Activism methods evolve with time

By EILEEN DUFFY
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Editor's Note: This is the third article in a three-part series examining activism at Notre Dame: its current role on campus, how that role has changed and what those changes mean for the future.

From the 1960s — when students took first tentative steps out on the quad, pickets in hand — to now, when activism has cemented its role at Notre Dame, the list of issues hasn’t changed much.

War, international humanitarian crises, women’s rights, gay rights, racism, abortion, the death penalty and workers’ rights have continually tugged at the consciences of Notre Dame students over the years. What has changed, however, is the method of protest.

Rare are the students who want to sit cross-legged defiantly in front of administrators’ offices or torch buildings.

“The students of the 1960s tended to believe that almost anything and any structure could be changed,” said student government president Bill Andrichik, who visited Notre Dame Thursday, told an audience in the Hesburgh Library computing lab over the summer.

James Cope, OIT organizational communications analyst, said OIT is trying to find “the right configuration for students today.”

Cope said research conducted by the OIT indicated that students want “the flexibility of more space.” And creating that space, he said, sometimes means removing some computers.

Before spring break, the lab in rooms L004 of Mendoza contained 36 computers for student use. Fifteen of these computers were removed, so half remain.

In the Library’s computing cluster, there are currently 63 computers. The Library and OIT plan to move the cluster to the first floor near the reference desk in the early summer. In this planned cluster, there will be 13 personal computers, eight Macintosh computers and 10 laptops available for checkout.

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Campus hosts prospects
Event meant to attract talented minorities

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

In its ongoing effort to attract a higher number of incoming students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the Office of Admissions is hosting a select group of applicants from underrepresented groups for the annual Spring Visitation Weekend, commonly known as “Spring Vis.”

The Admissions office invited 150 high school seniors of Asian, African, Latino and Native American descent to visit from Thursday through Sunday as part of the event.

A program — and recruitment tool — for attracting more underrepresented minority students to Notre Dame, Spring Visitation has been held for almost 20 years and is directed by a team within the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

“We bring in... the best and brightest minority students from all over the country to show them what Notre Dame is all about,” Assistant Director of Admissions Son Nguyen said. “They stay with student hosts, see the dorm life, attend classes and explore all of the various clubs and organizations available on campus.

In addition to Nguyen, a student-led team of five members — including junior Jesse Carrillo, senior Krystal Hardy, senior Covington Doan, sophomore Jaime Luna and sophomore Kellen Lewis — have helped coordinate the recruitment program, which began in September. The team has been contacting high school seniors

Students body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik listen during their last COR meeting Tuesday.

Shappell, Andrichik end term
Student government leaders deem administration a success

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik are willing to contest anyone who claims student government doesn’t do anything.

But their accomplishments, they said, speak for themselves.

“Over the past four years I’ve heard — I can’t even count how many times — that student government doesn’t do anything,” Andrichik said. “After this year, I would challenge someone to look at what we’ve done and still be able to say that.”

Shappell was in Shappell’s office beside a box of Observer clippings on their activities,

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Starbucks founder speaks on ethics

By KATE MCCLELLAND
News Writer

Starbucks founder and chairman Howard Schultz, who visited Notre Dame Thursday, told an audience on campus that "success is not an entitlement — it must be earned.”

Schultz discussed his business practices and passed on lessons he has learned from leading Starbucks in a talk titled "Entrepreneurship and Ethics" in Mendoza’s Jordan Auditorium.

He emphasized the importance of striking a balance between profitability and social consciousness," he said, because companies that are authentic and ethical will do better in the long run than companies simply out to make an immediate profit.

Schultz, the former chief executive officer of Starbucks, received the eighth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C. Award for Ethics in Business for his superior commitment to earning respect and success within the business world while maintaining the highest ethical standards in all of Starbucks’ business practices.

Starbucks — listed as No. 16 on Fortune’s list of Best Companies to Work For — has made a commitment to its employees by offering

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Starbucks founder Howard Schultz sips a drink at the LaFortune Starbucks Thursday. He was on campus to give a lecture in Mendoza.
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT BETWEEN MAXIMUS AND LEONIDAS, AND WHY?

Mark Weber
sophomore
Keenan
"Leonidas because only Spartan women give birth to real men."

Mike Kelly
sophomore
Zahn
"Zidane."

Kelly Collins
sophomore
Lewis
"Maximus because Russell Crowe always wins."

Charlie Jain
freshman
Zahn
"House."

OFFBEAT
Mom allegedly tells girls to steal dog
ANTIOCH, Calif. — A woman who allegedly instructed her two young daughters to steal a neighbor's dog was arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and grand theft.

Nora Vasquez' arrest Wednesday came a week after her daughters, ages 7 and 9, told their elementary school principal they snatched the missing mutt on their mother's orders.

A witness to the daytime dog-napping earlier this month told investigators that he saw two girls jump out of an SUV and grab the pooch from a neighbor's patch, while a man shouted at them to hurry.

"We wonder why our children wound up the way they do," said Antioch Police Lt. Pat Welch. "It's unbelievable someone would take a 7- and 9-year-old and encourage them to do that and think it's appropriate behavior."

Revealing jail shower with zip code around
ACHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A statutory rape case against a 42-year-old charged as a man took on a different look after a jail shower revealed the defendant is actually a woman.

The female victim and several prisoners at the Hamilton County Jail were among those surprised to discover that the person booked in the case as Alexander David Cross is a woman also known as Elaine Ann Cross.

Cross had been in jail awaiting a court appearance Wednesday, where she pleaded guilty to an aggravated statutory rape charge as part of a deal with prosecutors. The charge stems from a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will deliver the lecture “Up Front on the Future of Global Security” at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business today at 10:40 a.m. as part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series.

Ewa Plonsowska Zlarcz, a professor of comparative literature at New York State University will deliver the lecture “Rare Life: On Hunger Strike” today at 3 p.m.

La Alianza presents Metropo Latino, Latin Expressions 2007. The celebration of Latino culture at the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College will begin tonight at 7.

Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre, will perform to tandem—a mix of high-voltage Latin jazz and the seductive rhythms of son tonight at 8 at the DeVartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Black Cultural Arts Council will present its "I Love Hip-Hop" fashion show Saturday at 8 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Free shuttle transportation will be provided at the Library Circle every 15 minutes starting at 6:15 p.m.

Internationally renowned pianist Warren Jones, the Principal Pianist for the Camerata Pacifica, will perform with the Department of Music vocal professor, Georgine Resick, Sunday at 2 p.m. in the DeVartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

Event sponsored by La Alianza invites students of all backgrounds to celebrate customs of Latin American countries

By LUISA CARRERA
News Writer

Latin Expressions, one of the longest-running cultural shows at Notre Dame, will combine modern and traditional entertainment to give the University community a taste of Latin flavor tonight at 7 in Saint Mary's Auditorium, and the main change this year will be opening the production to Latin cultures other than those native to Mexico.

The event, sponsored by La Alianza, allows students from different backgrounds to come together to celebrate both the diversity and similarities of their cultures. This year's theme is "Metroplano, Latino," and the show will focus on conveying an understanding of modern urbanity through a combination of folklore, pop culture and high culture.

Senior Yadira Huerta, the show's director, said this year's show will feature performances of dances from Bolivia, Peru and Mexico and fall in concert with the growing trend of urbanization to form a metropolitan style all its own.

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Junior

This year marks the first Latin Expressions ever to incorporate an unprecedented amount of traditional, folkloric dances from all over Latin America — not simply Mexico, as has been seen in years past," Huerta said.

Junior Edianys Deynes, the current secretary for La Alianza, who first danced in the show at age 10, said the show successfully "fuses traditional styles with the growing trend of urbanization to form a metropolitan style all its own."

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"I think that the focus of Latin Expressions is to show a little of all the different types of dances in the region, with the combination of typical dances and modern dances portraying what Latin America is today," Sanchez said.

For junior Mauricio Ormachea, who is performing in a rock band ensemble, the opportunity to perform is the most valuable aspect of this production.

"I've been playing music since I was a kid, and the chance to do it in front of thousands, to communicate a message of pride, is quite thrilling," he said.

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reductions in Mendoza was because of relatively low usage levels. Student Computing Services supervisor Karen Renkiewicz said that, in the lower-computing cluster, the Mendoza one is seldom full.

Classroom and clustering services manager Brian Burchett said OIT's data show that about 75 percent of the time, the usage of the Mendoza computing lab was at less than 25 percent. The lab is at 75 to 99 percent capacity barely one percent of the time.

"So there might be periods of time when all those computers were in use, but there certainly were long periods of time when most of the computers were going unused," Burchett said.

But Delphine Risto, a junior who is a cluster consultant for the Mendoza and DeBartolo clusters, said during the eight hours she logs on with the Mendoza lab is always busy.

"Ever since they took out the computers, it's been crazy," Risto said. "Computers are always full and people are coming in and complaining because there aren't enough computers. They show no support of the change.

Burchett said he is not surprised that a cluster worker observes the cluster is busy when it is working. "We try to staff the clusters when they are busy. So it wouldn't surprise me that a student on duty would see these numbers," Burchett said.

Risto estimated that the lab is at about 75 percent capacity or higher during the times that she works. Students have complained about the lower number of computers available, she said.

Burchett said OIT is trying out the new configurations to see if they better serve student needs. But, he said, if students are unhappy with the new setups or if the lower number of computers, they can "absolutely" complain.

The configurations for the labs and the number of computers are always going to be adjusted for student need." Brian Burchett classroom and clustering services manager

That configuration worked at the time of the initial report of 1987, but recently, Burchett said, students indicate they want more collaborative space.

"Keeping things exactly the same way they were 15 years ago probably isn't going to be helpful for the students," Burchett said.

Surveys conducted of 2,711 students showed that 15.36 percent of the time in the computing labs they spent working in groups on course assignments. Students in the business school spent 22.73 percent of their time working in groups on assignments, compared with 19.91 percent of time spent working alone on course assignments.

Risto said she agreed that Mendoza is frequently used for group project use but said many individuals work in the lab as well. And when all the computers are taken, these individuals are frustrated.

"I've had about two or three kids come up and ask me about the change and a number of students have come up and mumbled about how stupid it is and stormed out," she said.

New cluster configurations

Risto suggested that the reasoning OIT is removing computers and reconfiguring was to save money on the upkeep of the computers and the cost of new software and hardware.

"I don't think this is about reducing the amount of money we spend on the computing labs," he said. "I think it's about spending in different ways because the configuration is changing."

And with the cost of the new configuration of the Hesburgh Library computer cluster, there may be few overall savings, he said. Burchett estimated the project of moving the cluster to the first floor and the cost of the new furniture could total $200,000.

The decision to change the location and look of the Library cluster was a "meeting of minds" between OIT and the Library, who thought the cluster was in a "tucked-away position," Burchett said. The Library associate director for User Services at the Hesburgh Library Nigel Butterwick.

With the new location on the first floor, the cluster becomes "more obvious environment," Butterwick said.

"It also allows us to offer assistance in both the computing environment and the information resources environment," basically improved to the same spot," Butterwick said.

The Library has not yet determined whether it will use the current cluster space for.

Burchett called the new library cluster configuration a "pilot" program to see how students respond.

The new furniture for the cluster, according to current blueprints, will accommodate 76 people. The current cluster can seat 67.

The new space will also contain a self-contained presentation area to allow students to practice with group members, Butterwick said.

If the 10 laptops available for students to borrow from the Library prove to be inadequate, Butterwick said, OIT can order more to fit the demonstrated student need.

OIT intends to survey students to see how they like the new Library cluster, Burchett said.

But Cope said OIT has not removed computers from any public or classroom clusters beside Mendoza and soon Hesburgh, and it will not move them until it gets student feedback from the two changed labs.

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Coffee at the Com! For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bombers hit marketplaces
BAGHDAD — Five suicide bombers struck Shi'ite marketplaces in northeast Baghdad and a town north of the capital at nightfall Thursday, killing at least 122 people and wounding more than 150 in a series of deadly days in years.

At least 178 people were killed or found dead Thursday, which marked the end of the seventh week of the latest US-led military drive to curtail violence in Baghdad and surrounding regions.

The suicide bombers hit markets in the Shi'ite town of Khalis and the Shaab neighborhood in Baghdad during the busiest time of the day, timing that has become a trademark of what are believed to be Sunnis insurgent al-Qaida suicide bombers.

Three suicide vehicle bombs, including an explosives-laden truck detonated on market in Khalis, 50 miles north of the capital, which was especially crowded because government-ordered four-rations had just arrived for the first time in six months, local television stations reported.

At least 43 people were killed and 86 wounded, police said.

Police attack high school protesters
NEW ORLEANS — Police on Thursday used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of rock-throwing high school students who repeatedly blocked traffic on St. Augustine's main avenue.

The government said 159 students had been detained.

The demonstrations came on a date often marked by violence by far-left groups commemorating what they call "The Day of the Young Combatants," honoring two young brothers killed by police in a 1985 protest of the 1973-90 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

The plan focuses on 17 zones throughout Baghdad during the busiest time of the day, the busiest time in six months, local television stations reported.

NATIONAL NEWS

Four people killed in spring storm
HOLLY CO., — A massive spring storm sparked dozens of tornadoes, from the Rockies to the Plains, killing at least four people in three states, including a woman who was flown into a tree by a twister as wide as two football fields.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported late Wednesday in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, the National Weather Service said. By early Thursday, the storm system stretched from South Dakota to Texas.

Plan unveiled to jumpstart recovery
NEW ORLEANS — The leader of the city's effort to recover from Hurricane Katrina unveiled a $1.1 billion plan Thursday aimed at jump-starting the sluggish revitalization work.

The plan focuses on 17 zones throughout the city, from busy Canal Street to the hard-hit Lower 9th Ward, city recovery director Ed Bledsoe said.

Mayor Ray Nagin called it part of "Phase One" of the city's recovery from Katrina, which devastated the city 19 months ago.

The money would be used to give developers loans and incentives for building in areas that the city has identified as key to its recovery.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman killed retrieving newspaper
ELWOOD, Ind. — A 69-year-old woman died after she was struck by a sport utility vehicle while retrieving her newspaper, police said.

Sharon Lum of Alexandria, Ind., was struck by a SUV driven by Randall X. Hoggerd, 40, when she crossed Indiana 28 east of Elwood to retrieve her newspaper about 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to the Madison County sheriff's department.

Lum was pronounced dead at the scene, Sheriff R. Rick Richardson said.

Sheriff's deputies were still investigating the fatal crash about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. Hoggerd, who was not injured, was not taken into custody.

Senior Minority Whip Trent Lott, uses a "money tree" during a news conference on March 23. A Democratic plan would have tax cuts expire in 2012.

Republicans argue that plan would lead to unprecedented tax increases in 2012.
Kaneb Center technology fair to showcase options

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

A new version of WebCT Vista will be unveiled today at the John A. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning's "Technology in the Classroom" fair in the Jordan Hall of Science.

Faculty members and teaching assistants who attend the exhibition will see examples of using technology in the classroom, with displays ranging from traditional PowerPoints to the more vanguard blogs and "Wikis."

"The idea is to help faculty understand what kinds of technologies are available to help improve learning in the classroom," Assistant Director of the Kaneb Center Chris Clark said. "It's a showcase of the different technologies that people might use."

Though some professors and teaching assistants remain loyal to the traditional chalkboard instead of a laptop, Clark said the event is to promote technology only when it is relevant to the class.

"Our purpose is not to use technology for the sake of technology," he said. "It's to integrate objectives ... if it would be useful for (faculty) to use a PowerPoint with images and videos and they're not doing that, then we would suggest it to them."

He also noted that faculty members dealing with a visual subject matter could benefit greatly from the use of technology.

"Taking slides and putting them on a computer makes things more effective for someone teaching something like Art History," he said. "It's the idea of having 100,000 slides on a laptop versus 80 on a slide tray."

Though visually inclined subjects could benefit from technology for obvious reasons, Clark said there is not any one subject that benefits from the use of technology more than others.

On the other hand, large classes tend to find WebCT useful for distributing grades, which "helps students get feedback quickly," he said.

Faculty members responsible for those large classes will notices that WebCT has had a makeover. Course Management Systems Administrator Laura Gecker said the course management system is getting an upgrade.

"Pretty much the look and feel is changing," she said. "That includes navigations, so things are easier to use."

Gecker said faculty members will probably notice more changes than students, but everyone can notice that the system name will be changed from WebCT to "Concourse" on May 17.

"We wanted to brand our course management system as being Notre Dame's course management system so the name won't be tied to the vendor as much," she said. Currently, Notre Dame's course management system reflects the vendor, WebCT. A demonstration of Concourse will be part of the "Technology in the Classroom" event.

The technology fair will take place at the north end of Jordan Hall's main atrium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Students walk for Darfur

Dozens march toward Main Building to say prayers, sing

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

About 60 students silently marched to the Main Building as the sun set Thursday night to raise awareness about the genocide occurring in the Sudan. The march, coordinated by the Student Senate Social Concerns committee as part of Darfur Week, included prayers and readings led by anthropology professor Father Patrick Gaffney and songs sung by members of the Glee Club.

The students were somber in their walk and struggled against the wind to keep their candles lit to serve as symbols of their effort and solidarity.

Chris Meister, a freshman involved with the Social Concerns committee, was one of the organizers of the event. After he took a seminar on religious violence last semester, Meister said he felt compelled to somehow get involved in ending genocide. He said a film shown in his seminar, "Hotel Rwanda," inspired him to participate in these efforts.

"I'll never forget ... in the movie they said, 'Once the Americans see the tragedy, they'll be sure to act.' And they didn't," Meister said. "The genocide is new in its fifth year and there's nothing being done. Something needs to get started ... this week can help get things going here."

The United Nations estimated March 13 that 200,000 people have been killed and at least 2 million others forced from their homes since 2003. The goal of the march, Meister said, was to raise awareness by incorporating what he called an important element in the stoppage of genocide — prayer.

"We need to pray for these people to have the strength to go on," he said. "[Prayer] is a powerful message of awareness."

The participants held candles and marched the straight path from Main Circle to the Main Building, where they formed a circle in front of the statue of Jesus. Meister said the candles were a visible symbol of the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur.

Freshman Mary Daly, who marched for Darfur to support Meister but also because of her involvement in Notre Dame Right to Life:

"It is important to take into account all aspects of life ... to recognize the sanctity of life in all forms and places," Daly said.

Gaffney read aloud from the Bible, calling the gathering "a gesture of solidarity" meant to recognize the suffering and mourning experienced daily by the millions affected by the Darfur genocide.

"We need to try to stop this irreparable problem and we express our solidarity by joining our minds and hearts together," Gaffney said.

Gaffney read aloud from Bible readings, and also read a prayer from a Darfur woman and a reading from Isaiah, which he said should remind listeners to think of the messages of Holy Week, which commences Sunday.

Gaffney joined in the service because he said he has personally experienced these "sadly familiar problems" after living and working in Africa.

"We hope to make others aware and give others the opportunity to help ... to show their concern, their anxiety about the situation and to show their hope for the future," Gaffney said.

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**IN BRIEF**

**U.S. awards largest telecom contract**

WASHINGTON — Dealing a significant blow to Sprint Nextel, the government on Thursday awarded the largest-ever federal telecommunications contract — a 10-year deal worth up to $48 billion — to its rivals AT&T, Qwest Communications and Verizon.

The three contract winners will split $325 million and beyond that they will have to compete with each other for the dozens of federal agencies needing to enhance the quality and security of voice, video and data technologies, the General Services Administration announced.

Among the products federal agencies will choose from are Internet-based voice and video systems, wireless communications services and updated network infrastructure.

Several major departments, including Homeland Security and Treasury, have already signed onto the contract, though no specific deals are anticipated.

While AT&T and Qwest Communications International Inc. and Verizon Inc. gained an important and deep-pocketed client, the announcement was a serious blow to Sprint Nextel Corp., analysts said, not least because the Reston, Va.-based company has been providing telecom services to the federal government for nearly 20 years.

**Economy expected to remain slow**

WASHINGTON — After ending 2006 lethargically, the economy is expected to remain sluggish most of this year as businesses and consumers cope with fallout from the painful housing slump.

The broadest barometer of the country's economic health, gross domestic product, grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the final three months of last year, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

It was a small improvement from the 2.2 percent pace previously estimated for the fourth quarter and a 2.7 percent growth rate logged in the third quarter. However, the new reading still marked the weakest annual rate in the past 30 years, a sign that the economy is not expected to grow much faster this year.

**Apple hopes to increase album sales**

NEW YORK — Stocks ended higher in volatile trading Thursday as investors weighed figures about mounting tension in Iran against a report that indicated better-than-expected U.S. economic growth.

The major indexes bounced around, and most of the session looking for direction as crude prices surged to a six-month high. Investors remain nervous about the West's response to British sailors held captive in Iran, and oil prices crossed the $67 mark.

This offset the Commerce Department's final measure of fourth-quarter gross domestic product, which showed growth of 2.5 percent. That could help quell concerns about the economy slowing too quickly. At the same time, strong economic growth could make it harder for the inflation­-wary Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates.

Investors also bought-and-sold stocks to window dress their portfolio ahead of Saturday's end of the first quarter. The modest advance snapped a three­day losing streak for the Dow Jones industrial.

"The market is at a pivotal point," said Scott Fullman, director of investment management for Israel A. Englander & Co. "The market has become more volatile, and more sensitive, to news items."

The Dow rose 48.39, or 0.39 percent, to 12,348.75. The index climbed as high as 12,381.91 during the morning session.

Broad stock indicators also finished higher. The S&P 500 index rose 5.30, or 0.37 percent, to 1,422.53, and the Nasdaq composite index edged up 0.78, or 0.03 percent, to 2,147.88. Bonds slipped, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.64 percent from 4.62 percent late Wednesday. The dollar fell against other major currencies, while gold prices tumbled.

Oil prices extended their gains Thursday after set­ ting at their highest level since mid-September on Wednesday amid political tensions in the Middle East. Declining U.S. supplies amid high demand also drove up prices. Light, sweet crude rose $1.95 to settle at $66.50 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after rising as high as $66.56.

The recent rise in oil prices generally poses a concern as increased energy costs could curb consumer spending and add to inflationary pressures.

Wall Street got little feedback from policymakers after a number of Fed officials gave speeches. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Gary Stern was upbeat about the U.S. economy, but refrained from connecting that outlook to the future path of monetary policy.

Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker did not address the economy in his remarks to a community affairs research conference in Washington. He instead spoke about the recent rise in consumer credit defaults being caused by borrower's mistakes and problems with lender risk assessments.

Earlier in the session, the Labor Department released a report that showed the number of newly laid-off workers signing up for unemployment benefits last week declined. This suggests the job market is still in good shape even as the economy goes through a sluggish spell.

In corporate news, U.S. Steel Inc. announced it will acquire Lone Star Technologies Inc. for $2.1 billion. This represents a 39 percent premium. U.S. Steel rose $3.61, or 3.7 percent, to $101.22, while Lone Star surged $17.66, or 36.6 percent, to $63.11. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.54, or 0.19 percent, at 798.94.

**WASHINGTON** — Apple Inc., the company that popularized selling full albums from which they have bought individual tracks, said the new feature should now give a full credit to customers, including himself, may have felt in buying an album after they had already bought a single from it.

The album price reduction is good toward the purchase of the complete "Complete Album," Cue said.

"Once we bought a song, we wondered why we had to buy it again if we wanted the album," Cue said. "We hope it helps us sell more songs ultimately, and from the customer point of view, we think it's the right thing to do."

About 45 percent of the nearly 2.5 billion songs sold on iTunes were purchased as albums, Cue said.

For a limited period of 90 days, Apple said it will make the "Complete Album" offer retroactive to users who purchased tracks dating back to the launch of the iTunes Store four years ago.

Apple dominates the online music market and is a leading music retailer worldwide behind only Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Best Buy Co. and Target Corp.
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Couple tackles sexuality, spirituality
Married Loyola scholars address emotional, social maturation

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Saint Mary’s Center for Spiritual Development and professor James Whitehead and his wife, psychotherapist Evelyn Whitehead, to Carroll Auditorium on Thursday afternoon to discuss spirituality and sexuality.

Their presentation covered a variety of theories on the significance and integral role that they believe spirituality and sexuality play in everyone’s life.

"We define spirituality and sexuality as "our desire and longing for our lives to become more generous and fruitful."

He said Jesus wants people to prosper and to achieve true happiness.

"Jesus wants us not just to survive, but thrive and live with life in abundance," James Whitehead said.

In order to achieve their goal, people must cultivate and nourish their spiritual and sexual selves. In doing so, they will mature and grow, ultimately leading directly to conflict resolution.

It's all inclusive and could be found in a variety of places. Eros was all-inclusive and could be found in every arena of life. Evelyn Whitehead said eros is at work in our lives. She emphasized the energy and exuberance that accompanies childhood, while maturity is integral to development, "it puts that energy to work."

"Maturity leads us to socially and culturally appropriate ways of thinking and behaving."

"Psychologists suggest that we can tap into our sensuality and emotions in order to recover and mature in our sexuality," Evelyn Whitehead said.

Furthermore, both speakers highlight the idea that eros is not restricted to sexual passion, but can be found in multiple dimensions and energies in all areas of life. Evelyn Whitehead noted the beauty of this approach as it can come from simple pleasures.

"Eros is, ultimately, a well-spring of our wonder and beauty."

And in many of these ways we are moved. As we mature, eros becomes more generous and patient."

In addition to their work as professors at both Loyola University in Chicago and Pudan University in Shanghai, the pair has co-authored a number of books, including the recent "Christian Spirituality Today: Eros, Justice and Grace."

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and that individuals made a difference in those changes," said professor George Lopez of the Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, pointing out that the world, from Second Vatican Council to the Civil Rights Movement, was in constant conflict, because Notre Dame students included.

Those fervent protests and strikes in America then attracted the attention of stu-
dents and activists across the ocean, most notably French ones, in 1968.

"The American protests were a real point of reference for many student move-
ments in France, especially for those who were really into the civil rights move-
ments," said Olivier Morel, an adjunct French instructor who was born in
France and lived there until 18 months ago.

Despite the influence of your generation, New Orleans and the east New Orleans of the late 60's and early 70's, Lopez thinks they were a bit "big-headed".

"The truth is," he said, "that individuals probably made a difference in what they thought they did. I think that current generation is more balanced and maybe realistic in view of how much change they can bring.

Notre Dame students now, he said, the war in Iraq seems like an inaccessible conflict. Far fewer Notre Dame students have connections to those serving in Iraq than at other local institu-
tions like Ball State University and Indiana University, he said, where many students join the National Guard and Navy to help finance their educations.

The days of turning 600,000 people out for marches on Washington and campuses is probably gone — that doesn't go anymore. Those days are gone, he said.

"But I don't think that's the direc-
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Rather, Lopez said, students are turning to local charity efforts in a "think globally, act locally" mindset.

"They look for a strategic situation where they can actually have an effect," he said.

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Shaughnessy, a high school theology teacher in San Francisco, participates in marches, sit-ins and letter-writing campaigns in town.

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"I'm always working for jus-
tice is controversial," he said, and "I think many students at Notre Dame (in the late 60's and early 70's), and from what I read, now, too, are more concerned about job résumés than changing the world.

Aaron Kreider agrees that Notre Dame students can do more when it comes to activism. He felt so strongly about that as a student here in 1998 that he founded the Progressive Catholic Workers Alliance (PSA), which has been attracting attention for activism at Notre Dame.

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For clusters, downsizing complex

The line at the LaFortune computer cluster usually goes out the door during the middle of almost every day and most nights. The cluster in DeBartolo often fares better in the afternoon but worse earlier in the day. Students stay for hours at a time both doing projects, papers and presentations on fast-running IBMs and user-friendly Macs.

It's with this in mind that the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) must move cautiously with its pilot program of downsizing computers in the Mendoza College of Business and the second floor of the Hesburgh Library.

The plan at the Library could be a successful new innovation if it allows the availability of adequate laptops for students to rent while doing research in the stacks may represent a significant stride for the University. And the removal of excess computers in Mendoza, if indeed an excess exists, is fine.

However, at no point in time should OIT assume that success in this project indicates evidence for or support of any further reductions in the numbers of computers in clusters across campus.

Both the DeBartolo and LaFortune computer clusters team with students daily because of their convenient locations and productive atmospheres. That few enough students were using the Mendoza and Library clusters is strong evidence to change the format of those areas — not any others.

And it's also crucial that OIT realize the introduction of printers into dorms does not, for most students, eliminate the need for computer clusters.

The computers there have programs like Adobe Photoshop and Apple's Final Cut Pro, which would be expensive purchases for students whose classes require them. The accessibility of those programs is one of the great assets of the University's information technology department, and losing that would be a significant disservice to students.

If OIT keeps these considerations in mind, then the change in the computer clusters — including the downsizing of just these two — will be a positive step for Notre Dame.
Any back may write of the death of Catholic culture in a newspaper col­umn, because it is in the papers that obituaries appear. It is more difficult and more of a stretch to speak of the life still liv­ing. Death is for the broadsheet reporter, for the narrow intimacy of school. 

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**Italian Stallion back for final round on DVD**

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

"Rocky Balboa" is supposed to be the end of the line for the Italian Stallion, but it's easy to get the sense that the movie goes writer-director Sylvester Stallone a new beginning — after all, he can now follow it up with "Rocky Balboa II," which sounds a lot less gparity than "Rocky VII."

Actually, though, critical reception to "Rocky Balboa" was surprisingly warm, but that's probably because the film isn't a complete disaster. Shot with lip service to the grittiness and charm of the original, "Rocky Balboa" is a superfluous sequel. While it does get things back on track after the proverbial train wreck that was "Rocky V," I don't really stand on its own as a film.

Stallone's latest is essentially a glorified "thank you" to the legions of Rocky fans who stood by the Italian Stallion as he got married, became the heavyweight champ, had a kid, fought Mr. T, lost Mickey, trained with Apollo, lost Apollo, went to Russia, got brain damage and trained Tommy Gunn. At least half these things are thrown by the wayside in "Rocky Balboa," a film that revisits several old set pieces, including the skating rink from the first picture.

The film is about Rocky Balboa, former heavyweight champion turned regional owner, who comes out of retirement to engage in an exhibition match against current champ Mason "The Line" Dixon. While this might sound like the stuff of parody, the film shifts into high gear and pulls out a picture that isn't nearly as stodgy as coldly calculating as it could be — in fact, there are scenes of genuine warmth, even without the presence of girlfriend/Adrian, who was often the convenient emotional anchor for previous "Rocky" pics.

"Rocky Balboa" is well shot and well directed, though Stallone chews a lot of scenery, Balboa was always rocky, but he was never this loquacious. "Rocky Balboa" might have more words than any other "Rocky" film, but never before have they added up to less, and all of the long-winded monologues are enough to make audiences long for the days of, "Adrian, I never asked you to stop being a woman."

The DVD is passable, though not nearly the quality of MGM's two-disc special edition for the original film. It includes an audio commentary by Stallone, who is always intelligent and well spoken (he did, after all, write all of the "Rocky" films). There are also deleted scenes that include an alternate ending, though the ending that was ultimately chosen seems to be the most appropriate.

Finally, there are three documentaries — "Skill vs. Will: The Making of Rocky Balboa," "Reality in the Ring: Filming Rocky's Final Fight," and "Virtual Champion: Creating the Computer Fight." Of these, only the first is really substantial, and the third, which talks about an ineffective computer fight depicting an ESPN special featuring Balboa vs. Dixon, is rather fluff. There was never a need for "Rocky Balboa," but if Stallone was intent on making it, he could've done a lot worse. There is quite a bit to admire, and, for "Rocky" enthusiasts, a lot to love. Comparing "Rocky Balboa" to the original "Rocky" shows just how far the franchise has strayed from its humble beginnings, but this latest (and hopefully last) sequel brings back some of the 1976 Best Picture winner's charm.

Best of all, it's enough to make viewers forget about "Rocky V," which is itself a minor miracle and something to be thankful for.

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**Animated musical a spectacle of light and sound**

By TAE ANDREWS
Senior Editor

This emperor penguin marches to his own tune. Follows the story of Bitten by the jitterbug at birth, Mumble (Hugh Jackman) drops him as an off-key crooner makes it hard for Mumble to harmonize with the rest of his voice sounds like the noise of a dying giraffe. His unique talents and wants him to blend into the smaller (and apparently Mexican) tail-chasing penguins. Unfortunately for Mumble, all that fancy footwork is of no use as he can't choke any harmless penguins. Mumble's somewhat-less-than proud papa.

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**Rocky Balboa**

MGM

**Happy Feet**

Warner Home Video

**The Observer**

Friday, March 30, 2007
I'm not afraid to admit it — I like Disney movies. I mean, really like Disney movies. In fact, not just Disney, but animated movies in general appeal to me more than any live-action movies I have seen in years. Pixar, Dreamworks, and even Warner Bros. ventures such as "Happy Feet" tickle me in a way that has me saying, "Oh, yeah, that's nice." It's not really that I dislike seeing real people acting on camera. I liked "The Departed" as much as the next guy. That one is where Leo totally works that guy over in the convenience store is just awesome, but I digress. The truth of the matter is that animated films are becoming increasingly realistic, to the point where it's nearly picture-real.

If the animation studios can convince me that animals and people acting on the screen are at least nearly real, then why not? It seems often times the plots of these animated movies are better than half the stuff the mega-movie factories churn out. Plus, the hidden "adult" jokes in these primarily children's flicks strikes me as particularly funny.

However, it isn't really a recent development that has drawn me into being an animation aficionado. I was raised on a steady diet of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," 7 a.m. cartoon network viewings and Disney's "Peter Pan." Perhaps my affection for these cartoonish creations extends further than just a personal preference, but maybe it is something that has been ingrained in me during my childhood. In the debate over nature versus nurture, I have a sneaking suspicion my propensity toward animated flicks is from being a product of my environment.

Sneeped in these childhood cartoon memories is a bit of motion. I remember laughing during "101 Dalmatians," imitating the antics of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in my pajamas, and crying during "Peter Pan" when the Darlings left behind Nana, the lovable, loyal pet dog. (Don't hate, my dog had just died and it was a hard time for an 8-year-old). But really, I think my preference for animated films comes down to quality. So often movies today are just not good. For every "Departed" there are 10 "Norbits." But every single animated movie I've seen in probably the last 10 years has been really good.

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It seems to me that maybe the live action folks should take a close from the animated studios. Develop a plot. Be fresh and original. Make jokes that are actually funny and not just based off crude and/or stupid humor. (Yes, "Dumb and Dumber" is exempt from this rule — that movie is awesome.) Really, it's not that I don't like the normal films, and my favorite movie ("Good Will Hunting") is one of them, but I really just wish the studios would step up their game. In the mean time, I'm perfectly content with my animated films.

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**DVD REVIEW**

"Green Mile" shines in deluxe special edition

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
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Director Frank Darabont has made not one, but two great Stephen King prison drama. His first, "The Shawshank Redemption," was the proverbial little movie that could. The novella that inspired the 1994 film was far more slender than King's usual work — one that was light on pages but big on heart.

When the film adaptation was released, it opened softly and exited the Oscars without a nomination. It's not really that I dislike seeing real people acting on camera. It comes on the heels of a similarly expansive two-disc edition of "The Shawshank Redemption." Both DVDs far outstrip the bare one-disc edition that sat on store shelves for far too long.

The wisest choice made by the DVD producer was splitting the film over two discs. By not squashing more than three hours of footage onto one disc, the DVD improves on the first release's solid but unrespectable video transfer. Here, the movie looks and sounds great, while leaving more room for the wonderful collection of special features.

The movie is accompanied by an audio commentary by the director and stars and an excellent feature absent from the previous DVD. On the track, Darabont gingerly admits his reluctance to record commentaries for his films, saying it keeps the "magic of the movies" intact with such discretion. Fortunately, he doesn't hold back here and delivers a wonderful commentary that touches upon all aspects of the film's production. Tidbits include how the crew made Duncan appear a foot taller than anyone else in the film and the special effects used to aid Mr. Jingles in his efforts.

Additionally, the second disc houses an excellent six-part documentary called "Miracles and Mystery: Creating The Green Mile." Clocking in at over 90 minutes, it digs even deeper into the film's cinematography, casting, sets, costumes and virtually every part of its production.

Alive with deep, soulful characters, "The Green Mile" ambles through its considerable runtime with care and grace. Warm, affectionate, poignant and moving, it is a worthy spiritual sequel to "Shawshank." Like a younger, gentler Bill expects to sit and think in the shadow of the life-earlier film. But "Green Mile" once again proved that Darabont is one of the few filmmakers with the patience, competence and vision to bring King's richly detailed worlds to life.

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**The Green Mile**

**Warner Bros.**
Crosby assists Pens in clinching division title

Associated Press

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From behind the net, flipped the puck into the air and then batted it towards the crease to Evgeni Malkin. It was Malkin's 33rd goal of the season and first goal on his last 10 teams.

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American Michael Phelps swims during his record-breaking 200-meter Individual Medley final at the World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Thursday. It marked Phelps' third world record of the day and the fourth gold medal.

Phelps gets four golds, three records

Tigers' Rogers to miss first start of regular season

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APREND
Friday, March 30, 2007
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By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will split up this weekend and send athletes to four meets. Weekend will be key differentials for the NCAA at some point. This will make sure they get a really good early-season tune-up.

About 30 athletes, mostly throwers, will travel to West Lafayette. But this group will not include most of the athletes that competed last weekend at the Arizona State Clipper Bar Invitational.

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Sophomore Patrick Needham, while Needham hopes to better his record time of 15.55 seconds from the same meet, the athlete's conference. Plane believes Quick has a good chance of winning or qualifying.

"There's no kind of secret play to get ready," Joe Piane Irish coach

The qualification system for the NCAA Championships in outdoor track and field differs from that of the indoor competitions. In the outdoor season, athletes qualify for the regional competitions. The top five from each of the four regionals advance, setting a field of 20 athletes. After that, four to eight more may be taken from a list in descending order of time or score.

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ND TRACK
Irish split up team for two tournaments

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to play in first league game

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Senior shortstop Sarah Miesle fires to first base Sunday. The Belles swept Rose-Hulman in a doubleheader, winning 10-1 and 5-0.

Saint Mary's will look to continue its five-game winning streak this weekend when the Belles travel to face Alma College Saturday and Manchester College Sunday.

Alma (11-7) will be the first MIAA game for the Belles (11-1) this season.

Saint Mary's coach Erin Sullivan said the first league game is very important to the team. "It sets the tone for the rest of our season," Sullivan said. "It's against one of the best teams in our conference traditionally ... so we want to jump ahead."

The Belles already lead Alma in many of the league standings. Alma has a team batting average of .283 in 20 games while Saint Mary's is hitting .367 in 12 contests. Senior shortstop Sarah Miesle leads the league in runs scored (20), and sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro is fourth in the league with 14 runs.

Alma has played nearly twice as many games as the Belles this season, but Sullivan believes her squad will not struggle. She said playing the first conference game away will actually help the Belles. "You have less pressure when you're away," she said. "When you're home you're supposed to win."

Sunday, the Belles will face off against Manchester (5-5) of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Last Sunday, the Belles swept HCAC second-place Rose-Hulman in a double header, winning 10-1 and 5-0.

Manchester has consistent hitting — seven of its players are batting .300 or above — so the Belles will look to their tough pitching duo, sophomores Calli Davison and Kristin Amran, to stay consistent with their past performances this season. The Belles have a total ERA of 1.29. Offensively, sluggers such as Miesle, Fusaro and Davison will try to beat Alma (1.66 ERA) and Manchester's (3.09) strong pitching. "If we play the same game we've been playing for the last 12 games, we're going to be successful," Sullivan said. "[Alma] always has great pitchers and they always have great hitters. But we've played three or four teams already like that and we've come out on top."

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Deadline
Monday, April 9, 2007
Belles to face 2 tough teams

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After winning its second conference match Monday against Calvin to stay undefeated in the MIAA, Saint Mary's will compete this weekend against two quality teams in the Wheaton Invitational. The Belles will travel today to Wheaton and one of the best women's tennis teams in the country, the Thunder. The following day the Belles will vie for a win against the Olivet Nazarene Tigers. In 2006, the Belles went 1-1 in the invitational, losing to the top-ranked Thunder and defeating the Tigers. "This year we expect to give Wheaton a better match," Belles coach Dee Stevenson said. "Wheaton is pretty good so we will definitely have to play up to our potential." Wheaton went undefeated in the fall at the Division III level and has yet to lose a match this spring. The Thunder also boast two undefeated singles players — All-American sophomore Jordan Hook and sophomore Brittany Dunn — and a ranked doubles duo of Dunn and junior Shannon Hale. Still, Stevenson expects his team to perform well and plans to approach the match with a positive disposition. "You can never go into anything with a negative attitude because then you are always beat before you start," he said. Olivet Nazarene also owns a strong fall record of 10-1. Entering the spring season ranked No. 23 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Poll, the team has yet to play because of weather conditions postponing its matches. Stevenson plans to play his normal lineup with senior captain Kelly McAvitt in the No. 1 singles spot and freshman Camille Gebert playing in the No. 2 spot. Together the undefeated duo will compete in No. 1 doubles position. "It should be good match-play experience," McDavitt said of the Wheaton Invitational. "We are going to learn a lot because they are both good teams. We are planning to work on our skills this weekend and get ready for our next conference match." The Belles' first match of the weekend will be tonight at 7, while the second match will start Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Greens on Irish minds in Georgia

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their work cut out for them this weekend as they will host the Administration Augusta State Invitational in Evans, Ga., along with 10 of the nation's top-50 teams. Notre Dame senior co-captain Cole Isban said his team must focus on its short game in order to be competitive with such strong competition. "The field is one of the best we've faced," said Isban. "If we don't putt well, we're going to be left in the dust." The No. 54 Irish played a practice round at the Champions Retreat Golf Course Thursday, and Isban noted that the greens had an unusual pure. "The greens were just changed, and they were pretty slow," Isban said. "That's something we're going to have to adjust to." Along with Isban, the Irish will send senior co-captain Adam Gifford, junior Eddie Peckels, sophomore Josh Sandman and freshman Doug Foster onto the links in the 54-hole event. "I think we're all playing pretty well," Isban said. The Irish have faced 12 of the other teams in this weekend's field but have gone just 4-12-1 in those matchups. "We faced a pretty good field at Sawgrass [Country Club in the John Hayt Invitational] but this might be the best one we've seen," Isban said. Isban emphasized his team's efficiency on the greens this weekend. "It's going to come down to whether we can make our putts," he said. This year marks the fourth in a row in which the Irish have competed in the Administration Invitational, which was held at Forest Hills Golf Club until 2006. The teams expect near-optimal conditions for the weekend. "It's a little bit cooler than we expected but we have no complaints," Isban said.

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Women as Intercultural Leaders: Collaboration at the Crossroads

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9:00 am Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
*6:30 pm Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm Tenebrae
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12:00 noon - 3:00 pm Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 pm The Paschal Vigil

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ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish take on pair of foes at home

No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne roll into town to battle laxers

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its strong defensive play over the weekend with home matches against No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne.

The No. 12 Irish (7-2, 4-1 Big East) will face off against the Huskies (5-2, 0-1) tonight at 7. Notre Dame, who defeated Connecticut 13-9 last season, will face a much improved team from last year’s 5-11 squad that went winless in the Big East.

The Huskies’ only two losses this season have come to ranked opponents, and the team has posted wins over Harvard, Stanford and California. Connecticut’s last match was a heartbreaking loss to No. 11 Syracuse, falling 18-16 in double overtime.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she wasn’t surprised by the Huskies’ success this season.

“We scrimmaged them in the fall, and knew they had the talent and ability,” Coyne said. “Last season things just didn’t go their way, and this year they’ve started strong.”

This season the Huskies are led by junior Shannon Burke, whose 39 goals as a sophomore made her a first-team All-Big East selection. The attacker leads Connecticut with 45 points — double the number of any of her teammate.

Burke will be the biggest challenge to a stingy Irish defense coming off an 11-1 win over Loyola. Goalkeeper Erin Goodman and the defense set a Notre Dame record in that game for fewest goals allowed.

Goodman, in her first season as starting goalkeeper, has elevated the play from their last match, an 18-4 drubbing of Howard on the road.

Sophomore Kathleen McNish leads Duquesne with 38 points on 19 goals and 19 assists.

Freshman goalie Caitlin Carducci has struggled to start the season, letting up an average of 11.46 goals per game. However, the freshman has learned from experience, improving her goals against average to eight per game over the last three matches.

“I think Duquesne will come out aggressively and try to challenge us — they’re on the road and looking to make a statement,” Coyne said.

While Notre Dame has put up impressive showings on both defense and offense this season, Coyne said she is still waiting for the team to dominate on both ends.

“We’ve had dominant offensive games and really good defensive games, but we’re still waiting to put everything together and have the perfect game,” she said.

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another two games.

The Irish are currently undefeated in Big East play. After a sluggish start with the bats earlier on in the month, Notre Dame has turned it on, and as a result, the victories are pouring in. Pittsburgh is currently in fourth place in the Big East with a 2-1 conference record, tallying a 14-19 mark overall. Syracuse is right below them in the Big East standings at third with a 3-1 record. Overall, Syracuse’s record is suffering due to a 10-20 mark.

The Irish pitching has been impeccable during the team’s impressive streak. Bargar has led the way with a 10-7 record, posting a stifling 2.23 ERA along with 14 complete games and 116 strikeouts.

Senior Kenya Fuemmeler will also need to be on her game to find success this weekend — and so far this season, she has. The Irish pitcher has a 5-5 record with a solid 2.90 ERA and 49 strikeouts.

While its pitchers have enjoyed excellent production during the streak, Notre Dame’s bats have also delivered. Senior Stephanie Brown has accumulated a .408 batting average, giving the Irish many chances to score by getting on base.

The RBI production has come mainly from freshman Heather Jackson, who has taken advantage of her opportunities with 18 RBIs. Sophomore Linda Koban and Laing have put in 13 and 11 runs, respectively.

If the Irish keep winning this weekend, they will continue to dominate Big East play. This will only help headed into the championship rounds later on in May with the higher goal of the College World Series following after that.

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ing a total of three games in the singles matches on their way to victory. Louderback was forced to juggle the lineup against Wisconsin, and he hopes that his players will continue to respond well to the changes.

"We moved a few of our doubles teams around a little bit with Buck and we've got a couple new doubles teams that we're going to play this weekend so we'll see how they do," Louderback said.

Notre Dame's opponent, No. 28 Wichita State, has an impressive 15-1 overall and will be riding a four match-winning streak when the teams meet today.

Louderback realizes that this matchup will probably not be easy.

"It should be good," he said. "Wichita State has only lost one match. They've got mostly international kids and they've got a lot of young kids that have just come in, so it's hard to tell how good they are. They lost 4-3 to Ohio State and that's really been the only tight match they've had."

The Irish, who will be competing for the first time in over a week, have slightly shifted their focus during practice this week as they continue their stretch of outdoor matches. "We had the weekend off so the kids had a little bit of rest and we haven't played a whole lot of matches," Louderback said. "We've just drilled a lot and worked on strokes, just not playing quite as much as we usually do and it was good because [Wednesday] was the first day we've been indoors so we were able to get outside Monday and Tuesday, which is key for us right now."

In addition to playing Wichita State today, Notre Dame will wrap up the weekend when it battles No. 37 Tulsa in Oklahoma Sunday. With his team on a roll, Louderback likes his chances over the weekend.

"All of our kids have been playing really well, playing with a lot of confidence, so I feel pretty good about it."

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

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both teams on March 20.

Despite the solid result against Bellarmine, consistency has been a problem for Notre Dame so far this season. After winning their first two games — including a 9-7 victory over then No. 11 Loyola — the Irish dropped three of four with close losses to Cornell, North Carolina, and Dartmouth sandwiched around a 16-5 drubbing of Drexel.

"We know what team we want to play like, but it's just been a matter of what team shows up for us," junior goalie Joey Kemp said.

="teams always play better when your goalie is hot," Kemp said.

"We played great against Drexel and lackadaisical against teams like Dartmouth and North Carolina. I think it's something we've overcome and it's just something we need to show on the field now."

A prepared Bears squad will await Notre Dame in Providence this weekend. Brown enters the match with a record of 5-7 coming off an easy 13-4 victory over Vermont Tuesday. The meeting Saturday will be the second all-time between the two schools, with the Irish winning the only other contest 11-5 last season at Moore-Krause Stadium. But this Brown team will be different than the one Notre Dame defeated last season. The Bears have already more than doubled last year's win total of two.

"They're playing with a new attitude this season," Kemp said. "They have a new coach, and they basically had open tryouts before the season. A lot of old guys were cut, and a lot of the new guys are still trying to prove themselves."

Beyond the new attitude, a big reason for Brown's turnaround has been the play of senior attacker David Madlener, who leads the team in both points (20) and goals (14). Another key element for the Bears' improved play has been the performance of sophomore goalie Jordan Burke. Burke leads the Ivy League with 12.40 saves per game and is ranked fourth nationally with a save percentage of .683.

"It's been a very large part of their success," Kemp said.

"Teams always play better when your goalie is hot, and it just gives the team a lot of confidence."

Notre Dame counters Burke with an equally impressive netminder in Kemp, a preseason honorable mention All-America selection by Inside Lacrosse. Kemp was named the GWLL Player of the Week for the second time this season for his nine save performance in Notre Dame's win over Bellarmine last week. Kemp enters Saturday's game carrying a 7.64 goals-against average and a .584 save percentage, which rank No. 14 and No. 16 nationally, respectively.

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tinue."

Schrage said earlier this week that he expects the bullpen issues to correct themselves. Notre Dame's relief pitchers had been a strength until the South Florida series. Even given the rough stretch over the past week, relief pitchers junior Joey Williamson and freshman Eric Maust have ERA's

As for the lack of clutch hitting, shortstop Brett Lilley said he is optimistic that it will improve.

"Sometimes it's bad luck," Lilley said. "A lot of our guys have hit the ball hard with runners on base. We just haven't gotten that lucky. Hitting is contagious. Once one person gets a clutch hit, they just keep on rolling."

As Notre Dame's leadoff hitter, Lilley and his .305 on-base percentage have been the main victim of runner-standing. But he said that he is guilty of poor clutch hitting as well.

"I get frustrated when I'm up [with runners on base] and I don't get the hit," Lilley said. "I also get out when runners are on base."

Schrage said Trees Field in Pittsburgh, home of an Astroturf infield which does not slow down ground balls as much as grass, may help Notre Dame's timely hitting.

"Pittsburgh's ballpark is a hitter's ball park, so hopefully we can continue to hit well out there," Schrage said.

Pittsburgh comes into the three-game series 9-12 and 3-3 in the Big East. It took two of three from Cincinnati last weekend but, like the Irish, dropped two out of its three games against South Florida.

The Panthers' best hitters are Gary Bucuren, who is hitting .331 this year with three home runs and 16 RBIs, and Jordan Herr, who is hitting .327 with three more homers and 11 RBIs.

Tonight's game will begin at 6. Saturday's game will begin at 3, and Sunday's game will begin at noon.

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### Packing for Pittsburgh

Irish want to pick up play against Panthers

By Chris Khorey

Notre Dame ended its three-game losing streak Wednesday against struggling Chicago State, but the real test of whether the Irish have corrected the problems that led to the skid will come this weekend when they travel to Pittsburgh to play the Panthers in a three-game Big East series.

Over the last four games — which include two losses to South Florida, a defeat to Central Michigan and the win over the Cougars — the Irish have stranded 49 runners per contest, and their bullpens have given up a total of 22 runs.

Irish coach Dave Schrage said he hoped the problems were fixed after the Chicago State victory, but he will not know for sure until the conference series against Pittsburgh.

"With one game it's tough to tell," he said. "But hopefully [the improvement] will con-

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**ND Women's Tennis**

### No. 2 netters battle injuries on road trip

By Dan Maloof

After soundly defeating Wisconsin 7-0 last week, Notre Dame moved up to No. 2 in the ITA rankings and will seek its 12th straight victory today when the Irish travel to Arkansas City, Kan., to take on No. 28 Wichita State.

The Irish, who boast a 16-1 overall record, will most likely be shorthanded again this weekend, according to Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback.

"Yeah we're still struggling [with injuries]," Louderback said. "We'll probably have two out. The same two. [Brook] Buck and [Collen] Rieley, will probably miss this weekend and we're hoping they're going to be back next week."

The injury bug certainly did not seem to faze the Irish last Thursday in Madison where they handled the Badgers, los-

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**ND Softball**

### Bargar ends game with home run

By Lorenzo Reyes

Brittany Bargar certainly picked the right time to get her first career hit.

The sophomore hurler hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Irish to a 1-0 victory over Toledo Thursday.

Bargar ended the game with home run.

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**Men's Tennis**

### Tough task on tap for weekend

By Deirdre Krasula

Notre Dame has its plate full this weekend.

The Irish are slated to take on No. 2 Ohio State today in Columbus and No. 8 Illinois at home Sunday.

Notre Dame travels to Columbus well aware of the competition that awaits, Irish coach Bobby Beiles said.

Ohio State's strength is in numbers. Four of the six singles players for Ohio State are ranked in the top 75 nationally, and the team boasts two ranked doubles teams, as well.

Irish senior Stephen Basu likely will take on national No. 10 Steven Moneke.

Moneke is no stranger to the Irish. Moneke defeated Bass 7-5, 6-3 in the ITA Midwest Regionals in November. The sophomore Buckeyes had defeated Bass in the ITA Midwest Regional Championships just two weeks prior.

Notre Dame will also face No. 2

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**Men's Lacrosse**

### Laxers hope to stop slump

By Greg Arboagast

After struggling to find some consistency in its young season, Notre Dame will try to start a winning streak when it travels to Providence, R.I., to take on No. 20 Brown at noon Saturday at Brown Stadium.

The Irish, ranked No. 17 in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse media poll despite losing three of their last five, are coming off an 11-3 win over Bellarmine in the Greater Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) opener for

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University bans vaginas; men rejoice

Zahn applauds ND's decision to eliminate women from campus

By J-LEAN BACK and TIMMY DOUGHOY

Under a banner reading "X-pel the X- Chromosome," University President Father Jim Junkins announced in a press conference at the football stadium Thursday that all vaginas are to be removed from campus within the next week. Notre Dame is also revoking all acceptance letters it issued to vagina-bearing applicants for the class of 2011. The dictum is the latest event in Junkins' "X-pel the X Chromosome" campaign, which forced "The Vagina Monologues" to a classroom last year and to an off-campus location this year.

"It was the next logical step," Junkins said. "First we got rid of the "Vagina Monologues." But then I realized my folly — vagina dialogues are twice the vaginas! We just couldn't risk our holy men of faith succumbing to the temptation to converse with — or, worse yet, ejaculate in the presence of — vaginas. I mean, it's in the good book."

Junkins later clarified that by "good book" he meant change would begin to terminate the College's "stale ancestry, and foster a renewed sense of diversity on this North Face wearing- Vera Bradley bag carrying campus."

"The College, which was recently named one of the top 100 institutions for Hispanics, has not really been able to fully display how diverse we really are," Gooney said. "That is why this name change is ideal."

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"We have been living in the shadow of the dome for..." see DIVERSITY/page 3

Junkins adopts Ugandan Prez: Saint Mary's to be renamed 'Santa Maria'

In an ongoing effort to reshape and advance the College's image, Saint Mary's administration announced Thursday that as of April 1 the institution will be officially recognized as "Universidad de Santa Maria."

During an exclusive interview with The Absurder, College President Merrill Gooney said this executive decision was made without student consideration after the administration reviewed results from its "Identity Initiative" — the institution's quest to define the ever-illusive "Chick.

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Senators open dialogue, denounce cookie caper

By NOTTAMAN DUH

In a bold move to draw more than the current 4 minority students to campus, the College unveiled a fancy foreign name.

In an effort to squelch campus uproar over the administration's choices for the 2007 commencement speakers, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have chosen new popular figures to send off their seniors.

After many questioned the identity of the University's original speaker, General Electric CEO I.M. Loaded, the University decided to pull some strings and invite Jesus Christ himself to address the
INSIDE COLUMN
This one goes out to...

I know at least one person who has whined multiple times about not getting an inside column. So okay, here you go Erin, but to keep my pride it's going in The Absurder.

But it seemed creepy to write 500 words about one of my roommates, April Fool's or not. So I started to consider all the other people who I did not write an inside column about. So far, I've written about lazy people, beer and nonbeer drinkers, Eagles fans, Cavanaugh football players, my dad and townies, among other topics. Ironically, Erin fits into at least three of the above categories. But she still complains about never getting the 500 words of fame that are an inside column.

So Erin, this one's for you. But there are some other issues which have never made it into print. Here are a few of the things that I feel strongly about, because this is The Absurder and you care. A lot.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the really good omelet guy at North Dining Hall. He is middle-aged, has white hair and makes significantly better omelets than anyone else in the entire world. Seriously, I have had omelets at really nice places, and I would take this wonderful NDH culinary hayride any time. I will wait in any length of line to get this man to make me an omelet. Seriously, no matter what else is going on in my life, this brings more joy to me than is socially acceptable.

Secondly, what is with taking away the $1 Long Island at Finnys? The $6 pitchers do not even remotely compare. This was by far the best deal in town. I would spend the change in the cupholder in my car and have a truly restraining order.

Thirdly, Jeff Bergerstein, finance professor. This man is a purveyor, which automatically makes him important. I would take grade level finance classes in order to get a seat in this man's class. Obviously I can't do that, but I definitely would.

Fourth, Club 23. Where did all the tacos go? Although it's practically next door, I don't really count myself as a huge Club 23 fan. This is because, in the early 90's, Club 23 used to have all-you-can-eat tacos for $1. I realize that Mondays at 23 also coincides with Fajita Rita Monday (in itself an excellent idea), but I am really intrigued by the idea of food at a bar. I think I would be a much bigger fan of 23 if the tacos came back.

To conclude this article, I apparently feel strongly about my roommate complaining about a lack of coverage in campus journalism, an NDH employee, two bars and a finance professor. Sounds like senior year to me.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of The Absurder, and have nothing to do with logic or coherent thought.

CORRECTIONS
We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little twerps like you.

IN BOXES
The College of Engineering will hold its annual formal this Saturday at 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale today at noon in LaFun. They are $10 if you bring your date. Only $5 if you bring your model rocket.

University auditor Bill Kindalkegsue will hold a planning meeting tonight for a faculty fraternity at 9 p.m. in Grace Hall. Any Notre Dame employee hired with his desk job and looking for a little debauchery is encouraged to attend.

Pornography will be broadcast tonight on computers in every room of every male residence hall. All positions will be shown. The event is free, but closed to the public.

Local watering hole Finneghrabryankey Stone will introduce a new song into its set list Friday. Owners will have ambulances on hand in the event of fainting.

Former University spokesman Boston Sizeto faces journalism prof Johnny "The Jet" Coldwell in a game of water pong today at high noon in O'Shaq. Gallivanting near Bob Mule will officiate.

A freshman will eat a handful of Reese's pieces straight from the candy section of LaFun today at 4:47 p.m.

Tonight at 11, NSDP will can parking ticket offenders outside its palace near the power plant. All members of the Notre Dame family are invited to watch and join in the festivities.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Absurder, well, we really don't care.
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centuries," she said. "This was Santa Maria's time to show it too can add a foreign flair to its name."

The name change, however, did not sit well amongst Saint Mary's students — most notably the College Republicans who began a pro-Alito/anti-Santa Maria petition in the student center Thursday.

Freshman Malibu Drinker said she skipped her nightly 8:30 dinner trip to South Dining Hall — where she usually awaits the arrival of notable ND athletes — to man the petition table.

"I just think it is important that we maintain our heritage and tradition," she said. "And not lose sight of the fact that indeed we are a College comprised of conservative Catholics who enjoy crossing routes 933."

As bookstore employees worked diligently to recall all "Saint Mary's College" paraphernalia, senior and bookstore employee Ivanna Ringbyspring said she was not too fazed by the decision.

"Honestly, I think it is a testmony to the progress we've made at Santa Maria," Ringbyspring said. "I remember last year's freshman class only had one minority, and this year there are ten. If there has ever been a reason to change your name, this is clearly one."

While Ringbyspring said she did not think many seniors were not saddened by the decision because they spent their nights at Club Blackout and their days at random off-campus venues, she believes it is the underclass women who will be most affected by the change — a thought echoed by Drinker, who yearns for a name restoration.

"I think the saddest part is that the administration did not ask students what they thought," she said. "I think that this is just going to drive us further into our ongoing identity crisis."

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The name change, however, has grown tired of the media attention showered upon the adoption of foreign orphans by movie stars.

"A Beverly Hills mansion isn't the place for a foreign child with no knowledge of the English language to grow up," Junkins said. Junkins is especially perturbed about the growing kid collection of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, whom he calls "the modern day embodiments of Sodom and Gomorrah if Sodom and Gomorrah were people and not cities."

Junkins hoped his actions will inspire more high-profile Catholic leaders to follow his lead and save the world's orphans from the horrors of Hollywood.

"Just because these people play good parents on television and in movies doesn't mean they are anything other than crazy, drug-using scientologists," Junkins said. However, with Jolie, Pitt and their cohorts showing no indication of slowing down, Junkins said that he must ratchet up the intensity of his own efforts if he is to make third-world adoption a part of Catholic character.

Junkins already has plans to travel to Djibouti, Bolivia and northern New Jersey to increase his child-saving efforts.

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tions by again slaying a Lionel Richie verse, this time in the group finale of "We are the World."

Opponents have criticized Junkins for exploiting the economic situation on the African continent, allegations the new surrogate father vehemently denies.

"A voice like that should be heard by the world," he said.

While the child may indeed prove to be a music star, it is unlikely Junkins fused a branch onto his family tree for a potential music deal.

Sources close to the situation have confirmed that Junkins — who monitors tmz.com and Access Hollywood daily for examples of American immorality — has grown tired of the collection of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

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president Dove LeBaron dia-
logued about the issue.
"Basing awareness of our mis-
sion, I think, is at the heart of our
mission," Sharrele told The
Absurder in an interview after
the December panel, glancing
desperately at LeBaron, who
remained uncomfortably
silent.
Woodclotch, it appeared,
the time, dodged out of
the interview, but it was
discussed to be standing
behind Sharrele.
With the question
successfully dodged, Sharrele
asked the senators for
their input on the alleged cookie
theft.
"Zahn is clearly superior
to every dorm on campus,
and we're willing to do things
that everyone else finds completely
disgusting and juvenile," said
Zahn senator Cat Napp. "So
we're willing to do things that
remind us of Notre Dame
situations."
"Like the
University pays attention
to anything we say anyway," said
the unnamed senator, before
taking a swig from his hip
flask.
Dwahread then
stood up to speak
in his own defense.
"Look, I didn't
take that cookie,
but if I had, I
would have
to make a state-
ment about the
democratic
process," he said.
The wealth of a
nation should not
desperately at LeBaron, who
discussed to be standing
leader.
Cookies for all Students
of Notre Dame, unin!
Judicial Council president Biz
Causeway gently explained
to Dwahread the difference
between communism and
democracy, and that cookies
were tasty, but only a "sometimes
food."
That said, I don't think this is
an actual violation of the Student
Union Constitution," she said.
"There's really nothing in here
about eating someone else's food
without asking, even if it is a dick
move."
Sharrele then quietly con-
ferred with Woodclotch before
producing copies of what she
called the "correct version" of
the interview, but
time, dodged out of
the meeting.
As Causeway began to
point out that the section in
question was more in line with
another unnamed senator
pressed again, realized the meeting
gone on for an unprecedented 20
minutes, and motioned to
adjourn the meeting.
Unopposed, the motion passed.
The debate was expected to
continue for the next four Senate
meetings.
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Idiocratically: A Guide to Student Life, not the divinely inspired
Holy Bible, or any of its four
gospels that preach tolerance
and inclusion.
Through "X-pel the X
Chromosome," Notre Dame is
reclaiming its roots, Jenkins
said. He pointed out that the
University was founded in 1842
by seven lonely priests who
grew nervous and stuttered
around members
of the opposite sex.
All vagina-
bearing students, faculty,
staff, including the din-
ing hall workers
and the cranky
Burger King lady
will be
removed in "X-
pel the X
Chromosome."
Those vaginas always talked about
who was on the other end
here anyway, like sex,
masturbation and sexual
assault. It was part of the
mission, he said.
Jenkins said
Student reaction to the cam-
paign has been mixed.
Some, like Observer comic
Miaa Lora, have offered
their full-fledged support for
Jenkins' announcement. Moran
donated a dozen gremlin
nets to help NSP catch
women unwilling to leave cam-
pus.
But Jack Dick, member of campus activist group CLAP,
announced the organization
would protest the move.
"We are very interested in
vaginas," he said. "After all,
our organization is named
after gonorrhea—only catch-
and compare it to AIDS."
Jenkins has presented resi-
dence hall Hahn Zouse as
a guide for other male dorms
struggling with the
adjustment.
"Look, we refused to let anything remote-
ely resembling a vagina to enter
our doors for the last 70
years," he said. He also
encouraged
other dorms to adopt
Hahn's lati-
- there would be an
actual violation of the Student
Senate rules.
"There's
everyone that
"We are very
interested in
vaginas." 
Jack Dick
CLAP
Junkins

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2007 grads.
"Who else but the Lord can
really sum up the value of a
Notre Dame education," Un-
iversity President Father Jim
Junkins said.
While many seemed shocked
that Jesus would descend sim-
ply for a commencement
ceremo-
y, Junkins said it was not
right to question the connec-
tions that Jesus had by being
part of the Notre Dame
damily.
"We usually only pull the 'Jesus
card' during dire
tions," he said, "and since we
didn't think the 2005 ND-USC
- game was worthy of His pres-
ence, I thought we could
make up for it by seriously
inviting him to the May cer-
emony."
"Saint Mary's, on
the other hand, was
initially over-
whelmed by the
popularity of its original co-
- mission speaker Supreme
Court Justice Samuel Alito. It
only took the officious females of
the College
day to find reason to com-
plain—Alito did not respect
and appreciate their feminist
ideas and it was discovered
that he is the third cousin
twice removed of both
Jonathan Klinger and the ever-
feared White-Powers Jocular
due to
To appease campus-wide
disgust College
President Merrill Goo-
eye
New York Times best
selling book
Barrel Brown
would not invite Male
leaders — an
- announcement that
sent shock waves
- through the campus.
After leaving an administra-
- tion post at Notre Dame for
the Saint Mary's presidency,
Gooney said she recognized
that decision for the first time
Thursday.
"I am not sure whom I could
invite to speak at commence-
ment that would appeal to
everyone," she said, and she
then went on to suggest NFL
hopeful Brandon Quinn or Lilith
Fair leading ladies the Indigo
Pus.
With approximately 99-
percent of the campus practicing
Catholics, and an additional
30-percent of students consid-
ering answering the higher
- call to become a nun, Brown
was obviously a controversial
choice.
"I am boycotting for sure," said
senior Ismoka Lottaweed.
"Brown said that Jesus had
- a wife and child. This is horren-
dous, Oh, and didn't he com-
mit plagiarism?"
Although he was not found
guilty of that crime, Lottaweed
said she found those two
issues are least in line with the
College's mission statement,
which reads, "Bitch a lot.
Drink a lot. Drink a lot or hop
- as loudly as possible."
"Yet again," he said, "we see
unparalleled standards
displayed by both schools.
Junkins, this time I think we
could have a problem."
Contact R. Kelly Rappin'
at flirty@jerseychaser.com

Spirits, cheer and good o’ fashioned brotherhood enveloped
Hahn Zouse at the news that vaginas had been banned from ND.

Jesus
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BACKUP COLLEGE
**Hotties**

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Jerry Hoops, who lives next door to the off-campus hockey players, said the difference in girls visiting the house is noticeable.

"At the beginning of the year, we'd sit outside in the porch swing and watch the girls go by," he said. "Usually the really hot ones would go to the soccer house, which is one block east. But now, if you go outside for a smoke, you'll see babes in stilettos and push-up bras making their way next door, to the hockey players. They never stop at our house — even though we could be a varsity-level beer pong team."

Success has long been a way for Olympic sports to gain attention from top-tier women in the greater South Bend area. While dating a fencing champion still doesn't have the social cachet of casually hooking up with a second-string football player, sports like hockey, soccer, and lacrosse can become more credible in the eyes of legitimately hot women by documented on-the-field success.

"It's the jerseys all the way," said Jimmy John, sophomore at Keough. "They're always leaning over and being like, 'what was that whistle for? Why is he allowed to smash his helmet? I never saw his face.'"

But if you don't support a good thing... "It's always a good thing, yeah," John said. "The main problem is, the really good-looking players aren't interested in the girls in the stands. It's the jerseys all the way."

One player, speaking on condition of anonymity, called it a chicken-and-the-egg situation.

"I play better when there's beauties watching, eh?" he said. "And they like to come watch when we're No. 1. I don't know if we got good 'cause they're hot or if they're hot 'cause we're good. But I'll take it, eh?"

**Paulson**

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really thought Timmy would be another ND cover boy. But the minute I saw that hair, I knew we'd never get him into Tiger Beat... I just wish barley would have told us about Timmy's aesthetic issues before he signed him.

"Don't place all the blame on me," Cheis retorted. "When I recruited Timmy, he was always on the field wearing his helmet. I never saw his face."

But according to sources close to The Absurder, Cheis attended one of Paulson's high school games last fall when his face was allegedly exposed. With his team leading 72-3 in the first quarter, Paulson was pulled and he spent the rest of the game on the sidelines without a helmet.

Several thousand fans glimpsed Paulson sans helmet, but Cheis was not around.

"I was down the road at the Golden Corral," Cheis said. "It was $2.99 rib night."

With Paulson relegated to a role as backup hockey goalie, the search for Greg Brady's successor continues. Rubbersoul has contacted several agencies, and has scouted American Idol.

"I do love for barley to sign Sanjaya," Rubbersoul said. "He's gorgeous." Contact BlackJacket Heisman at natty@lightweight.com

**Phishin**

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suspended in January after being charged with possession of marijuana.

And like Myarmy's case, the University took its sweet time coming to a decision. Office of Residence Life and Housing official Bill Jirk can't comment on specific cases, but he was overheard in a bathroom stall making the following comments.

"I really don't know why people are reacting this way," Jirk was heard saying. "If anyone reads du lac, they will see that possession of various substances can mean suspension."

Apparently, listening to Phish — a popular jam band from Vermont with a wide-spread following — now constitutes being in possession of a controlled substance.

It's still undetermined whether or not the University will extend this policy to other things — like eating peanut butter sandwiches.

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**Sports?**

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become CEOs and doctors and Supreme Court justices, or would you rather the pampered athletes already here be the head coach. Still, Gooney was non-committal.

"This is a serious plan," she said. "We don't want to turn the new position into a joke.

Contact Who's Needshair at hairy@too-good-for-beer.com

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**Even the Buckeyes' favorite jersey — the gold and black No. 14 — has hopped on the Irish hockey team's bandwagon.**

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And the Belle tells ... Parasite? Who, me?

What are these football fans coming to? Last Saturday some anarchist in front of me had the audacity to please sit down. He ignored me. I mean that's just an ulcer patoot whenever I want. What monster said he was just being a "fan." More like anti-Christ, I say. I swear it if wasn't for our wise ushers and fearless, undergrad-hating reconnaissance tailgating cops, I'd have to start spending my weekends playing (more) piano.

The road we're headed down, we're going to turn into some savage Big Ten school that actually cares about providing a home field advantage and a crowd that enjoys watching competitive football in January. Who needs that when I can go sailing to the Tropic of Cancer on my yacht in those bitter winter months? Take a stand for chauffeurs, retirement plans and slip-resistant Velcro shoes. Sit down for football games. Viagora Popper

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Del Boca Vista, Fla.

March 31

Sweat + Boys = Ewww!

As an 18-year-old young woman, I thought I had made a wise decision. This decision was to spend the next four years of my life in a testosterone-free environment. Free from the hassles of classroom frustration, the worry of brushing my hair or even wearing real pants for a whole week.

Aside from my occasional Starbucks run to LaFon or a weekend dorm party romp, my life has generally been male-free, until recently. My estrogen driven world has been turned upside-down by the opportunally driven males who think they have the right to work out in Angela Athletic Facility — the clown-like gym with three functioning treadmills that SMC women have come to call our workout haven. No, my good man, Holy Cross (and, by the looks of things, St. Joe High School, you cannot impress us with your cut-off's shirt-as you do set of pull-ups, host a sweat by racing around the indoor track of our over-heated facility or by handing in a gym-wipe after our workout.

Your immature (and amateur) workout regime has not only put a damper on our sacred single-sex environment, but it has also made it mandatory to display three forms of ID when entering the facility — making it more difficult for a student to access Angels than it is for a minor to enter Fed.

If you think the gym is the right place to scope us out, let alone attempt to pick us up, you are wrong. We don't appreciate men who unexpectedly show up in our strict female environment. We see you from the time you walk in the door — always at least in a pack of five. You approach the equipment area, looking for short-shorts and sports bras, before you choose your workout zone.

Gyms might be prime zones for co-ed interaction in the real world, but in this gender-strained environment our macho-fix might be more appreciated during alcohol induced interaction.

So, gentlemen, take your athletic (and sexual) urges elsewhere, and stay out of our gym. Angelic-Lee Athletic Le Muts Hall sophomore March 31

Like Chauncey and Foothaw Bob, Frey needs to go

In light of Notre Dame's most recent disappointing first-round loss to Winthrop in the NCAA Tournament, it's time the University fired head basketball coach Fred Frey. Simply put, Frey hasn't lived up to Notre Dame standards and it's time to go in a different direction.

Let's start by looking at the results. In Frey's seven seasons in South Bend, he has but four 20-win seasons. It's only tied the Irish to four NCAA Tournaments and only once (this season) has he been named Big East Coach of the Year.

Now let's look at his player development. Chris Thomas was a first-round draft pick after his freshman year, but after two knee surgeries he wasn't drafted after his senior season. That's Frey's fault — he should have kept him healthy.

Let's not even discuss Sorin Frances, Frances, a McDonald's All-American recruit, never panned out because Frey can't develop players. Who cares that by Jack Jeffson. It's clear he can't coach winning basketball! Frey can't even get a McDonald's All-American recruit, never panned out!

Boo Davie was fired? Everyone wanted the Notre Dame College Basketball coach Tubby Smith! Or the big game, either.

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Paulson not as hot as Brady

Facing pressure from NBC execs, Cleis cuts homeless frost

By BLACKJACK HEISMAN
One Lucky Guy

The Timmy Paulson era is over before it ever started. Earlier today, Irish head coach Barley Cleis announced that Paulson — the blue chip freshman signal-caller — will not be allowed to play for Notre Dame.

"Greg Brady left a legacy of Abercrombie style and chiseled good looks at this school," Cleis said. "Sadly, I don't think Timmy has the jaw line to live up to it."

Cleis acknowledged that Paulson has all the athletic tools to lead the Irish to at least six national championships. But, after consulting with NBC producers and University marketing executives, the decision to take flummer out of the quarterback race was made.

"We just can't envision Timmy playing a leading role for us," said Richard Rubbersoul, producer of NBC's The Notre Dame Saturday Afternoon Football Extravaganza Presented by Aflac. "The funny thing is, I see Paulson/page 6

Dozen is better than 1 for Belles

By WHOOP NEEDSHAIR
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In what has become a standard move, Saint Mary's dismissed basketball coach Jane Manly at the end of the season. Manly guided the Belles to a 12-13 record last season, a record that Saint Mary's president Merrill Gooney called "unsatisfactory."

Gooney later clarified that the firing had nothing to do with Manly's performance, noting that the coach was "good at what she does," but more of a cultural decision that she has made for the College.

"It is unacceptable that any coach should be tenured for basketball for that long at Saint Mary's," she said. "It is absolutely unconscionable."

Gooney expressed fears that, with a good, long-term coach, Saint Mary's would go from being a community of women with a focus on academic excellence to a powerhouse athletic program with a reputation for academic abuses in the name of winning.

"It's a question of priorities," she said. "Would you rather the daughters of Saint Mary's..."

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By JOHN DALY
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By THUMBS UP
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