NDSP arrests, cites ROTC protesters

By MARCEL BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) officers arrested a man and handed arrest citations to 12 of his companions Monday after the group — which included approximately 20 members of the Catholic Worker movement from different Midwestern cities — organized an unauthorized demonstration outside the Main Building, protesting the presence of the armed forces in the Catholic University. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said George Arlinga, a Catholic Worker from St. Louis, was arrested for disorderly conduct, while nine of his fellow campaigners received arrest citations and 3 more were given trespass notices.

Earlier Monday, the group sent University President Father John Jenkins a letter urging him to discontinue Notre Dame's support of ROTC programs on campus, as these condone and advance warfare, the letter said. Father Jim Murphy from the diocese of Madison, Wis., read the letter aloud before NDSP officers escorted him away. "ROTC institutionalizes the scientific study and practice of warfare," Murphy said. "ROTC glorifies war ... and good Christians follow only the Prince of Peace." Wycliff said Monday he had not spoken to Jenkins about the letter and could not comment on Jenkins' reaction to it.

Before their demonstration at Notre Dame, Murphy and a group of Catholic Workers spent the weekend in South Bend convening for a conference and a retreat. On Sunday, the group decided to stage at Notre Dame a re-enactment of the trial of St. Marcellus, a Roman centurion who refused to take up arms in 296 A.D. after he converted to Christianity. Murphy said. Since many of the retreat participants had not yet seen a Protestant, Murphy said, they were not aware of the "more than 200 people in an armed court that convicted him and sentenced him to death," Murphy said. "We asked them to experience the pain of that," Murphy said.

Workers cause minor leak, evacuation

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

A construction crew working south of the Center for Social Concerns ruptured a gas line Monday morning, the second such incident along St. Joseph's Drive near the Hesburgh Library within two months. Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) evacuated the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) after crews caused a leak at a transition point from the gas main to a "tap" that serves the emergency generators in the library, Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

The construction crews, who were using backhoes to dig and replace the sewer line along St. Joseph's Drive, did not come close to the gas line, but in their haste to get to the job site, they ruptured the line, Kempf said. "We had to range at the CSC from the gas main to the library to the emergency generators," Kempf said.

The second incident comes in the wake of a protest against Notre Dame's role in the war in Iraq.

Resident assistants chosen for next year

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Almost every dorm has completed the selection of their RAs for the upcoming year, but the process is more complicated than it seems. There were "more than twice as many" applicants for the approximately 150 RA positions at Notre Dame, Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Residence Life staffs said. "All (27) dorms have at least a half-dozen applicants, and some have many more than that," Kirk said. "Often, halls will have a class of students that, three years later, results in a lot of candidates." Many dorms will also have at least one RA who spent the past three years in another dorm — this is decided in the application process, Kirk said. "A lot of applicants indicate that they wish to be assigned for other halls," he said. "Even if there are enough applicants from a particular hall, RAs are chosen from outside dorms to have a good balance of students across the residence halls," Kirk said. The process is more complicated than it seems.
INSIDE COLUMN

Annual cash gifts

My dad has a knack for giving strange gifts. This past Christmas, for example, my brothers and I had the great fortune of receiving the ever-practical "multi-tool"—a gadget that functions something like a Swiss army knife but, of course, better. Other holidays have brought equally peculiar presents: an old-fashioned hand warmer, coke bottle glasses, language dictionaries and miniature internation-al flags.

The list could go on, but one gift in particular has become a standard for my dad.

Over the past several years he has routinely handed us two-dollar bills on special occasions or on an off day when he is feeling particularly generous.

This gift always comes with a piece of wisdom: "Don't spend it all in one place." Packed with a hint of sarcasm, these words have become somewhat annoying because it's not that I have trouble finding a worthy investment, but that I can't bring myself to spend this money at all.

Additionally, these bills have started to accumulate as they are tucked into the depths of my room, in purses and desk drawers.

Each time I open my empty wallet, Thomas Jefferson just stares back at me.

For some time I operated under the misconception that this "rare" denomination of money was valuable. These bills do retain some value, of course—a whopping two-dollars that is—but their rarity can really only be attributed to the fact that they aren't very useful.

After doing some research, I found that what actually keeps these two-dollar bills in circulation is the frequency at which people request them. Banks only keep them in stock as long as their customers request them.

It is equally peculiar to me, however ridiculous my anxiety over these words have become somewhat, that my dad actually goes to the local bank and requests these bills from the teller's face when he says, "Can I have some Jeffersons?"

Whether he feels it is his patriotic duty to keep the two-dollar bill alive, I really cannot say but I do think that however ridiculous my anxiety over spending two dollars may be—these two-dollar bills have taken on a different sort of value for me. Just as the backside of the bill features a defining moment in U.S. history—the signing of the Declaration of Independence—my dad has found his way of preserving our own history.

No matter how many more strange gifts I receive in the future, I will always value his random thoughtfulness and his often-distorted sense of humor which are as endearing as they are unparalleled.

Although the most practical of all his gifts is the one that I simply cannot use, at least I can say I didn't spend it all in one place.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?

Alex Bess sophomore Knott Becky Hogan

"J.K. Rowling, because she undermines the Christian faith." 

Diana Harinthe sophomore McGlinn

"Dostoevsky. He makes me happy that I'm not Russian." 

Michael Wrapp freshman Alumni

"Herman Hesse, for his thought-provoking novels and social commentary." 

Blz Stohl junior LeMensa

"John Keats. Loeing the throwbacks." 

Kathy Lee junior Walsh

"Isabel Allende. I enjoy her use of language and magic." 

Mike Cianciulli freshman Alumni

"Bobby McKenna, because 'Enranced in Chaunce' is the highlight of my day." 

The Notre Dame Sailing Club practices team racing on Saint Joseph's Lake Monday.

Students across campus are taking advantage of the warm weather in outdoor activities.

OFFBEAT

Students solve a sticky situation

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Freshmen engineering students from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology earned the top award in a national challenge during Entrepreneurship Week. And it all started with Post-it Notes.

"What do you need with a sticky note?" asked Mark Wagner, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Gettysburg.

"You need a pen, so we thought we'd make a sticky note you could use without a pen," he said.

The winning idea was the Tech students' Carbon Post-it Notes. The six-member team's video shows that it only takes a coin, a finger or even a shoelace tip to write on the sticky note.

Wagner and his teammates know they won't make millions off their idea. "At first, we wondered, should we patent it? But as part of the contest, you sign away any rights to any of the products," he said.

Deer crashes through Chuck E. Cheese

SIOUX CITY, IOWA — Customers at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant got more than they bargained for when a deer crashed through the restaurant. The deer jumped through the window at the pizza restaurant at Southern Hills Mall on Sunday.

No one was hurt, said Kris Walter, a mall spokeswoman. She said a couple of guys jumped on top of the deer and held it down until officials from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources arrived.

The deer was injured but was able to be taken out of town and turned loose, Walter said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of Notre Dame's commemoration of the 21st-anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination, there will be a panel discussion today at 12:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103 about "Human Rights in El Salvador Today." The panel features Victoria Marina de Avelis, a Supreme Court Justice in El Salvador; Nerio Gonzales, a Salvadoran Catholic Church worker; Douglas Caillou, director of Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John D. French, associate professor of history at Duke University and visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute.

There will be a Ghana Reggae Coffee House tonight from 8 to 9 in the Center for Social Concerns' coffee house. The event features Don Savelle from the department of music and students Francis Insiodio and Theo Onsei-Auto.

Men's baseball will play Chicago State Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call (747) 631-7356.

Women's softball will play Toledo Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Judge Victoria Marina de Avelis will deliver a lecture entitled: El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary" Thursday at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture is in Spanish, but an English translation will be available. The event is sponsored by Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC) at the Kellogg Institute.

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

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ROTC blood drive will support troops globally

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will have an opportunity to show its appreciation to American troops worldwide by participating in Notre Dame ROTC's third-annual blood drive today and Wednesday in the Navy/SEa Wing of the Pasquerilla Center.

Lieutenant Colonel Gary Masapollo, who started ND ROTC's tri-military blood drive three years ago, said about 12 medical personnel from Fort Knox, Ky., will travel to Notre Dame to host the blood drive.

Navy ROTC cadets will also be working at the blood drive.

"It has been such a success in the past that Fort Knox likes to come back," Masapollo said. "Three years ago, they contacted us about coming up in the spring of 2005. They came in 2006, and now they are coming back in 2007."

The blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All blood donated at the drive will go to the Armed Forces Blood Bank, which supports military blood centers.

"There is a great need for blood in Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait," Masapollo said.

The blood obtained through the drive is needed not only by sailors, airmen, Marines and soldiers overseas — but it prevents the Armed Forces from having to buy blood from the American Red Cross, Masapollo said.

"I think the blood drive is a great cause, because we don't have a dedicated source of blood for the Armed Forces blood bank, and we don't like to tap into the American Red Cross system," he said.

This year Notre Dame hopes to reach its goal of 100 donated pints of blood.

"The turnout from the Notre Dame community has been terrific — it's worth it for (Fort Knox personnel) to drive five hours and stay here overnight because of the amount of blood they get from Notre Dame each year," Masapollo said.

Most of the donations come from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, but the drive has received some donations from South Bend residents in the past, Masapollo said.

"If you give a pint of blood, it could go to a sailor's kid in Japan or a soldier on the battlefield in Afghanistan," Masapollo said. "There are kids who are 20 or 21 years old who decided to go into the Army or the Marines and — God forbid they need a pint of blood — it will be there for them."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task force reports given

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

In a brief meeting consisting solely of task-force reports, committee chairs laid out plans to further existing initiatives in the Campus Life Council's (CLC) meeting Monday afternoon in LaFortune.

Input task force chair and student body president-elect Liz Brown announced the online applications to join university committees are up and running.

"We've gotten several applications already, at least 15 to 20," she said.

Students can submit an application to be part of one of seven committees, such as the University Committee for Academic Technologies or the Advisory Committee on Academics and Student Life. The committees have student representatives selected by either the University or student body president.

Additionally, after discussing wording with peer advocacy, the "du Lac Abridged" pamphlet was finalized and will be printed after price quotes are collected. The pamphlet lists some of the most commonly violated policies of the student handbook "du Lac."

Student senator and task force on student concerns chair Danny Smith will meet with ticket office director Josh Berlo next week to discuss student ticketing for the upcoming football season. He said the ticket office will be releasing some information on student ticketing fairly soon.

Smith's committee has also been researching the use of podcasting at other universities and will be able to bring some information to CLC in the near future.

Bill Andrichik, student body vice president and task force on conduct awareness chair, said the CLC-approved letter regarding the gambling task force has been sent to vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In light of CLC's discussion on pornography in the residence halls last meeting, Heather Bakocy, Gender Relations Center director, will speak to the task force next week to discuss the larger problem of the objectification of women.

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Board of Governance

Group gives funds to College fixture

Board awards co-sponsorship to help fund renovations to Dalloway’s basement space

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded $3,500 in co-sponsorship to the Dalloway’s board to help fund the renovation of the building’s basement at their final meeting of the semester before the Board welcomes its new officials April 2.

Dalloway’s Coffee House is a club house where students can do homework or attend various campus events such as crafts and music performances. The Sodexo food service provides a pasta bar, an ice cream bar and a soup and salad lunch every Monday and Wednesday.

“Right now Dalloway’s is used as just a fun place to hang out on campus,” promotion manager Felicia Lepari said. “We have been trying to get more and more people to go there and utilize the space.

The basement is currently being used as storage space for Sodexo and the Dalloway’s board, Lepari said.

“What we’re really trying to do is unify the whole space so that students can use it,” she said.

“There’s no place to really watch TV (in Dalloway’s), because if you watch TV then you are interfering with students doing homework,” communications web manager Ashley Oberst said. “We’d like to move the noisier things downstairs where you can relax and then use the upstairs to study.

The basement renovation began three years ago, when Lepari and Oberst were freshmen.

“We’ve been trying to get approval to do something with Dalloway’s basement for a long time,” Oberst said.

In Other BOG News:

* Student Diversity Board will host the movie “I Have Tourette’s, but I Don’t Have Me,” as part of their activities for Disabilities Week this Thursday at 7 p.m.

* The Junior Board is sponsoring a Bingo Night for all to participate with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the Lily O’Grady Center this Thursday at 6 p.m.

* The second annual Dance Marathon will take place April 21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Students can drop off completed packets to any hall director, or to Brittany Harrell or Kathleen Dadek at the Holy Cross front desk by Friday.

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into direct contact with the line, Kempf said. Rather, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused rupture in the transition point, “that had been failing already,” Kempf said.

The line ruptured at approximately 10 a.m., and the wind was moving northeast toward the CSC building. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said. The University “got the call” just after noon, he said.

“The gas main is made of cheaper but more durable plastic, while the ‘tags’ to the library are significantly older and made of steel, which apparently corroded over time,” Kempf said.

The incident was just an example of the inherent possible problems of construction, Wycliff said. The University had no plans to check all transition points because of the failure of one, Kempf said.

“There are older and newer parts to the system,” he said, adding that the lines are owned by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). “We aren’t going to dig up a lot of places to see if those aren’t working. A lot of the campus lines have been replaced over time.”

Still, Monday’s rupture came on the heels of a more significant gas main leak in February. The last incident occurred Feb. 12 when a backhoe working to fix a water-line break sparked a four-inch gas line. For nearly two hours, gas streamed up into the air in large amounts from a small area between Stepman Chemistry Hall, the Radiation Laboratory and the Lilly Library.

After that event, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he was concerned about “people getting hurt” in the event of any future gas main ruptures.

While the force of February’s leak sent debris and water shooting into the air, Monday’s was on a much smaller scale.

“The other one was certainly a more significant leak,” Kempf said. “It displaced a much larger amount of gas. This one you couldn’t hear, and partly because it broke away from the open hole.”

Crews first had to identify the location of the leak after smelling gas before they could uncover and fix it, Kempf said. NIPSCO crews fixed the leak by replacing a portion of the steel line with the newer plastic.

NDS director Phil Johnson said NDS works with the Office of Risk Management and Safety and the Notre Dame Fire Department to establish command at an incident like Monday’s gas leak. He said the first supervisor on the scene takes “instant command” and works to set up a perimeter.

Johnson said NDS removed its emergency-tape perimeter once NIPSCO finished it repairs.

Construction work on the site continued Monday afternoon.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British sailors held on entry charge
TEHERAN — Iran said Monday it was questioning 15 British sailors and marines to determine if their alleged entry into Iranian waters was "intentional or unintentional." Britain is deciding what to do with them - the first sign it could be seeking a way out of the standoff.

"The two countries continued to disagree about where the military personnel were seized," Britain's Defense Ministry said, referring to a clash Friday in the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway flowing into the Persian Gulf that marks the border between Iran and Iraq. But the dividing line in the waterway, known in Iran as the Arvand river, has long been disputed.

Australian terror suspect pleads guilty
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Australian terror suspect pleaded guilty Monday to a war-crime charge of providing material support to terrorism.

Hicks, a 31-year old Muslim convert, is one of 385 prisoners being held by the United States at Guantanamo, and officials plan to prosecute as many as 80 of the Guantanamo prisoners.

National News

Violations found at Pennsylvania mine
PHILADELPHIA — Federal investigators found 51 violations at a mine in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where a worker died in a methane gas explosion last year, the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said in a report released Monday.

The miners conducting the blasting that day lacked adequate ventilation, safety belts, and proper safety equipment.

Bush asked to sanction refugees
MIAMI — Five Republican congressmen presented Bush with the "Bashas at Pearl Harbor" resolution, which would consider changes in a temporary legal status for refugees.

"It's absurd to say that the Chavez government in Venezuela at this time is persecuting its own citizens," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Republican from Florida.

Local News

State may toll I-69
INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels said the state may finance the Interstate 69 extension by tolling the Indiana Toll Road. The proposal is the latest effort to find funds for a project that has been under discussion with traditional Department of Transportation dollars but he is not ruling out the possibility of investing the state's share of the $434 million highway.

"I don't think we'll rule out anything," he said. "We've got to find housing for these folks unless they're going to live in a box."

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we know where we are headed. I hope we are together.

Such was the theme of "MVP in Uganda: Empowering or Impoverishing?" — an event that focused on the role of the community, the government and the MVP organization in helping to pull African nations and people out of poverty.

"If you provide linkage then you are empowering," Nkuuhe said. "A man or woman who can feed a family is empowered. ... If we can help with the healthcare, then these people are empowered.

In hopes of convincing the Notre Dame community to take the message further and to see the importance of empowerment, Nkuuhe discussed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). He was joined by David Siriri, the science coordinator for Ruhirika, a village in the Bugisu district of Uganda. The MVP was launched in March 2006.

The eight MDGs deal with different dimensions of poverty, including hunger, maternal health, environment sustainability, education, HIV/AIDS, gender issues, water and technology.

"We sit down with a predetermined action plan. We sit down with the community and develop an action plan," Siriri said.

Of those goals, the toughest to promote include achieving gender equality, reducing child mortality and improving maternal health, Nkuuhe said.

"Those are very, very bad," he said.

Nkuuhe said the MDGs are on target for HIV/AIDS, citing a decrease from an 18 percent prevalence rate in 1992 to seven percent in 2002.

While Nkuuhe said there is the potential to achieve the goals focused on hunger, gender equality and environmental sustainability, the goals of decreasing child and maternal mortality are more unlikely, he said.

"Child mortality is off target. 140 children die before age five per 1,000 deliveries," he said. "In Ruhirika, I think (David Siriri) and his team will be able to accomplish the goal of decreasing child mortality, but for Uganda as a whole it's very difficult."

Reasons for the high mortality rates include lack of good health facilities, early marriage and frequent births, Nkuuhe said.

"This is the first thing we go as a team into these villages — because of all of these contributing factors," he said.

There are currently 12 MVP sites in 10 African countries, including Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

"These are not chosen randomly," Nkuuhe said. "The answers you get from these pages then can be applied to ... Sub-Saharan Africa."

Though the UN Millennium Project had budget recommendations for the projects — 40 percent on health, six percent on community, six percent on education, 10 percent on agriculture, 10 percent on nutrition, 10 percent on water and 14 percent on infrastructure — some villagers have to be tailored depending on the village.

"The people of Ruhirika are going to police the success of the project based on how successful we are in water," Siriri said. "Thus changes were made in the budget allocation from UN recommendations.

While Nkuuhe serves as more of an intermediary, Siriri works directly on the project in Ruhirika.

"I live in the village in the middle of nowhere surrounded by banana plantations," Siriri said.

And for Siriri, little is more important to the success of the project than community involvement.

"We sit down with the community ... and we started with what we call quick-impact interventions," Siriri said, citing the distribution of 40,500 malaria bed nets to benefit more than 80,000 individuals as an important change.

But on the local level, such diseases are not the only health problems Ruhirika's citizens face. Siriri said that one of the biggest challenges is malnutrition.

"Banana is the main crop. Banana is the main food," Siriri said. "People depend mainly on banana, but it is a fruit with not a lot of carbohydrates. And because of disease and poor soil, banana production has been declining. Siriri also cited water and sanitation, environment, energy, poor marketing structures, education and health as some of the biggest challenges in the area.

"We have the highest (HIV/AIDS) prevalence in the western region," Siriri said.

The area also has a 10 percent prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, 30 percent prevalence rate of malaria, 5 percent prevalence rate of premature deliveries and 8 percent prevalence rate of mortality of children under one year of age, Siriri said. He said 30 to 40 percent of children are underweight and the nearest hospital is 30 miles away.

All of the MDGs emphasize community empowerment and involvement, Siriri said. Each member of the community is supposed to contribute $10 per year, though because of the labor and hard work by the villages, that number has been far surpassed, Siriri said.

"Everything that we needed for construction was contributed by the community," he said. "That's the kind of involvement we're talking about. ... We see ourselves as drivers of this process, but not bystanders."

Nkuuhe and Siriri's combined visit to campus was intended to show community members what can be accomplished through the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative in Nyiru, a village in the Mpigi sub-county and Mpigi District of Uganda.

"Notre Dame's efforts will focus on a very special way in Nyiru," Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dowd said. "We are partners. Notre Dame is a partner in the Millennium Villages Project. ... Notre Dame is committed to being a partner and to learn the benefits of human development."

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create a team that best fits the hall," Kirk said.

Notre Dame is unique among peer institutions in that only seniors are allowed to be RAs. At Saint Mary's, sophomores or higher can apply to be an RA.

"This is because of the tradition of respect for and responsibilities for RAs at Notre Dame," Kirk said. "RAs are in charge of enforcing the rules contained in the hall, the manual of student life policies and procedures." Kirk said.

According to information provided by the Office of Student Affairs, which hires RAs, assistant rectors and rectors, there are three steps to the application process for becoming an RA.

Interested juniors first submit an application and letters of recommendation to Student Affairs. They then meet with their rectors and resident directors in which they are interested and are then informed in March by Student Affairs whether they were selected.

The job comes with a scholarship of nearly $10,000, as RAs receive free room, board and laundry service from the University.

According to the Office of Student Affairs, attached to the scholar- ship are significant responsibilities, such as mandatory training in spring of junior year and in the two weeks before fall semester — and regular availability to residents during the year.

Also, "resident assistants are typically precluded from other outside employment, participation in varsity athletics or elected student government positions," according to the Student Affairs Web site.

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In Brief

Northwest readies to exit bankruptcy

NEW YORK — Northwest Airlines can begin seeking creditor approval of a plan to exit bankruptcy that values the company at an estimated $7 billion, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision puts the airline in the last stages of bankruptcy before it can emerge from court protection.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Allan Gropper said that once Northwest revises its disclosure statement to incorporate agreements reached Monday, the statement could be released to creditors along with a restructuring plan.

Each Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. wants to cancel all existing shares in the company and issue 272 million new shares that may have taken place with Northwest Gropper ruled. A reorganization plan could be mailed to creditors as early as April 6.

Oil prices hit yearly high Monday

NEW YORK — Oil prices set their highest level so far this year on tensions between Iran and the West following Tehran’s detention of British naval personnel.

Gasoline futures prices climbed above $2 a gallon to their highest level in last September as a new driving season nears.

Vienna’s PVM Oil Associates cited the “deteriorating relationship between Iran and the West and last week’s further falls in U.S. commercial oil inventories” as driving crude prices higher.

Iran is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries’ second largest oil producer.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Sunday called the Iranian seizure of the 15 sailors and marines “unjustified and wrong,” saying that London saw their situation as “very serious.” Iran suggested that the group may be tried for illegally entering Iranian waters.

Oil traders worried that an escalation in the conflict could cut Persian Gulf oil exports.


copper futures hit year-to-date high

NEW YORK — Copper futures hit their highest level of the year on Monday, boosted by high demand from China and short-covering, traders and analysts said.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the most-active May copper contract rose 6.95 cents to settle at $3.1355 per pound, the highest close since Dec. 12.

Copper inventories in London Metal Exchange warehouses fell to a 16-month low of 181,550 metric tons. They are down 16 percent from 216,050 on Feb. 12.

“This market is still being driven by supply tightness and strong demand from China,” said John Koslowski, an analyst with Metal Service Centers New York.

Analysts have been calling for the current trading range to break higher.

A Goldman Sachs analyst said Monday that the range was ignited by a fire at a refinery in Whiting, Ind. In Nymex energy trading, crude oil rose 63 cents to $62.91 a barrel, a new year high.

“Tensions continue to rise between Iran and the West, which has provided support for the market,” said John Koslowski, an analyst with Metal Service Centers New York. “Tensions and sanctions have created a floor that is now being tested.”

Last week, oil prices were bolstered by news that Iranian authorities were ready to start working on a new heavy-water nuclear reactor.

Meanwhile, April gold climbed $6.60 to settle at $663.90 an ounce on the NYMEX, while May silver rose 18 cents to finish at $2.07 an ounce.

April platinum climbed $3.10 to close at $1,236.50 an ounce, but June palladium finished 50 cents lower at $339 an ounce.

In Nymex energy trading, crude oil futures climbed to a three-month high, closing just below $63 a barrel amid the rising international tensions with Iran and a rally in gasoline futures that was ignited by a fire at a BP PLC refinery in Whiting, Ind.

The May crude contract jumped as high as $63.30 a barrel before ending 63 cents higher at $62.91 a barrel, its highest close for a front-month contract since Dec. 20.

April RBOB gasoline futures soared 6.94 cents to $2.0677 a gallon after hitting an intraday high of $2.92 a gallon.

Disappointing housing market report raises worries about future growth

Workers build a new KB Home, one of the nation’s largest home builders, in Gilbert, Ariz., Monday. KB Home said first-quarter fiscal earnings plunged in a housing slump.

Citigroup Inc. fell 18 cents to $51.54. The Wall Street Journal reported Citigroup might reduce its work force by about 5 percent. The company has been under pressure during the past year to boost earnings to fend off rivals from eating into its global market share.

Dell Inc. rose 79 cents, or 3.5 percent, to $23.62 after a Goldman Sachs analyst said the computer maker should see benefits from its turnaround efforts later this year.

Walgreen Co. reported second-quarter profit surpassed Wall Street projections as the drug store chain posted robust revenue from retail prescriptions. The stock fell 47 cents to $47.30.
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Protest

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participants were only in South Bend for the weekend retreat, the group did not have the luxury of time when it planned Monday’s demonstration, said Larry O’Toole, a Catholic Worker from Marseilles, Ill., and one of the group’s organizers.

“IT was a time frame thing,” O’Toole said in a telephone interview Monday. “By the time we would have done it, it would have been the final time to get the University’s permission to do the re-enactment that the conference participants had to leave town.”

Senior Casey Stanton, one of the conference participants, said Notre Dame has not given permission to the Catholic Workers to stage the re-enactment because the Catholic Workers are not a part of “Notre Dame’s bureaucratic processes.”

The University, however, reserves the right to restrict movement to members of the Notre Dame community the use of University grounds for demonstrations, Wyckiff said.

Outside groups, he said, can organize rallies on campus “only by invitation” — something Monday’s demonstrators did not have.

Instead, the Catholic Workers proceeded to re-enact the trial, read the letter and hand out flyers that said Notre Dame’s support of ROTC programs “reverses the message of Jesus to love our enemies” without authorization from the University.

“As Midwest Catholic Workers, we call on Notre Dame to stop sponsoring ROTC,” the handout said. “Students shouldn’t have to compromise the Catholic value of nonviolence in order to fund their education.”

The Army ROTC Battalion declined to comment Monday.

The demonstrators also hung flags and banners from the Pasquerilla Center and the Clarke Memorial Fountain, a monument in memory of Notre Dame graduates who gave their lives in World War II. The banners were shortly taken down by NDSF officers.

Joe Mueller, a Catholic Worker from Cleveland, said he received a trespass notice from NDSF after he hung from the Clarke Fountain a banner that said “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Mueller said the demonstration was intended to call Notre Dame back to its commitment toward the rejection of warfare in the tradition of Marcellus. But he and fellow demonstrator Father Ben Jimenez from Cleveland said Notre Dame rejected the University’s reaction.

“If you cross the warmakers, they will immediately try to stop you — but it saddens us because the Catholic Worker from Notre Dame we’re talking about,” Jimenez said.

“It saddens us to see one of the most prominent Catholic institutions in the country silence like this the true Gospel of Christ,” Mueller said.

Freshman Alicia Quiros said she was also saddened by the University’s handling of the sit-

uation.

“I was really disappointed because Notre Dame claims to be a socially conscious Catholic institution that not allowing people to express their opinion on such a dividing issue it ignoring the mass attention,” Quiros said.

Other members of the Notre Dame community, such as 1966 graduate Fred Nelson, thought the administration and NDSF reacted correctly.

As Nelson, who lost his father to World War II, Nelson said he has stood against the war in Iraq since the war began four years ago — but he didn’t think it was a time to “honor the Catholic Workers’ behavior Monday.”

He said the group’s intention to march up the stairs of the Main Building and into Jenkins’ office was “disrespectful” to the University and Rogers.

Nelson, who was on campus for an MIA leadership conference when he caught sight of the demonstration, said he disagreed with the group’s position against ROTC programs at Notre Dame.

“ROTC has been a part of this University for a very long time and I wouldn’t want Notre Dame to discontinue that relationship,” Nelson said. “Why wouldn’t I want the people who serve in the military to have Notre Dame’s Catholic values and education? That’s exactly the kind of people you should want to see in the military.”

Stanton said the demonstration should not be interpreted as a campaign against ROTC students, but rather the University’s endorsement of the armed forces, and consequently, the armed courses of action.

“The protest was not meant to be a personal attack against ROTC students but rather a call to question the larger relationship between Notre Dame and the military,” Stanton said. “This should be a learning opportunity and question the implications of training our students militarily and how that relates to our University’s Catholic character.”

Stanton and Quiros said the demonstration was neither a right nor a left-wing movement but rather a reminder of the Gospel’s choice of peace and nonviolence over warfare.

The Catholic Worker movement began in 1933 with Dorothy Day, who urged followers to live by the teachings of Jesus Christ, including nonviolence, hospitality towards strangers and voluntary poverty, the movement’s Web site said.

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Speaker

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Graduate Student Union vice president Amber Handy said Coleman was chosen by University President Father John Jenkins’s office after it received a short list of candidates from the Graduate School, Handy said. Faculty and students were asked to submit nominations last year once it was decided the Graduate School would hold a separate ceremony.

Handy believes Coleman “is a great choice” and was chosen “to honor the scholar and humanity of work done by graduate students at Notre Dame,” she said.

In addition to being the 13th president of the University of Michigan, Coleman is a distinguished biochemist. She served as a member of the biochemistry faculty for 19 years at the University of Kentucky and wrote many scholarly articles. She later served in administrative positions at the Universities of North Carolina and New Mexico before going to the University of Michigan.

Handy believes Coleman is “a speaker who can inspire a variety of experiences in the academic world who will be interest all of the graduates,” she said.

“The success she has achieved both as a scientist and administrator is a welcome example for the increasing number of avenues open to women in academia,” Handy said. “I am very much looking forward to addressing the graduates and their families.”

Mary Sue Coleman
President
University of Michigan

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CAMPUS NEWS
Study finds heart drugs as effective as stents

Dr. Marvin Konstam, chief of cardiology at New England Medical Center, right, speaks during the American College of Cardiology summit Sunday in New Orleans.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than half a million people a year with chest pain are getting an unecessary procedure to unclog their arteries because drugs are just as effective, suggests a landmark study that challenges one of the most common practices in heart care.

The stunning results found that angioplasty did not save lives or prevent heart attacks in non-emergency heart patients.

An even bigger surprise: Angioplasty gave only slight and temporary relief from chest pain, the main reason it is done.

"By five years, there was really no significant difference" in symptoms, said Dr. William Boden of Buffalo General Hospital in New York. "Few would have expected such results."

He led the study and gave results Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the April 12 issue.

Angioplasty remains the top treatment for people having a heart attack or hospitalized with worsening symptoms. But most angioplasties are done on a non-emergency basis, to relieve chest pain caused by clogged arteries crimping the heart's blood supply.

Those patients now should try drugs first, experts say. If that does not help, they can consider angio­plasty or bypass surgery, which unlike angioplasty, does save lives, prevent heart attacks and give lasting chest pain relief.

In the study, only one-third of the people treated with drugs ultimately needed angioplasty or a bypass.

"You are not putting yourself at risk of death or heart attack if you defer," and considering the safety worries about heart stents used to keep arteries open after angio­plasty, it may be wise to wait, said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic heart specialist and pres­i­dent of the College of Cardiology.

Why did angioplasty not help more?

It fixes only one blockage at a time whereas drugs affect all the arteries, experts said. Also, the dogs treated with angioplasty are not the really dangerous kind.

"Even though it goes against intuition, the blockages that are severe that cause chest pain are less likely to be the source of a heart attack than segments in the artery that are not severely blocked," said Dr. Patrick Granger, a Vanderbilt University cardiologist who helped lead the new study.

Drugs are better today than they were used to be, and do a surprisingly good job, said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

"It may not be as bad as we thought" to leave the artery alone, she said.

About 1.2 million angioplasties are done in the United States each year. Through a blood vessel in the groin, doctors snake a tube to a blocked heart artery. A tiny bal­loon is inflated to flatten the clog and a mesh scaffold stent is usu­ally placed.

The procedure already has lost some popularity because of emerging evidence that popular drug-coated stents can raise the risk of blood clots months later.

The new study shifts the argument from which type of stent to use to whether to do the procedure at all.

It involved 2,287 patients throughout the U.S. and Canada who had substantial blockages, typically in two arteries, but were medically stable. They had an average of 10 chest pain episodes a week — moderately severe. About 40 percent had a prior heart attack.

"We deliberately chose to enroll a sicker, more symptomatic group" to give angioplasty a good chance to prove itself, Boden said.

All were treated with medicines that improve chest pain and heart and artery health such as aspirin, cholesterol-lowering statins, nitrates, ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers and calcium channel blockers. All also were counseled on healthy lifestyles — diet, exer­cise and smoking cessation.

Half of the participants also were assigned to get angioplasty.

After an average of 4 1/2 years, the groups had similar rates of death and heart attack: 211 in the angioplasty group and 202 in the medication group — about 19 percent of each.

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Illegal immigrants: A closer look

In "Operation Return to Sender," ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is deporting tens of thousands of illegals, including 1,282 workers arrested in raids at Swift meatpacking plants in six states. Of 424 deported from Miami in January, 131 had criminal convictions. The raids also netted many non-criminals, parents of small children.

Are the raids justified? Yes. And no.

1. The government has a duty to regain control of its borders and impose reasonable criteria for admission. "The Church in America," said Pope John Paul II, "must defend against any unjust restriction to the right of ... persons to move freely within their own nation and from one nation to another." "Governments," he said, must "regulate the migratory flows with full respect for the dignity of the persons and for their families' needs, mindful of the requirements of the host societies." Nevertheless, "illegal immigration," said John Paul II, "should be prevented except in cases involving combat ... activities which exploit illegal immigrants."

If a steel fence is the most practical means to secure the border, it ought to be built, the safety of Border Patrol agents as well as immigrants. Those agents, who confront the heavily armed drug traffickers, are according to ICE, are "the avaging border communities in South Texas," are persons with dignity equal to that of immigrants.

2. At least 11 million illegals are in this country. Efforts should focus on deporting those involved in gang or other criminal activities. In 2005, 24,000 were deported for birth by illegals who have been killed by surgical abortion. An estimated 40,000 numbers killed by chemical and other abortifacients. The endgame of contraception multiplies the shortage.

Undocumented immigrants who are otherwise law-abiding should not be deported. Many entered legally and overstayed or otherwise became illegal. Many live with minor children, including those who because they meet the Fourteenth Amendment's criterion that "persons born ... in the United States are citizens."

To expel millions of otherwise law-abiding illegals would be unjust as well as an administrative nightmare. Other considerations are raised by the failure of the government to secure the borders, especially but not exclusively with respect to the Mexican border. For the past two decades, the notorious failure of the government to enforce the border has implicitly invited people to cross it illegally. Enforcement personnel have been undermined by the failure of successive Presidents, with Congressional acquiescence or complicity, to provide them with the means to secure the border. That dereliction of duty benefits employers who seek cheap labor with the medical and other needs of the laborers shifted to the taxpayers.

Every person has a right, in the words of Pope John XIII, "to enter a country in which he hopes to provide more fittingly for himself and his dependants." While that right is subject to restriction, it would be unjust to deport otherwise "anchor babies" who are citizens an implied invitation to enter. They are invites. Congress ought to enable them to regularize their status as residents and perhaps as citizens.

If we brought this problem upon ourselves through the refusal of non-hispanic whites, and to a lesser extent non-Hispanic blacks, to reproduce themselves, the United States fertility rate is 2.07. The replacement level is 2.1 at which a population would replenish itself. We are 2.2 and non-Hispanic whites are 1.8. Since 1973, more than 45 million persons who would have been born to hispanic illegals have been killed by surgical abortion. An estimated 40,000 numbers killed by chemical and other abortifacients. The endgame of contraception multiplies the shortage.

As University of California Professor Franz Shurman put it, "America needs the South's babies ... America civilizes wants sex, but does not want children.

4. One cause of this problem is neo-liberalism, described by John Paul II as "a purely economic conception of man (which) considers profit and the law of the market as its only parameters, to the detriment of the dignity and respect to individuals and peoples."

In the 1980s, to profit from the devaluation of the Mexican peso, U.S. companies abandoned their U.S. employees and moved assembly plants to Maquiladoras in Mexico just south of the border. Many of those later closed as the companies found cheaper labor in Asia. The resulting unemployment and the stagnation of the Mexican econ­omy and government, both totally corrupt, lead many to enter the U.S. illegally. Companies in the U.S. employ them as an outsourcing in reverse. You can't outsource a restaurant job to a foreign country. So Presidents, Congressmen and officials send the cheap labor to the employers. This is applied neoliberal­ism. The real "illegals" are those politicians and those for whose benefit they betray their oath to enforce the law.

5. The Church offers guidance here. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, said it well in his comment on the ICE raids: "The Catholic Church respects the law, including immigration law. We respect those ... who have the difficult job of enforcing it. We do not encourage or help anyone to break the law. Americans have a right to support public institutions, secure borders and orderly regulation of immigration. ... We need ... reform that will address our economic and security needs, but also regularize the status of the many decent undocumented immigrants who helped our society to grow."

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Why is there a statue of Moses by the library? "First Down Moses" might seem like he's engaged in a benign football celebration. Only unlike most football players, who merely tackle their opponents and leave it at that, Moses has the dis­embodied head of his enemy underfoot. While I don't lose too much sleep over the fate of golden calves, the statue natu­rally brings up some questions about Christianity's, and even Notre Dame's, attitude towards other religions. In case you don't know the whole story, the golden calf was a makeshift idol created by the "children of Israel" when they felt abandoned by their God.

When Moses returned from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, he was understandably frustrated by how quickly his people had given up on God and lashed out by destroying the golden calf. This is where the story really gets the most people as far as they understand it. Almost everything has serious impli­cations for the attitudes of the Judeo-Christian religions towards other reli­gions, but this is only the beginning of the collective wrath of God and Moses. God commands Moses to murder thou­sands of his own people (despite just giv­ing the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill"). Moses and his followers unquestioningly oblige. Moses tells his most loyal followers "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: "Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neigh­bor" (Exodus 32:27). This mass murder is punishment for the "great sin these people have committed" that "they have made themselves gods of gold." (Exodus 32:31).

Whether or not the story is literally true does not matter as much as the fact that people accept its message as sacred. Why do we cast in iron the like­ness of a man who supposedly slewed thousands in the name of God? Is this the same sort of religious extremism and terrorism witnessed only a few years ago here in America, right down to the shared death toll of 3,000? And isn't the underlying motivation for each act — "divine" inspiration from the "true" God — to kill worshipers of the "false" God — the exact same as well? Would we build a statue commemorat­ing atrocities similar to those of Sept. 11 if they were committed in the name of our own God? Apparently, we already have.

Xavier Lebec


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Letters to the Editor

"First Down Moses" underlies negative attitudes toward other religions.

Students urged to help with food drive

I want to thank all of those people who have volunteered to take part in Notre Dame's third-annual Canned Food Drive this Saturday. I thank you for your sup­port in advance because I appreciate the fact that you realize the importance of this effort. This means that you realize how much frustration by how this collection has on those families genuinely lacking the necessities of life right here in north­ern Indiana. According to the Northern Indiana Food Bank website, over 10,000 Indiana families President Poverty and are therefore at risk of hunger. Last year, in our second-annual campus-wide Canned Food Drive, 7,500 pounds of food were collected, setting the benchmark for this year. With your help, we expect to double our efforts and sur­pass 15,000 pounds of food, a substantial contribution to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

The Canned Food Drive will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of St. Joseph's Hall this Saturday. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts in which they will drive out into the neighborhoods of South Bend to collect cans door-to-door. WVFI will DJ the event as groups return to campus to drop off their collected food. At the conclusion of the Canned Food Drive, former United States President Father Theodore Hesburgh will say a blessing over the collected food. Last year, I participated and it was a very rewarding experience. The community appreciates our efforts to fight hunger and if you help us, you will see for yourself how much just two hours can posi­tively impact the lives of so many people. There are so many issues and problems in the world we often do not know how we can contribute to make a difference. One way is to think globally and act locally by joining us Saturday. Thanks to those who have volunteered to come out. If you haven't signed up and are still interested, contact your dorm service commissioner as soon as possible or email Keri Mikuska at kmikuska@nd.edu. See you Saturday!

Stephen Murray

Senior

Off Campus

March 20

Peace conference strives for understanding

Government induced famine and eco­nomic ruin in North Korea. Authoritarian rule in Burma. The use of child soldiers in Uganda. It's easy for young adults to turn a blind eye to the world's most intractable con­flicts and human rights abuses for the simple reason that they are intractable. If the planet's greatest leaders, largest international organizations and most well-run grassroots campaigns have not yet found the solutions, how can college students supposed to add anything to the debate?

The belief that we as young adults are unable to help or to do anything about the cul­tures of those that are far away from us contributes to the lines that we often draw between "us" and "them." "We" live here and prescribe to a certain set of cul­tural norms. "They" live there and have different traditions, languages and social customs. The demarcation of "us" and "the other" serves such social injustices as war, racism, religious fundamentalism and genocide. Worse yet, it prevents peo­ple from seeing their counterparts in other reli­gions, countries and ethnicities as human beings.

This weekend, March 30-31, Notre Dame's annual student-run Peace Conference is highlighting the work done by ND students and others from around the world have done to bridge the divide between "us" and "them." Through two days of panel discussions, workshops and cultural events, these students and pro­fessionals in the field of peace and con­flict resolution will attempt to "unmask the unknown" — to better understand others and, in the process, better under­stand ourselves.

The Peace Conference, which will be held in the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies will serve as an arena for young adults to present their research on the root causes of the above­mentioned intractable conflicts of the world. Their contributions give lie to the fact that young adults cannot make a dif­ference in the world around them.

The conference formally begins at 5 p.m. on March 30 with an address by the keynote speaker on peace and conflict transformation. The panels and work­shops will run throughout the day on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4:15 p.m. For a full list of the week­end's events, please visit http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/peace­conf07.shtml

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Howard Hall

March 20

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Letters to the Editor should be no more than 350 words in length. Guest Columns should be no longer than 800 words and must include a byline with name, year and major. All submissions must include the author's name and contact phone number. Submissions must be in by 3:00 p.m. to be consid­ered for publication the next day.

EDITORIAL CARTOON
A message for Bookstore ballers — bring it

Prepare yourselves, Bookstore basketball field, for me and my ilk are coming, and we are not happy. In years past, my teammates and I have made various attempts at Bookstore glory, only to end in failure. The team names and costumes changed, but one thing remained the same: Losing in the first round.

Like an abused but loyal puppy dog, we keep coming back for another kicking, year after year. However, in keeping with the old saying, if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again — and try again we will. Although the tournament is held in April, we tend to play more like March: We've been hitting the weights. Unfortunately, none of us have gone further. We've been preparing for the rough and tumble world of Bookstore in several ways, such as kicking each other in the shins, punching each other in the stomach and putting Tabasco sauce on our face and putting Tabasco sauce on our food on an impromptu basis in order to toughen up for the Big Dance. I'll also be packing a taser and brass knuckles for the event.

This year's incarnation of 'Los Luchadores,' will keep the same warrior's mentality but boast a sharper intellectual edge over the enemy. The team and I have been watching a whole lot of basketball this year, from NBA action to the March Madness NCAA Tournament. After watching and learning, we'll be able to put on a basketball clinic for anyone unfortunate to have to play us this year. In other words, bring a notebook to Stepan — school's in session.

Similarly, we've spent our time twiddling our thumbs — on videogame controller sticks, that is. After hours logged online and our masks off, we are what we are: a bunch of Type-A hardcourt warriors living in Notre Dame's Type-A world. No, we don't play brutal, bone-crushing WWE-type defense. However, we have been preparing for the rough and tumble world of Bookstore in several ways, such as kicking each other in the shins, punching each other in the stomach and putting Tabasco sauce on our face and putting Tabasco sauce on our food on an impromptu basis in order to toughen up for the Big Dance. I'll also be packing a taser and brass knuckles for the event.

Much like Ben Stiller (left) found out in the film "Along Came Polly," things can get a bit hairy on the court during the annual outdoor Bookstore Basketball tournament.

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Looking for something to do this weekend? Why not head over to Legends? Here is what's happening in your neck of campus this weekend.

Thursday, March 29:
Come out to see some legends in the making, "shamrock 'n roll" at Best of Acousticafe at 10 p.m., then prepare to slam that whammy bar in a Guitar Hero tournament afterward at 12 a.m.

Friday, March 30:
Comedian Mike Birbiglia has been on "Letterman," "Jimmy Kimmel!" and Comedy Central. Now he takes his side-splitting act to the Legends stage at 10 p.m., immediately followed by some retro hip-hop at Flash Back Friday: Old School Nightclub at 12 a.m.

Saturday, March 31:
The Multisensory Aesthetic Experience (MAE) rocks out at 9 p.m. accompanied by special guests The Hush Sound and New Atlantic. Afterwards, prepare for a color-coded Stop Light Party at 12 a.m.
Wear red if you’re taken, green if you’re good to go, and yellow if you’re somewhere in between.
By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Scene Writer

Children’s Men was a film that was critically unloved upon its original release, but, like the classic "Blade Runner" that it has been compared to, it’s only now that the film’s reputation will expand following its home release.

The film, directed by Alfonso Cuaron (who also helmed "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Y Tu Mama Tambien") is about a future in which women are no longer able to bear children. Theo Faron (Clive Owen) is a clerical worker who becomes embroiled in a scandal involving a young girl named Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey) who is discovered carrying a baby. Faron must help Kee escape to the safety of an off shore "Human Project," but they are blocked by the government and other forces from all sides.

"Children of Men" is a complex picture, though its theme is boiled down to a glorified chase film. Technically masterful, it brings a lot of ideas to the table and, like most of the best science fiction, doesn’t bring unwarranted attention to its dystopian future.

The characters fully inhabit this world and their fatalism is one of the most affecting aspects of Cuaron’s many-layered themes. The acting is solid throughout, though it’s Owen who gives the finest performance. He is aided by capsulistic support from Michael Caine, especially, as a crusty old mentor.

Cuaron is known for his moving camera, and "Children of Men" has very complex mise-en-scene that transfers well to DVD. The sound comes in a 5.1 Dolby Digital track which is adequately immersive, though it’s a bit disappointing that there wasn’t a DTS track included — the "war scenes" really could have benefited from the depth and power of DTS.

It’s too bad that a film of this caliber doesn’t come in a two-disc special edition, especially at its $20 retail price tag. It’s easy to suspect that a better edition will be forthcoming, which is often the case with high-profile films like this. The extras on the disc include several making-of featurettes and an interesting look at how the special effects of the baby were done. Unfortunately, there’s no commentary, which is a shame — it would be interesting to hear what Cuaron, Owen, Moore and Caine would have to say.

"Children of Men" is a great film that deserves a better release. As with "Flags of Our Fathers" (whose special edition has already been announced), don’t be surprised if a special edition is not far down the road. As it stands, the one-disc DVD is an adequate release of an excellent film.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Mandarin House serves up great food, service

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Scene Writer

For those looking for a Chinese meal that’s a cut above typical take-out, Mandarin House is South Bend’s best bet. With excellent dishes served at reasonable prices, the restaurant overcomes its basic shortcomings, making it a popular choice among locals and Notre Dame students alike.

The food is reasonably priced — most meals cost between $10 and $15. The fare consists of traditional Chinese restaurant dishes, like chicken, pork, beef and seafood, with a few "chef’s specialties" thrown in, though there’s nothing out of the ordinary on the menu.

In actuality, however, the simplicity of the menu is a strength rather than a weakness, as it guides diners to the more popular dishes, which are also coincidentally the restaurant’s best.

There is an assortment of teas, soups and appetizers, though a full meal can add several dollars to the overall cost. For those on a budget, a single dish is likely enough.

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DVD REVIEW

Release of ‘Children’ fails to live up to film

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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"Children of Men" was a film that was criminally unloved upon its original release, but, like the classic "Blade Runner" that it has been compared to, it’s only now that the film’s reputation will expand following its home release.

The film, directed by Alfonso Cuaron (who also helmed "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Y Tu Mama Tambien") is about a future in which women are no longer able to bear children.

Theo Faron (Clive Owen) is a clerical worker who becomes embroiled in a scandal involving a young girl named Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey) who is discovered carrying a baby. Faron must help Kee escape to the safety of an off shore "Human Project," but they are blocked by the government and other forces from all sides.

"Children of Men" is a complex picture, though its theme is boiled down to a glorified chase film. Technically masterful, it brings a lot of ideas to the table and, like most of the best science fiction, doesn’t bring unwarranted attention to its dystopian future.

The characters fully inhabit this world and their fatalism is one of the most affecting aspects of Cuaron’s many-layered themes. The acting is solid throughout, though it’s Owen who gives the finest performance. He is aided by capsulistic support from Michael Caine, especially, as a crusty old mentor.

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Mandarin House

Rating:

Positives:
Food, Service

Negatives:
Atmosphere

Recommended Dishes:
Sesame Chicken
Empress Chicken

THE YEAR 2027:
In a world where women can no longer bear children, the fate of the human race hangs in the balance. A group of immigrants, led by Theo Faron (Clive Owen), must cross the Mexican border to reach the safety of a "human project." But they are met by the United States government and a group of bent men.

Cuaron is known for his moving camera, and "Children of Men" has very complex mise-en-scene that transfers well to DVD. The sound comes in a 5.1 Dolby Digital track which is adequately immersive, though it's a bit disappointing that there wasn't a DTS track included — the "war scenes" really could have benefited from the depth and power of DTS.

It's too bad that a film of this caliber doesn't come in a two-disc special edition, especially at its $20 retail price tag. It's easy to suspect that a better edition will be forthcoming, which is often the case with high-profile films like this. The extras on the disc include several making-of featurettes and an interesting look at how the special effects of the baby were done. Unfortunately, there's no commentary, which is a shame — it would be interesting to hear what Cuaron, Owen, Moore and Caine would have to say.

"Children of Men" is a great film that deserves a better release. As with "Flags of Our Fathers" (whose special edition has already been announced), don't be surprised if a special edition is not far down the road. As it stands, the one-disc DVD is an adequate release of an excellent film.

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NBA
Miracle heave lifts Pistons to overtime victory

Nelson scores 18 as Magic hand Knicks fourth straight loss; Shaq passes Miller on points list in win over Hawks

Associated Press

The Pistons overcame a slow start to rally from a 16-point deficit and beat the Magic for the second time in seven meetings. Grant Hill, who had 18 points, led Detroit with 26 points.

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Heat center Shaquille O'Neal goes to the basket in Miami's 106-89 win over Atlanta Monday, O'Neal scored 22 points in the victory.

Pistons forward Rashheed Wallace makes a desperation 3-pointer to force overtime in Detroit's 113-109 win over the Nuggets.

Chris O'Neal.

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Magic 94 Knicks 89

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Wallace then rebounded J.R. Smith's airball and hit two from the line to make it 109-106. Line Kraus badly missed a 3-pointer, and Billups clinched the game from the free-throw line.

The Pistons won despite missing two starters — Chris Webber and Richard Hamilton. Wallace played despite a milder case of the same illness.

Detroit led 38-23 early in the second quarter, but turned the ball over six times in the next eight minutes, setting up a 21-4 Denver run to close the half.

Smith had 12 points in the period, including a reverse dunk that tied the score and a fast-break layup seconds later to give Detroit a 44-22 lead.

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**JONES COULD FACE CHARGES IN VEGAS SHOOTING**

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tennessee Titans star Adam "Pacman" Jones could face felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a shooting incident outside of a strip club in Las Vegas during the NBA All-Star weekend in February.

Jones arrived and left the club with the shooter. After 500 hours of reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from the club, Castro said police were unable to establish a relationship between Jones and the shooter. Jones was questioned by Las Vegas police and released.

Two club security guards and an unidentified woman were wounded in the shooting. One guard, who was paralyzed from the waist down, was transferred last week to a rehabilitation hospital. The other guard and the woman were not seriously wounded. Jones’ attorney Warrick Robinson of Nashville, Tenn., has expressed no comment before Monday’s press conference.

Another Jones lawyer, Manny Arora in Atlanta, was out of the office and did not immediately respond to a message from The Associated Press.

The pre-dawn shooting followed a scuffle that broke out in the club when dancers on stage were showered with thousands of dollar bills, according to a police search warrant.

Suwar has said the shooting happened after Jones threatened to kill a bouncer, whom the club owner said intervened when Jones allegedly attacked a dancer who grabbed money on the stage.

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**NFL**

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**IN BRIEF**

No criminal wrongdoing in Tillman’s death, military says

WASHINGTON — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded Monday.

Defense officials and a pair of reports released Monday on the 2004 incident, however, did not rule out criminal action by those who provided misleading information as the military was investigating the killing.

They said, however, that they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up.

Army and Defense Department investigators said officers looking into Tillman’s death passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers.

NFL commiss to establish new disciplinary measures

PHOENIX — One day after yet another NFL player was arrested, commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday a stronger player conduct policy will not be completed at these league meetings.

By next month, however, Goodell expects to have in place the stricter plan and owners in a day or so to discuss player conduct.

"It’s a complicated issue and there are no simple answers," Goodell said, adding he planned to meet with coaches and owners in a day or so to discuss player conduct. "We want to find out what is working well with the clubs and what is not working, get a set of best practices so they can implement them on a local basis."

"We’re expecting discipline will be stepped up," he added.

NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has expressed his support of a tougher disciplinary policy.

Bettsen tired of opposition to fighting in NFL

TORONTO — NFL commissioner Gary Bettman says fighting is part of hockey and believes some people have been "running off a little too fast on this topic."

"My view on fighting hasn’t changed," Bettman told The Canadian Press on Monday. "We’ve never taken active steps or considered eliminating fighting from the game."

"I’ve always taken the view that it’s a part of the game and it rises and lowers based on what the game dictates."

While Bettman seemed OK with the game’s current stand on fighting, he’s concerned about the larger safety issues.

"The discussion that we’ve been having is about player safety and injuries," said Bettman. "We’ve had a number of injuries resulting from fighting recently."
Durant leads All-America team

Associated Press

If Kevin Durant and Greg Oden play only one season of college basketball, it will be an All-American season. The freshmen were voted to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday, the first members of their class so honored since 1990.

The 6-foot-9 Durant, who led Texas to the Big 12 title game, was the only unanimous pick of the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25.

Oden, the 7-footer who helped Ohio State to its first No. 1 ranking in 45 years, was joined on the team by seniors Alando Tucker of Wisconsin and Acie Law IV of Texas A&M and junior Arron Afflalo of UCLA.

The voting was conducted before the NCAA tournament.

Since freshmen became eligible in 1975, the ones selected to the first team had been Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma in 1983 and Chris Jackson of LSU in 1989.

Durant, the first Texas All-American since T.J. Ford in 2003, averaged 25.6 points and 9.7 rebounds, but it was his all-around game and penchant for big shots in the clutch that had people ranking him as one of the best freshmen ever.

"The thing that impresses Kevin deserves every individual accolade that he will receive," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "but the one thing I respect most about Kevin is that he is the ultimate team player. He really doesn't care about the individual numbers and awards. All he cares about is the success of his team. When you look around a guy like that, it makes coaching him a joy."

Oden was the Big 12 player of the year, backed up his coach's sentiments.

"I am not very big on individual honors, but I am very humbled. I am very excited on the Associated Press All-America team," he said. "When you look at the other four guys who are on the team, I am honored to be mentioned with them. I have so much respect for each one of them has led their respective teams and handled themselves, both on and off the court. I look up to each one of them."

Oden, the first Ohio State All-American since Jim Jackson in 1992, missed the first seven games as he recovered from offseason surgery on his right wrist. As he rehabilitated from the injury he learned to shoot free throws left-handed and didn't miss a beat when he returned to the Buckeyes, averaging 15.5 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.5 blocks while shooting 64.4 percent from the field.

"I'm very surprised," Oden said of being selected. "Just with how things went, I didn't really play a whole season, and I know there are a lot of guys with better numbers than me. I'm just surprised, but I'm honored and the best I can do is keep on playing."

His Buckeyes face Georgetown on Saturday in the Final Four. Oden had a quick answer when asked about the success of himself and Durant in their first seasons in college.

"It's just younger guys coming in and just playing basketball, not worried about age or anything," he said.

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Texas freshman Kevin Durant, named a unanimous All-American Monday, dunks in a victory over Oklahoma State.

Razorbacks' coach Heath dismissed

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Stan Heath was fired Monday after five seasons, as one of the most respected and longest-tenured coaches in the SEC.

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NFL

Pro-Bowler Spikes traded to Philadelphia

Associated Press


"This is something that has been brewing," Bills general manager Mary Levy said. "Takeo is a good person, but we wanted to strengthen our defensive tackle. They've been looking for a linebacker and I think they wanted an experienced backup quarterback."

A nine-year NFL veteran, Spikes was slow recovering last year from a right Achilles' tendon tear he suffered in Week 3 of the 2005 season. He's scheduled to make $9.5 million ($4.5 million this season) over the final two years of the six-year contract he signed after joining the team as a free agent.

Spikes played his first five seasons with Cincinnati and had been seeking a contract extension with Buffalo. But he grew increasingly frustrated playing for a team that was constantly shuffling its roster and coaching staff, and has gone seven seasons since last making the playoffs.

Spikes, a former first-round pick, could be a big upgrade at linebacker for the Eagles, who have struggled at that spot the past few seasons.

Dhani Jones has never been the playmaker the Eagles needed and Matt McCoy struggled last season before losing his job to Omar Gaither. The Eagles also lost free agent Shawn Barber to Houston.

"Takeo Spikes is a proven playmaker in the National Football League," Eagles general manager Tom Heckert said. "He has the ability to play all three linebacker positions and were happy to add him to our defense."

Spikes had 11 starts in 12 games last season, while missing four with a hamstring injury after he was hurt in Buffalo's season-opener at New England. He finished with 76 tackles, one sack and a forced fumble, modest numbers for a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

He's the second high-profile Bills player to be traded this offseason and also the second starting linebacker the team has lost. Buffalo dealt running back Willis McGahee to Baltimore and linebacker London Fletcher signed with Washington earlier this month.

Walker started 15 games and was tied for second on the Eagles with six sacks, and had 56 tackles. Three of his sacks came Oct. 8 at Dallas, and he tied an Eagles postseason record with two sacks in a loss at New Orleans.

With the addition of Walker, the Bills bolster what had been an inexperienced defensive tackle position last season.

Besides veteran Larry Tripplett, Buffalo went with a young rotation led by rookie fifth-round pick Kyle Williams and second-year veteran Tim Anderson. The line also experienced a setback when defensive tackle John McCargo, the second of Buffalo's two first-round picks, was lost for the season after he broke his left foot in Week 5.

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Over an 11-year career, he joins A.J. Feeley on the quarterback depth chart behind Donovan McNabb. Holcomb did not play last season, but completed 155 of 230 passes for 1,509 yards with 10 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 2005.

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Spikes was traded Monday to Philadelphia in exchange for tackle Darwin Walker and a 2008 draft pick.
Irish nab second at regatta

Special to The Observer

The Irish lightweight fours won their heat and went on to finish second overall in the championship bracket. The Irish faced North Carolina in the final round.

The Irish lightweight four race against Brown University in the semi-finals. The Irish lightweight four finish fourth overall in the championship bracket. The Irish faced Columbia in the final round.

MLB

Matsuzaka impresses in five no-hit innings

SABAROSA, Fla. — Daisuke Matsuzaka struck out five in five innings that left him silent and dissatisfied.

The Red Sox’s celebrated rook­ie walked five Cincinnati Reds and allowed one run, completing his own expecta­tion for himself Monday.

That expectation, manager Terry Francona said, is “per­fect.”

It doesn’t disappear, even in a spring training game when he doesn’t allow a run, a hit or a runner past second base.

After Boston’s 5-0 loss, Matsuzaka stayed at the floor in the visitors’ clubhouse for some time. It’s not the way he wanted his last full tuneup for his first major league season to end, especially for a player the Red Sox invested $51 million in because of his ability to avoid such struggles during some sea­sons.

The usually cooperative pitcher refused to talk to reporters and issued a statement.

“This time of year I think the content of my pitching is more important than the result on paper,” Matsuzaka said through an interpreter. “I am doing the best I can do.”

The third game pitted a tough Miami team against the Irish, resulting in a 7-4 loss. Schmitt had two goals and O’Neill and Emily Hartig each added another.

The Irish finished the weekend with a 3-4 victory over Connecticut. The Irish scored four goals in the 4th quarter.

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Coxswain Bill Carson, the Irish cruised to a 15-4 victory. The Irish Lightweight, once again, dominated play, most notably by getting past the Irish, who lost 13-11.

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This past Sunday, these 11 candidates for Full Communion completed their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic Community.
Bikers battle tough course

Special to The Observer

Cycling
Notre Dame had a strong showing this past weekend at a race hosted by Michigan State and Michigan. Saturday’s race near East Lansing featured a 4-mile loop with a mile of dirt road with a lap, an.adventure for road racing. The muddy, rough dirt section tore up much of the field, including first and second. Lavery and Prygoski often times doing solo breaks up the main packs like a bell stuck with a hard chase. The Irish were able to defeat the Cyclones in three sets. Paul Kane was the lone representative for the Irish men, turning in strong performances on the track. They stayed at the race for the next day, featuring strong performances on the track.

Next up was the Men’s B race. With little time, the Irish were pushed to their limits. The top Irish Cyclist was second. Miami won the team competition second. Paul Kane was the lone representative for the Irish men, turning in strong performances on the track. The match ended as the final set of the conference. Notre Dame showed the Irish a 15-8 set and match victory.

Marquette won the win over Marquette, the Irish men again with Lakeland College, with the winner advancing to the conference championship against top-ranked Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Lakeland began the match with a 3-0 set and match victory.

Faulk finally calls it quits, takes on new role

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Marshall Faulk’s decision was easy after spending last year working for the NFL Network: At 34, his body is more suited for a television studio than for the rigors of playing running back.

After sitting out last season because of a knee injury, Faulk officially announced his retirement Monday. He’s ninth on the NFL’s career rushing list, 33 yards behind Jim Brown, who at one time was considered the greatest running back of all time.

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Whether Brey leaves or not, the Irish will still have to replace guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter. Both were All-Big East first-team selections this season, averaging 15.3 and 17.1 points per game, respectively. McAlarney will help replace some of these offensive holes — he was averaging 16.3 points per game before his suspension — but his traditional role as point guard most likely belongs to rising sophomore Tory Jackson.

Jackson took over the starting position when McAlarney left. As the season wore on, Jackson became more comfortable in his new role.

Brey used Jackson off the bench even when McAlarney was still playing, for his defensive ability and his ability to shut down whoever he was guarding. But Jackson's offense steadily matured throughout the year, culminating in the Big East tournament semifinals against Georgetown.

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With the departure of Falls and Carter, the Irish will need offensive output at all times from their big men. Presumably, this leaves the fifth spot, the small forward position, open in the starting lineup. The likely candidates to fill this spot are rising juniors Zach Hillesland or Ryan Ayers. Both bring different strengths to the table. Hillesland is a coach's best friend. He is a fundamentally sound player with a high basketball IQ who does all the little things that do not show up in the box score. Whether he sets a key screen, boxing out on rebounds, or playing good defense, Hillesland is a key part to Notre Dame's success.

If he can develop the mid-range jumper, he'll turn that into a threat through the paint and to the three-point line. The Irish cannot afford to lose Jackson's quickness and creative ability, but also need a shooting guard like McAlarney to replace what they lose in Falls. McAlarney will most likely start as more of a shooting guard, while Jackson captains the offense.

Besides Jackson and McAlarney, Notre Dame has two other returning starters with rising senior Luke Harangody (11.2 points per game) and rising junior Kari Lipinski (3.8 points per game) coming off the bench to replace them. One thing the big men need to improve upon for next season is offensive consistency.

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Belles win with the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots. Starting the match in the No. 1 spot, senior captain Kelly McAvitt defeated Calvin freshman Elisabeth Geenen 6-4, 7-6 (6-4). Following in the No. 2 spot, freshman Camille Gebert defeated Calvin senior Karli Lipinski in three sets, 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1.

The Belles did not fair as well in the third and fourth matches of the day. Saint Mary's sophomore Mary E. Campbell fell to senior Allyson Logan of Calvin College. After winning the first set 6-4, she dropped the second and third 6-3 and 6-1, respectively.

Belle's freshman Lisa Rubino could not avenge Campbell's loss. Calvin freshman Rachel Strikwerda defeated Rubino 6-3, 6-3.

Senior Tara O'Brien rallied for the Belles to clinch the victory by defeating Knights' freshman Kelsey Bushhouse 7-6 (6-2), 6-0.

Stevenson said that he was pleasantly surprised with the way Grace Gordon performed against Calvin. Gordon — a senior from Wilmette, Ill. — is not typically on the starting lineup but moved up to the No. 6 singles position. Gordon defeated Calvin freshman Rachel DeGroot in straight sets, surrendering only three games in the process.

Playing in their second conference match together, Gebert and McAvitt crushed Lipinski and Strikwerda 8-1 to earn their second doubles victory.

Playing in the No. 2 doubles spot, Campbell and Rubino suffered an 8-5 loss to Calvin's Logan and freshman Jill VanVeen. In the final match of the day Gordon and O'Brien lost 8-4 to Geenen and DeGroot.

Saint Mary's improved to 3-0 in the MIAA while Calvin fell to 3-1. The Belles will continue play this weekend at the Wheaton Invitational. Stevenson said the team hopes to maintain its undefeated conference record next weekend when they take on Adrian on the road.

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the Irish must replace most of
last year's production — wide
receiver and running back —
Weis said that while he is not
ready to name starters, the
competitors for playing time are
coming along nicely.

At running back, rising fifth-
year senior Travis Thomas, ris-
ing senior Junior Jabbie, rising
sophomore James Aldridge and
early-entry freshman Armando
Allen, among others, are com-
peting to replace Darlis Walker,
who ran for 1,267 yards last
year.

"I'm very encouraged by the
running back position," Weis
said.

At wideout, where rising jun-
or David Grimes is the only
experienced returning player,
Weis said that some players
have been impressive, but
would not give specific names.

"Some guys are starting to
separate from the pack," he
said.

Weis did say that rising junior
D.J. Hord, who missed all last
season with an injury, is com-
pletely healthy but has strug-
gled to re-adjust to the speed of
the game.

"He's rusty," the coach said.
"He doesn't look hurt, he just
looks rusty.

Weis said the Irish have not
had a full-contact practice yet,
but he expects Hord to shake
off the rust as soon as they do.

Players coming off injuries can
be skittish until they get hit for
the first time.

"Because we don't take to the
ground yet, he hasn't gotten hit
yet," Weis said. "We need to
create a 'take to the ground'
situation for him so that he can
get that first one out of the
way.

Notes

—Early-entry freshman cor-
nerback Gary Gray broke his
arm in practice Friday and will
be out four to six weeks, Weis
said Saturday.

"Gray landed on his right
forearm, and he has a crack in
his right forearm," Weis said.
"It's not displaced, but there is
a crack."

—Rising sophomore Munir
Prince has been moved from
running back to cornerback,
Weis said Saturday.

"I think we were about to get
a little too light at corner with
Gary down, so we switched that
over," Weis said. "Munir and I
talked about this last night and
again this morning, and we
kind of finalized this.

Prince was an all-state cor-
nerback in high school.

"He asked me to consider it," Weis
said.

—Weis said captains for next
year's team have already been
named.

"With the youth on this team,
we thought it would be a good
idea to establish some form of
leadership in between the
coaches and the players," he
said.

Thomas and rising fifth-year
senior safety Tom Zbikowski
will reprise their roles from last
year, while Carlson and rising
senior linebacker Maurice
Crum will also be captains.

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IRISH TAKE ON CENTRAL MICHIGAN, CHICAGO STATE
Team looks to improve out of bullpen after struggling against South Florida in 2 of 3 conference games at home

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

After a frustrating series against South Florida in which it dropped two out of three of their series with Notre Dame (11-11, 1-2 Big East) will try to work out the kinks this week against Central Michigan today and Chicago State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Although Irish coach Dave Schrage said he doesn’t have any particular goals for the mid-week non-conference games, there were two clear deficiencies that led to the losses to the Bulls — clutch-hitting and the bullpen.

In Sunday’s 5-1 loss, Notre Dame stranded 14 runners on base. The Irish pounded out 13 hits and put at least two base runners on for six straight innings between the third and the eighth, but got their only run on a solo home run by shortstop Brett Lilley in the top of the first.

"Guys are getting hits with nobody on base, but when they get guys on base they have bad at-bats," Schrage said.

The coach, who tried everything from hit-and-runs to double steals to sacrifices in order to manufacture runs Sunday, said the only real cure to the clutch-hitting woes is to have players execute with runners on base.

"You have to get some guys to step up and want to be up in clutch situations," he said.

Schrage could say the same thing about the bullpen.

On Saturday, Notre Dame relievers Joey Williamson, Jess Stewart and David Mills gave up a combined nine runs as the Irish fell 13-10. Then, on Sunday, relievers Brett Graffy, Kyle Weiland and Eric Maust gave up seven more in just three innings of work.

Schrage said the bullpen struggles surprised him, since relief pitching had been an Irish strength for most of the season.

"It’s been good in the past," he said. "But we didn’t get it done the past few days."

Schrage said he hopes his relievers will snap out of their funk, but he wouldn’t guarantee anything.

"If I could see into the future, we’d be the biggest issue on the team," he said.

The Irish, who must replace 13 starters from last year’s squad, have not established a depth chart yet.

"There’s just guys we put out there first and guys we put out there second," he said.

Weis said that rising fifth-year seniors like defensive end Trevor Laws, center John Sullivan and tight end John Carlson are relatively secure in their starting positions, but in other areas Notre Dame is "not even close to being able to set up a depth chart."

"Some guys are moving up and some are moving down, on a day by day," Weis said.

Despite the nebulous nature of the Irish lineup and the amount of youth on the team, Weis said this spring has been similar to his past two in South Bend.

"We don’t look like the Bad News Bears out there," Weis said. "We just look like a team that’s in the fourth day of training camp. That’s actually an off-handed compliment. I’m not out there saying, ‘Oh my God, what are we going to do?’"

The most high-profile position battle for Notre Dame’s is at quarterback, where rising junior Evan Sharpkey, rising sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Fraser and early-entry freshman Jimmy Clausen are competing to replace Brady Quinn, who set 36 school records over his career.

Weis said the offense is being executed with all four quarterbackats at once to ensure that all four are on a level playing field.

At two other positions where Weis doesn’t have a starting lineup.

Rising sophomore running back James Aldridge rushes at a scoop during practice Monday. Aldridge is in the running to replace tailback Daruis Walker, who left for the NFL draft.