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## Graduate students to file petition

*'Family-friendly' demands ask for more affordable health care, improved conditions for females*

By AMANDA GRAY  
Assistant News Editor

The Catholic Church sees access to adequate health care as a human right, and this right is not provided affordably for graduate students' spouses and children, graduate theology student Ricky Klee said.

Klee, with others, has organized a "family-friendly petition" to ask University officials to change current University policies to better reflect a family atmosphere.

"The University health care plan is not provided affordably," Klee said. "Many spouses and children are not insured."

According to the University's graduate student Web site, 75

percent of the premium cost for health insurance for the graduate student is subsidized. For the 2010-11 school year, the premium is \$1,239. The student will pay \$309, which only covers the graduate student.

Spousal insurance costs \$3,098 per year, Klee said. In comparison, similar plans cost \$1,774 at the Catholic University of America and \$1,024 at the University of Dayton.

Sometimes spouses and children can go on state-funded health care, Klee said, but complications can surface.

Michael Driessen, a fifth-year political science graduate student and Quality of Life chair on the

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## Rape charge against ex-student dismissed

By JOSEPH McMAHON and SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writers

The charge against a former Notre Dame student accused of felony rape of a fellow student was dismissed Wednesday after new evidence was introduced in the case.

One rape charge against Patrick Augustyn, 20, was dismissed because "it has become clear that the defendant had a reasonable belief that the complainant in this matter consented to the sexual activity which occurred," according to court documents.

The female accuser said it was "accurate" that Augustyn could have inferred that the sexual intercourse was consensual.

Augustyn's no-contact order with the female student was also terminated.

The charges stemmed from an encounter between Augustyn and the female student in the early hours of Feb. 23, 2009. Both individuals attended an off-campus party before returning to campus around midnight, court documents said.

According to court documents, witnesses said the female student had been drinking alcohol and vomited both at the off-cam-

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## Relay for Life to be held in Stadium



Observer file photo

The stage set up for the Relay for Life in 2008 stands next to Stepan Center, where the event had been held until this year.

By CAITLYN KALSCHUR  
News Writer

Rather than heading out to their usual Friday night festivities, the American Cancer Society (ACS) and Notre Dame's own ACS club are hoping students will take the opportunity to participate in the Relay for Life, a symbolic overnight fundraiser for ACS, going on inside Gate E at Notre Dame Stadium from Friday night until Saturday morning.

"The Relay for Life is an all-night walk to symbolize the 24-hour fight people undergo when battling can-

cer," Student Committee chair for the Relay for Life Adam Lamm said. "Notre Dame really is a family, and with our unique community, we wanted our own event."

Participants create teams to walk with and focus their efforts on fundraising money to be donated to the ACS for cancer research.

"There is ACS grant money being used here on campus, so it's a neat way to bring it all full circle," Assistant Director of University Events and Protocol Jessica Brookshire said.

Another incentive for stu-

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## Cadets to participate in training session

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Army R.O.T.C. program will travel to Culver Military Academy this weekend to participate in training exercises.

Cadet Captain Elaine Teske, a Saint Mary's senior, said the freshman and sophomore cadets in the program will take the reigns and lead the other cadets through tactical training exercises.

Almost 60 freshmen and sophomores will be in attendance, as will 10 juniors and 14

seniors. Teske said the upper-classmen will take on different roles.

"Juniors go along to act as 'OP4,' or oppositional force," she said. "Basically, they take on the role of the enemies in the tactical situations."

Teske said seniors will assume more of a mentoring and guiding role.

"Seniors did all the planning, and will take on more of a mentoring position," she said. "This is the first time sophomores and freshmen are exposed to a bigger leadership role for the weekend. It's just a big learning

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## TOMS Shoes team wins competition

*Winners of Case Bowl receive \$1,000 prize for presentation*

By CARLY LANDON  
News Writer

A team representing TOMS Shoes brought home the \$1,000 top prize in the Notre Dame Entrepreneurship Society's signature Case Bowl, which gives teams a chance to research products and make presentations.

Sponsored by Gino's East Pizza in Granger, the Case Bowl featured three teams and was held Wednesday night in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza at 7 p.m. Red Bull and Clif Bar were the other two companies represented.

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CARLY LANDON/The Observer

The team representing TOMS Shoes holds its \$1,000 check for winning the Case Bowl Wednesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Help us improve

With the end of the academic year fast approaching and our publication schedule winding down, it's almost time for us at The Observer to shift our focus toward next year, when we hope to continue to make The Observer a more informative, comprehensive, user-friendly news source, both in print and online.

When we revamped our Web site, ndsmcobserver.com, last fall, we knew we wanted to create a more attractive design that would make it easier for you to access the stories you can read in print. Over the course of the year, we also worked to expand our use of multimedia in the form of photo galleries and podcasts, while also experimenting with video and a new blog. That's where we see room for the most growth on our Web site next year as we strive to make The Observer a more interactive news source.

We're looking into our video capabilities and other ways in which we can use technology to keep you connected to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities. We want to make our blogs a more prominent, meaningful venue for both our analysis and your feedback on major campus events in News, Sports and Scene. We want to make sure you can easily find our past coverage in the archives. And in addition to improvements to the Web site, we want to continue to develop our coverage of the most important breaking stories that affect our lives at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's on a daily basis.

As our valued readers, that's where you come in. We've got some ideas on how we think we can improve the finished product we work so hard to produce five days a week, but we also want to know what you're looking for in The Observer every day, both in print and online.

Are there campus events we aren't covering in News? Is our coverage missing an important angle in Sports? Should our columnists tackle different issues in Viewpoint? Do you want to hear more about local bands and performances in Scene? Would you like to see more photo and graphic elements on the Web? Or how about additional podcast and video coverage, especially come football season?

We're looking for honest feedback in any of these areas as we head into the summer months and begin to draw up our plans for next year. To have your voice heard, send us an e-mail at [improvendsmcobserver@gmail.com](mailto:improvendsmcobserver@gmail.com), or visit [ndsmcobserver.com/improve](http://ndsmcobserver.com/improve) and let us know what you'd like to see us change, both in print and online.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Gamber at [mgamber@nd.edu](mailto:mgamber@nd.edu)

CORRECTIONS

In the April 15 edition, the wrap of the victory by "1017 East Washington Street" over "6 ... No, 5 SeaWorld Trainers" in Bookstore Basketball was incorrect. "1017 East Washington Street" defeated "Club Tril" by a score of 21-11. "SeaWorld Trainers" won their game Tuesday to advance further in the tournament. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOKE?



Elliott Pearce  
freshman  
Knott

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is fruit; wisdom is not putting fruit in a salad."



Julia Kohn  
freshman  
Lewis

"Knock-knock. Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Shoot, I did it wrong."



Bri Neblung  
freshman  
Badin

"A baby seal walks into a club."



Ian Trudell  
freshman  
Keough

"Business majors."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [observer.questions@gmail.com](mailto:observer.questions@gmail.com)



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore Margo DeBot tackles junior Erin Connor during a women's rugby club practice at the McGlinn fields Thursday evening.

OFFBEAT

Topless Colorado gardner wins fight with landlord

BOULDER — A Colorado woman who likes to garden wearing only a yellow thong and pink gloves has won her fight with her landlords, who wanted her to cover up. Boulder Housing Partners has decided not to outlaw tenants from going topless outside. That will allow 52-year-old Catharine Pierce to keep gardening the way she likes.

Betsey Martens with the city housing authority noted Wednesday that the Boulder City Council recently voted to continue

to exempt female toplessness from a ban on public nudity. Martens said the council's action reflects the community's values.

Man sets his home on fire with marijuana bong

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Authorities said a 30-year-old man was arrested for allegedly using a marijuana bong to set his mobile home on fire. Dona Ana County investigator Lindell Wright said in court documents that the man was using alcohol to clean the pot smoking instrument Sunday when he purposely ignited the alcohol and set

fire to curtains in his San Ysidro home.

Wright said an off-duty deputy sheriff spotted the man driving away from the burning home and alerted authorities. He was arrested after a police chase through the community.

Lindell said no one else was home when the suspect allegedly set the blaze, which destroyed the home but cause no injuries.

He said the man acknowledged being distraught and suffering from a drug addiction.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A book reception for visiting scholar Mauro Pala will take place today from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Pala recently translated a collection of English works on Antonio Gamsi into Italian for publication. The event is free and open to the public.

The Relay for Life: Fightin' Irish Fightin' Cancer will take begin tonight at 6 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium. The all-night event will conclude at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The play "Blithe Spirit" will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 for faculty and \$15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Orchestra's Spring Concert will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and \$6 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the DeBartolo box office.

Grammy award winning jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves will perform Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$28 for faculty and \$40 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

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

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# SMC hosts mom's weekend

By ALICIA SMITH  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend is aimed to bring mothers and daughters together for a weekend of fun, junior class president Meghan Helmle said.

"It's definitely just a time to relax," Helmle said.

Mothers will visit campus today, Saturday and Sunday to spend quality time with their daughters.

"It's also good to bond with our moms," junior class treasurer Katie Brown said. Though the weekend was originally intended for just mothers and daughters, the Junior Class Board decided to open the event to all female relatives, but Brown said most of the relatives that will visit are mothers. More than 250 mothers and relatives are expected to attend, she said.

"Our theme for the weekend is that daughters and mothers are friends," Helmle said. "We're definitely pushing and encouraging moms and daughters to form a friendship and making it a lasting relationship."

The moms are scheduled to arrive on campus and register between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today. Registration will be held in

the Gillespie Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn, where wine and cheese will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition to the wine and cheese, a silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until 7:45 p.m., when the winners will be announced.

"We are doing a silent auction, and we had over 45 people donate baskets," Helmle said.

Events will continue Saturday, beginning with a Mary Kay Skin Care party in the Student Center Lounge from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. A jewelry sale will also be held during the weekend with a special piece of jewelry designed just for Junior Mom's Weekend. The sale will be held in the Student Center Atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brown said many of the events will be held on campus to show off the College.

"We wanted to keep it on campus, or as close to campus as possible, so the events, our two big events, are held at the Hilton,"

Helmle said. "We really wanted to showcase our campus and show how nice our school really is."

Students and moms will have the chance to participate in a tie-dye event from 10 a.m. to noon in Conference Room C in the Student Center and a scavenger hunt, which takes place around campus. Wine glass decorating will also be available from noon to 2 p.m. in Earley Conference Room E in the Student Center.

Moms and daughters can also participate in the game, "How Well Do You Know Your Belle." Afternoon tea will be held in Haggar Parlor. The day will end with a showing of "A League of Their Own" with pizza and pop in Vander Venet at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, mothers and daughters will eat brunch together from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney speak at 10:15 a.m.

Brunch will be held in the Ballroom at the Gillespie Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The weekend will conclude with Mass at the Church of Loretto at 11:15 a.m.

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## New Web site aids job-seekers

By MEGHAN MANNING  
News Writer

As the spring semester rapidly comes to a close and Notre Dame students anxiously await responses from companies in one of the highest unemployment environments in the decade, a new resource, Grads2Biz, can help promote their success with job and internship placement.

Grads2Biz, which launched this month, works to connect top students from America's elite schools and programs to Fortune 500 companies.

It differentiates itself from other job boards online "by promoting students and recent grads instead of jobs listed by companies," according to its April 1st press release.

Students create personal profiles including information on their majors, employment or internship preference, clubs and memberships, and date of availability to begin work. Employers then search for talent using this variety of criteria.

"This simple format gives employers easy access to the resumes of students whose profiles fit their needs, and frees students from the tedium of completing numerous applications and composing repetitive cover letters," the press release said.

The job board was initiated

by 21-year-old Alexander Mayer, a current student at the University of Wisconsin and a first-time entrepreneur.

"Grads2Biz strives to make the employment process as quick and painless as possible on both sides of the equation, employer and job seeker," Mayer said in the release. "Our unique process helps elite talent find elite businesses nearly effortlessly."

The new business can help Notre Dame students specifically, Grads2Biz representative Melissa Russell said.

"With Grads2Biz, Notre Dame students stand out from the crowds and don't get lost in the shuffle. There's a lot of noise out there that can make it hard for employers to find you," she said.

She identified Grads2Biz as a strong resource for students in the nation's current economic climate.

"Sending in your resume isn't a guarantee that it will even get read anymore, especially with the job market being so saturated," she said. "But there is a definite and real value in bringing the best and the brightest to the top, so that these top employers can find the right college students and graduates for these awesome entry-level jobs or internships."

Students eligible to use the resource are those attending the specific institutions identi-

fied by the company with a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

"We think so highly of Notre Dame students, and know that employers do too, so when we launched we made sure we were admitting them to the site right away," Russell said.

Grads2Biz also provides job hunting and career advice for students, and will soon feature a resource guide and blog "to give tips on how to best traverse a rough job market," the press release announced.

"Connecting students to their dream jobs is our ultimate goal, but we also want them to be prepared to be successful in whatever they do," Mayer said in the press release.

Russell said opportunities exist for underclassmen already considering the opportunities that await them upon graduation.

"We're also looking for creative, enthusiastic individuals to become student ambassadors from Notre Dame," she said.

Students using the resource pay fifty dollars for a three year membership, according to the website. To celebrate its launch, however, the company has made registration free for students into the summer.

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# Bowl

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Each team, comprised of three to four members, was given 20 minutes to discuss its company's history, its current operations and an examination of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats — known in the business world as a "SWOT analysis."

"Red Bull's presentation was fittingly characterized by energy and excitement while TOMS used the emotional, cause-driven part of their company to define their presentation," Entrepreneurship Society vice president and Case Bowl organizer Tom Haylon said. "Clif Bar relied on their passionate speaking and innovative videos to put on a great performance."

Group performances were assessed by three University professors serving as judges based on evaluations on their organization, presentation skills, stage presence and creativity.

Judges' votes determined half of the final scores, with the other half coming via text-message responses from audience members.

"The team presenting on TOMS narrowly edged Red Bull to become the 2010 Case Bowl champion," Haylon said.

The TOMS team was comprised of five freshmen — Alex Brolick, Erin Cavanaugh, Cristina Couri, Ryan Gisriel and Ally Scalo.

Gisriel, the team's captain, attributed the team's success to its hard work.

"I think we won because we had weekly meetings and we worked hard to get our organization, our speeches, our presentation down solid. We knew we were battling nerves in a larger hall to a larger audience," Gisriel said.

Gisriel also said the team was motivated by TOMS' business model and leadership.

"The reason we were so committed to weekly meetings and a more involved process was because we wanted to do Blake Mycofkie and TOMS Shoes justice," Gisriel said. "We really were captivated by Blake's passion, and as a result we tried to translate that passion into our presentation."

Gisriel said the team will continue to be involved with TOMS Shoes and the Entrepreneurship Society.

"With the money, we are each going to buy a pair of TOMS Shoes so not only do we each get a new pair of shoes, but also we are each giving a pair to a child in need," Gisriel said. "Also, all five members are looking to increase our role in the Entrepreneurship Society and contribute to this terrific club as the years progress."

The Case Study Bowl is the Entrepreneurship Society's signature event, based on the Harvard Business School's own case study program. The three-team competition is held once each semester.

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# Charges

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pus party and in the cab on the way back to campus.

Witnesses later saw the female student in Knott Hall. She was asleep and alone in Augustyn's bed at 1 a.m. and witnesses attempted to wake her for two hours. At 3 a.m., the male witness asked the female witness to leave because it was past parietals, court documents said.

At 4 a.m., Knott Hall assistant rector Charles Gough called

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) to report that "a female wearing only a T-shirt had come into his living room and lied down on the floor," court documents said.

The responding officer said the girl was in a "confused state."

"She had no recollection of where she was, how she had gotten there or how she ended up wearing the T-shirt," according to court documents.

The female student was administered a portable breathalyzer and registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.13. At the time,

she did not indicate she had engaged in sexual intercourse with Augustyn.

The T-shirt had the name "Patrick" written on it, which led officers to question Augustyn in his room, where they also found the female student's clothing.

Augustyn said he and the female student "hooked up" and had sex, according to the court documents.

When NDSP officers informed the girl of Augustyn's statement, she "immediately began to cry and said 'I never would have done that with him,'" court doc-

uments said.

The female student said Augustyn was an "acquaintance" and "not a romantic interest," according to the documents.

On Aug. 19, 2009, the case was officially filed with St. Joseph County District Courts.

Augustyn was arrested on campus Aug. 26, 2009, and The Observer reported he was no longer enrolled at the University on Aug. 31, 2009.

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# Petition

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Graduate Student Union (GSU), said the initial graduate student policies weren't designed for students with spouses and children in mind.

"I think the petition itself is a response to the fact that the larger student body at Notre Dame and many of the faculty and administration are really unaware of some of the specific difficulties Notre Dame married students encounter," he said.

Health care isn't the only major point of the petition, Klee said.

The final point of the nine recommendations, entitled "Gender Equity In Leadership At Notre Dame," states, "Family concerns cannot be considered apart from the poor state of balance between genders at the top administrative, professorial and governance levels of the University."

"This situation is broadly recognized among Ivy League schools," Klee said. "Female grad students need special support to finish degrees, even with families."

The petition aims to compare Notre Dame to other schools of its caliber, Klee said. For example, Notre Dame's faculty is predomi-

nantly male.

Peter Campbell, international graduate student and Village Representative to the GSU, said the University doesn't extend a woman's funding by the amount she takes off for maternity leave.

"Women need that time," Campbell said. "The University doesn't pause funding while a woman is away from work."

Klee added: "There's no true maternity leave for female graduate students. There's also no paternity leave. It forces the mother to be the sole care giver."

In comparison, Yale and Princeton both provide paid leave for graduate students.

Jamie O'Hare, Assistant Rector for University Village, recent graduate in the Theology Ph.D. program and mother of three, said Notre Dame's growth out of an all-male school may be why most policies are aimed at the needs for single, non-childbearing students.

"Grad students are the age at which many people get married and have children, and at a Catholic institution many of those people will be bearing children, or they're not following church teaching," O'Hare said. "I think that it fits with Notre Dame's Catholic mission to not make following church teaching a bur-

den."

O'Hare said the low University stipend for Arts and Letters graduate students causes difficulties for growing families. She said when she and her family arrived at Notre Dame, theology stipends were \$11,700 a year, growing to \$13,500. She worked a second job at University Park Mall until their second child was born.

"I am a teacher by training, and I couldn't put two babies in daycare, teach all day, grade all night and keep my life running smoothly enough to justify spending so much time away from my family," O'Hare said.

Now with a position on the housing staff at University Village, O'Hare said living on campus is difficult for Ph.D. student families.

The current stipend for Arts and Letters graduate families is around \$16,000, she said. The 2009 federal poverty rate for a family of three is \$18,310, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

"This forces families to make tough decisions or risk financial ruin," she said.

Campbell said the University should support the graduate students because they are the examples of what Notre Dame would want the undergraduate students to become.

"[The graduate students are] married people who have families, professional careers, who have families and are devout Catholics and doing what Catholicism tells them to do: have children," Campbell said. "So when I get off the trolley at the Village, there are a lot young men and women on the trolley. Often, when parents get off the trolley their children will be running to them, leaping into their arms. I think to myself, isn't that a perfect symbol of the kind of values that the University wants to instill in its undergrads?"

O'Hare added: "[Graduate students] have different needs from the rest of the student population, and addressing these needs more adequately will benefit the school by attracting the best grad students and lowering the stress level of current students."

The group of graduate students will have a demonstration on April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to noon in front of the Main Building to formally submit the petition, Klee said.

"It's a chance for everyone to provide their own voice," Klee said. "We're hoping for lots of people."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Pope breaks silence on abuse

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI broke his recent silence on the clerical abuse scandal Thursday, complaining that the church was under attack but saying that “we Christians” must repent for sins and recognize mistakes.

The main U.S. victims group immediately dismissed his comments, saying they are meaningless unless Benedict takes concrete steps to safeguard children from pedophile priests.

Benedict made the remarks during an off-the-cuff homily at a Mass inside the Vatican for members of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

### British hold first televised debate

LONDON — British voters fixed their eyes on television screens across the country for the first U.S.-style political debate Thursday — a historic event billed as an exciting prelude to one of the closest elections in years.

But a life-sapping format of 76 rules sterilized many of the exchanges — there were no real gaffes, no visible beads of sweat and no bloodletting.

Initial polls handed a surprising victory to the third place Liberal Democrats’ Nick Clegg. The 43-year-old looked relaxed with his hand resting in his pocket. He also spoke confidently and passionately — often looking intently into the camera or to the audience — about topics ranging from immigration to greed in the banking industry. Some bookmakers last week thought Clegg would be the worst performer in the first debate and the first to sweat.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Day of Prayer ruled unconstitutional

MADISON, Wis. — A federal judge in Wisconsin ruled the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional Thursday, saying the day amounts to a call for religious action.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb wrote that the government can no more enact laws supporting a day of prayer than it can encourage citizens to fast during Ramadan, attend a synagogue or practice magic.

“In fact, it is because the nature of prayer is so personal and can have such a powerful effect on a community that the government may not use its authority to try to influence an individual’s decision whether and when to pray,” Crabb wrote.

Congress established the day in 1952 and in 1988 set the first Thursday in May as the day for presidents to issue proclamations asking Americans to pray. The Freedom From Religion Foundation, a Madison-based group of atheists and agnostics, filed a lawsuit against the federal government in 2008 arguing the day violated the separation of church and state.

### Workers can be fired for marijuana

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that workers can be fired for using medical marijuana even if they have a card from the state program authorizing its use.

The case involves a worker in Eugene who was fired after telling his boss before taking a drug test that he was using medical marijuana approved by his doctor.

In a 5-2 opinion, the court said state law is trumped by federal law that classifies marijuana as a drug with no proven medical value. A dissenting opinion said federal law did not bar Oregon from setting its own policy on medical marijuana.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Thousands attend tea party

INDIANAPOLIS — Thousands of people have converged at the Indiana Statehouse for a rally organized by the Indianapolis Tea Party.

It was one of at least eight Tea Party rallies that were planned across the state on Thursday’s deadline day for filing income tax returns.

Indianapolis Tea Party organizer Susan Martin says the Statehouse event was to protest what the group calls the encroachment of big government into the personal freedoms of people.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock was among those who planned to speak.

# Feds bust illegal immigration ring

*Agents raid Phoenix, Tucson van shuttle businesses for smuggling thousands of illegals*

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Federal agents arrested nearly 50 shuttle operators and smugglers Thursday accused of using vans to transport thousands of illegal immigrants from the Mexican border to Phoenix in what was billed as one of the government’s largest-ever human smuggling busts.

Investigators said the operators of four shuttle services in Tucson and a fifth in Phoenix created their businesses solely to help immigrant smugglers move their customers to Phoenix under a veil of legitimacy. The shuttle operators are accused of giving illegal immigrants fraudulent receipts to make the trips look legitimate and coaching them on what to say if the vans were pulled over by police.

“They are in knee-deep. They know exactly what’s going on,” said John Morton, assistant secretary of Homeland Security for U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement.

Arrests were made in Phoenix, Tucson and two other Arizona towns along the border, Nogales and Rio Rico. Investigators also made arrests in Tennessee, and Mexican authorities detained people in the border state of Sonora. In all, 47 people were in custody, including the leaders of three smuggling operations.

More than 800 agents from nine law enforcement agencies were involved in the bust. Dozens of agents in Phoenix — some wearing black hoods over their faces — swarmed a shuttle business early Thursday in a strip mall in a heavily Latino neighborhood.

No one answered phone calls at two of the accused shuttle businesses, Sergio’s Shuttle in Phoenix and Saguaro Roadrunner Shuttles in Tucson. There were no Tucson phone listings for the other three accused shuttle services.



Drug Enforcement Administration and Immigration and Custom Enforcement agents surround a duplex in downtown Nogales, Ariz., Thursday during a large-scale immigration raid.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement touted the bust as the largest human smuggling case in the agency’s seven-year history.

The raids occurred amid a heated debate over immigration in Arizona, the busiest illegal gateway into the United States for several years.

Arizona is on the verge of approving a sweeping anti-immigration law that would make it a crime under state law to be in the country illegally while requiring local police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are here illegally.

Jennifer Allen, director of the Border Action Network, a Tucson-based immigrant rights group, said the show

of force by federal agents will ultimately hurt the cooperation they get from immigrant communities because residents will be less inclined to call authorities when they witness crimes.

“If communities are afraid to call the police to let them know about criminal activity, criminal activity is going to go right to those neighborhoods,” Allen said.

Morton said investigators gathered evidence that will show the shuttle operators knew they were moving illegal immigrants, despite the claims of many other shuttle operators in the past that they were performing a legitimate service.

“It’s a calculated farce,” Morton said of the five shuttle services.

Investigators say smug-

glers would guide immigrants from the Mexican border 65 miles north to Tucson so that they could walk around Border Patrol checkpoints. Once in Tucson, the immigrants would get into shuttle vans would take them to Phoenix via Interstate 10, a route that is patrolled by police but doesn’t have checkpoints.

Immigration agents said the five shuttle businesses didn’t perform legitimate transportation services, such as bringing customers to airports.

“They didn’t advertise at all, because they didn’t need to, they had a built-in clientele,” said Matthew Allen, the chief of investigations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Arizona.

## RUSSIA

# Adoptions to Americans put on hold

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday that adoptions of Russian children by U.S. families had been suspended, although other Russian and U.S. officials disputed this.

Spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said during a briefing that new adoptions by Americans are on hold pending a visit in the next few days by a U.S. delegation to reach an accord on future placement of Russian children.

The U.S. hopes to resolve a bitter dispute that broke out last week, when an American woman sent her 7-year-old adopted son back to Russia on a plane

by himself.

“Further adoptions of Russian children by American citizens which are currently suspended will be possible only if such a deal is reached,” Nesterenko said in a televised briefing.

“Russia believes that only an agreement that contains effective tools for Russian and U.S. officials to monitor the living conditions of adopted Russian children will ensure that recent tragedies in the United States will not be repeated,” he said.

But the Russia Education and Science Ministry, which oversees international adoptions, said it had no knowledge of an official freeze. A spokeswoman for the Kremlin’s children’s rights ombuds-

man said that organization also knew nothing of a suspension.

And in Washington, the U.S. State Department said the administration had gotten conflicting information when it sought clarification from Russian officials about the status of adoptions. Spokesman P.J. Crowley said the U.S. was continuing to seek clarification. “Right now, to be honest, we’ve received conflicting information,” he said.

The boy’s return — with little supervision or explanation, aside from a note he carried from his adoptive mother saying he had psychological problems — outraged Russian authorities and the public.



## Relay

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dents to raise money is that the best student fundraiser will receive a semester of free books and any team who raises \$5,000 or more will get a VIP, all-access tour of the stadium after the event, Brookshire said.

Lamm said the Relay's focus is "to celebrate those who have overcome cancer, to remember those who fought cancer, and to fight back to find a cure."

Friday's event will be Notre Dame's sixth Relay for Life and its first at Notre Dame Stadium, Brookshire said. Previous years' relays have taken place at Stepen and on South Quad, but they moved to the stadium "for bigger, better publicity," Brookshire said.

"The charges behind creating the event were to pull the whole university together and the stadium is a great place for that," she said.

Drew McKenna, Intern with University Events and Protocol, said the open nature of the event makes the Relay of Life a true community event.

"It's rare to have an event that's open for everybody," he said. "There are class or department events, but nothing is really open to everyone. This is something all students, staff, and members of the community can participate in."

Students should register in advance at [relay.org/ndin](http://relay.org/ndin), but are allowed to show up at Gate E of the stadium Friday night to register and participate.

"We have events planned throughout the night," Lamm said.

There will be an official

opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m., and food and games for kids will be available throughout the night. Hacienda will also be hosting a midnight fiesta complete with games and chips and salsa.

Special events include football locker room tours available from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for \$5 a person where participants can get a picture with the famous "Play Like a Champion Today" sign and a silent auction from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with prizes like football tickets, memorabilia, and a Brian Kelley meet-and-greet.

"The silent auction should be amazing," Brookshire said.

Aside from hoping for good weather, McKenna hopes people take advantage of events like the locker room tour during the relay.

Participants can also make luminaries in honor of people who have fought with cancer that will be lit later in the night.

Notre Dame is officially honoring a couple of its own during the event, with Sophomore Kelsey Thrasher, who has been recuperating from chemotherapy at home in Indianapolis, as the relay's honorary student chair. Rich O'Leary, a former lacrosse coach and the founder of the rugby program, is also being honored for his battle with cancer, which took his life last year, and his work at Notre Dame throughout his life.

So far, the event has drawn 62 teams made up of more than 700 participants and expects to break attendance of 900 at the event. Lamm said the Notre Dame community has already exceeded \$500,000 in donations.

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## Kareem distinguished by ASCE

Engineering professor is first Notre Dame faculty member honored

Special to The Observer

Ahsan Kareem, the Robert Moran Professor of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) — the first Notre Dame faculty member so honored.

Each ASCE distinguished member is selected on the basis of his or her acknowledged eminence and worldwide reputation for outstanding leadership and research activities in a particular field. The selection of distinguished members is limited to eight to ten individuals per year with the additional caveat of one distinguished member per 7,500 ASCE members. This year's honorees will be recognized during the ASCE annual convention in October.

Recognized as one of only a few researchers whose work has transformed his or her field through a series of innovations, Kareem was cited for his "acknowledged eminence in the field of wind engineering and engineering mechanics; for profound contributions to the ASCE Standard of Wind Loads; and for development of Web-based analysis and tools for design practice."

Kareem, who serves as the director of Notre Dame's NatHaz Modeling Laboratory, specializes in probabilistic structural dynamics, fluid-structure

interactions, structural safety and the mitigation of natural hazards. To better understand and predict the impact of natural hazards on the constructed environment, he uses computer models and laboratory and full-scale experiments to study the dynamic effects of environmental loads under winds, waves and earthquakes on structures and to develop mitigation strategies to enhance the performance and safety of structures.

The research findings of Kareem and his students and postdoctoral fellows are having a major influence in the area of structural engineering, including monitoring of hurricane winds and their load effects; development of innovative structural systems for offshore drilling and production; monitoring dynamics of coastal construction, deep-water offshore structures, tall buildings, bridges and industrial structures; risk modeling; and development of cyber-based collaborations for research and education in wind effects.

His work also has resulted in more than 165 journal publications and significant appointments such as editor-in-chief of the international journal of Wind and Structures, associate editor of the Journal of Structural Engineering and Journal of Engineering Mechanics, and Chair of the Engineering Mechanics Division of ASCE.

Among Kareem's most recent honors are election

as a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and a foreign fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, receipt of the ASCE's State-of-the-Art award for scholarly contributions to full-scale monitoring of tall buildings, appointment as an advisory professor at Tongji University in Shanghai and selection as the inaugural recipient of the Alan G. Davenport Medal, presented by the International Association for Wind Engineering in recognition of his distinguished achievement in the dynamic wind effects on structures. He also received the Robert H. Scanlan Medal for outstanding original contributions to the study of wind-load effects on structural design and the Jack E. Cermak Medal in recognition of his contributions to the study of wind effects on structures. His receipt of the Davenport, Scanlan and Cermak medals is an unmatched recognition in this field.

Kareem was graduated from the West Pakistan University of Engineering and Technology with distinction in 1968 and, through a joint program with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he earned his master's degree in structural engineering from the University of Hawaii. He earned his doctorate in civil engineering, with a focus on structural and fluid dynamics, from Colorado State University.

## ROTC

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experience, it's not supposed to be stressful or anything."

Teske said the cadets will start Friday afternoon with a night land navigation exercise. It will begin during the daylight hours, but it will be dark by the time they finish.

On Saturday, the cadets will continue with their training, and each sophomore will lead a different group of cadets.

"Saturday they'll get up pretty early to do situational tactical exercises," Teske said. "Each sophomore will get the opportunity to be in a leadership position and will be in a tactical leadership environment. This is an opportunity to show how they will react in a tactical environment and how they will lead under pressure."

After the completion of the exercises, the cadets will take part in a barbecue and then continue with another night land navigation.

"Basically [the cadets] have a map and a compass and five points and they have to plot their points on the map and plot them on a piece of paper," Teske said. "This is to

reinforce land navigation skills they've been taught and use them in a practical exercise."

On Sunday the sophomore cadets will be given the responsibility of leading an even larger squad of people.

"Sunday is patrolling, [which is] platoon-sized and there's more people involved," she said. "The cadets are doing the same thing they did Saturday, but now they just have more people to lead."

The weekend's activities will end with a force-on-force paintball competition Sunday afternoon before the squad heads home.

In addition to the members of the R.O.T.C. programs from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, members from Holy Cross College, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend and Valparaiso University will also participate in the weekend.

Teske said this training weekend has taken place every year since she's been a part of the program.

"This has been going on for a while," she said. "I'm a senior and we've done it every year. It's a culminating activity that we do in the spring."

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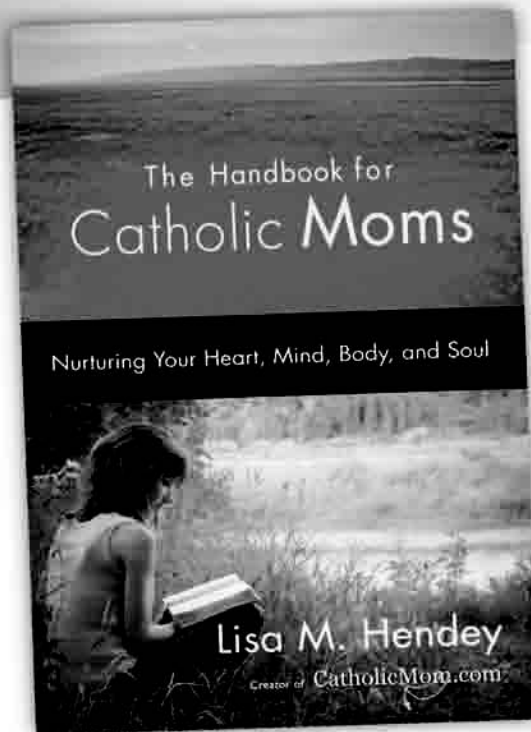
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IN BRIEF

Prisons cut counseling budgets

DALLAS — When John Patrick Barton was in prison on his third drunken driving conviction, he was not among the thousands of inmates nationwide who undergo alcohol and drug treatment behind bars each year.

Fifteen months later and out of prison, Barton is accused of driving drunk again. This time, authorities say he plowed his car into another, killing a woman and her teenage daughter in a Dallas suburb on Easter.

Barton's case has turned into a rallying cry in Texas, where state officials have proposed slashing more than \$23 million from in-prison treatment programs. These types of programs — many already stretched thin — are increasingly endangered as shrinking budgets force several states to consider cuts to treatment for drug users, drunken drivers and sex offenders.

Though Barton was never ordered to undergo alcohol treatment after his third drunken driving offense, those opposed to the proposed cuts to the nation's second largest prison system are using his case as an example of what they fear will happen if treatment programs are trimmed.

Canada waits on cap-and-trade plan

TORONTO — Canada's environment minister says the country will not act this year on a cap-and-trade system to control climate change because the government does not expect the U.S. to pass emissions-control legislation in that time period.

Jim Prentice said Thursday that Canada is committed to harmonizing its climate change initiatives with the United States so that it can reduce greenhouse gas emissions without damaging its trade relations with its southern neighbor.

He says Canada will work with the United States on regulatory measures, such as the recent agreement to cut auto emissions. Prentice added that the two countries will soon introduce tougher standards for ships and aircraft as well.

A porn performer and owner of ATMLA who identified herself as Shy Love said the risks faced by porn actors are similar to those in sports entertainment, where fighters can be exposed to blood, sweat and mucus.

Atlantic polluted by hidden garbage

Researchers warn extensive stretch of the ocean contains refuse patch harmful to animals

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Researchers are warning of a new blight at sea: a swirl of confetti-like plastic debris stretching over a remote expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.

The floating garbage — hard to spot from the surface and spun together by a vortex of currents — was documented by two groups of scientists who trawled the sea between scenic Bermuda and Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores islands.

The studies describe a soup of micro-particles similar to the so-called Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a phenomenon discovered a decade ago between Hawaii and California that researchers say is likely to exist in other places around the globe.

"We found the great Atlantic garbage patch," said Anna Cummins, who collected plastic samples on a sailing voyage in February.

The debris is harmful for fish, sea mammals — and at the top of the food chain, potentially humans — even though much of the plastic has broken into such tiny pieces they are nearly invisible.

Since there is no realistic way of cleaning the oceans, advocates say the key is to keep more plastic out by raising awareness and, wherever possible, challenging a throwaway culture that uses non-biodegradable materials for disposable products.

"Our job now is to let people know that plastic ocean pollution is a global problem — it unfortunately is not confined to a single patch," Cummins said.

The research teams presented their findings in February at the 2010 Oceans Sciences Meeting in Portland, Oregon. While scientists have reported finding plastic in parts of the Atlantic since the 1970s, the researchers say



AP

The coastal area of the Azores Islands in Portugal is shown littered with plastic garbage on Feb. 15. Researchers warn about the extreme refuse polluting the North Atlantic Ocean.

they have taken important steps toward mapping the extent of the pollution.

Cummins and her husband, Marcus Eriksen, of Santa Monica, California, sailed across the Atlantic for their research project. They plan similar studies in the South Atlantic in November and the South Pacific next spring.

On the voyage from Bermuda to the Azores, they crossed the Sargasso Sea, an area bounded by ocean currents including the Gulf Stream. They took samples every 100 miles (160 kilometers) with one interruption caused by a major storm. Each time they pulled up the trawl, it was full of plastic.

A separate study by undergraduates with the Woods Hole,

Massachusetts-based Sea Education Association collected more than 6,000 samples on trips between Canada and the Caribbean over two decades. The lead investigator, Kara Lavendar Law, said they found the highest concentrations of plastics between 22 and 38 degrees north latitude, an offshore patch equivalent to the area between roughly Cuba and Washington, D.C.

Long trails of seaweed, mixed with bottles, crates and other flotsam, drift in the still waters of the area, known as the North Atlantic Subtropical Convergence Zone. Cummins' team even netted a Trigger fish trapped alive inside a plastic bucket.

But the most nettlesome trash is nearly invisible: countless specks of plastic,

often smaller than pencil erasers, suspended near the surface of the deep blue Atlantic.

"It's shocking to see it firsthand," Cummins said. "Nothing compares to being out there. We've managed to leave our footprint really everywhere."

Still more data are needed to assess the dimensions of the North Atlantic patch.

Charles Moore, an ocean researcher credited with discovering the Pacific garbage patch in 1997, said the Atlantic undoubtedly has comparable amounts of plastic. The east coast of the United States has more people and more rivers to funnel garbage into the sea. But since the Atlantic is stormier, debris there likely is more diffuse, he said.

BRAZIL

Amazon defenders stall dam project

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Environmentalists aided by "Avatar" director James Cameron celebrated a big win Thursday after a judge suspended bidding on construction and operation of an Amazon dam that would be the planet's third-largest.

The ruling also resulted in the suspension of the hydroelectric project's environmental license. It was reminiscent of 1989, when rock star Sting protested the same dam alongside Indians in an event that helped persuade international lenders not to finance it at a time when Brazil was shuddering under a heavy foreign

debt.

The administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is vowing to appeal, however. And Brazil, with government reserves of \$240 billion, has such a booming economy that it no longer needs money from abroad to build the \$11 billion Belo Monte dam.

Environmental groups and Amazon Indians "are incredibly energized by this decision and have renewed hope, although no one is naive," said Atossa Soltani, executive director of Amazon Watch. "Everyone recognizes that in Brazil a decision like this could be overturned quickly, and that we haven't won the battle yet."

Increasing international condemnation won't reverse Brazilian policy makers' view that the dam is essential to provide a huge injection of renewable energy, said Christopher Garman, director of Latin American analysis at the Eurasia Group in Washington.

"This dam is going to happen. It's just a matter of when it happens," Garman said.

Brazil has a fragile energy grid that was hit last year by a blackout that darkened much of the nation. Belo Monte would supply 6 percent of the country's electricity needs by 2014, the same year Brazil will host soccer's World Cup and just two years before Rio holds the 2016 Olympics.



# State sen. negates militia remarks

Member of Tea Party seeks nomination to be governor of Oklahoma

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A darling of the tea party movement who has supported the idea of a volunteer militia said Thursday he expects to win the Oklahoma governor's race despite criticism of his warning that citizens may need to protect themselves against a federal affront on state sovereignty.

State Sen. Randy Brogdon, R-Owasso, said in an interview with The Associated Press that his message resonates with voters who will select a replacement for term-limited Gov. Brad Henry, a Democrat, in November.

"I stand on constitutional principles," Brogdon said. "That is right dead center of the thoughts and the values and the ideas of Oklahomans. I'm not out of the mainstream. I am standing on solid ground, and my platform is the Constitution of the United States, the protection of the rule of law."

Brogdon, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, said in an AP story Monday that a citizen militia is authorized by state law and the U.S. Constitution and that the Second Amendment "deals directly with the right of an individual to keep and bear arms to protect themselves from an overreaching federal government."

At the time, Brogdon and some local tea party leaders indicated a militia could be used to stop federal encroachment into state's rights. Brogdon has since said he spoke only of a new National Guard-type unit to aid the state during civil emergencies. In a number of media



Oklahoma State Sen. Randy Brogdon speaks at a tea party rally at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City on Thursday.

appearances this week he said he never used the term "militia" in his AP interview.

Brogdon used it five times. "Is a state militia a good idea? It probably is. Because it, again, it would just reinforce the, the attitude and the belief that you and I have the right to keep and bear arms and to provide and protect our families from an overreaching federal government. I think it's a great idea," Brogdon said in the interview conducted last week.

Separately Thursday, a state House member who said he expected the Oklahoma Legislature to see a militia-related bill during next year's session said he was not sure a bill would be prepared.

"I do not expect legislation to be filed, but I can't predict the

future," said state Rep. Charles Key, R-Oklahoma City. "There's 101 members out here (in the House) and 48 over there (in the Senate). How could I make a statement that it will or won't?" He told AP last week he thought there was a "better than 50-50 chance" such a bill would be filed.

Brogdon said last week and again Thursday he did not know how a new state guard would be set up.

"If we have an opportunity to have a volunteer force to complement that National Guard, I think that is a great idea, to take care of the citizens of this state when the National Guard has been deployed," Brogdon said before addressing a crowd of about 500 people at a Sooner Tea Party rally.

# Civil Rights leader Hooks revived NAACP

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Civil rights leader Benjamin L. Hooks, who shrugged off courtroom slurs as a young lawyer before earning a pioneering judgeship and later reviving a flagging NAACP, died Thursday in Memphis. He was 85.

Across the country, political leaders and Hooks' peers in the civil rights movement remembered his remarkably wide-ranging accomplishments and said he'd want the fight for social justice to continue. State Rep. Ulysses Jones, a member of the church where Hooks was pastor, said Hooks died at his home following a long illness.

"Our national life is richer for the time Dr. Hooks spent on this earth," President Barack Obama said in a statement. "And our union is more perfect for the way he spent it: Giving a voice to the voiceless."

Hooks took over as the NAACP's executive director at a time when the organization's stature had diminished in 1977. Years removed from the civil rights battles of the 1960s, the group was \$1 million in debt and its membership had shrunk to 200,000 members from nearly a half-million a decade earlier.

"Black Americans are not defeated," he told Ebony magazine soon after his induction. "The civil rights movement is not dead. If anyone thinks that we are going to stop agitating, they had better think again. If anyone thinks that we are going to stop litigating, they had better close the courts. If anyone thinks that we are not going to demonstrate and protest, they had better roll up the sidewalks."

By the time he left as executive director in 1992, the group had rebounded, with membership growing by several hundred thousand. He used community radiothons to raise awareness of local NAACP branches' work and to boost membership.

"He came in at a time the NAACP was struggling and gave it a strong foundation. He brought dignity and strong leadership to the organization," Jones said.

Current NAACP President Benjamin Jealous recalled a speech Hooks gave last year that was "as fiery as any he's given 50 years earlier," despite Hooks' diminished health at the time.

"Right up to the last, he conveyed ... the need for us to fight," Jealous said.

State Rep. John Deberry, a fellow minister and chairman of the Tennessee Black Caucus, said Hooks' passing is a sobering reminder that "we are losing an incredible generation of men and women who changed the world."

"And I hope that all these young folks who accept their rights with such a cavalier attitude, those who are disrespectful to their seniors, those who go to these schools and misuse the opportunities ... realize that as these men and women move off the scene, that somebody has to step up," Deberry said.

Hooks' inspiration to fight social injustice and bigotry stemmed from his experience guarding Italian prisoners of war while serving overseas in

the Army during World War II. Foreign prisoners were allowed to eat in "for whites only" restaurants while he was barred from them.

When no law school in the South would admit him, he used the GI bill to attend DePaul University in Chicago, where he earned a law degree in 1948. He later opened his own law practice in his hometown of Memphis.

"At that time you were insulted by law clerks, excluded from white bar associations and when I was in court, I was lucky to be called 'Ben,'" he once said in an interview with Jet magazine. "Usually it was just 'boy.'"

In 1965 he was appointed to a newly created seat on the Tennessee Criminal Court, making him the first black judge since Reconstruction in a state trial court anywhere in the South.

President Richard Nixon nominated Hooks to the Federal Communications Commission in 1972. He was its first black commissioner, serving for five years before resigning to lead the NAACP.

At the FCC, he addressed the lack of minority leadership in media and persuaded the commission to propose a new rule requiring TV and radio stations to be offered publicly before they could be sold. Minority employment in broadcasting grew from 3 percent to 15 percent during his tenure.

In the waning years of his leadership of the NAACP, Hooks pressed then-President George H.W. Bush for action on a string of gasoline bomb attacks in the South that killed a federal judge in Alabama and a black civil rights lawyer in Georgia in December 1989. The same month, another bomb was intercepted at an NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla.

"We believe that this latest incident is an effort to intimidate our association, to strike fear in our hearts," Hooks said at the time. "It will not succeed. We intend to go about our business, but we will most certainly be taking precautions."

The man later convicted of the killings and other charges remains on Alabama's death row.

Hooks later was chairman of the board of directors of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and helped create The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis.

He also created an initiative that gave more employment opportunities to blacks in Major League Baseball and launched a program in which corporations supported development projects in black communities.

President George W. Bush in 2007 presented Hooks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the country's highest civilian honors.

"Dr. Hooks was a calm yet forceful voice for fairness, opportunity and personal responsibility," Bush said in 2007. "He never tired or faltered in demanding that our nation live up to its founding ideals of liberty and equality."

In his last keynote speech to an NAACP national convention in 1992, Hooks urged members who had found financial success to never forget those less fortunate.

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# Volcanic cloud of ash complicates U.S. travel

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A volcanic ash cloud that shut down airports and tied up air traffic across Europe could turn into a long, costly headache for businesses, airlines and tourists in the United States.

The ash spewed by an eruption in Iceland forced airlines to cancel flights and redirect planes around the ash. Those diversions caused jetliners to burn more fuel and created delays in the air-cargo business that could quickly run into tens of millions of dollars.

The slowdown could affect everything from package shipments to business meetings and long-planned vacations.

"The costs could be extraordinary," said Jeffrey Price, an aviation professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Many in the travel industry on Thursday weren't asking if they would be affected — but how badly.

"This is the ultimate act of God," said Chicago-based transportation expert Joseph Schwieterman. "It's hard to imagine a weather scenario that would disrupt the entire Atlantic flight system like this."

Anxious clients called Boston-based Garber Travel, one of New England's biggest travel agencies, asking how they might rearrange flights. But for some travelers bound for Europe, it was too late.

The flight cancellations jeopardized a \$6,000 trip planned for more than six months by Robert and Barbara Breault of Coventry, R.I.

Barbara, an avid gardener, had scheduled a vacation that coincided with tulip bloomings in the Netherlands. But their outbound flight Thursday evening from Boston's Logan Airport to London Heathrow was marked "See agent."

"It's not supposed to do this," Barbara said with a laugh. "I had already planned the whole thing."

She had paid not only for the airline tickets, but supplemental charges for window seats and for a private guide, as well as a cruise through Holland's famed canals dubbed the "Tulip Festival Cruise."

On an average day, U.S. airlines operate about 340 flights to and from Europe, according to the Air Transport Association. On Thursday, American carriers canceled about 165 of those flights because of the ash, and the ATA expected at least as many to be canceled Friday.

An FAA spokeswoman said the cancellations affected at least 10 countries: England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, Finland, France, Belgium and Denmark.

The FAA issued an order holding flights destined for the United Kingdom on the ground. Other flights to and from Europe were being diverted around British airspace, which has been closed until 4 a.m. EDT Friday.

That didn't bode well for two British friends stranded at New York's Kennedy Airport hotel after their flight was canceled.

"I just want to go home now," said 23-year-old Grace Schofield, of Yorkshire, England, whose trip was also disrupted by emergency surgery

for appendicitis. "I can only do so much walking around the city before I have to rest."

For one British man trying to make it back to London, the consequences were deeply emotional.

"It was my grandmother's funeral tomorrow so I am going to miss that," said Gary Alderson, who was also at the airport hotel.

Elsewhere, flight cancellations undermined pending business deals.

Mark Kiefer, a Boston-based aviation industry consultant, said he initially planned to send a proposal to a company north of Amsterdam by air courier to meet a Monday deadline.

"They told us that they wouldn't take a package tomorrow, and they wouldn't guarantee you Monday," Kiefer said. Instead, he planned to e-mail the proposal to colleagues in The Hague, have them print it out and then drive about an hour to hand-deliver the document.

Air cargo companies conceded they were scrambling to cope.

FedEx, the world's second-largest package-delivery company, started rerouting flights bound for Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris. It also moved some packages by truck instead of air.

Company spokesman Steve Barber could not specify what types of shipments were most affected.

Although rare, flight problems caused by volcanic ash are not unheard of. The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington state grounded hundreds of flights for days.

But ironically, the airlines' decision to reduce their schedules to ensure that planes are full could work against them as they scramble to find available seats on alternative flights.

"These high-load factors can make disruptions like this into full-scale disasters — where passengers are stranded for days," Schwieterman said. "Ten years ago, the airline took just a few days to get back to normal. Now, it can take longer."

# Marine back on Facebook

Sgt. Gary Stein relaunches his 'Armed Forces Tea Party' page

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A measure restoring jobless benefits of up to 99 weeks for people struggling to find work after months of unemployment is expected to rebound from a temporary setback in the Senate.

Despite winning the single Republican vote they needed, Democrats Wednesday fell just short of the 60 votes necessary to defeat a GOP challenge to the jobless benefits measure.

Vermont Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy was absent to attend the funeral of a close friend.

The defeat should be temporary since Democrats are likely to win a revote Wednesday evening after Leahy returns to Washington.

Republicans were seeking to force Congress to pay for its \$18 billion cost and not add to budget deficits topping \$1 trillion. But George Voinovich, R-Ohio, broke with his party to vote with Democrats to keep the measure on track.

Later, Democrats by a 51-46 vote killed a move by Tom Coburn, R-Okla., to finance the benefits by having the Obama White House erase \$20 billion worth of government spending authority that has yet to be specifically allocated.

The temporary measure would extend jobless benefits averaging \$335 a week through June 2. A program providing federally-funded benefits to people who have

been out of a job more than six months lapsed last week, which means more than 200,000 people a week are unable to reapply for additional weeks of benefits.

Several other programs have lapsed as well, including federal flood insurance, higher Medicare payment rates for doctors and health insurance subsidies for people who have lost their jobs.

The expiration of the programs means that the newly jobless aren't eligible to sign up for health insurance subsidies but that people currently covered under the so-called COBRA law retain the benefit. People living in flood plains can't sign up for flood insurance or renew their policies, while the Medicare program has delayed payments to doctors rather than imposing a 21 percent cut.

Eligibility for the expired programs would be restored retroactively. The House would have to vote again on the measure after passing it last month, assuming Democrats are successful in extending its expiration date past Memorial Day. That extra time is needed to iron out the wrinkles of more comprehensive legislation extending most of the lapsed programs through the end of the year and adding in tax cuts for individuals and businesses that have also expired.

Four Republicans helped Democrats on Monday defeat a filibuster by other Republicans seeking to block the Senate from even taking

up the measure: Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Voinovich and Scott Brown of Massachusetts. But none of the other three voted with Voinovich.

Specifically at issue in Wednesday's vote was whether to permit the measure to be financed by adding to the \$12.8 trillion national debt. Under Senate rules, a successful GOP challenge could require the chamber to come up with ways to pay for the measure.

Additional weeks of jobless benefits have traditionally been routinely extended during times of high unemployment and have previously always been paid for by adding to the national debt.

But with the deficit easily surpassing \$1 trillion — and with the issue of deficits and debt is of increasing concern to voters — many Republicans have changed their minds and are now insisting they be financed by spending cuts elsewhere in the \$3.7 trillion federal budget.

Last month, 21 Republicans in the Senate voted for virtually identical legislation providing the jobless benefits without paying for them.

The stock market has been rising for more than a year and has advanced steadily for two months on encouraging signs of growth. Some analysts have warned that shares have climbed too high, but the latest reports eased some concerns that prices are stretched.

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# Notre Dame rightfully optimistic about Brian Kelly era

While spring football practice reports often include little more than the daily minutiae of who happens to be lining up in what order, or who beat who in what one-on-one drill, it is precisely those details that interest Irish football fans who are anxious to see what exactly the Brian Kelly era will entail.

At this point in the spring, it's only natural to take every move Kelly makes and compare him to his predecessor, Charlie Weis. And, by nature, those comparisons will always seem to favor Kelly, who Irish fans hope can resurrect a program that posted a 16-21 record over Weis' last three seasons.

There's no doubt that in many ways, Kelly and Weis are polar opposites — that much was evident even before watching Kelly's Irish take the practice field. That's not to say that everything Kelly does is the right way and everything Weis did was the wrong way. But because director of athletics Jack Swarbrick looked at the on-field results of the past three years and determined a coaching change was necessary, it is encouraging that he found a coach in Kelly who has done things differently from Day One.

There is no consensus on why Weis didn't live up to expectations at Notre Dame, though popular explanations include his lack of college experience, his NFL-type personality and his failure to effectively develop his players. Kelly's resume alone indicates that if the Irish are unsuccessful under his direction, it won't be for any of those reasons. In more than two decades of coaching at three different schools, Kelly has had to develop countless players who didn't have the talent to even sniff the NFL, and

he's won. And during practice this spring, after an intense offseason strength and conditioning program that concluded with "Camp Kelly," it appears the new staff has begun to lay the groundwork to win again at Notre Dame.

In position drills, there seems to be an increased emphasis on individual fundamentals, like quarterbacks practicing taking hits or running backs working to improve ball control. During stretching, which is more movement-based and dynamic than in the past, coaches can be heard encouraging players to do things the right way. And even during "breaks," a loose term, the Irish are expected to be jogging. This sense of urgency and attention to detail is something that at times seemed lacking under the previous staff.

No unbiased evaluator could doubt that Notre Dame has plenty of talented players on next year's roster, and there's no way respected recruiting analysts whiffed when they awarded so

many current Irish players with four- and five-star rankings. The talent is there, and Kelly's history of making the most of what he's given — and in this case, it's quite a bit — is the source of the optimistic buzz that's been circling the Guglielmino Athletics Complex over the past few months.

You can only learn so much from what a coach has to say during spring ball — and especially from a coach who has yet to lead his team out of the tunnel in Notre Dame Stadium. But so far, after Kelly and his staff talked the talk about tempo and toughness during winter, early returns on the practice field show that they'll walk the walk, too. And more importantly, the players are beginning to as well.

## THE OBSERVER Editorial

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking."*

Sir John Lubbock  
English archaeologist

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."*

George Burns  
U.S. comedian



# Piercing Neil Armstrong's privacy

Yesterday President Obama visited NASA's Kennedy Space Center and addressed an independent panel's recommendation to cancel the Ares I rocket. Noting that it would not be ready to serve its

planned role for space station transport or to reach the moon by 2020 since underfunding crippled NASA's plan, the panel concluded it unrealistic that Constellation's first moon landing could occur until 2028 or later. The

president prefers to develop a "flexible path" with a heavy lifting rocket. This option would develop technologies for trips beyond Earth's orbit, and delay moon landings or on Mars until such technologies further evolve.

Obama's announcement to cancel the over-budget and dilatory Constellation program has no breviary among the Apollo-era astronauts. A perceived snarkiness permeates through the debate and ignited between the first man to step onto the moon — Neil Armstrong — and his fellow Apollo 11 crewmember who followed him as the second man to walk on the moon's surface, Buzz Aldrin.

Aldrin, in an op-ed piece for The Wall Street Journal wrote, "Many said the president's decision was misguided, short-sighted and disappointing. Having the experience of walking on

the moon's surface on the Apollo 11 mission, I think he made the right call. If we follow the president's plan, our next destination in space, Mars, will be within our reach."

Without sounding vitriolic, Armstrong excoriated the president's plan in a letter by saying the move is "devastating" to America's space effort. Lacking a tone of an anathema, the letter ended by warning, "Without the skill and experience that actual spacecraft operation provides, the USA is far too likely to be on a long downhill slide to mediocrity."

The Apollo 11 commander's open letter was also signed by Apollo 17 commander Eugene Cernan — the last man to walk on the moon — and Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell, who marked the 40th anniversary of his famous near-disaster this week. Together, this famous trio also recently travelled to visit our troops overseas and in Afghanistan. That tour, called "Legends of Aerospace," is actually where their letter took root ... on a long plane ride together. The fact that Armstrong, one of the most private of persons but arguably the world's most famous living astronaut, led other astronauts against NASA's plans raised the level of this debate over America's future in space. And indirectly, if not for a fellow Notre Dame alumnus, Mike Whalen ('74), who coordinated that tour, the nation — no, the world — may not have seen the peeling away of Armstrong's obsessive privacy.

I am personally grateful to Whalen for the opportunity to meet Armstrong

when they landed in New York for a public event at the Intrepid museum. I must offer a mea culpa for irritating Armstrong at the end of our visit. Within an hour, I brought him to a swelling of tears referring to his parents, to a chuckle about a Notre Dame curse on Apollo 13 and to anger when mentioning the possibility of filming his landing in the Mojave Desert.

It began when Armstrong completed breakfast and entered his hotel lobby. Unrecognized by those bustling about, the ease by which he carried himself controlled his demeanor. I asked about his parents who appeared on the "What's My Line?" television show. I thought that Garry Moore quipped, "That would be something if your son was the first man to land on the moon."

While not saying I was mendacious, Armstrong corrected, "As I recall, they appeared on 'I've Got A Secret' while I was on the moon — as the parents of the man who landed." He choked up, and a tear welled in the corner of his eye as he continued, "I haven't thought of that in some time."

I sat behind Armstrong during the bus ride from the hotel to the museum. As we posed for a photograph, I said I needed to apologize to Apollo 13 Commander Lovell for jinxing his flight by walking under the platform during my visit while in Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC. Without a word, Armstrong grinned as though to say, "Trust me, you were not responsible."

As we neared the museum, I made a last request. My late humorous class-

mate and fellow Lyons Hall resident, Steve Pallucca, joked that the moon landing was a prevarication filmed in the Mojave Desert. Attempting a tongue-in-cheek question without trying to sound grandiloquent, I shamelessly interrupted Armstrong to ask if he could assure me that his landing was not filmed in the Mojave Desert. He replied with assertion and intransigence, "I can't assure you of anything. But my footprints are on the moon. They have pictures of them. They know where they are, and someday someone will return and prove it."

Later, speaking before the public, Armstrong's first event since 1972, he paid tribute to the troops and avoided mentioning the moon. He passionately urged everyone to study government policies rather than accept talking points from others. He stressed that the troops' sacrifices are beyond anything we can know unless we are among them in battle. It was a public Armstrong the enormity of his moon landing had once shelved. It was good that he and his letter emerged ... all with roots through Notre Dame.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### St. Baldrick's Day

It was pretty awesome taking two-minute showers, and even cooler that I was able to get ready in less than 10 minutes every day (depending on how long my clothes selection would take), but the best part about it all was knowing that I shaved my head for an amazing cause, and I am hoping to tempt you to do the same.

It's just hair; it grows back so unbelievably fast it will be as if you never even shaved your head. You will get to experience so many different hairstyles. And when it has all grown out, instead of wondering what your favorite style is, you will go through pictures like you would go through a catalogue and you can choose what you want to look like. It's actually pretty bizarre and so awesome. You will be raising/donating money to St. Baldrick's Foundation, a foundation that raises money for childhood cancer research. You never know whom your contribution will benefit. By helping researchers come closer to finding a cure, it could end up that you were helping your cousin, your niece or nephew or even your child. There will be a cure one day for this dreadful disease. We will continue to work together to find it, I hope you will too.

So if you're a boy, come get a \$10 haircut; even better, have your friends pitch in a few bucks, too. Heck, fundraise your life away.

And if you're a girl, truly consider it. It was the best decision I have ever made; there was not one second, not even one millisecond, when I regretted shaving my head, even on the days when I looked in the mirror and wondered if people still thought I was a girl. But let's all be honest, even with long hair we all have those days when we ask that question — or is that just me? Still, the point is that even then I did not regret shaving my head.

Alright, now go be so college and do something crazy! Shave your head, donate or help your friend fundraise.

Tiffany Robak  
senior  
off campus  
April 13

### Keep your baseball

First and foremost, I would like to disagree with the very first sentence of the April 14 article "In defense of baseball" (Andy Ziccarelli). The article opens with: "Spring in the Midwest is exciting." Halt! This statement is akin to saying that Jim Carey is funny — objectively and undeniably wrong. The only thing exciting about spring in the Midwest is that sometimes houses tend to go up for sale in the East, South or North, and you can promptly pack your bags and never look back. The article then takes a turn for the worse as the author begins to prattle on about various aspects that could make baseball exciting. (At one point Ziccarelli informs us that he'll wait for us to stop laughing, upon which I had to wait to stop laughing.)

Eventually I took the time to consider this viewpoint. I understand that while the pitcher has to perform the lofty task of throwing a ball fast or with

a curve, the batter has to respond by swinging the bat at it, not knowing what to expect. Semantics do change things a whole lot, and I'm not too worried about it. The problem is that I'm not in the mind of the pitcher or batter, I'm in the mind of myself ... and I'm bored. You know what I'd rather do than watch baseball? Anything. Even laundry. At least that way my clothes would be clean, rather than watching some person who is completely unremarkable in every way except for the fact that he takes gratuitous amounts of steroids and is always spitting up brown saliva everywhere. Watching baseball is like torture.

Georges Toumayan  
junior  
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April 14

### Leprechaun tryouts open to public

The Final Round of Mascot Tryouts will take place on April 16 at 6 p.m. in "The Pit" basement gym of the JACC. This event is open to all students.

Come cheer on our 5 finalists and get a first look at who will become the next Fighting Irish Leprechaun.

Daniel Colt Collins  
senior  
Alumni Hall  
April 14

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON  
Scene Writer

Good documentaries are known for having great footage and exclusive interviews, but one documentary in particular has single-handedly redefined what it means to document. The American documentary “The Cove” is a powerful message to the world about what occurs behind closed doors, or in this film’s case, coves.

This 92-minute film captures raw footage of the brutal slaughtering techniques Japanese fishermen have been practicing for years on dolphins for marine parks globally and the illegal selling of their meat in local fish markets across the small town of Taiji.

“The Cove” is more a thriller than a documentary, as director and National Geographic photographer Louie Psihoyos explores and uncovers the dirty secrets the Japanese government has spent so much money to hide. Psihoyos co-founded the non-profit organization Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS) that helps protect and bring awareness to the earth’s oceans so they can be appreciated instead of diminished.

After meeting Mr. Richard O’ Barry, who is best known for his dolphin training skills in the 1960s, Psihoyos formulated a dream team of scientists, world renowned free divers, set builders and a key player in it all, Mr. O’ Barry himself. O’Barry dedicated most of his life to dolphins, training them for the very popular television series, “Flipper.” O’Barry captured all five dolphins for the TV series but when one of his dolphins died in his own arms he took a radical move from training dolphins in captivity to advocating against it.

This documentary follows a group of environmentalists to the small Japanese fishing town of Taiji where a huge secret lives. Amongst all of the friendly fishing boats and crowded fish markets, a brutal killing of dolphins was taking place, unnoticed and unknown by every whaling committee and marine advocacy organization.

Every September through March, Taiji fishermen would cast their nets and throw their spears at innocent and helpless dolphins for purchase from marine parks across the world. If they were caught alive they would be sold for up to \$150,000. If found dead, their meat would



illegally be sold in fish markets for \$600.

Disturbing footage in the film revealed Japan’s colossal power over fish markets, where a lucrative portion of them was dedicated to the buying and selling of dolphin flesh, highly poisonous in mercury. This meat would be sold in disguise as the leading whale meat which Japanese townspeople would purchase and unknowingly

eat, poisoning themselves and their children.

The Japanese government did such a good job protecting the secrets of the cove that many of the local Japanese townspeople were not even aware what was happening to the dolphins. Concealing the cove were tunnels and barbed wire fences that were strategically placed so outsiders would never be able to enter and discover what was happening.

Students who watched the documentary were mortified and stunned that something like this was not deserving of more attention and exposure to the public.

“I was near tears watching the dolphins flee for their lives and felt compelled to join the fight against inhuman dolphin slaughter,” sophomore Caitlin Condon said.

Sophomore Megan Reardon said, “After watching I could not believe what the Japanese fishermen were getting away with. It was absolutely disgusting and something needs to be done to stop it.”

“Aside from ‘Finding Nemo’ no other film about sea life has changed my life more than ‘The Cove,’” junior Matt Coyne said.

A genius idea from Psihoyos allowed him to capture the destruction that was being hidden at the cove. By implementing an all-night operation to plant cameras around the cove and under the water, he and his crew were able to capture everything on tape so both governments and whaling committees worldwide would see the brutal killings of the dolphins in the cove.

A successful operation lay in the westerner’s hands as O’Barry visited government meetings and exposed what was happening. Once Psihoyos and O’Barry’s team had evidence, the exposure of the slaughtering became highly publicized. Through this suspenseful and educational documentary more people will become aware of what is happening and be motivated to do something about it.

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The band matt pond PA will perform Saturday at Legends, in the midst of a tour with artists like Ben Folds, Bobby Long and Wintersleep.

The Indie band formed in 1998 in Philadelphia retains only one original member, who gives the band its name: Matt Pond. More than 15 artists have been a part of the group, but the current cast includes Pond, Chris Hansen, Leslie Sisson, George Souleidis and Brad Gunyon. It seems the band changes to match Pond’s whims at any given time.

The original quintet released its first album, “Deer Apartments,” in 1998, and initially gained recognition from CDNOW’s competition “Unheard?” for unsigned artists. The follow-up album “Measure” debuted in 2000 and “garnered comparisons to the stripped-down versions of The Cure,” All Music Guide’s Jason Ankeny said.

As the band constantly

changed members, more albums and EPs were released: “I Thought You Were Sleeping EP” (2001), “The Green Fury” (2002) and “The Nature of Maps” (2002).

Gaining more attention throughout the next couple of years, matt pond PA toured with artists such as Keane, Ted Leo & the Pharmacists, Liz Phair and Guster. More music ensued simultaneously, including “Emblems” (2004), “Several Arrows Later” (2005), “Winter Songs EP” (2005) and “Last Light” (2007).

This band’s impressive discography proves how serious it is about its art. Matt Pond, on the blog on his official Web site, once scoffed, “sleep ... as if that were possible.”

Matt pond PA is also extremely gracious to their fans. In November 2008, they posted “The Freeep” as a free download on their website for 10 months. It was later re-released as “Auri Sacra Fames” on iTunes and Amazon MP3.

A few other limited edition EPs have been released since 2008 along with the band’s latest album, “The Dark Leaves,” which dropped April 13. Props to Legends for reeling the band in only four days after its most recent debut.

The album has reaped pretty indifferent reviews so far. David Peisner of Spin magazine characterizes some songs as having “a genuinely comforting warmth” but admits that the album overall appeals to “mildly depressed, post-collegiate junior copywriters with cool haircuts.” Not exactly five stars, but not a complete roast of the music either.

Matt pond PA is a big name for Legends, and it will be interesting to see what the band chooses to perform on Saturday. With a massive amount of music to its name, the band will surely promote its new album, but might hark back to some of its earlier hits as well.

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## Fun, not-so-Indie matt pond PA facts:

**1)** The next act matt pond PA will join on the road is Bobby Long. This British singer-songwriter got his start playing at open-mic nights in London with other young artists including Sam Bradley, Marcus Foster and Robert Pattinson. Yes, Robert Pattinson as in Edward Cullen, the world’s favorite vampire. Long even co-wrote a song featured on the “Twilight” soundtrack that is performed by Pattinson called “Let Me Sign.” It is safe to say that good portions of his fans are probably 13 to 15 year-old girls. Pond travels in good company.

**2)** Still depressed that The O.C. stopped after four seasons? Reenact the classic Seth and Summer upside-down Spiderman kiss scene that was accompanied by the voice of none other than Matt Pond! His version of Oasis’ “Champagne Supernova” set the mood for this completely realistic reunion. Check out the YouTube clip to refresh your memory:

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## Before They Were Famous

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When you think of the Catholic Church, what image comes to mind? Lady Gaga, 24, in a First Communion gown? Probably not, but this provocative, insane and very entertaining performer got her start as a student at Catholic Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York. Her real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta and Italian blood surges through her veins. At the age of 13, Gaga had written her first ballad and at 17, she was one of only 20 people ever to earn early admission as a music student to the Tisch School of Arts at New York University. She dabbled in rock 'n' roll, got frisky in burlesque shows and in 2008 signed to Interscope Records, bringing her both fame and fortune. The rest is history as the world goes gaga for a woman who simultaneously reinvigorated the pop industry and challenged almost every stereotype society has seen.

Hollerin' from Houston, Beyoncé Knowles, 28, was born a performer. As a child, she enrolled in performing arts school, took the stage in singing competitions and got her Beyoncé booty shake on in dance contests. She brought down the house during her first talent show performance at the age of seven, singing John Lennon's "Imagine," then appeared on Star Search in the '90s, but lost. In 1997, her group Destiny's Child signed with Columbia Records and rose to fame, despite feuds within the group. She eventually went solo and has met insane success both on stage and off, making multi-platinum records and marrying hip hop mogul Jay Z. Unfortunately for the gossip-hounds, there's no real dish on this diva because she's kept her act fairly classy from the beginning. For Beyoncé, it looks like not even the sky's the limit.

As a child, many dream of becoming astronauts, teachers or even the president. At 14 years old, Angelina Jolie, 34, wanted to be a funeral director. This dream flowed from her punky days, which apparently never ended. Jolie once said, "I am still at heart — and always will be — just a punk kid with tattoos."

Jolie and her brother were primarily raised by her mother after her parents' separation in 1976, and it was spending time with her mom at the movies that inspired Jolie to act. However, at 14 she dropped out of her acting classes and spent time moshing with her live-in boyfriend, starring in Meat Loaf and Lenny Kravitz music videos and working as a fashion model. She attended Beverly Hills High School and got made fun of for her second-hand clothes, glasses and braces, but look who's laughing now. Jolie co-starred with her father, Jon Voight, in her first film "Lookin' to Get Out," and has since gone on to mega-stardom, philanthropy-dom and just plain hot-dom.

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By NICK ANDERSON

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Every year, there comes a weekend when you are contractually obligated to perform a certain task. In other words, YA GOTTA REGATTA! Hailed as one of ESPN's Top 100 college student activities, the Fisher Regatta is a celebration of spring time, swimming suits, brats and sunshine — basically everything warm. What better way is there to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon than taking in a competitive race featuring your fellow students?

Beginning in the dark ages of 1987, this single elimination boat race is sure to feature crafts ranging from the sleek and sexy to the bulky and impractical. While many will approach the day with dreams of victory and glory, all but one team will see their hopes sink beneath the choppy water of St. Mary's lake. O'Neill and Badin, the respective winners of last year's men's and women's brackets, are expected to put on a strong show as challengers close in from all sides.

Beginning at the crack of one o'clock, the event has more to feature than just thrilling nautical theatrics. Fisher Hall will be out in force, grilling absurd amounts of delicious meat for those willing to wait in line. Coca Cola, a regular sponsor, will be providing ice-cold soda to quench the thirsts of all those parched by the midday sun. The scent of fresh lake air is sure to compliment the delectable offerings providing the best meal this side of Eddy Street.

The men of Fisher Hall have been promoting the event like men on a

addition to their hard work, the Regatta has taken on a life of its own. Weeks prior to Fisher's promotion, signs have appeared in the entrances of various dorms, seeking each resident to participate in the construction of their vessel. Consistently drawing an entry from every dorm, the Regatta is not only one of the more entertaining events on campus, but also one of the best attended.

The residents of Fisher hall have been preparing in their own unique style for Saturday's event with Fred and Sally. Named for the benefactors of Fisher Hall, the honorable Fred and Sally Fisher, the week consists of brotherhood, competition and a special appearance by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

Fisher Hall truly lets loose to properly show respect and gratitude to those who made their living quarters possible. While some of the events may cause your mother to blush, they are all in good fun.

Teddy Schaefer, one of the event's commissioners, has high hopes for this year's race.

"We've put in a lot of work, but it'll pay off," he said. "The Regatta's always the biggest dorm event and we intend to keep it that way."

When asked about the prospects of Fisher's entry following last year's fateful sinking of their traditional Styrofoam craft, Schaefer responded, "Oh, we're fast," before staring down every man, woman and child in sight.

Great things and times are expected to be had by all this Saturday. Year in and out, Fisher Hall delivers entertainment and competition unparalleled by any other dorm event. So get off your butt, mosey on down to St. Mary's Lake, enjoy the freakishly awesome weather, eat some appetizing bratwurst and take in the best competitive spirit Notre Dame has to offer.

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NBA

# Ginobili glad to be healthy

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Forget that the San Antonio Spurs are coming off their worst regular season in 13 years, or that Tim Duncan was a rookie when they last began the playoffs on the road.

Coach Gregg Popovich, in his typically dry we'll-win-or-we-won't way, flatly summed up why that doesn't matter.

"I always feel better going into the playoffs when Manu is healthy," he said.

He hasn't been able to say that in two years.

For the first time since San Antonio won their last championship in 2007, Ginobili will begin the playoffs fully healthy Sunday in Game 1 against Dallas, in a rematch of last year's first-round series that the Argentine missed entirely.

No more sore left ankle. No fractured right ankle. No strains or aches.

What the Spurs have instead is Ginobili playing through one the most dazzling stretches of his eight-year career. The 32-year-old is averaging 21.4 points since the All-Star break, eight points better than the first half of the season.

"That's the kind of play we expect from him," Duncan said. "I know he's been working hard to get back to that level. To see him there, I'm happy for him."

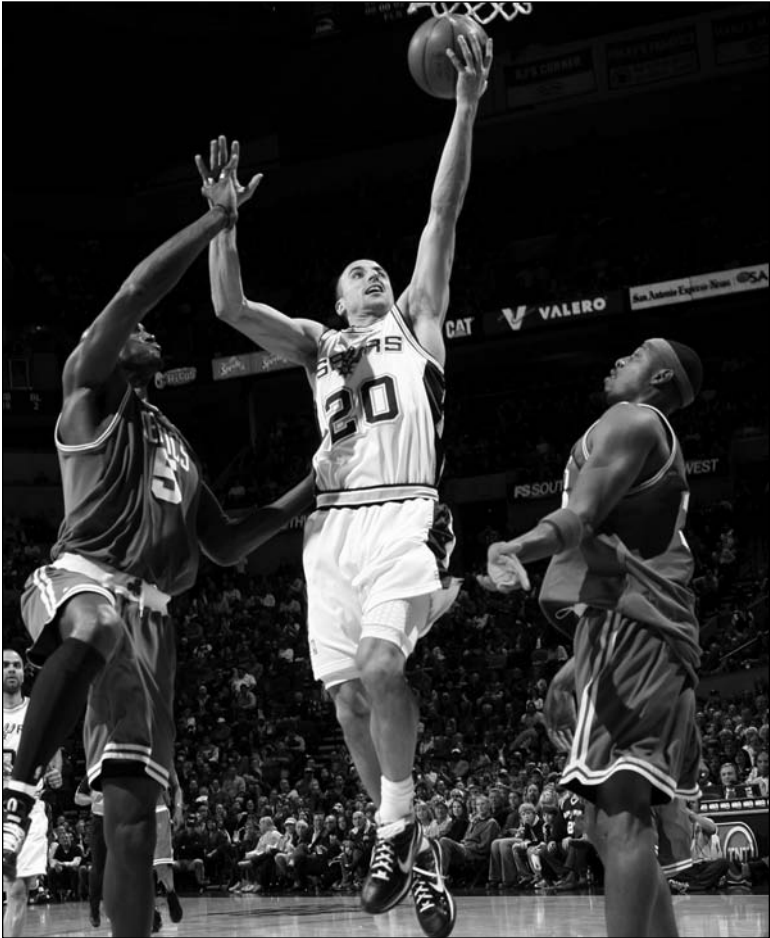
Ginobili's play since February forced the Spurs to sign him to a 3-year, \$39 million extension last week, after it long appeared they would let him become a free agent this summer for the first time in his career.

The Spurs had been skittish about Ginobili's health and durability. Now they're counting on him to get them through the playoffs as a No. 7 seed, the lowest in the Duncan era.

"What happened in the last couple months made them think I had to stay," Ginobili said.

So important is Ginobili, whose brilliant second half of the season has carried San Antonio to a 17-8 record since March, that Popovich sat his second-leading scorer in Wednesday's regular season finale against the Mavericks.

The Spurs still had a chance at moving up to No. 6 in the West. Duncan also sat out, though over the last two years, San Antonio has seized every chance to rest his creaky 33-



The Spurs' Manu Ginobili, center, has often struggled with injuries during the NBA playoffs, but he is healthy this year.

year-old legs whenever possible.

Ginobili was fine, but Popovich took no chances.

Not after Ginobili hobbled on a sore ankle through the 2008 playoffs that ended in the West semifinals. Or last year, when Ginobili sat out with a fracture in his other ankle while the Mavs ripped through the Spurs

in five games.

"We've had playoffs where Timmy hasn't played, where Manu hasn't played, where Timmy's been half-speed, where Manu's been half-speed for a variety of reasons," Popovich said. "We're entering this playoff pretty healthy except for George (Hill) and I didn't want to screw that up."

After all, it took the Spurs this long to get things right. The last time the Spurs didn't start the postseason with home-court advantage was 1998, when 56 wins was only good enough for the fifth seed.

But settling for seventh this year was more disappointing.

With Ginobili's health in doubt after last season, the Spurs aggressively spent on Richard Jefferson to bring in another scorer. But Jefferson, averaging just 12.8 points, didn't provide the offensive punch like San Antonio hoped, and the Spurs stumbled with a revamped roster.

But as Ginobili improved as the season wore on, so did the Spurs. Ginobili has also saved his best for the best: in wins over division leaders Cleveland, Boston, Orlando, Denver and the Los Angeles Lakers, Ginobili averaged 29.6 points.

The Spurs have played 88 playoff games since winning their second championship in 2003. Only once in that span has a player other than Duncan, Ginobili or Tony Parker led the Spurs in scoring in a playoff game.

Far as the Spurs are concerned, it's Ginobili's turn again.

"Coaches think all kinds of crazy things," Popovich said. "But I never thought he was going to be a different player or a worse player. He just needed time to get his rhythm back."

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NBA

# Unheralded players could affect playoffs

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jamal Crawford finished the regular season at the end of the Atlanta Hawks' bench, barely noticed as he rested up for his first trip to the playoffs.

It's a position he's gotten used to in his career.

"Under the radar, right?" Crawford joked in the locker room after Wednesday night's game against Cleveland, decked out in a snazzy suit rather than a uniform.

He'll get plenty of playing time now that the postseason is here.

About 'bout a little love?

While Shaq, 'Sheed and Vince got most of the attention last summer when they switched teams, it was three more anonymous transactions that might wind up having a bigger impact on the NBA playoffs.

Start with Crawford, finally playing for a winner after nearly a decade. He has emerged as one of the league's best sixth men for the Hawks, giving a team that methodically assembled its starting five some much-needed scoring punch off the bench.

Then there's Andre Miller, who signed to be a backup in Portland and forced the Trail Blazers to trade away the guy ahead of him. With the team's star, Brandon Roy, hobbling on a knee injured last weekend, Miller might have to take on an even greater role in the post-season.

And don't forget Matt Barnes, who brought some much-needed toughness to the Orlando Magic, a team that always seemed a little too soft to go all the way. Not anymore, not with Barnes mixing it up with opponents, fans—even his own coach.

"I play every game like it's my last," Barnes said. "I really feel blessed to be in a position I am, to even have an opportunity to play in the league. I take nothing for granted. I just go out there and put my hard work out there every night."

What about all those big names who traded uniforms last summer?

Well, Shaquille O'Neal hasn't played for the Cavaliers since late February because of a thumb injury, so the jury's still out on whether he'll be able to help LeBron James capture the only thing missing in his career, an NBA title.

Rasheed Wallace was supposed to help Boston get back in the mix for another champi-

onship, but the Celtics hobbled to the finish line looking tired and old, managing only the No. 4 seed in the East. Wallace is just a shell (9 points, 4.1 rebounds a game) of the fearsome, griping player he was on that title team in Detroit.

Vince Carter has been the best of the bunch, doing pretty much what was expected of him in Orlando as a high-flying complement to the beast of the backboards, Dwight Howard. Even so, the Magic might not have been they are (No. 2 in the East and primed for another chance to get at Cleveland in the conference finals) if not for Barnes and two other unsung members of the roster, Jason Williams and Ryan Anderson, who have developed into valuable backups.

Barnes had already been with Phoenix, Golden State, New York, Philadelphia, Sacramento and the Los Angeles Clippers when he signed with the Magic for the bargain-basement price of \$1.7 million (with an option for next season). Williams signed after sitting out last season, while Anderson was a throw-in to the blockbuster deal with brought Carter from New Jersey.

"They're never really mentioned, and I don't know why," said Carter, whose team opens the playoffs Sunday hosting Charlotte. "They have been very important pieces for this team, and we wouldn't be where we are right now without all these other pieces that were brought here in the off-season."

Crawford has put up some excellent number in his career, including nearly 21 points a game for the Knicks two years ago. But playing with one awful team after another obscured his good work and left him wondering if he'd ever make it the playoffs (only two other players in NBA history had played more games without getting there).

Finally, in his 10th season, Crawford has made it to the promised land with the Hawks, who merely had to give up two warm bodies (Acie Law and Speedy Claxton) to a Golden State team looking to clear some cap space last summer. Atlanta has improved every year since a 13-win debacle in 2004-05, and getting Crawford helped them push to 53 victories and the No. 3 seed in the East.

The Hawks will face the Milwaukee Bucks in a best-of-seven series that opens Saturday.

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	team	previous
1	Arizona State	1
2	UCLA	3
3	Virginia	5
4	Texas	6
5	Georgia Tech	2
6	LSU	4
7	Florida State	8
8	Arkansas	10
9	Florida	9
10	Coastal Carolina	13
11	TCU	12
12	Louisville	7
13	South Carolina	17
14	Oklahoma	16
15	Miami	14
16	Clemson	11
17	Oregon State	15
18	Mississippi	18
19	Vanderbilt	19
20	Kansas State	20
21	Arizona	22
22	Western Kentucky	NR
23	Southeastern La.	24
24	Cal St. Fullerton	NR
25	UC Irvine	21

### Men's Division I Outdoor Track USTFCCCA Poll

	team	previous
1	Florida	1
2	Texas A&M	2
3	Oregon	3
4	Texas Tech	5
5	Florida State	4
6	Southern California	6
7	Auburn	7
8	LSU	8
9	South Carolina	11
10	Arizona State	9
11	Mississippi State	12
12	Nebraska	10
13	Oklahoma	13
14	Baylor	19
15	Louisville	14
16	Virginia Tech	17
17	Mississippi	23
18	Arkansas	15
19	California	18
20	Brigham Young	24
21	Minnesota	20
22	Kansas State	NR
23	Washington State	22
24	Tennessee	21
25	Wisconsin	25

### Men's Division I Lacrosse USILA Poll

	team	previous
1	Virginia	1
2	Syracuse	3
3	North Carolina	2
4	Maryland	4
5	Duke	6
6	Princeton	5
7	Drexel	8
8	Loyola	9
9	Georgetown	11
10	Cornell	12

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**7 p.m., Versus**

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## MLB



AP

The Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, and Robinson Cano stand for the national anthem before the team played Thursday. Every major league player wore No. 42 to honor the 63rd anniversary of the breaking of baseball's color barrier.

## Teams commemorate Jackie Robinson Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On Jackie Robinson Day, all of baseball joined Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in wearing the cherished No. 42.

Everyone in uniform had Robinson's number on their jerseys Thursday, honoring the 63rd anniversary of the day he broke baseball's color barrier by taking the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Major League Baseball retired 42 on the 50th anniversary in 1997, but allowed players who already had it to wear the number until they finished their career. Rivera is the only player to still have it, and is distinctly aware of what it means.

"It's a privilege, an honor, to

be the last one to wear 42, it's a blessing for me," the New York closer said. "I definitely have a job to do to represent him well."

In a brief ceremony before the Yankees hosted the Los Angeles Angels, Robinson's widow, Rachel, their daughter, Sharon, and two medical school students on scholarships provided by the Jackie Robinson Foundation were honored near home plate.

A tribute to his legacy was shown on the videoboard and the Yankees' Robinson Cano and Marcus Thames presented Rachel Robinson with a bouquet of flowers. When the public address announcer introduced the starting lineups, every player was "number 42."

Robinson's grandson, Jesse Simms, threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Around the league, there was an outpouring of respect and admiration for the man who on April 15, 1947, transformed America's pastime — and so much more in the era before the civil rights movement.

"Without Mr. Robinson I wouldn't be sitting here and President Obama would not be president of the United States," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said in Toronto. "If you really go back and look at this, Mr. Robinson started all this before even Martin Luther King. He went through a lot to make it better for myself and minorities. This is the guy that got it rolling for everybody."

Throughout the majors, each club autographed a No. 42 jersey that will be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Jackie Robinson Foundation, founded by Rachel Robinson in 1973, a year after he died.

Even though he was a New York Giants fan growing up in Brooklyn, Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre understood Robinson's importance.

"He really changed baseball. To me, it's something we should never forget. And I'm happy that Major League Baseball is certainly never going to let it go away," Torre said in Los Angeles. "They retired No. 42, and I think it's a great tribute to him — not only as a player, but the individual he was."

## IN BRIEF

### Roethlisberger accuser says she told him "no"

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — The young woman who accused Ben Roethlisberger of sexual assault said she tried to get away from the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and told him "no, this is not OK," according to police documents released Thursday.

In a statement to police the day after the encounter, the 20-year-old college student said Roethlisberger told her, and her friends, to take numerous shots of alcohol. Then one of his bodyguards escorted her into a hallway at the Capital City nightclub, sat her on a stool and left. She said Roethlisberger walked down the hallway and exposed himself.

"I told him it wasn't ok, no, we don't need to do this and I proceeded to get up and try to leave," she said. "I went to the first door I saw, which happened to be a bathroom." According to her statement, Roethlisberger then followed her into the bathroom and shut the door.

### Bird says he does not know of Pacers' relocation plans

INDIANAPOLIS — Pacers president Larry Bird says he has received calls from people interested in buying and moving the team.

Bird adds, however, that despite questions about the franchise's stability he's never heard team owner Herb Simon say he would relocate the club.

The Pacers are losing money and team officials have been talking with the city about the \$15 million a year it costs the club to operate Conseco Fieldhouse.

Bird also said Thursday that coach Jim O'Brien would return despite a third straight losing season. Bird says part of the rebuilding process includes retaining the coach.

The Pacers finished the season Wednesday with a 32-50 record, their worst since 1988-89. They missed the playoffs for the fourth straight year.

### Bosh, set to become free agent, unsure of future plans

TORONTO — With the Toronto Raptors out of the playoff picture, the focus now shifts to Chris Bosh's uncertain future with the team.

The star forward is set to become an unrestricted free agent this summer, but says he has yet to make a decision on his future.

Bosh spoke a day after the Raptors closed out the regular season with a win over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night. Toronto finished one game behind Chicago for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Division.

Bosh also said the ability of the Raptors to build a winner around him is important. He enters the off-season as the franchise leader in points (9,275) and rebounds (4,450).

This year's free agent class also includes LeBron James and Dwyane Wade.

## MLB

# Pelfrey's strong day pushes Mets past Rockies

*De La Rosa cools off; Twins batter Wakefield while Liriano shuts down Red Sox; Hoffman guts out tough save*

Associated Press

DENVER — Going against one of baseball's hottest pitchers, Mike Pelfrey took the mound with the mindset he was going to have to be at his best.

That approach worked out just fine for him and the New York Mets.

Pelfrey pitched seven solid innings and hit an RBI single in helping the Mets beat the Rockies 5-0 on Thursday while cooling off Colorado starter Jorge De La Rosa, whose 17 wins since June 1 are the most in the majors.

"Going into the day, I felt like I had to be on top of my game because De La Rosa is pretty good," Pelfrey said. "I thought I did a good job locating my fast-ball and the split was big today. I got some big outs with it. It's a start I can build off of and continue to get better. I'm just glad it worked out."

Pelfrey (2-0) allowed five hits, struck out six and walked none as the Mets ended a four-game skid. Only two of the Rockies' hits got out of the infield.

"He's pitching with some confidence," said the Mets' Jeff Francoeur, who singled twice and scored a run to extend his season-opening hitting streak to nine games.

"He knows how good he is, what kind of stuff he has. He's 6-7, pretty intimidating on the mound. I've told him, 'Don't let guys just dig in there,' and I thought he did a great job, backing guys off the plate today and throwing the split-finger and

slider. We needed that."

Pedro Feliciano and Francisco Rodriguez each pitched a hitless inning to finish New York's first shutout of the season and the first shutout of the Rockies at Coors Field since Sept. 6, 2008, by Houston.

The only team not to be shut out at home last season, the Rockies were of little help to De La Rosa (1-1), who struggled with his control while allowing five runs and eight hits over six innings. He walked five and threw two wild pitches that figured in a pair of runs.

De La Rosa threw seven shutout innings in his first outing of the season against San Diego and was 5-0 with a 2.49 ERA in his previous eight starts before facing New York.

"I didn't throw enough strikes," De La Rosa said.

In contrast, De La Rosa said Pelfrey "stayed in the strike zone and got us out. He did his job."

Pelfrey was in control throughout on the mound but he had a wild time on the bases after drawing a leadoff walk in the third. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and moved to third on Jose Reyes' single. When Luis Castillo followed with a grounder to third, Pelfrey broke for home.

Ian Stewart chased him down the line but his throw glanced off Pelfrey's shoulder and deflected off catcher Miguel Olivo's glove for an error that gave the Mets a 2-0 lead.

"I'd rather have done it in a different place, because I was getting pretty winded running the bases. It's pretty hard to breathe here," in the high altitude, Pelfrey said with a smile.

The error kept New York from having three outs registered on the basepaths in the inning. Castillo was tagged out going for second, apparently on an abort-

ed double steal, and Reyes was thrown out trying to steal third before David Wright struck out to end the inning.

"Those are some things we'll address," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said of the team's base-running mistakes. "We don't mind the aggression, but we have to be a little smarter about it."

## Twins 8, Red Sox 0

Francisco Liriano's nickname as a rookie for Minnesota was "The Franchise," reflecting his immediate success in 2006 before his elbow began to hurt.

Four years later, the fortunes of the Twins could still be strongly tied to Liriano's left arm.

Liriano threw seven shutout innings, and the Twins took the first series at Target Field with an 8-0 victory over the sloppy Boston Red Sox on Thursday.

While going 5-13 with a 5.80 ERA last year, Liriano gave up at least one run in each of his 24 starts. Boston was averaging more than five runs a game this season.

"That's our wild card. I feel like we'll be as strong as he is," said Nick Punto, who had three of Minnesota's 15 hits.

Every Twins starter had a hit except batting champ Joe Mauer. Denard Span turned two of Tim Wakefield's knuckleballs into RBI doubles, and Michael Cuddyer homered and drove in three runs.

The Twins have won their first three series of the season, the first time that's happened since 1987, the year of their first World Series championship.

"These guys believe in themselves, and they're trying to go out and prove it on the field," manager Ron Gardenhire.

Including Liriano (1-0), who has struggled to find his confidence as much as his control and his velocity since needing Tommy John surgery after that unforgettable 2006 season.

He threw well in Dominican winter ball, kept it up in spring training and despite a so-so performance in his first start has a

2.08 ERA out of the gate. Against the Red Sox, he scattered four hits and struck out eight.

"He was really good," said Boston's Bill Hall, who drew the only two walks against Liriano. "He should be really proud of himself. He's definitely got his old stuff back."

Liriano thought so, too.

"I haven't felt like that since probably '06," he said.

With help from the calming influence of his catcher, Mauer, Liriano worked out of one-out, two-on trouble in the first two frames. Then he reached back for one of those trademark sliders to strike out Jeremy Hermida and end the seventh with one on.

"We've seen that before," Gardenhire said. "You always hope you're going to get a pitcher back after a major surgery like that. He's still got a ways to go, but his stuff is there. There's no doubt about it."

Perhaps most encouraging for the Twins was Liriano's trust in his fastball against the patient Red Sox and the quick pace of his outing, resulting in a 2-hour, 38-minute game. He wasn't overly reliant on that trusty slider.

"My arm feels better. I just have my confidence back," Liriano said.

Wakefield (0-1) is 14-6 lifetime against the Twins, including a 7-4 mark at the Metrodome, where the float on his knuckler often proved more baffling than usual. He didn't fool very many batters in this one, giving up 10 hits and six runs in 5 1-3 innings.

"It has nothing to do with being outside or inside. I just didn't have good stuff," Wakefield said.

It was that kind of afternoon for the Red Sox, who left a total of five runners in scoring position and made three errors in the field—plus another flub that led to a Twins run in the sixth..

## Brewers 8, Cubs 6

The wind, the sun, the Chicago Cubs and his own Milwaukee teammates made Trevor Hoffman work extra hard for career save No. 594.

Hoffman, who blew his last two chances, entered in the ninth inning Thursday with a three-run lead. Two flyballs eluded the Brewers for doubles, letting in a run, before baseball's career saves leader ended things by retiring Aramis Ramirez on a drive to deep center.

"Guys are playing their butts off out there. Things happen," Hoffman said after he had to throw 29 pitches to lock up Milwaukee's 8-6 victory. "Balls found little spots to land. You just have to continue to make pitches. It was important to get that win."

It was an unusually hot mid-April day in Chicago—80 degrees at first pitch — and the wind was blowing out at 18 mph. The conditions caused extra nervousness for Brewers manager Ken Macha, whose team frittered away a three-run, eighth-inning lead Wednesday.

"With the wind blowing out, everybody was sitting on the edge of their seats," he said. "And I know right field here ... a terrible sun field."

With one out in the ninth, right fielder Corey Hart lost sight of Ryan Theriot's fly and the ball ended up behind Hart. Then, with two outs, Chad Tracy hit a popup that fell between Hart and second baseman Rickie Weeks, each of whom got a late jump.

"You can't take anything for granted," Brewers third baseman Casey McGehee said. "Those popups look innocent ... then all of a sudden they turn into an adventure."

McGehee and Ryan Braun each homered and drove in three runs. Weeks singled home the tiebreaking run in the seventh as the Brewers overcame home runs by Derrek Lee, Marlon Byrd and Ramirez and avoided a three-game sweep.

It was 5-all in the seventh when pinch-hitter Joe Inglett drew a two-out walk from Jeff Samardzija (0-1), stole second and scored on Weeks' single. Weeks, who underwent season-ending wrist surgery last May 20 and had two disappointing years before that, has at least one hit in every game this season.

After Carlos Villanueva struck out the side in the Chicago seventh, Braun led off the eighth with a homer off Samardzija. Braun, who also singled three times, has 26 RBIs in 26 games at Wrigley Field.

Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano and Milwaukee's Jeff Suppan each allowed four runs in five innings.

Zambrano labored, throwing 121 pitches, giving up eight hits and walking three. Though he got cramps in his calf and right index finger in his final inning, he said the wind was a far bigger hindrance.

"I've been here for eight years," he said, "and I know that I have to keep the ball down when the wind's blowing out."

The \$91.5 million right-hander, coming off a nine-win season, actually lowered his ERA to 9.45.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella is more concerned about a relief corps that has a 6.41 ERA after Samardzija allowed two runs and Sean Marshall and John Grabow let in one apiece.

"It's hard to win when the other team keeps adding runs," Piniella said. "The bullpen's got to tighten it up."

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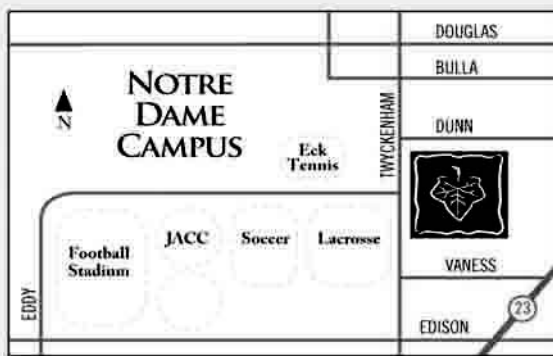


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## SMC GOLF

## Nation's best to test Belles this weekend

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

The biggest tournament of the spring season to date arrives this weekend for the No. 5 Belles, who travel to Normal, Ill., to compete in the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling Invitational.

The tournament will be hotly contested, with a large number of high-quality teams in attendance at a competition that could play a large role in the Belles' postseason hopes and performance.

"It's an important tournament for us," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "It's a good showcase event for the Midwest — five of the top 12 teams in the country will be there."

Not only will Saint Mary's use the tournament as a measuring stick for its progress against the nation's best, but the results of the tournament could also have a direct effect on the Belles' postseason. If Saint Mary's does not qualify for the national championships through the MIAA qualifier, its performance in this tournament could determine whether they receive an at-large bid. And if they earn the MIAA bid, this tournament will affect the Belles' seeding

during the NCAA championships.

The tournament will be contested at Ironwood Golf Club, a straightforward open course known for allowing low scores. Its length will be the largest obstacle for golfers, and the fairways are open enough that a wayward drive may still be playable — in essence, a course layout that favors the Belles, Hamilton said.

"Some of our players hit the ball longer than some of the opposing teams which means sometimes it's a little more crooked," he said. "This golf course is pretty wide open and benign. I feel it'll lend itself to our game."

The back nine is more difficult than the front nine, which could make for an interesting tournament dynamic, with late-round challenges possible. Low scores, however, are there for the taking, making it likely that the winner of this tournament is the team that has the best two days with the putter on the slow, relatively flat greens, Hamilton said.

"It's usually a shootout at this tournament," Hamilton said. "It comes down to whoever can putt the best, because scores tend to be low."

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## MEN'S GOLF

## Championships loom large

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

In a game where the ability to control one's emotions is paramount, the Irish have reaped the rewards of maintaining their composure this season. But under the surface, a competitive drive fuels Notre Dame as they prepare for the Big East championships Sunday.

"Obviously kids come to Notre Dame for the education, the experience, but they come to play for championships," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "That's the opportunity we have this weekend, and we're excited."

Notre Dame is coming off one of its closest victories of the year, a 292-298 win against Detroit Mercy Wednesday in the Battle at the Warren. The Irish received contributions up and down the lineup, a good sign for a team hitting its stride in the final stretch of the season.

"In the spring season we're absolutely playing our best golf right now. I like the way our short game has been of late, we're really coming around," Kubinski said. "It should really fit us assuming we go down there with a good mental mindset and just play well."

The tournament will be played on Innisbrook Resort



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Senior Doug Fortner plays a shot in October at Warren Golf Course. The Irish will compete in the Big East championships Sunday.

and Golf Club, a traditionally difficult course that can quickly expose any weaknesses in a golfer's game. Kubinski said he believes the ability to drive the ball off the tee will be key in setting the Irish up for success this weekend.

"It's a very challenging golf course, very long," Kubinski said. "We're going to play probably at 7,300 to 7,400 yards. You're going to have to obviously drive it well there. It's like any tournament, you have to follow up, but on that golf course length will definitely be a factor."

The Irish are led by senior Doug Fortner and sophomore Tom Usher, who both carded the lowest score of the day

Wednesday at 69. Fifth-year senior Josh Sandman is also an important contributor who brings a level head and much needed playoff experience to the squad.

In addition to the talent on the links, the Irish have an additional factor working in their favor.

"Every year Phil Mickelson has won the Masters, we win the Big East, so it's a good omen," Kubinski said. "If that means anything, we'll take it."

The Irish tee off in the Big East championships Tuesday in Palm Harbor, Fla. The tournament concludes Tuesday.

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## SMC TENNIS

## Belles welcome Kalamazoo

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sports Writer

The Belles enter their third match of the week looking to halt a three-match losing streak when they face off at Kalamazoo College Saturday.

Saint Mary's faces Kalamazoo annually, but this year's edition has some added importance with the MIAA championships only two weeks away.

The week started with a 9-0 loss

to No. 3 Chicago Monday. Each singles player lost in straight sets against the Maroons.

The Belles lost a hard fought 6-3 decision to Albion College Wednesday to fall to 8-6 on the season, with a 2-2 conference record.

Senior captain Camille Gebert defeated Anna Gundersen 6-4, 7-5 at No. 2 singles. No. 4 singles player Franca Peluso beat Morgan Watler in straight sets as the junior continued to produce for the Belles.

The only other Saint Mary's victory was the doubles combination of Jillian Hurley and Mary Therese Lee. They defeated Cassie Simmelink and Sarah Towler 8-6.

After they play their third consecutive road game Saturday, the Belles will return home to host home matches next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when they welcome Hope, Bethel and Adrian, respectively, to campus.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Adrian sweeps pair of contests

By TIM SINGLER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell twice to Adrian in a doubleheader 14-3 and 9-0 in a MIAA doubleheader Thursday.

The Bulldogs (21-5, 7-1 MIAA) scored in the first inning of the first game, as the Belles (16-14, 5-3) gave up a two-run home run. Saint Mary's answered with two runs of its own in the bottom half of the first inning.

Adrian continued its offensive push, with five more runs over the next three innings, taking a comfortable lead.

Saint Mary's squeaked out one

more run, but when Adrian scored six more runs in the final two innings of play, the 14-3 deficit was too much to overcome.

In the second game, Adrian defeated the Belles 9-0 in five innings of play. The Bulldogs picked up right where they left off in the first game as they increased their run total per inning eventually tapering off at five runs in the fourth inning.

Sophomore Angela Gills suffered the loss in the second game as she allowed twelve hits and had one strikeout. Senior Ashley Peterson broke yet another school record for the Belles as she had three RBI on the afternoon. She

now holds the record for the most RBI in a season, which was set as recently as 2007.

Saint Mary's will travel to Olivet on Saturday to take on the Comets in a pivotal MIAA matchup. The Belles will be looking to redeem lost ground in the conference standings in the doubleheader. Olivet is just behind Saint Mary's in the conference standings and a Belles loss in the first game would put them both at 5-4 in conference play.

Saint Mary's and Olivet will meet Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

## Irish travel to Florida, look for league crown

By TIM SINGLER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to compete for the title in the Big East championships as it heads to Palm Harbor, Fla., for a three-round tournament starting Sunday.

The Irish are hoping to come out strong as they bring back some experience from last year's tournament. Senior Annie Brophy and sophomore So-Hyun Park both tied for ninth place in last year's championships. Both Brophy and Park will be in the hunt for the individual title this year.

Brophy was named Big East Golfer of the Week on Wednesday for her performance at the SunTrust Gator Invitational. She recorded an 11th-place finish, her fourth top-15 finish of the season.

"Annie winning Big East player of the week honors this past week puts her in a good place mentally going into the championship," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "Playing well builds confidence, and I think she is very

confident right now. She has played very steady all spring."

Brophy is not the only bright spot on the team entering the tournament. Holt said the depth of the team could spark the team to a strong showing.

"I look for [junior] Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park to play a key role in our success this tournament," Holt said. "I

think if both of them show up it will put us in a great position to win."

The Big East championships will pose a tough challenge for the Irish. There will be many strong teams there looking to capture the title, but the Irish know what they

need to do to win. Entering the tournament with the right mindset will make all the difference.

"Our biggest competition this week will be with ourselves," Holt said. "As a team we need to stay focused, confident and composed for three rounds of golf; if we can do that I think we will get the result we want."

The Irish tee off in Florida Sunday, and the tournament concludes Tuesday.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Irish finish home schedule

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

The No. 12 Irish will close out their first home season at Arlotta Stadium Saturday as they take on Cincinnati while looking to build on last weekend's home sweep of Villanova and Syracuse.

Notre Dame's rejuvenated defense held Villanova and Syracuse scoreless for a combined 98 minutes before a second-half goal by Syracuse ended the streak.

"We've played such dominating defense it wasn't even funny," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "In the Villanova game they hardly even touched the ball for the first twenty minutes. Our top four defenders were in key one-on-one matchups against Syracuse and they played well and just

made the unit that much stronger."

The coaching staff and the players have worked hard all week in practice to maintain the defensive effort against the Bearcats and beyond, Coyne said.

"We have little aspects to work on defensively," she said. "Right off the draw, if we lose a draw, we want to work on causing a turnover right away and getting control back. Right now, our mindset is that we're in the position to control our destiny as the season winds down. I don't know how you can't be focused when you're in this position."

A string of recent victories that started with a thrilling last second victory against Loyola has pushed the Irish (8-4, 4-1 Big East) into second place in the conference, and Coyne is thrilled

with the outlook for the rest of the season, provided the Irish keep up their strong play.

"Georgetown is undefeated, but they have some tough games, including against Syracuse, coming up," Coyne said. "We only have three conference games left and although they are huge games we have gotten most of our tougher competition out of the way. Rutgers will be a big game on the road, but if we win out we'll be looking at first or second place in the Big East."

The game against the Bearcats will be a litmus test for the Irish offense, which scored six goals in an abnormally low-scoring game against Syracuse. Junior mid-fielder Shaylyn Blaney leads the Irish with 23 goals on the season, while senior Gina Scioscia and junior Kailene Abt each have notched 21 goals on the year. Coyne said the offense has cleaned up their attack as the year has progressed.

"We're controlling the ball better," Coyne said. "We're really limiting our turnovers, I think we're down seven or eight turnovers a game recently. If there's one thing we can improve it's our shooting percentage, that's what we really need to work on."

The Irish will enter the home-stretch of the regular season as they face the Bearcats Saturday at 3 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.



Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney maneuvers between defenders during Notre Dame's 6-5 victory over Syracuse on April 11.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Bayliss heads to Navy for emotional reunion

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

The Irish will be back on the road this weekend to face Navy in Annapolis, Md., in a match that holds special significance for both teams.

Not only is Saturday's match the last for Notre Dame (12-11) before the Irish head to the Big East championships, but it is also a reunion of Irish coach Bobby Bayliss' former Navy players from his 15 seasons coaching there from 1970 to 1984.

"Navy is a special match for me," Bayliss said. "The Academy is bringing back people who played under me there. It's a reunion of sorts for me and a chance to see players I haven't in years, all who have gone to be very successful in their lives."

Notre Dame is coming off a 5-2 win over Ball State Wednesday, snapping its three-match losing streak to Texas A&M, Ohio State and Louisville. The Irish captured the match after winning the double point and are now 9-1 when they win that point.

Not only were the Irish strong on the doubles side, but also in the singles division, winning at Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Although the Irish moved around some players Wednesday, Bayliss said the points kept coming easily for his team, and that

speaks to the depth of Notre Dame's roster.

"We think we've got nine or 10 guys who can play pretty good [at the lower positions]," Bayliss said. "Some of the lower guys are starting to get some confidence, and we're holding our own the lower we go in the lineup."

Not only does this mean Bayliss has options in his team currently, but he also has the promise of continued strength in the future.

"I think it bodes well for the future, but the problem is at this point I don't think they can do any better than the guys at 1 and 2," he said of sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens, respectively.

Without much turnaround time between Wednesday's home match and when the team hits the road, the Irish were not given much time to practice — but Bayliss said he expects continued improvement.

"We'll continue to work on our net play in doubles and be a little more consistent and aggressive up there," Bayliss said. "It's different for each person."

The Irish take on Navy at 1 p.m. at the Dyer Tennis Clubhouse in Annapolis Saturday in their final regular season match before the conference tournament.

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# Friars

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To pull off the victory, the Irish will have to contend with a Providence squad that offers multiple looks in order to gain a tactical advantage — a difficult task to accomplish when the Irish are already struggling with consistency.

“They do a good job of dictating tempo and mixing up what they’re doing defensively,” Corrigan said. “You have to adjust to what they’re doing because they’ll do a lot of different things in the course of the day.”

Midfielder Mike Feldberg will be Providence’s most potent scoring threat and will probably look to connect with fellow midfielder Jake Nolan, who leads the Friars in assists and points. Providence will try and slow the game down

in order to play to their strengths offensively, an uncommon tactic in a typically fast-paced sport, Corrigan said.

“Offensively they try to take the air out of the ball a little bit and slow things down,” he said. “They’re effective with it, and they’re able to keep themselves close in games.”

Despite the challenges the Friars pose, the buzzword for the Irish will continue to be consistency as they look to put together a complete game in the season’s home stretch.

“You can’t be successful [when you’re inconsistent], and that’s been a problem for us throughout this year,” Corrigan said. “We need to try to get on top of them.”

Notre Dame looks to snap its three-game losing streak at noon Saturday in Arlotta Stadium.

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Senior midfielder Kelly McKenna pursues the ball during Notre Dame’s 10-8 loss to Rutgers on March 27.

## ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

# Irish face DePaul, Marquette

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

The No. 5 Irish will wind down the regular season against No. 22 DePaul today before facing Marquette on Senior Day Sunday in the final regular season matches of the year. Seniors Cosmina Ciobanu, Kali Krisik and Colleen Rielley will be honored at the Courtney Tennis Center prior to Sunday’s match.

The Irish (17-3) come into Friday’s match against DePaul fresh off the defeat of two Top-40 opponents in Texas A&M and South Florida. DePaul (15-3) will offer no respite as they look for revenge after losing 6-1 to the Irish in January.

“DePaul is pretty tough, this is probably the best year they’ve ever had for their program,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “We’ve had some real good matches with them, including the Big East Tournament last year. They compete in every match.”

Leading the Irish into the weekend is sophomore Kristy Frilling, ranked No. 15 in the latest ITA singles poll. Frilling recently nabbed her second Big East Player of the Week honor after going 4-0 between first singles and doubles against Texas A&M and South Florida. Louderback said he believes Frilling’s improvement in her sophomore season is due to mental toughness.

“She’s worked very hard this year,” Louderback said. “Going



Senior Kali Krisik, right, awaits sophomore Kristy Frilling’s serve during their 8-6 victory over South Florida’s top duo on April 9.

into the year she knew she was going to be number one and the competition is always good up there. Mentally, she’s just been a lot tougher. As a freshman, she struggled in some matches, and in the ones that she lost she really got killed. This year she’s been in every match and has gotten much tougher over the course of the match.”

Backing up Frilling, Ciobanu has been perfect this season in the middle of the singles lineup, something which Louderback said he believes has contributed to his team’s strong depth.

“Our depth is very good,” Louderback said. “That’s one of our strengths. When people have been down, others have stepped up and won some big matches for us. Whether it’s Cosmina, who hasn’t lost a match all season, or

Kristen Rafael or Shannon Mathews, our players have hung in their in big matches.”

Marquette (12-11) has struggled to stay above .500 on the season, but the Irish are expecting a challenge from the Golden Eagles, especially at first singles from sophomore Gillian Hush.

“Their record isn’t too good, but they’ve played well against top competition,” Louderback said. “They’re a scrappy bunch and they don’t really have big hitters but their singles is particularly tough.”

The Irish look to enter the post-season on a strong note in its matches against DePaul Friday at 5 p.m. and Marquette Sunday at 10 a.m.

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# Defense

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count out senior defensive end Emeka Nwankwo, who has been a goal-line presence for the Irish in the past but has not seen significant playing time.

“We’re going to see him,” Elston said. “He’s a physical, athletic player. He improves every day, and gets at it. He’s going to be a hard guy to keep off the field.”

Defensive coordinator Bob Diaco said as the defense learns the new installations and the depth chart is sorted out, a player’s attitude and abilities would be more impor-

tant than the specific plays.

“We’re interested in the guys playing defense with the core fundamentals of playing great defense,” he said. “They’ve got to be electric hustling to the football. They’ve got to be fundamentally sound and aggressive in their block destruction. They’ve got to be, in their execution of tackling a person with the ball, they’ve got to be fundamentally sound and they’ve got to have the intent to tackle, which is probably the most important ... So they’ve got to have all those elements, and that’s a whole lot more important than the call, frankly.”

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# Vikings

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tistics or their record, you would have thought that the score would have been a lot closer than it ended up being,” Ganeff said.

Aside from having a good season, the Vikings also sported Amanda Macenko, one of the best pitchers they have had in program history on the mound Thursday.

“[Macenko] had better movement than a lot of the pitching we’ve seen in the last few weeks,” Ganeff said. “She has the most strikeouts in the history of their program.”

Along with their success on offense, the Irish excelled on defense against the Vikings as

senior pitcher Jody Valdivia and freshman pitcher Brittany O’Donnell teamed-up to throw a one-hitter.

The coaches arranged for O’Donnell to start against the Vikings to give Valdivia a rest before the upcoming in-conference games against Louisville on Saturday and Sunday.

“We tried to give [Valdivia] a game where she didn’t have to throw seven innings,” Ganeff said. “So O’Donnell got in there and did her job.”

The Vikings are a similar team to the Irish, boasting some of the strengths on the field that the Irish demonstrate.

“They are typically a home run hitting team and steal a lot of bases like us, so for our defense to hold them to just a few hits, that was really good,” Ganeff said. “We were able to put our game together and dominate, which has been our goal the whole year.”

After feeling like they undermined their ability on the field in their two wins against Georgetown Wednesday, the Irish turn to this victory as a good confidence boost before their next conference game against Louisville.

*“We were able to put our game together and dominate.”*

**Kris Ganeff**  
Irish assistant coach

“We walked away feeling unsettled because we didn’t show Georgetown what we had,” Ganeff said. “Today, coming out and winning against a less competitive opponent restores the confidence and showed us how good we really can be.”

Next, the Irish will travel to Louisville to take on the Cardinals for three crucial in-conference games Saturday and Sunday.

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# Pirates

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ior Brian Dupra, sophomore Steve Sabatino and senior Eric Maust each have ERAs over 5.50.

The Pirates are just a game ahead of the Irish with a 3-6 record in conference competition, and have struggled offensively with a batting average of just .244, averaging just 3.6 runs per game.

Senior infielder Michael Rogers leads Seton Hall offensively, batting .308 at the plate with 10 RBIs. Sophomore right-hander Benny Mejia leads the Pirates rotation with a 3.50 ERA, and is 2-1 on the season.

Schrage said he was concerned with the team’s recent preparation heading into the crucial series.

“There better be a sense of urgency this weekend, because we have some work to do,” Schrage said.

Notre Dame is 3-7 on the road this season, and will look to gain momentum before Big East homestands against Cincinnati and St. John’s the next two weekends.

After that Notre Dame only has two more Big East series remaining.

Today’s first pitch in East Orange, N.J., will be at 3 p.m., Saturday’s first pitch will be at 1 p.m. and Sunday’s action will start at noon.

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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Eat up

6 Partied heartily

15 Heroine of Exmoor

16 Course in Russian geography?

17 Their points are made bluntly

18 Something passed without hesitation

19 Topic of TV's "This Old House"

21 Royal Crown, once

22 Slow to mix, say

23 Material for many electric guitar bodies

25 Peak's counterpart

27 Attachment used with care?

29 Dedicated literature

31 Sets off
- 35 \_\_\_ before

37 One starting easily?

39 Cry of anticipation

40 Moral obligation

41 Dominican capital

42 Gets under someone's skin?

44 Old imperator

45 Verenigde \_\_\_ (America, in Amsterdam)

46 Metropolitan hangover?

48 Indians' home, for short

49 Razor brand word

51 He introduced the symbol "e" for natural logs

53 "The Vengeance of \_\_\_" (1968 film sequel)

56 Opposite of very
- 58 One suspended for a game

61 Worked together

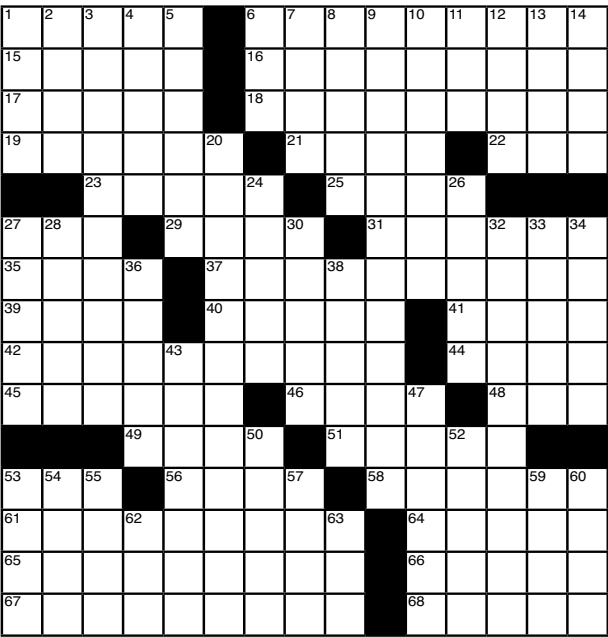
64 First name in rap

65 Debate

66 Was snail-like

67 Hoax

68 "\_\_\_ trouble!"



- Puzzle by Tim Croce
- 27 Pays

28 Show respect, in a way

30 They might span generations

32 Tool often used while wearing gloves

33 Like some cavities
- 34 Chain link?

36 Country singer Akins

38 Rum, to some

43 Wool cover-ups

47 Bug

50 Do intaglio, e.g.

52 Harden: Var.

53 It takes folks in

54 Wedding ring?
- 55 Mech. master

57 Wedding couple?

59 Something to get caught on

60 Play set

62 Make a case against?

63 2000 Richard Gere title role

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L E A S H R E B L E S E  
S S N C E Y U N I T E D  
T A M M I E A B I T  
A B R A C A D A B R A  
O L I O A N G L I A  
K N O L L S E I S O T T  
O P E L A B C C A N E A  
M A V A L O H A O W E N S  
O P E N S E S A M E A O U T  
D E R E K O L I N I N R E  
O R A L S X K E S T E E D

The circled letters, when rearranged, spell PLEASE.

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Seth Rogen, 28; Emma Watson, 20; Emma Thompson, 51; Roy Clark, 77

**Happy Birthday:** Be prepared to take a chance when it comes to your personal situation this year. If you act fast and in private, you will gain the most with the least amount of stress. Money issues may make you vulnerable. Don't leave anything to chance if you want your life to run smoothly. Prepare to fight for what you want. Your numbers are 6, 18, 21, 25, 27, 30, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The future prospects look very good as long as you stick to facts and offer what you know you can supply. A challenging activity will ease your stress and help you make an important decision. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Criticism will lead to bad feelings and emotional distancing, so praise others for a job well done. Listen to the suggestions offered. Minor mishaps or feeling a little under the weather will be due to stress. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take on a little extra if you notice someone is not feeling up to par. Your help will be reciprocated. A secret you trusted with someone in the past is not safe. Reveal the information before someone else does. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can talk all you want and you will command attention but it's what you do that will count. You have options to make some very crucial changes in your life both personally and professionally. Take advantage of what's offered. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't be too surprised if you have to do things on your own. Waiting around for others to catch up will be a waste of time. You may have to let go of some of the people in your life who are holding you back. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Present, promote and share everything you want to pursue and you will get good feedback and excellent help. Romance is in the stars, so get out in social settings. Travel, attending functions and networking will all pay off. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Concentrate on what needs to be done at home and with your personal papers in order to make things easier and less stressful. Getting behind financially or neglecting a pending problem will add to your worries. Talk to someone who can offer you sound advice. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Relationships will be a key to your success. A change in the way you approach life, love and the people around you will make a huge difference when an important life decision arises. Be ready to make a move. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Added responsibilities can be expected. Don't try to pass what's being asked of you to someone else. Uncertainty regarding your personal and professional future will have you questioning what to do next. Move quickly before you face opposition. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Making improvements around home will lift your spirits. Alterations to the way you've been living or the people in your life can be expected and should be welcomed. You are in dire need of a change. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** There will be a fine line between being offended and offending others. A dispute can be avoided if you proceed with caution and do your best to be pleasant and noncommittal. Don't meddle in other people's affairs. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Traveling back in time mentally will help you remember some of the people who have meant something special to you in the past. An unusual relationship will transpire if you are open about your feelings. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are outspoken, a go-getter and a fighter for rights. You don't back down or give up. You are strong, stubborn and stable.

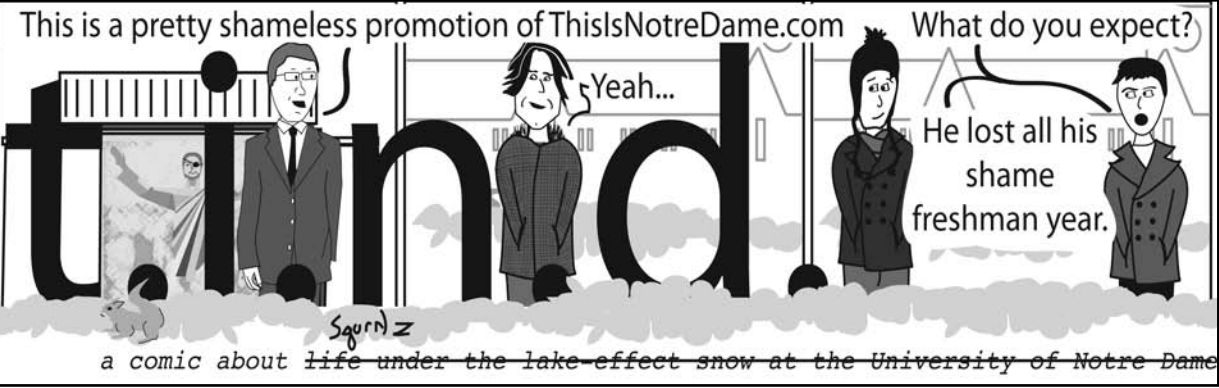
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CARNID

Answer: " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHALK DADDY GAMBLE NICETY  
Answer: What the tax preparer did after working around the clock — CALLED IT A "DAY"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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WHAT THE GAMBLING BOAT NEEDED FOR THE CARD GAMES.

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## FOOTBALL

# Diaco's defense

*Defense excited for switch back to 3-4 system*

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Irish defensive line coach Mike Elston isn't shy about his goals for the new football season.

"When Coach [Brian] Kelly asked me to coach the defensive line, I was asked the question, 'What are your expectations?' I expect to be the best defensive line in the country," Elston said Wednesday after the team's ninth spring practice. "Our guys are working towards that. They're going to be tough to block."

After spending 2009 in the 4-3 defensive scheme under former defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta, Kelly switched the team back to the 3-4 defense it played in 2007 and 2008. The scheme consists of three defensive linemen and four linebackers all very close to the line of scrimmage, in what the coaches describe as a "no-crease" defense. Elston said this would allow the front seven to make more plays on the ball.

"What you do is you knock a guy backwards, you stay squared up on him. If the ball goes to the left, you tackle the ball to the left. If it goes to the right, you tackle it to the right," he said. "The linebackers are on the same level as the d-line.



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**Junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore, right, performs a drill during a practice on March 31. Lewis-Moore leads a defensive line expecting to benefit from the switch to the 3-4 defense.**

There's no creases, no vertical, no horizontal creases between them."

Nearly all of the current linemen and linebackers were recruited to play in a 3-4 system, and junior defensive end Ethan Johnson said it should

lead to increased opportunities for the defense.

"I'm excited to get out to the passer and just get some sacks, make some plays," Johnson said. "I think everyone on defense is excited to make some plays this year. I think we'll

have a lot of chances to do that this year."

While Johnson and fellow junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore look to benefit from the new system, Elston said not to

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Two worst in Big East to compete

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

The only thing consistent about Notre Dame's season thus far has been its inconsistency throughout ups and downs, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"I'm going to go back to what I [said] before, and I think the Georgetown game proved it to be true," Corrigan said. "We can do everything we're asking our guys to do — not only can we do, but we have done. What we haven't done is do it for 60 minutes."

The lack of consistency has helped land the Irish (5-5, 0-3 Big East) in the midst of their longest losing streak of the season. It has been nearly a month since the squad felt the thrill of victory in a March 20 overtime victory over Ohio State. Since that time, Notre Dame has dropped three games, all in the conference.

The Irish will look to break that streak Saturday when Providence (0-9, 0-2) visits South Bend. Both teams will play with an obvious sense of urgency as the bottom two teams in the Big East standings. The Irish have only two regular-season games remaining after Saturday, one of which is against national powerhouse Syracuse.

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Three home runs lead Irish

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

The Irish defended their position at the top of the NCAA in batting average as three home runs, including a sixth-inning home run from junior Brianna Jorgensborg, led the Irish to a shutout of Cleveland State 8-0 at Melissa Cook Stadium Thursday.

"The game was a little slow at first," Irish assistant coach Kris Ganeff said. "But Dani Miller came out there and hit a home run that flew out past center field, and then we started stringing hits together."

The No. 24 Irish improved their win streak to eight games by defeating a Vikings team that has won 19 of their last 21 games.

"If you look at [the Vikings'] sta-

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

**Junior right fielder Brianna Jorgensborg takes a swing during Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep of South Florida on April 10.**

## BASEBALL

# Notre Dame heads east needing Big East wins

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Senior Sports Writer

If the Irish are going to have a chance to turn around their season, they're running out of time to do it.

Notre Dame (12-19, 2-7 Big East) will travel to Seton Hall (13-17, 3-6) for a critical three-game set this weekend in desperate need of a series win.

After dropping two of three games to Rutgers last weekend, the Irish had another sluggish performance this week against Chicago State (1-23), escaping with a 6-4 win.

"At this point I don't know what to expect," Irish coach

Dave Schrage said after Wednesday's contest. "We hit too many fly balls and we got away with the win."

Senior center fielder Brayden Ashdown led the team offensively against the Cougars, going 2-for-5 with three RBIs. The Irish hope Ashdown and freshman infielder Frank Desico, who hit .479 last week, keep up their hot hitting against the Pirates.

While starting to find their rhythm offensively and averaging over six runs per game this year,

Notre Dame has struggled finding consistency in pitching this season. Starters jun-

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