Morrissey rector changes parietals
Repealed vandalism invokes stringent visitation rules

By SHIELA FLYNN
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For the second year in a row, Morrissey parietals have been changed from 2 a.m. to midnight as punishment for vandalism in the dorm. Rector Father J. Steele sent dorm residents an email Wednesday citing "the intentional destruction of peg boards, the sounding of a false alarm and the damaging of a wheelchair" as his motivation for moving the parietals time. In addition, he castigated residents for not admitting to vandalism or urging those responsible to turn themselves in. "There is a persistent notion that we should not rat on our friends," Steele wrote in the email. "We should cover for them and never make them take responsibility for their actions. This is the Honor Among Thieves ... However, it is the duty of real friends to encourage each other to become men rather than boys. This is a matter of True Honor." Residents said they found the decision unwarranted and the email offensive. "I just didn't think it was very fair of him to suggest that we had a code of thieves and to question our manhood, when the vast majority of us didn't even know this was going on," said sophomore Tom Johnson. "It happened to us last year, but last year it had been a much bigger deal before [the parietals had been changed]," he said.

Freshman Andrew Sheedy also said he considered the decision to be "a sad overboard," and the email to be "really cheesy and overboard and just really stupid." However other students, though still unhappy with the change, said they were still at Notre Dame.

Class research focuses on gay marriage
Graphics project will highlight the controversial issue

By JOE TROMBELLO
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Students in Robert Sedlack's graphic design III class have prepared posters, buttons, Web sites and even a gay wedding reception to both showcase their research on gay marriage and get their message across to the Notre Dame campus. One poster reads "Keep it 27," a remnant opposing the creation of a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage, while a small card asking "Whatever happened to Adam and Steve?" may be opened to discover a link to a Web site highlighting both the arguments in support of and against gay marriage. Those who view the Web site are forced to select either "I am against gay marriage" or "I am for gay marriage" and are taken to arguments in opposition.

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Finest? You bet. The women of Farley Hall have lived up to their nickname and have been named Overall Hall of the Year for 2003-04. It was a top-to-bottom effort, ranging from the support of rector Sister Carrie Etheridge, to the dedication of hall presidents, staff and commissioners, to the enthusiasm of the residents.

The Hall Presidents' Council chooses the hall of the year based on several categories, which include academic, social, athletic, service, spirit, multicultural and gender relations. Keenan and Howard Halls were chosen as Men's and Women's Halls of the Year, respectively.

Hall Presidents Beth Duran, Nikki Parker, Katy Ryan and Courtney Badgley, all juniors, said they were delighted by the news, and pleased at seeing their hard work rewarded. "We just started off the year with really high goals," Duran said. "I guess you could say our theme this year was innovation." This innovative spirit struck a chord with the selection committee, which was extremely impressed by Farley's year, according to Hall Presidents' Council co-chair Sarah Keefer. "Farley had amazingly innovative ideas and strong outcomes," Keefer said. "They had really high attendance at all of their events and had events that grabbed

Howard hosts donor search

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Howard Hall's fourth annual Bone Marrow Drive will take place today on the first floor of LaFortune from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. All members of the Notre Dame community are encouraged to participate and register their bone marrow on the national registry, organizers said.

Library department preserves rare books

By MATT BRAMANTI
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Notre Dame is a university imbued with the past. Students note 32 years of coeducation. Irish faithful boast of the stories of 115 football seasons. Domers celebrate the University's 152-year history. But those times pale in comparison to the history contained in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, tucked away behind tinted glass doors in the concourse of the Hesburgh Library.

Ben Panciera, the rare books curator, said some items in the collection date back to the origins of the written word. "We have collections that span the history of writing (beginning with) cuneiform," Panciera said. Cuneiform was a type of writing in ancient Mesopotamia, beginning about 5,000 years ago. Pan boys is no stranger to old books. Before taking his
INSIDE COLUMN

AIM 101

Like everyone said I would, I've gained a lot of knowledge during my freshman year. I can tell you about econometrics, communism, the bun run, LaPun, T.C. and a far-off land called "the construction of the entrance of Lotus." To be perfectly honest with you, though, the one field in which I could earn my doctorate -- tomorrow, if I were offered the chance -- would be AOL Instant Messenger (AIM).

Eileen Duffy, PhD ... away messages? It's true. I am online often -- whether I have a few minutes or live hours straight to spare. I can now recite friends' profiles and often-used quotes (OAR's, if I feel 'sound familiar to anyone?), and, like others, I check away messages fairly obsessively. This is a leader in her field about to give you the sum total of her knowledge. Listen up.

First, if you still have that link "I can't believe I found [insert screen name]'s picture here BAHABAHA," get it fixed. Immediately. Do you know how many trips to OIT (a.k.a. hell on earth) that you and your dirty virus have caused? Being idle is cool. It means that you are so cool that you are out and about and don't even care about AIM, or away messages or updated profiles ... sigh. I have a friend in Boston who, along with her roommate, have begun using the term "idle" interchangeably with "cool." For example, "Wow, that shirt is sooo idle!" Try it yourself!

When it comes to profiles, please don't be sooo idle (cool, that is) as to simply have "No Information Provided." Your profile is a creative outlet! Song quotes are nice, but be sure to include a good variety, like an er's profile, you have reached the pinnacle of AIM wit and skill. Well done. You must learn the tricks of the trade. featuring five or six or d.) break up. You must learn the

 Correction.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE COVERAGE OF THE '04 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

Christian McNamara
Senior Off-campus
"As a Democrat, I'm apparently too busy undermining the moral fabric of America to follow the campaign."

Colin Taylor
Sophomore Keough
"I live, sleep, eat and breathe coverage of this election."

Kate Kennedy
Sophomore McGinn
"Like white on rice.

Dan McElroy
Sophomore Keough
"Down with Taco Bell, up with Taqueria Strew."

Kate Malch
Senior Off-campus
"Following the elections is as delicious as Fairtrade coffee in the dining halls."

Ted Skotnicki
Senior Siefried
"I've been focusing on my inordinately large poster of Chairman Mao instead of television."

IN BRIEF

Howard Hall will sponsor a bonfire and a day full of activities in the LaFortune Ballroom. Become a part of the National Morse Registry and potentially save a life.

Marcielle Acosta, a Kellogg visiting fellow and former Deputy Secretary for Human Rights and Democracy in Mexico, will deliver a lecture titled "Human Rights Strategy for a Democratic Government: Mexico 2000-2003." The lecture will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center, room 103.

Political Science professor Christina Wolfrech will deliver a lecture in the Political Science Department's annual "Intellectual Autobiography Series" this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in DeSartos room 208.

Buss Gavin will present a graduate degree euphemism recital with Bill Gern, professor emeritus of music, accompanying. The event takes place tonight at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

"Arms and the Man," the Department of Film, Television and Theatre's mainstage performance, will be presented tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are $7 for students and may be purchased at the LaFortune box office or at the door.

The class of 2006 will host a recitation of the rosary tonight in the Coleman Morse Chapel at 9:30 p.m.

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

Programming board approval completes work on constitution

By AMANDA MICHAELS

The Student Senate took the last step to completing the new Student Union Constitution at Wednesday's meeting, after passing the only article not yet signed into law.

Article V, which establishes an Executive Programming Board to set the Student Union calendar, was up for Senate adoption after former student body president Jeremy Lao refused to sign it with the rest of the Constitution. Lao argued the Council of Representatives has sufficient collaboration among student leaders to be able to work with the calendar, and that the new body would be redundant.

"We made the Council of Representatives to be the most representative body possible. This responsibility can just be moved in with the others," Lao said.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni disagreed. "It has never been our policy to heap another burden on a body just because it exists," Bongiovanni said. "In COR, there needs to be an emphasis on policy, not programming."

Siegfried senator James Leito spoke for the passage of the article, citing that the new group would open channels of communication not currently available among student government.

"This isn't a power issue, because no one person on this board is going to have control over another," Leito said. "This is about eliminating overlap and making sure we don't get five events on one weekend and none on another."

Student body president Adam Istvan passed on a recommendation from the Council of Representatives that the Senate pass the article, which stated that COR "is not an appropriate venue for calendar coordination due to the presence of senators, the Student Union Treasurer, and the Judicial Council President."

The Senate voted 19 to three, with three abstaining, to adopt Article V. An amendment that would give specificity to the calendar-setting group failed to pass, despite Lao's insistence at its necessity.

In other Senate news:

- Keenan freshman Pat Argentieri asked Senate to support an effort to open up debate about particulars with the administration. In a two-page letter addressed to the administration and members of the Office of Student Activities and drafted by members of Argentieri's Introduction to Business class, students propose the elimination of particulars on weekends, among other changes to the current system.

"This letter is basically a series of rebuttals to any argument the administration might have to the change," Argentieri said.

The letter also recommends the formation of a committee of students to work through the matter with the administration.

Argentieri said that he expects no action to be taken until the start of the fall semester, but that he wanted to get student signatures on the current draft of the letter to make sure it had solid backing.

Though senators encouraged Argentieri to pursue the issue, they expressed concern over the channels he was going through, suggesting that he approach the Campus Life Council instead.

Leito, among others, also pointed out that any changes made to the letter after amassing signatures would render the petition invalid, and that the senators could not give it to their dorms before it was in its final form.

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Shack City to highlight homelessness

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

In an attempt to raise awareness about the nation’s struggle with homelessness and promote the achievements of Habitat for Humanity, Notre Dame students have organized a project called Shack City that will be held on South Quad today and Friday.

To simulate the abject poverty associated with homelessness, Shack City’s approximately 125 participants will spend tonight sleeping in boxes set up on South Quad. While the night’s primary focus is highlighting the hardships of homelessness, organizers Ryan Iafifioli and Colleen Mallahan have also chosen to include in the night’s events a church service in Lyons’ chapel, a presentation by a great speaker and live music as a means of bringing students together for social as well as educational purposes.

“Thursday night is intended to help students experience homelessness like never before — both physically and mentally passing by,” Iafifioli said. “Whether personally lying in a box or simply passing by the vast number of them, we hope students will come to a greater understanding of the need and be moved to action.”

The idea to hold the first Shack City event on Notre Dame’s campus resulted from Iafifioli and Mallahan’s invitation to participate in the Shack City hosted by Valparaiso University’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity. After seeing how successful the event was raising awareness and funds to combat homelessness, both students were motivated to bring the project to Notre Dame.

Iafifioli, who said he’s wanted to become involved in events such as this since high school, also jumped at the chance to challenge the way college students view homelessness. He said Shack City’s innovative methods for spreading its message make it a prime way of beginning this challenge.

“This event is a way to create awareness of subsurround housing worldwide and protest the thinking that we can ignore it in our daily life,” Iafifioli said. “By sleeping in large boxes, we are able to create a visual that makes it hard for people to keep from thinking about it, at least for an instant.”

In addition to raising student awareness of homelessness, Shack City serves to emphasize viable options for alleviating the problem of homelessness. In fact, one of the primary purposes of the project is to raise money for and provide a better understanding of the accomplishments of Notre Dame’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity, an organization whose work goes largely unnoticed by students.

“Noire Dame has been building Habitat houses for 10 years now, but there doesn’t seem to be a lot of campus awareness about what Habitat stands for,” Mallahan said. “Shack City is a great way for Habitat to have its presence felt on campus by the many students who walk through South Quad every day.”

The Shack City event today and Friday is only a series of events that will serve to commemorate the works of Notre Dame’s Habitat for Humanity. Since its inception 10 years ago, the organization has completed 10 houses in the South Bend area for needy families, an achievement that was made possible by the generous donations of labor and funds from both alumni and current students.

Colin Dowdall, co-president of Notre Dame’s Habitat for Humanity, said that starting with the Shack City kick-off, this weekend is a way to show those of the Notre Dame family the positive affects Habitat for Humanity has had on campus and in the surrounding community.

“This weekend will give Habitat a chance to show how far it has come since its inception,” Dowdall said. “It gives us an opportunity as a club to show that we care about fighting homelessness, and everyone has contributed to ensure that families in the South Bend area have suitable housing.”

In addition to Shack City, Habitat for Humanity will also be hosting an alumni dinner to show its appreciation for the support of its generous donors. The weekend will culminate in the dedication of the 10th house, where the family will be presented with a Bible and a priest will perform a ceremony.

“Ten years ago, a couple students had a dream of shaking out into the South Bend community and making a difference,” Dowdall said. “As evidenced by the number of people signed up to participate in Shack City, people on campus have shown that they understand the goals of our club.”

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Student Activities to host ’04 SMC Tostal

Annual spring event to feature games, food and a film

By CLAIRE VALLEY
News Writer

Each spring, Saint Mary’s Student Activities Board hosts one of the largest social events of the year — the SMC Tostal, which takes place today.

This event is coordinated by the Traditional Events Chair and this year, Saint Mary’s juniors Donna Lubbers and Jen Herdman are in charge.

Lubbers has planned the Tostal for the last two years.

The SMC Tostal has a long tradition on campus. It used to be called SMC Afterglow after the Celtic festival of spring.

“Now it is just a fun way for us all to come together as a campus to celebrate Saint Mary’s in the springtime,” said Lubbers.

Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students are invited to join in on SMC Tostal.

Off-campus students and faculty and staff and their families are also welcome, organizers said.

The theme of this year’s Tostal is “Pucker Up.” To promote the event, secret free gifts will be passed out during lunch at the Saint Mary’s Dining Hall.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Car blast rips police HQ, 9 killed

Associated Press

RIYADH — A suicide car bomb blast targeted the Saudi national police headquarters Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 125 others, just days after the United States warned of a terrorist attack.

Facades were torn off buildings, revealing rooms still ablaze. Cars parked nearby were smashed by debris. Clouds of dust and black smoke rose from the seven-story building and settled over the neighborhood.

A Saudi Interior Ministry statement said attackers tried to drive one vehicle into the building, which housed the superior board of the Riyadh traffic department in addition to the General Security Directorate.

The driver exploded the car 100 feet away from the gate, the Interior Ministry official said.

While the statement referred to just one car bomb, officials said earlier that two cars with bombs were parked about 50 feet from the Riyadh building. He added "a number of them" were decorated and built to look like police cars.

Nine people were killed, including a police colonel, and 125 were wounded, according to officials at three hospitals.

It was not immediately known how old the colonel was or among the dead counted by the hospital officials.

Among the wounded were police, some in critical condition, and at least three children.

A Saudi official said that Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage met with Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal about 30 feet after the attack. The meeting was at the Foreign Ministry, which is close to the General Security building in al-Nassiriyah, a central Riyadh neighborhood.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah visited the wounded, one of them a young man who was unconscious and on a respirator. The prince stopped at the bedside of another young man who appeared alert and had no obvious injuries. A third wounded man wore camouflage. "Your duty is our pride. God will help us to defeat these people," Abdullah told one of the injured.

The General Security building, the administrative headquarters of the Saudi domestic security service, is surrounded by a wall that has a number of homes in the neighborhood also were damaged.

General Security police officers who investigate burglaries and murders, direct traffic and perform other basic police duties in the kingdom. Such officers have been on the front lines in a Saudi crackdown on Islamic militants, manning checkpoints as part of stepped up security and occasionally engaging in fire fights with suspects.

Last month, a purported al-Qaida message appeared on the Internet threatening Saudi police, members of the intelligence forces and other security agents. The message said targeting Saudi security agents "in their homes or workplace is a very easy matter."

The explosion, which occurred about 2 p.m., hit when workers would have been leaving for the Saudi TV showed the General Security building, about seven floors, with its glass facade shattered and severe damage inside. Firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze, and more than 20 ambulances arrived. Two helicopters flew above the site. Police blocked the area and evacuated the surrounding buildings.

Hanan Batteesha, an Egyptian woman, was with her two children, aged 11 and 14, when she heard a "big blast."

"We heard walls and doors, then we saw our neigh­bors running down the stairs," she said.

By the time they reached the ground floor, "the gate was damaged, windows started shattering, and glass fell all over us," she said.

Deadly nuke waste goes missing

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Two pieces of a highly radioactive fuel rod are missing from a Vermont nuclear plant, and engineers planned to search onsite for the nuclear material, officials said Wednesday.

The fuel rod was removed in 1979 from the Vermont Yankee reactor, which currently shut down for refueling and maintenance. Remote-control cameras will be used to search a spent fuel pool on the property, officials said.

"We do not think there is a threat to the public at this point. The great probability is this material is still somewhere on the site," said Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan.

But Sheehan said it was possible the spent fuel was mixed in with a shipment of low-level nuclear waste and ended up at a repository in South Carolina, or a facility in Washington state. He said it was also possible it was taken to a nuclear testing facility run by General Electric, which designed the plant.

The material would be fatal to anyone who came in contact with it without being properly shielded, Sheehan said. Spent nuclear fuel also could be used by terrorists to construct so-called "dirty bombs" that would spread deadly radiation with conventional explosives.

The NRC is helping plant officials in the search. The rod was part of the fuel assembly used to power the reactor. One of the missing pieces is about the size of a pencil. The other piece is about the thickness of a pencil and 17 inches long.

"It would be very difficult to remove this material from the site without somebody knowing about it," Sheehan said. "It would set off radiation moni­

Sheehan cited the heightened awareness of the need to control nuclear material that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks. "We don't want this falling into the wrong hands," he said. "This is something we would never take lightly.

Gov. James Douglas, after speaking Wednesday afternoon with the head of the NRC, said he was "very concerned" about the missing fuel at the plant, run by Entergy Nuclear.

"This situation is intolerable," he said in a statement. In 2002 a Connecticut nuclear plant was fined $294,000 after a similar loss. That fuel was never recovered.

Vermont Yankee is located in the southeastern town of Vernon, on the border with Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The state's Public Safety Department and Homeland Security Unit also were notified of the missing fuel.
SMC invites donors to experience campus

By LISA GALLAGHER
New Writer

Beginning today at Saint Mary's, donors who have contributed to various projects or scholarship programs over the past two years will arrive on campus to experience college life.

Organizers said they hope that this extended weekend will inspire benefactors to continue their Madeleva level of support with a minimum contribution of $1,000 to the Annual Fund each year and raise their generosity.

This year marks the first that Saint Mary's expands its celebration to take place over the course of three days, instead of one.

While actively continuing to seek consistent unrestricted gifts of $1,000 or more to endowment priorities, capital projects, restricted funds, as well as Mother Pauline Society members who have included Saint Mary's in their estate plans, a celebration honoring these contributions takes place.

Last year, Saint Mary's integrated the annual celebratory dinner into a full-day event which included a morning presentation, lunch, an afternoon presentation, and concluding with dinner to end the celebration.

Adaline Stefanac Cashore, director of donor relations, said that this recognition weekend, formally known as the Madeleva society dinner, now includes not only Madeleva Society members, but also Mother Pauline Society Members and Donors of Endowment Priorities.

Events over the course of the weekend begin with the annual Madeleva Lecture on "Women Shaping Things." Friday allows donors to attend classes with students and later, a mini-retreat, poetry readings and a spring concert performed by the Saint Mary's College Repertory Performance Dance Workshop.

More lectures will take place Saturday, as well as an appreciation luncheon and movie. Keeping with tradition, Cashore said the events will conclude with a liturgy and the Madeleva Society Reception and Recognition Dinner held at Noble Family Dining Hall.

"We begin actively planning nine months ahead of time," Cashore said of the festivities. She expects about 225 donors to attend the dinner and a smaller population spread out over the weekend.

"The event allows donors to visibly see and experience life on campus and create a meaningful experience," Cashore said. "It keeps the donors engaged." Since many donors are located far from South Bend, Cashore hopes that more to see and do on campus the trip will be worth their while.

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not only the attention of Fairley, but campus as well."

Farley's determined attitude was embodied in their "Men of ND" calendar, new this year, according to the council. They credit Melissa Harris for spearheading this event after trying to start it for two years.

Harris was one of many dedicated commissioners praised by hall presidents.

"You can't do it without the help of many, many great commissioners," Duran said.

Farley kicked off the year with a Freshman Orientation, and many of their year-long commissioners were on the Fresh-O-Staff.

Those commissioners set the tone," said Parker. "They showed how it was not un-cool to be involved."

Pop Fairley, the hall's signature event, was a great hit within the dorm, generating the usual week-long excitement. However this year, the hall government extended Pop Fairley to the rest of campus, inviting all students to a New Year's Eve-themed party at Legends, a tradition they hope will continue and grow.

For many Fairley girls, one of the favorite parts of the year was hosting the pep rally on Halloween. Over 100 Fairley girls, including those who now live off-campus, dressed as Notre Dame football players. Wearing stenciled jerseys complete with names and numbers — some even copied the players' tattoos — Fairley residents did warm-ups under the command of a faux-Fatyre Willingham. They even contacted ESPN's "The Se­ason," encouraging the show's producers to come.

But the year was not only about fun and spirit. Through the help of many great commissioners, Theresa Davelve and Julia Pearse, service became an integral part of Fairley's excellence. Fairley's service orientation caught the eye of anyone who attended the campus Relay-for-Life celebration in September. Fairley's table was decorative, center­ring around the theme "Fairley's Angels."

Throughout the year, Fairley girls drove to St. Luke's School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, to help the children with their home­work and play with them after school.

Farley also stood out in the area of gender relations and multi-cultural events. They collaborated often with their brother dorm Keenan, includ­ing setting up a discussion on the bestseller "The Da Vinci Code." For Black History Month in February, Farley invited the First Class Steppers to perform, and the girls had their own step com­petition by section.

In the academic arena, the hall government organized "How to Be a Pre-Med Night." Advisors, current pre-med students and seniors on the pre-med track spoke and took questions from over 100 soph­omores and freshmen.

The presidents describe their rector, Ethridge, as "amazing," and "a real troop­er." Her support of Fairley events went above and beyond the usual, they said. For Fairley's "What would you do for Two Purdue tickets?" con­test, Ethridge donated a wig and came up with her own act.

"She was so positive always, so high-spirited," = Duran said. "But she never put pres­sure on us. If we would have lost, she still would have been proud. She really trusted us."

Fairley's residents said they are excited for next year's dance in the Main Building, one of the rewards for the hall of the year honor. They plan to spend at least some of the money on a new elliptical machine, to enhance their "struggling" dorm work-out environment.

Overall, however, it was endeavoring the day-to-day life in Fairley that motivated hall government members, they said.

"We want to make the girls excited they go to Fairley," Duran said. "You only get once chance as president. It will be great to come back in five, ten years and say, 'Hey we started that.'"

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Wednesday, April 21st

FREE Laundry in LaFortune - 4-11 pm

sign up at 3pm in the SUB office

FREE Tie-Dying T-shirts on South Quadrant - 1-4 pm

Zane Williams Concert - ND opener Elysum (Country Trio featuring Jessica McQuaide Leibowitz, Emily Hawthorn, and TJ Mathiessen) 1st 30 people get a free cowboy hat!

LaFortune Ballroom - 9pm - Free Borachio Burrito For about 200 (while supplies last)

First 30 spectators win a cowboy hat!

Quarter Dog Eating Contest - FREE Quarter Dogs for the first 50 spectators - Participants and Winners win FREE ND apparel!

Midnight at the Huddle - Register at LaFortune Elevator Lobby 11:30pm - PRIZES!!

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- Classic Cafe - 9-11 pm - Legends

- Ari Hest Concert - 11pm - Legends

Friday, April 23rd -

- Carnival on Fieldhouse Mall - PRIZES - FREE Subway!

Jason LeVasseur Concert - 5pm - Fieldhouse Mall - Win an IPOD!

Saturday, April 24th -

- Jay Hansen Movement Concert - 10pm - Legends - Win an XBOX!

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**U.S. ECONOMY**

**Greenspan: Rates ‘must rise’**

Fed chief testifies that interest hikes will be necessary to thwart inflation fears

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday extra-low interest rates "must rise at some point to prevent pressures on price inflation from eventually emerging." Greenspan said.

Since last June, Greenspan and his policy-making colleagues at the central bank held that rate at 1 percent, the lowest since 1958. This is the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans. It is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

So far, broad inflation pressures have yet to build, Greenspan said. But the Fed, he said, "recognizes that sustained prosperity requires the maintenance of price stability and will act, as necessary, to ensure that outcome."

Pressed by some law­makers to be more specific on when the central bank might begin raising interest rates, Greenspan gave no direct response. "Greenspan's message is interest rates are on a one-way street up. But it may be months before we reach that point," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. He and others are forecasting a rate increase in August.

Until the recent signs of economic strength, many analysts had speculated that the Fed would not change interest rates until after the presidential election in November. A growing number of analysts now predicts the first increases will come this summer.

"One thing is certain. The federal funds rate is at an unsustainably low level. There is no justification for its being there and before too long it will be raised," predicted Sherry Cooper, chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns. "An August rate hike is still the most likely."

It was Greenspan's second signal in two days that the Fed was beginning to edge closer to raising rates.

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**CORPORATE SCANDAL**

Feds charge 3 ex-Duke employees

*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Two former executives and a former energy trader for Duke Energy Corp.'s trading unit pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of using bogus trades to inflate profits and secure higher bonuses for themselves.

Former vice presidents Timothy Kramer, 40, and Todd Reid, 41, and former energy trader Brian Lavigne, 39, were taken into custody Wednesday and each released on $125,000 bond. They entered their innocent pleas while wearing hand­cuffs and chains before U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson.

The men were charged with racket­eering conspiracy, wire and mail fraud, money laundering and falsifying corporate books for the Houston­ based trading unit. Duke Energy North America. Reid and Kramer also were charged with money laundering.

The alleged scheme was intended to make it appear on the company's books that millions of dollars in profits were generated because such profits are figured into the company's calculations for awarding bonuses, U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said.

"One of the principal victims of this crime is Duke Energy," said Shelby, who described the scheme as "sophisticated fraud."

Shelby said the fraud took place from March 2001 through July 2002. Kramer and Reid were fired in August 2002, said Assistant U.S. Attorney James Powers. Lavigne later resigned.

Attorneys for all three men said their clients did nothing to harm Duke.

"In the wake of Enron's collapse, I'm afraid that prosecutorial zeal has overtaken good judgment and common sense," said Thomas Hagemann, who represents Reid.

Charles Meadows, Lavigne's lawyer, said his client had passed a lie detector test and didn't knowingly join any effort to falsify Duke's books. And Jim Lavigne, Kramer's attorney, said the charges were disappointing given his client's cooperation with investigators.

The 18-count indictment unsealed Wednesday alleges a scheme involving more than 400 improper trades that resulted in $50 million in fraudulent profits for Duke Energy North America.

In 2001, Duke awarded bonuses worth $5 million to Reid, $4 million to Kramer and $340,000 to Lavigne. The government is seeking to seize more than $7 million in ill-gotten gains.

"There is no allegation of a larger market affect," Shelby said. "This is a very bad shell game where you move something from one account into another account."

Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke said in a statement Wednesday that it had notified the government and regulatory agencies of the alleged wrongdoing in 2002 and "took swift action to address them."
Parietals

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contacted. "I don't know what would
be better," said sophomore Mike
Wittman. "I think some people
realise that he cares about
the dorm and he just is
trying to protect the
dorm.

Junior Brian Donnelly
agreed that mixed options
exist within the dorm.

"I think some people
understand what's going on,
and other people are upset
by it," he said.

Steele did not return a
message left by the Observer.
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Seckinger to offer training

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame Law School
Professor James Seckinger
will join a small international
group of trial advocacy
teachers in Freetown, Sierra
Leone, April 16 to 23 to
train the prosecuting team
for that country's upcoming
war crimes trial.

The group will offer gener­
al training on trial advocacy
and will concentrate on skill­
ful delivery of opening and
closing statements and direct
examination techniques.
IU surgery chairman lectures on field’s history and future

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Dr. Keith Lillemoe, the chairman of the surgery department at the Indiana University School of Medicine and former program coordinator for surgical residencies at Johns Hopkins, lectured Tuesday on the past, present and future of surgery. The School of Medicine has been at the forefront of many advances in surgery, even before the school graduated its first class of 25 students in 1867, for example. Dr. John Bobbs performed the first cholecystectomy or draining of an infected gall bladder in his office in Indianapolis. From 1912-46, Dr. Willis Gatch served as the chairman of the surgery department and later dean of the medical school. Gatch pioneered the adjustable hospital bed and conducted research in N02 and 02 anesthe-

sia. "It was at this point that IU really made its trajectory upwards," Lillemoe said.

"Surgery can no longer be 'see one, do one, teach one,'" Lillemoe said. "I'm happy to say that IU is at the forefront of this [new technology]."

Currently, the surgery department at IU's medical school employs 72 faculty members and the institution received over $7 million in research grants for 2002-03. In the future, surgery will continue to evolve as it faces new challenges and opportunities and as demographics and technology change, Lillemoe said.

Cancer and an aging population are two challenges that surgery currently faces, but increased advances in technology make possible new treatment options, he said. Current genetic testing, for example, allows doctors to identify children who will develop a severe form of thyroid cancer later in life and remove the thyroid to prevent such an outcome. Additionally, mechanical heart support systems make it increasingly possible to keep ill patients alive until a suitable heart becomes available for transplant, he said.

Perhaps just as important, the public availability of data on particular surgeons and facilities makes it possible for patients to research the best options for procedures. Larger education hospitals that perform a high volume of a particular procedure typically have a significantly lower in-hospital mortality rate than smaller community facilities that perform the procedure rarely. Such knowledge can help save patients' lives and reduce costs by minimizing the time the patient spends in the hospital recovering.

"It shows what can happen in regards to saving lives and saving money," Lillemoe said.

Lillemoe received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Dakota and his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he also completed his surgical training. He is president-elect of the Society of Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, vice-president for the Society of Clinical Surgery and director of the American Board of Surgery. The "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" concludes next Tuesday with a presentation by Dr. Gregory Gramelspacher on Medicare reform.

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Marrow
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Four years ago, Zham Hall began the bone marrow drive for Conner Murphy, a Notre Dame student in need of bone marrow transplant. Howard Hall continued the drive in hopes of finding a donor for the father of recent Notre Dame graduate Anne Gurucharri.
This year’s Bone Marrow Drive remains in honor of Gurucharri’s father. Although Gurucharri’s father has since passed away, the bone marrow transplant he received extended his life and allowed him to see Anne graduate from Notre Dame last spring.
Diseases such as Leukemia, Hirschon and A. Plasctic Anemia are examples of life-threatening illnesses that often require a bone marrow transplant. Today Life Source, a bone marrow drive group from Chicago, will take contact information and a basic blood sample from participants. Then, each individual’s bone marrow type will be placed into the national registry. The entire process should take approximately 30 minutes, organizers said.
The bone marrow blood test checks for four out of six basic antigens. If these antigens match with the patient in need, further testing occurs. In order for a transplant to be administered all six antigens must match.
Over the past two years, 700-800 participants have had initial matches. When further screening was completed, two exact matches occurred. One of these matches resulted in a bone marrow transplant, while the second is in the final stages. This year Howard said that they’re hoping to have between 500 and 700 people register their bone marrow.
“Many do go on to live healthy lives, do not be disillusioned,” he said.
Dana Daniels is a prime example of a bone marrow transplant survivor. In June 1993 Daniels was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and battled the disease for three years undergoing countless radiation sessions and chemotherapy treatments. He drifted in and out of remission. On Sept. 18, 1996, Daniels had a successful bone marrow transplant.
Daniels had 222 perfect matches for his bone marrow transplant. The second highest number of matches Indiana University had ever witnessed. He had a 50/50 chance of surviving the transplant, followed by a 90/50 chance of surviving the first year.
Daniels battle is one of success. “I am considered cured, it has been eight years now,” he said.

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Kerry releases 120 pages of military records

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Records of John Kerry's Vietnam War service released Wednesday show a highly praised naval officer who volunteered for a dangerous assignment and at one point was "unofficially credited with 20 enemy killed in action."

With conservative critics questioning his service, the Democratic presidential candidate posted more than 120 pages of military records on his campaign Web site. Several describe him as a gutsy commander and detail some of the actions that won him three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star.

Kerry's most harrowing experience came during the nearly five months when he commanded a swiftboat along Vietnam's Mekong Delta. The future Massachusetts senator was commended for gallantry, heroism and valor during the tour, which was cut short when Kerry was wounded three times and sent back to the United States.

"He frequently exhibited a high sense of imagination and judgment in planning operations against the enemy which was cut short when Kerry was wounded three times and sent back to the United States."

Records of in military bearing,
judgment in planning opera-

George Elliott, Kerry's com-
mmanding officer.

"Involved in several enemy initiated fire
ights, including an ambush
during the Christmas truce, he
effectively suppressed enemy fire and is unofficially credited with 20 enemy killed in action."

Talk radio conservatives and some veterans have questioned whether Kerry was wounded severely enough to leave combat, but Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said he is eager to compare Kerry's record to President Bush's. McAuliffe accused Bush of using family connections to avoid service whereas Bush has a record of cashed-in connections and sent back to the boat only to come under fire from the opposite bank as they began to pull away. Kerry again reached his boat and led a party ashore to pursue the enemy, and they successfully silenced the shooting. Later, with the boats again under fire, Kerry initiated a heavy response that killed 10 Viet Cong and wounded another with no casualties to his own men.

He won the Silver Star "for gallantry and intrepidity in action" that day. Two weeks later, another fire fight led to a Bronze Star for heroic achievement and the third Purple Heart that would result in his reassignment out of Vietnam.

"Lives with conservative critics questioning his service, the
Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry shows off a string of Mardi Gras beads while campaigning in Louisiana. Critics questioning his time in Vietnam led the senator to release 120 pages of military records.

Kerry's campaign, anyone serv-
dered..."
Palestinian PM asks Bush to reconsider

Qureia says new West Bank settlement declaration contradicts U.S. policy

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian prime minister asked U.S. President Bush on Wednesday to reconsider his tacit recognition of some Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Israeli troops, meanwhile, killed nine Palestinians in fighting in the Gaza Strip, where gun battles in the town of Beit Lahiya trapped about 4,000 residents of a housing complex indoors for several hours.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia wrote to Bush, saying recent U.S. declarations that Israel could keep some of the West Bank and would not have to absorb Palestinian refugees contradicted longstanding U.S. policy.

In 1991, Qureia wrote, the U.S. government stated that "opposed unilateral actions that prejudice the outcome of permanent-status negotiations." Qureia said Bush is allowing Israel "to continue creating illegal facts on the ground" by expanding West Bank settlements.

Bush gave the assurances to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon during a White House meeting last week.

At the time, Bush also endorsed Sharon's plan of "unilateral disengagement" from the Palestinians, including a withdrawal from Gaza and the evacuation of four small West Bank settlements.

In exchange, Israel gave the assurances to the Palestinians, including a withdrawal from Gaza and the evacuation of four small West Bank settlements.

As many as 4,000 applicants showed up for the first day of the recruitment drive on Monday.

The numbers swelled to as many as 15,000 people on Tuesday, Trecile said.

Meanwhile, the Bahamians withdrew its diplomats from Haiti, following the shooting and robbery of its ambassador's wife and a threatening telephone call to the wife of a second diplomat, a government spokesman on Wednesday told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

During the stampede, Jerry Prophete, 21, fell and was trampled to death, said Police Commissioner Jean-Yves Trecile, who said 23 others were injured and eight were hospitalized.

"The crowd got so big that the police couldn't control the situation," Trecile said.

A body count of the the Israeli deaths was the bloodiest day in Gaza since March 22, when Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other Palestinians were killed.

The rocket salvos were retaliation for the weekend killing of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi by Israel. Hamas threatens to "100 percent reprisals," and Sharon said other Hamas leaders would be targeted.

On Wednesday, troops surrounded a housing project in Beit Lahiya.

Bulldozers began demolish-

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Americans concerned terrorists might be winning

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Half of Americans have concerns that terrorists might be winning the war on terrorism, and one in five feels strongly that way, according to an Associated Press poll that found many people pessimistic about their security.

Fears about an attack against this country are high. Two-thirds in the poll said it was likely terrorists would strike before the November elections. And a third said it was likely there would be an attack at one of the political conventions this summer.

More than 30 months after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, two-thirds of Americans acknowledge some concern that terrorists may be recruiting faster than the United States can keep up. A third of those polled feel strongly this is the case, and another third say they have at least some worries.

"Terrorists are winning the war for the hearts and minds of the people in the Mideast," said Christine Wyatt, a 52-year-old church deacon in Clarkston, Mich.

Fears about the war on terrorism may be fueled by growing worries about the conflict in Iraq, which has been described by the Bush administration as a front line of the war on terror. Those who think the military action in Iraq has increased the long-term risk of terrorism in the United States have increased from 40 percent in December to 54 percent now, according to the poll, conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

The people who say the Bush administration made the right decision to go to war in Iraq, 48 percent, are now about even with those who think the administration made a mistake, 49 percent. In December, two-thirds said the administration made the right decision.

Doubts about the war on terrorism are higher among women, older Americans, people who make lower incomes and people with less than a high school education, according to the poll.

Others say the terror threat is receding after two and a half years without another attack.

"I don't think they're winning the war, but they're sure putting the fear of God in some countries," said Robert Slinvij, a 33-year-old paramedic and firefighter from Woodbury, Conn. "The threat has decreased since 9/11. We're keeping them at bay."

The AP-Ipsos poll, released Wednesday at The Associated Press annual meeting, found:

- Half feel that, in some measure, the terrorists might be winning the war on terrorism. One in five in the poll feels strongly the terrorists are winning, while an additional 30 percent say there is at least a "little truth" to that statement.
- More than a third say they have less faith in government's ability to protect them, and an additional fourth say there's at least some truth to that idea.
- Nearly half feel strongly they are more pessimistic about the possibility of there ever being peace in the world, while an additional fourth say there may be some truth to that.
- "I think we're on the verge of Armageddon; a lot of people I work with feel the same way," said Michael Miller, a 49-year-old software tester from Las Cruces, N.M. He rejected the idea that terrorists are winning the fight, but he added, "They're not losing it, either."

As for the election campaign, President Bush has the advantage over Democrat John Kerry on people's trust to do a better job of protecting the country, 53 percent to 37 percent. Some people say they've taken steps to safeguard themselves and their families in response to the terrorist attacks.

- Three in 10 say they've assembled a kit with emergency supplies like food, water and batteries.
- Two in 10 say they avoid crowded public spaces like shopping malls and amusement parks.
- I know so many people who are afraid to do things, who have changed their lifestyles," said Norma McElhaney, a 58-year-old school employee from Mineral Ridge, Ohio. "In the last two years, our eighth grade class didn't go to Washington, D.C., something they had done for years."

Despite the widespread anxiety, many reject the notion of terrorists winning as unthinkible.

"I believe their cause is evil," said Cheryl Taylor, a 56-year-old teacher from Waterloo, Iowa. "I don't believe evil will win, I know it won't. I cling to the other hope."

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,001 randomly selected adults between April 5-7 with a margin of error plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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United Nations

Russia nixes Cyprus resolution
Proposal would have reunified island country

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Russia used its veto on Wednesday to block a resolution outlining new U.N. security arrangements in Cyprus that would take effect if Greek and Turkish Cypriots vote in favor of reunification this week.

The other 14 members of the council voted in favor of the resolution, which failed because of the Russian veto.

Russian Ambassador Gennady Gatilov said his country saw the resolution as an attempt to influence the outcome of the referenda.

Opinion polls indicate that the U.N. reunification plan will be rejected by 65 percent of Greek Cypriots but approved by more than 60 percent of Turkish Cypriots.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the U.N. Security Council to adopt the resolution to reassure Cypriots about the U.N. commitment to their security.

The United States and Britain agreed to sponsor it but many countries raised questions about why the resolution was needed before Saturday's referenda and several objected to the pressure on the council to act so quickly on what would be a new U.N. peacekeeping mission.

The U.S. and British ambassadors both expressed regret after the vote.

Last minute efforts to stave off the veto failed but other concerned countries including France, Brazil, Pakistan, China and Chile, agreed to support the move.

Israel

Whistleblower freed after 18 years in jail

Associated Press

ASHKELON - A defiant Mordechai Vanunu walked out of prison on Wednesday after serving 18 years for spilling Israel's nuclear secrets, saying he was proud of his actions and complaining he was treated cruelly by his jailers.

Vanunu, dressed in a checkered shirt and black tie, flashed victory signs and waved to hundreds of cheering supporters as he walked into the sun-splashed courtyard of Shikma Prison in the coastal town of Ashkelon.

Dozens of counter-demonstrators booed and shouted epithets.

In the courtyard, Vanunu, 50, held an impromptu news conference, his brother Meir by his side.

Vanunu said he was given "very cruel and barbaric treatment" by Israel's security services.

"To all those who are calling me traitor, I am saying I am proud, I am proud and happy to do what I did," Vanunu said in accented and at times broken English. He refused to answer questions in Hebrew because of restrictions Israel has imposed, including a ban on speaking to foreigners.

Vanunu, who converted to Christianity in the 1980s, said he was mistreated because of his religion. He also said there is no need for a Jewish state and demanded that Israel open its nuclear reactor in Dimona to international inspection.

"I said, Israel don't need nuclear arms, especially now that all the Middle East is free from nuclear weapons," he said.

He left the prison in a gray Mazda van as police dispersed a large crowd. His first stop was St. George, an Anglican church in Jerusalem's Old City.

More than a dozen cars and motorcycles followed Vanunu's vehicle to Jerusalem, and a helicopter flew low overhead.

Israeli authorities have imposed a series of travel restrictions and other constraints on Vanunu, saying he still possesses state secrets.

But Vanunu said he has no more secrets to reveal. "I am now ready to start my life," he said.

Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, he was mobbed by reporters as the Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, Riah Abu Assal, escorted him into the church. Other clergy members embraced Vanunu, and a tearful Peter Hounam, the journalist who wrote the 1986 article that led to Vanunu's imprisonment, hugged him.

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Religion or politics?

Where in the past alliances have been created, kingdoms forged and families made through matrimonial lines, the gay marriage debate has set son against father and brother against brother. However, despite the attention the issue has generated, there is sufficient evidence to believe that the debate may not be as newsworthy in the future. Polls on gay marriage, taken by the Pew Research Center and printed by MSNBC in October, show that younger Americans may be discarding their religious roots. It found "those with a high level of religious commitment oppose gay marriage by 50 percent" and in addition that "younger adults were far more likely to say they favor gay marriage."

If this secularization of the West continues, gay marriage may become a reality in America. Additionally, because the acceptance of gay marriage has been shown to coincide with secularization, and in light of the diminishing religious tendencies among American youth, although the political poles may be getting further apart when it comes to the older generations, the gap between left and right in America will decrease.

The gay marriage debate is reliant on the political polarization that the United States embodies. This polarization is particularly highlighted by European coverage of America's gay marriage debate. America is portrayed in European media as a divided country, engaged in a battle between democratic and republican parties, with gay marriage as the ultimate dividing line. Criticism becomes apparent in Britain because, where the Jacobean system is present and the body politic is secular, such debate doesn't generate the same amount of cultural interest. When Anglocoverage is an irony; despite the news hole that they devote to the subject of gay marriage, there is a pervading sense of political indifference towards the issue and battalion to the American uprising. When America covers its own gay marriage debate, the tension is not as blatant, but still very much present. The politicization of gay marriage is apparent but portrayed naturalistically for the United States, as both parties have taken cover and taken for granted. There have been a number of factors that have kept the debate alive in America. There is first of all, a journalistic assumption in the States that is there are two sides to every issue, issues are forced into categories of black and white. Americans have been particularly bothered by the gay marriage debate because they are tormented by a simultaneous desire to support equality for all peoples yet maintain a concept of universal morality. Americans are particularly predisposed to this yes or no mentality. It is rooted in the framework of the United States. The belief in the notion of universal truth is religious in itself and breathed into existence in the first lines of the States' constitution: "We hold these truths to be self-evident." Ultimately, coverage of the gay marriage debate exposes an ambiguous space that makes Americans uncomfortable. Anglos are not tormented by this same ambiguity because the Jacobean system personalizes morality, making it much more flexible.

And the result is the narrowing of the gap between liberals and conservatives in the United States. For months, people have argued that America is becoming increasingly divided as a nation, that the left is moving ever more left and the right more right. However, such findings are not in contradiction with what the gay marriage debate reveals. October Pew Research Center polls published by NBC on gay marriage also found that, "opposition to gay marriage has grown since mid-summer, with 32 percent favoring it and 59 percent, saying they opposed gay marriage. However, the increase in opposition cannot be attributed to the younger generations of Americans, as were "far more likely to say they favor gay marriage."

Because the debate is a relatively new one, the growth in opposition to gay marriage can be attributed to older generations simply making up their mind on an issue they had not previously encountered. As older Americans are shown to be more devout in their beliefs, it is not surprising that the gay marriage debate would cause an increase in polarization of the American body politic among older Americans. As the less religious American youth rises and older generations die out, the political gap will narrow. The debate of gay marriage would give rise to a more European mentality complete with a personalized morality. The "good" for Americans will cease to be the good for their brothers. Universal truth in America may cease to exist.

In the end, there is sufficient evidence to believe the gay marriage debate may not be much of one in the future. American youth are becoming more and more likely to give gays the right to marry. If future Americans become significantly less religious, it seems gay marriage in the United States may be inevitable. If such is the case, then a less strongly divided body politic also seems inevitable. Those concerned with the amount of overseas involvement by the United States may be more likely to support a decline in religion to embrace a more relativistic morality in which all countries' beliefs become a topic strictly of their own concern. However, moral relativism is a danger to future prosperity for the United States as well as the rest of the world. If young generations of gay marriage and the religious, it seems the way to prevent gay marriage don't become an American reality would be to increase religiosity and spread the faith. This tactic may be more effective than simply pursuing a political agenda.

Either way, the gay marriage debate reveals new dimensions to what may happen in the future of America. Awareness of the implications of the debate will help prevent our own victimization and ensure that we are not only active consumers, but producers of the news.

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Politics is not cool

Peter Wicks

An issue of student privacy

Don’t stop wearing orange. Civil liberties is not an entitlement — it’s a fundamental, inalienable right. Being gay means that U.S. citizens and Notre Dame students have to forgo certain human rights. It means that gay couples cannot visit each other in hospitals, cannot share employee health care benefits and are not eligible for the legal protections that marriage provides.

As a recently open gay man and recent graduate from Notre Dame, I realize that some people just won’t accept homosexuality, based on religious doctrine, institutional mandate or just plain fear. I spent years as a diversity educator trying to open students’ eyes to issues of diversity, wanting them to see that skin color, class, gender and sexual orientation are not reasons to hate or deny people their human rights.

I can accept doctrinal differences. I studied at four universities during my time at Notre Dame, immersing myself to a wide range of perspectives. I realize that social and political beliefs come from a person’s own experiences, social indoctrination and education.

What I refuse to accept is denying anyone in this country equality and justice. I do not believe that homosexuality is a threat to public health or insurance. I believe that sex discrimination in marriage is unconstitutional.

I have not written to The Observer before, but the disregard that I felt Wednesday in reading the names of those students arrested at the Library Irish Pub has compelled me to do so. The Observer staff will argue that they have a right to report the names of these students because police arrest records are public information, I grant them this right. What I cannot understand is why the staff would opt to tarnish the reputations of their fellow students. I have struggled to find a reason as to why a student named in an article for being chicken would lower itself to such a level, especially after repeated requests that names not be used.

Before the night was over, most knew of the just at the Library. If anyone had wanted to find out the names of those arrested, they could have checked daily police blotter in the local paper. This is the cause of my disgust: not one student on this campus needs to know who was arrested. What does knowing the student’s name enable us to do that we would have been unable to do otherwise? The difference in formulating a response to this question proves that there is a line of student privacy that should not be crossed.

My goal with this letter is to defend the privacy and integrity of those who were arrested, and to ask the question of why our student newspaper would turn its back on the students. The Observer may be a nationally recognized student newspaper, but I am embarrassed to call it my own.

Jake Roffman

Don’t stop wearing orange.

Thursday, April 22, 2004
George Bernard Shaw's comedy "Arms and the Man" opened Wednesday night and runs through Saturday. It is the last film, television and theater Mainstage production to grace the stage of Washington Hall. This brilliant production is deserving of such a historic position in Notre Dame theater.

Photos by SHAWNA MONSON

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

The curtain will fall one last time this weekend for the department of film, television and theater as it presents its final Mainstage production at Washington Hall, George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man."

The comedy, written in 1894, tells the story of the Petkoff family during the war between Bulgaria and Serbia. The Petkoffs are one of the most affluent families in Bulgaria, with the family's patriarch, Major Petkoff holding one of the highest positions in the Bulgarian army. Major Petkoff's daughter, Raina, is also betrothed to another highly ranked officer, Sergius.

One night, as Raina is dreaming about the heroic actions of her father and fiancée, she is surprised in her room by a Swiss soldier, Captain Bluntschli, who is fighting on the side of Serbia. He hides in her room overnight to escape the Bulgarian soldiers and develops a friendship with Raina, who does not want to see him captured or killed. Bluntschli also manages to distort Raina's heroic image of her fiancé. He discredits the heralded cavalry charge of Sergius by telling how the Serbs simply were not delivered bullets in time.

Several months later, the war comes to an end and Major Petkoff returns home with Sergius, who has decided to leave the military after he failed to receive a promotion. The two tell stories of their travels, including one encounter with a Swiss soldier who managed to find shelter in a young Bulgarian girl's room during an attack. Raina and her mother realize the two have met Captain Bluntschli, and when Bluntschli returns to the home to give back a coat Raina lent him, an awkward reunion ensues for everyone involved.

Raina is troubled by the lie she must now upkeep, but little does she know of the forbidden desires of her fiancé, Sergius, who longs for an affair with the family housekeeper. These romantic plot twists and love triangles add a great deal of comedy to a play filled with dialogue about the nature of war and the status of servants and their masters in society.

Tom Barkes is the acting manager of the Washington Hall facility. For 19 years, he has seen numerous plays, student and professional plays, conferences, concerts and other shows have passed through the doors of Washington Hall. Built in 1881, the facility was used for a multitude of exhibitions and events, including graduation.

"Everything was there, any they had going," Barkes said. "When I first started here, a different classes were her DeBartolo [Hall] was built."

The building itself is act the second Washington Hall campus. The first one was down when the current one erected. Like the main building, it used to have steps that led the performance hall. The building went through a major re-creation during 1983-84, where of the building was repainted, most of the original artwork covered up. The most important piece of art was the one by George Washington's statue.

"It used to have a picture of George Washington above stage," Barkes said. Along with the Washburn mural, there were also pair of Shakespeare, Descartes, some of the Greek muse name a few.

Barkes also adds in regard the large chandelier that only adorned the main perform
part of DeBartolo quad, it houses a 900-seat concert hall, a 350-seat Mainstage theater, a 200-seat TIIX-Certified theater, a 100-seat organ hall and a 100-seat studio theater.

"I'll be interesting to see what impact the new performing arts center will have on the cultural life of the students here," Barkes said.

Barkes recognizes the need for increased emphasis on the arts at Notre Dame.

"We have sorely missed that at this institution for a long time. I think that we have been pretty consistent with the student participation, but I don't think that the student body as a whole has been as excited about what goes on at Washington Hall as they used to," Barkes said. "I don't know the reason for that, but my sense is that the new Performing Arts Center will offer a great boost to the visibility of the arts on campus."

As for the future of Washington Hall, Barkes already has a full schedule lined up for next year, noting, "Gosh, except for the beginning of the year - it really is just as busy as it was this year."

Washington Hall will be the new home for the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, which usually performs at the small Hesburgh Center theater or in other small theaters around campus. It will also continue to house the Pasquerilla East Musical Company and the St. Ed's Players. In addition, the hall will present next year's Notre Dame Literary Festival, Jazz Festival, Opera Workshop, the Farley Hall Players and O'Neill Hall's Queen of ND. Barkes is also very excited about the Student Union Board's involvement next year with Washington Hall. "SUB is going to try to do something every Friday before a football game," Barkes said.

As for the future of Washington Hall, Barkes recalls, "Arms and the Man" has withstood the test of time and remains relevant today. With commentary on social class the nature of war, its themes remain timeless. Also, the play's comedic twists and humorous love triangles are cleverly performed by the talented student cast and are sure to please any audience.

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Photos by SHAWNA MONSON
Philadelphia falls to Florida 8-7 in 12 innings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The last time the Florida Marlins tied a game like this, he was swinging an aluminum bat in college.

Last week honored three times and Luis Castillo hit a sacrifice fly to score John Flaherty with the tying run off the Florida Marlins to their eighth straight victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, 8-7, Wednesday night.

Lowe led off the ninth with a tying hit off All-Star Closer Billy Wagner, who blew his first save for the Marlins. The Marlins third baseman also hit a solo shot off Eric Milton in the second and a two-run drive off Tim Worrell in the seventh, helping the first player in team history to connect three home runs in one game.

It was the first three-homer game in the majors this season.

"I didn't get caught up in the at-bats because we were trying to come back," Lowe said. "It was a career day. I did it in tee ball and once in college (at Florida International) my sophomore year."

With a chance to hit his fourth home run and tie the major league record, Lowe popped out to third baseman Placido Polanco of the Marlins in the first, came in with one homer in the first and hit his second.

"He stepped up big time," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said.

Pinch-hitter Ricky Ledee's two-run homer in the eighth inning gave the Phillies a 7-6 lead. Jim Thome also connected for the Phillies.

The World Series champion Marlins have won 17 of their last 19 against the Phillies, who blew a slim wild-card lead over Florida down the stretch the last season to win. "They find a way to win. That's why they won the World Series," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said.

Juan Pierre walked with one out in the ninth inning and then lofted a medium fly to center, but center fielder Mike Cameron couldn't hold the ball. "Every time I get a hit it's a surprise," he said.

11-11, the Blue Jays are off to the worst start in club history. Toro also is the first player to start 0-8 or better since the 1992 Detroit Tigers.

"I can't be more appreciative," Toro manager Carlos Tosca said.

"I think the key to starting this season is not hitting six, while striking out four and giving it all I have for one day," Mirabelli, who went 3-for-4, was already in the starting lineup, but he's played in just three games this season, serving as Wakefield's personal catcher.

I love my role, it's a wake me up for four days and give it all I have for one day," Mirabelli, who hit six homers last season, had an opposite­field homer off Lilly (0-2) in his third. Two his two-run shot in the fourth hit the facing of the fourth deck in left field. It was his second career multihomer game.

"Every time I get a hit it's a surprise," he said.

MLB

Philadelphia falls to Florida 8-7 in 12 innings

Jim Thome, left, is congratulated by Philadelphia teammate Pat Burrell after his last-inning tying HR against the Marlins at Citizen's Bank Park. The Phillies went on to lose, 8-7.
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by Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C.
Director, Campus Ministry

On Easter Saturday afternoon, the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross ordained its largest class of priests in ten years. Six Holy Cross religious were ordained priests in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart by the Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., bishop of Peoria, before a standing room only crowd of people in a very impressive and joyous setting. Among those ordained was Father Daniel Parrish, C.S.C., rector of Zahm Hall.

There are so many joyous, solemn and impressive moments in that special liturgy. Over 130 Holy Cross priests concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Jenky, and each of them placed their hands on the heads of each of those to be ordained in an ancient rite that comes to us from apostolic times. The testimony of the people who had been served by the priests during their deacon year was grateful, and occasionally humorous, reflections on how these men had served them through baptism and marriages, by their uplifting preaching and comforting hospital visits, and through teaching and working with youth groups. And in the closing moments of the Mass, Bishop Jenky received a first blessing from each of the priests and kissed their hands which would bless, consecrate, offer God's forgiveness, pour water over the heads of those they would baptize, anoint the sick with holy oil and bless newly married couples.

For six young men to make this commitment to Christ, the Church and the Congregation of Holy Cross is a sign of God's love for us and for all His people. For them to request and accept ordination with such hope and joy during a moment which has been difficult because of the highly publicized scandals which have been caused by a small but inexcusable number of priests and bishops, is a great sign of their love for a life of brotherhood and ministry.

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Bucks survive furious Pistons rally, even series

Associated Press
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Michael Redd bounced back, and so did the Milwaukee Bucks. Barely.

Redd scored a career playoff high of 26 points as Milwaukee held on to beat the Detroit Pistons 92-88 Wednesday in Game 2 and even their series. It was the first win by a road team in this year's playoffs.

The Bucks led 87-72 with 3:13 left before Detroit made a frantic comeback. With a chance to tie or take the lead, Rasheed Wallace took a pass in the corner and the ball slipped out of his hands and went out of bounds with 4.1 seconds left.

Redd then made two free throws to seal the win.

The Bucks' leading scorer had just 11 points — about half his 2004 CHRYSLER SEBRING COUPE average — and made seven of Milwaukee's 25 turnovers in its 108-82 loss Sunday. Redd scored his 12th point on the opening possession of the second half Wednesday.

Heat 93, Hornets 63
MIAMI - The Miami Heat had no need for another last-second hero Wednesday night — not the way the New Orleans Hornets missed shots at a near-record rate.

New Orleans shot 24.4 percent to tie for the second-lowest point total since the shot clock was introduced in 1954, and the Heat won for a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

The hapless Hornets finished 20-for-82. They sank seven meaningless baskets in the fourth quarter to avoid breaking the record for playoff shooting futility — 23.3 percent, set by Golden State in 1973.

Timberwolves 95, Nuggets 81
MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Sprewell took care of the shooting, and Kevin Garnett did the dirty work.

Sprewell scored 31 points, Garnett had his third career playoff triple-double and the Timberwolves beat the Denver Nuggets Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

The series shifts to Denver for the next two games, with Game 3 set for Saturday night.

Bucks' Michael Redd saves a ball headed out of bounds as Pistons Ben Wallace looks on in the second half of the Bucks' victory.

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Bryant defense cannot use accuser's records

Judge refuses to allow defense lawyers to use medical records of 19-year-old woman who accused Lakers star of rape

According to Associated Press

DENVER — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case dealt a blow to the defense Wednesday, barring access to the woman's medical records.

Judge Terry Ruckriegle even behind

Ruckriegle 1, April 22, 2004

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Ruckriegle said no witness during three hearings had convinced him that the woman had waived her confidentiality rights by telling others about her medical conditions and treatment.

Ruckriegle also threw out defense subpoenas seeking records from three health care providers. Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation for a conviction of felony sexual assault. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said he had consensual sex with the woman last summer at the Vail-area resort where she worked.

The judge acknowledged the woman had discussed her condition and treatment in general terms with friends and relatives, but said he believed it was clear she had no intent to waive confidentiality.

"This is definitely an important victory for people who get medical treatment and don't want to lose the privilege just because they've decided to talk to other people or confide in family and friends for support," said Karen Steinhauser, a former prosecutor and visiting professor at the University of Denver law school.

Larry Pozner, past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said the defense still can seek testimony from people who have direct knowledge about the woman's purported suicide attempts and prescription drug use.

"The defense has a bathtub full of evidence on her suicide attempts that is not in the medical records — it's just plain old-fashioned (eye-witness) testimony," Pozner said.

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Ukrainian linemen may be unexpected first-round pick

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Igor Olshansky was just 15 but already a behemoth at 6-foot-5 and 245 pounds.

A high school football coach spotted him in the stands, watching a sport he was still learning eight years after emigrating from Ukraine.

"I put him up against a wall and spoke for 30 minutes," Vince Tringali recalled. "I told him, 'You're crazy, kid. You have to get out there. If you keep growing, you'll be worth a lot of money.'

That prediction could soon prove true: Olshansky has parlayed his rare combination of strength, size and speed to shoot up the draft board in recent weeks, becoming a possible first-round sleeper in this weekend's NFL draft.

According to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Olshansky would be the first player born in the former Soviet Union in the NFL.

It's been a rapid ascension for a player who just a few years ago didn't even know there were 11 players a side in football.

"I didn't know anything about football," said Olshansky, who played in college at Oregon. "I'd seen it, but I didn't understand what I was watching. It looked kind of crazy.

That's not surprising considering where he came from. Olshansky was born in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, an industrial city known more as a destination for men seeking brides than it is for football.

He came to the United States when he was 7. Growing up in San Francisco, Olshansky played basketball and boxed — sports more familiar to Eastern Europeans.

"How many Irgos do you know in the NFL? You find them in hockey and a few in basketball or maybe soccer. In the NFL? I don't think so," said Tringali, who coached Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts at the same high school, St. Ignatius, before Olshansky started there.

"He was very raw," Tringali added. "But he learned football. Football is not a rocket science. There's something about this kid. He's destined for greatness."

Professional football wasn't exactly what Alexandra Olshansky had in mind for her son — she would have preferred he go into medicine — but she has accepted that his passion is sports, even if she and her husband don't understand football.

At least the fans at Oregon made it easy for them to know when their son was successful. After almost every tackle, chants of "I-gor! I-gor!" rang out in Autzen Stadium.

"They knew that I had made a big play whenever they heard my name," he said.

The personable Olshansky is fluent in English and Russian — he's up the attention, talking back and gesturing to the fans to fire them up.

Olshansky heard his name quite a bit last season. He had 58 tackles, including 15 for losses and 6 1/2 sacks, on the way to being named the Ducks' top defensive lineman for the second straight year.

Despite that, many questioned why he left early, saying he could have been a high first-round pick had he stayed for his senior season. He was motivated by the chance to help his parents financially and the belief he could be a first-rounder already.

NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt sees tremendous long-term potential for a natural player who is still learning some of the ins and outs of football.

"You can always teach people to do things who have ability," Brandt said. "It's awfully hard to teach someone to do things who don't have ability. When you have someone who is that size and who can run that fast, that in itself is a big plus.

Olshansky got his strength from his grandfather, a World War II hero wounded 11 times in battle. Now 6-5 and 315 pounds, Olshansky wowed NFL teams with his impressive pre-draft workouts. He had a vertical jump of 33 1/2 inches and ran a 40-yard dash in under 5 seconds.

But where he really shined was the strength drills. After bench-pressing 225 pounds 41 times at the NFL combine — one short of Isaac Sopoaga of Hawaii and four shy of a record — Olshansky wouldn't be outdone at Oregon's pro day.

With his father looking on, and a legion of scouts and his teammates counting each rep, Olshansky recorded 43 lifts at 225 pounds. Now some project Olshansky as a first- or second-rounder. He had visits with Kansas City, Dallas, Jacksonville and San Francisco scheduled before the draft.

"I wasn't even on the radar," he said. "When I declared, everyone said I'd probably be a third- or fourth-round pick. I don't think they really looked at my game film and realized my abilities.

"There are a lot of big, strong, fast kids out there, but a lot aren't playing football or can't play football. I can also play. I make plays."
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NFL

Warner leaving is not a certainty

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis Rams' coach Mike Martz said Wednesday that Kurt Warner's agent overreacted to a conversation he had with the quarterback, and emphasized there's still a chance the two-time MVP could stay with the team.

Martz characterized his conversation with Warner on Monday as a necessary "first step" in the process after he decided to go with Marc Bulger as his quarterback for next season. He said he had promised Warner and his agent, Mark Bartelstein, that he would inform him when he had made a decision.

"It was a very difficult conversation, the hardest one I've ever had with a player," Martz said. "He asked what his future was. I think from that point on it just kind of took on a life of its own."

Bartelstein said Tuesday his client expected to be released after June 1 and added he expected a lot of interest around the NFL in Warner.

On Wednesday, Bartelstein stood behind those words. "I don't think I overreacted at all," Bartelstein said. "I represent the highest-rated quarterback in the history of the NFL, and he wants to play football, and the world doesn't wait for you."

"My job is to try to find him a new home."

Martz blamed himself for not making it clear to Warner, the NFL MVP in 1999 and 2001, that he still could be back. He also said he expects Warner to continue participating in offseason workouts and minicamps.

"I'm afraid in my discussions with Kurt that I got carried away and led him to believe this was it," Martz said.

It's still likely that Warner will be released. But Martz reiterated that discussions on a long-term contract with Bulger could impact what happens. Any Bulger talks also could impact whether the Rams select a quarterback in the first round of the draft on Saturday.

Bulger has been a big success in one and one-half seasons as a starter with the Rams. He won his first six starts in 2002 and led the team to a 12-4 record and an NFC West championship last year, then was the MVP in the Pro Bowl.

Warner was the NFL MVP in 1999 and 2001, leading the team to the Super Bowl each year. But he had just three touchdowns, 11 passing touchdowns and 11 interceptions in an injury-plagued 2002 and lost his job after fumbling six times while sustaining a concussion in the opener last year.

Martz declined to discuss his reasoning for going with Bulger.

"There's a lot of things involved with that, a lot of factors, and I think that's something that's better left unsaid," Martz said. "Obviously, it took a great deal of work to come to that conclusion."
Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of Miami (Ohio) rolls out to pass in the second quarter of a game against Central Florida last season.

Drafting quarterbacks not an exact science

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This year’s draft has three “can’t miss” quarterbacks: Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger and Philip Rivers.

Buyer beware?

Think of Ryan Leaf. And remember that Todd Marinovich and Dan (Mark’s brother) McGwire were drafted ahead of a guy named Brett Favre in 1991. Leaf, of course, is not the only quarterback bust: Rick Mirer, Jim Druckenmiller, Akili Smith, Cade McNown, Dave Brown, Marinovich and McGwire are all long gone or at the end of some bench.

Yes, drafting is a guessing game as much as an exact science, especially when it comes to quarterbacks. How else to explain that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady went in the sixth round in 2000, while two other current starters, Marc Bulger and Tim Rattay, were chosen in the sixth and seventh rounds.

“There’s so much focus on the top two or three quarterbacks that a lot of people forget there are more than that who can play very well,” St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz says. “There are 10 of them in this year’s bunch that I would really like to have.”

Martz has some credibility on the subject.

In the summer of 2000, he remarked during a casual chat that New Orleans had “a kid named Bulger I really like.” A few weeks later, the Saints obtained Aaron Brooks and eventually released Bulger, who ended up with the Rams and now starts.

This year’s top three QBs would seem to have a better shot at success than most first-rounders.

Manning comes with a great pedigree — brother Peyton was this year’s co-MVP, and father Archie was an outstanding player stuck on a dismal team in New Orleans. But horse breeders tell you that pedigrees are no guarantee against injury or simply failure.

The rap on Roethlisberger is that he needs work, while Rivers has a funky, sidearm delivery that didn’t keep him from completing 72 percent of his passes last season at North Carolina State. But the consensus is that all are future stars.

“I have fallen in love with these guys,” Baltimore coach Brian Billick says of the trio. Still, keep these quarterbacks in mind:

• In 1998, some teams thought Leaf would be better than Peyton Manning. They brushed off reports (most recounted after the fact) that Leaf didn’t gel along with coaches or teammates and had no leadership skills.

• In 1999, Tim Couch was drafted first overall; Donovan McNabb second; Smith third. Daunte Culpepper 11th and McNown 12th. McNabb and Culpepper are stars, but Couch is still struggling, and the other two are busts.

• Brooks, drafted in the fourth round by Green Bay before being traded to the Saints, is the third-best from that class.

• In 2000, Chad Pennington was the only quarterback taken in the first round and seems ready for stardom with the Jets. The next QBs chosen were Giovanni Carmazzi (San Francisco, third round), Chris Redman (Baltimore, third) and Tee Martin (Pittsburgh, fifth).

Then New Orleans took Bulger with the 168th overall pick, and New England got Brady at 199. The next round, the 49ers took Rattay, who almost immediately showed more promise than Carmazzi and probably will enter next season as San Francisco’s starter.

“The thing about quarterback drafting is something that nobody really knows is what works, habits,” says Gil Brandt, the NFL’s chief draft consultant.

“You get some that are going to study tape and keep studying. There are others who are going to get big money and think they have it made.”

Still, some bad picks are simply unexplainable. Some are the result of teams failing to uncover character flaws or worse in a player’s background.

Ten years from now, Manning, Roethlisberger and Rivers might very well be stars. And so might one of the guys projected lower in the draft.
O'Brien named Sixers head coach, Iverson will stay

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jim O'Brien wanted to coach the Philadelphia 76ers — and Allen Iverson.

"When you're dealing with somebody like Allen, I really want to be as close to 100-per- cent sure as I possibly could that I'd be coaching him," O'Brien said.

O'Brien got his wish, and the Sixers have their new coach.

Sixers president Billy King reiterated Wednesday that he will not try to trade Iverson, a former league MVP and scoring champion, who is signed through 2008-09.

"Allen will be here next year," King said.

So will O'Brien, the former Boston Celtics coach who was introduced Wednesday. He is Philadelphia's 20th head coach and the third to lead the 76ers since Hall of Famer Larry Brown stepped down last May.

Brown, who spent six seasons in Philadelphia, is the coach of the Detroit Pistons.

King picked assistant Randy Ayers as Brown's successor, but he was fired 52 games into the season. Ayers was replaced by Chris Ford.

The Sixers missed the playoffs for the first time since the 1997-98 season. Ford will remain in the organization.

Iverson had several run-ins with Ford, most notably refusing to come off the bench after being taken out of the starting lineup. Iverson also had a contentious relationship with Brown, but the two worked together despite several disputes.

O'Brien figures he'll have more success getting along with Iverson than his predecessors.

"I have never had difficulty leading people and having people understand the expectations that I have," O'Brien said. "I'm a fairly easy person to play for."

O'Brien, who said he had a brief and amicable conversation with Iverson on Wednesday, said whatever problems the All-Star had with previous coaches and management would stay in the past. He was comfortable that any residual issues were resolved while talking with King.

"We had open discussions about everything that happened last year," O'Brien said. "I'm satisfied that was then, and the future is the future. Clearly, what happened last year did not scare me from wanting to lead this team into next season."

Veterans Derrick Coleman, Glenn Robinson, Eric Snow and Aaron McKie might be made available through trades or the expansion draft.

O'Brien expects the Sixers to reach the playoffs as long as they remain healthy.

King said O'Brien was always his first choice, and that he did not meet with any other potential candidates. King said he never asked Portland permission to talk with coach Maurice Cheeks, a former Sixers' star.

King first met with O'Brien on March 25 in Boston and finalized the deal Monday, not wanting other teams to call O'Brien after the playoffs. O'Brien wanted to return to Philadelphia — not that he was waiting for the only other team with an interim coach to come calling.

"I really want the opportunity to coach Allen Iverson," O'Brien said. "It’s something I’ve been thinking about since I was about 8 years old, to get a chance to be a head coach in Philadelphia at the college or pro level — and it’s come true," he said. "And I really want the opportunity to coach Allen Iverson."

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Hubie Brown earned NBA Coach of the Year honors on Wednesday. Brown, who is the oldest coach in the league, took the Memphis Grizzlies to the NBA playoffs for the first time in franchise history.

IN BRIEF

Sharpe returning to Denver for another season

DENVER — Tight end Shannon Sharpe will return to the Denver Broncos for at least one more season.

"Shannon called Coach (Mike) Shanahan a few days ago and confirmed that with him," Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said Wednesday.

After completing his 14th season, Sharpe said in January he might retire. He is due to receive a $12 million bonus on the third day of last year's league year, a payment for 1997-98. Sharpe decided not to take the money and a release from the Broncos, and elected to go out on his own terms. The Broncos will save $5.4 million in cap space by releasing him and replacing him with a free agent.

Brown wins NBA Coach of the Year

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Hubie Brown answered a question about Memphis' first pro basketball playoff game by detailing how his Kentucky Colonels won the NBA title in 1975.

He listed the St. Louis roster and pointing out that 72 of 79 players won NBA jobs after the league merged. Jerry West listened, then said: "I can't remember today. How do you remember that?"

"When you're old, you just talk," Brown said. "I take advantage of the fact that you're being charitable."

Brown at 70, the oldest coach in the league, had plenty to talk about Wednesday after receiving the NBA Coach of the Year award for leading the Memphis Grizzlies to a team-record 50 wins and their first playoff berth.

He beat Utah's Jerry Sloan in a close race with 466 points, including 62 of 125 first-place votes from a panel of sportswriters and sportscasters.

The award marks a 26-year span between victories for Brown, who also won in 1977-78 with Atlanta. Gene Shue won 13 years apart, with Baltimore (1969) and Washington (1982).

"Here we are 26 years later, and he wins another one," said West, the Grizzlies' president of basketball operations.

West heard plenty of criticism when he hired Brown in November 2002. He couldn't stop smiling as he presented his coach with the award at a news conference after the Grizzlies' practice. He called Brown the best coach he has been around.

"We don't even have close to a perfect team here, and he's been able to hide some of our weaknesses," West said.

Brown said the award must be shared with formerMichael Baikley, the Grizzlies and especially West, whose call came after Brown was demoted by television executives who thought he was too old to connect with the young NBA players.

"This guy, the guy holding the door, gave me the opportunity to have a little more bounce in my step," Brown said.

Sloan got 424 points, with 56 top votes. Milwaukee's Terry Porter and Miami's Stan Van Gundy, both rookie head coaches, tied for third with 54 points and one first-place vote each.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to Boilermakers

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish have seen better days.

Earlier this season, No. 27 Notre Dame (10-10) jumped to a 7-1 record, defeating regional rival Ohio State, Wisconsin and Indiana. But Wednesday, the team fell 4-3 to No. 61 Purdue in a close meet.

Due to variable weather conditions and 25 mile per hour winds, the matches were moved indoors. This change of plans proved problematic for the Irish.

"The courts were a big factor today," freshman Christian Thompson said. "Two of the courts were slower than the rest and the ball skidded on some of the courts."

The Irish were ahead early in the meet, taking a 3-0 lead. Rallying from behind, the Boilermakers claimed wins in four singles matches at Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6 to come out on top. This is the fourth 4-3 loss of the season for the Irish.

"It's the end of the season and I think we're really lacking confidence after the heart-breaking losses," Thompson said. "It's frustrating because we have so much talent. Everyone just needs to realize how talented we are, and that comes from within. If we do that, then I think we'll have a good end of the year."

Notre Dame nearly swept doubles, triumphing at No. 1 and No. 2. No. 44 Catrina and Christian Thompson were first to walk off the courts with a win against Gretchen Haynor and Kellie Sufi, 6-2, 6-4. At No. 2 doubles, senior Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly clinched the doubles point, outlasting Shawa Zuccarini and Hala Sef, 7-6 (7-4). Lara Bag大气 and Alyssa Rodriguez defeated junior Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbours 8-6 at No. 3.

In singles, the Thompson twins posted points quickly at Nos. 2 and 3, both overcoming their opponents in about an hour's time. Christian Thompson prevailed over Haynor 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2, recording wins in 10 straight games to complete the match. Catrina Thompson bested Amy Waldembach 6-2, 6-1 to contribute the third point of the match to the Irish effort.

Purduegrabbed wins in the next four singles matches to win. At No. 1, Sef triumphed over No. 19 Salas in three sets 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Soft proved to be a strong competitor, according to Christian Thompson.

"The girl playing [Salas] hit the ball like she was hitting a baseball," Thompson said. Rodriguez contributed a win at No. 4 versus Lauren Connelly 6-2, 6-3 and Zuccarini beat sophomore Kiki

Senior Alicia Salas hits a forehand in the February match against Wisconsin.

Stastny 6-3, 6-4 at No. 5 to tie the score of the meet 3-3.

The final match lasted for more than an hour, with Woods clinching the win for the Boilermakers 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (7-1).

"[Connelly] played really well, but towards the end, the girl really fought back and kept slicing it," Catrina Thompson said.

This was the final meet of the regular season for Notre Dame. The team will return to the courts for the Big East Tournament April 29-May 1.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to face crucial games for postseason

Today's game against MIAA conference foe Kalamazoo will decide postseason destiny

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Today's games against Kalamazoo College will decide whether or not the Belles advance into the conference tournament.

After dropping last night's game at Bethel 4-0, Saint Mary's is 15-18 on the year and 7-5 in conference.

Currently fifth in the conference, the Belles must win both games at Kalamazoo, a team that hasn't won a conference game this season. Still, the Belles cannot afford to take the doubleheader for granted. Albion stands in fourth place and plays its final conference doubleheader this Saturday. Saint Mary's must avoid a tiebreaker because of a subpar overall record.

The Belles failed to score a run as the Royals gradually added to their lead Wednesday. Libby Wilhelmy and Kate Sajewich kept the Belles within striking distance, but the offense never capitalized.

Bethep won 1-0 in the first inning as a double to center field scored the first run of the game. Saint Mary's connected on a single off the bat of Martie Walsh but stranded her on second, unable to bring in the run.

The Royals added another in the second after a costly error helped them score. Saint Mary's could not respond and the score remained 2-0.

In the fourth inning, Sajewich replaced Wilhelmy on the mound only to give up Bethel's third run of the game, however, the damage could have been worse as Sajewich escaped a three-hit inning, still giving the Belles a chance.

The last run came in the sixth on a sacrifice bunt putting Bethel up 4-0. Angie Ellisin singled with two outs in the bottom of the inning, but the end result was the same without any runs being scored.

Saint Mary's finished the game with three hits and one error.

Today's final doubleheader begins at 3:30 p.m. and will determine the rest of the season for the Belles. If the team wins both contests, Saint Mary's will await the outcome of the Albion-Hope game this weekend.

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16. The team includes five seniors.

"We made it to the final eight last year and I feel like we've come together more as a team heading into this game," Choc captain Gregg Michaels said. "We've played against Platinum before, and we expect an intense game.

The Platinum FUBU All-stars played a physical game in the last round, pounding the ball inside and driving to the basket. They also remained patient, swinging the ball around a difficult 2-3 zone, and their opponent fell into foul trouble for almost the entire first half.

The All-stars, who began the tournament seeded No. 12 and were reseeded a spot higher for the round of sixteen, are excited about the chance to advance even further in the tournament.

"We feel privileged to play in the world's greatest outdoor spectacle," Platinum team member John Rompf said. "It has been an honor to have made it this far and have the opportunity to play with some of the best competition."

No. 5 Jack's Shorts vs. No.

12 Reddick Wanna-Be's

After a string of convincing wins, the Reddick Wanna-Be's feel confident going into the round of 16. So far, the team has won all of its games by at least seven points.

"We haven't really had any down to the wire games yet," Reddick captain Ryan Conner said. "We've improved from last year and the game should be fun with all the crowd support."

Jack's Shorts originally was No. 7 but has moved up to No. 5 after strong play in its previous games.

No. 4 Jordan Toyota vs. No.

13 More Cowbell

With relatively easy wins in their past games, Jordan Toyota is confident heading into the round of 16. They also believe they are a much stronger team this year than last, football players Rheema McKnight, Ronnie Rodamer and Jason Saap combine with the muscle of Joe McClyde and the poise of captain Daniel Boston to form a dominant starting five.

"We have a talented team this year with great fan support," Boston said.

"We feel like there has to be one winner and why can't we be that team," he said.

More Cowbell moved from No. 15 to No.13 after convincing wins in earlier rounds.

No. 3 State Theatre vs. No.

14 Bend it Like Bryant

Bend it Like Bryant was originally ranked No. 29 but has moved up to No. 14 after a strong victory in the round of 32.

At No. 3, State is looking to move into the finals but expects a close match. Forward Rich Whitney and a team of good shooters and scrappy defenders will look to avoid an upset.

No. 2 Library Lounge vs. No.

15 Thor and the Thunderbolts

Library Lounge has been close to winning the championship before. This year, they figure it's time to get over the hump.

"We got upset last year in the Final Four, and with all our players back we are ready to build on that," Library captain Justin Funk said. "Our closest game has been 21-12 so far, and we want to keep that pace."

Thor and the Thunderbolts upset the No. 7 team in a very physical game to advance to the round of 16.

A member of Clericuzio drives to score a winning lay up in the round of 64.

No. 1 KPMG vs. No. 16 Wet Hot American Ballers

KPMG has been the top-ranked team throughout the tournament and will face one of the only teams left not in the original top 32.

The Ballers will face a dominant KPMG team, a team who lost tight end Jerome Collins to injury but picked up wide receiver Jeff Samardzija in the round of 32. KPMG is led by shooting guard and captain Tommy Walz, slashing forward and place kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick and wide receiver Carlyle Holiday.

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The Sweet 16

No. 1 KPMG

KPMG is loaded with talent, including Carlyle Holiday and D.J. Lipke.

10:30 P.M.

No. 16 Wet Hot American Ballers

This team won a marathon 34-32 game Monday night.

9:15 P.M.

No. 8 Clericuzio

This team was ranked No. 6 to start the tournament.

9:15 P.M.

No. 9 Team Truth

If Team Truth gets hot from outside, watch out because they can shoot.

10:30 P.M.

No. 5 Jack's Shorts

Jack Clarke has captained his team to the Sweet 16.

9:15 P.M.

No. 12 The Reddick Wannabes

Greg Hilz and Ryan Conner look to lead their team to the classic upset.

8 P.M.

No. 4 Jordan Toyota

This team is quick and athletic. They will be a force to reckon with.

8 P.M.

No. 13 More Cowbell

Danny O'Boyle and Dave Daniels are a dynamic duo for this team.

No. 2 Library Lounge

Justin Funk's team looks to make a run for the title.

9:15 P.M.

No. 15 Thor and the Thunderbolts

Travis Leitko's team looks to pull off the upset victory.

10:30 P.M.

No. 7 UBS/SMG

Brady Quinn hits the blacktop for now, leading his team to the Sweet 16.

No. 10 Derelict

This team from Alumni wins with their size and scrappy play.

No. 3 State Theater

Chris Murphy and Ben Nickol lead this team for the second straight year.

8 P.M.

No. 14 Bend it Like Bryant

As the No. 29 seed, this team knocked off some top teams to get here.

No. 6 Choc Full O'Nut

Gregg Michaels leads his team to a No. 6 seed after starting as No. 9.

No. 11 Platinum FUBU All-Stars

Will Fayen hopes his slashing abilities will be enough for a win.
Sisko proves to be more than a "fill-in" for Irish

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Hopefully for the Irish, nobody will think second baseman Zach Sisko that he is only supposed to be filling in.

The senior walk-on, who before 2004 had played in just 23 games over three years with the Irish, has seen significant playing time filling in for injured Steve Sollmann, who broke his jaw in a game against Villanova April 3.

"I'm doing the best I can in the meantime while [Sollmann is] out," Sisko said. "I'm trying to make all the routine plays and do whatever I can do to help out at the plate."

Recently, however, Sisko has done much more than that. In Notre Dame's three-game sweep of Georgetown last weekend, Sisko was 5-for-10, including a grand slam in Notre Dame's 9-6 win Sunday. Against Toledo Wednesday, Sisko recorded his first career four-hit game, going 4-for-5 at the plate.

Before this season, Sisko had just eight hits in his Notre Dame career. Right now — even though he has just 39 at bats on the season — Sisko is Notre Dame's team leader in hitting with a .385 average.

"I'm just seeing the ball really well, just trying not to do too much," he said. "I just try to get some base hits up the middle."

Irish coach Paul Mainieri says he can't help but feel excited for the senior, who has toiled quietly in the shadows for four years behind Sollmann.

"Zach Sisko is such a feel-good story, and it's really one of the joys you get in this game of coaching," Mainieri said. "This kid is probably the hardest working player on our team. He lives in those batting cages. He hasn't made all the trips, he hasn't played in every game, but he's not gotten discouraged.

"He's been a tremendous teammate, and he will always do anything you ask him to do. Now all of a sudden, you need him, and you see that with a great attitude like the best how well he has done.""}

"This Sollmann's injury has been a pleasant change for Sisko. Before this year, he may have been more concerned with getting into the lineup as a College of Arts and Letters pre-professional and history major than starting every game and making every road trip with the Irish.

"Well, it's second semester senior year, so it's not too much of a strain," Sisko said. "I'm trying to take care of school work, and it's not too bad right now. But, I'm just trying to stay focused on baseball — getting to play every day, and getting enough sleep, and just being able to go out there and do the best I can."

But Sisko says that no matter how well he plays, he knows that Sollmann — who dominated a uniform in the dugout Wednesday for the first time since his injury — will be the main guy when he returns.

"I'm not in any spot to replace Sollmann," Sisko said. "I just want to do the little things to help the team out."

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third inning before wind and heavy rain cancelled the remainder of the doubleheader.

"I would have loved to have those games against Northwestern under our belt because we were really attack-
ing the ball," Gumpf said. "Even though we weren't able to play a game, it didn't mess up our rhythm because it was basically as good as a practice here at home."

Like Notre Dame, Illinois-Chicago had a scheduled double-
leader rain out on Tuesday. In their most recent action, the Flames swept Valparaiso by scores of 15-0 and 8-0 in a Monday double-
header. They also have won 13 of their last 14 games.

Notre Dame's games against Northwestern were slated to be the beginning of a major road trip. After facing Illinois-Chicago today, Notre Dame will travel east to face Big East opponents Villanova and Rutgers in doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday, respec-
tively.

Villanova leads the Big East with 18 points and a 9-3 confer-
ence record, while Notre Dame sits tied for second with 16 points at 8-0. The Wildcats have played four more games than the Irish at this point in the sea-
son, however.

Gumpf sees today's games as an opportunity to tune up for one of its most important con-
ference weekends. "Even though we're not over-
looking Illinois-Chicago, we'd still like to sort of use that game as batting practice for the Big East," Gumpf said. "We need to go out there and get the job done to prepare for our games against Villanova and Rutgers this weekend."

"Those are two teams that can really come after us if we're not ready."

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Cody Rizzo must have hit eight home runs in the fall games, and he hadn't hit any until today," Maimieri said. "I kind of challenged him a little before the game, because his RBI total was really not that great...I don't know if he got mad at me or not, but I challenged him a little bit today, and he got into one.

Paul Maimieri
Irish coach

Toledo got one run back in the first of the inning. The dinger was Rizzo's first of the season. "Cody Rizzo must have hit eight home runs in the fall games, and he hadn't hit any until today," Maimieri said. "I kind of challenged him a little bit today, and he got into one."

The Irish added single runs in the sixth and seventh innings as well for the 9-3 win.

Notre Dame will return to the field with a Big East doubleheader Friday against Seton Hall in South Orange, N.J.

Notes:
• Two former Irish players returned to Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday, but they were the opposing team's uniforms. Cory Moe - a 1992 graduate and for-
mer Academic All-American and first baseman who graduated in 1997.

"Those were two teams that can really come after us if we're not ready."

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Senior walk-on second baseman Zach Sisko has filled in for injured Stevent Sollman by batting .356.
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**Bookstore Basketball XXXIII**

**Round of 16 features 13 ranked teams**

By STEVE COYER

Sports Writer

With the Bookstore Basketball field down from 580 teams to 16, the situation is starting to get much more familiar for the remaining competition.

Of the top 15 ranked teams, 13 remain in the tournament. And many of those teams have already faced their upcoming opponents in previous games.

No. 8 Clericuzio will take on No. 9 Team Truth in the round of 16, but neither team is expecting too many surprises.

"We definitely know those guys," Team Truth captain Carlos Campbell said. "We've played against them many times at home, and we know it's going to be a good match." Team Truth has played through injuries so far but expects to be ready for their next game.

"We're coming back one-hundred percent for this game, so we should be at our best," Campbell said.

No. 7 You Got a Bad Draw vs. No. 10 Derelict

For team Derelict, the road to 16 has not been an easy one. The team has won three nail-biter close games so far, but they believe they can win by a larger margin tonight. "We haven't reached our potential yet." Derelict captain Kevin McNamara said. "We made it the round of 16 last year, and if we play tough defense we should be more successful this year.

You Got a Bad Draw, on the other hand, has been dominant so far despite injuries. They had an easy 21-12 victory in their last game even while playing with two replacements.

No. 6 Choc Full O'Nuts vs. No. 11 Platinum FUBU

All-Stars Choc Full O'Nuts is anything but intimidated about their upcoming game. This will be their third trip to the round of 16, and they expect to be ready for their next opponent.

BASEBALL

Infielders blow up against Rockets

Macri involved in seven of team's nine runs in the victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO

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It was a big night for the Irish infielders as No. 4 Notre Dame (31-5) cruised to a 9-3 victory over Toledo (10-24).

Thir d baseman Matt Macri was 3-for-5 at the plate, and had his hand in seven of Notre Dame's nine runs with 3 RBIs and two runs scored. Second baseman Zach Sisko, playing in place of the injured Steve Sollmann, had his first career four-hit day, and the four Notre Dame infielders combined to go 10-for-18 at the plate with eight RBIs and five runs scored.

First baseman Matt Edwards was 2-for-4 with a two-run double, while shortstop Greg Lopez was 1-for-4 with an RBI single.

After Tuesday's game with Purdue was rained out, Irish coach Paul Mainieri had a full battery of arms in the bullpen, and the Irish skipper tried to work them all, as seven hurlers saw the mound for Notre Dame against the Rockets.

"As it turns out, because we didn't play (Tuesday), we had a little bit of pitching depth for the victory," Coach Tyrone Willingham has an angry fan.

ND SOFTBALL

Irish seek payback on Flames

By JUSTIN SCHUER

Assistant Sports Editor

Two days after a rainout, the Irish hope that lightning doesn't strike twice for the Illinois-Chicago Flames.

Following a rainout Tuesday that cancelled two games against Northwestern, the Irish (34-13) travel to Illinois today to face the Flames (24-19) in a one-game series. Illinois-Chicago knocked off the Irish 4-3 in 10 innings April 15 at Ivy Field.

"Illinois-Chicago came in here and they got the job done," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "With a team like that you can't keep them in the ballgame. You have to play them away early. We have to play great tomorrow and show that we are the better team."

The Irish did not follow that formula in their previous meeting with the Flames. Notre Dame took an early 2-0 lead but could not add to it late, allowing the Flames to battle back for the victory.

Although Notre Dame was unable to play a full game on Saturday, the Irish were still able to take some positives from their experience against Northwestern. Notre Dame was up 3-1 in the