.)

The deleted scenes with director Hardwicke's introduction are more flirty and a little scandalous than what actually made the cut, including a steamy dream sequence between everyone's favorite vampire and his mortal love, and Stewart's favorite scene, which is not taken from Stephenie Meyer's novel, and veers a little too on the creepy side.

The commentary that lasts as long as a vampire's life (forever) features gratuitous shots of Pattinson running his fingers through that now-famous mane and clips of screaming girls sporting "Team Edward" and "Team Jacob" T-shirts at Comic-Con.

With main menus sound-tracked with that trying-to-be-eerie vampire music, the additional discs take about three hours to pour through.

Other must-see features: Hardwicke's vampire kiss montage, which is pretty self-explanatory, Edward's piano concert and the "Becoming Edward" featurette. "Becoming Bella" is there too, just not quite as interesting.

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## RockREWIND

What has time told us about old favorites?

### Bee Gees Revisited

By NICK ANDERSON  
Scene Writer

The Beatles are at fault for disco. Begrudgingly, most people will admit this. In fact, anyone who argues The Beatles are not responsible for all music released after 1969 seems unreasonable. If we take a moment to examine it, it gets deeper.

To understand, one needs to begin in 1967. After being heard by Brian Epstein, The Bee Gees were signed by Polydor Records. Their first single shipped, bearing a white label simply reporting the name of the band and song. Rumors spread that the name Bee Gees was code for "Beatles Group." Between the quality of the song and The Beatles connection, the song quickly rose into the top 20 in both the U.K. and America. The Bee Gees continued their career in music and went on to create some of the most popular music of the disco era.

This tale seems clear cut. The audience is only left with one question: How did the leisure suit-wearing, disco-dancing, staying-alive Bee Gees manage to be mistaken for The Beatles? To understand is to listen to the first of their seven greatest hits albums: *Best of Bee Gees*. Released in 1969, there isn't a hint of their later popular songs. Instead the forgotten gems contribute to a whole that can only be considered essential listening for any fan of classic rock.

Musically and emotionally, the compilation centers on the single, "New York Mining Disaster 1941." Haunting harmonies over sparse instrumentation allow the brothers Gibb to tell the story of two men in a mine collapse in a way that is both beautiful and harrowing. Intelligently placed as the closing track, it acts as an excellent climax to an album full of complex themes and melodies.

The Bee Gees truly hit the mark when singing about heartbreak. Beautiful harmonies over stirring melodies manage to keep the album from falling into a collection of self-pitying songs. They aren't singing about struggle because they're depressed about it; they sing

because the struggle is important.

While "New York Mining Disaster 1941," weighs on one's soul for days after listening, the album is not draining. In a fair world, "Holiday," the opening track, would be considered a pop classic. Although strangely eerie, the song is absolutely gripping. By finding a fascinating balance of calm and unsettling, it is able to keep the listeners' attention without overpowering their senses.

The surprising musical skill found throughout the disk allows several songs to remain lighter without losing interest. While the band had only been recording for two years when the album was released, there is not a hint of filler throughout the album. Impressively, after several listens, the singles mesh into a cohesive album, a rare occurrence for a best of album. While almost every song is worthy on its own, it is best appreciated as a whole.

The collection is plagued by two flaws: songs where the band loses its identity and shoddy production. Two major influences, The Beatles and The Beach Boys, are evident on every song. At their best, the songs provide a compelling companion to these two bands; at worst they sound like a young band doing their best to cover their idols. When the CD was released, the record company neglected a serious effort at remastering it. While the old sound adds a fair bit of charm to the recording, there are distinct moments when the vocals overpower instruments. Worse, a number of verses sound distorted almost to the point of comedy.

In light of an extremely successful career that continued for the next 30 years, it's not a surprise that their early work is lost to our generation. It is, however, unfortunate. Their greatest cultural achievement may be "Stayin' Alive" during disco, but their musical high mark occurred years before at the release of this album.

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"In Bruges" is the debut film of writer/director Martin McDonagh. The film is a comedic thriller, both dark and hilarious by turns. Judging from the trailer, you would think that it was more laughs, but it is soon clear that the film puts a lot of emphasis on more serious questions. It's difficult to decide if the

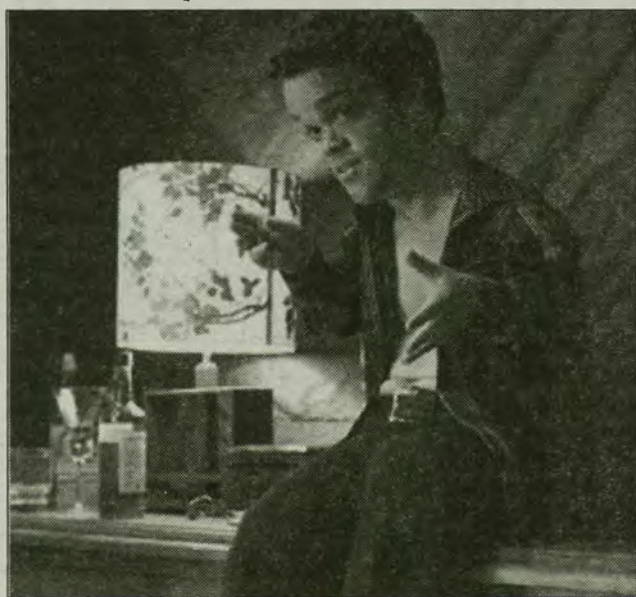


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Guns, humor, love and films about little people make appearances in the racy dramedy, "In Bruges."

film is good because, while it delves deeply into interesting ideas, it gets too confused in its strange pairing of hilarity and very dark ideas.

The basic premise of the film is that two hit men, Ray (Colin Farrell) and Ken (Brendan Gleeson), are sent to lie low in the picturesque Belgian town of Bruges after a job gone wrong. For the first half of the film, they are waiting for instructions from their boss, Harry (Ralph Fiennes). In the second half, they aim instead to avoid him. The subplots include Ray's love-interest Chloë (played by French actress Clémence Poésy) and a film about midgets.

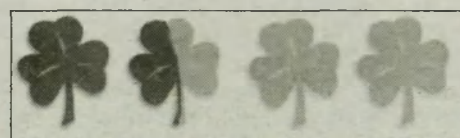
If you're thinking this is a strange mix, then you're right. The film swings between outrageously comic scenes and dark, violent moments. The actors, however, rise wonderfully to the occasion. Farrell's performance is particularly noteworthy, as he becomes sympathetic during Ray's darker moments and handles the sarcasm of the funnier moments with skill. He definitely steals the show.

However, it's difficult to decide what the movie is supposed to be about. In some scenes, it can be viewed as pure comedy, simply a delightful romp in the storybook town as Ray and Ken fail to act completely like tourists (though this is much more on Ray's case than Ken's). However, underlying the entire film is the horrific accident that brought Ray and Ken to Bruges, and eventually brings Harry. Through its extreme violence, the film seems to be aiming for another message, something that it loses through the more comedic moments. However, it can

## In Bruges Focus Features

**Director:** Martin McDonagh

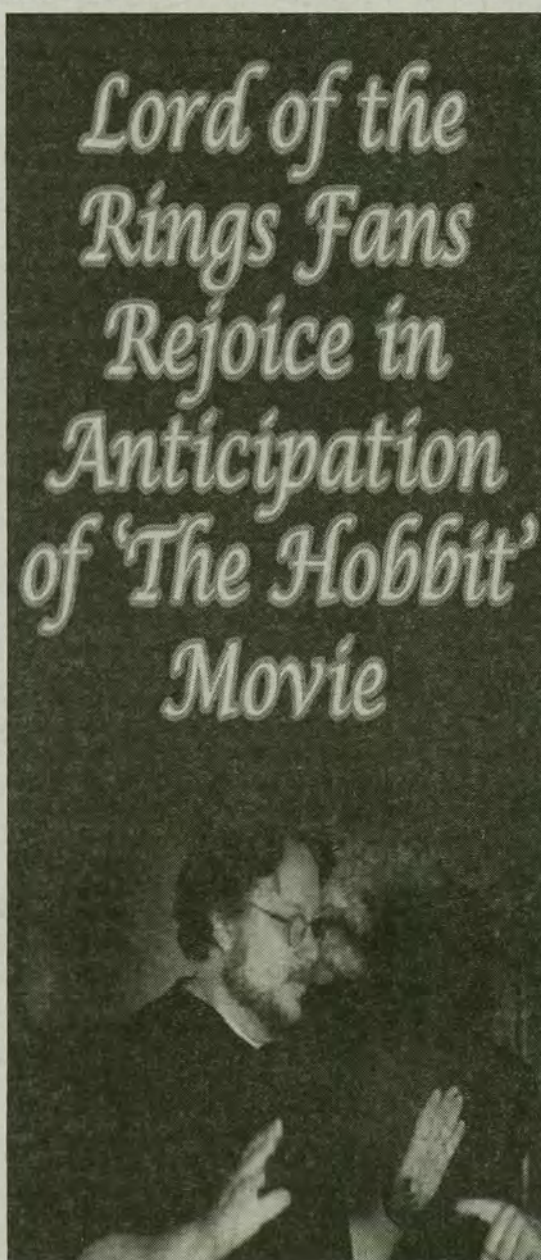
**Starring:** Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ralph Fiennes, Clémence Poésy



also be argued that the comedic moments simply highlight the darker features of the film in a different way. Sometimes, it's a little hard to keep track of exactly what's going on in Bruges.

If confusing, "In Bruges" does make you think. It's not the same old gung-ho movie about hit men that audiences are used to. McDonagh throws different ideas into the mix, questioning how far people are willing to go to preserve honor and what's right. The film may try too hard to fit more solidly into the comedy genre than it needs to succeed. If watched without the expectation of the movie being gut-bustingly funny throughout, the deeper messages will get across and will have people considering them for hours after the credits roll.

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Five years ago, I sat weeping in front of the television watching Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh kiss as they both held their Oscars aloft, having finally achieved the great-est honor filmmakers can receive, at the 76th Academy Awards. It was the culmination of a three year journey for me, going from complete Tolkien ignorance in the seventh grade to full-blown obsession in the ninth. At that point in time I was a movie-quoting, elvish-speaking Ringer with a full class presentation on the history of Arda under my belt. (Convincing my Honors Brit Lit teacher that the formation of Middle-earth was relevant to "Jane Eyre" was an achievement unto itself.)

As the years passed, the glory began to fade. Other movies became popular. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" joined "The Return of the King" (and "Titanic") in the grossed-over-a-billion category. The second "Spider Man" and the third "Star Wars" fed the geek void. Conventions lost their Frodo-driven frenzy, and the trivia I had amassed over three years was no longer cool or interesting to the common man (which, I would venture, became a problem for the poor chaps sitting next to me on airplanes).

Alas, I moved on. I let myself become obsessed with other things, like Joss Whedon ("Buffy," "Firefly," the current "Dollhouse"). I still entered Notre Dame as a freshman full force, touting LOTR posters and pin-ups, nearly drowning my roommates in epic late-night rants about how terrible it is when I meet people who have never seen the Extended Editions. But the sparkle was gone. I had to admit it — I felt like a Trekkie.

All this ended, though, when on Friday I walked into the bookstore looking for some light weekend reading and ran into an England-imported issue of "Empire Magazine." On the cover was — I did a double take — yep, Gollum. My Gollum. My Andy-Serkis-jumpsuit-wearing Gollum.

With a breath of fresh air I realized my era wasn't over — "The Hobbit" goes into production in New Zealand this summer. Gone are the days of Jackson-New Line-MGM struggles over money and rights. Done are the quibbles over who will direct and who will have control. I can finally take off that metaphorical pin I have been wearing for two years with the slogan "No Jackson, No Hobbit." So please forgive me if I geek out here a bit, relaying the information I have garnered in the past few days regarding the adaptation of the prequel to "The Lord of the Rings."

Unfortunately, Peter Jackson won't be directing. He feels he has put everything into "Lord of the Rings," so he isn't interested in venturing back into Middle-earth to compete with his own work. That task now lies with Guillermo del Toro, the director of "Pan's Labyrinth."

This Catholic Filmmaker from Mexico (who was recently featured at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center for being just that) is known for his creepy visual effects and twisted storytelling. Loosely translated, this means he is a perfect candidate to pick up where post-"Braindead"-Jackson left off. Other interesting similarities happen to be del Toro's chubby stature, hairy appearance and self-proclaimed "funny accent." I fully endorse him as my new captain, leading me into the visual story of Bilbo Baggins and his journey to the Lonely Mountain.

Other news: Jackson may not be

directing, but he is the Executive Producer, so we can hope to see Weta Workshop doing most of the visual effects. Ian McKellen is confirmed to play Gandalf, though he has yet to sign anything. Andy Serkis is interested in being Gollum. Ian Holm is probably too old to be Bilbo, though he may appear a few times as the aged Bilbo and provide voice-overs. TheOneRing.net's top choice to play Bilbo is closet-nerd James McAvoy, who aside from being an "Atonement" hottie played Mr. Tumnus in the first "Narnia" film. Other possible cameos: Hugo Weaving as Elrond, Christopher Lee as Saruman (who has said he is very interested in returning to Middle-earth, his insulting cut out of "The Return of the King" aside) and even Orlando Bloom, whose Legolas is the son of Thranduil, the King of the Elves in Mirkwood. The film is slated to open Christmas 2011.

The last piece of juicy gossip: There will be a second film made, tying together "The Hobbit" and "The Fellowship of the Ring." It will center around the interim between the two stories, based on the actions of characters as reported in the Appendices and what can be surmised occurred when they weren't directly involved in the action (such as, where did Gandalf go?). This film will open in 2012.

So rejoice, all ye who worship at the temple of Tolkien. Our cinematic day is hardly past. New Zealand will once again be home to our obsession and new trivia will arise. As my Assistant Rector put it: Like the Ring, I have lay dormant, but will now re-awaken.

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## MLB

# Veteran Red Sox pitcher Schilling retires

*Schilling's 20-year career spanned five teams and included a World Series victory and co-MVP in 2001*

Associated Press

BOSTON — From bloody sock to bum shoulder, Curt Schilling rarely left the Boston Red Sox spotlight.

On the field, the husky right-hander pitched through pain to help end the club's 86-year championship drought in 2004 — and then contributed to another World Series title three years later.

Off the field, the opinionated observer appeared at a congressional hearing on steroids use and campaigned for former President George W. Bush.

From a Thanksgiving dinner in 2003 at his Arizona home where Boston general manager Theo Epstein lured him back to the team that drafted him in 1986 to his retirement Monday, Schilling made his mark in a city of demanding fans.

"I think in the end, we really didn't need to sell it," Epstein said Monday. "The Red Sox were perfect for him, because he likes the big stage, the history of the game. He likes to be the center of attention. It was a good fit."

Schilling enriched that history throughout a career that began with Baltimore in 1988 when he retired the first major league batter he faced, Boston's Wade Boggs, on a groundball. He threw his last pitch in 2007, a ball on a full count to Colorado's Todd Helton in Game 2 of Boston's World Series sweep.

A shoulder injury and surgery sidelined him for all of 2008. Then, at age 42, he had to weigh long hours of rehabilitation against the alternatives — spending more time with his wife and four children and focusing on his video game company.

So Schilling, a free agent, scrapped his idea of possibly signing with a contender in the second half of the season.

As successful as he had been in 20 years of pitching for Baltimore, Philadelphia, Houston, Arizona and Boston, as competitive and driven as he was on the mound, he had stood on it for the last time.

The \$8 million, one-year contract he signed before the 2008 season was his last.

"It is with zero regrets that I

am making my retirement official," Schilling wrote on his blog. "The things I was allowed to experience, the people I was able to call friends, teammates, mentors, coaches and opponents, the travel, all of it, are far more than anything I ever thought possible in my lifetime."

Schilling pitched brilliantly in Game 6 of the 2004 AL Championship Series against the New York Yankees just days after surgery to suture a loose tendon to his right ankle.

The procedure was repeated before another outstanding outing in Game 2 of the World Series sweep of St. Louis as Schilling led Boston to the title in his first season with the Red Sox after he was acquired in a trade a few days after Thanksgiving.

In both games, blood seeped through his sock.

"I think people will definitely remember that, but I would say three championships is a pretty big deal," said Yankees outfielder Johnny Damon, a member of the 2004 Red Sox. "It was a nice career. The writers will think about it in a few years if he's Hall [of Fame] material. He definitely took advantage of what he was given."

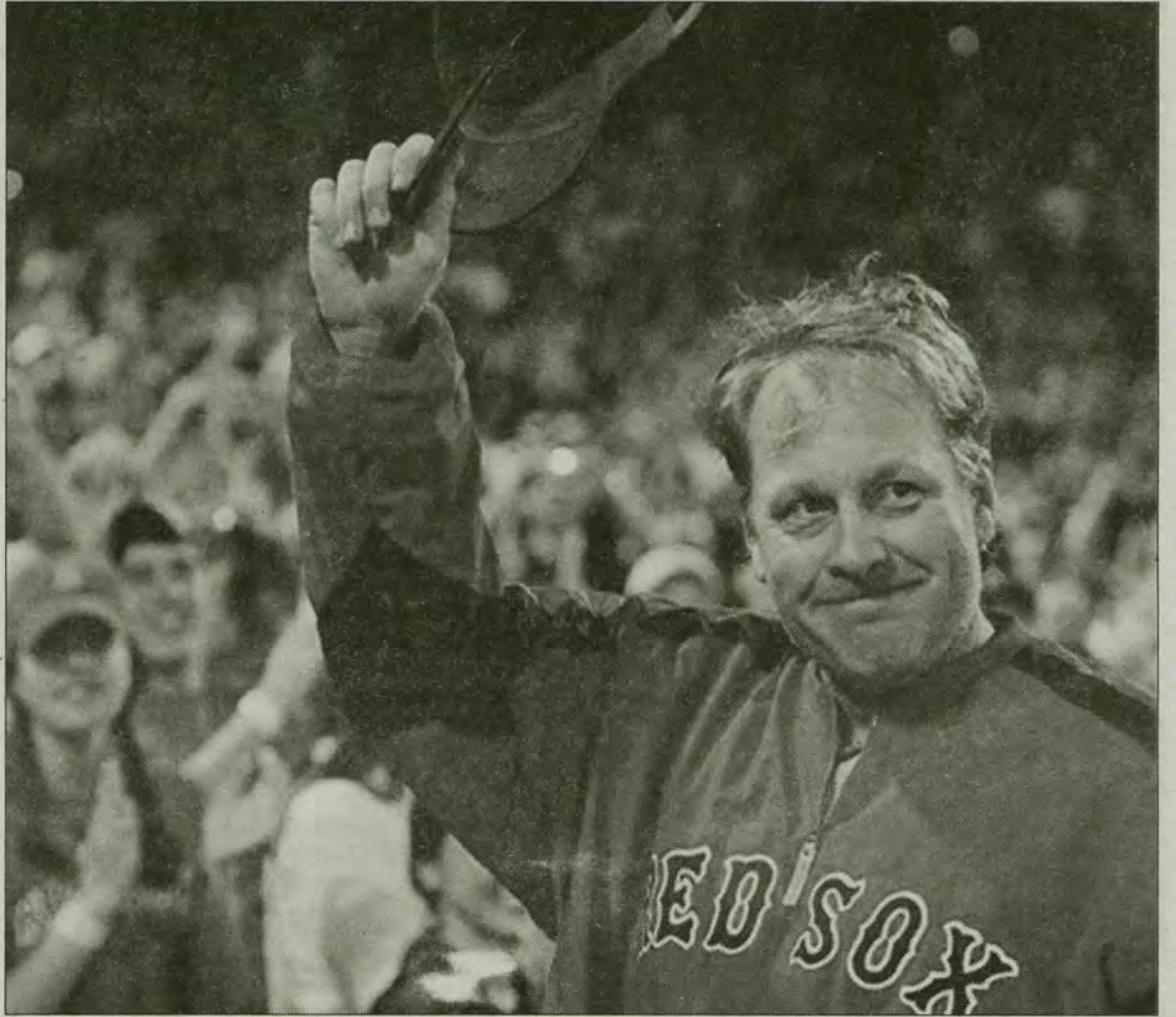
The bloody sock from the World Series is now in the Hall of Fame.

"It was freezing, raining, cold as hell, and the guy just had open surgery on his ankle," Boston designated hitter David Ortiz said. "A lot of people come up to me and ask me, 'Hey, he was bleeding for real?' I'll tell you what, man. He showed me a lot of guts. I had a lot of respect for Curt."

Schilling finished with a 216-146 record and a 3.46 ERA. He is tied for 80th on the career wins list and his 3,116 strikeouts ranks 15th overall. He won more than 20 games three times from 2001 through 2004.

All that may not be enough for him to get to the Hall of Fame.

But there's much more on his resume: an 11-2 postseason record, the best of any pitcher with at least 10 decisions, with a 2.23 ERA in 19 career starts. He also was co-MVP of the 2001 World Series with Randy



Pitcher Curt Schilling waves to the Boston crowd after his 200th career victory on May 27, 2006. Schilling announced his retirement Monday after 20 years in the majors.

Johnson while in Arizona.

Then there was his focus. Red Sox manager Terry Francona rarely spoke with him the day he pitched.

"The surlier, the better," Francona said. "The few times where he did speak, I remember thinking, 'He's not ready to pitch.'"

Schilling's shoulder injury came to light early in February 2008 when he disclosed on his blog that he and the team disagreed about the best way to treat it. He preferred surgery while the team wanted him to rehabilitate it in hopes of having him pitch that year.

Eventually, both sides agreed that surgery was best and he had it on June 23.

"I talked to him about a week ago," Dr. Craig Morgan, who performed the operation to repair his right biceps tendon

and labrum, said Monday. "He said his shoulder felt fine. He's just enjoying being with his family. And the other thing he told me was he wasn't quite sure he wanted to put the time commitment and do four to six hours of exercises every day, which is what's required to come back to pitch."

Schilling was 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA in 2007 when he spent seven weeks on the disabled list with shoulder tendinitis. But he was 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA in the postseason.

"[He] never backed down from any challenge," Epstein said. "One of the things people didn't realize about Schill is that he was really motivated by fear. Fear of failure."

He wasn't afraid to express his opinions.

In July 2007, he said on HBO's "Costas Now" that the refusals

of Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire to address speculation about steroids use are tantamount to admissions. Last September, he said during a radio appearance that former teammate Manny Ramirez "was always kind and nice for the most part, but he'd show up the next day and say, 'I'm through with this team, I want out now.'"

Now Schilling is out — leaving behind a distinguished career and moving on to a life away from the spotlight.

"The game was here long before I was, and will be here long after I am gone," he wrote on his blog. "The only thing I hope I did was never put in question my love for the game, or my passion to be counted on when it mattered most. I did everything I could to win every time I was handed the ball."

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You say it's your birthday  
It's my birthday too, yeah  
They say it's your birthday  
We're gonna have a good time  
I'm glad it's your birthday  
Happy birthday to you.

Yes we're going to a party party  
Yes we're going to a party party  
Yes we're going to a party party

Beat on the brat  
Beat on the brat  
Beat on the brat with a baseball bat  
Oh yeah, oh yeah, uh-oh.

Beat on the brat  
Beat on the brat  
Beat on the brat with a baseball bat  
Oh yeah, oh yeah, uh-oh  
Oh yeah, oh yeah, uh-oh.

What can you do?  
What can you do?  
With a brat like that always on your back  
What can you lose?

She's got a smile that it seems to me  
Reminds me of childhood memories  
Where everything  
Was as fresh as the bright blue sky  
Now and then when I see her face  
She takes me away to that special place  
And if I stare too long  
I'd probably break down and cry

Woah oh oh  
Sweet child o' mine  
Woah oh oh oh  
Sweet love of mine

She's got eyes of the bluest skies  
As if they thought of rain  
I hate to look into those eyes  
And see an ounce of pain  
Her hair reminds me of a warm safe place  
Where as a child I'd hide  
And pray for the thunder  
And the rain  
To quietly pass me by



# AROUND THE NATION

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## NCAA Men's Baseball USA TODAY/ ESPN Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	Georgia (11)	19-2	705
2	Arizona State (3)	17-3	692
3	CS Fullerton (8)	16-3	663
4	Miami FL (2)	18-4	662
5	LSU (1)	17-5	629
6	North Carolina (4)	17-4	616
7	Georgia Tech	16-2	576
8	Texas (2)	14-6	499
9	Rice	14-6	474
10	Arkansas	16-4	449
11	Oklahoma	20-5	381
12	Baylor	14-5	359
13	UC Irvine	12-6	343
14	Texas A&M	14-9	333
15	Costal Carolina	18-4	307
16	Ole Miss	15-5	291
17	Oklahoma State	15-7	277
18	Virginia	19-2	264
19	TCU	13-6	179
20	Clemson	14-6	162
21	Pepperdine	16-6	157
22	Cal Poly	14-4	127
23	East Carolina	16-4	111
24	UC Riverside	14-4	92
25	Ohio State	17-2	87

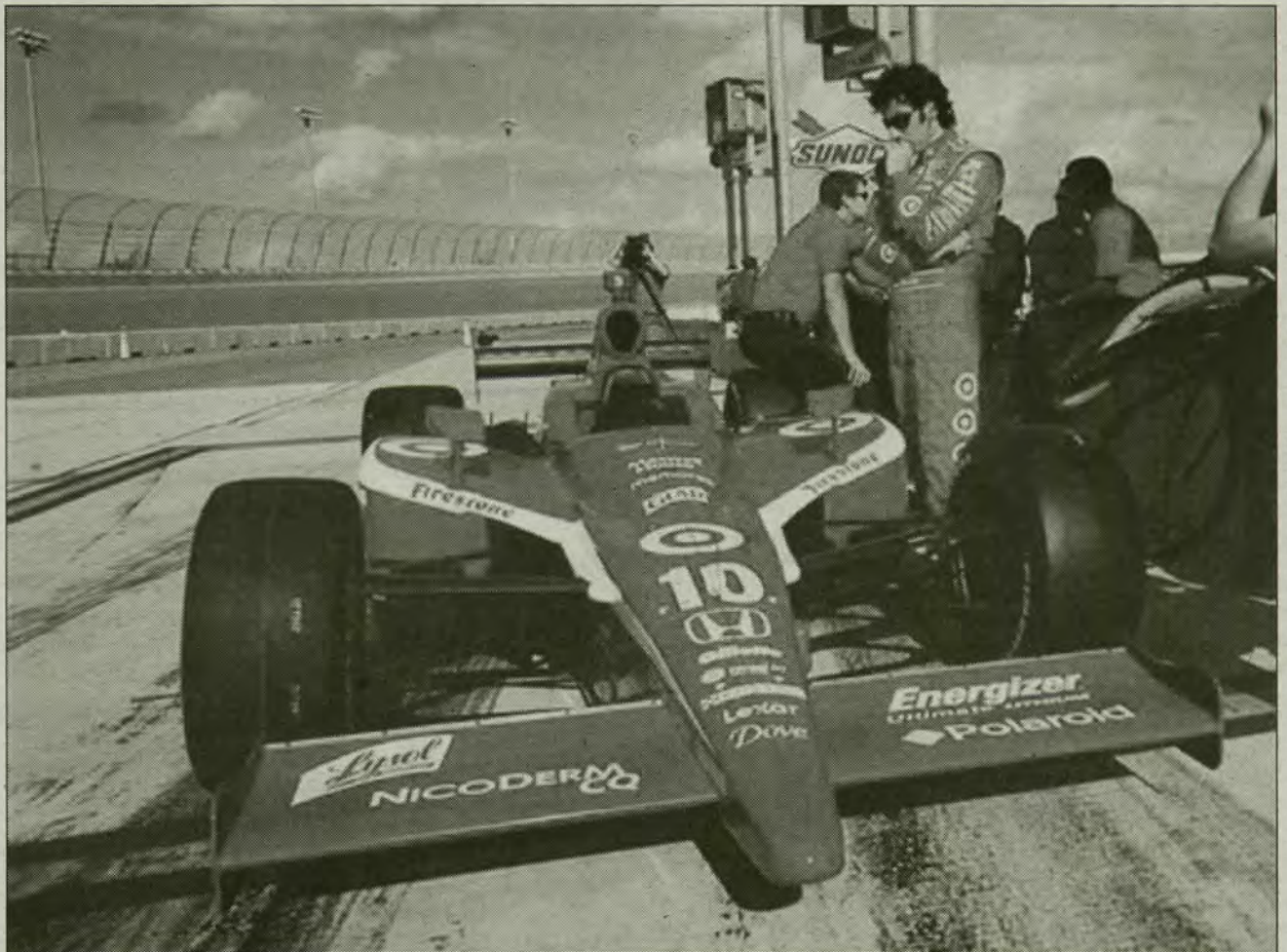
## NCAA Men's Lacrosse Nike/Inside Lacrosse Top 20

	team	record
1	Virginia (15)	10-0
2	Syracuse	5-1
3	NOTRE DAME	6-0
4	Cornell	5-1
5	Princeton	5-1
6	Johns Hopkins	3-3
7	UMBC	7-3
8	Hofstra	4-1
9	Maryland	6-2
10	Duke	7-3
11	Brown	5-1
12	North Carolina	7-3
13	Harvard	4-1
14	Massachusetts	4-3
15	Loyola MD	5-3
16	Navy	6-3
17	Colgate	4-3
18	Albany	4-2
19	Hobart	5-1
20	Villanova	6-1

## NCAA Women's Softball ESPN.com/USA Poll

	team	record
1	Florida (19)	27-2
2	Alabama	23-2
3	Washington	24-3
4	Stanford	24-1
5	UCLA	24-3
6	Tennessee	23-3
7	California	21-4
8	Michigan	20-7
9	Georgia	16-4
10	Oklahoma	23-8
11	Arizona State	25-5
12	Northwestern	13-7
13	Missouri	22-3
14	Ohio State	20-3
15	Arizona	26-7

## INDYCAR SERIES



Dario Franchitti, right, looks at his car before diving test laps in Homestead, FL. Franchitti is making a return to the IndyCar Series in 2009 after a failed attempt at NASCAR during the 2008 season.

## IRL interested in new locations for races

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The IndyCar Series wrapped up a two-day test session at Barber Motorsports Park on Monday with an eye toward possibly returning to the track for an official race as early as the 2010 season.

Barber is one of only two preseason test sites before the circuit's April 5 season opener in St. Petersburg, Fla. The session was as much a try-out for the track as it was practice for the drivers.

Several drivers praised the facility, which already holds an annual AMA Superbike race and a

Grand-Am Road Racing event. They were also impressed with the number of fans who came out to watch.

Track officials estimated that approximately 10,000 people attended Sunday's seven-hour session about a 30 miles from Talladega Superspeedway.

"For a test session, it's amazing the amount of people here," defending series champion Scott Dixon said. "There's definitely a huge fan base here. To have the (vendors) on the backstraight and all the people out on a test day, you don't normally see that stuff. It's

fantastic."

Terry Angstadt, president of IndyCar's commercial division, called Barber Motorsports Park a "gorgeous facility" and "first-class operation," though he said a few minor safety adjustments might have to be made to accommodate an IndyCar race.

There also was concern among some drivers as to whether it would be too difficult to pass on the narrow 2.38-mile, 17-turn layout.

"It's a fun track to drive. There are a lot of fast corners," Marco Andretti said. "But we might have to sit down

and develop some passing zones. It's definitely a place that's really tough to pass."

Dixon said those issues could be resolved "quite easily."

"You can look at the track being wider in some spots, and maybe (create) some heavy braking areas," Dixon said. "A few 90-degree corners (instead of so many U-shaped turns) would help the passing."

"They have the basics here to have a fantastic circuit."

The IndyCar Series is running a 17-race schedule this year, down from 18 events in 2008.

## IN BRIEF

### Collarbone injury hurts Armstrong's 'Tour' plans

BALTANAS, Spain — Lance Armstrong will have surgery after breaking his collarbone Monday during a race in Spain.

"I'm alive!" the seven-time Tour de France champion wrote on his Twitter feed. "Broken clavicle (right). Hurts like hell for now. Surgery in a couple of days. Thanks for all the well wishes."

The 37-year-old American cyclist was knocked off his bike during a pileup in the first stage of the Vuelta of Castilla and Leon race.

The injury has jeopardized his participation in upcoming races. Armstrong was scheduled to compete in the Giro d'Italia from May 9-May 31 and the Tour from July 4-26.

"For the Giro it's a very big problem," he said as he left Valladolid University Hospital. "For now, the biggest problem is just the pain."

### Fugative NFL QB Komio killed in a car crash

PHILADELPHIA — A former NFL quarterback who failed to show for sentencing on drunken driving charges nearly four years ago was killed in a car crash in Greece, authorities said, leaving behind an unsolved mystery involving two suspicious fires and years spent on the lam.

The State Department used fingerprints to determine that the victim of Saturday's crash was William "Jeff" Komlo, according to Jim Vito, Chester County's acting chief detective. Vito said he was initially skeptical, concerned because of Komlo's history that he might have faked his own death.

"Even though we heard that he was deceased, the first reaction was that, well, we better make a positive identification," Vito said.

Once the State Department verified the fingerprints were those of the 52-year-old fugitive, Vito was satisfied.

### NCAA tournament ticket sales down for first two rounds

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A year ago, Utah forward Kalee Whipple's parents and one of her five siblings made the trek from Nevada to Indiana to watch her play in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

This weekend?

"It's just way too expensive," Whipple said.

In a reeling economy, she's not the only one alone on the road for the two Big Dances.

Ticket sales for the men's tournament are down, there have been thousands of empty seats at games in both tournaments, and some schools cut back on entourages, either to save money or to avoid the appearance of spending too much when times are tough.

Missouri, for example, saved about \$25,000 by taking 12 fewer people to Boise, Idaho — where its men played Marquette on Sunday.

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**NCAA Men's NIT**  
Baylor at Auburn  
7 p.m., ESPN

**Penn State at Florida**  
9 p.m., ESPN



## NBA

# Bulls survive late run by Wizards for victory

*Murray's season-high 30 helps boost Hawks over T-Wolves ; Wade sets Miami single-season points record in win*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Onward goes the Chicago Bulls' mediocre march toward the playoffs. After all, nothing says postseason like nearly blowing a double-digit fourth-quarter lead against the worst team in the East.

Chicago hung on and beat the Washington Wizards 101-99 Monday night to improve to five games under .500, good enough to hold down the eighth and final playoff spot in the generously spread-out Eastern Conference standings. Despite the close call, the Bulls were perfectly content to win for the fourth time in five games and open up a 1 1/2-game lead over the ninth-place Charlotte Bobcats.

"Of course there's a concern, but the biggest concern is winning and losing," coach Vinny Del Negro said. "That's what it comes down to. We made enough plays today to win. We were fortunate a little bit at the end, but we got the job done."

Ben Gordon scored all of his 21 points in the second half — including seven in the final 3 1/2 minutes — for the Bulls, who led 88-77 with 6:09 to play. Antawn Jamison scored the game's next eight points to put the Wizards back in it, and Nick Young made the score 100-99 with a 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds play.

Gordon was then fouled and made 1 of 2 free throws with 2.6 seconds remaining. After Gordon missed the second attempt, the Wizards only had time for a 40-foot desperation heave by Jamison at the buzzer.

"We don't worry about how bad we played in a time like this," said John Salmons, who scored 19 points for the Bulls. "We just got to keep trying and getting wins."

Jamison finished with 34 points and 12 rebounds, and Andray Blatche had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who have lost five straight. Blatche started 6-for-6 from the field but finished 7-for-15. He also had two shots blocked and committed a bad pass turnover in the backcourt during a 14-0 third-quarter run that put Chicago ahead for good.

"I don't know what the lack of urgency is in the third quarter," Wizards interim coach Ed Tapscott said. "It has plagued us all season long, and it has caused us losses all season long."

The Bulls trailed most of the game and were down by 12 in the first half, but they pulled ahead with the third-quarter spurt that included three dunks. Gordon, who sat on the bench in the second quarter after an 0-for-4 first quarter, scored 14 points in the third.

"I was just making some shots," Gordon said. "I didn't play the whole second quarter. I was kind of frustrated, so I just wanted to come out and play well in the third."

## Hawks 109, Timberwolves 97

The Atlanta Hawks are doing their best work at home these days.

Flip Murray scored a season-best 30 points and Mike Bibby and Joe Johnson each added 20 as the Hawks won their season-high eighth straight home game, beating the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

It was Atlanta's eighth win in

nine games and the Hawks are 28-7 at Philips Arena. It was the fifth straight loss for the Timberwolves.

The home streak is the longest for Atlanta since Nov. 12, 1996, to Feb. 12, 1997, when the Hawks won 20 in row.

"I feel good about the way we've been playing at home," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. "I know the players individually feel good about it as well."

Atlanta has three tough ones at home coming up starting Wednesday night against the San Antonio Spurs, Friday night against Boston and Sunday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It's going to be a big stretch, man, but I feel good about our chances here at home," Johnson said. "We've just got to come prepared and play our hearts out every night because it's going to be tough."

Added Murray: "We're confident in our building. The fans are behind us. The energy that they're feeding us out there is really helping us and motivating us out there on the court."

## Heat 94, Grizzlies 82

Another record for Dwyane Wade, another win for the Miami Heat. The NBA's leading scorer only cared about one of those events.

Wade scored 27 points to top his own Miami single-season record — acknowledging afterward he wasn't aware he broke that mark — plus added eight assists as the Heat easily beat the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

Wade now has 2,064 points this season, 24 more than his previous best, set in the 2005-06 championship season. He got the record on a layup two minutes in, part of an 11-0 start that got Miami

rolling, and the Heat never trailed.

"It was what we needed," Wade said. "It's what we all talked about in the locker room before the game. It's something we haven't gotten in a while, just come out and fight early."

Michael Beasley had 17 points and nine rebounds, Udonis Haslem scored 11 points and Jamaal Magloire finished with 10 points and a season-high 12 rebounds for Miami.

O.J. Mayo scored 21 for the Grizzlies, who started a four-game road trip by losing for the 17th time in 19 games. Rudy Gay was held to eight for Memphis, matching his third-lowest output this season.

"They really jumped on us from the start," Grizzlies forward Hakim Warrick said. "When you're playing against a team that's fighting for playoff position

and playing as hard as they play, it's tough to come back from behind."

Miami stayed 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the race for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. The Heat — who won in Detroit on Sunday and swept a back-to-back for the third time in 16 tries this season — also ensured they would keep at least a 1 1/2-game lead on No. 6 Philadelphia, which played later at Portland.

"Defensively, the starters definitely set the tone," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Their energy was incredible."

Playing without starting forward Jermaine O'Neal, who sat out as a precaution with a bruised right hip but is expected to be available Wednesday when the Heat visit Indiana, Miami beat the Grizzlies for the first time in the teams' last four meetings.

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Chinua Achebe Lecture  
"The Igbo and Their Perception of Human Beings"  
7:30pm  
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

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Chinua Achebe Lecture  
"The Igbo and Their Perception of Creation"  
7:30pm  
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

Movie: "The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo"  
8:00pm-10:00pm  
Montgomery Auditorium

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Rof's Sports Recreation Center

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6:00pm-9:00pm  
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## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Boilers upset Tar Heels in Round 2

*Sixth-seed Purdue defeats third-seed North Carolina for the first time in four years*

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Purdue finally figured out how to beat North Carolina when it matters most.

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton and Brittany Rayburn led five Boilermakers in double digits with 18 points apiece, and sixth-seeded Purdue beat third-seeded North Carolina 85-70 Monday night in the second round of the Oklahoma City Regional after losing to the Tar Heels in two of the past three NCAA tournaments.

"It's hard to beat a team so many times, and I think this was our team," fifth-year senior Wisdom-Hylton said. "It was our time. We wanted it more. I felt like we were executing, playing a little bit harder. I think we really wanted it a bit more."

The Boilermakers (24-10) will play Rutgers, an 80-52 winner over Auburn, on Sunday in their third trip to regional semifinals in the last four years.

Purdue coach Sharon Versyp called it huge for the program to reach its 12th regional final overall but hasn't reached a Final Four since 2001. She had been telling those seniors that their time was now.

"We've got the pieces of the puzzle as long as everyone connects ... We kept saying, 'It's our time,' and they believed in that," Versyp said.

North Carolina (28-7) had dominated the series between these teams coming in and had won the past three overall. The Tar Heels failed to reach the regional semifinals for the first time in five years.

Lakisha Freeman scored 16 points for Purdue, and FahKara Malone and Danielle Campbell 12 apiece.

North Carolina senior Rashanda McCants had written a reminder to herself on her shoe that it could be her last game and was coming off a 1-for-9 performance in the first round. It didn't help as she went 3-of-15 for six points. Italee Lucas led the Tar Heels with 21 points, and Jessica Breland added 15.

Purdue came in having beaten only one ranked team this season with that win coming over Texas. But the Boilermakers have five seniors on the roster who didn't want to go home in the second round for a second straight year, and they promised to match North Carolina's aggressiveness and intensity.

They did just that, prompting one fan to yell out, "We're going to Oklahoma" while the band chanted "Sweet 16, Sweet 16" as Purdue dribbled out the final seconds before one last off target shot at the

buzzer by Carolina.

"They got three fifth-year seniors," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I think that probably really led the way for them and gave them the confidence and stability and the desire and heart and all that they needed to win today. I said earlier ... I thought they were better than their record and their seed, and I think they proved that."

They averaged 57.1 percent (28-of-49) — the highest allowed by North Carolina this season. The Tar Heels had the nation's best scoring offense with 83.1 points a game. But they struggled shooting the ball from the start, often missing the rim completely no matter the shot and finished hitting just 36.7 percent (29-of-79).

"It just came down to their work ethic," Lucas said. "They outworked us plain and simple. They outworked us."

Purdue also had the edge at the free throw line, hitting 24-of-27 compared to just 9-of-11 for the Tar Heels. Hatchell said her team must learn how to get to the line more over the offseason.

"I think that was frustrating for us," Hatchell said.

The teams combined for eight ties and seven lead changes with Purdue taking control when Campbell tied it at 43 with a layup, and Rayburn put Purdue ahead to stay with a jumper with 13:00 remaining that was the start of a 13-2 run.

Each time North Carolina tried to rally after that, Purdue answered. Rayburn pushed the lead to 66-56 when she hit a 3 and the free throw for a four-point play with 4:57 to go. The Boilermakers led by as 16 down the stretch.

It was a physical game that featured at least seven jump ball situations — six in the first half — with a tie at 30 going into halftime. The Boilermakers opened the game pushing the ball inside, and that helped Tar Heels forward Iman McFarland pick up her third personal with 2:12 left in the half.

Purdue quickly led by nine when Wisdom-Hylton hit the first of two free throws at the 14:39 mark.

North Carolina answered with eight straight points and took the lead when McCants got the rebound of a miss by Chay Shegog and hit a jumper. From there, it went back and forth with the Tar Heels struggling to find the basket.

As DeGraffenreid tried to drive to the basket on one possession, she found herself smothered by three Boilermakers, forcing her to back the ball out.

## NFL

# Owens absent at Bills' conditioning

*Controversial wide receiver not at optional conditioning program*

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — T.O. was a no-show Monday for the start of the Bills voluntary offseason conditioning program.

That didn't stop his new teammates from eagerly awaiting Terrell Owens' arrival — whenever that might occur — and even getting in a laugh or two.

"I'm really excited about meeting the guy," center Geoff Hangartner said. "I've heard he's a great teammate."

Hangartner, who signed with the Bills on Feb. 28, even got a joke in at Owens' expense, showing there's more than one Bills newcomer with a playful side.

With an obvious wink and a smile, Hangartner complained his free-agent signing has since been overshadowed by Owens, who made a far bigger splash a week later when he signed a one-year, \$6.5 million deal.

"I'm pretty angry about it really," Hangartner said, barely able to contain his laughter. "I figured all along I'd be like the big-name free-agent signing."

Pausing for effect, Hangartner added: "That's fine. I can see why we've gotten overshadowed. He obviously earned the right to be the lead dog."

Owens' absence was not a big concern for Bills strength and conditioning coach John Allaire.

Stressing that the program is voluntary, Allaire said he was already impressed with the shape Owens was in when the two met shortly before the player signed with the Bills on March 7.

"He's a physical specimen," Allaire said. "He has a very good history of being in shape, ready to go. We're not anticipating anything different this year."

Having reviewed Owens' workout program, Allaire said the two are "on the same page" and there isn't much he needs to address.

Allaire would only say, "we'll see," when asked whether he expects Owens to take part in the 12-week conditioning program.

It's also not clear whether Owens will attend the team's voluntary minicamps set to start in May.

Two weeks ago, coach Dick Jauron noted the 35-year-old Owens' previous history of not taking part in voluntary sessions with his past teams, but hoped the Bills would be an exception.

"My hope is that he's here," Jauron said. "He knows how important it is for us, particularly in his first year with us."

Under NFL rules governing offseason workouts, players are required to attend teams' mandatory minicamps, which the Bills have scheduled for June.

Owens was unavailable for comment. His publicist, Keith Estabrook, said he was not aware of Owens' schedule regarding the Bills and referred questions to the team.

One thing certain was how eager Owens' teammates were to see what impact he'll make to a sputtering offense that's ranked among the league's worst over the past six seasons; and whether he can change the fortunes of a team that's missed

the playoffs for nine straight years.

"I don't know about anybody else's feelings, I know about mine: I'm pretty excited," guard Langston Walker said. "We've all seen him make some amazing plays and catches over the last few years ... He's definitely something that defenses are going to have to account for."

Second-year receiver James Hardy looked forward to start working with Owens, even though the two play the same position.

"I welcome him with open arms," Hardy said. "I'm going to try to soak up as much information as I possibly can and try to put it into my game. I know overall, at the end of the road, it's going to be a great experience for me."

Hardy has already benefited, saying he received an undisclosed amount of money for agreeing to give up his No. 81 jersey to Owens. Hardy will now wear 84.

"The number was never a big deal to me," Hardy said. "For the most part, everyone's excited because they feel he can help us on the offensive side."

The NFL's broadcasting partners have taken notice.

The league announced Monday that the Bills will be part of its Kickoff Weekend prime time schedule, opening their regular season with a Monday night game at AFC East rival New England on Sept. 14. The game will feature not only Tom Brady's expected return, but feature two of the league's premier receivers, Owens and New England's Randy Moss.

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# NHL

## Carter leads Flyers to third straight win

*Philadelphia center scores 40th goal of the season in victory over New Jersey*

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Carter celebrated the big 4-0 for the Flyers. Forty goals, 40 home wins and plenty more reasons for Philadelphia to feel its best hockey is ahead as the postseason get closer.

Carter and Simon Gagne scored early in the third period and Martin Biron was solid again to lift the Flyers past the New Jersey Devils 4-2 on Monday night.

Carter scored his 40th goal and Gagne his 30th only 2:06 apart to hand Martin Brodeur only his third loss in 12 games since returning from biceps surgery.

"We really feel like we're starting to get into that groove," Carter said. "We're playing solid D, Marty's standing on his head making saves when we need them and guys are leaving it all out there."

The Flyers have won three straight behind Biron and got a goal and an assist from Daniel Briere.

Briere has bounced back into form since returning from the groin injuries that cost him most of this season. He has three goals and two assists during the winning streak, helping the Flyers keep their hold on fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Flyers followed three losses in four games with road wins at Buffalo and Pittsburgh and now a victory against the Atlantic Division leaders.

"It was just a matter of time for us to get back on track," Briere said.

Brendan Shanahan and Jamie Langenbrunner scored for New Jersey, which missed a chance to clinch a playoff spot.

Biron stopped 32 shots and heard the "Marty! Marty! Marty!" chants that were so familiar when he led the Flyers to the Eastern Conference finals last year. Biron entered the game with a 2.73 goals-against average, the lowest it's been this season. He is 10-4 in his last 15 appearances, including a 27-save effort in Sunday's win at Pittsburgh.

"You kind of sense that same feeling that the playoffs bring and the desperation and that kind of atmosphere," Biron said. "It was entertaining."

Biron got some offensive help in a flash to open the third.

Carter knocked in Kimmo Timonen's shot 55 seconds into the period for his 40th goal, putting him third in the NHL. Claude Giroux led the attack moments later and dumped the puck behind him to Gagne, who scored from the red line to make it 4-2.

Carter is the 13th Flyers

player to hit the 40-goal mark in a single season and it's the 37th time in team history that feat has been accomplished.

"It's cool," Carter said of his milestone. "It's obviously nice to be able to help the team out and score some goals. It's definitely a good feeling. It's a good feat for myself and help from some good teammates."

Biron kept the Devils in check from there and the Flyers killed a four-minute power play after Daniel Carcillo was whistled for high-sticking. The Flyers are the only team to not allow a short-handed goal this season.

Gagne and Timonen each had two assists.

Patrik Elias sat out for the Devils because of lower body soreness after he was hurt Sunday against Boston. Elias, who has 30 goals and 77 points this season, is day to day.

Shanahan was back, though, after missing the loss to Boston and he gave the Devils a 1-0 lead early in the second when a shot from Dainius Zubrus struck his skate and went past Biron for his fifth goal.

The goal was reviewed but it stood because there was no distinct kicking motion.

Briere tied it with a power-play goal off a sharp pass from Timonen. Timonen faked a slapper but made a perfect feed to Briere just outside the crease, who punched it past Brodeur for his eighth goal.

"We gave them a lot of room out there. They found ways to attack the net and get goals," Brodeur said. "It was kind of obvious that we had some breakdowns in the open ice. We gave up some untimely goals."

Briere helped put the Flyers ahead in the second when he controlled the puck in the right circle, getting Brodeur to sneak out and face the Flyers center. Briere instead passed the puck to Mike Knuble, who pounded in his 26th goal and a 2-1 lead.

Briere has played in only 19 games this season because of groin and abdominal injuries. He is still not 100 percent but believes he is rounding into form toward the end of the season — just like the Flyers.

"It seemed a week ago we were in a funk we were trying to get out," Briere said. "Teams were creeping up on us in the standings so this is a big step in the right direction for us."

Langenbrunner scored his 25th from the slot on the power play to make it 2-2.

"We made some mistakes on special teams and gave them too many chances," Langenbrunner said. "We've got to be able to kill penalties."

# NBA

## Magic defeat Knicks at MSG

*Celtics defeat Clippers despite limited playtime for Garnett*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A division title is waiting for the Magic. All they have to do is beat the reigning NBA champions.

Orlando's big man is ready for the big challenge.

Dwight Howard had 29 points and 14 rebounds, Hedo Turkoglu led a fourth-quarter rally and the Magic tuned up for a showdown with Boston by beating the New York Knicks 106-102 on Monday night.

Turkoglu scored 12 of his 16 points in the final period for the Magic, who lowered their magic number to one to clinch their second straight Southeast Division title. That could come Wednesday, when they host the Celtics in a game where second place in the Eastern Conference will be at stake.

"It is a big game," Howard said. "They've got a lot of their guys back, so we're looking forward to it. They won their last couple of games and I think it'll be a good matchup."

Orlando is a game behind Boston for the No. 2 seed. Courtney Lee scored 22 points on some clutch free throws shooting for the Magic, who have won three in a row, the last two coming in a sweep of a home-and-home series with the Knicks.

Nate Robinson scored 19 on just 6-of-23 shooting for New York, which dropped its fifth straight in a late-season collapse after entertaining hopes of a playoff spot a week ago. The Knicks honored seven players from their past at halftime before extending their dismal present by clinching an eighth straight losing season, tying a franchise worst.

"I'm not worried about what happened the last seven years, I'm worried about this year," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said. "I'm not very happy the way things are going right now, but we're playing pretty well, we're playing hard, and as long as we can do that, keep trying to get a little bit better."

David Lee had 14 points and 13 rebounds in his return after missing the loss Saturday in Orlando with right knee tendonitis, but the Knicks were without Larry Hughes, who left that game with an injured left big toe.

New York built an 11-point lead late in the third quarter before Turkoglu brought Orlando back. He converted a three-point play early in the fourth and then had two 3-pointers as the Magic cut it to 90-87 with 5 1/2 minutes remaining.

"They kept leaving me

open," Turkoglu said. "I guess they thought I was missing first half, I would keep missing or I would stop shooting. But you know me, I never stop shooting."

### Celtics 90, Clippers 77

Kevin Garnett couldn't help but smile, a sure sign that he's feeling healthy.

Ray Allen scored 20 points and the Boston Celtics, sparked by an alley-oop dunk from Garnett, pulled away for a win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

Garnett played 18 minutes, hitting all five field-goal attempts while scoring 12 points. He added two rebounds and two assists in his third game back since missing 13 with a sprained right knee. He left a few minutes after scoring on an alley-oop pass from Rajon Rondo — a similar play on which he hurt his knee against Utah on Feb 19 — but was fine.

Boston trailed 55-52 midway into the third quarter before scoring 14 straight points to take control. The Celtics took the lead for good at 56-55 on Garnett's short jumper in the lane before his alley-oop brought the relatively quiet crowd to its feet.

"The reason I was laughing

is because it was such a long time since I had one from so far out, but it felt good," Garnett said. "I'm trying to give Paul (Pierce) and Ray all I have so far until I get back."

After Garnett's dunk, Allen scored on a breakaway layup before he nailed a 3-pointer from the left corner 36 seconds before Pierce's 3 from the top, closing the spree.

"We have such a great chemistry when our starting five is out there," Pierce said. "We don't like him on the bench. We like him on the floor."

Rondo added 14 points and seven assists, while Kendrick Perkins scored 12 points and had 13 rebounds for Boston (54-18). The Celtics have a one-game lead over Orlando for second place in the Eastern Conference. The teams meet in Florida on Wednesday night.

But it was Garnett's alley-oop dunk midway into the third quarter that had to make his teammates feel great.

"He has that presence," Boston reserve forward Mikki Moore said.

Added Stephon Marbury, a teammate of Garnett's in Minnesota: "He just changes the complexity of the game."

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## Eagles

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strong and experienced pitching rotation.

The Eagles boast wins over Boston University, Indiana University and Hofstra so far this season.

"Ball State is a good team with pitching that keeps them in the ball game," Gumpf said. "They also are also a very fast team with aggressive hitters and base runners."

The Irish are coming off a split in last Sunday's double header against the Wildcats of St. John's, pushing their season record to 11-11.

"Our advantage was that we were the home team with good hitters up to bat," Gumpf said.

Sophomore middle infielders Sadie Pitzenberger and

Katie Fleury, senior designated hitter Linda Kohan and junior first baseman Christine Lux have provided much of the offense this season for the Irish.

"At anytime any one or many of our starters can step up and be the one to play great," Gumpf said.

On the mound, sophomore Jody Valdivia and senior Brittny Bargar have posted a number of strong outings this season.

"I'm expecting good things from the mound," Gumpf said.

N o t r e Dame's best win of the sea-

son came against No. 12 Oklahoma, who the Irish narrowly defeated 4-3.

The Irish took a day off of practice to make sure they are prepared for Tuesday's matchup with the Eagles.

*"Ball State is a good team with pitching that keeps them in the ball game."*

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## NBA

# Jack, Pacers overwhelm Bobcats

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — From getting into a dispute with a teammate to being benched to shifting to point guard, Jarrett Jack had a busy 24 hours.

He capped it off by being nearly perfect.

A night after getting into an on-court argument with T.J. Ford, Jack replaced Ford at point guard and scored 31 points on 13-of-14 shooting, leading the Indiana Pacers to a dominating 108-83 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats to snap a five-game losing streak.

"We put that behind us. It had nothing to do with it," Jack said of the incident with Ford on Friday that got him banished to the locker room. "I didn't want to come out with the 'I told you so' stuff. I just wanted to come out and play good basketball and try

to get off that losing streak."

Danny Granger added 21 points and Brandon Rush — who started in Jack's old spot at shooting guard — scored 15 for Indiana, which outscored Charlotte 33-9 in the third quarter in their best performance in weeks.

"We needed a little bit of a change," coach Jim O'Brien said of the lineup change. "(Jack) gave us a tremendous spark starting at the point guard spot. He maintained the aggressiveness of our team the entire time, both offensively and defensively, with positive talk and good court leadership.

"Not only did he score well, he led well."

There was little of that on the Bobcats' side. Boris Diaw scored 15 points but got no help in a brutal performance that ended their three-game winning streak.

Entering the night one game

behind eighth-place Chicago in the Eastern Conference, the Bobcats were the target of boos by their home fans after shooting 3-of-19 in the third quarter and allowing Jack to roam free at the other end.

"In every area we just got whipped," coach Larry Brown said.

Jack's only miss came on a 3-point attempt in the first minute of the second quarter. Constantly beating Raymond Felton off the dribble, Jack was two points shy of his career high despite sitting out the fourth quarter.

"You can't guard nobody who shoots 13-for-14 from the field," Felton said. "He was hitting everything: 3s, mid-range, get to the basket. It was tough. He had a great game tonight."

The Pacers, whose recent funk left them 4 1/2 games out of the final playoff spot, were a different team after Friday's dispute.

Jack and Ford had an on-court argument that carried over to the bench midway through the third quarter. They had to be separated by their teammates, and O'Brien sent Jack to the locker room.

"Something happened between all of us," O'Brien said before Saturday's game. "We dealt with it and it's behind us."

O'Brien replaced Ford with Rush in the starting lineup against the Bobcats. Ford entered for the first time with 3:38 left in the first quarter and finished with nine points and six assists.

But the night belonged to Jack, who shot 9-for-10 from the field in the first half, including a long-runner to beat the shot clock.

"It might have been a college 3, seriously," Jack said with a smile.

Jack hit a fadeaway jumper with 5 seconds left to put Indiana ahead 53-45 at half-time.

After Jack hit the second of consecutive jumpers to complete a 22-2 run that bridged the half, he high-stepped and high-fived his teammates as a bewildered Brown called timeout facing a 70-47 deficit.

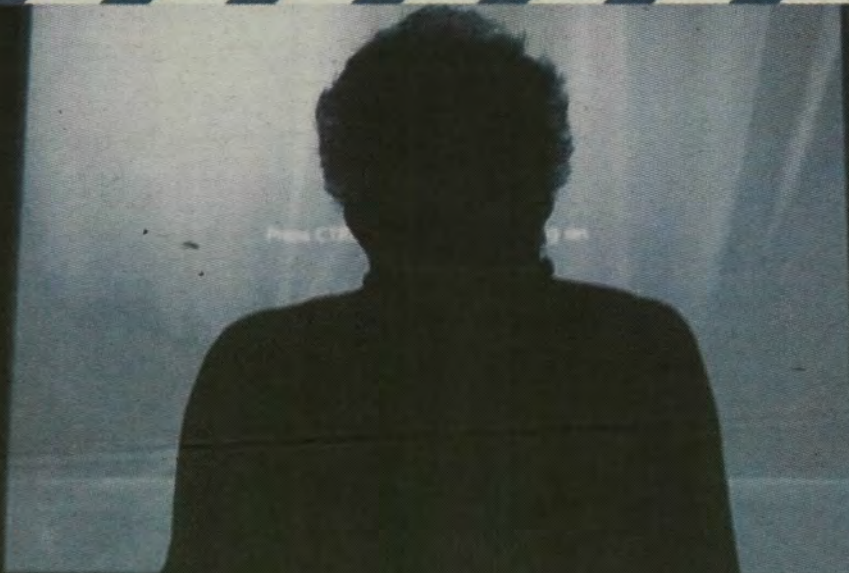
"I still thought we had a chance, then the third quarter we just didn't get a stop, we didn't take a good shot," Brown said. "Everything was a jump shot and there you go. And they were phenomenal. They made everything. Jack was spectacular. ... They just handled us easily."

There were many culprits as the Bobcats' successful stretch of nine wins in 12 games ended with a thud.

Gerald Wallace, who had scored at least 25 points in the past three games, got into early foul trouble and finished with three points on 1-of-4 shooting. Raja Bell scored seven points on 3-of-9 shooting that included a 10-second sequence where he threw up an airball and was called for a flagrant foul. Felton shot 3-for-13.

Perhaps best describing the evening, as Wallace grabbed a drink before leaving the locker room an air freshener on top of the cooler crashed to the floor and barely missed hitting him.

"Everything is going wrong tonight," Wallace said.



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## NIT

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at the beginning of the season. But the NIT means something to Notre Dame.

For all their struggles this season, the Irish have a small chance at redemption, a chance to ease the sting of their disappointing year. One could argue that winning an NIT title could only cause more hurt, and lead to the inevitable question, "Well, where was that type of play all season?" But Notre Dame has rightly chosen not to dwell on that thought and has instead channeled its frustration in an attempt to salvage some satisfaction from the 2008-09 season. The Irish take their next step toward that goal Wednesday, when they host Kentucky at the Joyce Center.

The NIT certainly means something to Tory Jackson, who hit the game-winning shot Thursday, going coast to coast after New Mexico tied it with 7.9 seconds left. Jackson then stood on Notre Dame's bench as he celebrated with his brothers, then donned Lepre-Juan's green hat for his postgame interview on ESPN.

"I'm just thankful to be playing and thankful to be here in practice," Jackson said prior to practice on Monday. "Sometimes, you think about, we always complain amongst each other in practice and we hate it sometimes, but you've got to be thankful to be here, because a lot of teams aren't doing that."

It certainly means something to his teammates and coach, who exploded off the bench in jubilation after a last-second heave from New Mexico rimmed out.

"I was glad they were celebrating," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "The one thing about them that's interesting, they haven't shown emotion all the time. Last year when we got the NCAA Tournament bid, you know how teams jump up, they kind of were like, 'Well what do we do?' ... It was kind of nice to see them getting wacky."

It certainly means something to the official crowd of 3,013 that took time out from their lives — and watching the NCAA Tournament — to watch Notre Dame blow a 14-point lead over a team it should've easily beaten, only to cheer like hell as the Irish came back for the win.

"The fans that we care about are the ones that are going to cheer us on regardless," senior forward Zach Hillesland said. "The ones that show up to NIT games and cheer like it was the middle of the Big East season."

And it certainly means something to Notre Dame's four seniors who get to keep playing basketball at Notre Dame, even for just a few more days. If there's one thing more disappointing for those seniors than missing the NCAA Tournament, it's having your college career come to its inevitable end, a crushing feeling they can put off for a little while longer.

"I know that's kind of an issue, these people are going to say, 'Well, it's the NIT, and it's not the Big Dance,'" Hillesland said. "But I started playing basketball because it was fun and we're having a great time right now and it's better to have your season extend as far as possible than to hang up the shoes and head into the off-season early."

Once the Irish do go into the offseason, these seniors are done at Notre Dame and will close the book on four years of their lives they can never relive or recapture.

"It means a lot," senior Kyle McAlarney said. "We want to hopefully win here, but it means a lot to just keep on playing, keep this thing going and keep surviving. Because you don't want this thing to end — the camaraderie, the excitement in the locker room, that's what this is all about."

It's just the NIT, but when it's all you have left, it means everything.

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## Injuries

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one of the team's toughest defenders and called her "fearless." A fearless defender — sounds like someone who can contribute to 3-point defense.

Next year, they're both back. So is senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who has another year of eligibility since she took a medical redshirt her sophomore season. And junior guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow.

That doesn't excuse Notre Dame's play, especially near the end of the season. Notre Dame allowed 10 3-pointers to Villanova in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament and eight to Minnesota. It's tough to win games when you do that.

It also doesn't excuse the slow start the Irish had, despite a home crowd, or their inability to keep the game close once they pulled within two in the second half, despite losing Schrader to a back injury.

The players were the first to discuss the team's problems. Lechlitner acknowledged that the defense was lacking and the team let Gophers guard Emily

Fox run rampant on the court. Barlow put it straight and simple. "No defense, can't win," she said.

The Irish had potential to be great at the start of the season. They were 11-1, with the only defeat an overtime loss to Michigan, when they entered conference play. They went 10-6 in the Big East, respectable and enough for a No. 5 seed in the tournament, but just shy of being a truly elite team.

Next year they have that capability. They have length and tenacity on defense to force teams inside rather than allowing them to shoot over the Irish. They've got proven scorers. They've got tons of potential points in freshmen Erica Solomon and Natalie Novosel.

They also managed to snag basketball's equivalent of Manti Te'o — Skylar Diggins, a 5-foot-8 senior point guard from South Bend's Washington High School and the nation's No. 1 recruit. So they have that going for them ... which is nice.

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# Spring

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tions as possible, so the mental errors are more disturbing."

The listed starters on the offensive line are sophomore Matt Romine at left tackle, junior Eric Olsen at left guard, junior Dan Wenger at center, junior Chris Stewart at right guard, and junior Sam Young at right tackle. The depth chart is not finalized, though, and once fifth-year senior Paul Duncan is accepted for a fifth year, he is expected to play a big role. Verducci even said he expected Duncan to be the starting left tackle.

"My chips, to be up front with you, are on Paul Duncan right now," Verducci said. "The exposure I've had with

him has been nothing but positive."

Moving to the backfield, Alford, too, said that at this point in spring practice he was most concerned with the effort he was seeing. That effort, he said, would translate into improved confidence.

"They have to understand how good they can be," he said. "They have to feel that they can be good before they will be good."

The one notable change at running back this spring will be the shifting of senior James Aldridge to fullback, which Weis mentioned

Friday.

"He took some reps at fullback today," Alford said. "It's new to him obviously, so there will be some growing pains there for him. But he's a tough guy. He wants to play."

Alford also added that Aldridge would still play some halfback, as well as the new position.

One new face that could be in contention next fall is freshman Jonas Gray, who played sparingly in mop-up duty in 2008. Alford said that, as a new coach, all the players were on equal footing so far.

"I have no preconceived notions on who can do what," Alford said. "[But] I'm forming my opinions very quickly. It isn't taking me long to form my opinions, which my mother has always told me to keep to myself."

Currently, the depth chart has Armando Allen listed as the starter, and Alford said the sophomore has a very high ceiling.

"He really enjoys playing the game," Alford said of Allen. "He's very into getting better, asks a lot of questions, and wants to improve."

For all the running backs, Alford had some very straightforward words of wisdom.

"Don't think so much. This isn't rocket science. Just go play."

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ERA over 12.1 innings pitched so far this season.

The Irish will be looking to turn things around after dropping the final two games of the weekend series against Seton Hall. The glaring issue that plagued Notre Dame throughout the matchup was the inability of the Irish pitching staff to get out of innings with two men down — in the three games, the Pirates scored 19 runs and batted .458 in two-out situations.

Notre Dame will also look to get their bats going early, as the team is 10-1 when scoring first. Seton Hall starters Joe DiRocco and Keith Cantwell stymied the Irish offense in the final two games of the weekend series, combining to give up just four runs over 15 innings pitched.

The Central Michigan pitching staff may be a welcome solution to the recent struggles at the plate, as the Chippewas have a team ERA of 6.19. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes and junior center fielder A.J. Pollock, who have hit .361 and .377 respectively on the season, will look to take advantage of visiting pitching that has struggled so far this year.

The Chippewa lineup will be led by sophomore outfielder Matt Faiman, who is batting .407 on the year with 15 RBI. Redshirt freshman Nate Theunissen is also batting .387 and leads the team with three home runs and 19 RBI.

After Central Michigan, the Irish will again host a non-conference opponent Wednesday when Oakland visits Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame returns to conference play this weekend traveling to Pittsburgh for a three-game series.

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20 Umber or chocolate brown

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24 Org. for boomers, now

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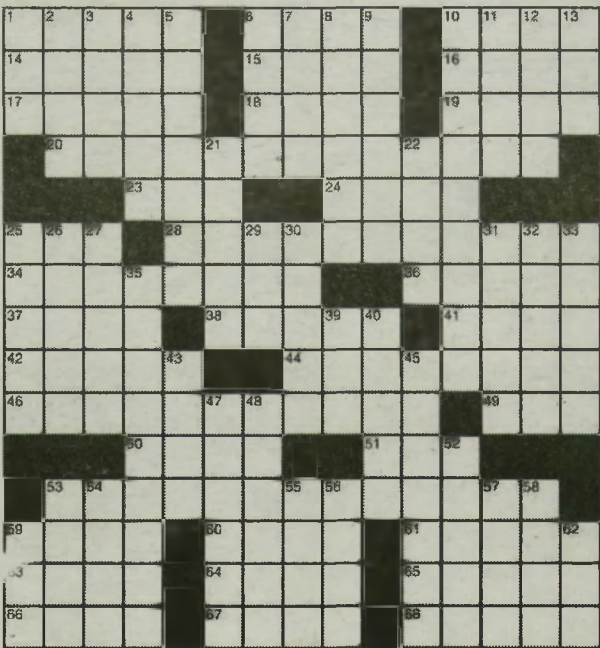
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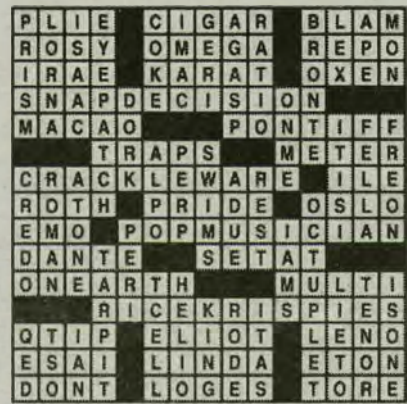
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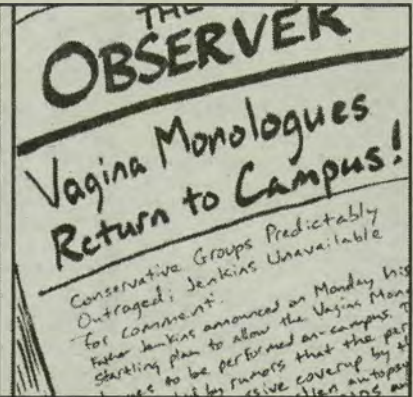
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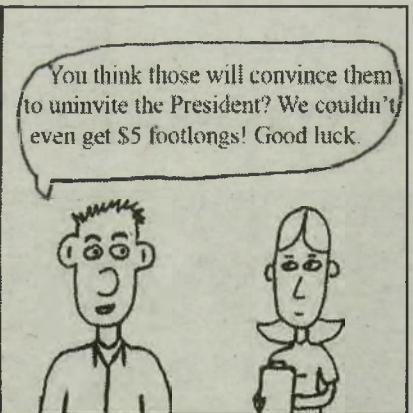
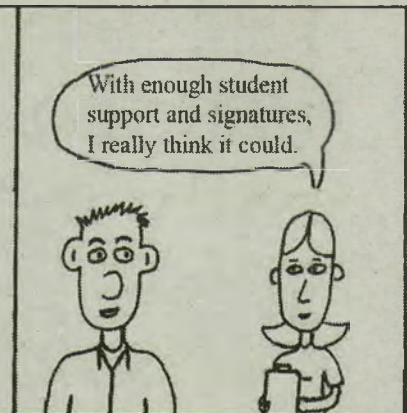
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let the little things get to you when there is so much you can accomplish by doing a little research. You have to use what works best for you. Don't bother arguing — take in the information given and go about your business. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Think about going the distance if you want to really accomplish your set goals. Seeing someone in person will have a far greater impact. Don't, however, overdo, overindulge or overspend in the process. Couple honesty with forward thinking. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Someone will dangle a carrot in front of you and, if you aren't careful, you may end up in hot water. Balance will mean everything and, the less drama, the better the results will be. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Stick to what you know and do best and you can manage any of the pitfalls that drop in your lap. Being forceful will pay off, even if it isn't a position you like to take. Do what you must. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You should be thinking about a trip, getting together with someone you love or touching base with an old friend. Money matters may be questionable but, as long as you stick to legitimate ways of obtaining cash, you will do well. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may have trouble finishing what you start or sticking to what you have promised to do. Now is not the time to spend on anything that isn't necessary. An honest effort is what will pay off. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You'll be drawn toward someone who can make a difference to your future. Don't let your attraction stop you from doing what must be done to get ahead. You don't want to make someone who can influence your future upset or angry. Think big. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Use your powerful, creative style to take care of business. Talks will lead you in a new direction, allowing you a new way of presenting what you have to offer and to show off what you are capable of handling. Don't let anyone take over what you have been building for so long. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you cannot control your anger or your disappointment, walk away until you know you can face wisely whatever challenge is being presented. Take a philosophical look at your past, present and your future. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't start something you cannot finish. Be sure of your capabilities but don't fear doing things a little differently. Mix your strengths with a little ingenuity and you can challenge anyone who may try to stand in your way. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will be looking at things very emotionally. Try to hone your skills and your outlook so you can get ahead without promising too much. Staying within your budget will be essential both personally and professionally. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Not everything will be easy for you to decipher. Someone will withhold information that is crucial to a decision you are supposed to make. Don't give in to the pressure. Erratic behavior will lead to a lack of confidence. ★★

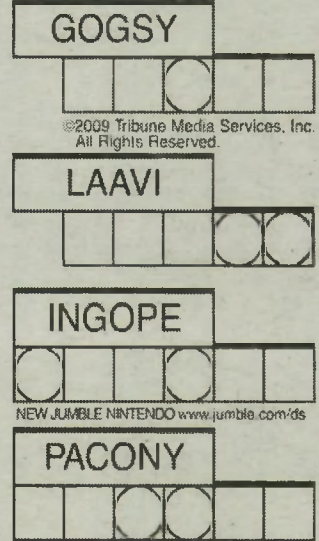
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY**

# Still fighting

*Big Dance or not, team is thrilled to be playing in late March*

Granted, the NIT isn't as important as the NCAA Tournament, but don't say these games mean nothing.

Sure, it's a tournament for those rejected from the Big Dance. And sure, Notre Dame would rather be on its way to one of the Regional finals this weekend, like many thought it would be



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Senior Staff  
Writer

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Junior guard Tory Jackson celebrates after hitting the game-winning layup to give the Irish a 70-68 victory over New Mexico in the second round of the NIT on Thursday night at the Joyce Center.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

**ND SOFTBALL**

## Team needs to 'step up' vs. Eagles

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

The Irish will play host to the struggling Ball State Eagles Tuesday evening at Melissa Cook Stadium. The first pitch is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

"We will approach this game against Ball State like every other game. They are a good team," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We need to step up and play good ball to beat them."

With an overall record of 9-12, the Eagles are not having one of their better seasons. But most of their wins have been relatively low scoring games, which can be attributed to the team's

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**FOOTBALL**

# Alford hopes to take running game to new level in '09

By SAM WERNER  
Associate Sports Editor

At the end of the 2008 season, Irish head coach Charlie Weis identified the rushing attack as one area that needed drastic improvement if the Irish were going to excel in 2009.

"We've identified as one of the things we really want to

work on right off the bat offensively is our running game," Weis said in his introductory spring football press conference Friday.

Notre Dame averaged only 3.3 yards per carry in 2008, and only 109.7 yards per game. The ground attack finished 100th in the 119-team Division I FBS (formerly I-A).

In order to speed up the improvement, Weis brought in

two new coaches at the positions vital to the running game — Frank Verducci at offensive line coach and Tony Alford at running backs coach. Verducci replaced John Latina, who resigned, and Alford replaced Mike Haywood, who was named head coach at Miami (Ohio).

Monday was the first day the team was allowed to practice in full pads, and Verducci

said it was just the start of a very long process.

"I certainly didn't anticipate to go out there today and hit our peak on day one," he said. "And I don't think we're in danger of peaking any time soon, from what I saw today."

Verducci said that while it may take some time for the players to adjust to his style of coaching, the only thing he was concerned about for now

was that they were focused.

"Technical errors right now I can understand because a lot of the things I'm teaching they haven't been exposed to before," he said. "But in many ways assignment-wise this is the same offense that they've been in and we spend time before practice trying to put them in as many situa-

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**BASEBALL**

# ND plays host to Chippewas

*Squad looks to get in the win column as CMU comes to town*

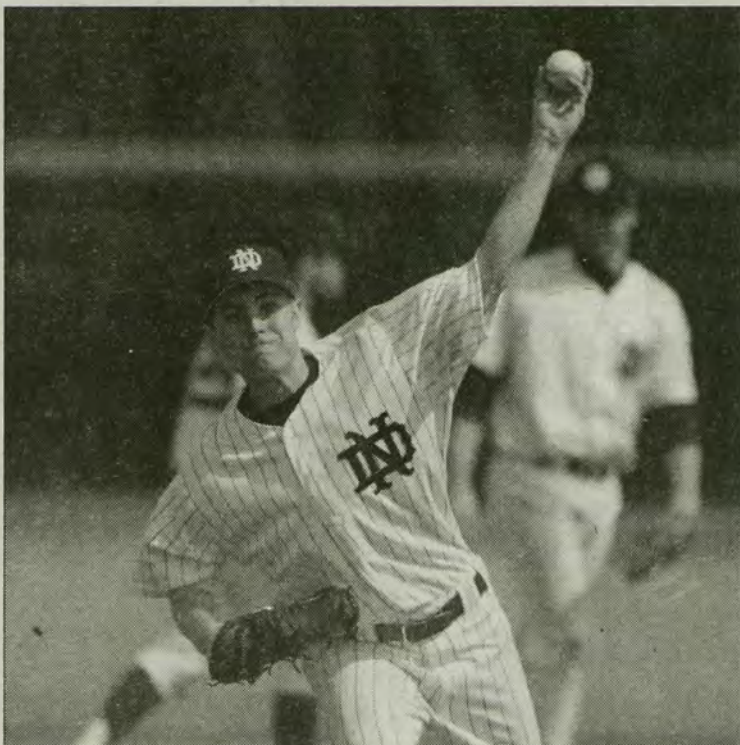
By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will try and recover from a disappointing weekend today, facing off against Central Michigan after losing two of three in their conference opening series against Seton Hall.

The Irish (13-7, 1-2 Big East) will take on the Chippewas (9-12, 1-2 MAC) at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Freshman Dustin Ispas will take the mound for Notre Dame, making his third start of the season. Ispas has yet to record a decision and has a 2.92

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Junior pitcher David Mills throws a pitch against Seton Hall Sunday in Notre Dame's 11-4 loss.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY**

## Irish took their hits, ready to start anew

Some of Notre Dame's fans stayed in their seats after the Irish lost to Minnesota in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday.

They looked dumbfounded, unsure of what had just transpired.

The Irish probably felt the same way. Questions must have fluttered around their heads after the game: why did we start so slow? Why couldn't we guard the 3-point line?

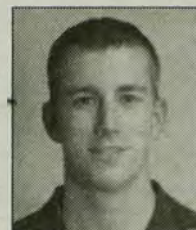
There's not an excuse that

answers these questions well, but there is hope in the future.

Notre Dame's knees lacked any luck this season. Sophomore forward Devereaux Peters tore the same anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) that she tore in February last season. She had worked her way back, but went down in the third game of the season.

Peters is 6-foot-2 and has a huge wingspan. She disrupts offenses, whether it be leading the press, at the top of the key or blocking shots in the paint. Her absence hurt Notre Dame's ability to pressure opposing teams and, more importantly in its current predicament, its ability to contest 3-pointers.

A few games later, sophomore guard Brittany Mallory tore her ACL against Michigan. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said earlier this season that Mallory was



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