**GROUP REJECTS MINORITY RESOLUTION**

**Members deny request to make committee permanent and constitutionally recognized**

By MARY KATE MALONE

At the Student Senate’s final meeting before a new administration takes over April 1, Minority Affairs Ad-hoc Committee (MAC) chair Rhea Boyd made an urgent plea to senators to approve a resolution that would make her committee permanent and constitutionally recognized.

But despite a passionate introduction of her resolution and 45 minutes of debate, the proposal — which called for a permanent Minority Affairs committee and defined the scope and goals of it — was defeated.

The resolution was crafted by Boyd, student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell and Diversity Committee chair Sarah Liu. Boyd presented the resolution to Senate despite Baron and Shappell’s last-minute decision Tuesday to take it off the Senate’s agenda.

“Because I felt uneasy about that decision, I asked Lizzi to place this amendment back on the agenda and I thank her for doing so,” Boyd said.

But she failed to win their support.

Though senators agreed minorities must have a permanent voice on policy issues, many felt the resolution was too extensive.

**ND TO BE PART OF FOUR-YEAR LIBERAL ARTS STUDY**

**Analysis includes tracking 400 students until 2010; 50 will participate in personal interviews**

By JOE PIARULLI

Incoming members of the Class of 2010 may find that while they study for their first exams, someone else may be studying them. Beginning next fall, Notre Dame will become one of 18 colleges to take part in a national liberal arts study conducted by the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College.

The study will follow approximately 5,000 students nationwide — 400 at Notre Dame — throughout their four years at college.

According to Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost for undergraduate and international studies, the study will bring a new perspective on education at Notre Dame.

“We’re continually, as an institution, trying to assess how we are progressing in all of our academic goals,” Jacobs said. “What makes this particular collaboration unique and attractive is that it involves a very nationally renowned team of investigators who are independent of Notre Dame, and that gives a fresh eye to things.”

According to the Center’s Web site, the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education has two fundamental goals. First, it aims "to learn what teaching practices, programs, and institutional structures support liberal arts education" and second, it seeks "to develop faculty-friendly and institutionally-useful methods of assessing liberal arts education."

The focus of the study will be on the development of seven areas — effective reasoning and problem solving, inclusion in inquiry and lifelong learning, integration of learning, intercultural effectiveness, moral reasoning and character, leadership and second, it seeks "to develop faculty-friendly and institutionally-useful methods of assessing liberal arts education."

The study will involve a wide range of institutions, including those that teach largely to traditional and non-traditional students, and those that emphasize learning abroad, service learning, and the arts.

**PROFESSORS FIGHT DISEASE IN HAITI**

**Notre Dame faculty members confront elephantiasis in the tropics**

By MAUREEN MULLEN

Notre Dame chemistry professor Emil T. Hofman returned Tuesday from a four-day visit in Haiti, where he continues to work with biology professor Father Thomas Streit to treat native Haitian citizens suffering from lymphedema, a disease that progresses into the more commonly known affliction, elephantiasis.

Elephantiasis, a horrific and debilitating condition, is a mosquito-borne infection that affects more than 120 million people throughout the tropics. Hofman said the disease causes infectious swelling in the limbs and genitalia of the afflicted.

**LAW CLINIC COUNSELS OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS**

The event, organized by student government’s Community Relations Committee, accomplished one goal of the campaign platform embraced by student body president-elect Lizzi Shappell and vice-president-elect Bill Andrichik, who said they would provide legal aid for students.

“I think it’s a fantastic first step and a way for [Baron and I] to end this administration and to begin Bill and my administration,” Shappell said Monday.

Nick Guzman, chair of the Community Relations committee, said the idea for the program originated over the
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Shoot a bear in the face**

No, it's not baseball or barreling. It's not being obese or yelling at poor drivers — America's favorite pastime is shooting bears in the face. Too bad America doesn't know that yet. Fear not loyal bear Shooters — I bring the world.

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Allow me to put this into context. We were in a giant arcade shooting digital bears while the young arcade-goers to our right were shooting people with sniper rifles, and those to our left were using semi-automatic weapons to kill zombies and hook. Come on, lady.

As you can see, I am quite dangerous with giant orange plastic guns, so I suggest you learn carefully in my demands. I want a Big Game Hunter console installed in my dorm room, or at the very least, in that useless arcade in the basement of LaFortune. I urge you to bring this crucial issue to the attention of University administrators. Together, we can make a difference, we can make America a better place, one bear at a time.

**Joe Piarrulli**

**NEWS PRODUCTION EDITOR**

**PROFILE**

**Jon Stewart from 'The Daily Show.'**

**Barack Obama.**

**Mickey Mouse.**

**Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, who is actually coming to speak on April 29.**

**My mom because she's one of the pillars of the Catholic Church.**

**Will Ferrell lecturing on nutrition, particularly the four main food groups: candy, candy corn, candy corn and syrup.**

**Sophomore Bonnie Fullard and senior Wen Liao work at a booth in LaFortune for Notre Dame's Disabilities Awareness Month. Disabilities awareness activist John Kemp spoke about adversity and overcoming obstacles Wednesday in J02 DeBartolo Hall.**

**IN BRIEF**

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" on "Face to Face" — a faceto -face with McGlinn — today at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Shannon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door.

The 2006 Notre Dame student peace conference, "Voices of Today, Changes for Tomorrow," will be held Friday and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Irish softball team will play Connecticut at 12 p.m. Saturday at By Field.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face-off with Dartmouth at 12 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame's Moose Krause Stadium.

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

Self-proclaimed 'art criminal' Winston Smith shares selections from his collection, lectures to SMC audience Wednesday

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER

Winston Smith presented selections from years of work as a montage artist to Saint Mary's College students, professors and community members Wednesday as part of the College's visiting artist lecture series.

More than 30 years ago, Saint Mary's art department chair Bill Sandusky lived with Smith in Florence - but the College professor never believed he would be inviting his former schoolmate to host a presentation at his future place of employment.

"I'm really excited," Sandusky said. "I think this is a great opportunity for the students and the community. [Smith] is really incredible - he's a person the current generation can identify with."

A self-proclaimed "art criminal," Smith creates works by cutting pictures out of vintage magazines and publications with razors and glues them together to form his creations. He is also widely known for the political and social commentary he infuses into his art.

"When I was a kid, I realized I could just pass up the drawings. I realized I didn't have to learn to draw to be an artist," Smith said. "I could just rip off other people's work, cut it up and make it my own. We didn't have photocopy machines back then like I use now, but it was a big relief."

While Smith has spent years using other people's work to create his own, he said he was still shocked when he came across a poster that someone had designed using pieces from one of his illustrations.

"When I saw it, I went 'Oh man, they ripped me off,' and then I was like, 'What am I saying? But when you get to the point where someone will rip you off, it's kind of a backhanded compliment," he said.

Smith is connected to the punk rock movement through the numerous album covers he has created for bands over the years. He is also recognized for illustrations he has created for magazines ranging from "The New Yorker" to "Playboy."

"I get started in this field because I have no other marketable skills," Smith said. "I worked as a roadie for bands like Santana and Crosby, Stills and Young in San Francisco for $2 an hour, and I started to create concert posters for local bands when punk rock started to rear its ugly head."

Smith said his career progressed after he was inspired to make up stories about bands, and it worked. People would go along with the stories.

Now, Smith said he works mainly out of a studio in his San Francisco apartment and from his rustic ranch in northern California - where he creates art by the light of kerosene lanterns because the ranch has no electricity or running water.

Smith's work environment reflects his views about current society. One of the reasons he said he uses vintage pictures to create his work is to comment on politics, consumerism and other social issues.

"A lot of my work is political or social commentary - it's just my twisted lefty point of view," Smith said.

"There's all these little things that are added just to see if anyone is paying attention, and some are totally obvious. Some of them are just for fun that can be anything you want."

Some of the meaning is quite obvious. Some of them are up to the beholder. I don't even know if people actually look at my work - it's only a drag when they look at them and say, 'What's that mean?' I'd rather be annoying them."

Smith told numerous anecdotes throughout the presentation about the meaning behind his pieces, ranging from critiques of the United States' involvement in wars, to environmental issues such as the harvesting of the redwood trees in California.

Another reason Smith uses vintage clipping is to avoid copyright problems, but he said this limits the variety of images he can use.

"I tell people creating my work is like going through a New York City phone book looking for a friend where there is no alphabetical order," Smith said. "But it's what I have to do because I can't work if things are categorized and ordered. I have to sit there and go through all the silly pictures to create my things."

Many of Smith's pieces include stereotypical representations of women from 1940s magazines like "Life."

During the question and answer session following his presentation, associate art professor Krista Hoefle asked about the reception his pieces would receive being displayed at an all women's college, as they depicted stereotypical imagery of women.

"It's part of the reason I made the pictures," Smith said. "Using women only from the certain time period - [the images are] pretty crass to begin with - they were all about Americans and how everything is bright and wonderful and the future was going to be full of things like flying cars, and to contrast that with the world as we really know it is kind of the comment."

Smith said he used the images because they were not perceived as demeaning at the time.

"It was, 'Oh here's the happy housewife - and that was the social reinforcement for women not to go out and do things,' he said.

Displays of Smith's work will be exhibited at Saint Mary's until Friday, including replicas of pieces like "Strange Bedfellows," where was going to be full of things like flying cars, and to contrast that with the world as we really know it is kind of the comment."

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Author clarifies her misinterpreted slogan in SMC speech

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich explains and discusses phrase, 'Well-behaved women seldom make history'

By LAURA GLEASON
News Writer

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who coined the phrase, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," clarified the commonly misinterpreted slogan in a lecture at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

Most people understand the quote to mean, "Bad girls have more fun," but Ulrich said this interpretation is inaccurate.

Ulrich — who famously penned the book, "A Midwife's Tale" — said the ambiguous slogan can only be understood in context.

Originally printed in her first scholarly article in 1976, the statement referred to a group of Puritan women in colonial America who submitted to an alarmingly strict moral code of behavior.

This "accidental slogan" was intended to be a reflection on the way in which "virtuous" women in colonial America were inhibited — and not as an endorsement of "bad" behavior among women, she said.

To the amusement of Ulrich, her misunderstood reflection on the lives of early American women has caught fire in popular culture. The famous words, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," are now plastered on T-shirts, bumper stickers and mugs.

They have even been incorporated into the lyrics of a song.

Ulrich jokingly drew attention to her slogan's association with wild, even criminal women. One woman from Denver who had been arrested "at least a dozen times" and was known for indulgent drug use was spotted driving a car with her famous saying on it.

Though she addressed the misinterpretation of her slogan with humor, Ulrich nonetheless made sure to correct the public's misconception of her words. Ulrich focused on the life of Rosa Parks — who she called the "icon of the civil rights movement" — to illustrate her point.

She asked if Parks was a well-behaved woman.


Ulrich said in terms of morality, Parks was remarkably well-behaved. Though she broke the law, she was morally clean, reliable, courageous and willing to say, "No."

"[Parks'] refusal to obey the law sparked a 361 day-long boycott, put Martin Luther King Jr. in the public eye and led to the historic Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public places," she said. "Her good behavior helped to justify her rebellion and win public support for her cause."

Ulrich said it was Parks' good behavior — not bad — that won her a spot in history.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thousands witness global eclipse

SDE, Turkey — Thousands of skygazers gath­ered in and around the capital of Antakya and let out cheers Wednesday as a total solar eclipse turned day into twilight, casting an eerie blue glow across the sky and the Mediterranean Sea.

NASA astronomers handed out protective glasses to hundreds of Turkish children before the eclipse cut a dark swath across the sky — a hand that stretched from Brazil, across West Africa, Turkey and Central Asia, then disapp­peared at sunset in Mongolia.

The 2002 total solar eclipse was in November 2003, but that was best viewed from sparsely populated Antarctica. Wednesday’s eclipse blocked the sun in highly populated areas.

In Ghana, automatic street lamps switched on as the light faded, and authorities sounded emergency whistles in the capital Accra, burst into applause.

The event was also witnessed in the United Nations to find a country to take him. Afterward, he told reporters he had no choice but to sus­pend assistance and decline any contact with the new Hamas Cabinet.

The stated platform of this government has not addressed the concerns raised by Canada and others concerning nonviolent recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the roadmap for peace," MacKay said.

"As a result, Canada will have no contact with the members of the Hamas Cabinet and is suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

However, Ottawa empha­sized it would continue giving humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through U.N. and nongovernmental organizations.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormick said the United States is looking for ways to get humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, but they are not going to provide funds to a terrorist organi­zation. And we are not going to provide U.S. funds to a Hamas-­led government.

With Hamas now at the helm, the Palestinian govern­ment faces a crippling international economic boy­cott, and may run into immediate difficulties next week when March salaries are to be paid for some 140,000 government employees.

The Palestinian Authority gets a large part of its approximately $1.9 billion annual budget from over­seas sources. Without money from the Arab world, Europe and the United States, a Hamas­led govern­ment would very likely break.

The newly installed Palestinian Information Minister, Youssaf Rizka, called the action "hasty" and said it "shows obvious bias.

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Local News

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The conclusions of the study may not be perfect when the study is finished, but the information will be valuable, Jacobs said. 

"It's not just an answer in the end where we either put ourselves back or not. It's a study that gives us the kind of feedback to make programmatic improvements," he said.

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Hofman said.

"The disease is reasonably simple to treat and cure. As it progresses, however, treatment becomes less successful. Proper medical care and pre­ventive knowledge is simple and not expensive for much of the population, and so elephantiasis continues to be an over­whelming health problem in Haiti," he said.

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President Bush visits Cancun for meetings

Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — President Bush began a trip Wednesday intended to strengthen ties with Mexico and Canada on issues like terrorism, trade and problems along the long borders the United States shares with its neighbors.

Bush said he was concerned that a "protectionist tendency and isolationist tendency" could emerge among the three countries and make cooperation more difficult, particularly in the face of economic challenges from countries like China.

In an interview with Canadian television, he said the strong relationship with Mexico and Canada needs to be further strengthened.

The president arrived in Cancun Wednesday evening after an un welcomed visit to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, a source of both anger and frustration among Mexico's leaders.

Bush said his trip was to engage in "dialogue and outreach" with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

While thousands of U.S. tourists will be in Cancun this week, U.S. officials are no doubt hoping the beach resort will be the eyes of the world, and that no one would see him in a Speedo suit here.

Bush will be the eyes of the world," said cab driver Luciano Salgado Campos as he drove past downd trees lining the road from the airport to the beachfront resorts. "President Bush will be able to see how much progress has been made already."

Fox's government has spent millions to rebuild the beaches and dredge sand from the ocean floor to restore what was swept away in October, when Wilma brought winds reaching 155 mph. Many hotels are still closed.

The three leaders will gather at the Fiesta Americana Condesa on Thursday and Friday. By Thursday, the evening had already set up roadblocks around the perimeter and security forces patrolled from the air and water. Air Force One flew by less than 48 hours in Cancun, squeezing in bilateral and group meetings and a visit to the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza — a rare cultural detour for the president who normally keeps a tight diplomatic schedule on foreign visits.

Before climbing aboard Air Force One to fly here, Bush joked to news media that he would see the skimpy bathing suit at this beach resort. "No Speedo suit here," he joked.

Thankfully, he told an audience after a speech in Washington. With a debate over border security raging at home, Bush is using the summit to try to "strengthen ties with leaders of America's northern and southern neighbors who have their own concerns about the flow of people and goods with the United States."

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**Catholic Q&A**
Do the terms “Catholic Church” and “Roman Catholic Church” denote the same thing? Are there other Catholic Churches besides the Roman Catholic Church?

In the USA, the only Catholic Church that most people are familiar with is the Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, the vast majority of the world’s billion-plus Catholics are Catholics of the Roman or Latin Rite. A “Rite” is a particular church tradition of how one celebrates the seven Sacraments, and this is the way all Masses are celebrated on campus.

However, this is by no means the only way of celebrating the liturgy, and this is the way all liturgies of these various churches may appear very foreign to the average American Roman Catholic, and may include other languages, customs, iconography and liturgical decor, and norms for receiving the Sacraments.

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu

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**LIVE IT!!**

**Ben Wilson**

Ben Wilson’s qualifications for this week’s “LIVE IT” installment can be measured in a unique way; by miles. Ben, a senior Philosophy Major and Theology and Anthropology minor, spent this past summer farther away than most summer internships take college students.

By virtue of his Kellogg Internship, Ben spent his summer in Uganda. Ben’s ministry there was two-fold. His primary task was teaching English to Ugandan students at a vocational school. On top of that, Ben used a grant that he received to start a store to raise money for the school. Ben’s faith and desire to minister carried him over 7,000 miles away from South Bend, Indiana.

As some readers may or may not know, I am not a Ugandan school child. I was lucky enough to meet Ben through his stellar work as a Campus Ministry student assistant. While Ben’s ministries are different here at Notre Dame, our community benefits from his gifts and talents just like the children he served in Uganda.

Ben’s skills as an accomplished guitarist are on display at a veritable litany of ministry venues. Ben, a resident of Sorin College’s community benefits from his gifts and talents just like the children he served in Uganda.

Ben’s ministrv there is making a difference! Let us know who out there is making a difference! Send nominations to Brian Vassel at bvassel@nd.edu
Mine survivor returning home

McCloy expected to be released Thursday

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The sole survivor of the Sago Mine disaster is expected to be released from a rehabilitation hospital and return home Thursday after more than two months of therapy, a family spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Randal McCloy Jr.'s doctors have scheduled a news conference for Thursday morning to discuss his case, Aly Goodwin Gregg said.

"He's been looking forward to going home and he's very, very close to that point now," Gregg said.

"Being in his own space again is what he's looking forward to and what the family is looking forward to."

The 26-year-old coal miner has been at a rehab facility in Morgantown, for a visit 45-minute drive from home in Simpson, a 45-hour for his movement, and is eating in his own space.

McCloy said.

Gregg said McCloy will continue to receive therapy for some time at home. She said his wife Anna, who has been staying at a hotel in Morgantown since the disaster, will be his primary caretaker.

McCloy and his co-workers entered the Sago Mine to resume production after a holiday shutdown when the explosion trapped them. It took more than 40 hours for rescue teams to reach the men, and by then, most had died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

McCloy was carried out with brain, kidney, lung, liver and heart damage on Jan. 4 and remained in a coma for weeks.

He has since regained most of his movement, and is eating and breathing on his own.

While he also has been speaking, doctors have said it may be three to six months before he's able to carry on a normal conversation.

Gregg said she did not know how much McCloy remembers about the explosion.

Moussaoui lied about plot, prosecutors say

FBI ignored Sept. 11 leads, defense argues

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Prosecutors said al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui killed Americans on Sept. 11, 2001, by lying to federal agents weeks earlier to keep the plot secret. Defense attorneys called him an "al-Qaida hanger-on" who only dreamed he had a role in the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history.

Summarizing 10 days of testimony in a tumultuous sentencing trial, lawyers painted sharply divergent views of whether the 37-year-old Frenchman was responsible for any of the nearly 3,000 deaths on Sept. 11. Then a jury of nine men and three women retired to decide whether he should be eligible for the death penalty.

They went home after an hour of deliberations.

Prosecutor David Baskin told the jurors they could be sure of Moussaoui's lethal intent "because he admitted it right here in this courtroom" in bombshell testimony Monday. Defense attorney Edward MacMahon countered that Moussaoui had told a "plethora of lies to aggravate himself. You can't believe anything this man says."

MacMahon said FBI headquarters to agree on death-penalty eligibility. Defense attorneys say that Moussaoui's lethal intent may be three to six months and the Federal Aviation Administration would have kept him off airplanes.

Moussaoui watched the closing arguments impassively but shout "God curse America!" after the judge and jury had left for a brief recess.

If this jury unanimously decides Moussaoui is eligible for the death penalty, it will reconvene to hear more testimony about whether he actually deserved to be executed. Their only other choice is life in prison, without possibility of release. That second phase would be a forum for aggravating and mitigating evidence about his role, including the testimony of families of Sept. 11 victims.

An unresolved issue is what would happen if the jury is unable to agree on death-penalty eligibility. Defense attorneys say that should lead to an automatic life sentence; prosecutors argue it should result in a metal which would allow them to retry Moussaoui with another jury.

Judge Leonie Brinkema has appeared to favor the defense view on the death penalty. She has not ruled.

Moussaoui's dramatic courtroom testimony Monday - that he was supposed to hijack a fifth jettliner on Sept. 11 along with would-be bomber Richard Reid and that he "flew into the White House" - was a major focus of the closing arguments.

MacMahon read the jury what Moussaoui said last April when he pleaded guilty to six conspiracy counts and signed a confession. "Point out a single paragraph where it says I'm part of 9/11," Moussaoui told the court at that time. "Everybody knows I'm not 9/11 material." Moussaoui said then that his plot was different; he was to fly into the White House later if the U.S. did not release radical Egyptian cleric Omar Abdel Rahman, imprisoned for other terrorist crimes.
AFGHANISTAN

Taliban militants kill two soldiers at base

Militant actions bring death total to 223

Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Two American soldiers were killed in a Taliban attack on a coalition base in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, killing an average of more than 13 a day — have been found slain, the apparent victims of sectarian hatred and setting of old scores after a Shiite shrine was bombed Feb. 22. The count climbs to at least 486 when the last six days of February are added, according to figures compiled from daily AP reports based on police accounts.

Also since the start of March, gunfire — mostly masked, many wearing police uniforms — have totaled at least six Bagdad businesses. On Wednesday, eight people were killed at the al-Bekar trading company when they were lined up against a wall and shot, and six others were wounded. At least 90 workers have been kid­ napped and tens of thousands of dollars stolen in the five other assaults.

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The tanks in the streets these days aren’t American, by and large, but old Russian T-72s driven by Iraqi soldiers. Faces at military checkpoints are increas­ ingly Iraqi.

As of Wednesday, 27 U.S. mili­ tary personnel had died in March — the lowest monthly American death count since February 2004 and the second­ lowest of the war, according to an Associated Press count.

Coiincidentally with the sharp drop in American deaths was the huge rise in the number of execu­tion-style killings among Iraqis. Since the beginning of the month, at least 385 people — an average of more than 13 a day — have been found slain, the apparent victims of sectarian hatred and setting of old scores after a Shiite shrine was bombed Feb. 22. The count climbs to at least 486 when the last six days of February are added, according to figures compiled from daily AP reports based on police accounts.

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The 22-year-old Canadian was a new father who went to Afghanistan to “make a differ­ ence,” said his aunt, Colleen McBain.

The Afghan­ man’s death brings to 223 the number of U.S. service members killed in

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State law could have larger impact

A New York Times editorial predicts that a new South Dakota law, banning virtually all abortions, will "jump-start a whole new era of abortion battles." The law, House Bill 1215, affirms that "life begins at the time of conception" and prohibits abortion as the only way to "fully protect" the mother as well as her unborn child. Let's examine why the Times' prediction is probably accurate. HB 1215 exempts a "physician who performs a medical procedure ... to prevent the death of a pregnant mother." The physician is required to "make reasonable medical efforts ... to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child." Medical treatment causing "acci­dental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child is not a violation" of HB 1215. Also, HB 1215 exempts the mother from any penalty for abortion.

HB 1215 rejects the failed incremental strategy of proposing restrictions that nib­ble at the edges of legalized abortion without ever challenging the essential holding of Roe v. Wade. What is the unborn child is not a "person" entitled to the right to life protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court said in Roe that if the unborn child is a "person," the case for abortion "capi­tulates." The Court, in Roe and since, has declined to decide whether the unborn child is a human being. Its ruling that, whether or not it is human, he or she is a person is equivalent to a ruling that an acknowledged human being is a nonperson. That principle, that innocent human beings can be defined as nonpersons and subjected to execution at the discretion of others, is in the principle of the Supreme Court of 1857 Dred Scott case which said that slaves were property rather than persons. It also is the principle that underlay the Nazi depersonalization of the Jews. In Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court insisted on considering public school segregation in light of present (1954) realities rather than as if it were still 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted, or 1896, when Plessy v. Ferguson decreed the "separate but equal" doctrine. Now, 33 years after Roe, the evidence is compelling beyond any doubt that the victim of abortion is human, and that abortion is harmful to the mother and society as well as to her unborn child. HB 1215 will confront the Court with the reality of abortion in a way that even a Supreme Court Justice will find hard to evade.

Some criticize HB 1215 because it does not allow abortion where the unborn child is conceived as a result of rape or incest. Pope John Paul II said in Evangelium Vitae that a pro-life legislator could legitimately vote for an imperfect law in some circum­stances. But there is no justification for pro-life advocates themselves to propose laws that validate the depersonalization of human beings. If an man is a legal person is equivalent to execution of the innocent.

An unintended feature of HB 1215 is its assertion that, under the Constitution of South Dakota, a "pregnant mother and her unborn child" have a right to "due process of law" and "a natural and inalienable right to life." The Supreme Court has recognized "the authority of the State ... to adopt in its own Constitution individual liberties more expansive than those conferred by the Federal Constitution" Pruneyard Shopping Center v. Robins (1980). HB 1215 provides to unborn human beings greater protections under South Dakota law than are provided by the Supreme Court under the Fourteenth Amendment. As an assertion of the reserved power of the State to define, as a matter of state law, the mean­ing of its own Bill of Rights, HB 1215 affirms the federalism embodied in the structure of the United States Constitution as well as in the Tenth Amendment. The Supreme Court has never ruled on this question of whether a state can apply its law to protect rights beyond the extent to which they are protected by the United States Constitution. This could be the most important aspect of HB 1215. HB 1215 adopts the approach taken by Abraham Lincoln on the Dred Scott case, which denied the personhood of slaves. In his Chicago debate with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln said: "If I were in Congress, and a vote should come up on a question whether slavery should be pro­hibited in the territories, I would vote that it should ... Somebody has to reverse that decision ... and we mean to reverse it, and we mean to do it peaceably."

Prof. Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Have you ever thought about how strange it was that Jesus went to Lazarus‘ tomb just before he raised Lazarus from the dead? OK, maybe you haven’t, but think about it. The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) is this pivotal event, so you’ll have another chance this week too. Hadn’t Jesus sort of already planned to bring Lazarus back to life? But not until Mary and Martha and the others in tears, did he not right away reassure them that he could take care of their beloved Lazarus? Well, the gospel never tells us, but perhaps as part of our prayer this week we might wonder about that. Could Jesus have been looking ahead with comprehension toward his own death? Were his tears for all the other deaths that take place somewhere every day? The readings for our upcoming liturgies seem to push us to think more and more about death in these remaining days and weeks of Lent. We are to prepare ourselves for what we call the Paschal Mystery of Christ — the events surrounding his passion, death, and resurrection. And although we have the gift of knowing that Easter comes, imagine the grief of Mary and of Jesus’ disciples and friends on that first Good Friday, knowing only death, not remembering or comprehending Jesus’ predictions that he would rise again. Even God, the Father must have felt overwhelming fear after all, no matter that Jesus would rise from the dead on Sunday, he was really, truly and absolutely dead on Friday and Saturday. The author Michael Dubrulle writes in his excellent book “The Power of the Cross,” “The darkness that covered the earth on that first Good Friday points, I believe, to the grief of God at the death of his Son. How Jesus would rise on the third day, the first day was one of horror, pain and utter grief for all creation.” We have each experienced death in some way or another in our lives, whether through the death of someone we loved deeply and intimately, or the deaths of large groups of people though natural disaster, acts of terror or war or some other instance of the loss of a loved one or acquaintance. We ought perhaps to reflect on these losses during this last part of Lent, not in some sort of morbid fascination, but as a way to treasure and appreciate the saving death of Christ which we’ll celebrate soon. Every hope that death extinguishes, every loss that death brings to the forefront of our minds and hearts, every moment of overwhelming grief we feel we cannot escape, all are restored and brought to newness of life by Jesus’ redemptive death on the cross. In our culture, we spend a lot of time (and money) trying to avoid getting older, or at least looking older. Did age remind us of the inevitability of death? We know well, however, that death can occur at any age and at any time. What we tend to call “untimely” deaths come to college students, mid-career professionals, middle-aged people and to unborn infants. Perhaps a greater attention to death will bring us not only a renewed gratitude for Christ’s painfull, humiliating and ultimately death, but also a deeper awareness of the short and fragile nature of our own lives and those of the people we care about. It is something to think about whenever we’re making choices about how to spend the gift of time that God has given us. Do I use my time on myself or others? Does most of my time go towards building up myself, either professionally or personally, or towards others who need my love, support or help? How much do I focus, during my time on earth, on building up God’s kingdom? I think reflection on prayer about death can be a way to clarify how we want to live life, and a reminder that every present moment and every hope we have for the future is a gift from God. The person of Jesus, once dead, is alive and in our midst; he is very real, and ready to change our lives if we but welcome him in.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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We have been reluctant to engage in the argument about the Fighting Irish moniker so far, not because we don’t care and don’t feel that it is racist, but because we think this fight is being made about money. Notre Dame licensed products, which have the phrase “Fighting Irish,” or a picture of the leprechaun, sell more than any other school apparel in the country. Do you think that Notre Dame has any intention of scuttling a million dollar industry because some white immigrants feel upset that they aren’t being portrayed in the best light? As two of those immigrants, let us tell you about our run-in with the Notre Dame licensing department, and why it led us to believe the answer is no.

A member of our lab was leaving, so we wanted to make him a going away present. We presented him with the book “Scientist Leprechaun” that had no resemblance to the Notre Dame leprechaun and drew him to be wearing a lab coat and goggles. We sent the image to a local T-shirt printing company to have it made into a T-shirt. We were surprised to receive a letter from Notre Dame licensing department, asking us to check with the Notre Dame licensing department. A lady from the department phoned us and flat out said we couldn’t have our image printed, despite the fact that we were making a T-shirt as a going away present. We designed a T-shirt for him aT-shirt as a going away present. We designed a T-shirt for him. We have looked up Notre Dame’s licenses. We sent the image to a local T-shirt printing company to have it made into a T-shirt. We were surprised to receive a letter from Notre Dame licensing department, asking us to check with the Notre Dame licensing department. A lady from the department phoned us and flat out said we couldn’t have our image printed, despite the fact that we were making a T-shirt as a going away present.

i guess it was inevitable that the leprechaun mascot of Notre Dame would be deemed offensive to someone sooner or later. While Howley can speak about the indignity endured by the Irish who are portrayed as Quiet Man cast members by the tourist board, I can speak about the significance of the Fighting Irish mascot to Americans of Irish ancestry.

First, it is important to remember that a spot is not chosen for the positive characteristics that the athletes are called upon to emulate. It is chosen because of the negative characteristics that the athletes carry into their competitions. No school chose an Irish term to be disrespectful. While a leprechaun is a mythical creature, the leprechaun of Notre Dame is an American symbol, not an Irish one. Americans who were raised by Irish immigrants take pride in the unprecidented dominance of Notre Dame in so many areas. It’s an elite institution for the 21st century, not for the previous one. It is not a symbol that the athletes are called upon to emulate. It is a symbol that the athletes carry into their competitions. No school chose an Irish term to be disrespectful. While a leprechaun is a mythical creature, the leprechaun of Notre Dame is an American symbol, not an Irish one. Americans who were raised by Irish immigrants take pride in the unprecidented dominance of Notre Dame in so many areas. It’s an elite institution for the 21st century, not for the previous one. It is not a symbol that the athletes are called upon to emulate. It is a symbol that the athletes carry into their competitions.

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Celebrate Africa Week

This coming week, April 2-8, is Africa Week at Notre Dame. Sponsored by the Africa Faith and Justice Network, Africa Week is intended to generate dialogue about a range of issues concerning the African continent. For instance, topics covered during this year’s Africa Week include genocide, agricultural trade, famine, terrorism and war. Unfortunately, this sampling paints a rather gloomy portrait of the African situation. However, it is possible that through discussion, we might come to understand the ways that we are called to respond — ways in which we might unite with the peoples of Africa. In fact, unity is the theme of this year’s Africa Week. But going above and beyond unity is also important. The theme is only meaningful to us if we can speak about the beauty in African cultures, narratives and histories — to see hope and optimism where we might otherwise become discouraged. One aspect of Africa Week that highlights this aspect of unity well is Akira Nite, sponsored by the African Students Association, to be held on Friday, April 8. In addition, T-shirts will be sold in the dining halls and in LaFortune at the beginning of the week so that others might become visibly aware of our solidarity with the peoples of Africa.

Lastly, posters and other flyers around campus will announce the dates and locations of various lectures and panels being held in honor of Africa Week. As students at Notre Dame, we must understand this means to unite — whether on campus or the field. We must consider taking part in Africa Week and demonstrating unity with the peoples of Africa in both in celebration and in consideration of the many obstacles that they continue to face.

Katie Hausworth
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February 28
Multi-talented rock star reloads with 'Gun'

By CHRIS MCGRADDY
Assistant Scene Editor

Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, and Ben Harper manage to do this and more. Fans figured the success carned to an abrupt halt after management disputes resulted in over seven years without a decent release. The Atlanta-based quintet, however, has decided to mix it up. He creates not for the masses, not for commercial success, but for the very joy of creation. He creates for the joy of singing and writing, of making something that will inspire both him and others. This is the basis of Harper's greatness. Harper is also inspired on the song "Youth." Originally written by Hornsby, this track is an eight-minute blues, rock and soul jam session that will inspire millions to strap on an air guitar and rock out. The song shows all the facets of Harper's range in guitar as well as vocals, and is an auditory testament to his skill. The CD opens with "Better Way," a catchy, upbeat tune about faith in oneself and one's ability to succeed despite setbacks. Even at one point when Harper's gentle voice turns to screaming, he makes it work.

"Black Rain" is a song about the destruction in New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina and speaks of Harper's feelings about the current government. "This government's business is straight up sadistic," Harper says, speaking of government's handling of one of the worst natural disasters in America's history. "Please Don't Talk About Murder While I'm Eating" is a song that is clearly inspired by Jimi Hendrix, and succeeds in this light. Harper is an idealistic soul that will bring a feeling of warmth to the heart of listeners. The second CD of the LP is completely different from the first. Entitled "Better Way," Harper shirks his acoustic guitar for the majority of the songs, giving the second half of both Sides of the Gun a new vibe. This CD is primarily a mix of blues, funk and soul. While some of the tracks will remind the listener Hendrix's recent guitar solos, others will inspire thoughts of Blue's Traveler's jam sessions. Perhaps the song that most impressively shows Harper's versatility in the final track "Serve Your Soul." This song is an eight-minute blues, rock and soul jam session that will inspire millions to strap on an air guitar and rock out. The song shows all the facets of Harper's range in guitar as well as vocals, and is an auditory testament to his skill. Sharp, soulful and soulful, Harper fuses his music with originality and sincerity. In doing so, he is a breath of fresh air in an otherwise stale musical environment.

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Multi-talented rock star reloads with 'Gun'

By RYAN MILLIGAN
Scene Co-Editor

Throughout the nineties, Collective Soul found consistent success and rose above many other grunge rock groups attempting to do the same. Fans figured the success came to an abrupt halt after management disputes resulted in over seven years without a decent release. The Atlanta-based quintet, however, has decided to mix it up. Whenever a rock group decides to collaborate with an orchestra, it always seems to be either a work of art or an absolute failure. Fortunately, Collective Soul is not Metallica so the former applies in this case. Listeners know the group has always relied heavily on strings to produce most of their chart-toppers. So when it was announced that Collective Soul would put on a live performance with the

"Home"

Collective Soul
El Music Group

Recommended tracks: 'December,' 'The World I Know,' 'Better Now' and 'Shine'

Rock band proves there's no place like 'Home'

By RYAN MILLIGAN
Scene Co-Editor

Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra, it was naturally assumed that the two would go well together. The end result is by no means a disappointment. "Home" is a two-disc set that includes all of Collective Soul's greatest hits, now enhanced by an orchestra consisting entirely of teenagers, along with a couple of hidden gems. Right off the bat, listeners can hear just how effective the collaboration is, as a brief but effective orchestral introduction is followed up with "Counting the Days" — one of the group's most recent radio hits. The enthusiasm of the crowd also plays an important factor, and it continues to do so throughout the album.

Frontman Ed Roland is clearly at the top of his game during the entire performance. Occasionally labeled as one of the most underrated vocalists of the '90s, he puts listeners in their seats as the group boils out "December." The supporting cast is just as solid. Newly acquired lead guitarist Joel Kosche made his presence felt during the recording of "Youth," and continues to satisfy with fast-paced riffs in tracks such as "Precious Declaration" and "Heavy." Probably the most entertaining track is "Better Now," which was extended from its original version in "Youth." Originally just over three minutes in length, the live version goes on for over seven minutes. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as it gives the youngsters plenty of time to show off their talents. Once again, Roland does not have to make much of an attempt to get the crowd up and cheering, due to the fact that "Better Now" is one of the most uplifting, upbeat songs that Collective Soul has ever released. The decision to employ the whole message of optimism "Break the news to me/I've got to shut up / Oh I'm feeling better now" and hearing it performed live only seems to magnify it.

Now, this being said, however, the songs that paved the path for Collective Soul prove to be the most captivating in "Home." Fans opened the hit "The World I Know" can already appreciate what an inspirational song it is, and that it relies on violins to strike emotional chords in listeners. Now backed by a full-fledged orchestra, the result is something amazing. "Shine," which marked the group's first reign at the top of the charts back in 1994, is another track that in many ways improves upon the studio version. Vocally, Roland is at his absolute best in the finale, singing his heart out to end an incredible performance.

It is not clear as to where Collective Soul plans to go from here. They made a successful comeback and continue to flaunt their originality, but history shows that in the music business, second winds do not last as long as listeners may hope. Regardless of what happens, "Home" proves Collective Soul has made its mark.
CD REVIEWS

Minneapolis rapper breaks a leg in latest 'Audition'

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

Secret Machines does not sound like they're from Dallas. They don't even sound like they're from America, as their cleanly processed and deliberately uttered rock music has a more European sound.

But the Machines have been doing their thing in Texas since the critically acclaimed release of "September 000" (2002). Singer Brandon Curtis's mature and wistful vocals reign over guitars, percussion and electronic effects, mashed together to produce an epic wave of sound like they're from America, as their cleanly processed and deliberately mastered the hip-hop albums since Kanye West's "Late Registration." But no matter who is playing on P.O.S.' team behind the mic or on the board, it works. The beats have a good variety of flow, such as the gangster-style delivery of "Half-Cocked Concepts" and the more dramatic and personal "Safety in Speed (Heavy Metal)." P.O.S. uses all sorts of production styles.

Some tunes have a rock 'n' roll feel, with elaborate electric guitar progressions and well-structured choruses like N.E.R.D. productions. Others are straight up hip-hop beats with turntables, bass and minimal instrumentation, similar to Cage tunes. Other songs celebrate old school soul with horn samples like Kanye's jams. Some include goofy insults and a lighter feeling that reminds the listener of Eminem ("You drink Fresca? You're fired."). He showcases all the weapons in his arsenal successfully in just over 45 minutes.

P.O.S. is a rare breed of a multidimensional rapper. In "P.O.S. Is Ruining My Life," he shows off his talent as he spits lines as fast as Twista or Busta Rhymes, without disrupting the fragile balance of the music. Much like other Rhymesayers label artists, the lyrics are clever, even when they're about trivial movies: "The posters in the lobby of the theater call it 'Predator!'. I called it weak and unwatchable / Carl Weathers and two future governors, that's really unacceptable / We've gotta stop falling for these double speakers from these double features / We've gotta keep 'em in the theaters."

"Audition" is an album for the open-minded hip-hop aficionados. P.O.S. gives the listener a taste of his life in its entirety on each track with samples of punk rock, a political conscience and plenty of lyrical talent.

Loaded with talented artists such as Atmosphere, I Self Divine, MF Doom and Brother Ali, Rhymesayers offers some of the best hip-hoppers available out there. P.O.S. is a worthy addition among the ranks of some of the more unconventional rappers who have already established themselves on the hip-hop scene.

Unfortunately, the album does have its weak points. For example, the tracks "Bush League Psyche-Out Staff" and "The Kill in Me" definitely don't live up to the quality of the rest of the album. However, for the most part, eclectic up-and-coming rapper P.O.S. performs very well in his most recent "Audition."

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NBA

Wade drops 37 to close gap in comeback win over Toronto

Harrington's 23 and late 3s from Stojakovic not enough as Hawks sweep Pacers for first time in over 20 seasons

Associated Press

TORONTO — Dwyane Wade played so well that he earned a kiss from Pat Riley. Wade scored 16 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, and the Miami Heat overcame the absence of injured Shaquille O'Neal to beat the Toronto Raptors 98-94 on Wednesday night.

O'Neal missed the game because of a hyperextended left knee, but Wade rallied Miami from a 16-point deficit.

As his All-Star guard walked to the dressing room afterward, Riley kissed him on the back of the neck.

"He's incredible," Riley said. "He has no fear at the end and he simply wants to be put in that position. He was a way of coach Riley being the emotional guy that he is." Wade was a way of making plays, he's just incredible. A humble Wade laughed about the kiss.

"I put on OK day-in, especially in the second half. That's just Coach Riley being the emotional guy that he is," Wade said.

Miami trailed by as many as 16 in the third period, but Wade scored 10 straight points as Miami went on a 16-4 run to take its first lead since early in the first.

"We crossed over Mike James, put the ball behind his back and made a layup and drew the foul before converting the free throw to give Miami a one-point lead with 3:28 left," Wade said. "I knew what Magic Johnson could do. I watched TV. Even when you got three channels, they're on TV." Wade scored the victory with six free throws in the final minute.

His two free throws made it 92-89 lead with a minute left, but Eric Williams tied it with two free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt.

Atlanta 94, Indiana 93

Peja Stojakovic is glad Indiana has no more games this season against the Atlanta Hawks.

"I know we've lost to them twice since I've been here, and I know they lost to them twice before," Stojakovic said. "It's a problem when they go small, because everyone is the same size and it confuses us offensively.

At Harrington had 23 points and eight rebounds, and the Hawks snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Pacers on Wednesday night.

The Hawks kept Stojakovic — who got 37 points in the final 4:04 — from touching the ball on the Pacers' final possessions to complete a sweep of the season series from Indiana for the first time since the 1984-85 season.

"For some reason, we have more mistakes with Stojakovic said of the last possession. "It caused a little confusion on offense. We shouldn't have put ourselves in that position."

Jermal O'Neal made a turnaround jumper with five seconds remaining, and Fred Jones tipped a pass to Jamaal Tinsley that could've given the Indiana Pacers an 89-87 lead.

Tinsley, however, was defended tightly and decided to pass to Jones at the top of the key. Jones' off-balanced shot was off the right wing.

"We had some time but they smothered us," Indiana coach Larry Bird said. "We'll look back and kick ourselves about what could have been, but the guys fought. They think some of our guys carried the victories against us."

Cleveland 107, Dallas 94

LeBron James was in seventh gear late in the game as Cleveland Cavaliers' players defeated the Dallas Mavericks 107-94.

"I was a Bulls fan — all Michael Jordan back then. I'm all Cavs now," James said.

Hawks forward Al Harrington, middle, is fouled by Pacers guard Anthony Johnson, left, in Atlanta's 94-93 win Wednesday night.

Johnson helped end the NBA's third-longest playoff drought by scoring 46 points in a victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night, clinching Cleveland's first postseason berth since 1998.

The league's brightest young star, the 26-year-old from Akron, Ohio, scored in double figures for the first time in his three years with the Cavaliers. James said he was pleased, especially after missing the playoffs by one point in each of his first two seasons.

"I've always felt since I was drafted here that I was going to light it up like Vegas," James said. "I said that on day one. Once I got drafted, you know I wasn't slow progress, but it takes a few years to put a building up in Vegas, too."

The Cavaliers were low-key about their accomplishment, leaving the court without celebrating.

"We have bigger goals than that," Cavaliers' coach Mike Brown said. "If the fans want to celebrate and the city wants to celebrate, that's fine. We expected to be in the playoffs."

Detroit 101, Philadelphia 91

With a balanced, dominant and deep roster, Detroit swept the Philadelphia 76ers 101-91.

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince each scored 18 points to lead the Detroit Pistons over the slumping Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

The Pistons scored a two-game losing streak and handed the Sixers, who lost 11 of their last 13 games, their sixth straight loss.

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"Everybody's playing together, everybody's playing in sync," Ben Wallace said. "That's all we can ask for right now."

Boston 123, New York 98

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Welcome!

This coming Sunday, these 13 candidates for Full Communion will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic community.
around the dial

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San Francisco left fielder Barry Bonds swings at a pitch during a 6-4 win over Colorado Friday. Bonds is under investigation for steroid use.

MLB will hunt possible steroid users

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire U.S. Senate majority leader George Mitchell to lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported Wednesday by ESPN, comes in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks that he was evaluating how to respond to the book.

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a former Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999.

Mitchell's possible involvement was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The name of a lawyer who will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be announced.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used prior to Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

It will only comment on things about Barry's on-field performance or conduct.

ESPN2 will launch the probe, first announced. Under pressure from Congress, baseball toughened penalties last year and again this season, when an initial positive test will result in a 50-game suspension. Twelve players, including Rafael Palmeiro, were suspended for 10 days each following positive tests last year.

In Brief

Eighteen-year-old shines at NASDAQ-100 Open

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - A native of Russia and a citizen of France, Tatiana Golovin also enjoys a home-court advantage in South Florida. And she's making the most of it at the NASDAQ-100 Open.

The 18-year-old Golovin earned a berth in the semifinals by sweep­ ing the last five games Wednesday to beat Zheng Jie 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Golovin was born in Moscow, and her family lives in Strasbourg, France. She began training part-time in Florida at age 7, moved last fall to Miami and practiced over the winter at Key Biscayne with Andy Roddick's former coach, Tarik Benhabiles.

"It feels really nice to be driving your car to the courts, sleeping in your own bed, knowing everything around," she said. "I just know the courts well, and I know the conditions and the wind."

Texas Tech looks to replace head coach Sharp

LUHBORGH, Texas - Texas Tech officials have called a news confer­ ence about the women's basketball program for Thursday, a day after Purdue coach Kristy Curry wrapped up a visit to the campus.

Tech officials would not comment beyond what was in the release. The school is looking for a replacement for Marsha Sharp, who announced last month she was resigning after 24 seasons as head coach.

Curry met with senior athletic department officials and toured the campus during a visit to Lubbock on Tuesday and part of Wednesday. Lady Raider spokes­ woman Tammie Hoffman said.

Last week, Texas Tech contacted Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke seeking permission to talk to Curry about the head coaching job. Purdue granted that request.

Sixteen-year-old Wie to play LPGA tour event

SAN FRANCISCO - Michelle Wie tumbled out of the cart before it stopped 15 feet away to the right of the pin. It stopped 15 feet away to the right of the pin.

She was only trying to stay warm on a chilly Wednesday morning in the desert.

Her final practice round for the Kraft Nabisco Championship, her first LPGA Tour major as a professional, began at 6:30 a.m., giving her enough time to squeeze in nine holes at Mission Hills before the pro-am came through.

If she was cold, much less sleepy, it didn't show.

Her fourth full swing was a 4-iron from 204 yards on the Par-5 11th, struck cleanly and with such control that it stopped 15 feet away to the right of the pin.

Each tournament is an evaluation of her game, and her decision to turn pro the last October, six days before her 16th...
Other Final Four teams looking for a share of the spotlight

Florida, UCLA and LSU overshadowed by No. 11-seed Patriots

Associated Press
Florida, LSU and UCLA each have one seemingly impossible task this weekend — trying to steal some attention from the darlings of the Final Four.

"In the NCAA tournament, there are two things people love to see — a Cinderella story and a team that is so powerful and explosive they look invincible," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

There’s just so much parity now and the margin for error is so slight among the teams.

In any other year, the three other teams headed to Indy might have taken the role as the surprise teams.

Florida (31-6) made it here despite starting four seniors, losing its top three scorers from a year ago and lacking the veteran poise it usually takes to make a Final Four run.

LSU (27-8) is even younger — and further ahead of schedule. After Brandon Bass declared for the NBA draft last spring many in Bayou country thought the Tigers were likely at least a year away from such a deep tournament run. Coach John Brady made sure they didn’t waste the opportunity and reached the Final Four after taking down both top-seeded Duke and second-seeded Texas.

UCLA (27-10), of course, is hoping to add some championship trophies as John Wooden, the godfather of the program, watches from home.

Only one coach coming to Indy — Donovan — has ever led his own team to college basketball’s most glamorous event. The storyline spans the generations from Wooden to Donovan, and from the senior-laden team of George Mason to the newcomers at LSU and Florida.

All of them, though, have been overshadowed by this mid-major.

"In this day and age with the mid-majors being pretty talented, and they can throw a couple of seniors or fifth-year seniors at you, that’s a big advantage," Brady said. "I’ve never had the chance to coach a talented senior at LSU because they’re usually gone early."

To steal the show this week, one of the three big-name teams will have to beat George Mason.

"Florida gets the first crack Saturday night and I know he’ll face as great a challenge in winning as he will getting fan support," Donovan said. "They’ve proven that with what they did against Connecticut and Michigan State and North Carolina. I’m excited for George Mason and it’s great for college basketball."

But the real test will be whether George Mason can continue its quest by beating the odds and producing the final chapter in what would easily become the greatest tournament title run in history.

"They play college basketball the way they should play it," Donovan said. "We’re looking at this game as playing one of the best teams in the United States of America because that is what they are."
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Hoosiers hire Sampson to replace Mike Davis

Former Sooners coach addresses violations, winning at pep rally

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana fans greeted new Hoosiers coach Kelvin Sampson with a standing ovation. His next job is keeping them on their feet.

Sampson took over one of America's most prestigious basketball schools Wednesday and quickly promised to keep Indiana's tradition intact by doing three things: graduating players, running a clean program and winning titles.

"I went to Indiana for one reason: I think you can win championships at Indiana," Sampson said. "I think together we can do some special things at Indiana University."

With his wife Karen, daughter Lauren and son Kellen watching from the front row, a couple of hundred eager students burst into a chant of "Hoo, Hoo, Hoosiers" on cue.

But even as Sampson signed a seven-year deal that pays an average of $1.5 million annually — what athletic director Rick Greenspan believes is the richest deal for a coach in school history — Sampson's emotions covered a wide swath.

First, he thanked Oklahoma's president, athletic director and fans for their support over the past 12 seasons.

Then he sent an optimistic message about returning the Hoosiers' program to glory after the past 12 seasons. He also had a word for the players, running a clean program and winning titles.

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"I'm going to listen to coach, but I'm weighing my options," he said. "I got to see what's best for me. ... I'm my own man and Robert's his own man."

Herbert and Greenspan, who conducted the five-week search, insisted Sampson was the right man for the pressure-filled job.

Greenspan praised Sampson's ability to produce hard-nosed, disciplined, unselfish teams that win consistently.

Herbert took another tack, emphasizing Sampson's ability to return Indiana as one of the nation's premier basketball programs — something Sampson helped Oklahoma do.

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Patriots are enjoying role as nation's underdogs

George Mason's run drawing comparisons to 'Hoosiers', Jon Jovi

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. -- America's favorite new underdogs held one fast pep rally Wednesday and departed for the land of knockouts.

A bit of a stretch? Well, if George Mason coach Jim Larranaga had his way, his team would be practicing at the actual gym where that movie was set.

"It's not available the day we need it," Larranaga said.

The shutout at Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University, where Mason High beat mighty Muscle Central in the Indiana state title game in 1954 -- is probably the first thing that hasn't gone just right for Mason.

Owners vote to curtail endzone celebrations

Sharpies and sit-ups out, 'Riverdancing' and dunking allowed

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. -- As a series of plays from the 2005 season flashed on the screen at the NFL meetings, people began to yawn.

Examples of "down by contact" or minor penalties led to illegal procedure calls just weren't attention grabbers.

They woke up quickly when a tape came up showing Cincinnati's Chad Johnson catching a touchdown pass from Carson Palmer, then picking up a pylon and putting the football from the back line of the end zone.

"He has a better stroke than I have," said supervisor of officials Mike Pereira, who was overseeing the video session.

Entertaining as Johnson's putt looked, it won't happen again -- at least not without repercussions.

NFL owners voted 29-3 Tuesday to limit end zone demonstrations, including those using props such as Johnson's pylon putt or Terrell Owens' Sharpie signing; or another Owens specialty, sit-ups after a score.

Moves like that will now draw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Also banned: Johnson's pylon putt or Terrell Owens' Sharpies and sit-ups.

Larranaga understands why Mason would actually be practicing at the Indiana state title game in 1954.

"It's a Hollywood story already," guard Lamar Butler said. "If anybody wants to make a movie, come see me. I'll play my part. I'm a good actor. I can make a serious face."

Larranaga was hired by George Mason on April Fool's Day in 1997. On Saturday, nine years to the day, he'll face Florida for a spot in the championship game.
NCAA LACROSSE

Duke students calling for tougher sanctions on lacrosse

Team suspended from play until legal matter is resolved, officials said

Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C. — The president of Duke University met Wednesday with students who feel his suspension of the lacrosse team during a rape investigation was not enough, urging them to be patient while police look into the matter.

"I don't want to say I'm satisfied, but I will say that what happened in there makes me feel like we're moving in a good direction," sophomore Bridgette Howard said after the roughly hourlong session.

The meeting between President Richard Brodhead and a few dozen students was closed to all media except Duke's student newspaper.

Brodhead suspended the high-ranked team from play until the school learns more about accusations that team members attacked an exotic dancer hired to perform at an off-campus party. The alleged victim, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, has told police she was pulled into a bathroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men at a March 13 party, where she and another dancer were hired to perform.

Police collected DNA samples with a cheek swab from 46 members of the lacrosse team last week, the 47th player, the only black member, wasn't tested because the victim said her attackers were white.

No one has been charged, and the team's captains have said the tests will clear players.

Police said three players who live at the house where the party took place spoke with investigators and voluntarily provided samples March 16. A scheduled meeting between detectives and the rest of the team was later canceled by the players' attorney, and District Attorney Mike Nifong said Wednesday the players still refuse to speak with investigators.

News of the attack has sparked days of protest at Duke and in Durham, culminating Tuesday in Brodhead's decision to suspend the team. He stressed the suspension was not a punishment, but a response to the inappropriate nature of playing while the investigation is ongoing.

Those comments led about 100 students to approach Brodhead after Tuesday night's announcement and demand his administration deliver a stronger response.

"We understand that the legal system is that you are innocent until proven guilty," said sophomore Kristin High. "But people are nervous and afraid that these people are going to get away with what they did because of a wealthy privilege, or male privilege, or a white privilege."

Their protests led to Wedneday's meeting inside the campus' black cultural center, where participants said Brodhead urged patience as police continue to investigate.

Graduate student Michelle Christian complained Duke is continuing to downplay the alleged attack.

"They need presidents, they need administrators, they need faculty, to tell them that it was wrong behavior and that they are not going to be coddled because they are athletes, because they come from privileged backgrounds, because they have money," Christian told Durham's WTV-DTV.

Later in the day, sophomore Jeff Shaw wore a Duke lacrosse T-shirt on campus in support of his friends on the team.

"Even if it's true, it's three guys and unfortunately, this is going to be a label the team is going to carry," Shaw said.
ND Women’s Tennis

Irish suffer first loss of season to Vanderbilt

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After beginning the season 16-0 — the best start in school history — No. 2 Notre Dame suffered its first defeat of the year, a 4-3 loss at No. 11 Vanderbilt Wednesday.

"It was definitely a hard loss for us because of it being the first one of the season," Irish junior Catrina Irish said. "But we're going to look past it and focus on finishing out the year strong.

Despite the loss, Notre Dame won the doubles point for the seventeenth straight meet. The Irish swept all three doubles matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish was the No. 3 pairing of junior All-American twins Catrina and Christian Thompson, who improved their record to 11-2 this season. The sisters needed a comeback to top Amanda Fish and Amanda Taylor.

Following them at No. 2 was the No. 29 pairing of sophomore Brooke Buck and freshman Keiley Tefft. The duo clinched the point for the team with a 9-7 victory over Take Bertrand and Caroline Ferrell.

The No. 3 team for Notre Dame was the senior pairing of Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly. Stastny and Connelly downed Commodores Courtney Uelry and Liberry Sveke 8-4 to complete the doubles sweep for Notre Dame. The Irish junior girls improved their record to 16-0 despite their only loss coming last Friday to Iowa's Merel Beelen and Katie Bertrand.

"I know it was going to be a tough match and tried to stay positive [throughout the contest]," Thompson said. "She just played really well.

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Vanderbilt then evened the score 2-2 when No. 20 Fish defeated No. 30 Catrina Thompson 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1.

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— leaving the No. 3 singles match as the deciding contest.

Back, the underdog against No. 75 Taylor, kept the match close but lost, 7-4 (13-11), 7-4 (7-4), to give Vanderbilt the 4-3 win.

"We are hoping to rebound quickly because we have several upcoming matches," Thompson said. "We have had a great start (this season) and we just need to look past this loss.

The Irish return home to face Eastern Michigan this Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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FOOTBALL

Aldridge ‘nicked up,’ will practice

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame running back James Aldridge is participating in spring practice despite being "nicked up," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said after the team's fifth practice of the spring Wednesday.

"I've kind of held him out a little bit," Weis said. "It's like one of those things where you get a guy coming in here and he's a little sore. I just want to be precautionary because sometimes when a guy gets something you think its nothing, you have to make sure it's nothing before you put him back out there. I'm going to err on the side of caution in the spring.

Aldridge, who finished with 3,808 all-purpose yards at Merrillville High School in Crown Point, Ind., enrolled early to gain time at running back with Merrillville High School in Crown Point, Ind., enrolled early to gain time at running back with

rising junior Darius Walker and rising senior Travis Thomas — both of whom have two years of eligibility remaining. In his career, Walker has rushed for 1,982 yards and 16 touchdowns, while Thomas has 273 yards and five touchdowns.

"Aldridge is going to have to fight an uphill battle because this is going to be great competition at this running back position," Weis said. "I mean you've got your two guys to handle the position, they are back and back for another year after that, so he's got his work cut out for him.

Weis has also used Aldridge as a kick returner in spring practice.

Kicking team practices outdoors

Notre Dame’s practice on Carter Field Wednesday was the first outdoor workout of the spring. Weis said he waited to take the team outside until the grass was long enough to avoid injuries.

Weis said the outdoor practice was important for practicing kickoff returns, an area of concern he addressed at the team’s spring media day March 21.

"It’s tough to get the full field going and the height of the ball and the timing of the (blocking) wedge," Weis said.

Weis said he focused on the wedge in addition to auditioning new kickoff returners.

"I'm looking for guys that can run fast and are new to the position," he said.

At Wednesday’s practice, early-enrollee receiver George West and rising junior corner-back Terrail Lambert returned kicks.

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SCM SOFTBALL

Belles split doubleheader

Amram strikes out school-record 13 in win over Manchester

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman pitcher Kristin Amram wanted to even the score with conference rival Manchester after the Spartans took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning of the second game against Manchester Wednesday. The Belles answered in the first set of her match against the Spartans in the third, but that was all Amram would surrender.

Saint Mary's captain Bridget Grahl, middle, makes a play during a 10-5 loss to Albion April 6, 2005. Grahl had a double in the fifth inning of the second game against Manchester Wednesday.

Amram struck out the Spartans first three batters and never looked back. Saint Mary's immediately got on the board in the bottom of the first when freshman outfielder Bretta Corrigan each knocked in two runs and Amram finished off the inning with a solo home run.

Belles picked up valuable experience as they faced some of the best players in the conference on Wednesday. Fox has won the MIAA championship the last three years, and she has only lost one singles match in her conference career.

Despite the loss, Palombo said the Belles picked up offensively. "We're going to go back and regroup for our upcoming conference matches," Palombo said.

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SMC TENNIS

Hope snaps win streak in conference contest

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to conference powerhouse Hope College 6-4 at No. 1. Flying Dutch freshman Samantha Stille topped Belles junior Kelly McDevitt 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 and Hope junior Amy Norris beat Saint Mary's sophomore Tara O'Brien 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, the Flying Dutch team of Fox and Stille topped Mary's sophomores Tara O'Brien and Stacie Mowery 6-3, 6-0. Despite the loss, Palombo said the Belles picked up valuable experience as they faced some of the best players in the conference on Wednesday. Fox has won the MIAA championship the last three years, and she has only lost one singles match in her conference career.

That loss came last year to Saint Mary's top singles player — Palombo. "We're going to go back and regroup for our upcoming conference matches," Palombo said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Booth fans five in extra-inning shutout of Falcons

Lenn's double in 11th inning gives Irish 1-0 victory at Ivey Field

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn's timing could not have been better.

Her two-out double in the bottom of the 11th gave the Irish their only run of the game, as she drove in freshman Alexandra Kotcheff from first to give the Irish (14-10) a 1-0 win over Bowling Green (17-10) Wednesday.

Notre Dame made two quick outs before Kotcheff landed a dying quail just between the infielders and outfielders. That hit set up Lenn's game-winning RBI double.

Lenn's late inning heroics drove in the game-winning run for Notre Dame, but it was starting pitcher Heather Booth's performance in the circle that provided the Irish with energy throughout the game.

Booth pitched all eleven innings, struck out five and gave up three hits. She was perfect through 4.1 innings until Falcons designated hitter Wendy Sheehan hit a fourth inning bloop single.

"Heather pitched great today," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She led the team on and off the field and kept the momentum our way."

Booth worked all her pitches effectively against Bowling Green hitters, using a combination of change-ups and breaking balls. The first scoring threat from either team came in the top of the seventh when the Falcons had runners at the corners with one out. Booth worked her way out of the jam by striking out the next two batters.

Notre Dame rallied in the seventh, loading the bases with only one out before back-to-back groundouts to third ended the inning and sent the game to extra-innings.

Booth showed her dominance over Bowling Green hitters in the four extra innings, Gumpf said.

The senior surrendered only one hit in the extra frames — a single that second baseman Megan McPherson tried to stretch into a double before being tagged out in a rundown. The other base runners allowed by Booth after the seventh all failed to reach second base, as two were gunned down by Mallorie Lenn in attempts to steal and a third was forced out on a fielder's choice to second base.

"We definitely had our ups and downs, but we kept playing good softball," Booth said. "The box score won't show it, but we had a lot of good at bats and the defense played phenomenal.

Notre Dame threatened to score again in the ninth with a leadoff double by Stephanie Brown. Kotcheff followed her with what appeared to be the game winning hit, as the throw from Bowling Green left fielder Allison Vallas got past third baseman Gina Rango, allowing Brown to cross the plate.

But the third base umpire reversed the call as Brown was called with player interference.

Booth worked quickly in the 11th, keeping the game a scoreless tie before Lenn's game winner in the bottom half.

Gumpf said Notre Dame's late-inning success was the result of hard playing throughout the game.

"We had to keep the intensity high if we were going to win this game against one of the best bowling Green teams I've seen," Gumpf said. "We know how bad we can be without our intensity, and they know they have to stay focused."

The 11-inning contest marked the longest win of the season for Notre Dame and the longest ever for the team in Gumpf's five years as Irish coach.

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Notre Dame begins its Big East schedule Saturday at 4 p.m. against Connecticut on Ivey Field.

"After an emotional win like this one, I think we are ready to go into the Big East and kick some butt," Booth said.

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season will be a third Big East senior participating in the event. Butler guard Bruce Horan (41.3 percent) and Illinois guard Dee Brown (32.1 percent) will also take part in the contest.

Quinn becomes the third Notre Dame men's basketball player to compete in the 3-point shooting event. Notre Dame guard Martin Inglesby (2001) and forward David Graves (2002) are the other two.

Quinn earned first team All-Big East honors during his career season. He was a CBS Sportsline.com third-team All-American and an Associated Press honorable mention All-American.

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27. And the lefty's performance against the Broncos Wednesday was a good start given Notre Dame's lack of run production. The Irish scored only two runs on eight hits and left seven runners on base.

"We don't have that much margin for error for us to be a great offensive team," Malone said. "It wasn't that we didn't hit great, we just didn't take advantage of a couple of opportunities.

The Irish scored a run in the first inning for the seventh consecutive game. Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper doubled down the first base line on the game's first pitch and moved to third on a bunt single by Notre Dame third baseman Bret Lilley. Cooper then scored on a single by Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes. Notre Dame picked up a second run in the bottom of the first inning when Dick Fowler Danny Dressman singled to left field, where Bronco outfielder Kyle O'Brien was a double. The Irish allowed the ball, allowing the Irish junior to make a comeback steal at second. Notre Dame designated hitter Ross Brezovsky, drove in a run with an infield single.

Western Michigan starter Ryan Free went six complete innings, allowing both Irish runs on seven hits. He was replaced by freshman lefty Bill Morrison, who pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

Notes:

The complete game shoutout was Notre Dame's third since 2002, when J.P. Gagne went the distance against BYU. Then Thue record-

"I've learned a lot from [Thue], he's like the team's veteran see. "I like the philosophy he uses of going hard to the cage and letting things happen."*

Irish pitchers have not allowed an earned run in 29 consecutive innings, a streak that dates back to a 12-2 victory over Georgetown Saturday.

* Notre Dame will play Pittsburgh in a Big East contest at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Fieldhouse. Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy will participate in the event, which will also take place at the Fieldhouse. Notre Dame guard Joey Kemp, left; prepares to save a shot during Notre Dame’s 12-8 victory over Brown Wednesday. Kemp had 10 saves in the win.

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"Kemp! definitely bailed us out in the first quarter," Driscoll said.

Driscoll — a defender — said his unit's play improved over the course of the game. "I think we came out and we settled down," Driscoll said. "We buckled down and we got the ball out of guys' hands after the first quarter." Driscoll forced several Brown 12-5 turnovers with big hits, jarring balls loose — and on one occasion a player's stick.

With the Irish up 3-1 with six minutes left in the first half, Driscoll forced a second turnover in as many minutes. Three minutes later, Irish senior midfielder Matt Karweek converted that possession into a goal that Brown would never recover from. Taking the ball from the left rear of net, Karweek faked one way and won the grounders' stick. Driscoll slipped around the goal and made something happen and get our team rolling," Driscoll said. "All week in practice we've been talking about going hard to the cage and making something happen."

Matt Karweek Irish midfileder

"If we play like today and take care of business, good things will happen." D. J. Driscoll

Irish defenseman

"Watching that play develop, I had no idea what he was trying to do," Driscoll said. "I was back on defense, and I was like, 'What the hell?'

"Karweek is definitely a vocal leader on our team. Seeing him get into a groove kind of fed everyone else." The Irish out-hustled and out-muscled Brown the rest of the way and won the ground-ball battle 42-31. Driscoll and Irish sophomore defen- sman Ross Zimmermann led Notre Dame with six pickups each. Senior face-off specialist Steve Dano recovered from a 2-of-15 performance against Hofstra Saturday to win 13-of-20 drops against the Bears.

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He said it is his son's fearless­ness that allows him to compete in football and boxing, both diffi­cult contact sports. From a differ­ent perspective, "I think with any of our kids here, you have to be realistic. And in this situation, which was a very unusual situation, to take this opportunity away from him would have been the wrong thing to do," Ed Zbikowski said.

Though Tommy gets home on Saturday morning, he'll get up without training or rest. From Notre Dame, he'll fight to knock off six or seven rounds with nothing," Ed Zbikowski said.

The Naval Academy as a boxer and quarterback.

Eligibility issues.

Keeping Notre Dame football a priority was an issue when Tom Zbikowski was deciding to accept the contract. A student-athlete, he was keeping him eligible for foot­ball in the fall.

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That's what we sort of have to navigate through, and ultimately, I think we're going to be fine," Ed Zbikowski said.

"Weis supported his safe­guarding Tommy's education. "I believe with him in the national cham­pionship. Fighters who have been active in charity fights, as Zbikowski has, have the program set in such a way that these guys know they can come to me and I'll work with them," Weis said. "I know that although I have Notre Dame football as my No. 1 priori­ty, I'm going to listen to each situation and try to give them an objective answer to what I think -- just as long as the kids are graduating and it's not going to ru­ble any chance of their eligibil­ity," Weis said.

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"I honestly haven't heard of it happening (on NCAA player box­ing, prof­essionally) but I can't say it hasn't," Barrett said. "It's prob­ably more common for people to play minor league baseball."

According to NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2, "a professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport."

"I'm not sure what the main difference is," Ed Zbikowski said. "The main difference is accepting endorse­ment money, said Mike Karowski, Notre Dame's associate athletic director for charge of compliance."

"(An athlete's) name, appear­ance or likeness can't be used to promote a commercial product or service," Karowski said. "And the question was if there are promo­tion items related to his sport, how does that impact him? And that's what we sort of have to navigate through, and ultimately, I think we're going to be fine," Ed Zbikowski said.

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"It's not for everyone," Weis said. "But I think if you want your kids to go to school and gradua­te and have these opportunities, you have to be willing to work with them, you have to give a little," Weis said.

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"I honestly haven't heard of it happening (on NCAA player box­ing, prof­essionally) but I can't say it hasn't," Barrett said. "It's prob­ably more common for people to play minor league baseball."

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BASEBALL

Sophomore hurler Wade Korpi fans 11 in three-hit shutout

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame sophomore Wade Korpi threw the first complete game shutout of his career Wednesday, and the Irish beat Western Michigan 2-0 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Korpi (2-1) struck out 11 — the highest total of his career — and allowed just three hits in nine innings. The southpaw starter has a 1.80 ERA with 34 strikeouts and only six walks this year.

"It was an awesome performance by Korpi," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was one of the best games you'll ever see around here." Korpi threw 77 strikes out of 114 pitches. The sophomore said his control was a result of his hard work over the season. "Last year, I used to try to nibble too much and I ran into problems," Korpi said. "Now, I feel like I can throw all my pitches for strikes."

Korpi said he relied on his change up in two-strike counts, and the change allowed him to accumulate strikeouts as the game progressed. The sophomore fanned five batters after the seventh inning.

"My change up was really good tonight," Korpi said. "That's how I got most of my strikeouts. My curveball was good, but I thought my change up was really my out pitch." Mainieri said he was happy with Korpi's strong outing but felt bad the team was unable to utilize it's bullpen.

"I would have liked to get more innings out of Korpi," Mainieri said in the game. "He didn't get to pitch last week or against Georgetown this past weekend."

Notre Dame starting pitchers Mainieri said he wants to see Korpi emerge as the team's fourth starter heading into the Big East tournament May 23-

FB: From safety to corner

Tom Zbikowski announces he will fight professionally at MSG

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Standing in the spotlight of Madison Square Garden Wednesday, Tom Zbikowski said he would make his professional boxing debut in the world's most famous arena in less than three months.

In a press conference organized by Bob Arum of Top Rank promotions, Tom Zbikowski announced he signed a contract to fight one professional match — which will be broadcasted on HBO via pay-per-view.

"I would have done this for free, just to fight in Madison Square Garden," Tom Zbikowski said Wednesday.

His heavyweight match is scheduled for June 10 at Madison Square Garden and will be the undercard for the WBO junior welterweight title fight between Miguel Cotto and Paulie Malignaggi.

Tom Zbikowski has an agreement with Top Rank Promotions for the four-round fight. Arum saw him fight a charity match on March 15 in the bar at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, Ill., when Irish safety Tom Zbikowski speaks at a news conference in New York City Wednesday, Zbikowski announced he will make his professional boxing debut at Madison Square Garden June 10.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quinn will compete in shootout

Duffy slotted to enter women's 3-point event tonight

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame guard Chris Quinn displayed his 3-point shooting ability against Big East opponents all season, and the senior will have one last opportunity to do so in front of a national audience tonight.

The Dell presents the College Basketball Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Championships will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse.

The tape-delayed event, which is part of this weekend's NCAA Men's Final Four festivities, will air tonight at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Quinn led the Irish with 17.7 points and 6.4 assists per game this season. The senior guard was 41.9 percent from 3-point range — third in the Big East behind Marquette's Doug McDermott (45.7 percent) and West Virginia guard Mike Gansey (42.9 percent).

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Irish beat Brown in non-conference game

Irish midfielder Matt Ryan cradles the ball behind the Brown net Wednesday in Notre Dame's 1-1 win at Moose Krause Stadium.

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Brown 11-3 Wednesday at Moose Krause Stadium, improving the team's record to 5-2 with one game left before its Big East schedule begins.

With a four-goal second quarter, the Irish jumped out to a 6-1 lead that the Bears (2-5) never threatened.

Paving the way for the Notre Dame's early surge was sophomore goalsey Joe Kemp, who recorded nine of his 10 saves in the first quarter — with all but one on shots coming from within 10 yards.

Kemp's .956 save percentage (No. 16 in the nation) entering the game climbed to .615 after allowing only three goals against his 10 saves.

"We got a really good game from Joey," Notre Dame senior co-captain Drew Peters said. "If we can eliminate close up shots on him, we can have a chance in any game we play."

Fellow co-captain D.J. Driscoll echoed Peters' sentiments.

NO SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 1
Bowling Green 0

Irish defeat Falcons in 11 innings in their home opener at Ivy Field.

Vanderbilt 4
Notre Dame 3

Irish suffer first loss of season in road trip to Nashville.

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame halfback James Aldridge suffered a minor injury during spring workouts.

SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's 9
Belles freshman Kristin Amaran struck out a school record 13 in the win.

SMC TENNIS

Hope 6
Saint Mary's 3

The Belles failed to extend their winning streak to three games.

MLB

Major League Baseball announced it will be investigating steroid use by San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds.

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