Football distribution system to change

Online ticketing will allow students to bypass multiple lines, registration to start Monday

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News Writers

The chaotic fall tradition of multiple trips to Notre Dame Stadium to buy football ticket booklets is being replaced by an online-based ticket system.

Ticket Office Director Josh Berlo said Tuesday all students currently enrolled at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's who plan to buy student ticket booklets for the fall 2007 football season will have the opportunity to register online starting Monday.

Under the previous system, students waited in line at Notre Dame Stadium twice each August — once to pick up a lottery number and again to get the actual ticket booklet.

Fishers Hall sophomore Mike Moriarty said he was excited for the change.

"That was kind of a hassle having to go back and forth and all that," he said.

But others, including Lyons Hall freshman Claire Connell, said the system was just fine how it was.

"I don’t think it’s that big of a deal," Connell said. "I wouldn’t mind walking over to the stadium to do it."

In order to sit with friends, students will be able to create groups online, Berlo said. Each group will be seated together.

"[Students] can set up a group and they can have the system e-mail their friends the name of the group or they can just pass on the information for the group themselves," Berlo said. "As long as they purchase their tickets and specify which group they’d like to be in by the deadline, they should be all set."

Cavanaugh Hall sophomore Kaitlyn Clarke said the old system allowed students to have some say over where they sat, whereas the online distribution might be more randomized.

"Under the old system, you know if you go early to the stadium you know you’re going to get the best lottery numbers because even though they say they’re random, they’re not actually random," she said. "They do give them in order. But, going online, maybe that will make it more random."

Berlo said while a deadline has not been set yet, students returning next fall who wish to buy tickets will have to do so some time this spring. Students will be notified of the deadline by e-mail, he said.

The ticket office has used online procedures for several years to help cut lines and streamline the process.

University: No kickbacks from lenders

By KATHLYNN RIELY
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Suspicions about improper relationships between colleges and student loan companies have fueled an investigation by the New York State attorney general and recently a congressional inquiry, but at Notre Dame there are no kickbacks, a University representative said.

Joseph Russo, the director of Student Financial Strategies, said Notre Dame has not been contacted regarding the investigations.

"I think we have a pretty good reputation," he said. "Anybody's welcome to come and investigate."

Anthony M. Cuomo, New York’s attorney general, questioned the relationship between student loan companies and colleges, the New York Times reported Tuesday. Colleges frequently created preferred lender lists so their students can contact them for loans to pay for school.

"There are many student loan companies and colleges paying university students for exchange for increased business from the campus' number of student loans at the institutions," Cuomo said.

Russo said Notre Dame does not accept any form of kickbacks from the lenders on its preferred lender list.

"The University of Notre Dame stands for quality and integrity, and to suggest that we would be willing to engage in a situation or a policy branch controller, nursing seminar may have been difficult to assess the literature's inquiries into the public interest," Russo said.

"That," he said, "is ridiculous."
In honor of Easter, I'd like to talk about one of my favorite retellings of the Passion. No, it's not "The Passion of the Christ" or "Jesus of Nazareth." It's "Jesus Christ Superstar," which I consider not only one of the best telling of the last days of Jesus' life, but one of my favorite albums.

The problem with "Jesus Christ Superstar" for "JC Superstar" as we call it in the biz is that it's been so watered-down through countless incarnations — the West End and Broadway versions, the awful 1973 Norm Jewison film version, the revivals featuring Sebastian Bach. In the beginning, "Superstar" was written with a very different tenor by the then-22-year-old Andrew Lloyd Webber, who co­laborated with a young lyricist named Tim Rice. Both Webber and Rice were coming off the success of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which was first performed when Webber was only 19. "Designed as a rock opera akin to The Who's groundbreaking "Tommy," "Superstar" forti­fied that album in terms of musicality and depth.

Unlike the Broadway and film versions that followed, the original 1971 concept album really rocks — in fact, it sounds a lot like any other 1970s prog album, except the musicality, singing and songwriting are a lot stronger. It features some of rock's best vocalists in Ian Gillian (of Deep Purple fame) in the lead role and some of the best songs Webber ever wrote. In my opinion, it was all downhill after this (the mere mention of "Caits" makes me cringe) as Webber became infatuated with his own fame, making more and more pretentious albums.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" works best as a capsule of its time — the gospel update­ment for hippies, with a rock-and-roll foundation. Note that I call it an album — it's not a single, even though most of the songs were released that way. The album really rocks — in fact, it sounds a lot like the later versions of the West End and Broadway versions, the awful 1973 Norm Jewison film version, which is about the size of a silent film with piano accom­paniment. Notimex said.

The Easter Bunny dances in LaFortune Student Center Tuesday to help Sorin College on its Easter basket drive. The drive was organized to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph Valley.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Brian Doxtader at bdoxtad@nd.edu

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame women's softball will play Valparaiso today at 5 p.m. at ivy Field. The Ballroom Dance Club will be teaching the Hustle and Mambo in 205 Bocke Memorial from 8 p.m. to 10:30 tonight. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited with a valid ID. The cost is $4 a night.

The Lord's Supper Mass will be held for Holy Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Classes will not be held Friday through Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Clergy will resume Tuesday.

Good Friday Mass to celebrate the Lord's passion will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Ben Hur will be shown as a silent film with piano accom­paniment by Dave Drazin on Friday at 7 p.m. in DPAC's Browning Cinemas. The cost is $3 for students.

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will play against the University of California Saturday at 1 p.m. in Moose Krause Stadium.

The Paschal Vigil Mass to celebrate the Lord's passion will be held at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Easter Mass will be held at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Sunday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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

College club to help Children's Dispensary generate business plan for expansion, funding

By MANDI STIRONE
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Saint Mary's Young Executives Club will use its business expertise in a humanitarian effort, teaming up with the Children's Dispensary — a local service organization — to provide the charity with a new business plan.

Young Executives hopes to help the Children's Dispensary develop new marketing and fundraising strategies, spread the charity's name in the community and help the organization recruit new volunteers, said Lindsay Niemiec, the Young Executives vice president.

"They do such great things for children, but in a really great organization," Niemiec said. "We found it was a really great organization. They do such great things for kids with special needs around here and (for) the community."

The organization has since instituted different programs to cater to the different needs of its community, which range from autism to Down's syndrome to learning disabilities and emotional impairments, the organization's Web site said.

Besides Niemiec's committee, Young Executives also created a finance and accounting committee to work on the project, she said.

Some of the Saint Mary's participants will investigate ways in which the organization can expand and receive more grants and funding, Niemiec said. The students will also propose methods to cut down costs at the Dispensary.

Young Executives has talked with different Saint Mary's clubs, and the group is planning to contact some Notre Dame clubs as well to recruit volunteers for the Dispensary, Niemiec said.

Niemiec said the project "fell between the cracks," Niemiec said. "We found it was a really great organization. They do such great things for kids with special needs around

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meaning of existence. "Even courses that don't necessarily advertise (as specifically Catholic) can still connect to those ideological questions," Harris said.

Following the debate that University President Father John Jenkins' "Closing Statement" on academic freedom sparked in January of 2006 and the announcement of increased efforts to recruit more Catholic faculty last September, the question of the role that Catholicism will play on an intellectual level for Notre Dame has been a topic for much discussion.

The discussions on Catholic character "are playing a role but not one that is easy to summarize" for building academic curriculum, Harris said.

"It often comes up in faculty meetings," she said. "We are talking about what Catholic character means for the University and what it might mean for the department."

The department, however, has never felt any pressure to necessarily advertise [as a Catholic institution]. "Even courses that don't toward a particular direction in which the University may be heading, but it is "trying to get involved in the conversation" and is using the discussions of the University's character and mission to engage its students.

"It is something that students are interested in," she said. "[The academic freedom debate] sparked discussion in all of my classes."

Since Notre Dame has had religion and literature as a specialization historically — it is even its own interdisciplinary minor — it is difficult to determine whether there has really been an increase in Catholic courses and if it's specifically due to increased discussion about Notre Dame's Catholic character, Harris said.

Several English students who were asked said they did not notice an increase in the number of courses with a religious affiliation offered for next semester.

The primary concern for the English department, Harris said, is ensuring all majors can fulfill the requirements to graduate.

In the English major, students have four required classes, five elective classes and one senior seminar. The content of the electives and the senior seminar is "more or less up to the individual professors," she said.

In the long term, Harris said the department has been discussing putting together "a more organized set of offerings on religion and literature." However, the Undergraduate Studies committee does not count creating courses with obvious connection to strictly Catholic ideas as its first priority.

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putting lender on the list because they give us donuts on Friday morning — come on, this is Notre Dame," Russo said.

How Notre Dame selects its lenders and why they are on the list is made public, Russo said.

Clibanbank controversy

The New York Times reported Tuesday that Clibanbank and five universities agreed Monday to pay a combined $5.2 million to students and their New York attorney general to resolve the investigation into the relationship between student loan companies and colleges.

Clibanbank, a preferred lender at Notre Dame, will pay $2 million into a fund to educate students and their parents about college loans. New York University, Syracuse, St. John's, Fordham and the University of Pennsylvania will pay $3.2 million to student borrowers who received loans from companies that provided money as incentive for the institutions to encourage students to use the lenders, the paper said.

Neither Clibanbank nor the universities admitted any wrongful action.

Russo said it will adopt a code of conduct regarding relationships between lenders and the institution.

Clibanbank is one of six preferred lenders for Notre Dame, Russo called, Clibanbank a "quality lender."

"We have nothing but the highest respect for them," he said.

And Notre Dame does not receive kickbacks for putting Clibanbank or any other lending company on their preferred lender list, he said.

History of the list

The University has a preferred lender list that it developed in the early 1980s, Russo said. This list can be found on the Office of Student Financial Services' Web site and is available to students and their parents in a booklet entitled "Affording a Notre Dame Education."

The lenders on the list are Clibanbank Student Loans, College Board Education Loans, Chase Nellie Mae, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and Wells Fargo.

Russo said he worked to develop a list of preferred lenders before creating such lists were common at colleges.

Clibanbank, he said, worked on the forefront of the movement to recommend lenders to students because the University draws students from around the country and the wide variety of loaning companies that students were using proved to be "a real challenge" for the Financial Aid office at Notre Dame, Russo said.

"We looked to see if there is any standardization, simplification, efficiencies and of course wanted the best lenders who had the best products and services," he said.

So Russo identified about 25 of the best lenders and sent out a questionnaire about each company's products and services.

Each company returned their responses, Russo said, and then Russo picked the seven best lenders who met every criteria.

Over four years, the University phased in this preferred lender list, Russo said, but encouraged students to consider these lenders who we had evaluated and have the best products and services," Russo said.

Russo said students are not limited to just these lenders, and said the Financial Aid office can, because the University draws lenders from lenders that are not on the list.

For the 25 years since the list was created, the lenders have been on the list for the most part, although two of the original seven merged, one was removed from the list and the College Board was added to the list in 1999.

The lenders were chosen based on several factors of excellence, Russo said, including their commitment historically, their reputation for holding onto a loan instead of selling it, their products and their service to customers.

These lenders were not just anonymous lenders, they were continually evaluated to make sure they lived up to high standards, Russo said.

Russo said the University once took a lender off the list because it failed to show the commitment they had promised after lender's service to companies.

Attracting lenders

"The best way to get on Notre Dame's preferred lender list, Russo said, because the University knows if you are on the list and that is how lenders attract them. The lenders are impressed by Notre Dame's statistics, Russo said, including its retention rate, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction with their college experience.

Lenders know that Notre Dame students also borrow a lot of money, Russo said, and they know they are responsible about paying it back.

"I could probably go to lunch or cut classes, stay in the library with a bank that wants to tell me about their products and services," he said. "The list has proven that.

But how much lenders want to get on a university's list is an issue that has Comeo and now College Board.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain wants dialogue with Iran

LONDON — Britain called for direct talks with Iran over its 15 captured Britons Tuesday after speaking for the first time with the chief Iranian negotiator. The announcement followed the sudden release of a British diplomat in Iraq that raised new hope in resolving the standoff.

In a statement late Tuesday, Prime Minister Blair's Downing Street office said "both sides share a desire for an early resolution to this issue through direct talks."

Hours after Foreign Secretary Margaret made an expected abrupt resolution to the crisis, Downing Street struck an upbeat note, including with chief negotiator Ali Larijani.

"The prime minister remains committed to resolving this by diplomatic means. The UK has proposed direct bilateral discussions and awaits an Iranian response on when these can begin," Blair's office said.

National strife starts in Zimbabwe

HARARE — Trucks of riot police drove through Zimbabwe's capital and military helicopters flew over its main industrial district where some factory gates were closed, along with several banks, shops and fast food stands. Most downtown buses were open, and commuter buses were full of passengers.

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In a market and made the sign of the cross at a Christian tomb Tuesday during a visit to pursue dialogue with the country's leaders, President Bush denounced the trip, saying it risked mixed signals to Iraq's government.

Pelosi's visit to Syria was the latest challenge to the White House by congressional Democrats, who are taking a more assertive role in influencing policy in the Middle East and the Iraq war. The Bush administration, which accuses President Bashar Assad's government of supporting terrorism, has resisted calls for direct talks to help ease the crisis in Iraq and make progress in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

After Pelosi's arrival in Damascus, Bush criticized her visit. "A lot of people have gone to see President Assad ... and yet we haven't seen action. He hasn't responded," he told reporters at a Rose Garden news conference. "Sending delegations doesn't work. It's simply been counterproductive."

Pelelo, a California Democrat, did not comment on Bush's remarks before heading from the airport to Damascus' historic Old City. She said to contain the head of John the Baptist immediately after heading from the airport to Damascus' historic Old City. She was scheduled to meet Assad on Wednesday.

Wearing a flowered head scarf and a black abaya robe, Pelosi visited the 8th-century Omayyad Mosque, shaking hands with Syrian women inside and watching men in a religion class sitting cross-legged on the floor.

She stopped at an elaborate tomb, said to contain the head of John the Baptist, and made the sign of the cross. About 10 percent of Syria's 18 million people are Christian.
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Dominic Debonis as policy branch controller, after Brown nominated him, noting that he spent last summer "garnering real world experience in finance, interacting with Intel Software's Finance Department." Junior Will Kearney was approved as the new director of communications. "I am confident that Will is qualified for the position due to his impressive writing abilities and unique flair," Brown said. "His sense of humor and enthusiastic personality will positively influence the office and transform students' perception of student government."

Kearney said one area he plans to improve is Stall Notes. "I felt that they were a little on the boring side and tedious to read," he said. "I think we could spice them up a little bit."

Junior Sarah Schmall was approved as the new director of SSB. Board manager Phil Ross said Schmall "has the technical skills and knowledge of programming necessary to serve with other members of the Executive Board."

Meghan Kelly and Peter Blava were approved as co-directors of programming for SUB. Kelly is a junior psychology student from Walsh Hall and Blava is a finance student from Keough Hall.

Sam McDonald was approved as the director of operations for SUB. McDonald is a sophomore marketing and economics student, and in the past he has organized various events including Fall Mall and exam stress relievers.

Laura Fox was approved as the director of publicity for SUB. Fox, a junior English student, was the Notre Dame Literary Festival programmer and worked with the current director of publicity on other projects throughout the year.

Brown also noted that she wanted members to start thinking about goals for COR's upcoming year. "COR dealt with the off-campus ordinance and its effects on community relations two years ago, and most recently COR has talked about fiscal policies and student finance/student endowedment," she said. "That being said, we'd be open to anything that anyone would like to talk about.

Further discussion on possible initiatives will continue next week.

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shots fired in CNN offices

Associated Press

ATLANTA — In the same atrium where panic had scat­tered hundreds of diners just moments before, large-screen televisions showed CNN's coverage of a fatal shooting in the complex that houses the network's headquarters.

"We heard the shots, pop, pop, pop," said Victoria Opalaeh, 22, of College Park, said she heard the shots, pop, pop, pop, outside her hotel, which is where a bomb exploded moments earlier. "I didn't see the gun. Everybody just stood up and started running."

Hundreds of diners and tourists rushed in a human wave away from the sounds of gunfire. Sandwiches were dropped in mid-bite, and a few people ducked under tables. Lines of people waiting for CNN studio tours quickly fell apart as police officers rushed to the scene.

Soon afterward, an injured man and woman were carried out on stretchers, just feet from the televisions and the crowds watching. Police say a domestic dispute led a man to pull a gun on a woman and shoot her just before 1:30 p.m.; a security guard then shot the man.

The man died on arrival at a downtown hospital. The man, whose face was covered in blood when he was carried out on a stretcher, was in critical condition.

Police spokesman James Riddles said police officers rushed to the scene.

"We did not know what Biddles did at the hotel, and said the company was not aware of any of the woman's domestic troubles."

Minutes after the shooting, an announcement over the building's public-address system said there had been gun- fire "with potential casualties." Police cordoned off an area by the escalators near the main entrance of the building, facing Centennial Olympic Park. The park is where a bomb exploded during the 1996 Summer Olympics, killing a woman and wounding more than 100 people.

"I heard four or five shots. I really didn't see it. I got out of there quick," said Jas Stanford, 27, who had been helping take down a temporary stage in the park used for college basket­ball's Final Four festivities. Besides the Omni Hotel, the complex includes restaurants, a bookstore and souvenir shops. It's connected to Philips Arena, home of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks and NHL's Atlanta Thrashers.

Jacques Richard, 60, of Paris, was part of a group touring the CNN studios when he heard the gunfire. He said the group was immediately brought down an elevator and dispersed. "We had our guide with us and everyone was calm," he said.

In the food court, Trina Johnson, 44, of Atlanta, was with her daughter on a family outing.

"All of a sudden we heard a big boom. We thought it was an explosion," she said. "We didn't see the gun. Everybody just started running."

Emergency workers prepare to transport a wounded person outside the CNN Center in Atlanta Tuesday.

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Giuliani visits Iowa for race
Presidential candidate stops in Hawkeye state

Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — GOP presidential hopefuls Rudy Giuliani, the consummate New Yorker, sought on Tuesday to convince conservative Iowa Republicans he has plenty in common with them.

"We're much, much more similar than we think, whether you're in Iowa or you're in New York, or California or somewhere else, you've got the same issues," the former New York mayor said on his first visit to the important early-voting state since becoming a presidential candidate.

"This is no different than campaigning in New York," he added. "You walk around. You talk to people. You listen to what they have to say."

Giuliani backs abortion rights and gay rights, stances that may hurt him among the state's conservative GOP voters, who will help choose the Republican nominee. Those positions — and his previous absence in Iowa — have fueled speculation that he may bypass the leadoff caucus state as GOP rival John McCain did in his unsuccessful 2000 bid.

However, Giuliani indicated he would compete in Iowa, telling reporters: "It looks very, very good for us. It's a place where we're competitive. It looks like a place where we would have a good chance.'"

Still, it wasn't clear to what degree he would focus on Iowa. He was holding just two events on his inaugural visit to the state, a walking tour of a Cedar Rapids neighborhood and a question-and-answer session in West Des Moines.

GOP caucuses in Iowa tend to be more conservative than the Republican Party as a whole. Giuliani, however, supports domestic benefits for gay couples and believes individuals have the right to decide whether to get an abortion.

As he campaigns, Giuliani talks about his own personal experiences with concerns on both fronts. He emphasizes his opposition to gay marriage. He also maintains that he personally opposes abortion and insists that he would appoint conservative judges who would "strictly interpret" the Constitution, which some conservatives take as a reference to overturning Roe v. Wade.

Some leaders in Iowa believe he must do more.

"The campaign has not made any overtures to sit down with some of the key activists," said Steve Scheffler, president of the Iowa Christian Alliance, who is staying neutral in the race.

"He's going to have to discuss specific issues where we want specific answers," Scheffler said.

Giuliani made no apologies for his positions. "I am who I am. People have to evaluate the whole record," he said.

A national hero in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Giuliani leads all other Republican contenders in national popularity polls despite his deficiencies in the eyes of conservatives.

The forecast, issued two months before the hurricane season starts, is virtually identical to the one Gray issued before the 2006 season, which turned out far quieter than he and others had feared.

"Our forecast skill does improve as we get closer to the start of the season," said Phil Klotzbach, a member of Gray's team at Colorado State University. "Stay tuned.

Last May, Gray's team forecast 17 named storms in 2006, including nine hurricanes, five of them major ones, and an 81 percent chance that at least one major hurricane would hit the U.S. Scientists with the National Hurricane Center and two other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration agencies issued similar predictions.

Instead, there were 10 named storms in 2006 and five hurricanes, two of them major ones, in what was considered a "near normal" season. None of those hurricanes hit the U.S. Atlantic coast — only the 11th time that has occurred since 1945.

Gray's team said a late, unexpected El Nino contributed to the calmer season last year. El Nino, a warming in the Pacific Ocean — has far-reaching effects that include changing wind patterns in the eastern Atlantic, which can disrupt the formation of hurricanes.

Over the past winter, a weak to moderate El Nino occurred but dissipated rapidly, Klotzbach said. "Conditions this year are likely to be more conducive to hurricanes," he said. In the absence of El Nino, "winds aren't tearing the storm systems apart."

Dennis Raftery, president of the National Weather Service in Ridgefield, Conn., said in an interview with the Associated Press that the forecast is "a very good starting line."
EPA revives request to set emission standards

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Bush administration has reversed California's stalled petition seeking to control greenhouse-gas emissions after the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA had such authority.

"It's clear EPA has to consider California's waiver request, now," said San Francisco Regional Director of the environmental law center at the University of California, Los Angeles. "That doesn't mean it's a foregone conclusion with respect to the waiver request."

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THE SECRET IS TO GIVE IT A GOOD FERTILIZER!

Quote of the Day

"A person may cause evil to others not only by his acts but also by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury."

John Stuart Mill

English economist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America the [censored]

Twenty years after the greatest American of all-time, Ronald Reagan, defeated Communism with his bare hands, traces of Communism are starting to creep back right here at Notre Dame. As Bookstore Basketball kicks off, I can’t help but notice that the censorship of team names closely resembles the same censorship that defined Soviet Russia during the Cold War. “5 Guys that Love Tim Hardaway ... But in a Totally Hetero Way,” now known as “Team 51,” are simply five guys who admire the basketball skills of anyone who can average 17.7 points per game and a staggering 9.2 assists per game over 15 years in the NBA. We are just trying to show our support for an NBA legend, regardless of how the liberal media portrays him off the court.

A friend of mine’s team, “The Sticky Bandits” was censored and replaced with “Team 201.” As many of you do know, and all of you should know, the Sticky Bandits were the bad guys from Home Alone 2 and also a sequel to this guy’s team from last year, “The Wei Bandits” (from the original Home Alone). After a week of confusion over his censored name, my buddy hopped on UrbanDictionary.com to find that the Sticky Bandit is also a vulgar sexual act, the details of which I will leave out of this letter.

I know that Student Activities has started using UrbanDictionary to try to stay on top of all the new, hip lingo kids are using nowadays, but anyone can post a definition, regardless of whether or not it is actually common slang. I myself have added the definition for “Rock the Cashbox,” even though I am pretty sure no one outside a handful of people have ever used the phrase. Completely appropriate teams such as “Kittens and Puppies,” “Sunshine,” and “The Little Engine That Could” are all names that were unjustly censored this year for unknown reasons.

Just as our Forefathers believed when they founded this great nation of ours, it is a much worse evil to censor the freedom of innocent people than to allow those with wrong intentions to speak freely.

Student Activities, open this gate. Student Activities, tear down this wall.

Tom Martin
junior
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April 5

Sacrilegious leprechaun?

In light of the recent theological debates taking place in Viewpoint these past few weeks, and with religious issues on people’s minds, now seems the perfect time to broach this subject. I believe that our mascot, the leprechaun, should be removed and replaced by another figure, one that more closely fits with this school’s Catholic teachings and tradition.

The leprechaun, while great for stirring up crowds, is an idol which draws worship away from the Lord. I propose to replace this pagan idol, which even in its name, in the so-called “luck of the Irish” and draws attention away from the faith of the Irish, with a Catholic figure like St. Francis of Assisi. Such a figure would be a mascot that students and fans alike could rally behind, without not taking away from the Catholic nature of this great institution. Should the luck of the Irish really be the message that this school sends to everyone who views our sports teams? This could be a great opportunity to spread God’s message in a forum that so often ignores it. Should this university really say no to a previously untapped forum such as this?

Yours in Christ,

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April 2

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Google Maps misleads users with old photos

It may be time to break out the whitewash, at least if you’re Google, Inc. The Associated Press recently reported that Google Maps has replaced its most recent images of New Orleans with satellite photos taken before Hurricane Katrina Katrina devastated the city more than a year ago.

The news of the apparent switch has left many in the city stunned and angry. Though New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin says there’s no conspiracy, that the city did not encourage Google to remove the “rebuilding” images in order to promote tourism, the question must be asked: Were Google’s intentions pure?

If not, what’s next? Could we soon look at New York and see images of the city pre-Sept. 11? Many movies since September 11 have gone to great lengths to remove imagery of the Twin Towers, so what’s to stop Google Maps from rewriting history by putting them back in?

But yet, we should be asking ourselves why Google would think history needs to be messed with at all.

New Orleans was devastated by Katrina. The world knows it; it’s been ingrained in our consciousness. So what is to be gained by eliminating the images of people rebuilding the city?

Google spokesman Chika Ohazama told the AP that the pre-Katrina images were the best it had at the time. “Numerous factors like what goes into the databases,” he said, “everything from resolution to quality, to when the actual imagery was acquired.”

It’s difficult to believe, however, that there’s any good reason for Google to have jumbled back 18 months to highlight a New Orleans that no longer exists.

Flashing back to photos of a city that existed in August 2005 isn’t going to boost tourism for the city in April 2007. If so the city applied pressure to Google to “backdate” its imagery they did so under a misguided and embarrassing plan.

And if Google Earth is looking to truly be "the ultimate research, presentation and collaboration tool for location-specific information," as it implies on their Web site, what is accomplished by visually traveling back in time and providing the world with images of a world that does not exist?

Last week the Daily News exposed flaws in the Wikipedia database, which students frequently use for class work. Wikipedia, however, is controlled by a non-profit organization and a network of volunteer contributors who work to keep material up-to-date. Any flaws in their database are because of outright vandalism or mere ignorance on the part of contributors.

Google, however, is a multi-billion-dollar corporation attempting to control as much of the Internet pie as it can get its hands on. With Google Earth it has an opportunity to provide the world with a wealth of satellite imagery at the click of a mouse.

Instead it chooses to either cater to the whims of city governments hoping to boost tourism, or worse, it would rather direct surfers to the New Orleans that features more “searchable monuments,” a way to direct traffic.

Google Earth therefore creates the world Google wants us to see, the world that brings more hits and looks prettier and more palatable to the consumer. That, my friends, is much worse than any threat Wikipedia imposes.

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"Gosh!"

"Do the chickens have large talons?"

"I spent it with my uncle in Alaska hunting wolverines!"

"Nunchuck skills, bowhunting skills, computer hacking skills..."

"What's a tiger? It's pretty much my favorite animal."

Film critics have pointed out that a secret cabal exists which runs the majority of Hollywood comedies these days. This group, known as the "Frat Pack" as both a play on Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack" and a reference to the group's collaboration on the smash comedy Old School, has members including Will Ferrell, Owen and Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller and Jack Black.

This elite comedy circle has had collaborations on films such as "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," "Old School," "Dodgeball," "Starsky & Hutch," and "Zoolander" — in other words, most of the funniest films to come out in the last decade.

These same haters have criticized that the comedy from this Frat Pack has become a bit formulaic — the fraternity brothers seem to just mix and match pairs for buddy comedies and sprinkle in impromptu cameos for added measure. Which might be a problem — if that formula wasn't so damn funny.

"Blades of Glory" starts with a base of Frat Pack ringleader Will Ferrell, pairs it with Jon "Napoleon Dynamite" Heder, then throws the two of them on skates as a male-on-male doubles team and lets hilarity ensue. As he did in "Anchorman" and "Talladega Nights," Will Ferrell celebrates the mediocrity of the American male in "Blades of Glory" to hilarious effect. With his signature deadpan delivery of dimwit lines, penchant for inappropriate remarks and tendency to get naked, Ferrell scores again as Chazz Michael Michaels, a former singles skater who is banned from the sport for life after a fracas with Jimmy MacElroy, played by Jon Heder.

At this stage of his career, Ferrell's acting is pretty much plug-and-play: throw him into any role as any professional and he'll deliver. Ferrell is more or less the same in all of his performances (trepid; hilarity; out), but with a few subtle nuances. "Anchorman" Ron Burgundy was known for his blundering buffoonery and sexist remarks, whereas "Talladega Nights" saw Ferrell adding a twist to the usual routine with a Southern drawl as Ricky Bobby.

The common thread between all of his characters is their stupidity, immaturity and paranoid persecution, which often becomes ironic as his characters engage in homoerotic interplay. Chazz Michael Michaels is much the same, with a few new twists: he's still dumb as a brick and shows off far too much pasty skin, but boasts a rock star mentality and is a self-confessed sex addict.

By all accounts Jon Heder plays the "straight man" to Ferrell's clownery, but this is ironic given the emasculating tendencies of his character, pret-ty boy Jimmy MacElroy, who sports a variety of flamboyant costumes throughout the movie. (At one point, Michaels and MacElroy have their coach tell them that MacElroy is to be the "female" in their male-on-male skating partnership.)

Who says typecasting is a bad thing? After the smashing success of Napoleon Dynamite, actor Jon Heder has more or less been rebathing that same persona in the few roles he's had to date. "Blades of Glory" is more of the same, but also allows Heder the comedic edge of only having to chime in now and again as Ferrell carries the comedic tune.

By pulling in fellow comedians Will Arnett and Amy Poehler as brother-sister doubles skating pair Stranz van Waldenberg and Fairchild van Waldenberg, in addition to Jenna Fischer (of "The Office" fame) as their reluctant sister, screenplay writers Jeff and Craig Fox give the cast enough snappy lines to keep the laughs coming. The quotability factor is definitely in play here, as you will undoubtedly soon begin hearing people parrot some of the many hilarious lines from the film.

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In the end, the joke may be on all of us. After "Blades of Glory" kicked off with an opening weekend of $33 million, one thing's for sure: Ferrell and his Frat Pack are laughing all the way to the bank.

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Stranz (Will Arnett), left, Katie (Jenna Fischer), center, and Fairchild Van Waldenberg (Amy Poehler) are rival skaters.

Chazz Michael Michaels (Will (Jon Heder) perform many un
“Ladies and gentlemen, can I please have your attention. I’ve just been handed an urgent and horrifying news story. I need all of you to stop what you’re doing and listen... Cannonball!”

While this is only a quote from “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” an urgent and horrifying news story to go along with it is how conversation in our society is slowly disintegrating from intellectual dialogue into a constant stream of quotes gleaned from Hollywood’s most successful comedies.

I’m not necessarily saying this is a bad thing, but that could be because I was sucked into the trend and began quoting movie lines many years ago. I am saying those not familiar with the above quote should pick up a copy of “Anchorman,” lest they have no material to use in everyday conversation.

The phenomenon is actually quite amazing. No longer do movie quotes serve as filler material or as examples to use in the midst of a “real” conversation, but they now make up entire conversations by themselves, sometimes just starting with a simple “I love lamp.”

It seems this trend started becoming popular earlier this decade with nostalgic comedies like “Old School” and “Super Troopers.” Incantations of “I see Blue, he looks glorious,” or repetitions of “Littering and...” quickly proliferated thanks to their hilarious associations within the respective films, making each an instant classic.

Fans quickly memorized other lines in the movies and had quotes appropriate for any situation ready at their fingertips.

Have a section-mate who misses the weekly section dinners? Quote “Anchorman”: “It’s the section dinner. We do it every week.”

Mystified by all the time your mother spends in the kitchen? Quote “Wedding Crashers”: “I don’t even know what she does back there!”

Having a philosophical debate about the intrinsic properties of nature? Quote “Super Troopers”: “Nobody owns the water, man, it’s God’s water.”

These films provided perfect source material for the eager “quoters” because of their outrageous, memorable one-liners and fun plots.

Financial success led actors like Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, Steve Carrell and Ben Stiller — the so-called “Frat Pack” — to make dozens of other films in a similar vein to their early hits. The best lines from films such as “Wedding Crashers,” “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and “Anchorman” — and even smaller films like “Harold and Kumar go to White Castle” — entered into the popular vocabulary, expanding the base from which people could draw to speak in quotes.

This craze is not understood by everyone. Why do we (and by this I mean the college-age generation) speak in quotes? Maybe we are not imaginative or funny enough on our own. Or perhaps the writing of comic geniuses like Ferrell and Vaughn are so good and applicable to our own experiences that we feel compelled to use it in order to express ourselves, even if we are in a “glass case of emotion.”

The most hardcore “quoters” can hear a quote and continue reciting a particular scene from memory or conduct an entire conversation in quotes, plucking and pulling from different films as is necessary. I like to think of this not as a mindless way to avoid serious conversation, but an opportunity to display a skill in textual analysis by determining which quotes are appropriate for which conversational situations.

With more people jumping on the quoting bandwagon with each Frat Pack film, those who refuse to quote movies are quickly getting lost in translation. With no middle ground in this situation, all it takes to be able to converse in the modern world is the time to watch these films — and a good memory.

So start memorizing, but most of all, “Stay classy San Diego.”

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By ERIN McGINN
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Everyone has a personal favorite Will Ferrell moment. Whether it’s his appearance as Frank the Tank in “Old School,” booping his head through a car window in “Blades of Glory” or stuck in his glass case of emotion in “Anchorman,” Ferrell has managed to irrevocably touch the lives and hearts of college students everywhere.

Even in his younger years, Ferrell found ways to make his name known. He was a kicker for his high school football team, where he still holds the school record for most field goals made. He graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in Sport Information, and it was only six years later that he would receive the biggest break of his life.

In 1995, Will Ferrell joined the cast of NBC’s “Saturday Night Live,” where he quickly became one of their more popular comedic icons. He is formally recognized by fans for his portrayal of President Bush, as well as Alex Trebek in the “Celebrity Jeopardy!” sketches. Another popular character was night clubber Steve Busai, who was then brought to the big screen in the 1998 film, “Napoleon Dynamite.” The only question is whether he can keep it up.

Born in the college town of Fort Collins, Colo., Heder attended Brigham Young University where he befriended the future director of “Napoleon Dynamite,” Jared Hess. This friendship would become a boon for Heder after he was cast in the short film “Pelucia,” which would become the basis for “Napoleon Dynamite.”

With his monotone delivery and obsession with iguanas, Heder’s Dynamite became a national darling. Shot in Preston, Idaho on a $400,000 budget, “Napoleon Dynamite” took the American film scene by storm. The title character had a little bit of everything goeky, nerdy and awkward — something just about everyone could relate to. With other comedies offering loudmouth jokes about topics better fit for the gutter, Heder infused “Napoleon Dynamite” with a humor that made any topic funny. Standing proud with his “Vote for Pedro” buttons and his immortal dance attack to the tune of Jamiroquai’s “Canned Heat,” Heder stopped traditional comedy in its tracks and put himself on the map. With the release of “Just Like Heaven,” Heder landed a role next to the prominent Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo. Although the film was generally poorly received, it was a welcome addition to Heder’s resume. Following this, he starred in “The Benchwarmers.”

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His next film, due out this year, is entitled “Moving McLister.” Starring opposite Rutger Hauer and “That ’70s Show” star Milla Kunis, Heder seems to be delving into some roles that move away from the clueless funny-man stereotype that he has to fight in order to be successful. Heder is a talented actor and it would not be surprising if he moved on to bigger and brighter things in the not so distant future.

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The Legend of Will Ferrell

News anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell), who “had suits so fine they could make a wolverine purr” stays classy for the city of San Diego in “Anchorman.”

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Quirky ‘Napoleon’ launches Heder to success

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Directed by Guillermo Del Toro
R, 106 minutes
Spanish language with English subtitles
35mm Print
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**Peavy's solid outing puts Padres first win**

Olsen's performance on mound and at plate gives Marlins win over Nationals, earned offense lifts Twins over Orioles

San Diego pitcher Jake Peavy throws during the Padres’ 7-0 victory against San Francisco Tuesday. Peavy threw six shutout innings, gave up three hits, walked two and struck out six.

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**San Francisco — Jake Peavy upstaged both superstar Barry Bonds — and his former manager.**

Peavy sparked in six shutout innings and the San Diego Padres beat the San Francisco Giants 7-0 on Tuesday in the season opener for both clubs, giving rookie skipper Bud Black a win in his debut against predecessor Bruce Bochy.

"That's the way you draw it up," Peavy said. "Put some zeros on the board and make it hold up. That's a good day. I feel healthy. That's the biggest thing for me."

Bonds resumed his pursuit of Hank Aaron's home run record by opening with a single, stolen base, groundout and fly ball to the warning track in a 1-for-3 showing on a day when the Giants matched their most liguided loss in an opener in 75 years. The Padres earned the first opening-day shutout in team history.

San Francisco was shut out on opening day for the first time since a 6-0 defeat against Bob Gibson and the St. Louis Cardinals in 1967. The Giants haven't lost more than seven runs in an opener since falling 13-5 to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1932.

"It pretty much shut us down," Giants shortstop Omar Vizquel said. "It was terrible. We should be able to put on a better show than that."

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**WASHINGTON**

Washington third baseman Ryan Zimmerman hits a broken-bat RBI single in the Nationals' 9-3 loss to the Florida Marlins.

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**FORT WORTH, Texas**

The Minnesota Twins have shown the Baltimore Orioles a well-rounded offense. First it was power, then the "piranhas" — after the peppers. The Twist-Fish featuring dangerously sharp teeth.

"It's just a good team," Tyner said. "We can manufacture runs...."

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Wilson made one of the Nationals' two errors, part of a series of misplays that drew scattered boos from the announced crowd of 20,894, about half as big as opening day.

Wilson also made an ill-advised attempt at a shovel pass with his glove (a play that was ruled a hit by Ump. Dana Vagula), first baseman Dmitri Young lost a ball through his legs for an error, and reliever Royce Ring failed to cover the bag at first on a possible double play.

"It makes more than that to frustrate us," Wilson said. "We've just got to play better defense.

Washington manager Manny Acta was more generous about his pitcher, "We've just got to keep on working. We'll get better at it."

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**TWIN CITIES, Ore.**

The Minnesota Twins have shown the Baltimore Orioles a well-rounded offense. First it was power, then the "piranhas." Jason Bartlett's broken-bat single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and the Twins ran past Daniel Cabrera to beat the Orioles on Tuesday.

"We hit it long the ball last night, and tonight we're stealing bases and hitting balls in the infield. It's great. We play the game," said starting pitcher Roof Bonser, who left with the score tied after six innings.

Back-to-back home runs by Justin Morneau and Torii Hunter highlighted a 7-4 win in the second game. Minnesota made an extra-speedy version of small ball against Cabrera (0-1).

Bonser endured a rough stretch with two outs in the third, when Melvin Mora homered. Nick Markakis doubled, Miguel Tejada walked and Aubrey Huff hit an RBI single to make it 2-0.
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**Former West Virginia coach John Beilein is expected to fill the open coaching position at Michigan. He recently came off a 27-9 record and an NIT Championship with the Mountaineers.**

**Beilein accepts offer from Michigan**

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Michigan hired John Beilein to coach its men's basketball team, a person close to the Wolverines program told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the school wants Beilein to have the opportunity to inform his Mountaineers players that he's leaving before Michigan publicly announces the hire.

West Virginia player Darius Nichols said Beilein planned to meet with his players Tuesday.

Beilein will be introduced at a news conference on Wednesday in Ann Arbor, the person close to the program said.

Media reports linked Beilein with the Wolverines just days after he led the Mountaineers to the National Invitation Tournament championship. It will cost Michigan $2.5 million to buy out Beilein at West Virginia, plus perhaps about $1 million a season in a multiyear contract.

Beilein's West Virginia teams made deep runs in the NCAA tournament the previous two seasons. Despite graduating their top four scorers from a year ago, the Mountaineers went 27-9, including a 78-73 win over Clemson in the NIT title game on Thursday.

The 54-year-old Beilein, under contract through the 2011-12 season, earns at least $700,000 per season with annual increases of $200,000. He takes over for Tommy Amaker, who was fired last month following six seasons without an NCAA tournament appearance. Wherever he's coached, Beilein has been a success, taking teams without great talent to five NCAA tournaments and six NIT appearances. His 1-3-1 defense gives opponents fits and his offense ranked second in the country with 10 3-pointers made per game this season.

In only one of his five previous coaching jobs has Beilein stayed more than five years. He spent nine years at Lehigh, then five apiece at Canisius and Richmond before coming to West Virginia, where he just completed his fifth season. In 2005, after taking the Mountaineers to the NCAA regional finals, Beilein received a contract extension to derail a possible courtship from Virginia.

Last year North Carolina State came calling, but a $3 million buyout clause in Beilein's contract derailed negotiations.

**IN BRIEF**

Drunk driver injures officer during Gator celebration

GAINESVILLE — A drunken driver slammed into a police officer who was clearing Florida Gators fans from the streets early Tuesday, critically injuring him, then ran off to Texas to find it.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Austin John Wright, 21, of Atlantic Beach, had a blood-alcohol level over 24 times the legal limit.

Officer Conrad豆瓣, was hospitalized in critical condition, police spokesman Keith Kameg said.

None of the other officers was injured.

Police had been clearing the streets early Tuesday of the nearly 25,000 fans celebrating the University of Florida's 84-75 win over Ohio State for the Gators' second straight NCAA basketball title.

Goodell meets with players to discuss suspensions

NEW YORK — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and league officials met with Adam "Pacman" Jones Tuesday as the Tennessee Titans' cornerback attempted to avoid a long suspension following a series of arrests.

Goodell and his staff also met with Cincinnati wide receiver Chris Henry and members of the NFL Players Association executive board as he prepared a tougher policy on NFL players who violate the law.

Goodell has said he will announce his decision on suspensions or other disciplinary action before the draft on April 28 and perhaps in the next 10 days.

The NFL had no comment and search for the best women's basketball coach at Duke.

Duke women's basketball coach takes job at Texas

DURHAM — Gail Goestenkors accomplished just about everything she could at Duke, from winning five Atlantic Coast Conference championships to reaching four Final Fours.

The only thing that eluded her was a national title. She's off to Texas to find it.

The coach who built a powerhouse during her 15 seasons coaching the Blue Devils' women's team resigned Tuesday to take over at Texas, replacing Hall of Famer Jody Conradt.

"In the end, it came down to her seeing a new challenge at this stage in her career and her life," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said in a statement. "While we are disappointed that she has chosen to leave, we have to look forward now and search for the best women's basketball coach for Duke University."
 Volunteers beat Scarlet Knights for seventh title

Tennessee wins 59-46 in Summitt's 947th career victory, Parker scores 17 points and Anosike grabs 16 rebounds

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Everyone is going up at good ol' Rocky Top again. After a nine-year title drought, Tennessee and coach Pat Summit are NCAA champions.

The Lady Vols captured an elusive seventh national title Tuesday night, beating Rutgers to the ball for second and third shots in a 59-46 win to reclaim their customary place above all other programs.

Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer had hoped to win her first title, 25 years after her first national title appearance. Instead, Summit won her seventh, 20 years after her first.

"I can't even describe it," said Tennessee's All-American Candace Parker. "This is what everyone came to Tennessee to do, and we did it.

Parker scored 17 points to lead the Volunteers (34-3), but the most outstanding player got plenty of help from Shannon Bobbitt and a supporting cast of less-heralded teammates, who too often this season stood around and watched her.

Not this time.

The Lady Vols, trophy-less in their past five tournament visits, wanted this title — badly.

"Rutgers, which knocked off No. 1 Duke earlier in the tournament, was attempting to become the third straight first-time winner following Baylor in 2005 and Maryland in 2006. Summit's 947th career win could be one of her sweetest.

"The Hall of Fame coach — joined on the floor afterward by her mother, Hazel Head, in a wheelchair — had captured six national titles from 1987-98, but had been shut out for No. 7 despite having some of her most talented teams.

"I think when we lost to LSU in the SEC tournament it was the best thing that happened to us," Summit said. "You never like to lose, but we really came together as a team. I'd say they held each other accountable. They called each other out.

Parker, too, had been looking to solidify her place among the best to ever wear UT's orange and white. She knew only a title would fulfill her legacy and allow her to be mentioned along with Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings and Bridgette Gordon.

She belongs in their class now. And she's not going anywhere.

"Why wouldn't I? Why wouldn't I?" said Parker, who would wear orange next season. "I just wanted to win a national championship, and this team did that. Our banner is going to be in the rafters forever, and we left our mark at Tennessee.

Bobbitt scored 13 points — 9 of them on three 3-pointers in a lightning-quick span in the second half — and Nicky Anosike, who made her teammates sign a pact in January to reinforce their commitment to winning it all, had 16 rebounds for the Lady Vols, who had 24 offensive boards.

Kia Vaughn had 20 points and 16 rebounds to pace Rutgers. But the Scarlet Knights made far too many mistakes to challenge the Lady Vols down the stretch.

Several times, Stringer, back in the championship game for the first time since leading Cheyney to the 1982 game, put her hands to her head in disbelief at seeing unforced turnovers and lackluster defense.

Stringer had called her senior-squad of five freshmen, three juniors and two sophomores, a "team of destiny."

As it turned out, only Tennessee will leave Cleveland fulfilled.

Trailing by 11 at halftime, Rutgers, trying to become the lowest-seeded team to win the women's tourney, settled down early in the second half by matching Tennessee's intensity and closed to 35-28 on Vaughn's putback with 13:33 left.

That's when Bobbitt, a 5-foot-7-0 bundle of New York City playground moves and energy, hit the first of three 3-pointers in a span of 2:43. The first one came after two offensive rebounds by the Lady Vols.

After a Rutgers turnover, Bobbitt drained another 3. As the Scarlet Knights bunched up the ball up the floor, Bobbitt was waiting for them. She forced a turnover that led to a layup by Alexi Horstbuckle, and for the first time all evening, Tennessee's fans sensed this might be the Lady Vols' night.

They were feeling even better one minute later when Bobbitt hit another 3.

Still, the Scarlet Knights weren't going to quit on Stringer, who earlier this season kicked her team out of their locker room and took away anything with "Rutgers" written on it because she felt they weren't playing up to the school's standards.

A 3-pointer by Mauie Ajavon ended a 7-0 run that brought Rutgers to 50-42, but Parker made six straight free throws in 37 seconds to make it 56-44 with 1:08 left. As she went down the floor, Parker looked at the bench where senior Sidney Spencer was crying, knowing all the hard work during the offseason would end the best way possible.

Seconds later, Stringer, who dropped to 0-6 in NCAA tourney matchups against her close friend Summit, began clearing her bench.

"I still love my team, and I think they did a wonderful job," Stringer said. "This was no doubt the most rewarding year I've had in so long."

Still, this tournament ended the same way it has nearly one-third of the time since it started — with Tennessee setting up ladders to cut down the nets.

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS Win in Summitt's 947th career victory, Parker scores 17 points and Anosike grabs 16 rebounds.
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hawkeyes hire new coach

Lickliter signs a seven-year contract worth $1.2 million per year

Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter signs autographs during a pep rally introducing him to Hawkeye fans Tuesday. Lickliter was 131-61 during his six seasons at Butler.

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa athletic director Gary Barta had no idea the man he was about to ask to be his new basketball coach had won a national championship of the year award the night before.

In three meetings with Iowa officials at the Final Four, Todd Lickliter never mentioned the honor. That show of humbleness clinched it for Barta, who moved quickly to bring the architect of Butler’s recent success to Iowa.

“To tell me a lot about the person we had been meeting with,” Barta said.

The 51-year-old Lickliter, who was introduced as Iowa’s coach Tuesday, having agreed on a seven-year-deal worth $1.2 million annually.

Lickliter was 131-61 in six years at Butler, leading the Bulldogs to a pair of appearances in the NCAA tournament’s round of 16 and 29 wins last season. He takes over for Steve Alford, who left for New Mexico on March 23 after eight up-and-down seasons.

Lickliter is happy to say that the plan he made was to Lickliter, is hoping the former Butler coach can jolt a program that

Barta, who said the only offer he made was to Lickliter, is hoping the former Butler coach can jolt a program that

“Everybody was interested in already had a very good job. Barta said.

Lickliter was the first major hire at Iowa since succeeding Bob Bowden, who last season took to the air to ask to be his new coach.

“Our style is opportunistic. We want to seize opportunities. We want to attack with pace and great ball-handling. We’re not concerned with tempo. We’re going to take what’s given to us,” Lickliter said.

Iowa won just one NCAA tournament in eight seasons under Alford, whose tipping point at Iowa just may have been the desperation buzzer beater by Northwestern State’s Jermaine Wallace that beat the third-seeded Hawkeyes in the first-round of the tournament.

Attendance has been on a steady decline at Carver-Hawkeye — despite Iowa’s 31-2 home record over the last two years — as the program’s relationship between Alford and Hawkeyes fans soured. Alford even hinted upon his arrival in New Mexico that Iowa favored football over basketball.

Lickliter dismissed that notion, adding that he was so excited about getting to Iowa that his car is still in Atlanta.

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Belles to battle Hope for first conference win

League leaders face Saint Mary's at home

By REBECCA SLINGER Sports Writer

The Flying Dutchmen of Hope College in Holland, Mich., may not sound like a force to be reckoned with, but their record over the Belles says differently. Hope (11-5) is tied for first with Alma in the MIAA with a 4-0 league mark — and the Belles (13-3) lost to Alma Saturday 9-1 and 4-0. In the past two seasons, Saint Mary's has lost three out of four games to the Dutchmen, the Belles only victory coming 1-0 last season.

Saint Mary's sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram said this league game will not turn out like their losses to Alma.

"We got our bad day out of the way," Amram said. "We're not going to let it happen again."

Amram also said the Belles want to avenge their past losses, but the team is not focusing on those games. "Our main focus is this season," she said. "We feel that we're better ... than last year. We're going out against them and not worry about anything else."

If sophomore pitching duo Calli Davison and Amram can pitch with their usual control against Hope's strong hitting, the Belles could compete with the Dutchmen. Hope junior outfielder Jessica Regorous enters with a .312 batting average, and junior catcher Kylee Brouwer is hitting .510. But Hope could have a difficult time with its powerful hitting when they face Amram (0.72 ERA) and Davison (3.22).

The Belles also will look to take advantage of Hope's pitching. The Dutchmen's best pitchers are freshmen Deidra Enochs (1.92) and Sara Fisher (2.65). Belles freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson — entering the contest batting .455 — will pose the biggest obstacle for Hope. The Belles also will look to their power — senior shortstop Sarah Miesle, who has a slugging percentage of .808, Amram (.714) and sophomore catcher Ashley Fursaro (.808).

"Hope can definitely hit, but we have a different team," Amram said. "We have different pitching. They have not seen us before. We have definitely hit, but we have a different team." Amram said. "We have different pitching. They have not seen this pitching staff before. I think we're completely ready for this team tomorrow."

The Belles face Hope at 3:30 p.m. today on their home field.

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SMC TENNIS

Team stays perfect in MIAA

Saint Mary's drops just one game to Adrian, improves record to 7-6

By ELLYN MICHALAK Sports Writer

Saint Mary's added a third win to its already perfect conference record Tuesday by defeating Adrian College 8-1. The Belles (7-6) dominated, winning every singles match in straight sets and prevailing in the first two doubles matches.

"The competition was not very strong," Coach Dee Stevenson said in regards to the Adrian squad.

In the first match of the game, senior captain Kelly McDavid controlled the pace, defeating Adrian junior Lindsey Edelmann 6-1 and 6-2. At No. 2, Belles standout freshman Camille Gebert shut out sophomore Sandy Towler 6-0 in the first set and polished off the win with a score of 6-2 in the second set.

In the third match of the day, freshman Lisa Rubino set the pace, defeating Adrian freshman Kristina Baker 6-1, 6-1.

Belles freshman Caitlin O'Brien defeated Bulldogs senior Karen Kruisenga in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-0, in the fourth match.

Competing in the fifth singles spot, junior Cassie Quaglia prevailed, beating Adrian sophomore Lauren Brooks 6-1, 6-1. In the final singles competition of the day, senior Grace Gordon dominated the match and defeated sophomore Ellen Kroll 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles competition, the powerhouse duo of Gebert and McDavid crushed Edelmann and Kruisenga 8-3 in the first spot.

While senior Tara O'Brien and Gordon defeated Baker and Brooks 8-2 in the second doubles spot, Belles players Rubino and Caitlin O'Brien fell 8-6 to Kroll and Towler in a tight match.

The team will go on to compete next at the Midwest Invitational Friday and Saturday. The Belles will play first against Wisconsin-Lacrosse, a team that the Belles lost to earlier this season.

"We have improved since the beginning of the year," Stevenson said. "I think we have a chance at beating them. It will be a tough match, but we definitely have a chance at winning."

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stranded three runners when designated hitter Tony Langford struck out looking with the bases loaded.

Notre Dame left 14 runners on base Tuesday, continuing a trend that dates back to the South Florida series March 24-26. Including that series, the Irish have stranded 96 runners per game over the last two weeks.

"The top of our order is doing a great job of getting on, but we have to drive them in," Schrage said.

Dave Schrage
Irish coach

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Notre Dame went three or four weeks ago," Lowderback said.

Tuesday's match featured the return of Irish freshman Colleen Rielley from injury. Rielley had not played in Notre Dame's previous three matches but came back strong, posting a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Purdue's Neva Zavaz.

"Rielley played well on doubles. Every kid on the team, we work on all the time. They wonder sometimes, 'I'm not playing, why am I doing this?" Lowderback said. "But they have to keep playing in this way. I think they're learning like this. [Rielley] played a lot of doubles in practice and the time comes when you're going to get the shot at playing, and she was ready.

Ciobanu and Rielley's victory helped Notre Dame capture the doubles point. The No. 8 nationally-ranked duo of Christian and Catrina Thompson overcame a deficit of 4-3 to capture an 8-5 win over Notre Dame's No. 4 doubles team of freshman Kali Krisik and sophomore Kelly Teft downed Vaez and Lidgem Duru 8-3 to complete the doubles sweep.

In singles play, No. 26 Catrina Thompson fell to Veklerov 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (11-9) in the No. 1 singles slot.

"She let the wind bother her a little," Lowderback said.

"We definitely had a good win," Irish junior goalkeeper Troy Kemp said. "We left [Villanova] in the game a little bit, and they are a good comeback team. Earlier this year, they were down by five against Towson, and they came back to only lose by one. It felt good to put that kind of team away and win 15-5." Other Irish scorers included senior midfielder Lurin Polk and freshman attack Will Yeastan. Polk netted two goals and added an assist, while Yeastan scored one and racked up two helpers. Hubschman also added an assist to his late second-quarter goal.

Sophomore attack Peter Christian and freshman midfielder Grant Krebs each tacked on a score, while senior attack John Greaney (one goal) and junior attack Alex Wharton (two assists) notched points.

Kemp made seven saves in over 51 minutes of play. Sophomore goalkeeper Scott Rodgers played the last 8:46 of the game, in which he made four stops without allowing a goal.

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responding to the challenges he posed at the break.

Ben Mertz, playing center for Chorale, began to dominate the post and proved to be too much of a physical specimen for Team 432 to handle.

In addition, Andrew "Blevins" Walker began to dominate the boards, while Jesse Gollahn consistently knocked down open jumpers to maintain the lead.

In the end, the aggressiveness of Chorale proved to be the key.

Witt Chamberlain's illegitimate Children 21, 8

After a strong defensive effort, Witt Chamberlain's Illegitimate Children were able to pull off their first-round matchup with Team 449.

The Illegitimate Children, led by team captain Brandon Faus (11 points), seized an early lead and never looked back, excelling at both ends of the court.

"It made for a great day despite an oncoming thunderstorm," Faus said. "It was run-and-gun, we were pretty much up the whole way. We just pushed it and had fun on these nasty courts."

After the game, though, Faus was humbled and refused to take any individual credit for the victory.

"We played very well as a team," Faus said. "I gave all the credit to "Bo" Badke and "Wild" Dave Fernandez."

The Illegitimate Children were able to contain Team 449's best player, Matt Belton (seven points and eight blocks), and the lack of a second scoring option hurt 449 when Belton struggled.

The Children were able to spread the ball around with relative ease. Mike Dowdall and last-round replacement Alvin Reynolds each contributed to the blowout with solid performances.

As the Illegitimate Children jumped out to a commanding 13-4 lead just after halftime, it was evident Team 449 lost confidence as they began to hang their heads with every missed shot.

With the dominating 21-8 victory, Witt Chamberlain's Illegitimate Children will look to carry their momentum into the second round.

You've Never Seen Ballin' Like This Before, 21 Purple Rain 8

After an even start, You've Never Seen Ballin' Like This Before pulled away from Purple Rain for a 21-8 win.

Purple Rain, dressed like they had just stepped off a Prince and the Revolution tour, started the game with hot outside shooting and took a 4-2 lead. Ballin', dressed in NBA jerseys, quickly responded to tie the game at four.

"We're trying to stay purple out here and make it rain," Jenkins said.

Led by Brett Bercue's mid-range shooting, Ballin' closed out the game on a 10-4 run for the win. Ballin' consisted of team members Anthony Bencivenga, Jim Murphy, Jeremiah Herman, Brett Bercue and Pat Cassidy.

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The Random Engineers With No Particular Talent 21, 0

The Random Engineers With No Particular Talent had enough ability to take a 21-5 win over the "You Think You're Bad But You Have No Idea team.

"It was very fun — what Bookstore Basketball is all about," Gales said. "We're all proud to be part of this great tradition."

No Talent showed great sportsmanship in the last minutes of the game. Ahead 20-1, the team allowed four No Idea team members to score in their final Bookstore Basketball game.

This season was a drastic improvement for No Idea, since the team was shut out 21-0 in its first-round game last year.

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Senior Stephanie Brown received the conference's highest honors, being named Big East player of the week for the first time in her career.

The veteran center fielder scored five runs and knocked in four more while going 13-for-18 at the plate last week.

Brown and the rest of the Irish bats will face a tough test when they face off against Crusader hurler Chris Halstead this afternoon.

Halstead is 4-0 in her first eight appearances, averaging five strikeouts per contest.

The Crusaders (14-8) come to South Bend with a 4-3 record on the road and have struggled to put up big offensive numbers all year.

Valparaiso has only scored more than five runs in five of its first 22 games. For the season, the Crusaders are hitting .244 as a team.

The South Bend weather may also play a key role in slowing down the offense for both teams this afternoon.

The local forecast is calling for high temperatures in the 30s and a possibility of scattered snow showers throughout the day.

After a month in sunny California, followed by two unseasonably warm weekends in the Midwest, neither team will be prepared for the drastic change in temperature.

If the snow holds off, the opening pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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10 Possible college choice
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69 Home of the Kalahari Desert
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72 Thing that doesn't look out without a hitch?
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74 Did something with
75 Education
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77 The Company of Women, author, 1980
78 Old peso material
79 Give the ax
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86 Baby talk
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92 Keep it with a credit card, 1-800-814-5504
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96 "Yes, I think you can!"
97 Victor

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FRANKLY, THESE NUMBERS MAKE ME ALL LOOK LIKE A GLAMOR of TARGETS - I'M OUT OF HERE UNTIL AUGUST.
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Dear Caty, On behalf of Notre Dame De La Luc, we would like to offer you a place in the class of 2011.

...although you have great assets, we are unable to offer you a place in the class of 2011.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Amanda Bynes, 20; June Garth, 34; Julie Neereym, 41; Alice Baldwin, 48.

Happy Birthday! You'll be best when what you do and what you must do stop frittering and put it in every hour. You have the discipline and the stamina to see matters through to the end this year. The more you do, the better you will feel. It's all about keeping the momentum flowing. Your numbers are 4, 1, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talk about your plans and keep everyone in the loop who can contribute to what you are doing. A business trip will ensure you and the right people are working. Let's keep looking good, as on times is through with fashion, and run the risk of looking, well, risqué. * * *

TODAY'S JUMBLE TIPS
one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. Unscramble these four Jumbles, to form the surprise answer, as indicated by the above cartoons.

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ND SOFTBALL
Win streak at stake against Valpo at Ivy Field

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame will put its 10-game win streak on the line this afternoon against the Valparaiso Crusaders at Ivy Field. The team's last loss was an 8-0 shutout at the hands of Pacific March 17 in the Judi Garman Classic. Since then, the Irish have won their first eight Big East matchups, as well as two non-conference victories over HPU and Toledo. All 10 wins have been part of an 11-game home stand for Notre Dame that ends with this afternoon's game.

The Irish (19-12) started off the 2006 home season in similar fashion, winning their first seven games at Ivy Field while the 2005 club reached double-digits in home wins before surrendering their first loss in the white jerseys. During this year's opening tear, the offense has cracked out 57 runs since the shutout against Pacific, and the pitching staff has given up only five runs during the stretch—including five shutouts in conference play.

Sophomore ace Britney Bargar has led the staff with three gose eggs to bring her season earned-run average to 2.00. Bargar was named to the Big East honor roll this week after giving up only one run and six hits in three wins. She also recorded her first career home run when she launched a game-winning three-run blast to break a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning against Toledo.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL
Strong play takes backseat to style

By DAN MALOOF and MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writers

In a hard fought battle Tuesday at the Lyons basketball courts, Chorale emerged victorious in their first round match up with the formidable Team 432, 21-13.

At the beginning of the game, the ladies of Team 432 were able to control the tempo, hitting big shots when they needed to and keeping the score relatively close. However, Thomas DeGregoris proved to be an unstoppable force and quickly took the game into his own hands, despite failing to convert on a "360-windmill dunk" early in the first half. DeGregoris made his presence felt on the defensive end with two steals that lead to fast-break lay-ups, as well as a Greg Oden-esq block that almost brought down the house.

With a halftime score of 11-5, DeGregoris brought his team together and gave a halftime speech, "We have to stop playing timidly," DeGregoris said. "We have to take it to the house a little more and stop making stupid fouls. We started looking good toward the end of the first half after a rough start, but we just have to understand that we're big boys, and we just have to slip and slide and take it to the house." As the second half began, it was clear that his team was

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Boilers become 14th-straight victim

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Ignoring the ominous weather forecast, Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback insisted his squad play Tuesday's match against Purdue outdoors.

"When we decided to go outdoors I think everybody thought I was crazy because it was calling for rain," Louderback said. "But there was nothing crazy about No. 2 Notre Dame's methodic 6-1 victory over the No. 46 Boilermakers. The Irish (19-11) extended their dual-match winning streak to 14 with the win. Purdue fell to 10-4. "We've been just kind of getting through the last matches and I thought today we got outdoors, played well, and I thought we looked like the

ND MEN’S LACROSSE
Declawing the Cats

Notre Dame wins 10th straight at home 15-5

By PAT O’BRIEN
Sports Writer

Sophomore attack Ryan Hoff scored five goals and junior midfielder Michael Podgajny added three tallies and four assists as No. 13 Notre Dame cruised to a 15-5 victory Tuesday over Villanova.

The win is the 10th-straight victory for the Irish, dating back to 2000 and their third in a row.

The Irish (6-3) proved to be an unstoppable force in the second half after a rough first half as the Irish never looked back, closing the game on an 8-1 run. This streak included the first career goal scored by sophomore midfield Kelly McKenna and goalie Joey Kemp to prevent Villanova attack Chris MacDonal from scoring in Notre Dame’s 15-5 win over the Wildcats Tuesday.

BASEBALL
Irish stop slide with 7-3 victory

By CHRIS KHROREY
Sports Editor

Second baseman Jeremy Barnes and left fielder Ross Browovsky scored two runs each as Notre Dame recovered from a two-game slide at Pittsburgh over the weekend with a 7-3 non-conference victory over Oakland Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"After last weekend, we needed something," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "Every day, we have to play like there's no tomorrow." Notre Dame (13-14, 1-4 Big East) got on the board first, seeing 31 pitches from Golden Grizzlies hurler Scott Boleiski in the first inning and placing a run on the scoreboard by shortstop Brett Lilley on a sacrifice fly by center fielder Danny Dressmann.

The Irish scored again in the second on an RBI single by third baseman A. J. Pollock, but