Seniors, administrators still divided over dome

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Though his office in the Main Building is located just a few floors below the statue of Mary and his name carries with it the title of executive vice president, John Affleck-Graves sat at his desk Tuesday afternoon and said that he can do nothing to remove the scaffolding surrounding the golden dome, despite the intense backlash of the senior class.

"If there was any way to do the process faster, we would do it. We realize this is a disappointment to the senior class," Affleck-Graves said. Senior opposition has grown since the process began on March 7.

"When I came back from spring break and they had already started, I felt the administration pulled a fast one. They could have pooled student voices to gauge the impact before beginning the process," senior Rob Van Gender said.

Affleck-Graves apologized for the lack of communication and admitted that it was his mistake that the information was not released to students earlier.

"I'll take the blame for it," he said. Honestly, I did not anticipate the huge reaction from the class. Other times the process has been re-gilded the students have not been so vocal.

In the last few weeks, student government has stepped in to try and stop the gilding process. Senior class president Darrell Scott told members of the Notre Dame Student Assembly Representatives at their meeting March 21 that he sees DOME/page 4

Scaffolding surrounding the golden dome grew to reach the height of the Virgin Mary statue during the Easter weekend.

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By COLLEEN KIELTY
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Progressive Student Alliance enjoys success of agreement

Taco Bell Corp. to pay penny-per-pound surcharges, raise farm labor standards, ending three-year-long boycott

By KATIE PERRY
Newswire

Actions taken last spring by the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) reached a large-scale level earlier this month when Taco Bell presented a large labor organization with groundbreaking plans to reform the conditions and pay of its workers.

A March 8 agreement between Taco Bell Corp., a division of Yum! Brands, and the Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) proved successful as the Mexican fast-food powerhouse served up an order deemed sufficient by the labor activist group.

The CIW officially ended its three-year boycott of Taco Bell, asserting the deal “sets a new standard of social responsibility for the fast-food industry.” Taco Bell has agreed to pay a penny-per-pound surcharge to workers and “raise farm labor standards” by adding new clauses to the company Code of Conduct and strictly adhering to current laws.

The document originated from the alliances in labor and wages for migrant workers who harvest tomatoes for the restaurant’s Florida supplier.

Last April, members of the Progressive Student Alliance rallied against Taco Bell and its marketing relationship with the Notre Dame athletic department through a series of hunger strikes, organized protests and correspondence with administrative officials.

Notre Dame then placed pressure on Taco Bell and asked the company to refuse the claims with specific, unequivocal evidence. After failing to promptly receive adequate answers to its inquiries, the University postponed and later terminated its $50,000 promotional contract with local Taco Bell restaurants.

PSA member Alicia Lachiondo said the actions taken by Notre Dame students last spring “absolutely” played a significant role in the eventual agreement between Taco Bell and the CIW.

“Anytime you have a high-profile institution like this University make a sweeping move of this nature, it brings attention to the forefront and forces other institutions to reevaluate their affiliations,” Lachiondo said.

According to the CIW Web site, almost 30 academic institutions had joined in the fight to “boost the Bell.” The sum total not only raised awareness but also contributed by bringing about economic consequences necessary for social change, Lachiondo said.

As a Notre Dame student, Lachiondo has held strong connections to the concerns of the CIW through her membership in the PSA and her role as coordinator of the Migrant Experiences seminar through the Center for Social Concerns.

“I have had the honor to personally meet many of the farm workers, see their living and working conditions and hear first hand their account of the struggle,” Lachiondo said. “In fact, quite a few of the students who have worked on the boycott for the past four years have either been on the seminar or met members of the CIW. So we felt that this was a personal issue for us.”

Lachiondo said that although the PSA has not made any formal response to the agreement between Taco Bell and the CIW, the overall reaction from members has been one of “celebration.” Even after Notre Dame ended its contract with the restaurant and its marketing relationship with the Notre Dame athletic department through a series of hunger strikes, organized protests and correspondence with administrative officials.

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intended to pursue measures
to halt or delay the process
until after graduation.

Last Wednesday, Scott, along
with student body president
Adam Istvan and third year
law student Adam Russ, met
with Affleck-Graves and pre-
presented what Scott referred to
as a "hypothetical contract" that
would allow for the Dome
to be temporarily uncovered
for graduation.

This was called for the re-
gilding to continue through the
months of April. Then, one
week before graduation the
scaffolding would be taken
down, allowing the Dome to be
visible for commencement.
The following day, the scaf-
fo1ding could be rebuilt, and
the process would continue
as planned.

After speaking with contrac-
tors, Scott estimated that his
proposal would add two weeks
to the re-gilding process but
would still allow for the proj-
ject to be completed by the
mandatory deadline of Oct. 1.
when frost will become a fac-
tor.

"Mr. Affleck-Graves was sin-
cere and committed to making
an arrangement. I was opti-
mistic going to bed Wednesday
night that our compromise
was feasible," Scott said.

Affleck-Graves said he was
impressed with Scott, Istvan
and Russ's enthusiasm.

"Darrell had a really good
idea. I thought, We wanted to
do anything we could to make
the best out of the situation,"
Affleck-Graves said.

But to the disappointment of
Scott and the rest of the senior
class, the proposal was not
approved after Affleck-Graves
sent it to Conrad Schmitt
Studios and learned that the
process of taking down and
rebuilding the scaffolding
would push the completion
date beyond the deadline of
Oct. 1.

"The contractors told me it
was not possible," Affleck-
Graves said.

This will be the 11th time
the dome has been re-gilded—
17 years since the last
workup.

"If you look at the Dome
from the front, it looks fine.
But if you look at the back of
Mary, you can see it is in
need," Affleck-Graves said.

As a result, this year's
process will be especially long.
Instead of painting over the
old paint, the workers are
going to strip the dome of all
the previous layers and apply
a brand new coat. Also, struc-
tural work will be done to
maintain the integrity of the
inside of the building, Affleck-
Graves said.

"Now we have to strip 12
layers of paint. We have to
trim and re-paint, and that
is what takes time. It is going
to be stripped down to the
bare metal," Affleck-Graves
said.

But knowing the logistics of
the procedure does little for
Joe Tan, whose aunt and uncle
will be taking a 24-hour flight
from Singapore to see Notre
Dame for the first time.

"Of all the time to be re-gild-
ing, senior year graduation?
It's disappointing that some-
thing like this would take
place, to my aunt and uncle
who are looking forward to
seeing campus," Tan said.

Affleck-Graves said he
understands how the students
and parents are feeling, since
he has had two children gradu-
ate from the University. But
he also knows that the best
memories of graduation are
not about the dome itself, but
the spirit of the graduates under-
neath it.

"Graduation is not about
the physical dome. You don't remem-
ber standing in front of it getting
your picture taken. It's about
the proud parents and being part of mass. There
could be no dome and it would
be a fabulous time," Affleck-
Graves said.

Many students have insisted
that the University's refusal to
change the re-gilding plans
shows a lack of respect for its
students.

"This is just another exam-
ple that students really do not
have a voice at this campus. If
our own class president can't
dsit down and talk and have some-
ting come of it, then certainly a
common student won't be able to," senior Sarah
Bates said.

Yet Affleck-Graves insisted
that undergraduates are his
top priority.

"We care more about under-
graduates than anybody else.
We care about creating a reli-
gious and educational founda-
tion for them. Hopefully that is
more important to them than
buildings," Affleck-Graves
said.

Affleck-Graves promised that he
will do all he can to make up for the
eyesore of a scaffold-covered
golden dome.

Affleck-Graves and other mem-
bers of the administration
have begun exploring other possibilites to
keep graduation special for
this year's class. Affleck-
Graves said he would consider
any suggestions the students
put forth, such as a new loca-
tion for professional photos or
special access to places like
the stadium press box or the 14th
floor of the library.

"If seniors have suggestions,
we will entertain
everything. We want the stu-
dents' initiatives and suggestions." Affleck-Graves
said. "But I know the seniors are
paying a price, and we can never fully com-
pensate."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Akayev promises resignation

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan — Ousted President Askar Akayev surfaced in Russia after fleeing this Central Asian nation and said Tuesday he would resign if given legal protections — the first sign he is willing to yield power.

Akayev, who fled after protests raised government headquarters last week, also accused his foes of plotting his overthrow for months. Interim leader Kurmanbek Bakiyev said the storming of the government headquarters was never planned, and he called for calm.

In an interview with Russia's state-run Channel One television, Akayev emphasized he had recommended to police that he be allowed to remain in office until a new government was formed. He also said he would keep a hand in its fragile politics.

Asked whether he was prepared to step down, Akayev replied: "Of course, of course." If so, he could be charged with treason and face life in prison.

Pope may rely on feeding tube

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II have to return to the hospital to have a feeding tube inserted because he is having difficulty swallowing, an Italian news agency reported Tuesday.

The ANSA news agency said no decision had been taken and the feeding tube was one option being considered to help the 84-year-old pope get better nutrition and regain his strength.

On the Vatican spokesman went unanswered late Tuesday.

Citing an unidentified source, the agency said that the pope's doctors were considering the procedure.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report: aviation never safer

WASHINGTON — The number of civil aviation accidents in the United States fell by 8 percent last year, according to preliminary statistics released Tuesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board reported that civil aviation accidents fell from 1,604 in 2003 to 1,715 last year. There were also 9 percent fewer deaths in 2004 — 635, down from 695 the year before.

"There is a single strong common thread among safety that's woven among every aspect of aviation, from the design of the aircraft through the training of the pilots to the training the pilots receive," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Greg Martin. "The pilots as a group improved three years in aviation history.

Most aviation fatalities resulted from accidents involving private planes and on-demand air taxis, but the overall accident rate for both kinds of aircraft has been improving over the past few decades.

Title IX protects whistleblowers

WASHINGTON — A closely divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a teacher or coach who claims sexual discrimination on behalf of others is protected from firing under the same landmark law that greatly expanded athletic opportunities for women.

The 5-4 decision expands the scope of the Title IX gender equity law to protect whistleblowers as well as direct victims.

LOCAL NEWS

Senate takes stand on alcohol

WASHINGTON — The Senate took a crucial step toward a round-the-clock closing weekend of the exhibit, police Detective Jimmy Schindler said.

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Human fetus stolen from exhibit

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two women stole a preserved 13-week-old fetus from an acclaimed exhibit at the California Science Center, authorities said Tuesday.

The purpose of the exhibit is to prevent decay indefinitely, was part of a traveling display, "Body Worlds 2: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies."

A surveillance camera captured the women removing the fetus from a large display case on the third floor early Saturday during the round-the-clock closing weekend of the exhibit, police Detective Jimmy Schindler said.

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man," Angelina Whalley, director of the Institute for Plastimation, said in a statement.

"Although it is a tragedy that the fetus never made it to life, it is a teaching treasure and educational tool which we preserved for the benefit of public knowledge," she said.

"Body Worlds 2" and its predecessor, "Body Worlds," use plastinated human bodies and organs to provide information on human anatomy, illnesses and issues such as smoking and obesity. The displays, featuring bodies in natural poses, have drawn critical and public praise.
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The thought of working jobs. The thought of working at Subway is the free 60,000 an hour, but she also receives income from being an Academic Services tutor. Jobs continued from page 1

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Students would like to work in an office-type setting," Yates said. "There's a lot of competition for those jobs. The thought of working in a dining hall is tricky, especially for freshmen.

While he does not have an office job, freshman Brogan Ryan said working at Subway is a good experience.

"I would say that Subway is not the best job on campus, but if you work with the right people, it can be fun," he said. "The perk of working at Subway is the free sub at the end of the shift."

Ryan also said the on-campus location was an added advantage to his job, despite his comparatively low earnings.

"I think the wage rate for University payroll jobs is pretty fair, for working on campus," he said. "There is no doubt I could be making more money off campus, but that wouldn't work."

Currently, there are 3,611 students on the University payroll. Yates estimates about half of all these students work for Food Services. Academic Services is the second largest employer, providing about 500 jobs.

However, not many businesses are allowed onto Notre Dame's closed campus, some-

what limiting the variety of jobs available for the 40 percent of undergraduate students employed by the University. Students must make an effort to get the available jobs — whether they are ideal positions or not.

"There are no perks for working in the dining hall beyond getting paid," said freshman Zach El-Sawaf, a Food Services employee at South Dining Hall. Food Services jobs typically begin pay with an unskilled wage of $6.45 an hour.

El-Sawaf is one of the 602 freshmen with jobs on campus. There is typically an increase of about 300 University payroll job recipients, usually about 600 to 900, from freshman to sophomore year, Yates said. Seniors constitute the highest number of students employed by class. "Freshmen are trying to adjust, and working is just not an option for some," Yates said.

She said that as time goes by, students become more organized, begin seeking work experience and are generally more available as course loads lessen and as requirements are fulfilled.

Students who love their jobs abroad saying that although they cannot participate, they think that this is a great offering to the student body, especially those with loved ones serving in Iraq, she said.

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ments could jump start the search before the semester by using the online Job Board and contacting prospective employers.

Russo made the distinction between federal work-study, a federal student aid program, and work-study, a term used loosely to describe working on campus that "may or may not be a federal work-study job."

"Whether you're work-study eligible or not, as opposed to just eligible to work, the federal government regulates," Russo said. It's our role at the University to determine that eligibility." Russo said that this evaluation of work-study eligibility was made annually due to changes in university costs, the family's financial circumstances and the federal government's eligibility criteria. A student who is not eligible for federal work-study funds is not impacted in terms of pay rate, opportunities or work hours, Russo said.

Although work-study is a federal program, Russo said that 100 percent of student paychecks come from Notre Dame. "We can get part of that funding back from federal work-study funds," Russo said. "We count on those to fund student employment."

Russo said that if a student were not eligible to receive federal work-study funds, Notre Dame would pay the necessary amount to meet 100 percent of the student's demonstrated need. "We're trying to stay in compliance," Russo said.

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Cattle from Darrel Sweet's Livermore, Calif., ranch are shown behind stock at a California beef processing plant.

Japan food panel complies to request for relaxed testing standards on U.S. cows

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's food safety panel on Monday recommended the government stop testing cattle younger than 21 months for mad cow disease, a step toward allowing U.S. beef exports.

Japan banned U.S. beef in December 2003 after the United States found its first mad cow case. Tokyo, seeking to soothe worries at home about a domestic mad cow outbreak, has refused to reopen its market to U.S. beef products until Washington adopted blanket testing for the disease.

However, the Food Safety Commission's scientific experts said research has shown U.S. beef is not as risky linked to the disease don't show up in tests on cattle younger than 21 months, and that easing the testing standards wouldn't put consumers at risk.

"We have concluded that the risk of excluding cows younger than 21 months old from inspections is negligible or extremely small," Yasuhiro Yoshikawa, who heads the scientific panel, told reporters.

Since discovering its first case of mad cow disease in 2001, Japan has tested every cow slaughtered as food for the bovine illness to reassure consumers it would keep the disease out of food. Tokyo has found 16 animals with the disease, most recently a Holstein cow on Sunday.

Monday's panel ruling marked the first time Japanese experts have agreed a step that allows Tokyo to begin debating standards for U.S. beef imports. However, the Japanese experts didn't discuss U.S. beef on Monday.

But the Japanese panel also acknowledged that not enough is known about the disease, formally called bovine spongiform encephalopathy, to rule out all risk.

"Beef from an infected cow is thought to cause the fatal human variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease," Yoshikawa said.

Before the ban, Japan was one of the world's biggest beef importers. It purchased about 40% of U.S. beef exports.

Federal Agriculture Minister Macoto Ythshikawa suggested. In Tokyo over the issue, with some U.S. lawmakers threatening possible sanctions if the ban isn't lifted soon.

U.S. officials called Monday's decision a step in the right direction, but said Japanese officials should hasten the process.

"It's a very small step. But we still think the Japanese process is going far too slowly, and it's unnecessarily cumbersome. We would like to see it accelerated," said J.B. Penn, undersecretary of the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The two sides tentatively agreed in October to restart imports of U.S. beef products from young cows considered low at risk for the disease, but discussions stalled over how to confirm the age of cattle.

Washington then proposed that Tokyo relax testing standards as a first step toward dropping its ban on U.S. beef. For months, Japan rejected the proposal and insisted the United States abide by the same testing restrictions for Japanese beef.

No Late Fees' causes confusion

Portland, Ore. — Blockbuster Inc. has agreed to make refunds to customers who claim the campaign misled them into thinking they could keep the video or DVD for as long as they liked.

Also, Blockbuster agreed to pay the states about $60,000 to reimburse them for the costs of their investigations into consumer complaints.

In addition, the rental chain will change its advertising to ease any confusion.

Blockbuster spokesman Randy Hargrove said that the cost of refunding the states is expected to be small, because fewer than 4 percent of Blockbuster customers kept the video or DVD beyond the seven-day window. Customers who feel they were misled must fill out a form available at Blockbuster stores.

Blockbuster spokeswoman Karen Raskopf said that "the no late fees" program will continue, that signs will be added to stores to better explain the fine print.

"We think our original communications were very clear, but we're happy to do whatever we can to add additional communication to better inform our customers," she said.

Blockbuster launched the no-late-fees program at its 4,600 U.S. stores on Jan. 1. The states that were not part of the settlement are New Jersey, which is pursuing a separate lawsuit, Vermont and New Hampshire.
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Dillon.”

Once the power-washing is complete, workers will start the time-consuming process of putting in new mortar in where they found and removed loose mortar, Doyle said. Dillon will also be equipped with new windows over the summer, with windows scheduled to arrive May 16.

“They’ll just take out the current windows which are in very, very bad shape.” Doyle said.

Alumni Hall received new windows last summer, and, according to Doyle, it was a stretch to finish in those few months.

“It was a photo finish getting Alumni done, so they knew they couldn’t get it [Dillon] done in the window between graduation and (freshmen orientation),” Doyle said. “Alumni should have been done first because it’s the first one you see when you come onto campus.”

Doyle said that Dillon “is a significantly bigger building” and the University wanted to ensure that all of the work was done properly and finished for the fall. Last year, due to discoloration of window frames due to power-washing, a few windows had to be replaced on Alumni at the last minute, Doyle said.

“The University learned from the experience last summer to stay well ahead of the power-washing,” Doyle said.

During the summer months, two people in a team of six would go to each room, two on each floor, will be completely redone.

“The plumbing is old, it works, but there are problems from time to time. New porcelain will come in and new pipes will be put in the wall,” Doyle said. “That’s a major outlay. Obviously the dorm is not going to be used this summer for high school sports camps and such.”

A washer and dryer room will also be put in at the basement of Dillon, Doyle said.

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Although the process is a long one, Doyle said that the men of Dillon, as well as the rest of the campus community, have been understanding.

“Not one student has complained about this, which is a real credit to them. They understand where we’re headed,” Doyle said. “Maybe some people feel put out, but nothing has come to the [resident assistants or me].”

Doyle has worked with the construction crews to make the whole situation more accommodating for students. For example, the crews begin work each day at around 9 a.m., as opposed to 7 a.m. as they would with other projects.

“Workers are trying to keep the major inconveniences at a minimum,” Doyle said. “They come in and ask for input from me once every 3 or 4 days.”

The biggest issue with the work on Dillon thus far has been the noise caused by the power-washing.

“There certainly has been noise during the day, but I think people are just putting it up with it during the day. They know it is for a good reason because it will be really nice in the end,” said Brian Hammel, assistant rector of Dillon.

Some students have found the noise disturbing amidst attempts to study, sleep and live in the rooms.

“They’ve been working on the windows for about a month now, they’re like power-washing all of them to try to make them look a little better, but I haven’t really noticed a difference and it’s really loud and annoying, especially when they start work at like 8:30 outside my window,” freshman Scott Hagan said.

Many students, however, recognize that the final product will be a positive addition to Dillon.

“They have a lot of work to do still this summer, and Dillon definitely needs new windows, so I can appreciate it. It would be a much bigger pain if they still had to replace the windows when we got back next fall,” freshman Tyler Elson said.

“It’s a bit of noise, but we could all stand to get an earlier start to our day any way.”

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IRAQ
New face of the war casts stormy beginnings
Lawmakers argue, fail to choose speaker

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — They argued. They wrangled. They pulled the plug on the live TV feed and kicked out reporters. And some of them later walked out themselves.

The second meeting ever of Iraq’s parliament was its stormiest — as lawmakers failed Tuesday to choose a speaker in an impasse that exposed tensions among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

The turmoil in the National Assembly, two months after landmark elections, raised concerns about Iraq’s efforts to build a new government.

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The Sunni Arab minority — a significant force in the country and believed to be the backbone of the insurgency — was given until Sunday to come up with a candidate to serve as speaker of the 275-seat parliament.

The United Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdish coalition want a Sunni Arab to hold the position as a way of healing rifts with the Sunnis, many of whom boycotted the Jan. 30 elections or simply feared attacks at the polls.

“We saw that things were confused today, so we gave [the Sunnis] a last chance,” said Hussein al-Sadik, a Shiite cleric and member of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi’s coalition. “We expect the Sunni Arab brothers to nominate their candidate. Otherwise, we will vote on a candidate on Sunday.”

More meetings were scheduled for this week. “There’s a consensus that the talks should continue tonight and in the coming days so that Sunday’s session will be better,” Alliance negotiator Abdul Karim Al- Anizi said.

Iraqis, already frustrated with drawn-out negotiations, were angered by the meeting.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush’s commission on weapons of mass destruction will castigate U.S. intelligence agencies for their continued failure to share information after numerous reforms aimed at improving coordination, federal officials said Tuesday.

One official familiar with the commission’s workings, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the report goes on to detail the need for improved coordination, federal officials said Wednesday, March 30, 2005.

The report examines factors that might have led to errors, the official said, such as whether policy-makers were seeking preconceived conclusions, whether foreign intelligence agencies had reached similar conclusions and whether analysts had little information to work with.

The panel considered a range of intelligence issues going beyond Iraq, including congressional oversight, satellite imagery and electronic snooping. Among numerous soft spots, officials familiar with the findings say “human intelligence” — the work of actual operatives on the ground — is lacking.

In the three years since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. intelligence apparatus has been revamped. At Congress’ direction, the government is establishing a new intelligence chief — a director of national intelligence — and new centers to focus on counterterrorism and counterproliferation.

Yet the nine-member panel has found that there’s more to be done to improve the coordination among the 15 agencies that comprise the intelligence community. The commission will blame enduring cultures at each agency for driving decisions to prevent intelligence sharing among them, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A lesson learned from the WMD report is that the information sharing among them, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. That will require people — not just better technologies — to find improved methods of sharing and coordinating.

The report will stress the importance of management and leadership, officials said, as well as a renewed emphasis on questioning assumptions in intelligence analysis. Even before the report, intelligence analysis were faulted for rejecting information that contradicted presumptions that Iraq had active weapons of mass destruction programs before the 2003 invasion.

The report took more than a year of work, and the White House has taken pains to signal it is taking the panel’s findings seriously.

The White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush would discuss the report with Cabinet members on Thursday, immediately after the president meets with the full commission.

The Associated Press
Catholic schools’ enrollment drops

Officials look for ways to stop decline

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Enrollment in Roman Catholic schools dipped again this school year, continuing a trend that has seen the student population drop from 2.6 million in 2000 to 2.4 million in 2004-05, according to the National Catholic Education Association.

The association, meeting in Philadelphia this week, said in a new report that a nation’s enrollment decreased 2.6 percent from the 2003-04 school year to 2004-05, as 173 schools closed or consolidated and 37 new schools opened.

Sustaining [the schools] has been a struggle, but in the last four or five years it has become a very difficult struggle,” Michael J. Guerrr said Tuesday. “We don’t want to lose these folks. We don’t want to serve only those who can afford the bill.

Cost has been a significant factor in the enrollment drop, Guerrr said. A top American official in the Vatican, Archbishop P. Cimicera, said "anybody” who has personally observed "something is going on.

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Science doesn’t trump miracles

ND Protestant philosopher makes intellectual room for miracles

Associated Press

SOUTH REND, Ind. — In a scientific era, it is still possible to believe in God and such events as the Easter miracle of Jesus’ resurrection from the grave.

Can a rational person see God as both all-powerful and benevolent despite horrendous suffering in disasters like the tsunami?

From the perspective of philosopher Alvin Plantinga the answers are emphatic: yes and yes.

A Protestant professor at the University of Notre Dame, Plantinga applies modern analytic philosophy to the age-old questions about God and the universe. While he’s little known outside his specialty, an assessment in Christianity. Today magazine called him not just the best Christian philosopher of his time . . . but the most important philosopher of any stripe.

Even atheist opponents recognize his importance. William Rowe of Purdue University and Michael Tooley of the University of Colorado — who co-authoring a book with Plantinga — each consider him among the top two or three defenders of traditional belief in God.

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Sex and Ivy League isn't an oxymoron

'Chloe Does Yale' depicts confused college girl trying to balance ambition with having fun

Associated Press
NEW HAVEN, Conn. — They soon will be doctors or diplomats, but right now they're hopped up on hormones and cheap beer and on the proof for a temporary mate. Sex and the Ivy League. It's no different from sex on any college campus, says Natalie Krinsky, a 22-year-old Yale University graduate whose recent novel, "Chloe Does Yale," invites readers along for drunks and hookups, naked parties and sex toy shopping.

Krinsky should know. As an undergraduate, she wrote a popular sex column for the student-run Yale Daily News and showed that even the super smart can be downright clueless when it comes to the opposite sex.

Sure, the SATs were a snap, but why isn't he calling you back after your date? Your computer algorithms are flawless, but how do you hide after a dance floor encounter was a bit too exciting? These are the questions at the heart of "Chloe Does Yale." The plot and conflict are almost non-existent. It's just a confused college girl and her friends moving from one mini-crisis to the next. The setting is the star.

"The allure is Yale," Krinsky said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "Yale and Harvard and Princeton as institutions are very much revered as serious centers of a c a d e m i a , which they are. But there's also the other side. And it's exciting and fun to see that other side."

Baring that other side is sure to get noticed. Harvard University drew international attention when its students launched a sex magazine, H Bomb, last year. And the more suggestion that President Bush's daughter, Barbara, may have attended a Yale naked party was enough to garner national media attention and an $1 million reward for evidence by Hustler publisher Larry Flynt.

"It's a combination of the interest in these bastions of American privilege and the taboo nature of sex," said Elizabeth Ehrenberg, a senior at V a s s a r C o l l e g e , where she is community relations director for the periodical Squins: The Art of Campon Sex. Krinsky's book has received mixed reviews, at best, from outside slams to just OK. And as of Tuesday, the book was only ranked 3,965 on Amazon.com. However, the Yale Bookstore reported that the novel was a strong seller on campus, with 160 copies selling since Krinsky came to speak there in February.

"Most people seem to think it's pretty thinly veiled nonfiction," Jessica Feinlein, features editor for the Yale Daily News, said. People knew from reading Krinsky's column what to expect from the book and weren't surprised by its contents, she said.

"A lot of the shocking details are people are over it." Chloe, Krinsky's alter-ego, is a sex columnist who bumbles through relationships with all the panache expected of a college undergraduate. She's defini-tively an overachiever (she con-templates herself with a copy of "Anna Karenina"), but like the rest of her peers, she's trying to balance that drive to succeed with her drive to have fun.

"I don't think they have to be mutually exclusive," said Krinsky, who now lives in New York. "You can still have a great, fun exciting youth. Look at our current and our past presi-dents."

What are some future relationships? What are some challenges involved in long distance dating? What's involved in making a healthy decisions about a relationship?

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Lisa Marie dishes on ex-husband Jackson

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Lisa Marie Presley aired her "dirty laundry" on "Oprah."

In the first of a two-part interview on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to promote her new album, Presley spoke Monday about her brief marriage to Michael Jackson, who is on trial in Santa Maria, Calif., on child molestation charges.

She told Winfrey that her marriage to Jackson, which lasted from 1996 to 1994, was real. "Do you think that he loved you as much as he could?" the talk-show host asked.

"Yes, as much as he was capable of loving somebody," Presley replied. "They famously opened the 1994 MTV Video Music Awards by exchanging a long kiss."

In a "PrimeTime Live" interview with the couple in 1995, Presley told ABC's Diane Sawyer that anyone who questioned their relationship could "f*ck off!"

When Winfrey asked if she felt that Jackson had used her, Presley replied, "All signs point to 'yes' on that. I can't answer for him."

Presley, the daughter of Elvis, claimed she was uncomfortable talking about Jackson, at one point explaining: "This seat is hot."

The 37-year-old singer made similar comments about her for-mer husband while promoting her 2003 debut album, describ-ing the relationship to The Associated Press as more "toxic" than her other relationships.

Then, she told the AP: "I don't want to bash him. I don't hate him. I don't have any of that going on."
Matrix reaches new online virtual reality

Associated Press

You've watched the movies. Now you can jack in and play it — no cranial implants required.

After months of testing and two years since the sequels, the persistent virtual reality of "The Matrix Online" is available for U.S. gamers.

A brief reintroduction for those still scratching their heads after "The Matrix Revelations": When we last saw Neo, aka The One, he made a truce with the evil machines and saved the last bastion of humanity in the underground city of Zion.

A revised Matrix was formed after the renegade, replicating Agent Smith was defeated, and we saw the machines carting off Neo's corpse — it's unknown. Did he die? And what about all those people still unwittingly serving as batteries for the machines?

That's just part of the murky mystery in "The Matrix Online," where players can choose to ally with the Machines, the Exiles or residents of Zion for control of the new system.

"Nobody is sure how long this truce will last. The theme for the first year is peace and the things people will do to screw it up," said writer Paul Chadwick, who was chosen by "Matrix" creators Larry and Andy Wachowski to keep the game's story moving.

The movies were a dystopian vision of the future, and that certainly continues in the video game version.

"You can't really hold everybody's attention on the same spot at the same time, so you've got to spray story at them from four different directions." — Paul Chadwick, writer

"The kung fu combat and gravity-defying battles take place in the same steel-gray world of towering skyscrapers and urban grit called Megacity One. It's not all grayness, though — there are plenty of opportunities for aspiring fashion designers, says lead game designer Toby Ragani.

Once you enter the Matrix, players can fully customize their characters, selecting gender, hair style, body shape, tattoos and clothing. Lots and lots of clothing.

There's gothic garb galore, with snake skin body suits, reflective sunglasses, hats — and the trademark black tuxedo coats.

One thing we can offer is a sense of cool," Chadwick said.

Another game in the so-called "massively multiplayer" genre, "City of Heroes," takes place in a city full of superheroes, but most are sword and sorcery epics filled with dungeons and dragons.

Like its competitors, "The Matrix Online" is PC only, costing $60 plus a $15 monthly subscription fee.

Ragani said "The Matrix Online" should appeal to "people who are never going to be interested in dwarfs and orcs in a contemporary urban fantasy."
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In recent decades, protests as a form of political expression in America have become frequent, important social gatherings. The typical modern demonstration musters crowds in a public-permitted area to listen to speeches they already agree with, singing the usual protest hymns and perhaps march down the street or walk—sure not to be boisterous. At protests at Notre Dame, add or substitute a prayer vigil and a candlelight march. While these events are valuable at times in rallying activists, they have overwhelmingly become quixotic, trivial vehicles for true political and social change.

Last week, I found myself in the midst of Uganda’s first non-repressive opposition protest in twenty years. I have been to my share of demonstrations in recent years, but this one had a very different feel from the typical American rally. To begin, the hundreds of people that gathered at Constitutional Square faced the very real risk of being repressed, imprisoned and even shot by police. In recent history, the police have shot at crowds gathered to protest against the Ugandan government.

The demonstration Thursday was organized by the Popular Resistance Against Life Presidency, a youth coalition of the different opposition groups, here working to stop a constitutional amendment bill that will repeal presidential term limits. Posters at the rally read, “Time out for Dictator in Africa,” “Time for Parliament,” “No to Dictatorship.” One poster particularly interesting read, “Bush, why are you quiet?”

The rally began with speeches at the square, followed by a march to the Parliament down the main roads of Kampala, much more for almost an hour. The hundreds marched, danced and sang in the streets, while many bystanders on the sidewalk cheered. They marched to Parliament, where they were greeted by a number of parliamentarians from opposition parties.

In the parade, the passion and zeal of the participants was palpable. Their presence at the protest in such a repressive political climate is a testament to their willingness to sacrifice for their beliefs. One protestor told me they were not afraid of the police. One organizer of the rally whom I interviewed told me, "We have a program of two years to change this government democratically; but if they repress us, we will lose patience and we will be forced to storm Parliament and stage a revolution.”

Witnessing this event, I was inspired by the courage of the protesters. By taking to the streets, they were sending a clear, loud message to the political establishment that their demands could not be ignored. And those holding power and even the general public, witnessing the individual sacrifices of the action, cannot disregard such resolve.

The difference between the typical modern American protest and those happening in poor repressive nations throughout the world is that the latter requires individual sacrifice. From Zimbabwe to Cambodia to Burma to China, patriots are risking their own lives, daring to face the barrel of the gun as they stand for liberty, freedom and justice. This is not to praise those nations, but to praise the activists who dare to defy in such repressive cultures. In the United States and many other richer nations, it has become too easy to protest. Consequently, the efficacy of protests has become paltry. Throughout the history of United States, effective protests have played a critical role, dating back to the days of the American Revolution when a few brave Bostonsians dared to throw tea over a ship. That history runs through movements for women’s suffrage, workers’ rights, civil rights and more. In those three movements that we now celebrate, protest actions played such an important role.

Yet today, when more than five hundred thousand in the United States and tens of millions worldwide turned to the streets in February 15, 2003 to protest against the Iraq war, President Bush was easily able to dismiss the gallant pops as a "mail order group." While it is great that America has become a less repressive political atmosphere that allows protests, a major casualty has been that protests have become trivial in our times.

Activists have failed to intelligently adapt and organize demonstrations to challenge power structures. Even more, concerned citizens have lacked the courage to take risks for their convictions. As result, politicians and the elite have been able to act manipulatively and coercively under the cloak of an open political space. Which is worse: an environment that allows political expression but does not take it seriously, or an environment that simply suppresses political action?

Of course, the latter is worse because people die for holding signs or wearing shirts, but the question challenges us to reevaluate the role of protests as a tool of real political action in our nation. If we are serious about changing problems that exist, we have to be serious about the actions we take to challenge them and the systems that enforce them.

This can even begin at Notre Dame, where activist groups have become far too content with picket signs or filling South Quad with crosses. In the late 1960s, students took over the administration building, blocked traffic and took other acts of civil disobedience for our times. Why can such high-risk, high-sacrifice actions not happen today? Must we forever see real political action?

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"The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer."

"Everything has been figured out, except how to live." —Jean-Paul Sartre, French novelist
Alumna remember co-ed beginnings

As a former Observer Campus News Editor and current subscriber and since I've got a son on campus, I really enjoyed the article, "Coeducation pioneers reminisce" (March 17). It arrived on the same day that a group of us original co-ed graduates of the Class of 1973 had lunch together in downtown Chicago and were reminiscing about the same experience.

What amazed all of us who have sons and daughters on campus now, we agreed, is the way that women walked around campus with their heads held high, as if they own the place, which, as students, they do.

Even though a lot of folks on campus welcomed us, we also felt like interlopers to some extent. All we distinctly remembered keeping our heads down, trying not to blend in. And we also all remembered having to work twice as hard as our male classmates to convince the professors that we deserved the same grades they were giving the guys.

In short, we had to be creative to overcome initial resistance from a few professors. Hands-down winner for the best story there is no way this last point went to Susan Tsigelos Payne, a government rela-
tions specialist and former president of the State University of New York-Long Island. Susan remembers taking a required second semester government class on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. It was so cold up there, she kept her cap and gloves on to keep warm for the first few days.

When she took them off a couple of classes later and the professor saw she was a woman, he said that she couldn't stay in the class. He had been teaching at Notre Dame for 25 years, never had a woman in his class and wasn't going to start now, he said. He bounced her out of the class. She went to one of the Arts and Letters deans, who put her back in. When she showed up back at the class, the professor threw her out again. She bounced around like a ping pong ball, until the professor finally gave up and made it clear he was going to flunk her.

So, Susan called her older brother at Tulane just before the first exam to ask what she should do. He suggested memorizing everything in her notes that the professor had said and throw it back to him, even if it was more than you could possibly handle.

That's exactly what she did. Her final grades? A begrudgingly given "A." The professor gave her a gift. Susan became one of the most knowledgeable students in the class because of some of what she had to go through, she says.

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Class of 1973

March 28
By COURTNEY WILSON

Scene Writer

Simon Green, played by Ashton Kutcher, and his girlfriend Theresa Jones, played by Zoe Saldana, are lovebirds who plan to announce their engagement on the same weekend Theresa's parents will host a celebration to renew their own vows. The dilemma begins with Theresa's failure to meet the parents that her new boyfriend is not of African descent, as she and her family are.

When Theresa's father, a bank loan officer, pulls up Simon's credit report, he is initially impressed by the prospect's qualifications. After meeting him in person, however, his attention quickly shifts to the entirely different focus. Simon is white — very white — and Theresa comes from an upper-class, black family. Under the circumstances, Simon cannot help but feel intimidated by the presumptuous personality of his soon-to-be father-in-law.

To make matters worse, Simon has just quit his job. For the sake of impressing Theresa and her family, he deals with the unenviable, formidable task of concealing this secret until the end of the weekend. If this plot sounds familiar to all, it might be because "Guess Who," intended to be a satirical version of the original classic "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn. Keep in mind, however, that a reverse story line and comedic plot makes it much different from the first.

Hoping for more laughs, the movie depends heavily on the personalities of Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher. Mac plays the previously played by Spencer Tracy, while Kutcher accordingly plays the Poitier's role as the disinterested boyfriend.

Dynamic duo Mac and Kutcher seem like they are essentially playing themselves in this movie. Like most of his roles, Mac plays the sarcastic and outwardly unfriendly man who is actually a cuddly teddy bear on the inside. And Kutcher does a great job at playing the silly and amusing man that he is from his role in "The 70s Show" and "Punk'd."

It is obvious that the film is carried almost entirely by the chemistry between the two stars; in fact, the best scenes in the movie feature witty banter and farcical game playing and disagreements between the pair. When they attempt to go into hiding in another scene in one of the other actors will absolutely love the two together.

While the movie jokes a lot about interracial dating, it also prompts viewers to recognize that prejudice and stereotypes are still relevant today. One scene in particular involves Kutcher — after much instigation from Mac — telling a series of derogatory black jokes in front of the entire family. Overall, the race talk is light and presented in an appropriate viewer-friendly manner. One should not find the subtext overwhelming.

Simon's overbearing desire to impress his girlfriend's father, however, makes the movie appear to be more reminiscent of "Meet the Parents" than any other previous film. In a series of scenes concocted by the character, Simon finds himself in a series of sorry situations involving his employment and athletic capabilities. Likewise, Percy acts as the arrogant and overprotective father, also familiar to "Meet the Parents."

Although the movie is actually quite similar to many movies before it, it still maintains an individual kind of comedic appeal. But be forewarned not to go in expecting an Oscar-winning performance found in the original version of "Guess Who."

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The Parr family becomes "The Incredibles" as they bring their powers together to fight the forces of the evil enemy Syndrome on his secret island.

By EMILY IAROCCI

Scene Writer

Ever imagined what it would be like to be part of a Superhero family? Many people certainly did as a child, and many now find out that "The Incredibles" writer/director Brad Bird did as well.

If this sound has done it again, "The Incredibles" is amazing. "The Incredibles" depicts Bird's version of the attempted "normal" life of the Parr family, all of whom possess superpowers. Bird's writing/direction, along with several readily identifiable character voices including Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson and Jason Lee created a memorable animated picture, praised by children and adults alike.

Pre-marriage, Helen and Bob Parr worked as superheroes. Helen was known as Elastigirl because she was known for her pliable body in all kinds of directions and shapes. Bob was Mr. Incredible, his extraordinary strength allowed him to do just about anything, including jump from building to building, slam through walls and much more.

The two superheroes got married and shortly afterward were forced to go into hiding. Lawsuits against the superheroes were brought to court, and all of the "Supers" were forced to go into hiding and to suppress their natural inclinations to fight crime. Helen and Bob then started a family and had three superhero children.

Violet, the oldest child, has the power to become invisible and also to create protective force fields. Dash, the troublemaking middle child, has superhuman speed. The baby, Jack Jack, does not have any obvious powers until the end of the movie.

Shortly after the introduction of the family, Bob (Craig T. Nelson) is fired from his job and is recruited to complete a secret Superhero mission. His "day job" is to be the family. Instead of following the "Glory Days." he calls them, compels him to take the secret mission. His lies to Helen (Holly Hunter) about the mission to hide his involvement in this superhero activity is from his protective side.

Helen begins to get suspicious about his behavior and is afraid that he is having an affair. She eventually discovers that he had left for a mission, locates him, where he is about and sets off to find him.

The children, minus Jack Jack, stow away in Helen's car. They go into hiding for the mission and the three find themselves caught in the middle of a sticky situation. They find that they must save Bob from Syndrome (Jason Lee). Syndrome is a disgruntled, self-made superhero, who at one point in his life, was Mr. Incredible's number one fan. Mr. Incredible dismissed Syndrome as a young boy, and since then he has been looking for revenge against Bob.

The remainder of the film is a showcase of the family's powers and their cooperation throughout the mission. Pixar Studios left the end of the film wide open, so it is entirely possible that a sequel may be created sometime in the near future, which will no doubt, be well-received.

This two-disc edition of "The Incredibles" is full of extra features. Two animated shorts are found on the second disc, one called "Jack Jack Attack," which shows the baby displaying his superpowers to his unsuspecting babysitter. The second is a Pixar original short that was shown before the feature film in the theaters, called "Boundin." Both short films are hilarious.

There are behind the scenes features, all sorts of commentary from the crew, a short blooper reel, deleted scenes, a list of "The Incredibles" superheroes along with their abilities, fake junket interviews and other features on the second disc.

Between the movie itself and the fully loaded second disc, the two-disc edition of "The Incredibles," will keep you busy for hours and is well-worth the purchase.

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Ashton Kutcher, left, plays a boyfriend continually trying to impress his girlfriend's overprotective and suspicious father, played by Bernie Mac.
‘Eternal Sunshine’ shines on in DVD

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Writer

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" was one of the finest films of 2004 — an uncompromisingly intimate, complex and emotional experience. It garnered critical acclaim and two Academy Award nominations: Best Supporting Actress for Kate Winslet’s charmingly off-kilter performance as Clementine and Best Original Screenplay, which went for Charlie Kaufman, Pierre Bismuth and Michel Gondry’s head-spinning script.

The film follows Joel, a man who recently broke up with his girlfriend before the end of the process at Lacuna to have the memorable relationship with Alice erased. Joel, as a sort of revenge, decides to undergo the same process, but decides between it whether he doesn’t want to forget Clementine after all. As Elijah Wood comments on the DVD while trying to explain the film, “I just tell people that it’s a Charlie Kaufman film,” which is to say that it’s an emotionally complicated and intricate. A brief plot synopsis doesn’t give justice to the convolutions of the story and the character interactions. The film truly has to be seen to be understood.

Universal and Focus Features released “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” on DVD last week as a single-disc edition. Then, almost without warning, they released a two-disc edition at the tail end of the year. This wouldn’t have been so upsetting to fans of “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” if Universal Studios hadn’t announced both editions simultaneously, so fans would know both discs are coming and wait for the forthcoming double-disc edition. This alarming business practice of putting the single edition on the shelves only weeks before the newest and more complex Clementine has undergone a process at Lacuna to have the memo­rable relationship with Alice erased comes to an abrupt halt

The first disc of the two-disc version is identical to the single-disc of the single-disc edition, and it’s a fine DVD. The anamorphic widescreen presentation preserves the theatrical ratio of 1.85:1 and looks quite good. Much of this film has a low-budget appearance, so the picture quality is exactly what one expects. Sound is either 5.1 digital or DTS and both tracks sound good, but this is, for the most part, a dialogue-driven film. The DTS soundstage is slightly better and punchier, but both tracks offer an immersive experience. There are also forced menus at the start of the DVD, but these can thankfully be skipped.

The extras are runner­r­on and occasionally insightful, but sometimes seem a bit fluffy. The fea­tures are sometimes cursory and fail to delve deep into the making of the picture. The best feature is the commentary track-by-track by Gosling and Kaufman, who sound relaxed and informal. The Kaufman, who sound relaxed and informal.

For those who know what I am talking about, "The Notebook" proves to be a classic

By JULIE HYNES
News Editor

Quotes from "The Notebook" pervade AIM profiles and are often listed as a sign of being on thefacebook.com. On those rare uneventful nights at Notre Dame, it is not uncommon to see anonymous messages that read "watching "The Notebook" or "Ryan Gosling, please fatten my children."

But what is this craze all about? What is it about "The Notebook" that seems to have tugged at the heartstrings of so many?

It only costs a meager $2.99 worth of Flex Points to End out, but hopefully by the end of this review the choice between this instant classic and a Subway sandwich will be a no-brainer.

"The Notebook is the film adaptation of the bestselling novel by Nicholas Sparks, a Notre Dame graduate whose other work includes "A Walk to Remember" and "Message in a Bottle."

The movie begins with an admirable elderly man reading to his wife, who is afflicted with Alzheimer’s, from a worn old notebook. Although his wife Allie is completely unaware of the history of their relationship, it soon becomes apparent that the narrative Noah is reading to her is, in fact, of their own enduring love story from years past. And what a torrid love affair it is.

Allie (Rachel McAdams, better known for her role as the unforgettable Regina in "Mean Girls") comes from a very wealthy and high-class background. She is spending her summer in North Carolina where she meets Noah (Ryan Gosling) of "Murder by Numbers)."

Noah is a local teen from modest roots who dares to challenge her to take risks and make decisions for herself, free from the influence of her overbearing — and at times harsh and judgmental — parents. The two lovebirds spend an memorable summer together — full of many terrific experiences — which come in an abrupt halt with a dramatic exit initiated by Allie’s disappointing parents.

Allie is eventually able to move Noah out of the forefront of his mind and begins a new relationship with an im­portant other. She, however, is unable to erase a woman named Lonnie (James Marsden, best known for his work as Cyclops in "X-Men")

The movie follows the book reasonably closely and the screen chemistry between up-and-coming actors Gosling and McAdams does justice to the arduous expertly articulated by Sparks in his tumultuous novel. Several twists enrich the plot and leave the audience at the edge of their seats wondering how the movie will end.

"The Notebook" mania bit Americans of all ages and genders and trills of the helicopters and fireworks in the "Eternal Sunshine of one’s own life. Unfortunately for many students, it often proves a challenge just to find the time to sleep and per­chance dream of such scorching passion with the rampant never-ending reading assignments and extracurricular­ly lengthy and tedious science labs.

For those who know what I am talking about, live vicariously through the characters of "The Notebook."

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The Notebook
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Kate Winslet, left, and Jim Carrey star in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," an original and uniquely compelling love story.

Photo courtesy of newsmakers.com

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Rachel McAdams, left, plays Allie, a wealthy Southern belle who falls in love with Noah, played by Ryan Gosling, in a summer romance that lasts a lifetime.

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NBA

Sonics over Powerhouse Grizzlies 102-99 for playoff berth

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — After a two-day layoff, the Seattle SuperSonics are in the Western Conference playoffs again. They own one of the four playoff berths, and two are led by Ray Allen and Jerome James with 22 points each, James with 22 points each, for the Grizzlies.

A big win is coming on the road and have some guys down there that's pretty impressive for our team. Said Ray Allen.

Sideline sculptor Ray Allen saw this week. And when the Grizzlies won their final game, they were finished.

Shaquille O'Neal had 28 points and 14 rebounds as the Heat defeated the Orlando Magic 120-105 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

Watson finished with 15 each for the Grizzlies. His 3-pointer with 2:55 left completed the Sonics' rally for a 97-95 victory over Denver.

Mike Miller missed a pair of long 3-pointers in the final seconds as the Grizzlies lost their third straight game and fourth out of their last five.

Watson finished with 15 points, 13 rebounds and five assists and grabbed 13 rebounds and kept Seattle in the game as the Sonics struggled in the first half.

The Sonics were without Ray Allen, last year's NBA Finals Most Valuable Player and leading scorer, who sat out with a right adductor strain, and forward Danny Fortson, who is recovering from a left ankle sprain.

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"Sometimes we come out fast, sometimes we don't," said Wade. "But as long as we end strong, that's all we really care about.

"If we keep doing that, we're going to be fine. I'm going to do whatever it takes to get the win," said James, who scored 12 for the Lakers, who shot 53.4 percent and committed just 10 turnovers.

"We're right there. We have to keep winning," said Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 26 points and added 10 rebounds.

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"We don't have that luxury anymore, so we're now 7-32 in games where their opponent scores 100 or more points."

Cleveland 94, LA Clippers 84

LeBron James was not about to let a sore left ankle, lack of sleep or blown layup affect him.

James hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch and scored 22 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Los Angeles Clippers 94-84 Tuesday night.

"I thought we would be a lot more tired," said James, who got treatment on his ankle before the game and shot just 2-20 from the floor, "but I felt OK."

"We ran early and just jumped on them. We worked together defensively and were just playing complete basketball."

Cleveland had lost five of six before rallying for a one-point overtime win Monday in New Orleans. The win Tuesday gave the Cavaliers victories on consecutive nights for the first time since Nov. 26-27 and revitalized their quest for home-court advantage in the playoffs.

"We got to bed at three or four this morning, but I thought we had an awful lot of energy," said Brendan Malone, 3-2 since replacing the fired Paul Silas as Cavaliers coach. "We pushed the ball and ran off our defense. Our defense was very good."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 19 points, 15 rebounds and three blocked shots as the Cavaliers moved into 1 1/2 games of Washington for fourth place overall in the Eastern Conference. The top four teams get the home-court edge in the first round and Cleveland is 26-9 at Gund Arena.

"We want the playoffs and we want to be at home," said point guard Eric Snow. "Every team is fighting for it now we're right there. We have to keep winning."

Correy Maggette scored 26 points to lead Los Angeles, but the Clippers have lost four straight on the road, where they are 2-26 with eight of their final 11 games away from home.

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This past Easter Vigil, 12 members of our Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy, the 12 received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.

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Sharapova outlasts Henin-Hardenne in Nasdaq 100 Open

Wimbledon champion is set to face one of Williams sisters next

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Maria Sharapova started strong and finished fast, while Justine Henin-Hardenne was feisty but rusty.

Henin-Hardenne, playing her first tournament in seven months, staged a gallant comeback Tuesday but lost to Sharapova 6-1, 6-7 (6), 6-2 in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

“She has been a top player,” Sharapova said. “I was expecting a really tough match. It came out to be really tough.”

Sharapova, seeded second, failed to convert three match points in the second set but final­ly closed out the victory an hour later with a backhand winner accompanied by her trademark shriek.

The Wimbledon champion, who said she has been winning lately despite a sore back, will be really strong and confident. She quickly regrouped in the final set, taking a 3-0 lead against a tiring Henin-Hardenne and improved to 5-0 in quarterfinals this year. She has rebounded from a 6-0, 6-0 loss to Lindsay Davenport at Indian Wells earlier this month.

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“Her game plan is quite different,” Sharapova said. “You just keep fighting and keep being positive.”

Sharapova, meanwhile, repeatedly placed shots inches inside the lines to keep Henin-Hardenne on the defensive.

“She was playing unbelievable tennis,” Henin-Hardenne said.

“Her serve is really good and she’s powerful,” Sharapova said. “She’s a great player.”

But with Sharapova on the verge of victory at 5-4, 40-love in the second set, Henin-Hardenne saved three match points. Sharapova then double-faulted to lose the game.

With Henin-Hardenne hitting her groundstrokes more aggressively, Sharapova saved three set points to hold for 6-6, then saved three more in the tiebreaker before dumping a backhand in the net on the final point of the set.

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Three Panthers investigated for steroids

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers Todd Sauerbrun, Jeff Mitchell and former player Todd Steussie had steroid prescriptions filled by a West Columbia, S.C., doctor now under investigation by federal authorities, according to a "760 Minutes Wednesday" report.

In a release Tuesday, the CBS News show said the players all had prescriptions for testosterone cream filled within two weeks of the Panthers' appearance in the 2004 Super Bowl.

In addition to the cream, which is banned by the NFL, Sauerbrun — one of the league's top punters — also obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanazolol, which is also banned by the league.

The prescriptions were reportedly written by Dr. James Shortt, who is the subject of a Drug Enforcement Administration probe for allegedly prescribing steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

Mitchell, a center, filled a testosterone prescription seven times, while Steussie, an offensive lineman, received a complimentary refill with a federal subpoena that sought contact information for several players as part of the probe of Shortt.

"We've heard rumors and speculation about what was going to be in the CBS report, but this is the first time we've heard the specific allegations," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "Obviously, any time there is a possible connection with alleged actions that violate NFL rules, it concerns us greatly."

"We are dealing with allegations right now and we will continue to cooperate with the NFL and law enforcement in this matter."

The Panthers have been cooperating with a federal investigation into how athletes obtained performance-enhancing drugs.

According to a report last month in The State newspaper of Columbia, S.C., Hurney said the Panthers had been under investigation since May.

In September, authorities raided Shortt's Home Health Drug and Connerage Pharmacy near the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. State and federal agents seized computer data, at least 21 boxes of patient and medical records and 236 audio cassettes, the paper reported.
Pearl to take on Volunteers’ coaching position

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Bruce Pearl plans to stay at Tennessee for a while.

After leading 12th-seeded Wisconsin-Milwaukee on a surprising run through the NCAA tournament, Pearl was introduced as the Volunteers’ sixth basketball coach in 16 years.

"The one thing about coaching that is the most challenging is that it is numismatic in nature," Pearl said Monday. "If you win, they are worried you are going to leave. And if you lose, they are packing your bags. There just doesn’t seem to be anything in between."

Pearl has done some moving around. The 45-year-old coach won a national championship during nine seasons at Division II Southern Indiana before moving to Wisconsin-Milwaukee four years ago.

"This is my dream to be able to run a program like this," he said. "And because I am built that way, I am digging in." University president John Petersen appreciated the sentiment.

He gave Pearl a Tennessee jersey with the No. 14, marking his 14th season as a coach, and expressed hope that he would be presenting Pearl with another one — a No. 24 — in 10 years as Petersen retires.

Pearl took Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the round of 16 this year for the first time, beating Alabama and Boston College before falling to top-seeded Illinois. The Vats haven’t been in the tournament since 2001 and missed it in all four years under the fired Buzz Peterson.

He was fired March 13 after a 14-17 season. "I have complete confidence that he will take our program to the next level," university president John Petersen said of Pearl, whose career record is 317-84.

Tennessee doubled Pearl’s package with a five-year deal paying $194,000. Wisconsin-Milwaukee athletic director Bud Haidet was disappointed Pearl was leaving, but said the departure didn’t come as a total surprise.

"Success is always a double-edged sword in our business," he said.

Pearl said the UWM players Sunday night about his decision. "To be honest, I guess I am a little surprised that he went to Tennessee as far as it being his first offer," guard Mark Pancratz said.

Pearl wants the Tennessee men to play up to the reputation of the university’s other nationally ranked programs, notably the football team and the women’s basketball program.

"It’s time for us to hold our end up," Pearl said, with football coach Phillip Fulmer looking on.

Tennessee’s coach Pat Summit, whose name often comes up as a candidate to be the men’s coach, said she has heard "great things" about Pearl.

Pearl huddled with Tennessee players Monday before the official announcement. Players said they liked what they heard.

"I feel a lot better that we have a coach and he wants to play the style of play that I like to play," junior guard C.J. Watson said.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s Josh Tucker shoots over Boston College’s Sean Williams in the NCAA tournament this season.

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CBA Men's Basketball

STORRS, Conn. — Two years ago, Charlie Villanueva thought he was ready for the NBA. Now, he says he's sure. UConn's 6-foot-11, 240-pound sophomore forward said Tuesday he will skip his final two years of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

"I know I wasn't ready," Villanueva said. "I know I have to work on my body, to get stronger, but I'm 100 percent confident this time. I didn't have that feeling coming out of high school."

Villanueva led the Huskies in scoring this season, averaging 13.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. Scouts have praised Villanueva's ball-handling, passing and shot-blocking skills, and have projected he will be a late first-round pick.

Scouts also have expressed concern he's not big enough to pound with the power forwards in the NBA, and he might not have the defense to stay with the smaller forwards in the league.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun told Villanueva he needs a lot of work in the weight room to get ready for the pros.

"I don't think Charlie's making a mistake," he said. "I would have liked him to stay for another year? Yeah. Could he use another year? To some degree, they all could."

Villanueva chose to go pro in part because his mother has been in a serious car accident last year on her way to work, and he doesn't want her to have to work again.

Even though Villanueva will likely earn millions of dollars next year, his departure will hurt UConn's grade under a system being implemented to evaluate academic progress of NCAA programs. Calhoun said that should be changed.

"Right now, we seem to have lost a little bit of sight that a few of our very special students have an opportunity to get a very, very special job," Calhoun said.

In Brief

Yankees fill hole, deal for minor league catcher

TAMPA, Fla. — The New York Yankees acquired minor league catcher Wil Nieves from the Los Angeles Angels for right-hander Brett Priem on Tuesday.

By trading for Nieves the Yankees filled a hole created when they sent top prospect Dioner Navarro to Arizona in the deal for Randy Johnson in January.

Nieves will be assigned to Triple-A Columbus, but Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Nieves could be the first player called up if Jorge Posada or John Flaherty are injured.

"I will add depth at catcher," Cashman said.

Nieves hit .297 with 10 homers and 53 RBIs in 108 games last season for Triple-A Salt Lake.

He went 1-4 with a 5.08 ERA in 26 games with New York last season. He also made 29 appearances, going 3-1 for Columbus.

Boilermakers plan transfer after coach's retirement

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue players Xavier Price and Adam Liddell have announced they will transfer after the spring semester ends.

Price, a 6-foot-3 freshman from O'Fallon, Ill., played in 26 games and started five, averaging 3.1 points and 1.7 rebounds.

Liddell, a 6-7 redshirt freshman from DeKalb, Ill., scored five points and had 12 rebounds in 10 appearances during a 7-21 season for the Boilermakers.

"Adam and Xavier have decided it's best to go in another direction with their careers," incoming coach Matt Painter said in a statement released Tuesday. "We've told both Adam and Xavier that we will assist them in finding a new place to play basketball and continue their education. We appreciate their contributions to our program and wish them nothing but the best."

Big Cat retires

NEW YORK — Andrew Galarraga retired Tuesday after a subpar spring training with the New York Mets, leaving him a homer shy of 400 for his career.

The 43-year-old first baseman signed a minor league deal with the Mets in the offseason after making his second successful return from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma last season.

A five-time All-Star and two-time Gold Glove in a 16-year career, Galarraga was hitting just .235 in 17 games for the Mets this spring, with three home runs and seven RBIs. The Big Cat would have likely been left off New York's 25-man roster when the team broke camp.

"This is a sad day for me, but I honestly felt it was the right time to step away," Galarraga said. "I just wasn't playing up to the expectations that I have set for myself."

Associated Press

Sophomore Charlie Villanueva, third from right, walks dejectedly off the court during Connecticut's second-round loss to North Carolina State March 20. Villanueva declared for the NBA draft Tuesday.

UConn's Villanueva declares for draft
ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame suffers a heartbreaking 10-9 loss

By MATT PUGLISI
Associated Press Sports Writer

The calendar may have said "Easter" this weekend, but it was more like "Groundhog Day" for Notre Dame.

For the second time this season, the Irish (2-5, 0-1 conference) rallied to tie the contest in the game's waning minutes, only to fall in overtime as the Notre Dame dropped a 10-9 heartbreaker to Boston College in its Big East opener in Waltham, Mass., Saturday afternoon.

The Irish lost by the same score in overtime to No. 19 Vanderbilt three weeks ago on March 9 in Nashville, Tenn.

"I don't want to take anything away from Boston College, but I definitely felt like there were things that we did in our lack of execution that they were able to capitalize on," Irish coach Tracey Coyne said. "It was more our own mistakes."

Trailing 9-8 with just 1:07 on the clock, standout Irish attack Crysti Crotty beat Eagle goalie keeper Tara McKennedy for her first goal of the afternoon — to go along with a trio of assists — to knot the game at 9-9 and send it to overtime.

However, after leading most of the contest, Boston College wouldn't accept defeat.

Katherine Wagner's unassisted goal 52 seconds into the extra frame proved to be the difference as Boston College moved to 1-1 in the Big East and 5-1 overall on the year.

In the second three minutes of the overtime, we had five shots on goal, so it's not like we couldn't have won the game," Coyne said. "Crysti had a shot that we thought went in, but they didn't call it. We had our chances to win."

The victory marked the first time in seven meetings that the Eagles have knocked off the Irish.

The season-long trend of falling behind early continued to plague the Irish Saturday.

After the Eagles netted a pair of goals in the game's first four minutes for a quick 2-0 lead, Irish midfielder Lindsay Schrader put Boston on the board seven minutes later.

"The Irish would find the back of the net only once more in the first half on a tally by attack Mary McGraw with 1:11 remaining in the half."

The Eagles, on the other hand, posted four goals in the same span to take a 6-2 lead at the break and put the Irish in a familiar position this season — behind.

"We are spotting teams big leads in the first half, and then we make these furious comebacks, and we outscore people in the second half, but we give them too much of a cushion," Coyne said. "We're not coming out completely ready to play in the opening minutes of the game."

Mirroring previous games, despite the four-goal deficit, Notre Dame refused to roll over and handed the contest to Boston College.

Beginning only 44 seconds into the second half, McGraw spear-headed an Irish uprising that saw Notre Dame net four consecutive goals to tie the game 6-6 at the 4:47 mark.

After McGraw drew the Irish within three with her second goal of the game, freshman midfielder Caitlin McKinney scored a pair of goals and attack Jackie Flaherty added an off the run with her only goal of the game to even up the score.

"It'll be nice to see her on our floor, and what she looks like, because she's somebody we're really counting on to score (next season)." McGraw said.

"She's a great scorer. She can shoot the three, she's got great hands, she's tough, she's physical, she's athletic, and that's what this team needs.

"And so with Schrader making her first appearance on the home court of the Irish. McGraw is ready for the senior to wear a Notre Dame uniform.

"We're just anxious to get her in here and have her make that adjustment to the college game that all freshmen have to go through."

McGraw said.

In 2002, current Irish junior Courtney LaVere played in the game, winning the 2-ball competition with Irish forward Torin Franchis of the men's team.

The fourth annual girls' game is set to tip off at 5 p.m. tonight at the Joyce Center.

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GIRLS' MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN GAME

Rising stars to take the court

Signee Lindsey Schrader is among players competing

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sport White

The country's top women's basketball players take to the court at the Joyce Center tonight, one of whom will make Notre Dame her home next fall.

Notre Dame signee Lindsey Schrader will give the home-town crowd a glimpse into the future of Irish basketball in tonight's McDonald's All-American High School Basketball game.

"It's a thrill for her to make the team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of the top recruit.

"To be here too, nice of all, that it's close to home, so her parents can come down, but just to be here at Notre Dame, with everyone around, I think she's really excited about that."

Schrader was recently named Ms. Basketball in the state of Illinois after leading Bartlett High School to a second place finish in the Class AA state tournament and a 30-5 overall record.

The Notre Dame signee is the first player from Illinois on the girls' roster for the game, and will play on the West team.

She is joined by 23 other scholastic stars.

Two of the All-Americans are confident that their team will be the victor.

"I think she's really excited for her. It's nice to have her here and have her make that adjustment to the college game that all freshmen have to go through."

After a disappointing end to this year's season last week, McGraw is excited to see Schrader play in the Joyce Center, as she will give a sneak peak into the future of Irish basketball.

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No. 9 Notre Dame enjoys its share of success

Irish defeat Hofstra, Villanova; improve their record to 5-1

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

The Easter weekend was a productive one for Notre Dame, as the Irish continued to show why they deserve to be the No. 9 ranked team in the country.

The Irish defeated Hofstra 9-8 in double overtime on Saturday and then came back to defeat Villanova 11-7 on Monday, improving their overall record to 5-1 on the season.

Hofstra rallied from a two goal deficit with two minutes remaining to tie the score at eight, forcing the overtime against Notre Dame. The Irish prevailed when Pat Walsh scored his sixth goal of the game to break the stalemate.

Walsh, who hails from Long Island, NY, also contributed an assist to commemorate his homecoming.

“I think we played really well at times. We played hard and we played gritty, and we played with determination down the stretch,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

Corrigan gave credit to his team for being able to fight back after giving up the game tying goal and win in overtime.

“Things are tough. You are on the road in front of 4500 people and they scored the last three goals to tie it up and it’s a perfect opportunity to fold if that’s what you are made of, but our guys didn’t do that and found a way to win the game.”

The Villanova game was a make up date from the March 8th contest, which was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Nevertheless, the two teams had to deal with Mother Nature anyway, as conditions were not much better this time around.

“It was a little warmer, but there was a torrential downpour the whole game.”

“The Irish jumped to a 8-2 lead in to the 2nd quarter, which Morrison said was a little warmer, but the Irish continued to struggle with the ball.”

Morrison led the Irish with three points in the game.

“I’ve never been in conditions like that for the entire game.”

Corrigan had mixed feelings about the team’s performance.

“There were times when we played really, really well,” Corrigan said.

“I thought most of the first half we were outstanding. In the second half, I think we might have felt a little bit like the game was done and we can’t afford to relax.”

Playing with consistency is something that Corrigan has stressed the importance of all season.

The Irish have plenty of talent, but carrying the same amount of intensity throughout a game is something that their coach maintains still needs improvement.

“We’ve got to be more consistent. Coming out of the weekend I think that’s the thing we have to realize, you’ve got to be consistent over 60 minutes.”

“You’ve got to continue to adjust throughout games because people adjust to you.”

Coming into the game, Villanova had a 14-game winning streak at home.

The Irish will travel to Hanover, New Hampshire this weekend to take on Dartmouth. The game will start at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Madia wins the 5,000 meter race and Erigha records personal bests

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Two meets, one victory and — most importantly — six NCAA regional qualifications.

So the stat line reads for the Notre Dame women's track team following one of the best weekends of the season for the squad.

The Irish sent their best distance runners to Palo Alto, Calif. this weekend to compete in the Stanford Invitational, widely considered one of the premier events on the collegiate track slate.

"It was great to have an opportunity to run in a race like Stanford with all of the competition," Madia said. "Winning that race tells me I'm in good shape at this point in the season. It was good to post a time this early in the year."

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Home season opens with 2-1 Irish victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

Carrie Wisen showed she can win games with her bat as well as with her arm.

With the Irish down to their final two outs and behind 1-0 against Western Michigan, Wisen knocked home a two-Bill double to give Notre Dame (14-8) a thrilling come-from-behind victory in its home opener Friday.

"That was an interesting game, I think we made it more interesting than it should have been," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Wisen has really stepped up with the bat this year. She hits the ball right on the nose."

Wisen, who has made several appearances this season as a relief pitcher, helped take advantage of a two-base error earlier in the inning.

Bionce starter Tricia VanderSlik led off the bottom of the seventh inning by retiring Meghan Ruttauff on a ground ball. Katie Laing reached on base with a single to right field to start Notre Dame's one-out rally.

Danielle Mnghan Huthraull' on a ground ball to start the seventh. VanderSlik only allowed four hits to the Irish, striking out two batters.

"VanderSlik did a nice job of placing the ball and hitting her spots," Gumpf said. "Early in the game, we didn't take advantage of our opportunities and would hit it right at people."

"But she had a good change-up working and really did a nice job of keeping us off balance."

Steffany Stenglein pitched the first three innings of the game for the Irish, allowing one run and three hits before being replaced by Heather Booth. Booth entered the game and shut down the Broncos the rest of the way, allowing just two hits in her four innings of work.

"Stenglein was giving up more hits than she usually does and was getting called for some debatable illegal pitches, so I wanted to do something to change up the momentum," Gumpf said.

Western Michigan took a one-run lead in the top of the third inning, with Amy Fleming leading off with a double to right field. Fleming was replaced by pinch runner Corry Andrejewski, who advanced to third on an illegal pitch by Stenglein and came around to score on Connie Kolkotnik's one-out RBI single.

Stenglein worked out of the inning with no further damage, striking out Daughtry and getting VanderSlik to ground out to third.

Notre Dame will be back in action today with a double-header at Ivy Field against Valparaiso.

"I want to see us go out and dominate somebody," Gumpf said of the doubleheader. "We need to go out there and get after it early and not let up. I want to see us make things happen."

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Carroll a meeting with two athletic directors, Irish swimmer Katie Weathers' fate with the senior Georgia Healey said.

"Weathers would not comment further on the reasoning behind his decision when contacted by The Observer Tuesday night.

However, several swimmers had their own opinions on the matter.

"The morale hadn't been what it was in the past, and I think the athletic directors noticed that," Carroll said.

Sophomore Jess Stephens echoed Carroll's thoughts on the team's morale this year. "If this is what's best for the team as a whole then this is what needs to happen," Stephens said.

While the announcement came as a shock to some, some swimmers acknowledged hearing rumors about it, but no one was aware of Weathers' opportunities at the helm.

Weathers had previously coached two seasons at Southern Illinois and three at South Carolina. While with the Gamecocks, Weathers was a three-time Metro Conference Coach of the Year. But Notre Dame will always be special to the coach.

"I really enjoyed being there. I really loved the kids I had an opportunity to coach," Weathers said Tuesday night. "I look forward to watching them do well in the future."

For now, the Irish are looking ahead, and seem optimistic about the future.

"I think that people definitely are looking forward to a change to bring some new life and change to the team," Healey said.

There is no word yet as to a replacement for Weathers, but in some eyes he might not ever be replaced.

"I know that we like the team wish him well. We only hope for the best for him, and we know what he wants for us," Carroll said.

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Irish knock off pair of Big Ten teams

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

One loss to a Big Ten team is quite enough, thank you.

Bouncing back from a tough loss to Illinois in their last match, the Irish made plenty of noise over the Easter weekend at the expense of two other Big Ten teams.

After clinching a 5-2 victory against No. 16 Michigan (10-6) at home on Saturday, No. 20 Notre Dame (15-5) brushed past No. 6 Purdue (13-9) with a 7-0 sweep in West Lafayette on Monday.

After this weekend's action, Notre Dame improved to 6-1 against Big Ten opponents on the season. Their sole defeat came at the hands of No. 3 Illinois.

"We play the best teams in the Big Ten, traditionally," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It's a good measuring stick for us because, geographically, we're in the center of the Big Ten, and it's easy to schedule. It makes a lot of sense, and they're all good programs.

"We're very happy to get that quality of schedule without actually being in the Big Ten Conference."

On Saturday, the Irish continued their annual rivalry against the Wolverines. Notre Dame has beaten Michigan in the last nine times the teams have met on Irish turf. This time was no different, as the win streak was pushed to 10 in a row.

"That's always a spirited match," Bayliss said. "It's a nice, healthy, competitive rivalry between two schools that have had a lot of success in numerous sports over the years. You feel the electricity in the air when you warm up to play Michigan. It really means something."

The Irish found themselves in an early hole as their revampered doubles lineups dropped the match's closely contested first point. Despite also falling behind in three first set singles matches, the team bounced back well and won five of the six individual contests.

After the Irish evened the team score at 1-1, sophomore Stephen Bass gave the Irish the lead with a win over No. 81 Maso Maravic in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 upset. The victory gave Bass his fourth win this season over a nationally-ranked opponent and improved his career mark to 14-2 in three-set matches.

"Stephen Bass really deserves a lot of credit because Maravic had just beaten one of the best players in the country the week end before at LSU," Bayliss said. "We have a lot of respect for him. All of (Michigan's) guys played well with us. I'm particularly proud of the way Trakcll (Akhvlediani) fought and dog out his match against Steve Peretz. In general, we played pretty decent today."

Although he dropped the first set of his match 6-2, Akhvlediani clinched the match for Notre Dame with a 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 win over Michigan's Steve Peretz at the No. 5 slot.

Shuffling their doubles lineup dramatically, the Irish had mixed results over the weekend but showed flashes of potential. Although the team dropped the doubles point against Michigan, they placed well against the Boilermakers and picked up the early 1-0 advantage.

Irish duo Brent D'Amico and Eric Langenkamp and Ryan Keckley and Barry King posted doubles victories at the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, respectively. The 7-0 shutout match against the Boilermakers was a fairly quick one that saw the Irish claim five of the singles matches in straight sets. D'Amico was the first player to register a singles victory, defeating Sounak Chatterjee in a quick 6-2, 6-2 decision.

Akhvlediani again clinched the match victory for Notre Dame against Purdue, posting a 6-2, 6-3 victory against Jared Jeubner.

"He's been a pretty big rock for us this year," Bayliss said. "You better bring your lunch against Trakcll because you're going to be out there a long time if you plan on beating him. He keeps the ball deep and he's big off the ground. He's come probably the greatest distance of all our players in the last year."

Notre Dame's next challenge will come against Mico. 44 Southern Methodist in an outdoor showdown next Sunday.

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run. I think the wind helped it a little bit," said Edwards, who has nine home runs and 35 RBI in 22 games this season. "I was pretty sure the other two were good."

Edwards hit a solo blast in the first to give the Irish a 1-0 lead. His next bomb was a two-run shot in the third before he added insurance runs with a three-run smash in the seventh that cleared the "Frank Eck Stadium" sign in left field.

"You can watch a lot of games in baseball and never see a guy boked in that way," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Freshman lefthander Wade Korpi threw five quality innings to earned his second victory of the season, yielding just a three-run homer in the fourth to the Broncos' Tony Scheffler. Korpi struck out three, walked two and allowed just six base hits.

"I thought Wade Korpi was phenomenal," Mainieri said. "That was the Wade Korpi we recruited. He changed speeds and he got ahead of hitters."

Dan Kapala pitched 2 2/3 innings and gave up two runs. Mike Dury added zero runs in 1/3 inning and Ryan Doberty closed the door on Western Michigan with a scoreless ninth.

Western Michigan starter Derek Schlecker took the loss after pitching three innings and surrendering four earned runs. The Broncos, who haven't played a home game yet this season, dropped to 5-11.

Leading 1-0 in the third, the Irish took command of the game with a three-run run. Shortstop Greg Lopez and centerfielder Alex Nettey both went 2-for-3 and put men on the corners with zero outs. Freshman second baseman Brett Lilley fell behind two strikeouts before choppo a grounder to the right side of the infield, which scored Lopez and advanced Nettey into scoring position. Edwards then blasted home run No. 2 to give the Irish a 4-0 advantage.

After Scheffler's home run in the top of the fourth, the Irish added a run in the bottom of the fifth. Down in the count 0-2, Netty was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on Lilley's fielder's choice. Edwards was intentionally walked before Matt Bransfield smoked a sharp single through the left side, scoring Netty and putting Notre Dame ahead 5-3.

Netty added an RBI single in the ninth and finished with two hits, three runs and an RBI.

With the victory, Notre Dame has now won five of its last six, including four in a row.

"I feel like we're playing better baseball," Mainieri said. "The pitching is better, which is the big thing. We've been pretty efficient."

The Irish face a dreadful 0-24 Chicago State squad at 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

Freshman Joey Williamson, who has six appearances this season, will make his home career start for Notre Dame.

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Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija believes the team will respond well to head coach Charlie Weis' high expectations this spring.

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raise their expectations because it just isn't good enough. They get the message, and I think that's the important thing.

"Some more wide receiver Jeff Samardzija fully expects the Irish to deliver on Weis' demands.

"He's a straightforward guy - he tells you what he thinks, and he tells you what he wants," Samardzija said. "He expects to get that from his players, and we expect to give that to him."

While practice may have started on the wrong foot, Weis was ultimately encouraged by what he saw on both sides of the ball.

Specifically, Weis was pleased to see a more holistic, team-oriented defensive style that the new coaching staff has emphasized.

"The number one thing I saw on defense - one of the things that (defensive coordinator) Rick Mininor and the defensive staff were trying to stress - was getting 11 guys running to the ball," Weis said. "I really think that shows one major step towards being an unspectacular defense where instead of looking to highlight and grandstand and pointing out to the crowd that you made a play, let's go party with your teammates - that was very refreshing to see."

In addition to positive signs on the defensive side of the ball, a number of offensive players provided cause for optimism.

However, Weis cautioned that spring practice - especially the first day - is a little different than Saturday afternoon.

"There were several skills guys that I was both intrigued by and excited about that I've seen out there," Weis said. "But this is in shorts without pads on, so I'm trying not to do cartwheels."

If there was one major source of disappointment for Weis, it was the lack of relatively unknown players that stepped up and made the coaching staff take notice Tuesday.

"The biggest problem I had today was not seeing enough people that I don't know that much about making statements for themselves," Weis said. "If I'm going to have this open door policy where everyone has a fair chance to make a name for themselves, you'd like some people to stand out."

With Notre Dame spring practice officially underway, the next step is simply to build on what has been accomplished the day before.

"We set the bar, and now we have a low way to go," Irish offensive coordinator Michael Haywood said. "That bar is a little low right now, but with the kids' attitudes and expectations, I think we can raise it up each and every day we go out to practice.

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Irish runner Kurt Benninger, left, ran the fastest 5,000 meters in school history this weekend. He broke the old mark held by Lake Walton, pictured at right running for Adidas Sports during the Meyo Mile on Feb. 5.

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Benninger's time of 13 minutes, 33.05 seconds was made even more incredible by the fact that it was the first time he had run the 5,000 meters. Benninger won the race with a six-second cushion over his nearest competitor and broke Lake Walton's old Notre Dame record by two seconds.

Head Coach Joe Planc was understandably impressed.

"It was wonderful. He was under control the whole time. He ran the first two miles in 4:24 each and then ran the third in 4:12," Plane said.

The 5,000-meter run is equivalent to roughly 3.1 miles. In addition to Benninger, the Irish men saw several others attain NCAA regional qualifying marks at the Stanford meet.

Kaleh Van Oet won the 10,000 meters in 28:59.35. Tim Moore and Todd Molby finished behind Van Oet in the 10,000 but also posted times that qualified for the regional meet. Todd Pasek and Ryan Johnson also qualified for the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Senior Selim Nurudeen got a rare opportunity for a student-athlete — the chance to go home over Easter break as he competed in the Dr. Pepper Invitational at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Nurudeen, who is from Friendswood, Texas, won the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.92 seconds and finished third in the 200-meter dash in 21.53.

Coach Planc said that he was satisfied with the number of qualifying times his team achieved this weekend, but stressed that there was work to be done, saying that he hoped the team would qualify around 25 athletes for the regionals. He was, however, pleased with what he saw this weekend.

"There were a lot of guys that ran well — it was a very exciting day," he said.

Friday and Saturday the Irish will be competing at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington on the campus of Indiana University.

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Plymouth in the Indiana Class 3A state championship game, 74-72.

Zegar is one of 24 players selected to participate in the 28th annual Boys McDonald's All-American game at Notre Dame's Joyce Center tonight (8 p.m., ESPN). He will compete on the West team.

"It will be great to have him as a representative for us on our floor," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

The other representative for the state of Indiana is Josh McRoberts, a 6-foot-10, 235-pound power forward from Carmel High School in Carmel, Ind., headed for Duke.

Three colleges (Duke, Kansas and North Carolina) are tied for the most future players on the McDonald's All-American Team with three each. Oklahoma State and Washington both have two recruits on the team.

Jack Keifer of Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis, Ind., will coach the East team.

Al Rhodes of Loganport, Ind., High School will coach Zeller's West squad.

The Irish recruit will headline the team after completing a near triple-double performance at Canseco Fieldhouse of 27 points, nine rebounds and a State Finals-record 13 assists.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) also gave the 6-foot-11, 240-pound center the Arthur L. Tressler men's attitude award.

Brey had the opportunity to watch his recruit play in the Semi-state round on March 19, when Zeller faced another Irish prospect — committed football recruit and defensive lineman Patrick Kuntz.

Brey said he was more satisfied with the recruit he saw in a 51-46 Washington win over Roncalli High School.

"It's a four-and-a-half hour drive back from Seymour, Indiana," Brey said. "But I was smiling the whole way home.

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Coach Morgan Wootten, who won 1,274 games as the head coach of Dematha High School in Hyattsville, Md., is the chairman of the McDonald's All-American Selection Committee.

Wootten, who coached Brey as a player and whom Brey coached under as an assistant before leaving for Duke, was responsible this year for selecting Zeller and 23 other players from a field of more than 1,500 nominees.

UCLA coach John Wooden will serve as the chairman of the game.

All net proceeds from the 2005 McDonald's All-American Game will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charity of South Bend and Fort Wayne, Ind. In its history, the game has raised nearly $4 million.

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FOOTBALL

Weis aggressive as Irish begin spring practice drills

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

Reflecting the optimism that accompanied both unusually warm weather and the start of a new season, Notre Dame football officially kicked off its 2005 campaign with its first spring practice Tuesday afternoon at Carter Field.

It didn’t take long for the demanding style characteristic of new Irish head coach Charlie Weis to emerge — the first group ran the first play of the afternoon three consecutive times before Weis was satisfied.

“We thought we started out slow — I think that the effort level was very good, but my expectations for execution early on are very high,” Weis said. “Right from the beginning, if you just let a rep go by without trying to rectify, you’re sending the wrong message.”

Weis stressed that while he asks a lot from his players — even on the first day of spring practice — the players understand the intentions behind the aggressive approach.

“It think that the number one thing is for the players to know that you’re not being condescending and demeaning,” Weis said. “I think that’s important that they know when you’re getting on them, you’re getting on them to improve, they need for a change.”

The Irish defense swarms to the ball against Tennessee last season. Head coach Charlie Weis has especially stressed defense early in this year’s spring practice.

BASEBALL

Edwards slugs team to victory

Third baseman hits three home runs to pace ND in 9-5 win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Matt Edwards’ first home run Tuesday against Western Michigan needed a gusting wind to clear the left-centerfield fence.

Credit his next two to pure power.

Notre Dame’s third baseman finished 3-for-3 with three home runs, six RBIs and two intentional walks in leading the Irish (12-10) past Western Michigan 9-5 at Frank Eck Stadium.

“Just missed the first home run Wednesday, March 30, 2005 PORTS...ND 8, Purdue 1 for NC...ND 7, W. Michigan 1 for NC...ND 5, Michigan 2...ND 4, Purdue 0...ND 4, Western Michigan 1 for NC...ND 3, Purdue 0...ND 3, Michigan 1...ND 2,North Texas 1...ND 1, Purdue 0...ND 0, Michigan 2...ND...TENNANT Sports Writer Head women’s swimming coach Bailey Weathers recently resigned Tuesday, leaving the Irish program after 10 winning seasons and nine straight Big East titles.

In a press release issued Tuesday by the Notre Dame Sports Information Department, Weathers cited both his and the University’s need for a change.

“We’ve had a nice run for the last decade, and now I think it’s time for something new, both for me and for the program,” Weathers said in the release. “I’m ready for a different challenge and I think the timing is right for someone new to come in and see where they can take see SPRING/page 29

MEN’S TRACK

Benninger sets new 5K record

Sophomore runs race in third-fastest time worldwide this year

By JOHN EVETT
Sports Writer

While most students were celebrating the Easter holiday and the four-day weekend it provided, the Irish were giving themselves other reasons to be joyful while competing in two separate meets in different areas of the country.

The most exciting performance by a Notre Dame runner was at the Stanford Invitational, where sophomore Kurt Benninger not only broke the Notre Dame record in the 5,000 meters, but also recorded the third-fastest time worldwide in the event this see RECORD/page 30

MEN’S TENNIS

ND, Purdue 0

The Irish rebounded from their March 17 loss to No. 3 Illinois by knocking off a pair of Big Ten teams.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 2, W. Michigan 1

Carrie Wisen’s seventh-inning two-RBI double helped the Irish come from behind to win.

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WOMEN’S TRACK

Team qualifies six for NCAA regionals

Stephanie Madia was the highlight of the weekend, winning the 5,000 meter run at the Stanford Invitational.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary’s vs. Chicago

A victory for the Belles would help the team earn an invitation to the Midwestern Meet next weekend.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

ND 9, Hofstra 8

The No. 9 Irish have now won four games in a row after breaking Villanova’s 14-game home winning streak.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Boston College 10, Notre Dame 9

The team fell behind early against the Eagles, eventually losing in overtime on the road.

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