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CDC confirms swine flu case at ND

Student recovers after experiencing symptoms last week; Health Services, officials investigate

By JENN METZ
News Writer

The University announced a case of swine flu at Notre Dame was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuesday.

The affected student, after falling ill almost a week ago, has recovered and is in good health. It is the first confirmed case of the disease — North American Human Influenza A (H1N1), commonly known as swine flu — in Indiana.

An e-mail sent to faculty, staff and students Tuesday afternoon alerting them of the presence of swine flu on campus encouraged students who experience flu-like symptoms to visit University Health

Services and faculty and staff to consult their personal physicians.

University spokesperson Dennis Brown, Dr. Rebecca Moskewski, director of University Health Services and Kelly Joliff, St. Joseph County epidemiologist spoke to the press in Saint Liam Hall Tuesday afternoon and said the University is working with state and federal health officials to monitor and respond to the situation.

The student, whose name, class year and gender were not released by the University, sought treatment at University Health Services in Saint Liam Hall last Wednesday, one day after feeling ill.

Moskewski said Health Services

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AARON STEINER/The Observer

Dr. Rebecca Moskewski, left, and Kelly Joliff spoke to the press about the case of swine flu at Notre Dame Tuesday.

University to pay for added security

By JENN METZ
News Writer

President Barack Obama's pending trip to South Bend for the May 17 Commencement ceremonies has raised many questions. One of them: Who will pick up the bill?

South Bend Police Department spokesperson Captain Phil Trent initially said the department would incur some overtime expenses for added security, however the numbers weren't determined at that point, as Obama's itinerary was not announced.

And although it hasn't been announced if Obama will extend his stay overnight, Trent told WSBT last month that the last time a president stayed overnight in South Bend, it cost the city almost \$20,000 in overtime costs.

But this time around, whatever the cost, the city won't be picking up the tab for extra security incurred by Obama's visit.

According to a Friday WNDU report, a bill was proposed by members of the South Bend Common Council that would charge event hosts — in this case, Notre Dame — for the extra police necessary for security earlier this month.

The proposal was tabled, however, at an April 23 meet-

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Student injured in possible assault

Observer Staff Report

According to a South Bend Tribune report, an 18-year-old Saint Mary's College student was found injured Saturday morning after possibly being drugged.

According to the report, the police found the woman on the 5600 block of Zappia Drive behind a house. The student was found after a suspicious person was reported in the area.

The South Bend Tribune report said the student had several cuts on her legs and was bleeding. Reports said the woman looked as though she was sobbing. She had no shoes and her clothes disheveled.

According to the South Bend Tribune, the woman did not know the events leading up to the police arriving on the scene. The woman said she was a guest at a house party near the scene, hosted by students from the University of Notre Dame.

The Tribune report said police tested the girl for alcohol use, and she showed a .18 percent blood alcohol level. The girl reported she did not know where she got her injuries. One officer who filed the report said the girl appeared to be more drugged rather than intoxicated.

According to the South Bend

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Commons to open in fall

Stores, restaurants to be finished on Eddy Street by football season



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Eddy Street Commons is under construction, but the first round of stores and restaurants will be open for business in the fall.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The first set of stores and restaurants at the Eddy Street Commons — a major mixed-use development project currently under construction south of Notre Dame's campus — will be open in time for football season this fall.

Gregory Hakanen, director of Asset Management and Real Estate, said there are already a number of restaurants and stores that are in

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Panel discusses Obama invitation, degree

Both sides debate significance of honoring president at Commencement ceremony

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The meaning of an honorary degree given by a Catholic university — and whether the award indicates support for some or all of the recipient's positions — was questioned by students Tuesday in a debate over the University's invitation to Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address.

Seniors Michael Angulo and Briana Miller argued Obama should be honored by the University for his record of public service while junior John Gerardi and fifth-year senior John Souder said Obama's stance on abortion is "intrinsically evil," and awarding

him an honorary degree suggests support for that position.

The debate, sponsored by the College of Arts & Letters, gave students an opportunity to discuss the controversy over Obama "openly and candidly," moderator Colleen Kelly, a junior, said.

"I understand how many disapprove of Obama, yet I struggle, and have always struggled, with the notion that our support of a politician should boil down to one issue," Angulo said.

He cited Obama's executive order to shut down Guantanamo Bay military prison and his work to expand health care for children as reasons Obama should be honored

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students engage in a discussion over what it means to invite and honor President Barack Obama at a panel on Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Devil's Academy

Maybe you're tempted to seek academic counseling at the Dean's Office. Or, considering the magnitude of the decision, maybe you do so at the Grotto. But reconsider: As the economy tumbles and the planet warms, perhaps it's time to ask the wicked one who's steering the wheel toward our doom. No, not Charlie — Lucifer.

Robert Singer

Assistant
News Editor

Psychology: The pointless acquisition of vocabulary to describe your prior knowledge of the workings of the human mind and its development. In short, this discipline dresses up your intuition in intellectual jargon. After flawlessly shotgunning a Keystone, you will learn that the feeling of pride as you high-five your friends is a "conditional emotional response" and not "chillness."

Business: Upper-level home economics. Instead of being subjected to the humdrums of dinner table etiquette, you will learn the boardroom customs of looking good in a suit while making PowerPoint presentations on mundane topics. Instead of following unimaginative recipes to bake pies, you will master the artlessness of plugging data into formulas and pie charts.

Economics: A religion espousing the mathematical laws of an imaginary world in order to gain the esteem of those who are gullible enough to believe those laws apply in our world. Like Aztec priests and American creationists, your models will rarely come close to predicting the outcomes of real human society, yet you will be a respected purveyor of the spirits guiding "the economy." As a result, your job prospects will be improved, as you will be elevated in the eyes of business firms and political think tanks alike.

Program of Liberal Studies (PLS): To study obsolete methods like Euclidean geometry and Aristotelian philosophy in addition to ancient narratives containing human experiences that cannot be related to affluent white suburbanites. In essence, you will study form, not content, in the vain hope of acquiring the intellectual graces of Galileo and enlarging your "Grey's Anatomy"-saturated mind to the same dimensions as the other great thinkers studied in the PLS curriculum.

Peace Studies: A remedial education program for affluent white suburbanites who lack a basic understanding of qualitative ideas such as "human suffering" and more specifically, "genocide" and "famine," as well as knowledge of their historical corollaries. After mastering these rudimentary notions, the focus shifts to a group therapy session in which participants are assured that they bear no responsibility for the realities they have just discovered, that the best way to end war in the Middle East is by continuing a suburban lifestyle heavily reliant on fossil fuels.

Academic: Like opera singers who spend all of their lives refining their voices but never have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience, someone who devotes his or her life to acquiring knowledge and understanding, but who nonetheless has little chance of expressing an original or interesting idea.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Robert Singer at rsinger@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DOES THE 'K' IN K-MART STAND FOR?



Ashley Ward

freshman
LeMans

"Kinky."



Angela Gillis

freshman
LeMans

"Kickapoo."



Meagan Drone

freshman
LeMans

"Korean."



Beth Brophy

freshman
LeMans

"Klepto."



Sam Tullsiak

freshman
LeMans

"Wal."



Alyssa Lewanski

senior
off-campus

"Kindergarten."

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

A photo of an aborted fetus was flown over campus by the Center for Bio-Ethical reform Tuesday. The group has also displayed photos on the sides and backs of billboard trucks in protest of President Barack Obama's Commencement visit.

OFFBEAT

Blown-away Chihuahua reunited with owners

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight. Dorothy and Lavern Utley credit a pet psychic for guiding them on Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where 8-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen. The brown long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise OK.

The Utleys, of Rochester, had set up an outdoor display Saturday at a flea market in Waterford Township, 25 miles northwest of Detroit.

Deputy quits after wife, mom-in-law take squad car

LAKELAND, Fla. — A Polk County deputy has turned in his badge after his wife and mother-in-law took his patrol car out for a joyride. Officials said the 44-year-old deputy resigned Monday after serving 21 years with the sheriff's office.

The arrest report said his wife and mother-in-law face charges of vehicle theft, theft of a firearm and impersonating a law-enforcement officer. His wife also faces charges of possession of a firearm of a convicted felon.

A third person riding in the back seat also was arrested.

Police arrest woman with barrel of bear candies

CASPER, Wyo. — Police arrested a 28-year-old woman after finding a barrel of cinnamon bear candies in her hotel room that police believe had been stolen from a local restaurant. Officers responded to a 911 call at a hotel room where the woman was staying on Saturday evening. Officers determined that the call had been placed by accident.

However, officers saw the barrel of candies in the room and recognized it as having come from Poor Boys Steak House.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Author Ben Marcus will read selections from his work at Hammes Bookstore today at 7:30 p.m. Following the reading, there will be a short question and answer session.

A Spring concert titled "Collegium Musicum" will take place today from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include Renaissance and Baroque sacred music. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door.

Co-sponsored by the College of Science and the Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases, the "Running for a New Ara: 5K run/1 mile walk" will be held today at 6 p.m. The race starts at the Hesburgh Library Quad. Help raise money and awareness for Niemann-Pick Type C Disease Research. Register at shop.nd.edu with a fee of \$10.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film, "The Class," Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in Browning Cinema. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

The graduates of the Creative Writing MFA Program will give a reading from their final theses Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom at 7 p.m. The readings will be delivered in rapid succession. The event is open to the public.

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

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Athlete graduation rate ranked No.1 in nation

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

In addition to the various awards and accolades Notre Dame's athletic teams have received this year, the athletic department was recently ranked first in the nation in graduation success rate (GSR).

Notre Dame's 98 percent success rate is equaled only by the United States Naval Academy. Fourteen of the university's athletic teams were ranked in the top ten in the nation, which is the most of any university. It is also a record for Notre Dame, who had 11 athletic teams in the top ten last year.

Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick said being ranked number one in the country is a tremendous achievement.

"We have the same reaction to winning the GSR as we do to our women's basketball team winning the Final Four in St. Louis or the soccer team, the women's soccer team, winning the NCAA championship," Swarbrick said in a video available on Notre Dame's Web site. "That's our goal and when we count our national championships at this university we're counting GSR performance as a national championship win."

According to John Heisler, the senior associate athletics director, the NCAA measures the GSR by studying each of the 119 Division I colleges and universities in areas of academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes. This means that when student athletes drop out or transfer due to academics, the school's GSR measurement will decrease.

Heisler said student athletes at

Notre Dame succeed academically because of the various support systems they have.

"You've got coaches and people here who are supporting them, as well as Academic Services for Student Athletes," Heisler said.

Academic Services for Student Athletes provides help in many areas, including tutoring and making sure students are on track to graduate. Ever since the organization has stepped up its efforts, the student athletes' grade point averages have risen every semester.

"The whole notion [of Academic Services for Student-Athletes] is to keep them on track," Heisler said. "It's a tremendously valuable service relative to our athletic department."

Student athletes at Notre Dame face many challenges in succeeding academically, including a lack of time to study and increasingly long training programs.

"[One of the challenges is] probably just the time involved," Heisler said. "If you're a varsity athlete, there's just not enough hours in the day. Also, there's just not much of an off season when it comes to athletics anymore."

Heisler said Notre Dame student athletes are aware of the rigors of the curriculum when they get here — and in many cases it even influences their decision to attend — which is part of the reason they do so well.

"I think if you come here even as a student athlete, you absolutely understand [how difficult the work will be]," Heisler said. "It's a big part of why you come here."

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Students take leap of faith

Undergraduates voice their desires, decisions to become priests, sisters

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

When asked as a child what he wanted to be when he grew up, instead of saying he wanted to be an astronaut or baseball player, senior Simon Carian said he wanted to be a priest. And unlike most, he never grew out of his childhood dream.

Carian, along with a few other Notre Dame graduates, will be joining the seminary to become a priest after graduation.

Fr. Ed Obermiller, a Holy Cross priest in the Office of Vocation, said he knows of at least four men entering religious life in the fall, outside of Old College, the program for undergraduates who are discerning to become priests in Holy Cross. There are nine men entering religious life from Old College, he said.

"I know that there are more out there, I just don't know who they are," Obermiller said.

Obermiller said he has no knowledge of how many women are entering religious life.

Carian, who lives in Morrissey Hall, said his time at Notre Dame has helped him prepare for priesthood because he has learned how to interact with and understand all types of people.

"Saint Paul says somewhere that you have to be all things to all people. If that's true for all of us, that's especially true for a priest," he said.

"A priest has to be somebody who is approachable, somebody that you can trust, somebody who is respected but also somebody who is very human. The sort of guy you might go and have a beer with," Carian said.

"This place really has helped me to grow in sort of the human element, which is so important for a priest."

Carian said there are also social benefits to studying on the Notre Dame campus.

"Here at Notre Dame, you learn how to interact with and be friends with normal people," Carian said.

Senior Andy Bulso, who is joining the seminary to become a diocesan priest after graduation, also said living in the dorms at Notre Dame has helped him in his preparation for priesthood.

"Just having that experience of living in the dorm kind of gives you experience or knowledge of how life in the dorm kind of plays out," Bulso said. "Especially in terms of the drinking culture and people's attitudes towards sex. Just getting to know regular guys in the dorm and making friends with people."

"So when in the future if I'm working with college students, I'll have been there. I can say this was my experience and first of all, establish that kind of connection with the person and second of all, be able to understand better where they are coming from, and therefore be able to advise them better."

Carian said he came to Notre Dame with the intention of becoming a priest, however when sophomore Sarah Johnson was applying to colleges, she "had no idea" that she wanted to become a sister, and applied to Notre Dame "just because I thought the campus was pretty."

"It was kind of random. Notre Dame was the only Catholic college that I applied to," she said.

Johnson said before coming to Notre Dame, the only time she had wanted to be a nun was in kindergarten.

"In kindergarten, I wanted to be a nun because my teacher was a nun," she said. "But it kind of went away for like ever. I never thought about it until I came here."

Though only a sophomore, Johnson will be graduating early next year in order to teach at a Catholic school for a year and then join a cloister.

Johnson said her experience with the sacraments and the Catholic community at Notre Dame helped her make her decision to become a sister and graduate early.

"I was going to do four years, but I just realized looking at how many credits I had ... I would have enough credits next year without taking extra credits," she said. "When Peter heard the Lords call on the boat he didn't wait around."

When asked if she was nervous about making a life-long decision at an early age, Johnson said, "it is kind of freeing. Once it gets closer I'll probably have the jitters [but] when you are so excited about giving your life to the Lord, it's hard to be nervous."

Sophomore Margaret Schreck is becoming a sister, but has chosen not to graduate from Notre Dame. She will enter a convent in Nashville, Tenn., in August

where she will get a degree in elementary education.

Schreck said when entering Notre Dame she planned on being a doctor and intended to stay all four years and then go on to medical school.

"I guess I realized that that's not what I really wanted to do. I would be a good doctor and I'm sure it would be a fine way of life but that that's not what would really fulfill me as a person," she said.

"It's going to be difficult of course, to leave this place. It's beautiful and I have so many friends here. It's going to be hard to say goodbye to," Schreck said.

One of the major issues students consider when making the decision to enter religious life is the sacrifices they will have to make, particularly the vow of lifelong celibacy.

"One of the biggest ones for me is not having a family," said Bulso. "When you're growing up you kind of want to have a family. When I was here I did date just to kind of make sure."

"It's a challenge. Living a celibate life, if that's not a challenge, and not a sacrifice for you, you're not the sort of person who would make the best priest," Carian said. "I think the sort of people who would make the best priests are also the sort of people who are going to make the best husbands, the best fathers."

Carian referred to something his Archbishop said to him to explain how he felt about not having a family. His Archbishop has a brother who has four children, and told Carian, "There are four people in this world that call that man father. But everyone in this world calls me father."

"You are almost having like a bigger family that you couldn't have had otherwise. Even though it is a different kind of family, not a biological family but a spiritual family," Bulso said.

Obermiller said it is not typical to enter religious life right out of college, just as most people do not get married right after college.

Seventy-five percent of the men who enter Holy Cross have done some work or life experience before they enter, he said.

Carian is most excited about the fact that as a priest, his job will not just be a job he leaves at the office at the end of the workday, but he said "you are always a priest. You are always doing what a priest does."

Carian also explained how people in the religious life get to participate in the momentous events in others' lives.

"You are with people and involved in people's lives in all the great moments of their lives. Somebody gets married, you're there. Somebody had a baby, you are there to baptize them. Somebody is dying or their loved one is dying, you are there for them," Carian said. "These are the great moments of human life. How cool that you get to be involved in peoples lives and at those times."

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Saint Mary's announces service award winners

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After demonstrating a variety of service within the community, the Office of Civil and Social Engagement (OCSE) announced the winners of the 2009 service awards. Eight members of the Saint Mary's community were awarded this past week.

The OCSE offers three different categories of awards. The Spirit of Service award is distributed every two years. In addition, there are five annual service awards, each named after a Sister of the Holy Cross. The final award is the Patricia Arch Green award, which is distributed by the College Academy of Tutoring program (CAT).

Carrie Call, director of the OCSE said members of the Saint Mary's community nominate the winners each year.

"[The winners] were nominated by people in the Saint Mary's College community and the Division of Mission selected the finalists based on their records of service and their letters of recommendation," Call said.

According to the College's Web site, the Spirit of Service award is "the highest service-related award bestowed by the College."

The award is presented to a student from the College, as well as a Sister of the Holy Cross. This year's winners were Sr. Gabriella Doran and Deanna Molosky.

According to the Web site, Doran has been interested in service since she was young. For the past 10 years she has worked with the vocations program as an outreach member.

Likewise, Molosky continuously provides service to her community. Molosky works with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, as well as with the children at the Early Childhood Development Center. She has taken several mission trips to help those in need around the world.

This is the first year the College has offered the service awards. According to the Web site, the awards were created "to honor the excellent work done by Saint Mary's students in a variety of volunteer activities."

Arlene Forney, a senior at the College, was the recipient of one of the five annual volunteer service awards. Forney won the Sister Kathleen Anne Nelligan award for Spiritual Service.

Another one of the five service

winners was Caitlin Brodmerkel, who won the Sister Olivia Marie Hutcheson award for Service in the Health Field.

Brodmerkel works at the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center providing those without insurance health care. She also volunteers at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Outreach Program.

The Sister Maria Concepta McDermott award for Service in Education was awarded to Alma Bravo. According to the Web site Bravo is actively involved with the Warren Primary Center helping in English-as-a-New-Language (ENL) classrooms.

Rebecca Faunce was awarded the Sister Christine Healy award for Service with Women. Faunce works with the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). She also is a member of Feminists United as well as the Women's Resource Center. One of her other many accomplishments is helping to put on the Saint Mary's Monologues.

The final winner of the five service awards was Meghan Larsen, winner of the Sister M. Olivette Whalen award for General Service. Larsen has been an active member of Campus Ministry. Larsen also actively participated in this year's Dance Marathon. She has worked extensively with a youth group at Christ the King Church, and has completed her Lay Ministry Certification.

This is the third year the Patricia Arch Green award has been distributed. The award is given to a member of the CAT program each year. The winner of this year's award was Alicia Wilkins. According to the Web site, Wilkins has volunteered 476 hours of her time to the CAT program throughout the past two years.

A dinner will be held in honor of all of the recipients Wednesday evening.

"The dinner is for all award recipients, and each person invites up to three guests," Call said.

The OCSE has awarded the awards for the past few years, and is proud of this year's recipients.

"The Spirit of Service Award has been given since 2002, the Patricia Arch Green Award since 2007, and this is the first year for the five named awards," Call said. "We're so proud of the award winners. They all exemplify the heart and service at Saint Mary's."

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23 faculty members honored

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

The Office of the Provost awarded 20 Notre Dame faculty members with Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and three faculty members with Dockweiler Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising this month.

The awards are the only University-wide honors given to faculty members for work with undergraduate students, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said.

"It's a testimony that we value this work —

exemplary teaching, exemplary advising," Jacobs said.

"And we want to thank and show our appreciation for the many faculty who have devoted themselves to teaching and advising undergraduate students."

The award recipients were chosen from nominations submitted by students and faculty members. Over 255 nominations were submitted for the two awards, Jacobs said.

The majority of the nominations come from students, who Jacobs said are best able to describe the impact professors and advisors have made on their lives.

"When a student goes on about how this professor

influenced his or her life, that's a meaningful and valued nomination," he said. "I want to thank them for submitting nominations. And I have to say for the faculty who have won and written back to me, one of the things they always say is 'I want to thank the people who chose to nominate me.'"

For the Joyce Award, seven selection committees representing the disciplines of business, engineering, fine arts and architecture, humanities, language and literature and science and social science made recommendations to Jacobs' office.

Jacobs said he compiled the committees' recommendations and sent letters to the 20 recipients of the awards in mid-April.

Theology professor Gary Anderson was among the 2009 Joyce Award recipients. He said he is grateful to his students for nominating him, as well as the theology department for inspiring his teaching.

"I take my teaching responsibilities very seriously," Anderson said. "Most of my years of teaching were spent outside of Notre Dame, but I can say with complete honesty that I have done my best teaching here because of the vigorous intellectual and religious environment of this University."

The other recipients of the Joyce Award included pro-

fessors Carl Ackermann, Seth Brown, Noriko Hanabusa, Paul Helquist, Mary Catherine Hilkert, Joshua Kaplan, Ian Kuijt, Gary Lamberti, Sylvia Lin, David O'Connor, David Ruccio, William Schmuhl, Robert Sedlack, Mihir Sen, Dennis Snow, John Staud, Henry Weinfield, Michelle Whaley and Susan Youens.

A single selection committee appointed by the office of the provost chose the Dockweiler Award winners as individuals who "help shape a student's future, but not confined to a classroom interaction," Jacobs said.

The 2009 Dockweiler Award winners were math professor Frank Connolly, assistant dean for undergraduate studies Ava Preacher and associate director of international studies Juliett Mayinja.

Jacobs said the University gives the Joyce and Dockweiler awards not only to honor professors and advisors, but also to set an example of excellence in teaching and advising.

"We want to provide exemplars," he said. "That by recognizing excellence and holding up an advisor who has really impacted students' lives, it inspires others to follow in their footsteps."

The winners of both awards receive a \$1,500 cash prize and a plaque. During the May 17 Commencement ceremonies, they will also be called by name to stand for recognition, Jacobs said.

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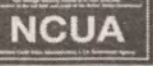
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Men acquitted for 2005 bombings

LONDON — Three men charged in London's 2005 suicide bombings — Britain's deadliest attack since World War II — were acquitted of the most serious offenses against them Tuesday in the latest terrorism case to frustrate prosecutors.

A jury found Waheed Ali, Sadeer Saleem, and Mohammed Shakil not guilty of conspiring with four suicide bombers who blew themselves up on three subway cars and a bus on July 7, 2005, killing 52 people. Ali and Shakil were convicted of a lesser charge — conspiring to attend a terror training camp — and will be sentenced Wednesday.

The men were the only people ever charged in the attack.

Alleged Al-Qaida leader jailed

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government presented the first image of the alleged leader of an al-Qaida front group Tuesday in a bid to prove the right suspect was in custody despite skepticism that he even exists.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called Abu Omar al-Baghdadi 'the head of evil' and accused him of trying to incite a sectarian civil war and working with other insurgents who remained loyal to Saddam Hussein.

'This criminal had close relations with the former regime and maintained a sinister alliance with Saddam's followers,' he said in a statement released by his office.

Authorities described al-Baghdadi's capture, which was announced last week, as a major setback for Sunni insurgents trying to intensify attacks after a relative lull. Israel started building the separation barrier in the West Bank in 2002, portraying it as a defense against Palestinian gunmen and suicide bombers.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man clings to car in police chase

FORSYTH, Ga. — The owner of trailerless semi clung to the back of the truck Tuesday as a suspected carjacker led police on a 50-mile chase down an interstate in Georgia. The semi eventually slowed enough for the owner to jump off near the end of the chase.

When the suspected carjacker, Milo Banks, 27, stopped the semi, armed officers surrounded it, breaking through the windows before wrestling him to the ground.

A state trooper was treated at a hospital for a superficial gunshot wound in the shoulder, Georgia State Patrol spokesman Gordy Wright said. It was not immediately clear where the shot came from.

NYPD officers plead not guilty

NEW YORK — A New York police officer called to help a drunken woman get home safely instead raped her as she lay face down in her bed, semiconscious and covered in vomit while his partner acted as a lookout, prosecutors alleged Tuesday.

Kenneth Moreno and Franklin Mata were suspended from duty and pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of rape, burglary and official misconduct in the Dec. 6 incident in the East Village neighborhood of Manhattan.

The two officers were held on \$175,000 bail. Their attorneys disputed the woman's version of the events.

LOCAL NEWS

Plea deal rejected in cruelty case

HAMMOND, Ind. — A man whose animal cruelty conviction led state lawmakers to pass a law making sexual relations with animals a crime has lost the chance at a lighter sentence on charges of downloading obscene images and videos involving sex and animals.

A federal judge on Tuesday threw out a plea agreement that would have given Michael Bessigano a two-year prison sentence.

U.S. District Judge Philip Simon said the case doesn't justify a sentence below federal guidelines, which call for 33 to 41 months in prison.

Bessigano had entered a guilty plea in January.

INDIA

No happily ever after for 'Slumdog' stars

Ali and Ismail continue to live in slum-like conditions after Oscar winning film

Associated Press

MUMBAI, India — Rubina Ali's house is flooded with sewer water, and her feet itch. She's discovered a world of creepy-crawlies in the opaque gray water: scorpions, rats and slithering creatures with lots of legs.

Two months ago, the child star of the hit movie 'Slumdog Millionaire' was worrying about what to wear to the Oscars. Now she has come home to a very different problem: How to get the fetid water out of her family's one-room shack.

The 9-year-old picked up a plastic bucket Monday and began to scoop, but it was hopeless. "There are a lot of rats," she told the Associated Press with a shudder, standing in water above her ankles. "In the night also."

Eight Oscars and \$326 million in box office receipts have so far done little to improve the lives of the film's two impoverished child stars.

Rubina and co-star Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail have been showered with gifts and brief bursts of fame, but their day-to-day lives are little changed. In some ways, things have gotten worse: Azhar's neighborhood has grown crowded and tense. Rubina's house is flooded. And fame has brought both opportunity and shame.

If there is a happily ever after, Azhar and Rubina haven't found it yet.

'Slumdog' filmmakers insist they've done their best to help. They set up a trust, called Jai Ho, after the hit song from the film, to ensure the children get proper homes, a good education and a nest egg when they finish high school. They also donated \$747,500 to a charity to help slum kids in Mumbai.

Producer Christian Colson



Rubina Ali, child star of the hit movie 'Slumdog Millionaire,' right, wades through sewage water that has flooded her shanty in Mumbai, India, Monday.

has described the trust as substantial, but won't tell anyone how much — not even the parents — for fear of making the children vulnerable to exploitation.

Azhar and Rubina finished their first term at the English-language school the filmmakers enrolled them in and plan to return in June when classes resume.

Noshir Dadrawala, a Jai Ho trustee, said the families have been shown several apartments in Mumbai, but rejected them all.

"They said it's too far from where they are now living. We are going to do a second round. We hope they will like what we are offering," he said.

"We are not dragging our

feet. It's they who are dragging their feet," he added.

There have been other offers, but none have materialized so far.

Developers promised the children houses in a fancy new development billed as an eco-friendly sanctuary of villas and high-rise apartments being built in Kerala, on India's far-southern tip. But it's nearly 1,000 miles away, and neither family wants to leave Mumbai.

The government offered them apartments closer to home, but has yet to deliver. By law, politicians cannot distribute such gifts in the run-up to national elections, which conclude next month.

The families say the D.Y.

Patil International School, which offers coveted — and pricey — international baccalaureate degrees, also offered them scholarships, though school officials declined to comment.

And then there are the scandals.

A few days after the British tabloid News of the World reported that Rubina's father offered to sell her to one of its reporters disguised as a rich sheik, an Indian businessman who lives in Qatar came forward with an offer to pay for the girl's education through college, her family said.

Qureshi denies all wrongdoing, and has not been charged with any crime.

U.S. can't vouch for cancer assurances

Associated Press

In an about-face, the government Tuesday disavowed a 12-year-old federal report that found little or no cancer risk for adults who lived on a Marine base where drinking water was contaminated for three decades.

Up to 1 million people could have been exposed to toxins that seeped from a neighboring dry cleaner and industrial activity at Camp Lejeune, N.C., federal officials say. Now, a report that minimized the cancer threat for adults has been discredited.

"We can no longer stand behind the accuracy of the information in that document," William Cibulas, director of

health assessment for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, said at a meeting in Atlanta. "We know too much now."

Sick veterans, who became known as "poisoned patriots," and their advocates never believed the report's conclusions. Their families have filed claims for \$33.8 billion in damages. A study continues on whether fetuses might have been harmed.

The agency, charged with protecting public health around toxic sites, said it was rescinding the 1997 assessment on health effects of water that residents of the base drank and bathed in, because of omissions and scientific inaccuracy. That study found the water contamination began in the 1950s and continued

until wells were shut down in 1987.

The agency offered no new health conclusions but will pull the flawed document from the Internet while incorporating new science to rewrite what Cibulas called "troublesome" sections.

Jerry Ensminger, a retired Marine who has spent years digging through military and health documents at Camp Lejeune and believes his daughter Janey's leukemia death at age 9 was due to the water, welcomed the government's reversal on the report.

"We are in Day 99 of change, and by God we're starting to see it," he said, meaning the change promised by President Barack Obama. The report in question dates to Bill Clinton's administration.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Architect presents on campus construction

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the future of construction occurring on campus as well as a potential spring concert in their meeting Tuesday night.

University Architect Doug Marsh spoke to the Council regarding the projects that will be completed within the next two to three years.

"We have quite a few projects happening this summer," he said.

Marsh highlighted projects that have already begun. He said they would complete the parking lot project next to The Morris Inn. The lot has been lowered to open views for Ryan Hall, which will also be completed in time for the fall semester.

Geddes Hall, the new home of the Center for Social Concerns and other campus offices, will be completed this summer.

"The area around Geddes will be all done and greened up like nothing had ever happened by the time you get back," Marsh said.

Three dorms will undergo renovations while students are away for the summer. Breen-Phillips and Zahm will both be selectively renovated.

These dorms will receive new windows and new plumbing and will have their bathrooms gutted.

Lewis Hall will also undergo a renovation with a new patio and a barbecue built on the backside of the dorm.

After students return in the fall, there will be three projects that will be completed during the first semester.

Both the soccer teams and lacrosse teams will have new homes as of October. The new soccer stadium, Alumni Field is projected to be completed in September and the lacrosse field being projected to end in early October.

Stinson-Remick, the new engineering hall will be completed by Christmas. Marsh said the centerpiece of the hall would be the 8,500 square-foot "clean room" which will be used by researchers of nanotechnology.

"It is an interesting, great time to be here," Marsh said.

After Marsh finished his presentation, Pete Bruckbauer and Pat Gartland presented on the steps it would take to bring a large-scale concert to Notre Dame.

After considering a number of possible venues, Gartland said the best one to hold a large concert would be the football stadium, but it presents some foreseeable problems.

One of the biggest issues is availability. The athletic department has control over when the Notre Dame Stadium can and cannot be used.

"Between the football season, the time it snows, and the Blue and Gold game, the Stadium is only available for about a week and a half during the school year," he said.

Another area important to the outcome of the concert is its financing. Gartland spoke of possibly looking into corporate sponsorship as a means of paying for the concert.

After presenting this, Bruckbauer then presented a hypothetical idea for a concert. This plan included using NBC as a possible corporate sponsor.

"They could possibly broadcast the first ever concert from Notre Dame Stadium to the rest of America," he said.

Also included in his plan was a list of bands that would be appealing for both alumni and students. Among these were Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, U2, Dave Matthews Band and Coldplay.

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Flu nickname might hurt farm profits

Farmers worry strain's association with pigs may kill their business

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Like the virus itself, the name 'swine flu' is spreading quickly. For the pork purveyors and hog farmers who make up the nation's \$15 billion pork industry, that's a disaster.

It doesn't seem to matter that the strain may not come entirely from pigs and cannot be spread by eating pork. Hog prices are already dropping as financial markets worry people will have second thoughts about buying 'the other white meat.'

"It's killing our markets," said Francis Gilmore, 72, who runs a 600-hog operation in Perry, outside Des Moines, and worries his small business could be ruined by the crisis. "Where they got the name, I just don't know."

The swine flu strain that is spreading is a never-before-seen hybrid of human, swine and bird influenza but is widely known as swine flu. Though it is suspected of killing more than 150 people in Mexico, public health officials have said eating products like bacon, ham and pork chops is safe as long as the meat is cooked thoroughly.

Still, the outbreak has depressed the U.S. pork industry. China, Russia and Ukraine have banned pork imports from Mexico and parts of the United States, and the outbreak has stalled the usual spring rise in U.S. hog prices.

Hog prices nationwide had dropped to an average of about \$59 per 100 pounds of carcass weight Tuesday morning, down from about \$62 last Thursday, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prices typically climb past \$70 in late April and May.

"It is an unfortunate use of words," said Dave Warner, a spokesman with



Sondra Meadows, 69, shops for pork chops in Kroger, Tuesday. She was well aware of news accounts of swine flu, but thought that cooked pork was safe to eat.

the National Pork Producers Council. "It does trouble us from that standpoint because it's very much a public health issue right now and there's no indication that a pig gave it to a human. To call it a 'swine flu' I think is a little bit misleading."

U.S. officials said Tuesday they may abandon the term swine flu, for fear it's confusing people into thinking they could catch it from pork.

"We're discussing, is there a better way to describe this that would not lead to inappropriate actions on people's part?" said Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "In the public, we've been seeing a fair amount of misconcep-

tion ... and that's not helpful."

The European Union's health commissioner has suggested the virus be renamed 'novel flu.'

Marie Gramer, an assistant clinical professor at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine who advises the National Pork Board, suggested that the virus be named based on the geography of the outbreak: North American influenza. She said that would be more accurate than pinning the name on the genetic ancestry of the virus.

"It's just like looking at me and my heritage. Someone could look at a gene of mine and say, 'Oh, she's Czechoslovakian' even though I was born

and raised in Minnesota. To refer to me as from Czechoslovakia would be incorrect," Gramer said.

The World Health Organization indicated it had no plans to try to remove the term 'swine' from the flu's name.

"This epidemic started, basically, with that name, and the virus that is identified is the swine influenza virus," said WHO's assistant director-general Keiji Fukuda. "And we are hopeful that the introduction of new names doesn't cause any undue confusion."

MaryBeth Winstead, who was shopping at a Harris Teeter supermarket in Raleigh, N.C., said she probably wouldn't be putting pork on her grocery list as the outbreak unfolds.

IN BRIEF

Banks may need to raise more capital

WASHINGTON — Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. will need to raise more capital based on preliminary results of their government-run 'stress tests' — unless they succeed in appealing the findings, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The banks are making their arguments to regulators, said these people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they have been ordered not to discuss it. Among their points could be that regulators don't fully understand the banks' operations, they said.

But the companies face an uphill battle in convincing Fed officials, who privately released the results Friday, that the results are wrong, analysts said. They noted that the tests are supposed to be rigorous enough for the results to be widely accepted.

Citi's shares fell more than 5 percent Tuesday, and Bank of America's more than 8 percent.

GM forced to close over 1,000 dealers

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. told its dealers Tuesday that it will force 1,000 to 1,200 underperforming locations to close their doors as the automaker tries to thin dealer ranks to make the remaining outlets more profitable.

GM told the dealers about the plan in a video conference, according to a dealer who spoke on condition of anonymity because the video conference was private. It is part of the company's plan announced Monday to cut more than 2,600 dealers by 2010.

The company expects to lose 500 Hummer and Saturn dealers when those brands close or are sold, and it expects 400 dealers to close voluntarily. Another 500 would be consolidated into other dealerships, according to the dealer.

GM said Monday that it also would eliminate its Pontiac brand, but there are only 27 dealers that sell just Pontiacs, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association. Most Pontiac dealers also sell Buick and GMC vehicles at the same location.

Company spokeswoman Susan Garontakos confirmed the numbers and said GM is in the process of deciding which dealers to keep based on their sales performance, capitalization, potential profitability, size, image and customer satisfaction scores.

Obama administration expands housing aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Tuesday it is expanding its plan to stem the housing crisis by offering mortgage lenders incentives to lower borrowers' bills on second mortgages.

During the housing boom, lenders readily gave out 'piggyback' second loans that allowed consumers to make small down payments or avoid them entirely. While home prices soared, such mortgages were even extended to borrowers with poor credit scores and people who didn't provide proof of their incomes or assets.

But those loans, which are attached to about half of all troubled mortgages, have been an obstacle to efforts to alleviate the housing crisis.

That's because borrowers who are trying to get their primary mortgage modified at a lower monthly payment need the permission of the company holding the second mortgage.

The new plan aims to get rid of that roadblock, administration officials said. "We're offering even more opportunities for borrowers," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in a statement.

The new incentives are estimated to help up to 1.5 million borrowers with second mortgages. Housing Secretary Shaun Donovan said. While data on how many households have been helped by the Obama administration's housing plans are not available, Donovan told reporters there have been "hundreds of thousands of applications."

The administration's second mort-

gage initiative will be funded out of \$50 billion in financial rescue money already allocated. As an incentive to modify second loans at lower interest rates, mortgage companies would get \$500 upfront for each modified loan, plus \$250 a year for three years as long as the borrower doesn't default.

Similarly, borrowers would get up to \$1,000 over five years applied to the principal balance of their primary mortgage, and the government would pick up part of investors' costs as well. Lenders would also be given the ability to remove second mortgages entirely in exchange for larger government payouts.

The administration also plans to give mortgage companies \$2,500 payments to entice them to participate in the 'Hope for Homeowners' program.

Best Wishes to All Presenters in the Undergraduate Scholars Conference Friday, May 1

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Kerry Pecho
Frank Vento
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Casey McNeill
Jonathan Touns
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Michael Brundage
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Nathan Yanchak
Andrea Lorico
Bristol Schmitz
Tricia Strei
Katherine Pierret

Angela Comana
Claire VerHulst
Travis Allen
Nicholas Jaffa
Taylor Donaldson
Andrew Mrugala
Andrés K. Valenzuela

Adam Mathews
Todd Henkel
Luke Nakatsukasa
Anthony Ashley
Christopher Chinske
Sarah Lane

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Alexandra Minnis
Adam Miller
Lauren Floccare
Timothy Politano

Foreign Languages & Cultures
Adrienne Murphy
Gaby Miller
Andrew Reynolds
Casey Engelbert

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Julia Sendor
Brian Dolinar
Andrew Loza
Elizabeth Dieckman
Brandon Walker
Melissa Kaduck
Sean McCullough
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Christopher I. Fallin
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Rachael Banks
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE JOINT ANNUAL MEETING - Jordan Hall of Science

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Nachi Kamatkar
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Meghan Morrissey
David Adams
Carlos Briseno
Brendan Collins
Jonathan Gillig
Caitlin Hackett
Melissa Nolan
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Cecilia Scrafford
Beth Nagel
Neill Li

Phillip Schneider
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Student creates T-shirts in support of Obama

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Graduating senior Matt Degnan has decided to voice his opinion about President Obama's Commencement speech by designing a T-shirt that reads, "Obama? Fine by me."

Degnan began his defense of Obama in a Letter to the Editor titled "Not on my campus" in The Observer on March 26.

"The design actually evolved from a plea I made in a Viewpoint [letter] which was published a few weeks ago," Degnan said.

"The original design said 'Please don't ruin MY graduation.'"

In the letter, Degnan addressed a Notre Dame alumnus, Kevin Keane, who threatened to protest Obama speaking at Commencement by displaying signs of aborted fetuses in an earlier Letter to the Editor.

After discussions with friends, the slogan changed to "Obama? Fine by me."

"We felt that 'Obama? Fine by me.' better represented a sense of respect, acknowledgement and tolerance," Degnan said.

Degnan chose shirts over other mediums for the slogan because they put a face to the protest.

"A shirt actually ties you to what it says," Degnan said. "The same slogan on a poster has no identifiable point of view; no one knows who is making the statement. When students wear the shirt people know they support our graduation speaker."

Around 80 shirts have already been sold, and another

200 have been ordered, Degnan said.

The T-shirts are being sold for \$10 each and all of the proceeds will be donated to the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization founded to defend the civil liberties guaranteed to United States citizens through the Constitution and similar documents, according to the organization's Web site.

Negative response has been kept to a minimum, Degnan said.

"I personally have not received any negative responses to date," Degnan said.

That's not to say the shirts haven't sparked debate.

"One person who bought a shirt was in class wearing it and a debate about the issue started because of it," Degnan said. "I'm excited that it's increasing dialogue on the issue."

Students aren't the only ones buying the shirts.

"One of the largest demographics of people buying the shirt is actually faculty members," Degnan said. "I've sold shirts to people within the design, business, art history and physics departments, as well as administrators."

Degnan urges all who support the shirt and its meaning to wear the shirt today.

"I will also be selling shirts [today]," Degnan said. "If you cannot get one, I encourage you to make one, do anything you can to show support."

The shirts are available through www.viral-tees.com and are selling for \$15 for those who would like a shirt but aren't on campus.

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Assault

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Tribune, the woman was taken back to Saint Mary's College where her friends took her to the hospital for medical care. The investigation will be continued, with possible charges for assault as a result.

The South Bend Police

Department could not be reached for comment.

The Observer also reported Monday that four male Notre Dame students and one Saint Mary's student reported they were robbed over the weekend. The students reported an encounter with a group of men around 11 p.m. Saturday night on the 1200 block of East Chalfant Street, according to a South Bend Tribune report.

Security

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ing. City officials said the University agreed pay for the necessary police protection during Commencement week-end.

SBPD will work with the United States Secret Service, St. Joseph County Police, Indiana State Police and Notre Dame to coordinate security for the president, including a motorcade.

Since Obama is not the first president to visit South Bend, Trent told The Observer some security guides are already in place.

If Obama follows a similar pattern that President George W. Bush did when he spoke at the 2001 Commencement, Trent said, "there's already a traffic and security package that can be dusted off and revamped a little bit."

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Eddy

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the process of being installed.

The anchor of the Eddy Street Commons will be a satellite store of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, which is run by Follett. The store will be set in the southeast corner of the development and take up approximately 20,000 square feet.

In addition to the bookstore, the development will feature two sit-down restaurants. The first is an Irish-themed restaurant and pub named Kildares, which will be situated on the first floor of the office building planned for the development.

The second restaurant is a seafood restaurant that will be located east of the bookstore.

"These restaurants will be nice, sit-down restaurants with a great atmosphere and friendly pricing," Hakanen said. "These are places intended for people to go back to on a regular basis."

For other, quicker food options, Chipotle, a Mexican fast food restaurant and Hot Box Pizza will also occupy the commons.

"Hot Box Pizza will offer a few tables, but it will mainly be a take-out place," Hakanen said.

Kite Realty Group is the developer who bought and leased all the land for the project. For this reason, they are the ones responsible for the leasing.

Hakanen said the developers are currently talking with a number of other tenants, which include additional restaurants, retailers and soft goods. Among those prospects are a number of local entities.

"They are also talking to a bank and a series of small specialty stores, things like jewelry stores, flower stores and a day spa," he said. "By the time they're done I'm quite sure there will be local entities involved."

Hakanen said the University doesn't have authority over who the retail space is leased to.

"The developer provided the capital, is doing the work and taking the risk associated with this," he said. "They have the authority to lease within pretty broad guidelines."

The only influence Notre Dame had in selection of the retail space occupants was a list of prohibited types of businesses.

"Beyond that list, the developers have the authority to lease it as they need and to make it a viable center," Hakanen said.

There is also a variety of housing available in the Eddy Street Commons, the first of which are currently available in escrow.

The housing units are called City Homes and will feature three levels of living, Hakanen said.

"The City Homes will be similar to the town homes offered at Irish Crossings, since they were built by the same builder," Hakanen said.

There are conventional condos that will wrap around the parking lot that will be called Legends Row, he said. These condos are currently for sale.

For shorter-term options, there

will be apartments called the Foundry Apartments available for lease beginning this fall. These will be located above three retail buildings in the development.

"The first phase of these apartments will be available this fall, with the next two gradually being offered in 2010," Hakanen said.

Although the location of Eddy Street Commons is close to campus, Hakanen said he believes the occupants of these living spaces will primarily be professionals.

"These are not marketed to students, they are intended to be for adult

occupants," he said. "It will most likely be a combination of people who work for the University, alumni and other people who work in downtown."

One final area of the commons that will open for business will have two different types of hotels.

The first hotel that will be available for reservations will be a limited service hotel. Hakanen said they would begin work on the hotel this spring, with a projected opening in summer 2010.

Construction of the full service hotel is currently delayed but will begin immediately once financing can be arranged.

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"These restaurants will be nice, sit-down restaurants with a great atmosphere and friendly pricing."

Gregory Hakanen
director
Asset Management and
Real Estate

White House, Obama announce ND center

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame will be home to one of 46 new multi-million-dollar Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRCs) announced Monday by the White House in conjunction with a speech delivered by President Barack Obama at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

The EFRCs, which will pursue advanced scientific research on energy, are being established by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science at universities, national laboratories, nonprofit organizations and private firms across the nation.

The University of Notre Dame's EFRC is one of 16 to be funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Peter C. Burns, chair of the University's Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, will be director of the new center. Burns said that this is a unique and important opportunity for scholars at Notre Dame and partner institutions to impact future energy challenges facing the nation and the world.

Notre Dame's EFRC is

titled "Materials Science of Actinides." The focus of this center, which includes participants from several other universities and national laboratories, is the elements that are the basis of nuclear energy (uranium, plutonium and other actinides). Research in the center will seek to understand and control materials that contain actinides at the nanoscale, which is about one-millionth of the size of the tip of a ball-point pen. This research is intended to lay the scientific foundation for advanced nuclear energy systems that may provide much more energy while creating less nuclear waste.

"As global energy demand grows over this century, there is an urgent need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and imported oil and curtail greenhouse gas emissions," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu. "Meeting this challenge will require significant scientific advances. These centers will mobilize the enormous talents and skills of our nation's scientific workforce in pursuit of the breakthroughs that are essential to make alternative and renewable energy truly viable as large-scale replacements for fossil fuels."

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Obama

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by a Catholic university — even though the Church disagrees with his position on abortion.

Souder said bestowing an honorary degree implies that the recipient's service to the law has been "good and exemplary."

"His position, I think, has been in promotion of something gravely evil," he said.

Gerardi said he believes the dignity of the life of the unborn comes before other social justice issues, claiming that, without the right to life, all other rights "fall to pieces."

Miller countered that honoring a politician based on one issue isn't realistic and an honorary degree should be based on the recipient's body of work as a whole.

"For me, this is very inconsistent, especially taking into account the sanctity of life," she said.

Citing Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush as past Notre Dame Commencement speakers, Angulo said Notre Dame has a tradition honoring the nation's leaders.

"It isn't just like all of a sudden Jenkins said, 'I really like Obama, we should get him,'" he said. "Notre Dame has a tradition."

Angulo argued that no presidential speaker on campus could have a social policy record that would fulfill all the requirements of the Church and Catholic Social Teaching.

"We need to look at the realities. Abortions don't happen in a vacuum" he said. "Somehow we have

to deal with the situation we've got."

He said the focus should be on Obama's work to cultivate a society where abortions don't happen, such as his work to reform the health care system and public education.

Gerardi said the issue comes down to whether or not one believes abortion is taking the life of human being.

"There's one glaring hole in this holistic policy, and that's abortion," he said. "If you believe it ends the life of a human, then this takes on a whole new political debate."

While he said there are many other social justice reforms that need to be undertaken to lower the number of abortions, Gerardi said the first step is changing the law.

"After the law passed, the numbers [of abortions] increased tenfold," he said.

Souder said he does not believe the University invited Obama to create dialogue.

"Clearly, Notre Dame is benefiting in some ways," he said. "Personally, I don't think the University needs to be in the business of promoting itself so much."

Gerardi said the invitation to Obama is not in the spirit of dialogue and the dialogue of the students on the matter will not influence the president.

"This is a speech. It's a monologue," he said. "We, sitting around here talking about this, aren't going to change the law."

Angulo disagreed.

"We can vote them in. We can vote them out," he said. "That's what democracy is all about."

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Swine

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followed standing testing protocol when the student displayed typical symptoms of seasonal influenza — sore throat, chills, head and body aches, cough and fever. She said the student was not "seriously ill" and is "doing well now."

See Also

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for updates on swine flu at ND

A culture sample taken from the student was sent to the Indiana State Department of Health in Indianapolis for analysis, and Notre Dame was informed Friday the sample was atypical for Influenza A, which could indicate it was the swine flu. The culture was sent to the CDC in Atlanta for confirmation, which was determined Tuesday.

The swine flu, Moskewski said, is contagious a day before symptoms are displayed and up to seven days afterward. Symptoms show up 48 to 72 hours after being in contact with someone who has the swine flu, she said.

By the time of the student's diagnosis, the student had "been going out about regular activities" on campus, Moskewski said.

Jolliff said the case is currently under investigation and the student's close contacts are being identified and notified.

She said the one confirmed case at Notre Dame is "no cause for panic," but rather encouraged taking steps to prevent the spread of the illness.

Moskewski said residence hall rectors are being notified and plans are being made to educate students about illness prevention.

"We're concerned, we're taking this seriously, but there's no cause for panic. We're not closing down the University, we're not canceling public events," Moskewski said.

According to a University press release, classes and final exams will continue as scheduled.

She said neither the CDC nor the state are recommending closing down the University, but rather

offer guidelines on how to educate on disease prevention.

Some students on campus expressed concern at the limited information released by the University about swine flu.

"I'm slightly concerned. It's a pretty big pool of people so it's not absolutely impossible that somebody could contract it," junior Mary McDougall said. "I would like to know age and dorm. I'm worried that we'll wake up and hear that cases are here there and everywhere. College campus is a perfect place to spread disease."

Freshman Erin Wurst said she would like to know where the student lives, if the student lives on campus.

"I guess if it's in my dorm, I'd like to know. I actually got up to go wash my hands when I heard about it," she said.

The affected student did not recently travel to Mexico, the epicenter of the swine flu outbreak. Over 150 people have died from the disease in Mexico, according to a Tuesday Associated Press report.

The eight students studying abroad in Mexico this semester have been in contact with the Office of International Studies regarding the situation, according to OIS director Kathleen Opel.

There are seven students in Puebla and one in Monterrey.

On April 24, Opel said, the Mexican government cancelled classes in all schools and universities until May 6. The semester was effectively finished with that cancellation, she said, and arrangements for students to complete final papers and exams are being finalized.

Opel said OIS has worked with Anthony Travel to arrange for the Notre Dame students to return to the United States by the end of the week.

It is not known how the student back at Notre Dame's campus contracted the flu strain.

Of the about 65 cases of swine flu reported domestically, all have been mild or the patients have recovered, according to the CDC.

Jolliff and Moskewski listed the precautions offered by the CDC to prevent the spread of the disease, including regular hand washing, avoiding touching the nose and mouth, and being careful while coughing or sneezing. They recommend staying home if feeling ill.

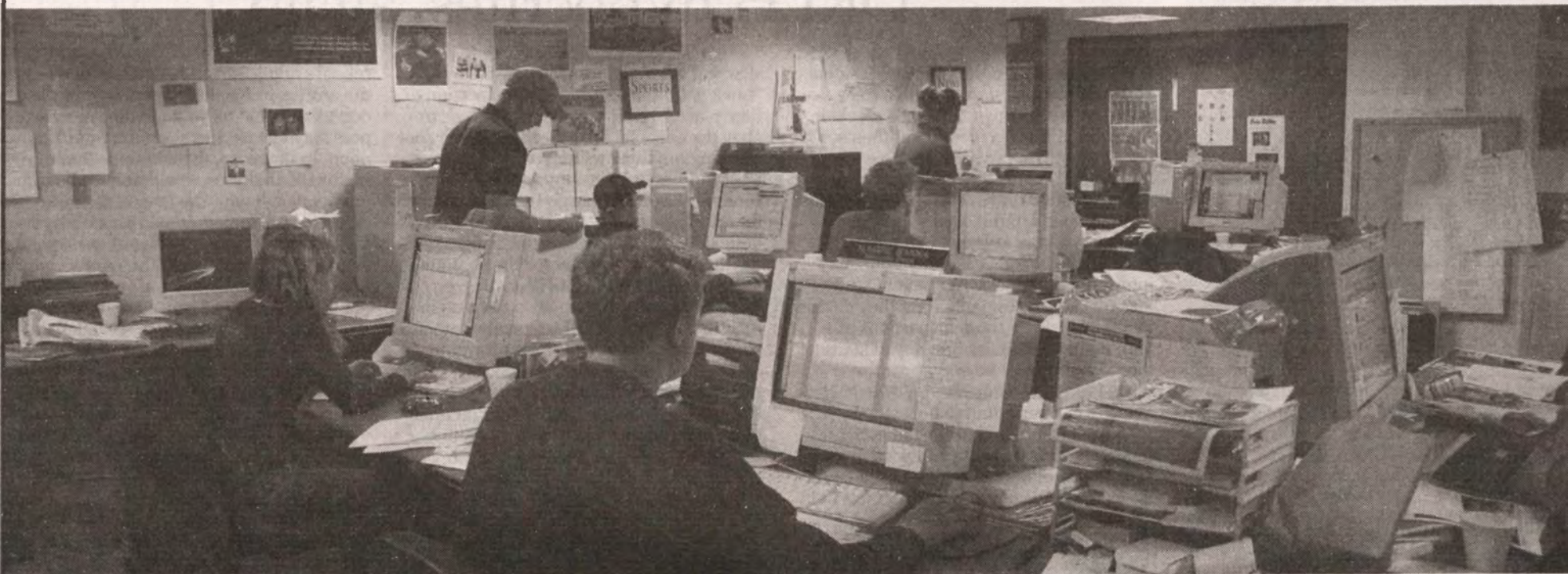
Students, faculty and staff were alerted in an e-mail Monday of the public health emergency notice issued by the Department of Homeland Security that said University Health Services "is prepared to handle any influenza outbreak, if necessary."

Information on swine flu is available from the CDC at www.cdc.gov/swineflu and from Health Services at uhs.nd.edu

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'And I [didn't yet] say ...'

"I got an email from Euphemia," I mentioned, on an afternoon when I was giving my mother the twelfth-grade society report. Euphemia was a friend from church. Once upon a time, she'd been a Baptist, and until now she'd been homeschooled.

"How is she?" Mum said. Now Euphemia was spending a year with relatives out west, and attending public school for the first time.

"She's doing okay, but she says that every time she starts to make friends with someone, it turns out they either smoke or do drugs."

Mum pulled out an old favorite for summing up a reaction. "And you said, 'Welcome to the world, Euphemia!'"

"Exactly." I sipped my tea. It was understood, though, that in that context "And you said ..." meant, "And you really wanted to say, but knew better..."

So of course I hadn't actually welcomed Euphemia to the big, bad, nicotine-and-munchies ridden world of public high school. If I even sent her a response, it probably only said, "That stinks, Euphemia. I'm so sorry. Hang in there! :)"

But I realize now that, by biting my tongue on my true feelings, I perhaps did Euphemia a disservice. A polite revealing of my own perspective — on being open to the sinner while disapproving of the sin, and of the extremely precarious balance between holding one's own convictions and avoiding self-righteousness — would've been a lot more helpful and heartening to Euphemia than my hiding it. It's sometimes good, then, to have "And you said ..." take on its face value meaning.

In this column — my last of the year — I'd like to do just that.

And I say, out loud:

◆ You may have noticed that I'm (mostly) disinclined to be confrontation-

al. For that reason, I'm incredibly grateful not to be on campus right now.

◆ My stance on abortion laws will not be revealed here.

◆ That being said, bloody masks belong in the Niles Scream Park, not in serious moral discourse. Regardless of which side is wearing them.

◆ That being said, I remain hopeful that the only reaction Randall Terry and his ilk are likely to provoke during Commencement season will be the same one garnered by the war protestors who showed up in my hometown for Jerry Ford's funeral a few years back (i.e. utter disregard).

◆ All those things being said, the fact that a good friend of mine, a rational and productive leader of the pro-life movement at Notre Dame (and most definitely not one of Terry's ilk) has had to disable her Facebook wall for safety reasons is disgraceful. And very, very sad.

◆ Relating to the much smaller epicenter of the on-campus shockwaves: a certain stipulation was missing from my last column. So now I add, that if your "Taylor" happens to be the same gender as you are, and you know that he or she is willing, then this member of the Notre Dame community has no problem with you going for it.

◆ Nothing anyone tells you about the city of Rome will mean anything until you visit it yourself.

◆ A completely non-controversial plug. Looking for a productive way to procrastinate this finals week? Look no further than www.EtiquetteHell.com. Now you can be entertained, improve yourself, and put off studying all at the same website.

◆ Speaking of etiquette, it's generally a good idea to take a deep breath and consider all sides of a situation before stating one's opinion on it. For instance, the hiding of one Christ signifier may be questionable, but the uncovered presence of twenty-six others is worth taking into consideration.

◆ Though, those deep breaths can be

hard to inhale. Sometimes we do get so worked up that we hurl our passionate opinions or feelings out on a public forum. And in the right context, that's fine. That's free speech.

Of course the other side of free speech is other people's right to answer our not-nice letters with not-nice responses. Experiencing as much first-hand is a painful, unforgettable, and essential lesson about communication (A confession: I once provoked a Viewpoint war, and all my vitriol got tossed right back at me).

But for the reactors, it's important to understand not only what constitutes an effective and appropriate response, but also when the response stops being effective and appropriate.

Or, to quit beating around the bush. So, guys, at the risk of my being hypocritical, was repeatedly bringing up Miss Buddie's name months after her letter ran really worth it?

◆ I personally do not care for The Vagina Monologues (my organs are not organisms, thank you), but I do respect the mission of the team behind it and especially the grace with which they handled their situation this year.

◆ I will, however, fight with all I have to keep Loyal Daughters and Sons alive.

◆ I haven't actually made bran muffins while abroad.

◆ Writing this column has been a wonderful experience, and I want to thank those who in various ways have supported both it and me. Now that the project's proved manageable and rewarding, it might continue, from the other side of the ocean, next year.

And I should've said, "Euphemia, I know it's tough. But this is the world..."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ORLH hypocrites, again

When the staff in the Office of Residence Life and Housing made up their rules regarding study days and finals week, it seems as if they decided to put themselves above their own laws. "The Office of Student Affairs is informing each residence hall that a proper atmosphere must be maintained in the dorms throughout study days (May 1-4) and exam days (May 5-9). No other activity, at any time, may interfere with an environment of study and rest for all residents." Yet they decide to send teams to do room inspections at 9 a.m. (to my dorm) the first day of study days. What gives? I am very confused. Since I (and I assume the majority of students of campus) plan to be fast asleep at that time, will their activity not interrupt the quiet environment I will need for rest? Furthermore, the memo I received from my hall staff has informed me that if I am

sleeping when the inspector arrives, I "must get up in order for the inspection to take place." However, should I choose to obey the edict set forth by the ORLH by not allowing anything to interrupt my rest, and continue to sleep, myself and "each roommate will be charged a \$100 penalty fee." It is clear once again that the Office of Residence Life and Housing is doing anything but looking out for the students and putting our interests first.

The hypocrisy of this Office disgusts me. As its existence is totally dependent upon students, one would think that it would do its best to accommodate our needs. On the other hand, having older people who are out of touch with the desires and mentality of the college-aged generation running this Office is not surprising considering the recent policies (I'm talking Fisher Zoo-esque ones, not Obama) set forth by the

school's administration. Perhaps due to the aforementioned age-gap, they really don't know that us young whipper-snappers stay up late and sleep until the afternoon. In that case, I would hope that the rectors of all dorms would at least be in touch enough with the lives of their students to realize that on non-school days they like to sleep in (intelligent ones might be able to deduce this by the relative lack of activity before 10-11 a.m. on week-ends), and I would further hope that the more responsible rectors would stick up for their residents by explaining to ORLH the unreasonable hour as well as the inherent hypocrisy of these inspections.

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April 28

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"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You're alive. Do something. The directive in life, the moral imperative was so uncomplicated. It could be expressed in single words, not complete sentences. It sounded like this: Look. Listen. Choose. Act."

Barbara Hall
American Writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A plane banner, really?

Dear Whoever Hired the Abortion Plane to Fly Around on Tuesday: You're an idiot. Two reasons: 1) What, exactly, are you trying to accomplish? Was that a publicity stunt? Were you trying to raise awareness about the issue on campus? We are aware, believe me, we are so aware. Being in the epicenter of a firestorm of controversy will do that to you. Anyway, if your intent was to actually put forward your view, you also failed on that count too.

The abortion issue deals with several questions at its heart: What is a human life, when does it begin, and how can we know? Your fancy flying banner addressed none of these issues. It just had a weird picture of what I guess was supposed to be a fetus; but you should know that if you were trying to disgust people into being pro-life, you failed at that too, because frankly I was just perplexed.

So, failure on all counts, I think.

2) Really, a flying plane banner? How much did that cost I wonder? I can't help but think it was a lot. I don't know, I've never hired a plane to fly around with provocative messages attached to it. But given the epic failure (refer to point 1) your plane delivered message was, that money probably could have been spent in a much, much better way. Maybe you could have given it to a local crisis pregnancy center, or some other organization that, you know, actually tries to solve the problem. Right to Life would probably be pretty happy to get it. Just sayin'. So next time, maybe think your actions through a little bit better, yeah? All of us rational pro-lifers thank you.

Katie Pieper

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April 28

Condemn Randall Terry

I would like to call your attention to an offensive mailing that many alumni received in the last few days. It is from Randall Terry and his organization, StopObamaNotreDame.com. This mailing contains a four-page letter, a visually explicit postcard and a donation request. This mailing asks its recipient to convince the University to stop President Obama's appearance at Commencement and remove Fr. Jenkins from office.

The University cannot turn a blind eye to efforts by outside organizations claiming to "protect" the University. The University must also question how this organization was given access to millions of alumni names. It is time for Notre Dame to publicly condemn Mr. Terry, his organization and this mailing. The appearance of President Obama should encourage an intelligent debate about modern-day Catholicism and politics and not an unsolicited, hateful call to action. The University cannot stand by in silence while Mr. Terry moves his organization forward. The University should be ashamed that this issue has spiraled so far out of control.

Maria Mirto

alumna

Class of 1978

April 27

Reclaim our money

Steve McDevitt's letter to the editor ("On Principle" April 28) demonstrates perfectly the clueless banter that is governing our economic policy and also confusing our morality. In sarcastically urging those who oppose President Obama's honorary appearance at Notre Dame to return "free money they were given from an immoral and unjustifiable federal government," Mr. McDevitt manages to write an editorial that is both a) not funny and b) seriously uninformed. To suggest that those who have been given public funds have somehow been awarded "free money" from a benevolent state is hogwash. Of course, the only money the government has is that which it is able to collect from taxpayers. In other words, Mr. McDevitt, these subsidies simply amount to a great redistribution of wealth, from the taxpayers to the students, albeit a much smaller sum than when it was

originally confiscated, after the bureaucrats take their vigorish and the politicians pay their favors. Not to mention that the government's taking money from people and handing it out to others in the form of college grants artificially increases the demand for college, thereby increasing tuition rates. So, like virtually all government programs, this "free money" scheme that you seem to laud is exactly the kind of thing that allows the federal government to earn those nasty labels you sarcastically ascribe to it. To accept these awards is to accept some of our money back, and it is the only principled thing to do, until we can reverse course and prevent the feds from taking it in the first place.

Brad Duffy

alumni

Class of 2008

April 27

Define 'Catholic'

I would like to respond to the points raised by Levi Checketts ("Liberal Catholicism" April 27). I would like first to nail down what the term "Catholic" means, since I think Checketts misdefines it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the Church is called Catholic because "In her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with its head ... she receives from [Christ] 'the fullness of the means of salvation'" (CCC 830). Secondly, she is Catholic or Universal, because "she has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race."

What this Catholicity does not imply is the acceptance of divergent opinions on matters of defined doctrine, dogma, or the natural law. The term Roman Catholic is not an oxymoron: the Church, under the authority of the Bishop of Rome, still possesses the fullness of the means of salvation, and this salvation is open to all men of every race. Further, there are other kinds of Catholics beyond Romans: Maronite Catholics, Ukrainians, Armenians, and a host of others. These various Rites of the Catholic Church differ in their liturgy and disciplines (fasting regulations, canon law) but are in

perfect unity in doctrine and dogma, under the teaching authority of the Pope and bishops united to him. Checketts gives the names of numerous individuals and events that he labels as "conservative" or "liberal." However, all of these individuals and events shared continuity in essential matters of Catholic doctrine, dogma, and morality, with the possible exception of Merton near the end of his life (He came rather close to Buddhism).

President Obama, however, stands radically opposed to a fundamental principle of justice and morality held by Catholics: innocent human life must be defended at all stages. To promote policies that deny personhood and rights to unborn humans (which Obama has done) is no less evil than for a racist to deny them to Africans or Hispanics. For a Catholic school to honor such a person is not Catholic in any way; rather, it is a mockery of our fundamental moral precepts.

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April 28

Personal Sacrifices

In response to fellow Keenanite Mark Easley ("Christian Soldiers" April 27), I disagree with his logic at every turn. He is just recycling the often-used argument against consciousness objectors. First, he stakes that those who take the "moral high ground" are oblivious to the real world, which demands that we have to engage in torture in order for our freedoms to be protected. The people making a stance against torture really believe that torture does not contribute to the safety of this country and its freedoms. There is sufficient and legitimate evidence to prove that torture is ineffective. They also believe that morality does have to be compromised in your dirty "real world," as you state. You presume that as a Christian soldier, you must make sacrifices. I truly believe that Jesus who suffered heinous torture and who

made the ultimate sacrifice, would firmly deny the use of torture.

As Christians, we are encouraged to take a moral stance and uphold the dignity and life of all human beings (including those who have wronged us). You also state, "We will sacrifice so that others may live in peace." First, as citizens we are not the ones making the personal sacrifices by letting our government torture people. It is very easy for us to stand far away from where the torture is taking place and assent to it. Also, it is a distorted worldview that leads people to use violence to create peace. Fratres in Cristo.

Paul Hotovy

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Keenan Hall

April 27

Excitement turned disappointment

When I first learned that President Barack Obama would deliver the Commencement address in May, I was excited. While I did not vote for President Obama last fall and many of my political views are not consistent with his, especially regarding the sanctity of life, I nevertheless show the utmost respect for him as the president of our great country. Upon hearing of his selection, I was interested to hear the words of wisdom that he would undoubtedly share with my graduating class. When my parents expressed disappointment with the University's selection, I vehemently defended the University's choice to them and told them how strongly I believed that the Notre Dame administration's actions deserved support. However, in the last few weeks, I have changed my mind.

The strongest contributing factor to my change of heart has been the dismay I experienced upon learning that the White House had requested that all university signage and symbols behind the stage in Gaston Hall at Georgetown University be removed when President Obama delivered an economics speech in the hall two weeks ago. This included an ancient

monogram depicting the initials IHS that symbolize the name of Jesus. After reading about these events, I was deeply saddened that the respected leader of our country made such demeaning requests so that the camera quality of Gaston Hall was sufficient. This led me to question whether President Obama's presence was appropriate for the Commencement ceremony at our beloved University.

Now Mary Ann Glendon has declined her prior acceptance of the University's Laetare Medal, the first time the award has been declined after being accepted. I wish to applaud Mary Ann Glendon, who despite her prominent position and the effect she undoubtedly knew that her decline of the award would have on the University of Notre Dame, for making a difficult decision and having the courage to do what she believes is right. We could all learn a lesson from Mary Ann Glendon about the importance of standing up for what we know is right, even if we are standing alone.

Megan Sennett

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April 28

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Or else ...
I mean it, she's mean!

Senior Art Exhibit at the Snite

By GENNA McCABE
Scene Writer

Every year around this time, the Snite Museum on campus is proud to host an exhibit of artwork from students receiving either a bachelor's degree or Masters in Fine Arts through the University.

The projects are the result of a yearlong process. Not all art students choose to undertake such an extensive thesis project, but those that do produce some very impressive work.

The projects are essentially senior theses that the students begin to think about as early as the spring of their junior years. Throughout their senior year, the students work with faculty from the art, art history, and design departments on their projects.

During the year they complete several reviews that allow their faculty advisors to stay to date on the status of their projects and allow for feedback. At the end of the first semester, all the artists presented a mid-year review and were required to present a final review once their art was on display in the Snite.

The styles of art and projects within the exhibit are as different as the artists, ranging from the more traditional fine arts like oil painting to projects that encompass a combination of audio and visual effects. There are also several very impressive design projects which present develop products for disabled consumers.

One such design project by Joey Curcio developed a new walker for children with cerebral palsy. In his artist statement, Curcio states: "It is discouraging for me to see so many medical products out on the market today that fail to address the social vulnerabilities of their users, especially of children with disabilities."

This sentiment prompted Curcio to design the leap frog, a walker designed to be "aesthetically inspiring, playful, and empowering." It has the capabilities to morph into several different

configurations to be most helpful to children with cerebral palsy.

Another equally impressive project, Anna Jordan created the design plan for a campaign to raise awareness about Lupus. Students may have seen her posters around campus with the catch phrase "Lupus is ____".

According to her artist statement, Jordan had Lupus as a sophomore and was interested in creating a "cohesive awareness campaign" which allowed students and the general population to become more aware of the disease. Her exhibit included the several large posters she designed for the campaign as well as a book of postcards she had other individuals with lupus experience fill out.

The project by Cassidy Russell is an innovative piece of satire which uses a mixture of dyed fabric with appliqué and embroidery hoops in order to contrast traditional women's roles and the more modern conception of a woman. In her own words: "By using women's silhouettes, I am able to show both the importance of the individual in today's feminism and the idea that all women deal with similar, though not identical, injustices."

There is a clear tension between the ideals of women from the past and the realities of the present. This tension is expressed through the tension the embroidery hoops create on the fabric. In all, the piece is a very interesting commentary on the expectations and frustrations of being a woman in society today.

Perhaps the most enticing and eye-catching piece of the exhibit, Christina Lewis created a design for a large mural that she hopes will promote Puerto Rican statehood. Prominently displaying the phrase "Desea 51" which means "Hope for 51," the mural encapsulates many symbols important to Puerto Rican history through the use of bright colors and graffiti like script. Lewis proposes the mural be installed on the old Spanish fort of San Cristobal in Old San Juan because of its iconic place within Puerto Rican history. Her artist statement reads: "I hope that my thesis project

can become part of the grassroots effort to help push a statehood vote to a majority."

Audrey Marier's thesis was surely a daunting project, but the result is especially intriguing. The purpose of her project is to raise awareness and the "cool" factor of classical music among teenagers. Titled "IMMERS3D," it is an innovative combination of audio tracks consisting of both live performances by college students as well as "epic versions of recorded music," according to her artist statement. It was her concept to provide teenagers with a new way of experiencing classical music by providing animation coupled with cool facts about the music.

While you can see a basic representation of her project in the Snite galleries, Marier invites anyone interested to attend a 35-minute show in Jordan's full dome theater, the Digital Visualization Theater. This is the first time that the DVT has done something so immersive. There will be a live performance of the show, with live music, on Thursday, April 30, at 9 p.m.

One of three graduate students featured in the exhibit, Allen Chen's piece is a three dimensional fixture which combines clay and steel. He says the materials are an analogy for the dualistic way in which he perceives the world. According to his artist statement: "Art, to me, is a conduit that connects the inner world with the outside, and I understand it through the language of dualism." The piece is especially interesting because it appears to represent an evolution of sorts, perhaps of thought or Chen's own personal philosophy.

There are many other equally talented artists featured in the exhibit that all students should consider checking out.

The exhibit is in the O'Shaughnessy gallery of the Snite Museum and will be up until May 17. Many of the artists will be presenting their projects for the Undergraduate Research Conference occurring on Friday.

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

Think of the greatest ways to enjoy an All-American summer — baseball, cook-outs, rock 'n' roll, fireworks. They all ooze with the glory of summer that Americans celebrate every year.

This July 4, all the greatest summer joys will converge for one historic night when rock legends Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson and Indiana's own John Mellencamp perform at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend. For students who will be on campus this summer, or those willing to travel for good music, the performance will undoubtedly provide a glimpse at some of America's greatest musicians.

The unprecedented show, produced by Jam Productions, Pacific Coast Concerts and the South Bend Silverhawks, is part of The Bob Dylan Show, a 22-city tour of minor league baseball stadiums. Since the summer of 2004, Dylan has performed to over half a million fans at numerous minor league ballparks

across the country. The legendary roots rock performer has performed more than a hundred concerts a year since the early 1990's. Following the successful release of his last album, "Modern Times," Dylan followed up with his latest studio effort, "Together Through Life," which was released yesterday.

In addition to being a stop on The Bob Dylan Show's national tour, because the performance in South Bend is scheduled for Independence Day, it will be Willie Nelson's 36th Annual 4th of July Picnic. Nelson, one of the world's most prolific recording artists, has been busy as of late. In the past five years, he has released over twelve albums, written numerous books, appeared in several feature films, and still found time to tour. Nelson's July 4th performance with Dylan will mark the second time the duo has appeared together at Coveleski. In 2004, the two performed to sold-out crowds at the Cove.

The concert roster is rounded off by Indiana native John Mellencamp. The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer's most

recent album was released in 2008 and was titled "Life Death Love and Freedom." It was regarded by Rolling Stone magazine as "one of the most compelling albums of Mellencamp's career," and was also among the top five albums of the year. Mellencamp previously performed with both Dylan and Nelson in 1985 for the first Farm Aid benefit concert.

The tour has received critical acclaim from numerous sources, including The Boston Globe, which recognized Dylan's show as one of "the most relaxed, enjoyable shows of the year."

Peter Kernan of Pacific Coast Concerts enthusiastically boasted that the show will "truly be the biggest concert South Bend has ever seen, both in terms of attendance and revenue." Kernan, a Notre Dame alumnus, has been involved in some of the most prolific shows in South Bend over the years and expects a sellout on the night of the Fourth.

If the music and the setting aren't enough of an American celebration, Coveleski Stadium has one final offer to

sweeten the deal. A professional fireworks display will illuminate the summer sky immediately after the concert to end the unrivaled Fourth of July bash. The festivities will surely be remembered as not just a unique Fourth of July celebration, but also one of the most prolific events ever in South Bend.

If you're looking for a unique Independence Day experience, and you're willing to spend a few bucks, The Bob Dylan Show and Willie Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic will be a display of American pride and culture that will likely never be reproduced.

Tickets go on sale this Saturday, May 2. They can be purchased at the Coveleski Stadium Ticket Office, or through Ticketmaster. All tickets are \$68.50 for adults. Children 14 and under get in free and seating is general admission. The Cove's gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the show begins at 5:30 with fireworks to follow.

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Just Desserts

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Before this article on food and desserts in South Bend, I need to acknowledge that now (Tuesday night) is perhaps the worst time in my five years at Notre Dame to try to write an appetizing article. A case of swine flu was just confirmed at Notre Dame, and I can't help but hear the buzzing from the low-flying plane with the abortion banner — with picture.

That being said, there's never been a better time to get off campus for a meal!

In his 1973 film "Sleeper," Woody Allen posited that cream pies and hot fudge will be known as the healthiest foods available 200 years in the future. Of course, it's implausible in reality, but like all comedy, there may be some roots of truth in Allen's prediction, considering the short history of dessert. After all, dessert as we know it only emerged about two hundred years ago.

Today around Notre Dame, it's not uncommon to switch restaurants between dinner and dessert, and with good reason. It's often preferable to have a big dinner and little dessert, or vice versa. And with so many options in the area, going out for dessert can be an excellent way to experience the town. For your convenience, I've selflessly visited five of the most popular dessert spots, presented here.

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South Bend Chocolate Company

Located in the heart of downtown, South Bend Chocolate (SBCC) offers an assortment of foods, not limited to chocolate. The building is split into parts, with a gift shop, coffee shop area, bar, dessert station, and of course, chocolatier. Although the sandwiches and wraps have a good following with the downtown lunch crowd, the obvious strength is the chocolate desserts. The chocolate in the form of truffles, covered cherries, turtles, and the rest is reasonably phenomenal. All ingredients taste carefully prepared, like the fresh nuts and dark caramel.

The most popular dish is the cheesecake. The moderately sized slab is soft but thick, and drizzled with chocolate and caramel with two turtles on the side. The thick and flavorful caramel is an excellent segment to the delicious textures, accentuated by the nuts and chocolate crust, which was neither crumbly nor soggy. Well-prepared proportions and mixes are what rightfully maintain the company's good name.

Ritter's Frozen Custard

Not much can compete with a traditional ice cream stand on a

hot day, besides frozen custard. Ice cream's creamier cousin has found a good home in the seven-state chain Ritter's. The nostalgic setup just north of Edison and Main serves new flavors every day. With shakes, malts and sundaes to boot, Ritter's is something that should be at least sampled.

Paeteria y Neveria La Rosita

About ten minutes southwest of campus, La Rosita has certainly carved out a niche. This Mexican eatery serves desserts from homemade fruit bars to unique ice creams and sundaes. Besides the friendly staff (and patrons), the best part of La Rosita is the deals — the two dishes we had (lime fruit bar and one scoop of ice cream) were both just a dollar. The fruit bar coupled with the bright room could be very refreshing on a hot day. The homemade butter pecan was tasty, but my best choice was trying the ice cream with the flavor of mamey, a tropical fruit you won't find around Indiana. This is a worthwhile place for anyone wanting to practice their Spanish or just cool off on a hot day.

Indulgence Pastry Shop & Café

This young, fresh eatery is one of the closest to campus, just a few minutes east on Edison. The café is certainly worth a visit, if not just for the desserts, then for the likable offerings and quaint and cozy setup. Offering breakfast, salads, sandwiches, soups, coffee, and Hershey's ice cream doesn't let Indulgence shy away

from the elegant desserts, such as the popular chocolate dome, which is well presented with mixing tastes, textures and consistencies. The welcoming atmosphere with ample seating is perfect for days of studying and snacking.

Yesterday's Food-Spirits & Merriment

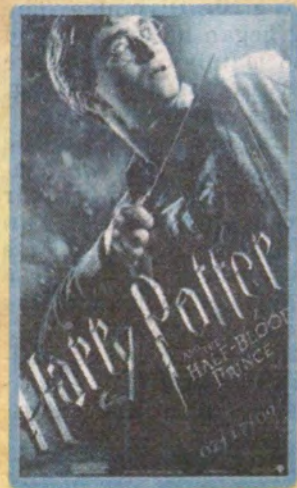
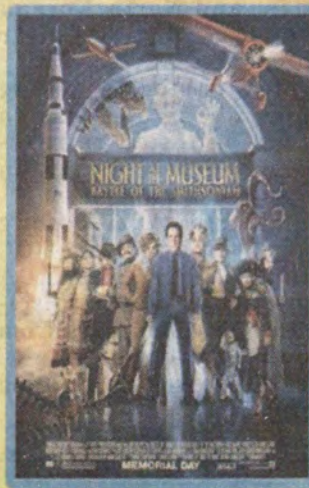
Without much question, the sultan of sweets in South Bend is Yesterday's, on Adams in Granger. The try of massive desserts trumps the already-large dinner selection. There's no mistaking the restaurant's style, with wall-to-wall decorations and Mickey Mouse chinaware. Yesterday's is certainly an experience to be had. The most popular dish, besides the thick whipped cream, is the no-bake peanut butter pie, which has a graham cracker crust and creamy filling that is a must for any peanut butter fan. Other favorites are the cheesecakes, like the soft turtle cheesecake with butter brickle sauce, and the pies, like the Bourbon Street pecan pie with cinnamon and chocolate chips or the tart and sweet key lime pie.

With so many places offering fantastic after dinner fare in South Bend, there are plenty of reasons to extend a meal out. Wherever your dinner takes you, keep in mind that there's always room for dessert.

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Summer Movie Preview



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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

It's finally here, kids: the Summer Movie Train. All aboard for what will prove to be an action-packed escape from school, bad weather, and the recession (unless you're paying, of course).

At the top of the list is this weekend's big ticket, "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." The first in what Fox Studios hopes to be a long chain of movies detailing the origins of the X-Men, this film reveals Wolverine's dark past. Starring the ever-muscular Hugh Jackman, "Wolverine" is poised to come barreling through the weekend and officially declare the summer movie season open.

Another heavy-hitter on the list is "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince." Older, darker, and more

sophisticated, the usual suspects are back to tell the tale of the sixth Harry Potter novel. Expect more of the usual Warner Bros. magic as the studio continues to tell the wizard's tale.

The summer wouldn't be complete without Pixar's annual contribution, and that would be "Up," the age-old tale of a grouchy old man in a house lifted into the air by millions of balloons, and the Boy Scout who gets trapped on his porch. As usual, Pixar takes a concept too contrived and unusual to be ignored and hopes to spin it into a heart-warming, thought-provoking tale of family values. No reason why this shouldn't be the case once again.

If the women get Wolverine, who do the men get to drool over this summer? That would be Megan Fox, back in "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

She joins Shia LeBeouf in the continuation of the film from 2007.

Johnny Depp returns to the screen in the gangster film "Public Enemies," with Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard, Christian Bale, and Channing Tatum, for good measure.

Geeks rejoice as "Star Trek" finally takes to the screen (again). From the mind of J.J. Abrams (creator of TV's "Lost" and "Fringe") comes the origin tale of many Star Trek heavy hitters, with a hint of time travel. The release date was pushed back from December in order to capitalize on the summer movie audience, which is poised to eat it right up. Downside: no William Shatner.

All you animated junkies will also find your fix: "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" has arrived. Same animation, same laughs, same Scrat.

Other notable openings include "Dance Flick," a farce of any and all dance movies from yours truly the Wayan brothers. "Brothers Bloom" stars Adrian Brody, Mark Ruffalo and Rachel Weisz as con artists in this comedy. "Angels and Demons," the prequel to "The Da Vinci Code" opens this weekend, with the ever-trusty Tom Hanks. And who could forget "Bruno," starring Sasha Baron Cohen ("Borat") in a mockumentary of a flamboyant fashion designer who decides to take his work to America.

Choices abound this summer, and it's so jam-packed with potential hits that you could easily find yourself haunting the local theatre every weekend. As long as that pay check holds up, that is.

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2008 OLYMPICS

Medalists caught using drugs by IOC

Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC is still uncovering drug cheats eight months after the Beijing Olympics ended.

The International Olympic Committee, staying true to its pledge to fight doping, said Tuesday that six athletes have been nabbed by retesting their blood samples for CERA, an advanced version of the blood-boosting hormone EPO.

A person familiar with the results told The Associated Press the latest tests caught three track and field athletes, two cyclists and one weightlifter.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the names haven't been released by the IOC, said a male track and field athlete who won only one gold medal was one of the athletes. The other medalist was in cycling.

The IOC did not identify the athletes or sports involved, saying it was notifying the competitors through their national Olympic committees.

The Italian Olympic Committee said one of the six was an Italian athlete, though it declined to name him. The Italian news agency ANSA identified him as cyclist Davide Rebellin, silver medalist in the road race.

U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the federation hadn't received notification from the IOC of any adverse findings involving a U.S. athlete.

"Unless we hear otherwise, we are treating no news as good news," Seibel said.

The IOC reanalyzed a total of 948 samples from Beijing after new lab tests for CERA and insulin became available following the Olympics. The testing began in January and focused mainly on endurance events in cycling, rowing, swimming and athletics.

"The further analysis of the Beijing samples that we conducted should send a clear message that cheats can never assume that they have avoided detection," said Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the IOC medical commission.

Coaches, athletes and anti-doping organizations welcomed the announcement,

saying it helps restore credibility to Olympic sports.

"I'm in favor of anything they're doing to clean up the sport," said Glen Mills, coach of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, who won three gold medals in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100 relay — all in world-record times.

Bolt "has not heard anything — and he will not hear anything," Mills said by telephone from Jamaica.

The IOC will wait for word from the national Olympic bodies before holding any disciplinary hearings. Athletes found guilty of doping face being disqualified from the Olympics and stripped of any medals they won.

The positive findings were based on "A" sample test results. Athletes will be allowed to ask for a testing of their backup "B" samples.

In the meantime, national and international bodies are free to impose provisional suspensions of athletes, the IOC said.

A Greek race walker, Athanasia Tsoumeleka, announced in January that she had tested positive in the new Beijing checks. Tsoumeleka, who finished ninth in Beijing in the 20K walk, was charged by a Greek prosecutor earlier this month with using banned drugs.

The IOC previously disqualified nine athletes for doping at the Aug. 8-24 Olympics. In addition, there were six doping cases involving horses in the equestrian competition.

The IOC has already stripped four athletes of Beijing medals — Ukrainian heptathlete Lyudmila Blonska (silver), Belarusian hammer throwers Vadim Devyatovskiy (silver) and Ivan Tsikhan (bronze) and North Korean shooter Kim Jong Su (silver and bronze).

The IOC is storing doping samples for eight years so they can be tested retroactively when new detection methods are developed.

The World Anti-Doping Agency welcomed the IOC findings. Under the WADA code, athletes can be disciplined up to eight years from the date of a doping violation. Testing serves as a strong deterrent.

NHL

Capitals protect Rangers coach

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals plugged the gaps in the glass to help separate the fans from John Tortorella. That didn't stop spectators from finding other ways to needle the New York Rangers coach.

Two fans seated behind the visitors' bench held up printed signs featuring a six-pack of water bottles and the words "Tortorella's Ammo" at Tuesday night's Game 7 of the first-round series. Six fans in the section wore red ponchos, and another fan at the Verizon Center held up an umbrella emblazoned with the words: "4

U, Torts."

The signs and ponchos were fine, but the Capitals took substantial precautions to avoid a repeat of the nasty exchange that led Tortorella to be suspended for Game 6 of the series. Workers installed seven I-shaped, Plexiglas stanchions to fill the 1-inch spaces between the panes of glass behind the visitors' bench. The Capitals were also on alert for the possible need for extra security personnel in that area of the stands.

On Friday, the last time the teams met in Washington, Tortorella squirted water at fans and tossed a water bottle into the crowd during the third

period of the Capitals' 4-0 Game 5 victory.

After the NHL announced that Tortorella would be suspended for Sunday's Game 6, the Rangers sent a letter to the league, asserting "gross negligence" by the Capitals in response to "egregious fan misconduct." The letter said spectators behind the visitors' bench used obscene language and spit on team personnel and that the arena's security personnel did not act on requests to intervene.

Team spokesman Kurt Kehl said the team has not decided whether the measures would remain in place for future games.

MLB

Hamilton day-to-day with strain

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Josh Hamilton has a strained muscle in his left rib cage, and the Texas Rangers are hoping he can avoid the disabled list and get better with medication and a few more days of rest.

Hamilton was out of the starting lineup for the third straight game Tuesday night and described himself as being in "extreme pain" before being examined by team physician Dr. Keith Meister.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said the doctor determined that Hamilton had a muscle strain.

"It's not believed to be structural," Daniels said. "Typically, the doctor feels like about 48 hours or so when you can tell how quickly a patient responds to [medication]. So we'll take it day by day, see how he's doing and how the team's doing and what our roster needs are."

The All-Star center fielder got hurt when he ran into the outfield wall in Toronto a week ago. His elbow folded into the left side of his body and his rib cage while he was feeling for the wall.

"Extreme pain, no matter what I do," Hamilton said in the

clubhouse before the start of a three-game series against Oakland. "Just standing here, it hurts. Taking deep breaths. Running, throwing, hitting, everything hurts."

Hamilton wasn't in the starting lineup at Toronto on Wednesday, the day after slamming into the wall, but appeared in that game as a pinch-hitter. The left-handed slugger started Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He left in the fifth inning Saturday and pinch-hit again Sunday but didn't play Monday after trying to take batting practice.

"I probably need to rest it and let it heal," Hamilton said. "I battled through the last four or five days, did everything I could to help it and pain tolerance-wise to get through it. ... If I'm out there, I'm not going to play not to get hurt. I'm going to play full-out."

Daniels said Hamilton talked to Meister and team trainer Jamie Reed about what he needed to do.

"His thought was if we could wait a little bit, he'd like to do that," Daniels said. "Right now, we've got a little time. We're going to play with it."

The Rangers faced Oakland rookie Brett Anderson on

Tuesday, the first of five left-handers Texas was scheduled to face during the six-game homestand.

"That's part of the thought process ... although Josh is not a guy you're platooning," Daniels said.

Marlon Byrd started in center field Tuesday night. Andruw Jones, the 10-time Gold Glove center fielder with Atlanta, started in left.

Texas manager Ron Washington expects Byrd to be the center fielder when Hamilton is out.

"I think Marlon, right now, is best for that," Washington said. "Marlon has been playing center field for us the past three years and I think he had been doing a great job. ... This is my call. I don't have any explanation otherwise."

Jones, a five-time All-Star for Atlanta who hit only .158 with three home runs last season in his only year with the Los Angeles Dodgers, made the Rangers' roster after coming to spring training on a minor league deal.

Going into Tuesday night's game, Jones was hitting .370 with two home runs and five RBIs in nine games. Byrd was hitting .351 with two homers and 13 RBIs.

Hamilton, who led the AL with 130 RBIs while playing 156 games last season, was hitting .242 with two homers and 10 RBIs in 66 at-bats.

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6 CS Fullerton	29-11
7 Mississippi	32-12
8 Texas	29-11
9 Oklahoma	33-11
10 GeorgiaTech	28-11
11 Georgia	33-11
12 Arkansas	29-12
13 Cal Poly	29-10
14 Virginia	34-9
15 TCU	27-12
16 Kansas State	31-11
17 Baylor	25-17
18 Miami (Fla.)	29-14
19 Florida State	30-12
20 Texas A&M	28-15
21 Clemson	30-15
22 Alabama	29-15
23 Kent State	32-9
24 Florida	31-14
25 East Carolina	31-13

NCAA Men's Tennis ITA Men's Rankings

team	average
1 Virginia	78.62
2 Mississippi	77.94
3 Ohio State	75.15
4 Georgia	72.62
5 Tennessee	70.93
6 Baylor	69.55
7 UCLA	64.34
8 USC	62.09
9 Stanford	61.64
10 Florida	59.95
11 Kentucky	49.86
12 Texas	49.41
13 Illinois	49.2
14 Alabama	48.79
15 Texas A&M	48.21
16 Florida State	48.2
17 Pepperdine	41.24
18 Wake Forest	38.54
19 Auburn	35.41
20 Oklahoma State	34.47

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8 Purdue	383
10 Wake Forest	363
11 Duke	330
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MLB



Fans failed to fill the seats of the new Yankee Stadium during a Yankees game last week against the Oakland Athletics. Empty seats have been common at the new ballpark, sparking a price reduction.

Yankees cut prices on unsold seats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Turns out a few more fans might be able to buy those empty front-row seats at Yankee Stadium.

The New York Yankees slashed prices on more than 40 percent of their front-row seats by up to 50 percent Tuesday and announced many of those who bought tickets closest to the field for \$325-\$2,500 will be eligible for additional free seats.

Those initiatives could help pack previously unfilled areas that were an eye sore on television broadcasts during the opening homestand at

the \$1.5 billion ballpark.

"There are a few hundred suite seats in our premium locations that have not been sold on a full season basis," Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said in a statement. "As a result, and for many of our fans who have already purchased full season suite seats in such premium locations, the Yankees are announcing today a program that adjusts certain prices and benefits."

While most of the cheaper tickets in the second and third decks were sold for the opening

six games, entire sections of cushioned blue seats with teak arm rests in the first nine rows in 25 sections went empty, areas that cost \$500 and up. In addition, many of the non-premium seats between the bases, which cost \$325 as part of season tickets and \$375 individually, also went unfilled.

MSNBC's Keith Olbermann, who owns three \$850 Legends Suite season tickets, was unhappy prices were cut only for those with front-row seats while others will be given additional tickets.

"If they're offering only

selective refunds, depend upon it: There are going to be lawsuits," he said. "Great, more tickets nobody wants. The silver lining here is that even more charities are going to be getting even more tickets from me."

The price of first-row season seats in nine sections of the Delta Sky360 Suite one deck up behind home plate was cut from \$750 to \$550.

Among the top non-premium seats in the lower deck, the Yankees announced a buy-three-get-one-free program for new \$325-a-seat season tickets in the 15 sections between the bases.

IN BRIEF

Ex-tight end Gonzalez says goodbye to Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Atlanta-bound tight end Tony Gonzalez bid Kansas City farewell Tuesday and promised that if he ever goes into the Hall of Fame, it will be as a Chief.

"The only regrets I have are things I didn't do," said Gonzalez, a 10-time Pro Bowl selection. "I really wish I could have been a part of something more special. I wanted to be a part of bringing a championship to this city."

"I'm going to go on record right now saying I'm going to retire as a Chief. If I am ever fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, it's going to be as a Chief," he said.

Gonzalez set up and paid for his own news conference at a downtown hotel to say goodbye to the city where he played for 12 years and became the most productive tight end in NFL history.

Adenhart crash survivor's condition upgraded to fair

LOS ANGELES — The passenger injured in the car crash that killed Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart had his status upgraded to fair late last week and has been undergoing physical and speech therapy.

Jon Wilhite, of Manhattan Beach, remains in intensive care at the UC Irvine Medical Center but can move and is not paralyzed, hospital spokesman John Murray said.

His condition was upgraded last Thursday.

The 24-year-old was riding in a Mitsubishi Eclipse with Adenhart and two friends on April 9 when a minivan ran a red light and broadsided the car at about 12:30 a.m. in neighboring Fullerton.

Adenhart died in surgery hours after he made his season debut by pitching six scoreless innings.

Two others in the Eclipse died in the crash.

Magic will host future All-Star game in new arena

ORLANDO, Fla. — NBA commissioner David Stern says the Orlando Magic will host an All-Star Game soon in their new arena.

Stern said before Game 5 of the Sixers-Magic series Tuesday that "without question, there is an All-Star Game in Orlando's future." Stern could not give a year the city would host but said he hopes it would be announced before the 2010 All-Star Game at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium.

Stern toured the construction site of the Orlando Events Center earlier in the day. The Magic's new arena is expected to open for the 2010-11 season.

Stern also said he does not see the All-Star Game moving out of the country anytime soon because there are too many NBA franchises trying to host the game.

MLB

Colon and Quentin lead Sox over M's

Phillies bounce Nats behind Utley's blasts

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Behind a strong start from Bartolo Colon, the Chicago White Sox won in an unusual way.

Colon pitched seven effective innings and Paul Konerko hit a two-run double, leading Chicago to a brisk 2-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

The White Sox won despite having as many hits (two) as errors.

"That's a miracle," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Colon bounced back after struggling in his previous start at Baltimore. The burly right-hander allowed only an unearned run and four hits, pitching out of a jam in the seventh. He struck out six and walked one in a game that took just 1 hour, 52 minutes — the fastest in the majors this season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bobby Jenks pitched around third baseman Josh Fields' error in the ninth for his fourth save.

Chris Jakubauskas (1-3) was the hard-luck loser in his first career complete game, a two-hitter. He retired the side in order every inning except the fourth, walking one and striking out four in eight innings.

In his previous outing, Jakubauskas allowed six runs in 3 1/3 innings of a loss to Tampa Bay.

"I thought Jakubauskas was outstanding, especially coming off of the game last time, to rebound from that," Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said.

White Sox reliever Matt Thornton pitched a perfect eighth and Jenks a scoreless ninth. With runners on first and second, he struck out pinch-hitter Mike Sweeney swinging and got pinch-hitter Wladimir Balentien on a fly to center.

The game was a makeup of Monday night's rainout. Seattle right-hander Felix Hernandez was scheduled to face John Danks in the nightcap.

Colon (2-1) allowed five runs and eight hits in three innings of Thursday's 6-2 loss at Baltimore, his shortest start since July 23, 2007.

Colon said the difference from his last start was pregame preparation.

"In the bullpen I felt warm, I felt prepared. In my last start in Baltimore I didn't feel like I warmed up enough before I started the game, but today I felt good. I felt really good coming out of the bullpen," he said.

Colon cruised through the first six innings, but ran into trouble in the seventh. After a one-out walk to Russell Branyan, Jose Lopez reached safely on an error

by second baseman Brent Lillibridge.

Rob Johnson followed with an RBI double, but Colon minimized the damage. Franklin Gutierrez fouled out and so did Yuniesky Betancourt — after just missing a three-run homer down the left-field line.

Jakubauskas, making his third start in place of injured Ryan Rowland-Smith, retired his first 10 batters. He walked Fields in the fourth, then allowed a single to Carlos Quentin. With two outs, Konerko doubled down the left-field line, scoring Fields and Quentin.

Phillies 7, Nationals 1

Chase Utley homered twice and drove in three runs, Pedro Feliz added a three-run shot and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 7-1 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Raul Ibanez also went deep for the Phillies, who won despite losing ace Cole Hamels early for the second consecutive start. The left-hander came out in the fifth inning after spraining his left ankle trying to field John Lannan's bunt.

Hamels, making his fourth start, appeared to be on his way to his first win. He allowed four hits and struck out four in 4 1-3 innings, leaving with a 5-0 lead.

The World Series MVP left last Thursday's start against Milwaukee with a bruised left shoulder after being hit by Prince Fielder's line drive with one out in the fourth.

Chad Durbin (1-0) came on in relief of Hamels and allowed only Adam Dunn's sixth-inning homer in 3 2-3 innings.

Durbin got plenty of help from the Phillies offense. Utley had three hits and Ibanez led off the eighth with a homer to left-center, his seventh this season. He also had a go-ahead grand slam in the eighth inning of Monday night's 13-11 win.

Ryan Zimmerman extended his major league-leading hitting streak to 17 games with a first-inning double off the left-field wall for Washington (4-15), which has lost five of six and owns baseball's worst record.

Zimmerman's streak is the longest for the Nationals organization but trails the franchise record of 31 set in 1999 by Vladimir Guerrero with the Montreal Expos.

The Phillies scored five times in the third on a two-run homer to right by Utley and Feliz's shot to left. Utley led off the fifth with a solo drive to right, giving Philadelphia a 6-0 advantage.

Utley is 8-for-14 with five RBIs off Lannan (0-3), who gave up six runs — three earned — and nine hits in five innings.

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NHL

Fedorov, Capitals down Rangers 2-1 to advance

Hurricanes move into second round after Devils squander late lead, surrender two goals in final 1:20

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thanks to sage old Sergei Fedorov and a monumental comeback, the Washington Capitals are headed to the second round of the NHL playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

Fedorov beat Henrik Lundqvist with 4:59 left in the third period, and the Capitals edged the New York Rangers 2-1 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal Tuesday night, becoming

the 21st team in NHL history to win a series after trailing 3-1.

It's also the franchise's first series victory since the 1997-98 season, when Washington made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals. It must feel particularly sweet to reigning league MVP Alex Ovechkin and the 15 other players who were on the team a year ago, when the Capitals also trailed 3-1 in the first round, and also forced a Game 7 at home — only to lose to Philadelphia in over-

time.

The Capitals will face Pittsburgh next.

New York's Nik Antropov and Washington's Alexander Semin traded first-period goals. Fedorov, playing in his eighth career Game 7, took a pass from Matt Bradley on his winner and, with Rangers defenseman Wade Redden screening Lundqvist, sent a shot inside the far post.

The first player over to celebrate with the 39-year-old Fedorov, a past NHL MVP who won three Stanley Cups with Detroit? Ovechkin, who hopped on the back of his teammate and countryman. Ovechkin had scored in three consecutive games but was mostly silent Tuesday, two days after proclaiming Lundqvist "can't play every game like a god."

Lundqvist was pretty good in Game 7, and Capitals rookie Simeon Varlamov settled down after an early flurry of activity. Varlamov got a lot of help: Washington limited New York to one shot in the third period.

Things didn't start that way. The Rangers tested Varlamov twice in the opening 45 seconds, with Sean Avery taking a shot, then Antropov coming in 1-on-1 and unsuccessfully trying to stuff a backhand past the goalie's right skate.

The Capitals looked flat, and the Rangers took the game's first five shots. It didn't take long for New York to lead.

Brandon Dubinsky skated around Varlamov, keeping control of the puck and sending it through a Capitals player's legs back to Antropov, who scored his first goal since Game 1.

Ovechkin picked up the puck, then skated over to fling it over the boards into the Capitals bench area. Avery — like Antropov a late-season addition — earned a secondary assist.

The Capitals had no official

shots until 13 minutes in, when Tom Poti's attempt from the point on a power play was easily kicked aside by Lundqvist. The hosts were held to fewer than three shots in a period for the first time all season.

But Washington's second shot found the net, basically by accident, to tie the game at 15:34. Nicklas Backstrom left the puck behind him for Semin, who ripped a shot right as New York's Ryan Callahan dived. The puck appeared to deflect off Callahan at least once, if not twice, and possibly off another New York player, fooling a sprawling Lundqvist as it fluttered end-over-end above his left skate.

Capitals tough guy, Donald Brashear was out, suspended by the NHL for six games — five for a hit that broke a bone near Rangers center Blair Betts' eye in Game 6.

Hurricanes 4, Devils 3

The Carolina Hurricanes stole their thrilling first-round series from the New Jersey Devils in the final 80 seconds.

Jussi Jokinen and Eric Staal scored in a 48-second span late in the third period and the Hurricanes stunned the Devils 4-3 in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series Tuesday night.

It was the second shocking loss for the Devils in the series. They lost Game 4 on a goal by Jokinen with 0.2 seconds to play.

This time they gave away the series in the final 1:20.

Jokinen tied the game after taking a great cross-ice setup by Joni Pitkanen. Staal then buried the Devils with a shot from the middle of the right circle with 31.7 seconds to play.

Carolina next plays top-seeded Boston.

Tuomo Ruutu and Ray Whitney also scored for

Carolina and Cam Ward was magnificent, making 32 saves.

Brian Rolston, Jay Pandolfo and Jamie Langenbrunner connected for New Jersey, while Martin Brodeur made 27 saves in a game that will be remembered as much for Carolina's comeback as the Devils' choke.

For the Devils, it was their second straight first-round exit, and this one had to be tougher than last year's embarrassing loss in five games to the Rangers.

New Jersey was 1:20 away from advancing when its world was shattered.

Defenseman Tim Gleason dived to keep in a puck at the point and slid it across to Pitkanen. He skated down the boards, faked a shot and found Jokinen low in the right circle for a shot that went between Brodeur's legs as he slid across to attempt the save.

Staal won the game with a blast from the same circle that silenced the crowd of 17,625.

At the end, the Hurricanes jumped into one another's arms while the Devils stood in their end of the ice in disbelief.

Until the late rally, Rolston's second-period, power-play blast was the difference. It came after a giveaway by Carolina's Patrick Eaves in the Devils' zone.

Brodeur then stood tall and made three saves on a two-man Carolina power-play advantage. All seemed set for New Jersey to advance — until the late collapse.

Whitney had tied the game 2-2 earlier in the period on a fluky goal. Staal made a pass from behind the net that Whitney took a swing at and missed. The puck hit his skate and went in the net.

Ruutu quieted the white-towel-waving Devils crowd — at least for a minute or so — when he fired a shot from the right circle and beat Brodeur just 62 seconds after the opening faceoff.

Langenbrunner got the fans going again a little more than a minute later. Zach Parise skated around the net and sent a cross-ice pass to the captain for a slam-dunk from the side of the net.

Linemates Brendan Shanahan and John Madden made excellent plays to set up Pandolfo's go-ahead goal. Shanahan took a hit by defenseman Dennis Seidenberg at the blue line while making the pass to set up Madden and Pandolfo on a 2-on-1. Madden centered the puck from the left circle and Pandolfo redirected it past Ward.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles square off in MIAA tournament

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

It has all come down to this for Saint Mary's, as the Belles will spend the upcoming weekend challenging their conference for the top spot in the MIAA.

The Belles (9-9, 4-4 MIAA) evened their conference record to .500 after their final seasonal matchup against Olivet.

"We have had a decent year, but want to strive for better results," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We know we have the ability, but we have to work harder and smarter to be up with the top teams in our conference."

Junior captain Camille Gebert has probably been the most impressive Belle this season, going undefeated in her spot at No. 2 singles.

One area of the game that coach Campbell wants to work on is the girls' doubles play before they are challenged by some of the top teams in the MIAA.

"We are changing our doubles strategy," Campbell said. "We have changed the lineup and we are trying to play a

more aggressive style of doubles going into the conference tourney. We will have to take chances to win."

In their conference matches, the Belles have defeated Trine, Adrian, Olivet and Alma, but have fallen in their meetings against Kalamazoo, Albion, Hope and Calvin Colleges.

Both Kalamazoo and Albion promise the most difficulty to beat come this weekend's matches. Gebert was the only Belle able to pull out a win during the Saint Mary's seasonal play against these two MIAA tennis powerhouses.

One aspect that makes this year's competition at the conference original is the fact that it is Campbell's first trip to the MIAA tournament as Saint Mary's coach. Despite it being the team's first trip under Campbell's guidance, he will enter the match knowing the competition.

"We know what to expect and I know as a new coach in this conference what to expect, given it is the first time that I have seen our opponents," Campbell said.

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NBA

Celtics edge Bulls 106-104

Pierce's late run leads Boston after Allen fouls out in overtime thriller

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce made three straight jumpers in the final 77 seconds of overtime and the Boston Celtics held on to beat the Chicago Bulls 106-104 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series.

Rajon Rondo scored 28 points with 11 assists and eight rebounds, and Kendrick Perkins had 16 points, 19 rebounds and seven blocks for the Celtics. It was the third time in five games the teams have needed overtime, a surprising first-round struggle for the defending NBA champions.

Ben Gordon scored 26 and Joakim Noah had 11 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, but Brad Miller missed the potential game-tying free throws with 2 seconds left in overtime.

The Bulls return home for Game 6 on Thursday night hoping to extend the series; Game 7, if necessary, would be in Boston on Saturday.

Pierce, who scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half and overtime, gave Boston a 102-101 lead with 1:17 left, then hit another with 37 seconds to play to make it 104-101 before Tony Allen fouled Gordon while attempting a 3-pointer with 28 seconds to play. Gordon hit all three free throws to tie it 104-all.

Pierce got the ball and dribbled down the clock before hitting a long 2-pointer over John Salmons with 3.4 seconds left.

The Bulls called a timeout and got the ball in to Miller, who had a surprisingly clear path to the basket but sailed a layup wide.

The Boston Garden crowd celebrated, but the referees immediately huddled, called a foul on Rondo and put Miller on the line with 2 seconds left.

With the building shaking, Miller missed the first, then tried to miss the second on purpose but failed to hit the rim.

It was another close call for the Celtics — this time with two of the Big Three on the bench. Kevin Garnett is out for what could be the entire play-off run with strained ligaments in his right knee, and Ray Allen — who hit the game-winning 3-pointer in Game 2 — fouled

out with 5:27 left in regulation.

The Bulls scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to open the first double-digit lead of the game. The Celtics scored nine in a row to make it a one-point game, 83-82, with 4:27 left, but it was costly because Allen fouled out 18 seconds after hitting a key 3-pointer.

Boston tied it 91-all after another block by Perkins sent Rondo off on a fast break, and he found Pierce for the layup with 66 seconds left in regulation. The point guards traded mistakes, then Gordon hit a leaner from the right side to give the Bulls the lead with 16 seconds left.

But Pierce sank a 15-footer to tie it at 93 with 10.5 seconds left and send it into overtime.

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Piane

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women's indoor teams finished second and fifth, respectively. Piane hopes that both teams can improve on these results from just a few months ago.

"We would like to improve," Piane said. "But, unfortunately, we can't guarantee it."

Although the Irish have had great success this year in the distance events and some field events, the sprints that have hurt the Irish. In order to succeed this weekend, Piane said his squad would need to take advantage wherever

they can to get points.

"Everywhere we can score, we need to," Piane said. "We will need to get a couple of people scoring in events like the 5000-meter and the 800-meter instead of just one."

Standing in the way of the Irish will be the best runners, throwers, and jumpers in the Big East. On the men's side, the main competition will come from Connecticut, Georgetown and No. 20 Louisville. The women will have to battle against the top Big East teams including Louisville, South Florida and Georgetown.

After the Big East Championships this weekend, the Irish have a trip down to

Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational before the NCAA Regionals in late May in Louisville, Ky. So far the Irish have 18 qualifiers on the men's and women's team combined for the NCAA Regionals. Notre Dame can add to these numbers with a strong showing at this weekend.

The conference championships begin Friday morning at 11 a.m. with the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon. The running and field events begin on Saturday morning with the finals concluding on Sunday.

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POLO

Vet says polo horses overdosed on meds

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Florida's top veterinarian on Tuesday blamed the deaths of 21 elite polo horses on an overdose of a common mineral that helps muscles recover from fatigue.

Florida's state veterinarian, Dr. Thomas J. Holt, said toxicology tests on the dead horses showed significantly increased selenium levels.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza Caracas team began collapsing April 19 as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington before a championship match. Some died at the scene, others hours later.

"Signs exhibited by the horses and their rapid deaths were consistent with toxic doses of selenium," Holt said.

The team was preparing to play in the sport's U.S. Open and was seen as a top contender.

A Florida pharmacy that mixed a brew of vitamins and minerals for the team on order from its Florida veterinarian said Tuesday that the strength of selenium was incorrect. Jennifer Beckett, chief operating officer for Franck's

Pharmacy in Ocala, Fla., would not say whether the incorrect amount was specified in the veterinarian order or was a pharmacy error.

"We continue to cooperate fully with the authorities as their investigations proceed," she said. "We cannot discuss further details."

Lechuza had no comment on the toxicology report.

The polo team had hoped to get a compound similar to a name-brand supplement known as Biodyl. The supplement is used around the world but hasn't been approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the U.S.

Veterinarians often turn to compounding pharmacies like Franck's for medications that can't be found on shelves, but the dispensaries generally can only recreate unapproved drugs in limited circumstances, such as for health reasons.

The FDA and state authorities are investigating.

Biodyl is a supplement made in France by Duluth, Ga.-based animal pharmaceutical firm Merial Ltd. It wasn't clear how close Franck's mixture came to the name-brand drug. Lechuza said what they ordered was supposed to contain vitamin B, potassium, magnesium and selenium.



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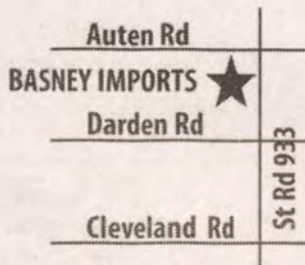
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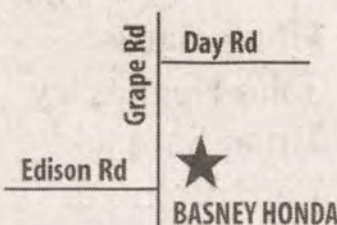
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CAN THE UNIVERSITY'S INVITATION TO PRESIDENT OBAMA BE CONSIDERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO DIALOGUE AND ENGAGE HIM?

A commencement speech is a monologue, not a dialogue. Bestowing an honorary degree upon someone is a signal of approval and endorsement; it is not a neutral action. Giving President Obama the podium at the University commencement exercises does not constitute a foundation upon which Notre Dame can then critically engage President Obama in a dialogue about his position on life issues. There is no assurance that the relationship will develop beyond May 17.

IS EXCLUDING OUR HIGHEST OFFICIALS THE APPROPRIATE WAY OF CONVERTING THEM TO OUR IDEALS?

Opposition to honoring an official is in no way synonymous with excluding them. The Catholic community must work with our elected officials and for this reason we are open to debate with President Obama. But we realize that dialogue presumes participants. And if our university lacks conviction and considers even our highest honors mere functions of power and not substance, the result is not debate. Rather, we are de facto supporters of those with the highest title and most name recognition.

HOW HAVE THE ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION BEEN AN ENDORSEMENT OF OBAMA?

With regards to honorary Doctorate of Law:

The bestowal of an honorary degree traditionally is not done in the hope of engaging the recipient in dialogue; rather, it is an affirmation of their past actions and the values that underlie them. It is inconsistent with an institution's identity to publicly honor an individual who is diametrically opposed to its fundamental moral principles. President Obama's policies and actions in office are opposed to the Catholic Church's teaching on life issues, especially abortion and embryonic stem cell research. As a Catholic institution, Notre Dame should not honor President Obama. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2004 statement "Catholics in Political Life" explicitly states: "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."

WITH REGARDS TO SPEAKING AT COMMENCEMENT:

Attached to the front of the podium from which President Obama will address the class of 2009 is the seal of the University of Notre Dame. Just as an official seal on any letter or envelope signifies approval and affirms the legitimacy of its contents from that institution, so too does the Notre Dame podium tacitly imply approval of the one who speaks from it. The image of President Obama in Notre Dame doctoral robes standing at the podium before 2,000 Notre Dame graduates projects the image that his platform is acceptable to serious, reflective Catholics.

WHY MUST ABORTION AND EMBRYO-DESTRUCTIVE STEM CELL BE RELEVANT TO THE WORTHINESS OF A COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT?

The Catholic Church identifies abortion as an intrinsic moral evil. The protection of the human dignity of the most vulnerable and invisible members of our society is therefore given a privileged place among social justice issues.

President Obama has done many things to further the cause of social justice. If he shares our Catholic values in this respect, why can we not honor him for his social justice work?

Abortion is a social justice issue in the Catholic tradition. It is inappropriate for a Catholic institution to honor a public official who advances a social agenda that presumes a false dichotomy between abortion and other social justice issues. Through rescinding the Mexico City policy expanding federal funding of embryo-destructive stem cell research, President Obama has used his office to actively threaten unborn life around the world.

AS LONG AS PRESIDENT OBAMA AVOIDS SPEAKING ABOUT ABORTION AND EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, WHY IS IT WRONG TO HONOR HIM AS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER?

In honoring President Obama as commencement speaker, Notre Dame honors the whole person, not a narrowly designated subset of his views. He is held up as a role model for the graduates and as someone who has exceptional wisdom to offer. In putting President Obama on this pedestal, the University cannot simply bracket the views that are opposed to the Church's most basic moral teachings.

Big Red

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ment, and throughout the season, and added that she hoped it could continue against Cornell and throughout the NCAA tournament.

"Defensively, we played great in the conference tournament," Coyne said. "We had our best defensive performance of the year in back to back games. So if we could have the defense come out and play with similar intensity and focus, that would be awesome."

Leading the Irish defense was senior goalie Erin Goodman, who was named the most outstanding player of the championships, and was also named the Inside Lacrosse player of the week for her performance.

"It's well deserved recognition for [Goodman]," Coyne said.

Elam

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lasted just 3 2/3 innings, giving up two runs and throwing 104 pitches with several Major League scouts on hand. Control issues have plagued Elam throughout his Irish career, but scouts loved his low-90s fastball and sharp breaking ball enough to draft him in the 23rd round of last year's draft.

"The first three innings, I thought he looked really good," Schrage said. "Whether he tired or lost his focus, he couldn't locate after that and got himself in trouble."

The Horizon League-leading Flames (18-19, 11-4) capitalized on what Schrage calls "freebies," or the number of free bases his team allows each game. Notre Dame allowed at least 16 Tuesday: six walks, four hit batters, four wild pitches, a balk and an error.

"We play these midweek games and people take it for granted. These teams can play," said sophomore third baseman Mick Doyle, who led the Irish with three hits. "I don't know if we don't understand it, but it's an effort thing."

The Flames struck first, as catcher Nathan Orf's two-out double in the third plated first baseman Brandon Harwell for the game's first run.

Notre Dame scored three times to grab the lead in its half of the third. Sophomore second baseman Greg Sherry was hit by a pitch to start the inning, and he advanced to second on a balk. Sophomore left fielder Golden Tate's line-drive single up the middle scored Sherry to tie the game, and he moved into scoring position on another balk.

After senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes singled and sophomore designated hitter David Casey reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases, Doyle hit a routine fly ball that should have been an easy out. But right fielder Chris Rutta lost his footing on the slick outfield grass, allowing Tate to score and each runner to move up a base. Junior right fielder David Mills would add a single to right to give the Irish a 3-1 edge.

"He was probably one of our hottest hitters over the weekend and he kept it up today," Schrage said of Doyle, who is 15-for-29 in eight games since moving back to third base.

Doyle added: "I'm just trying to be aggressive early in the count and hit as many fastballs as I can."

Elam's control began to elude him in the fourth, when Illinois-Chicago managed to tie the game with just one hit. After a lead-off

"She's very relaxed and confident right now. I don't think she has to change a thing about the way she's playing."

Offensively, the Irish had six different players score at least one goal in the Big East championship game against Georgetown, something that Coyne said she'd like to continue.

"Continuing to have the scoring spread out is going to be one of the keys to victory," Coyne said.

A win would put Notre Dame at 15-4 overall and give them a chance at a very high seed in the NCAA Championships, which would allow them to play at home throughout the tournament.

The Irish will meet Cornell on Schoellkopf Field in Ithaca, N.Y. Saturday at noon.

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walk and a balk, third baseman Jason Ganek singled to cut the lead to 3-2.

Elam then walked and hit the next two batters, respectively, but got a bases-load strikeout for the second out. He hit Harwell with a 3-1 delivery, however, forcing in the tying run and causing Schrage to bring in sophomore right-hander Evan Danieli. Danieli, who hadn't pitched since his Feb. 22 start against Purdue with tendinitis, fell behind 3-0 but battled back to strike out Orf with three straight-looking strikes.

Danieli struggled in the fifth, walking the first hitter on four pitches before allowed a two-run, opposite-field home run to left fielder Jake Carr. Danieli, who took the loss, was chased after giving up a walk and a hit, but junior right-hander Steven Mazur got out of the jam with help from junior A.J. Pollock's perfect throw from center field that kept a run from scoring and completed a double play.

Notre Dame cut the lead in half in the bottom of the fifth, as Casey and Doyle lined one-out singles to center in front of junior first baseman Casey Martin's RBI single.

After Mazur's scoreless sixth, the Irish wasted a golden opportunity to take the lead. Pollock and Tate both reached to start the inning but were stranded on first and second, respectively.

From there, Illinois-Chicago exploded. Mazur allowed five runs in the inning, which began with Andy Leonard's double. After a one-out single put runners at the corner, Ganek's third opposite-field knock of the day plated the sixth Flames run. Rutta then blasted a mammoth three-run homer that cleared the left-field fence with ease.

Another single chased Mazur, and junior righty Andrew Scheid finished the game for the Irish, throwing three innings of scoreless relief.

The loss was Notre Dame's third in its last four non-conference games, which are typically scheduled in the middle of the week as tune-ups for weekend Big East series.

"We've done this a lot this season and it's getting a little bit old," Doyle said of the team's non-conference struggles. "Coaches are harping on it all the time and it's just an effort thing. We've got to bring our 'A' game every day."

With three three-game Big East series still to play, the Irish — who currently sit fifth in the 12-team conference's standings — believe there is still ground to be made up, beginning with this weekend's home series against Connecticut.

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GWLL

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However, Corrigan believes that Notre Dame's performance in the GWLL tournament could have a significant effect on their seed.

"I think that's true and the converse is true as well," Corrigan said. "If we don't play well and we don't do what we think we should do, we leave our fate in the hands of the committee and I don't think we want to do that. I think we want to take care of our side of things. We're really just focused on playing better lacrosse."

Throughout the season, the Irish have done a good job of remaining focused on playing better lacrosse, which has helped them improve since the season began. Corrigan believes that this focus on improvement has helped the Irish succeed

this year and that continued improvement will be key for Notre Dame to make a deep postseason run.

"There's nothing besides continuing to improve," Corrigan said. "We need to go to practice everyday to continue to improve. There's no magic formula for success. We have nobody coming back from injuries, we can't make any trades, so we have the guys we have and we need to keep working and keep improving. When we come back every Monday and when we watch video, no matter what happens, we continue to look at what we can do to improve. Hopefully we'll have another three to four weeks to continue to do that."

The Irish face off against Quinnipiac and begin their quest for a second straight GWLL title at 5 p.m. on Friday.

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Gumpf

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"We have hitters throughout our entire line up that can change the game in one swing," Gumpf said. "Our hitters also have the strength and ability to come back at any time, even if we are down in a game."

Senior outfielder Beth Northway and junior infielder Christine Lux are tied for the team lead in hitting with .367 and .356 averages, respectfully. Also consistently making a name for herself at the plate is freshman third baseman Dani Miller, sporting a batting average of .343.

"Our defense is putting in the hard work day in and day out to become a better defensive unit, and they are not satisfied with anything less than perfect," Northway said.

Defensively, the Irish (34-13, 15-3) are making great strides. Both starting pitchers, sophomore Jodi Valdivia (2.56 ERA) and senior Brittney Bargar (1.62) have lead the Irish to a strong season.

"Our best defensive quality is

our pitching," Lux said. "Both pitchers have been our defensive rock this entire season, they make sure to keep us in the ball game, and put us in a great position to win."

While Georgetown (14-29, 6-13) and Providence (25-25-2, 8-12) are both behind the Irish in the conference standings, Gumpf's squad isn't looking past their opponents.

"Both Providence and Georgetown are not teams to be underestimated," Lux said. "However, as long as we focus on Notre Dame softball and play our game, we should come back with 3 solid wins."

Northway echoed her teammate, saying if the Irish just concentrated on their own play, the wins would follow.

"I think we just need to keep focusing on what we've been doing, continuing to get lots of extra swings in to stay comfortable at the plate, and defensively just keep working the fundamentals every day to stay sharp fielding," Northway said.

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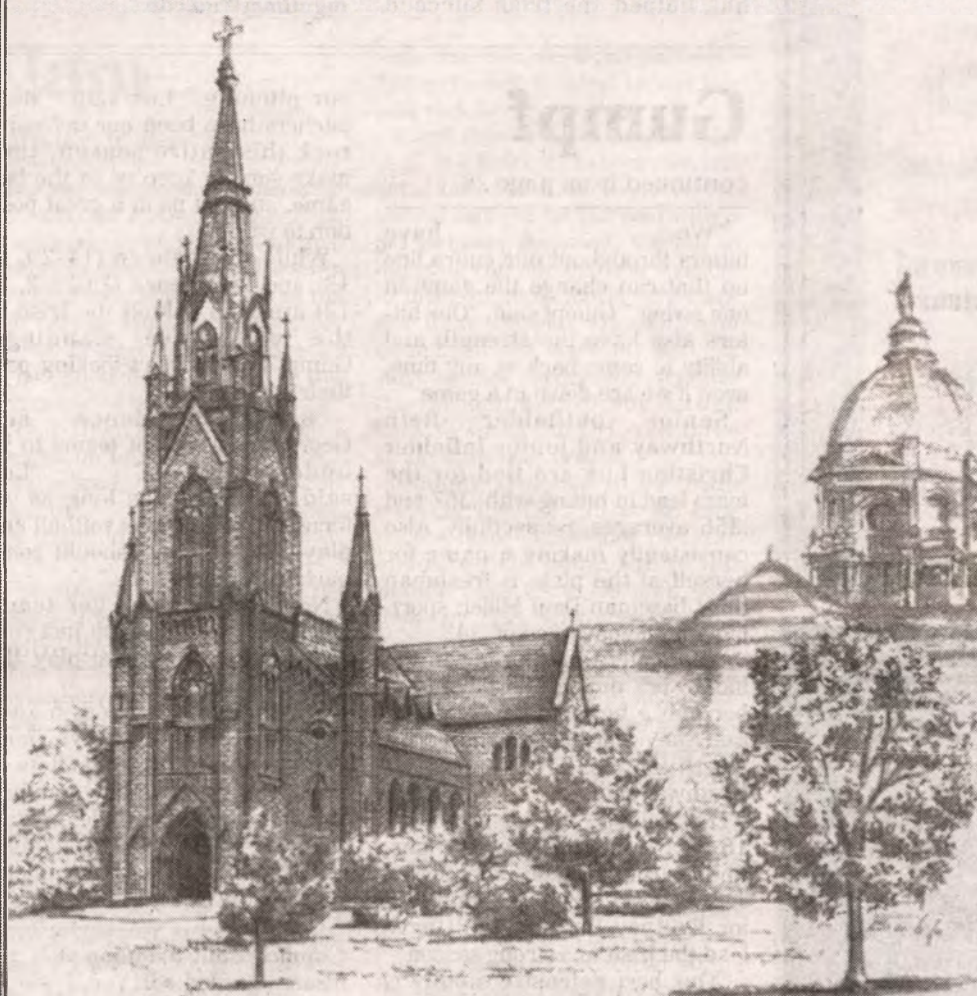
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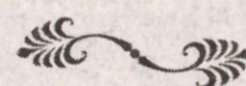


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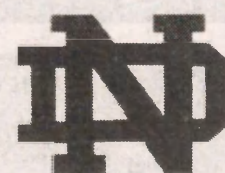
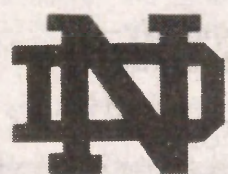
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish prepare for GWLL tourney opener vs. Quinnipiac

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

After completing its first ever undefeated regular season in program history, No. 2 Notre Dame remains the lone unbeaten team in Division I lacrosse. With the Irish's postseason set to kick off this weekend at the Great Western Lacrosse League tournament in Birmingham,

Mich., Notre Dame (13-0, 5-0) could be poised to make its deepest tournament run since advancing to the National Semifinals in 2001.

The Irish formula for success this season has come as a result of its balanced offensive attack and stifling defense. On the offensive side of the ball, seven Irish players have combined for a total of 19 hat tricks. On the other side, the Irish defense is

anchored by senior goalie Scott Rodgers, who leads the nation with a 6.26 goals against average and was recently named a finalist for the Tewaarton Trophy, which is awarded annually to the nation's top college lacrosse player.

Despite the potential deep postseason run for Notre Dame, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan insists that his team is focusing solely on Quinnipiac, who Notre

Dame plays in the first round of the GWLL tournament and defeated 10-2 on April 18.

"I think right now we're simply not talking about anything but Quinnipiac on Friday," Corrigan said. "This team has done a great job all year of focusing on the task at hand."

Although the Irish finished undefeated in their final season of play in the GWLL, there is still a lot at stake for Notre

Dame in the tournament. Despite their strong record, Notre Dame's seeding for the national tournament remains somewhat of a mystery. Many analysts believe that Notre Dame's strength of schedule could harm the Irish when the selection committee announces the 16-team NCAA Tournament Field next week.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame falls to Illinois-Chicago in long, rain-soaked affair

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Steady rains tried to help the Irish put out the Flames, but the Illinois-Chicago offense ignited for five seventh-inning runs to beat Notre Dame, 10-5, at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday.

The Notre Dame (25-17, 10-8 Big East) pitching staff was rocked for the straight game, allowing 13 hits after giving up 15 in Sunday's 13-12 win over Louisville.

"We hit the ball fine, but you can't win many games when you give up 10 runs," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We didn't get very good middle relief."

Senior left-hander Sam Elam

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Flameout



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore designated hitter David Casey is tagged out by Illinois-Chicago third baseman Jason Ganek during the Flames' 10-5 win Tuesday.

TRACK AND FIELD

ND ready to take on Big East

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

With the season winding down, the Irish men's and women's track teams are cranking up the intensity for the Big East Championship starting this Friday in Philadelphia.

After a strong showing at the Drake and Hillsdale Relays last weekend, the Irish can focus on one of what Irish coach Joseph Piane called "the two biggest meets of the year."

"The kids are getting pretty intense this time of year," Piane said. "There's been a change in everyone's demeanor."

In February, the men's and

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ND SOFTBALL

Squad set for last three games

Hoyas, Friars await as regular season slate comes to a close

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Only three Big East match-ups stand between Notre Dame and the upcoming conference tournament. The Irish will take on both Providence — in a doubleheader — and Georgetown this weekend with hopes of improving their conference record before the tournament.

"Playing any Big East team helps prepare us for the tournament, because we know they will bring their best game against us," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

Gumpf said she is hoping for a strong offensive performance from her team this weekend.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish senior pitcher Christine Farrell slides into third during Notre Dame's 8-1 win over Western Michigan on March 25.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team preps for NCAA tune-up vs. Cornell

Newly-crowned conference champs ready for challenge

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to keep their momentum and a three-game win streak alive when they take on Cornell Saturday in Ithaca, N.Y.

"It's going to be very tough," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "They're a very good opponent. They're going to come out on fire and we need to make sure that we don't come out in ... still celebrating the conference championship instead of coming out and being ready to play."

The No. 11/6 Irish (14-4, 5-2 Big East) are coming off of a

12-10 victory over Georgetown, which won the Big East Championship and earned the team an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships, which start May 10. The 16-team tournament will pit eight teams, including the Irish, who earned bids from winning their conference tournaments along with eight other at-large bids.

"Instead of sitting around for two weeks waiting for our first playoff game, we're playing a game to stay fresh and sharp for the NCAA tournament," Coyne said.

No. 20/19 Cornell (9-6, 3-4 Ivy League) fell in its last game against conference opponent Harvard, dropping to fourth place in the Ivy League.

Coyne said that the defensive play for the Irish was a key throughout the Big East tourna-

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CONTROVERSIAL COMMENCEMENT

STORY BY JENN METZ

The words are carved in stone above the east doors of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart: "God, Country, Notre Dame."

What they mean for the University indicate what is at the heart of the controversy surrounding the 2009 Commencement.

The announcement that President Barack Obama would deliver the address and receive an honorary degree, continuing in a long tradition of presidential invitations, has brought the debate over Notre Dame's Catholic identity to a new height, perhaps unlike any other moment in its storied past.

Since the University and the White House announced Obama's commencement schedule March 20, Notre Dame, thrust into a national spotlight, has felt only the beginning repercussions.

University President Fr. John Jenkins has commended the country's first black president on his inspiring leadership during troubled times and said honoring Obama with a degree does not condone his pro-choice politics.

Student groups have mobilized, creating discussion at on-campus events.

National activists have camped out in South Bend, garnering support from some and angering others.

Local Bishop John D'Arcy will not be attending the ceremony.

Mary Ann Glendon became the first designated Laetare Medal recipient to accept, and then decline the prestigious award in its 133-year history.

As the nation's president, who marks 100 days in office today, takes pro-choice actions

domestically and internationally, the pro-life movement has responded with renewed energy.

Obama will arrive in South Bend as groups of students, alumni and the American Catholic community question Jenkins' decision to confer an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon a politician who does not agree with the Church's stance on the protection of life.

A document issued by U.S. bishops in 2004 has found its way to the center of the discussion, and its interpretation has set Jenkins at odds with nearly 50 bishops, including the leader of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

Conversations about the growing tension between the University's desire to remain a prestigious institution of higher learning while staying true to its Catholic mission will not end May 17.

The Observer examines Commencement 2009 at the University that believes in "God, Country, Notre Dame" in this special In Focus Edition.

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Student reaction mixed; groups take action

ND Response holds rally, March for Life on campus; Progressive Leadership Council meets with Jenkins to offer support

By **MADELINE BUCKLEY**
In Focus Writer

Since the University announced President Barack Obama will deliver the 2009 Commencement address on March 20, the outpouring of student response — both critical and supportive — has been steady and passionate.

The Observer reported having received 282 Letters to the Editor penned by students — 73 percent in support of the decision to host Obama and 27 against — in a March 27 editorial.

A recent count by The Observer shows 345 Letters to the Editor authored by students with 74 percent in favor of the invitation and 29 against as of April 23.

As Letters to the Editor from individual students poured in, two student groups sprung up to formally lead student response: ND Response, which is critical of the University's invitation to Obama, and the Progressive Leadership Council, formed from student groups on campus in support of the decision.

Junior Mary Daly, a leader of ND Response, said the aim of the coalition is to “keep the dialogue going,” and she said she believes the group has been successful in the past month.

“Our goal wasn't to get the invitation rescinded,” Daly said. “Yeah, maybe that's the ideal, but our goal was more to create the dialogue, to challenge people to really think about the issue or issues surrounding the invitation to president Obama.”

In the weeks following the University's announcement, ND Response held a prayer rally in front of the Main Building and the

first March for Life on Notre Dame's campus.

The group also started a Web site, NDresponse.com, to continually update supporters of the coalition, Daly said.

“We kept the conversation alive,” she said. “I think that is successful. We got people to think about what's going on on our campus and how our campus affects the broader society.”

Sophomore Khai Thomas, incoming president of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC), helped organize the Progressive Leadership Council to combat criticism of University President Fr. John Jenkins' invitation to Obama, but he also cited dialogue as a key aim of the group.

“At Notre Dame, we create dialogue,” he said. “This issue has created dialogue.”

Henry Vasquez, president of the Notre Dame College Democrats and a leader of the Council, said the group seeks to show support for the University without politicizing the Commencement ceremony.

“The whole point is to stress that this is not a political issue,” Vasquez said. “This is about being American citizens and supporting our president and the pluralistic nature of our country.”

Thomas helped organize a petition, which gathered about 1,150 signatures, for students to show support of Obama as Commencement speaker, and he met with Jenkins along with 14 other students as a gesture of support.

“The goal was to present [Jenkins] with the fact that there are people on campus, groups and coalitions that are in agreement with him,” he said. “This is



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Harold Cassidy, a New Jersey lawyer, speaks from the steps of the Main Building during an ND Response prayer rally April 5.

a historical moment on campus.”

Prior to meeting with the Progressive Leadership Council, Jenkins extended an invitation to meet with ND Response, but he rescinded the invitation after the group made requests in reply, according to an April 17 Observer report.

The Observer reported that Jenkins withdrew the invitation because the requests were interpreted as a “set of demands as a precondition to the meeting,” but Daly told The Observer the requests were misinterpreted.

With less than a month until the Commencement ceremony, both ND Response and the Progressive Leadership Council continue to make plans.

“We are hoping to have some event during Commencement weekend,” Daly said. “We're just trying to keep the dialogue going. We're trying to get awareness on the issue of what it means to be a Catholic university.”

The coalition is in the “process of securing official approval” to stage a demonstration on campus on the day of Commencement, according to the ND Response Web site.

Vasquez said he and several other student leaders of the Progressive Leadership Council organized a group to meet Obama at the South Bend Regional Airport when the president arrives on May 17.

“There will be a group of volun-

teers made up of some students, but mostly adults from the community at the airport to greet and welcome the president when the plane lands,” he said. “And then they will go and do three hours of service.”

As the groups continue to lead student response on both sides of the controversy, leaders from both ND Response and the Progressive Leadership Council said the ultimate aim of the dialogue is that it be constructive.

“All of our goals were positive goals and constructive goals,” Daly said. “Not negative or destructive.”

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Members of BCAC gather signatures for a petition in support of Obama's visit to campus Commencement weekend in LaFortune April 6.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students and community members lead the first Notre Dame Right to Life March For Life on campus April 17.

Internet plays vital role in generating discussion, debate

By **AARON STEINER**
In Focus Writer

Electronic petitions, mass e-mail campaigns, Facebook groups, YouTube, blogs — these are some of the primary mediums that have helped generate an eruption of controversy around the University's decision to invite President Barack Obama to the University's May 17 Commencement ceremony.

Here's a look at some of the Web sites that have played a vital role in furthering the debate over the Obama invitation:

NotreDameScandal.com

Launched by the Cardinal

Newman Society, this Web site is host to the largest of the petitions opposing the decision, having gathered over a quarter of a million signatures. The Cardinal Newman Society also has a vast e-mail database, which has been used to collect signatures. A recent e-mail from the group read: “Notre Dame still has not yielded, and we need more Catholics to stand up and be counted.”

NDResponse.com

This site is the only student-run response Web site. It has functioned as the primary means for the 11-group student coalition to communicate with supporters and the press. The five press releases

published on the Web site have all been picked up by local and national media. The group is also using the site to count rosaries prayed in a campaign for “the conversion of Barack Obama” and promote their events.

WeSupportNotreDame.org

The primary Web site dedicated to supporting the University's decision, it hosts a petition that has gathered over 30,000 electronic signatures. The site was started by Catholics United, whose executive director, Chris Korzen said: “We felt, given the media attention, that we needed to send a strong message that many Catholics and many Americans support [Jenkins'] decision.”

StopObamaNotreDame.com

The online homepage of anti-abortion activist Randall Terry's protest campaign, this Web site features everything the amateur protestor needs to stage a successful event. Directions on how to get the best media coverage, printable posters, contact information for University Trustees and multitude of YouTube videos featuring Terry are all available at the site.

NotreDameProtest.com

That's the address that will be plastered on two billboards on the Indiana Toll Road sometime before Commencement, if the supporters of this Web site have their way. Started by the Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life

Society, the site includes information about bus transport coordination from Chicago and Detroit to Notre Dame on May 17 for interested protestors.

Facebook.com

The social networking tool has also played a role, with several groups, both for and against the decision, forming shortly after the announcement was made. “We Will Be Honored to Have President Obama at Notre Dame” claims over 7,500 members, while “Protest Obama as Notre Dame's 2009 Commencement Speaker” has some 5,000 members.

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Obama invitation puts national spotlight on ND

Bishops, alumni, Catholic groups voice opinions; professors say University a 'center' of American Catholicism

By AARON STEINER
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Within hours of the May 20 announcement that President Barack Obama would speak at Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree at the May 17 Commencement ceremony, the Cardinal Newman Society launched what they termed a "national Catholic campaign" to protest the invitation, launching a Web site, NotreDameScandal.com, and petition.

At the time, some observers were surprised that a group would go to such lengths as to create a Web site in protest.

Last week, when a sixth Web site protesting the decision was launched, it was old news.

The invitation University President Fr. John Jenkins extended to Obama quickly provoked a response from around the country, one that has not died down in the past five weeks, and isn't likely to do so in days until Commencement, either.

As of press time, nearly 50 U.S. bishops have made some type of comment about the decision, Fox News has interviewed Notre Dame students on live television twice, numerous Facebook groups have been formed, protests have been held at offices or homes of several Notre Dame Trustees, the White House has made note of the controversy at least three times, countless Notre Dame alumni have contacted the University and pro-life groups have launched several separate protest campaigns.

The controversy has even extended beyond the nation's bor-



Randall Terry, a pro-life activist, speaks at a rally at the Hilton Garden Inn on Indiana 933 April 16, introducing Alan Keyes, a pro-life politician and activist.

ders — ND Response, a student group opposing the decision, earlier reported receiving messages from Europe, Asia and Africa.

One thing is certain: come May 17, the spotlight on Notre Dame will be intense.

Why the big fuss?

University professors say Notre Dame's role in American Catholicism is a primary factor in the response. Professor Gary Anderson, of the theology department, called Notre Dame the "symbolic center" of Catholicism in the U.S.

"Whether we like it or not, this is the spot where many Americans take their reading of the state of the Catholic Church," Anderson said.

Rick Garnett, professor of law, said Notre Dame "is the most

important Catholic university in the country, and so what happens here is often important ... for the Church."

"It is not surprising that the invitation, and the reaction to it, has drawn so much attention," he said. Garnett cited two reasons.

"First, Catholics, like Americans generally, were closely divided during the last election," he said. "Next, the Catholic Church is the most prominent and consistent advocate for the human dignity and rights of unborn children, and President Obama's positions and views are, in some instances, inconsistent with those rights."

That inconsistency has led to a large response, he said. Professor of political science Daniel Philpott said the debate shows how many Catholics feel about abortion.

"What the controversy at Notre Dame has revealed is that American Catholics, at least a good swath of them, still care a great deal about the right to life," he said.

While some argue the controversy should be non-political in nature, politics has taken a role in many arguments against the invitation.

A majority of Catholics supported Obama last November in the general election, giving him 54 percent of the Catholic vote, however pro-life Catholics who oppose the University's decision cite Obama's recent actions in office — including overturning the Mexico City Policy and rescinding limits President George W. Bush put in place on funding new embryonic stem cell research — in their rea-

soning for protests.

"A lot of [Catholics] held their noses when they voted for Obama. This controversy, and what he has done since taking office, has brought those concerns to the fore," Appleby told the National Post in an April 6 article. "His decision on life issues and the way he has communicated them have been deeply dissatisfying to Catholics who voted for him."

Philpott agreed.

"There was much talk after the last election about how the Catholic vote had been neutralized, how the life issue had been deferred, diverted, diffuse and diluted. But this was illusory," he said, noting the response to Obama's political actions and now the University's decision as evidence.

The recent reaction to the Obama invitation — seen both here in South Bend and in print, online and broadcast media — has been loudly heard.

In addition to Cardinal Newman Society's online petition, the Pro-Life Action League, a Chicago-based organization, released a statement the same day as the announcement, asking Jenkins to withdraw the invitation.

Randall Terry, one of the more prominent activists to join the protest, moved to the area May 27 to start an on-the-ground campaign in South Bend.

In the weeks following the announcement, bishops from around the country voiced their opinions. Local Bishop John D'Arcy, whose diocese includes Notre Dame, released a statement

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BY THE NUMBERS PEOPLE, PRAYERS, PETITIONS

A LOOK AT THE RESPONSE THE OBAMA DECISION HAS GENERATED

15

No. of student leaders who met with Jenkins in support of his invitation to Obama

1,000,000

No. of rosaries ND Response is praying for conversion of heart for President Obama

336,521

No. of signatures on NotreDameScandal.com petition as of April 28

11

No. of student groups in the ND Response coalition

372

No. of alumni Letters to the Editor critical of the invitation as of April 23

23

No. of student groups who signed a letter in support of the decision

400

No. of people, approximated, who attended first ND Response event, the Palm Sunday prayer rally

1,150

No. of signatures on BCAC petition in support of decision

248

No. of student Letters to the Editor in support of the invitation as of April 23

177

No. of alumni Letters to the Editor in support of the invitation as of April 23

97

No. of student Letters to the Editor critical of the invitation as of April 23

6

No. of prior presidential Commencement speakers at Notre Dame

7

No. of prior presidential honorary degrees from Notre Dame
No. of full time volunteers Randall Terry has recruited in South Bend

884

No. of Letters to the Editor The Observer has received from alumni and students regarding the invitation as of April 23

49

No. of bishops who have publicly opposed the decision as of April 28

3

No. of statements local Bishop John D'Arcy has made regarding the invitation

8

2

No. of billboards NotreDameProtest.com plans to place on Indiana toll road

34,573

No. of signatures on WeSupportNotreDame.org petition as of April 28

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Cuomo defends public stance on abortion issue in ND talk

By THERESA GUARINO
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New York Governor Mario Cuomo on the abortion issue is personally practicing Catholicism.

THE OBAMA CONTROVERSY

A number of prominent politicians have spoken or received honors at Notre Dame in the

By JENN METZ
In Focus Writer

Roosevelt. Eisenhower. Kennedy. Ford. Carter. Reagan. Bush. Bush.

President Barack Obama will be the ninth United States president to receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame.

The University has long-invited standing presidents to speak at Commencement, and has honored others at special convocations. Notre Dame podiums have provided the launch pad for major policy addresses from some and have amplified perhaps two of the most famous commencement addresses ever delivered.

While the controversy surrounding honoring Obama at a Catholic university has created an uproar in recent weeks, it must be put in perspective.

Obama is not the first pro-choice politician to receive an award from or speak at the University.

The visits of two politicians — then-New York Governor and Catholic Mario Cuomo, who delivered a speech in defense of his liberal politics and pro-choice stance, and then-Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who received the 1992 Laetare Medal — mark key points in the University's history where its identity as a Catholic institution was called into question.

Students, alumni and the national Catholic community made their way into the Viewpoint section then as they have today, always continuing the discussion of what it means to be a university that is Catholic in a secular world.

A tour of past presidential and other controversial political visits in Notre Dame's history is presented, in order to help examine the circumstances of Obama's pending visit.

Dwight Eisenhower, 1960

The first United States president to deliver a University Commencement address spoke for 20 minutes on June 5, 1960 to the Notre Dame graduating class.

President Dwight Eisenhower interrupted his 45th U.S. Military Academy class reunion to make the trip to South Bend.

His speech looked forward to a government on the brink of both social and political change set with the task of striking the right balance.

"We do not want governmental programs which, advanced, often falsely, in the guise of promoting the general welfare destroy in the individual those priceless qualities of self-dependence, self-confidence, and a readiness to risk his judgment against the trends of the crowd," Eisenhower said. "We do not want a government that assures the

security and general welfare of the nation and its people in concord with the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln, who insisted that government should do, and do only, the things which people cannot do for themselves."

John F. Kennedy, 1950, 1961

The nation's only Catholic president delivered the winter Commencement address and received an honorary degree from the University as a U.S. Congressman in 1950.

He received the Laetare Medal — Notre Dame's highest honor — in a White House ceremony in 1961.

Kennedy's grandfather, John F. Fitzgerald, and father, Joseph P. Kennedy, also served as University Commencement speakers in 1915 and 1941, respectively. His brother-in-law, former Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver, spoke to the class of 1961.

Jimmy Carter, 1977

"I want to speak to you today about the strands that connect our actions overseas with our essential character as a nation. I believe we can have a foreign policy that is democratic, that is based on fundamental values, and that uses power and influence, which we have for humane purposes. We can also have a foreign policy that the American people both support and, for a change, know about and understand."

President Jimmy Carter, in what many regard as the key foreign policy address of his presidency, spoke the words above during the 1977 Notre Dame Commencement exercises.

His appearance was announced in a March 1, 1977 Observer report that said Carter accepted the invitation then-University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh issued Feb. 8, 1977. It was Carter's third trip to Notre Dame.

Carter's coming to the University, according to The Observer's annual compilation of the top-ten stories of the year published in the May 4, 1977 edition, was at first well-received by seniors.

The only noticeable complaint: the lack of extra tickets for the ceremony.

"The seniors' and University community's initial pleasure at having the President of the United States speak at their graduation exercises was changed to displeasure when they learned that each senior will receive only five tickets for the exercises," the report said.

A petition delivered to Hesburgh with 850 signatures suggested moving the ceremony to the Notre Dame Stadium to accommodate more guests.

Carter spoke on May 22, 1977 of the diminishing threat from the Soviet Union and promoted the creation of new global alliances, championed human rights — policies based on the "new reality of a

politically awakening world."

He also celebrated Hesburgh's 25th anniversary as University President during the visit.

"[Fr.] Hesburgh has spoken more consistently and more effectively in the support of the rights of human beings than any other person I know," Carter said.

Ronald Reagan, 1981

The Gipper, the president.

In his first public appearance after a March 1981 assassination attempt, President Ronald Reagan, associated with the Irish after playing one of their football legends in the film "Knute Rockne, All-American," immortalizing the phrase "Let's win one for the Gipper," spoke at the 1981 Commencement.

Reagan vowed to win one for the private sector in his Commencement speech, calling for a smaller national government.

Reagan was invited to Commencement by then-University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh to deliver the principal address and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. His "Rockne" co-star, Pat O'Brien, also received an honorary degree.

After the initial announcement March 10, 1981, columnists in The Observer, like Anthony Walton in a March 11, 1981 article, criticized Hesburgh for the invitation, not being able to reconcile how Notre Dame — "the university with a conscience" — could invite Reagan, who pushed for a peace-time military acceleration in El Salvador, opposed strong gun-control laws and endorsed capital punishment.

It wasn't until April 27, 1981 — just around Reagan's 100th day in office — that the real controversy over his selection became apparent. Indications that the president, after recovering from a gunshot wound to the chest, would still be coming to campus to deliver the Commencement address, dismayed some students. Though, according to an Observer column that day, at that time the appearance was not confirmed by the University or the White House. Yet the president's speechwriters were already at work.

The next day, The Observer reported on an ad hoc committee formed in response to the scheduled appearance — Students Concerned about Commencement (SCC) — that planned to gather April 29, 1981 in a protest rally. The Letters to the Editor fell under the title "Reagan dialogue is renewed" and examined both sides of the debate.

"We feel that Reagan's presence is in one sense an honor, but more a challenge to Notre Dame," Will O'Brien, a member of the SCC said in the report. "In our perception, Reagan's appearance



Jimmy Carter to speak at graduation

President Jimmy Carter will give the commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at Notre Dame.

In accepting an invitation extended February 8 by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president, Mr. Carter said the only possible conflict was with a May London economic summit, the dates of which have not been set.

He will be Carter's third visit to Notre Dame in little more than a year.

He talked to Notre Dame students April 6, 1976.

Bush is fifth president to speak to ND graduates

President George W. Bush will join the ranks of Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy as the fifth American president to speak at a Notre Dame Commencement ceremony.

Several Notre Dame alumni in Congress, including Tim Wirth, will be in the audience.

Father Edward Malloy really believed George W. Bush is a model for the graduating class, someone who pursued an "ordinary degree" worthy of an honor.

University the values of the Commencement is a time to celebrate the values of the University and President Bush is

Protesters object to decision to honor Bush

Reagan invitation draws disapproval

By TOM SHAUGHNESSY
News Staff

A crowd of about 800 students and faculty members gathered on the South Quad at 10 a.m. to protest the choice of President Ronald Reagan as this year's commencement speaker and as the recipient of an honorary degree from the University.

The crowd appeared to be evenly divided between demonstrators

Reagan administration's policies concerning El Salvador, the economy and human rights. Ms. Manier asked the crowd to "give us the chance to freely express our views and to have our own opinion mind to what we have to say. Her appeal was met with hoots and hisses from the pro-Reagan members of the crowd.

Following her comments, Bob Heineman, a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, recalled the protests



Moynihan to receive prestigious honor

Special to the Observer

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) has been awarded the University of Notre Dame's 1992 Laetare Medal, the highest and most prestigious honor.

CONTRADICTORY IN PERSPECTIVE

In the past. A look back at these visits reveals that the 2009 debate is not without precedent.

at commencement would be incompatible with what we sense the University to be about."

He compared Reagan's appearance to Carter's four years before, saying the two presidents' visits to campus point out the fact that "Notre Dame is an institution of national prestige and influence," but said the SCC felt Reagan's actions opposed the value placed on social justice in Catholic moral teaching.

The rally drew a crowd of 800, according to an April 30, 1981 Observer report. Those in attendance appeared to be equally split — half protesters wearing white arm bands in protest and the other half counter-demonstrators, wearing pictures of the presidents and holding signs with slogans like, "Don't give the Gipp no lip."

Reagan addressed nearly 2,000 students at the 136th Commencement May 17, 1981, speaking of the growing need for a stronger national defense and predicting, "the West will not contain Communism, it will transcend Communism."

"We'll dismiss it as a sad, bizarre chapter in human history whose last pages are even now being written," he said.

Mario Cuomo, 1984

In a speech delivered Sept. 13, 1984 titled "Religious Belief and Public Morality: A Catholic Governor's Perspective," then-Governor of New York Mario Cuomo said the subject he was asked to speak on was "difficult."

"Must politics and religion in America divide our loyalties?" he asked. "Does the 'separation between church and state' imply separation between religion and politics?"

In his speech, Cuomo attempted to clarify the position religion has in public affairs. He responded to criticism by bishops by defending his stance on abortion rights which were made apparent in his keynote address at the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

"The Catholic public official lives the political truth that most Catholics through mores of American history have accepted and insisted on: the truth that to assure our freedom we must allow others the same freedom, even if occasionally it produces conduct by them which we would hold to be sinful," he said in the speech at Notre Dame.

In a Sept. 13, 1984 Viewpoint, guest columnist Chris Julka, claimed: "Cuomo leaves Catholicism in the pew."

Last month, in a March 30 New York Times post on its "The Lede" news blog, Cuomo was interviewed, putting President Barack Obama's situation in 2009 in comparison with his in 1984.

The main difference: Obama is not Catholic.

According to the article, Cuomo "said Notre Dame should honor Obama because he is the president and shares the Catholic mission of wanting to make the world a better place."

Cuomo said Obama should not avoid the controversy surrounding his appearance in his Commencement address, suggesting he say something like "I'm not asking you to agree with me. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to tell you about the values I believe in and talk about how much common ground we share" in his interview with the Times.

George H.W. Bush and Daniel Moynihan, 1992

The announcements were made in the March 30, 1992 edition of The Observer: both President George H.W. Bush and then-Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) would be featured at the 147th annual Commencement.

Students had mixed reactions to the Bush announcement, according to a March 31, 1992 Observer report, because he would be speaking as both president and presidential candidate and his speech had the potential to be politicized. Many questioned, as then-government professor David Leege did, "the propriety an invitation during a campaign year," as it might come across as endorsing the president for reelection. Others called Bush's acceptance an honor for the student body and the University.

That week, Viewpoint filled with Letters to the Editor for and against Bush's appearance at Commencement, but the outcry seemed tame compared to the opposition sparked by the announcement Moynihan would be awarded the Laetare Medal.

"Moynihan's career uniquely combines intellectual and political acumen," then-University President Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy said in a March 30 Observer report. "His passion for scholarship has made him sensible of the realities of state, sensitive to the cry of the poor and commendably supportive of higher education."

National bishops and alumni especially reacted negatively to the news because of Moynihan's pro-choice voting record on abortion.

Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy, who will not attend the 2009 Commencement, took the same course of action in 1992, saying in a May 15 report his presence there "could be interpreted as an approval of [Moynihan's] position relative to the issue of pre-born life."

Bush spoke to Notre Dame graduates about family values and community service during the Sesquicentennial Year Commencement exercises.

The American family is an "institution

under siege," Bush said in his address.

"Today's crisis will have to be addressed by millions of Americans at the personal, individual level for governmental programs to be effective. And the federal government, of course, must do everything it can do, but the point is, government alone is simply not enough," he said.

George W. Bush, 2001

After Notre Dame alumni, including then-National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, recruited President George W. Bush to address the class of 2001 at Commencement. Another controversy erupted, again expressing the concern the University was neglecting its Catholic values and traditions with the invitation.

The Republican president, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame, was protested against because his stance on capital punishment, labor, the environment and the military were seen in contrary to Catholic moral teaching.

A petition, signed by a group of faculty, students and alumni led by then-faculty member Peter Walshe, gathered 667 signatures and Walshe organized a two-part demonstration to protest Bush's appearance as Commencement.

Walshe, the author of the petition, said in a May 18, 2001 report the "petition objects to a range of policies being pursued by President Bush. But it let's the president off too lightly."

In his speech, Bush reported on the United States' commitment to the poor and said Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, "carries forward a great tradition of social teaching. It calls on all of us, Catholic and non-Catholic, to honor family, to protect life in all its stages, to serve and uplift the poor. This university is more than a community of scholars, it is a community of conscience."

Barack Obama, 2009

Eight years later, another president, this time a Democrat, will face a mixed crowd in the Joyce Center.

He will receive an honorary degree and address the graduates, adding another chapter to the University's history as place where leaders come to speak on the issues facing the nation.

More lines will also be written, after Commencement May 17, about what President Barack Obama's presence on campus will mean for the debate over Notre Dame's identity as an American, Catholic university.

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Jimmy Carter to speak at graduation exercises

President Jimmy Carter will give the commencement address and receive an honorary degree

Indiana primary appearance and returned October 9 to address a group of students and faculty on campus during the national campaign.

the second U.S. president to deliver Notre Dame's address and the first to receive an honorary degree. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and President John F. Kennedy received honorary degrees in 1954 and 1955, respectively.

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Moynihan's award sparks opposition

By DAVID KINNEY
News Editor

Several American bishops have expressed opposition to the choice of U.S.

human life," they said. D'Arcy said he would not attend the commencement exercises because Moynihan's "stated position on the question of human life in the womb is totally unacceptable to me." D'Arcy, who has attended Notre Dame's commencement since 1964, said he would not attend the ceremony.

Obama spoke on service to Wesleyan grads

By JOHN TIERNEY
In Focus Writer

President Barack Obama won't be delivering his first commencement address when he speaks at Notre Dame on May 17.

Obama gave the principal address at Wesleyan University's commencement ceremony last year, filling in for Sen. Edward Kennedy.

In the 2008 speech, then-presidential candidate Obama called on the graduates to "shape the destiny of this generation" through service.

This service is "how we will keep so much needed work going, and the cause of justice everlasting, and the dream alive for generations to come," Obama said.

Obama called on the graduates to make America's future their future and to take on the country's problems as their own. He said that it is easy for an individual to separate his or her personal life from "big challenges like war and recession; hunger and climate change; injustice and inequality."

"Through service, I found a community that embraced me, citizenship that was meaningful, the direction that I'd been seeking."

Barack Obama
United States President

However, "the history of our nation tells us" that people don't see the big challenges as part of a "destiny to be shaped by forces beyond our control," Obama said.

"We are a people whose destiny has never been written for us, but by us," Obama said.

Obama told the graduates to pursue a life of service because "you have an obligation to yourself."

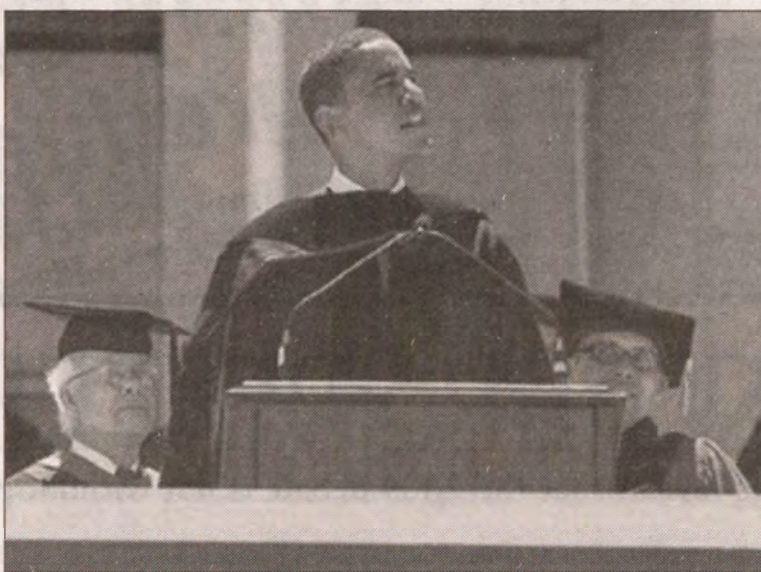
He related the call to service to the Christian idea of salvation.

"Our individual salvation depends on collective salvation," Obama said.

Obama spoke to the graduates as someone whose life had been shaped by an experience of service during his time as a community organizer in the South Side of Chicago.

"Through service, I found a community that embraced me, citizenship that was meaningful, the direction that I'd been seeking," Obama said.

However, Obama's speech was decidedly a product of the campaign trail. He twice mentioned what he would do as president, and referenced his campaign three times.



President Barack Obama delivers the commencement address at Wesleyan University in 2008.

Obama spoke specifically about service at the grassroots level. He cited working to better education and to end poverty as examples of how people could serve America.

"At a time of war, we need you to work for peace," Obama said. "At a time of inequality, we need you to work for opportunity. At a time of so much cynicism and so much doubt, we need you to make us believe again."

Obama said that his life of service began during his first two years of college, when he said

that he "began to notice a world beyond" himself.

Obama said that service helped him to find his own identity.

"Through service, I discovered how my own improbable story fit into the larger story of America," he said.

Obama stressed the different paths of service that graduates could pursue.

"There are so many ways to serve and so much that needs to be done at this defining moment in our history," he said. "You don't need to be a community

organizer or do something crazy like run for president."

Service is important not only for the individual, but also for the collective well being of the nation, according to Obama.

"The future of this country — your future, my future, my children's future — depends on it," he said.

He cited the Foreign Service, the Peace Corps, the energy crisis, education and the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans as areas in which graduates could put their skills to use for the betterment of America.

"We need you," Obama said.

Obama stressed that the change will not happen overnight and that it will not be easy.

"You'll experience the occasional frustrations and the occasional failures," he said. "Even your successes will be marked by imperfections and unintended consequences."

However, Obama claimed that hoping and working for change will not prove fruitless.

"There is nothing naïve about your impulse to change the world," he said. "Because all it takes is one act of service — one blow against injustice — to send forth what Robert Kennedy called that tiny ripple of hope."

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ASU, G-Town also embroiled in controversy over awards

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In Focus Writer

Controversy about commencement, honorary degrees and awards is not limited to the debate at Notre Dame.

The White House and Arizona State University (ASU) announced March 20 that President Barack Obama will deliver the school's 2009 Commencement address in Tempe, Ariz., but the university declined to award the president an honorary degree — a traditional gesture for graduation speakers.

A university spokesperson said the school generally awards honorary degrees to people who have held their positions for a long time, according to an Associated Press report.

"[President Obama's] body of work is yet to come," said Sharon Keeler, the spokeswoman. "That's why we're not recognizing him with a degree at the beginning of his presidency."

After weathering criticism for withholding the honorary degree, ASU president Michael Crow apologized for the "confusion" surrounding the invitation to Obama, and he said in a statement that the school will name a scholarship program in the president's honor.

"It has always been our intention to recognize and honor President Obama's accomplishments during his visit," he said. "But we had not yet determined the best or most appropriate way to do so. Although the focus and attention of the media and others has been on an honorary degree, we never felt that was the only — or even the

best — means of honoring his tremendous service to our country."

Crow said the scholarship will give students with the "greatest financial need" the opportunity to attend ASU.

"Naming this scholarship program after President Obama that will affect the lives of thousands of students is an honor befitting, not only the president's exceptional achievements, but also his values as an individual," he said in the statement. "The President Barack Obama Scholars program will be a legacy that will endure and inspire others for generations to come."

Crow said in the statement that he hopes the criticism surrounding the controversy will not detract from the excitement of the event.

"The entire ASU community has been electrified with excitement since we learned of his participation in our commencement ceremony," Crow said. "We hope that the recent discussion of honorary degrees will not detract from the honor and thrill that ASU — and indeed all of Arizona — is experiencing in anticipation of his visit. I am honored, as are our faculty, staff and students, that President Obama will give his first commencement speech as President of the United States at ASU."

A speech delivered by Obama at Georgetown University April 14 made headlines after the White House asked the university to cover up a monogram with the letters "IHS," a symbol of the name of Jesus, in the hall where the president spoke on the economy, according to a CNSnews report.

Several religious groups criticized this request, but a university spokesperson told CNSnews the school covered the sign to coordinate the "logistical arrangements" of the event.

"The White House wanted a simple backdrop of flags and pipe and drape for the speech, consistent with what they've done for other policy speeches," the spokesperson said.

Georgetown University was also met with criticism after giving Vice President Joe Biden the Legal Momentum Award April 22.

The award recognizes Biden for his work creating the Violence Against Women Act, which has "improved the lives of countless women and brought domestic violence out of the shadows," according to a statement released by the university.

Several pro-life and religious groups claim the award bestowed by the Jesuit university violates the a statement released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "Catholics in Political Life," that states "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."

The Georgetown Law Center hosts conferences to provide a "free exchange of ideas," but the statement said the school does not necessarily endorse the ideas.

"Georgetown is proud of its Catholic and Jesuit identity and its core values of respect for and service to others," the statement said. "While students and faculty may invite speakers and host events, the views of the speakers are not endorsed by nor do they necessarily reflect the views of Georgetown."

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around the country voiced their opinions. Local Bishop John D'Arcy, whose diocese includes Notre Dame, released a statement March 29 stating that he would not attend the ceremony.

Alumni from around the country have also weighed in, writing to Jenkins and The Observer, and commenting in the national media.

Those in support of Notre Dame's decision have sprung into action as well, albeit later and perhaps more quietly than their counterparts.

Earlier this month, Catholics United, an online non-profit organization, launched a petition and Web site — wesupportnotredame.org — in support of the University's decision and to help combat petitions like the one started by the Cardinal Newman Society, according to Chris Korzen, executive director of Catholics United.

More recently, the American Association of University Presidents added its voice to the discussion, saying that the group "applauds Notre Dame president Rev. John Jenkins for standing firm on the university's decision to invite President Obama" in an April 23 statement.

Still, protestors say they plan to continue to make their opinions known — a sign that the controversy isn't dying down yet.

Terry and his supporters, according to his Web site, plans to hold daily protests at the University's Main gates, at the intersection of Notre Dame Ave.

and Angela Blvd.

A recently organized campaign, notredameprotest.com, is organizing bus transportation for protesters coming to campus on May 17 from Chicago and Detroit.

And Monday, trucks with anti-abortion billboards attached — including graphic images — appeared in South Bend, and the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, a California-based group, says they'll stay until Commencement.

The back-and-forth between the supporters and opponents of this decision continues to stir create a firestorm of discussion, as the debate over the invitation rages on.

But the heated arguments may not be for naught, Appleby said, depending on how Commencement weekend turns out.

"If [Commencement] represents the beginning of a serious and sustained debate and discussion of the issues upon which Catholics disagree with the president, then the Commencement controversy may well have been worth the anguish suffered by many who love Notre Dame, both those who did and those who did not support the invitation," Appleby said.

Professor Alfred Freddoso of the philosophy department, however, painted a bleaker picture about the future of Notre Dame and its standing with the Church.

"The Church can survive and flourish without Notre Dame; it's really up to Notre Dame to decide whether it wants to be part of the Church," he said.

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Jenkins responds

"We will honor Mr. Obama as an inspiring leader who faces many challenges — the economy, two wars, and health care, immigration and education reform — and is addressing them with intelligence, courage and honesty. ... Of course, this does not mean we support all of his positions. The invitation to President Obama to be our Commencement speaker should not be taken as condoning or endorsing his positions on specific issues regarding the protection of human life, including abortion and embryonic stem cell research. Yet, we see his visit as a basis for further positive engagement."

Statement, March 23

Pundits, religious groups, lay people, alumni, politicians, students — there's no shortage of opinion about the decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak at the May 17 Commencement and receive an honorary degree. Below is a sampling of viewpoints that have appeared in The Observer and around the national media in the past weeks.

D'Arcy speaks out

"This will be the 25th Notre Dame graduation during my time as bishop. After much prayer, I have decided not to attend the graduation. I wish no disrespect to our president, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the Office of the Presidency. But a bishop must teach the Catholic faith 'in season and out of season,' and he teaches not only by his words — but by his actions. [...] Even as I continue to ponder in prayer these events, which many have found shocking, so must Notre Dame. Indeed, as a Catholic university, Notre Dame must ask itself, if by this decision it has chosen prestige over truth."

Statement, March 29

Bishops issue statements

Bishop Thomas Olmstead, Phoenix, Ariz.

"I am saddened and heavy of heart about your decision to invite President Obama to speak at Notre Dame University (sic) and even to receive an honorary degree. It is a public act of disobedience to the Bishops of the United States. [...] I pray that you come to see the grave mistake of your decision."

E-mail to Jenkins, March 25

Archbishop John Nienstedt, Twin Cities, Minn.

"It is a travesty that the University of Notre Dame, considered by many to be a Catholic University, should give its public support to such an anti-Catholic politician. I hope that you are able to reconsider this decision. If not, please do not expect me to support your University in the future."

Letter to Jenkins, March 26

Archbishop Emeritus John Quinn, San Francisco, Calif.

"What if the president is forced to back out of his appearance at Notre Dame either because he withdraws or the university withdraws its invitation? If this happens, will that further the pro-life effort in our country? If the president is forced to withdraw, will that increase cooperation between the Catholic Church and the Administration, or will it create mounting tensions and deepening hostility? [...] If the president is forced to withdraw, how will that fact be used? Will it be used to link the church with racist and other extremist elements in our country? [...] Will this action be seen as proof that the bishops of the United States do not sincerely seek dialogue on major policy questions, but only acquiescence?"

"America" Magazine, March 30

Bishop Robert Lynch, St. Petersburg, Fla.

"[W]hile Notre Dame may have acted way too early and too generously, I am more alarmed that the rhetoric being employed is so uncivil and venomous that it weakens the case we place before our fellow citizens, alienates young college-age students who believe the older generation is behaving like an angry child and they do not wish to be any part of that, and ill-serves the cause of life."

Blog entry, DOSP.org, March 27

Archbishop Alfred Hughes, New Orleans, La.

"As Catholics we need to enter into civil debate with [President Obama] on the fundamental issues on which we disagree. We work with him on those issues with which we agree. But we do not supply a platform or grant an honor to someone who not only is so wrong on such a fundamental issue but is aggressively pursuing policies which exclude the human

rights of the unborn."

Letter to Jenkins, April 1

Bishop Thomas Doran, Rockford, Ill.

"I would ask that you rescind this unfortunate decision and so avoid dishonoring the practicing Catholics of the United States, including those of this Diocese. Failing that, please have the decency to change the name of the University to something like, 'The Fighting Irish College' or 'Northwestern Indiana Humanist University.'"

Letter to Jenkins, March 31

Bishop Richard Stika, Knoxville, Tenn.

"It is fine to honor an individual because of his accomplishments, but can one seriously believe that it is in keeping with the teachings of Jesus to honor someone who is so powerful and influential that innocent and pure human life is in danger of death? [...] It seems that the University of Notre Dame has abandoned its Catholic identity in this matter. I feel that it is embarrassing and shameful."

Statement, April 12

Bishop Thomas Wenski, Orlando, Fla.

"That Mr. Obama speaks at Notre Dame is not really the issue — he is President of the United States, wherever he goes he brings with him the dignity of his office; and, as a politician, he is quick to seize any opportunity for a 'bully pulpit.' That Notre Dame would invite him and would grant him at the same time an honorary degree, however, is the issue; and a very problematic one, for it reveals that Notre Dame [...] has forgotten what it means to be Catholic."

Statement, April 20

Bishop Victor Gal  ne, St. Augustine, Fla.

"Coupled with the performance of the quasi pornographic play, 'The Vagina Monologues,' which continues to appear annually on the Notre Dame campus, this most recent decision raises serious doubts about Fr. Jenkins' qualifications for continuing to serve as president of one of the foremost Catholic universities in the nation."

Letter to Papal Nuncio, March 21

Archbishop John J. Myers, Newark, N.J.

"If the president of Notre Dame University (sic) truly wishes to show that his institution is rooted in Catholic teaching and tradition and committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he must underscore this message at commencement plainly and clearly, and invite everyone to embrace an immutable and all-inclusive reverence for life."

Statement, April 1

Students make their voices heard

Mark Weber, senior

"It is our responsibility, not our Commencement speaker's, to continue to cultivate our Catholic identity and apply it beyond graduation. The role of a Commencement speaker is to welcome college graduates into the real world, arm them with knowledge of complex and evolving issues and inspire them to be passionate and influential citizens of a global community. I simply cannot think of anyone more qualified to do these things than the leader of the free world, Barack Obama."

Letter to the Editor, "A pro-life perspective of the pro-life protest against Obama," March 23

Aaron Sanders, graduate student

"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."

Letter to the Editor, "Confusion," March 24

Andrew Nesi, senior

"Graduation is not a time to celebrate the end of our education. It's a day to continue it. That's why we need to embrace the idea that President Obama should be welcome to speak before our graduating class."

Observer Column, "Obama, protesters and my graduation," March 26

Kelly Kapshandy, senior

"[...] Notre Dame and the administration succumbed to the celebration of a man who consis-

tently 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 any time in the near future."

Letter to the Editor, "Money talks," March 24

Joe McLean, junior

"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."

Letter to the Editor, "Acknowledgement, not acceptance," March 24

Sean Lyttle, third year law

"Do not turn our special day into a political circus. Now 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."

Letter to the Editor, "Don't hijack our day," March 24

Kathleen Hession, senior

"[T]he true 'slap in the face' here is that if this unenlightened debate continues, the Notre Dame Class of '09 will be remembered for nothing more than protesting a man who has risen to one of the highest, and most honorable, positions our country offers."

Letter to the Editor, "The goals of higher education," March 25

University alumni weigh in

Mark Rolfes, alumnus

"I fear that this issue will tear the Notre Dame community apart, and this is the most important reason that the invitation was a bad idea. The 'prestige' of having a President visit Notre Dame is simply not worth the anguish that will be produced."

Letter to the Editor, "Where do you draw the line?" March 25

Jacob Baska, alumnus

"I hope that this will be a moment when Notre Dame will fulfill its twin mission of being both a Catholic university and an elite institution of higher learning."

Letter to the Editor, "Welcome Obama," March 23

Eoghan McGill, alumnus

"I have just thrown in the trash four Notre Dame

T-shirts, a Notre Dame hat, sweatshirt and flag. Needless to say, I will never write another check to the University. I will not associate myself with a university that offers an honorary degree to a politician who lauds abortion and, just within the past month, has issued an executive order that forces every American to pay for the murder of the unborn of the world. I never thought it possible, but Notre Dame is no longer my university."

Letter to the Editor, "Disgusted by choice," March 25

Catherine Kelly, alumna

"Your decision to invite President Obama to speak at Commencement is a slap in the face to Catholics and pro-life supporters who toil endlessly and donate hard-earned money to fight the pro-abortion movement in this country."

Letter to the Editor, "Risking it all," March 25

Faculty add to discussion

Professor Rick Garnett, law

"This should not be an occasion for fundraising, grandstanding, or attention-grabbing by self-interested activists. Again, Notre Dame matters, and it is precisely because it still is meaningfully Catholic that its mistakes are disappointing. It's easy for [insert name here] Completely Pure Catholic College (or blogger) to avoid dilemmas (and mistakes) like Notre Dame's, because no one cares about that College (or blogger). Notre Dame's challenge is more difficult. We should want, and be willing to help, her to succeed."

NationalReview.com, "The Importance of Notre Dame," March 23

Faculty Senate

"The Faculty Senate affirms that the invitation to deliver the commencement address and to receive

an honorary degree reflects the University's tradition of honoring our nation's leaders and encouraging dialogue with them on issues important to the extended University community and to the nation."

Statement, April 22

Professor Ralph McInerney, philosophy

"Administrators are hugging themselves with delight at this massive publicity coup. The national championship in football has eluded Notre Dame for many years, but when the president dribbles onto the stage at the great event, the hall will erupt in ecstatic applause; the president, Father Jenkins, will wring his hand; and a final nail will be driven into the coffin of a once-great Catholic university."

NationalReview.com, "A Moral Exemplar?" March 23



Kennedy, 1950
Winter Commencement speaker

Roosevelt, 1935
honorary degree

Eisenhower, 1960
Commencement speaker

Carter, 1977
Commencement speaker

Ford, 1975
honorary degree

George H.W. Bush, 1992
Commencement speaker

Reagan, 1981
Commencement speaker

George W. Bush, 2001
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