Campus reacts to Virginia Tech massacre

ND students directly affected by shootings through ties to VT

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Virginia Tech is more than 500 miles from Notre Dame, but the effects of what reports call the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history have been felt here on campus.

A lone gunman shot and killed more than 30 people and injured dozens more on the Blacksburg, Va., campus before committing suicide Monday, according to Associated Press reports. Officials told AP that the gunman killed two people in a dormitory approximately two hours before staging a separate attack on a classroom building.

Nearly 30 people were estimated to have been injured, according to area hospital officials, CNN reported.

The Notre Dame community is saddened by the tragedy, Assistant Vice President of News and Information Dennis Brown said Monday.

"Our prayers go out to any people affected," Brown said.

Notre Dame will hold a memorial Mass for the victims tonight at 10 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Brown noted that members of the administration know people at Virginia Tech and said the University sends its support and prayers.

Students reported hearing the news through various sources throughout the day Monday, with some knowing people at Virginia Tech and said the University could grasp what was being reported and what was not known.

"I do not know whether he was a student," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said. "The University is shocked and indeed horrified."

But he was also faced with difficult questions about the University's handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and protect them after the first burst of gunfire. Some students

More than 30 victims killed in United States' deadliest mass shooting

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart before the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The following are quotes from the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains with unspeakable tragedy, perhaps forever.

Investigators gave no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not immediately released, and it was not known whether he was a student.

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Above, officials evacuate victims from building.

At left, Virginia Tech students react to tragedy.

AP PHOTOS

Law students show discontent

Several voice strong criticism of school's administration, classes

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame's recent six-spot drop in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings has highlighted feelings of discontent among Law School students for reasons ranging from ordinary to overarching.

While many have questioned the leadership of Dean Patricia O'Hara, the dean said she understands why a conversation about the future of the Law School would be taking place after the release of the rankings, which knocked Notre Dame from 22 to 28 — the program's largest drop since 2000.

"I can appreciate that for students it's very unsettling when there's a drop in the rankings," O'Hara said. "And so it's not at all — it's very understandable that students would be upset by that decline and that there be a certain amount of conversation and dialogue going on within the Law School community as a result of that."

In an e-mail to Law School students after the rankings were released, O'Hara said the Law School administration would fully evaluate the reason for the drop. However, she stressed that the schools in places Nos. 20 to 30 finished with unusually close overall rankings, indicating the separation between 20th and 30th is minimal.

One area in which Notre Dame's base score dropped for the rankings was in its selectivity rating. For the 2006 incoming class, the Law School's acceptance rate jumped to over 21 percent. But, O'Hara said, an analysis of other school's numbers showed similar jumps in acceptance rates around the country, minimizing whatever effect it would have on Notre Dame Law School, above, dropped six spots in a recent national ranking. Many students have expressed discontent with the administration.

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council (CLC) spent their meeting Monday wrapping up initiatives the group's task forces began at the start of the year.

Unlike other bodies in student government, the CLC did not undergo administrative turnover on April 1, so former student body president Lizi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik still lead the meetings.

Andrichik, the Conduct Awareness task force chair, explained how his committee proposes to address the issues of pornography and objectification on campus.

Heather Rakocz, director of the Gender Relations Center (GRC), met with the task force members "because we [committee members] wanted to make sure that our efforts would be complementary to the Center's current efforts," Andrichik said.

But current and future GRC programming through groups like Men Against Violence aim to confront the larger issue of objectification, the Conduct Awareness committee decided to use its new permanence and venue — hall staff training.

DuLac does include a number of rules on pornography, and training hall staff should help confront that issue, Andrichik

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task forces finish up year's initiatives

Chairs give updates on progress as leadership terms draw near to close

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INSIDE COLUMN

What if...?

I don’t know how much you have been following the developments from the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech on Monday. Personally, I really haven’t been, at least not as much as I probably should. The television in my room is not glued to CNN and I don’t really know all that much about what happened.

But I know that at least 33 people died Monday, and at least 24 people are injured. I know that Monday’s tragedy was the largest mass shooting in United States history.

It was the largest mass shooting in the history of the United States. I’m not going to be that guy who sits here lecturing about how our values and morals as a society have gone downhill, and how this shooting is just more evidence that society needs to refocus religiously, as I heard some television pundits say yesterday afternoon.

I’m not going to speculate on what compelled the gunman to do what he did, or on what could have been done to stop this tragedy from happening.

But, I am going to pose a couple of questions. What if this happened here? What if — instead of at Virginia Tech — this happened at Notre Dame?

Could you imagine the panic that faced the victims and their friends, while they wait to see if you are alive? Could you imagine the panic that you would feel while you try desperately to find your friends, to see if they are still alive? What would you have done if you could have done something to stop something like this?

I can’t really give you any answers. I can’t really answer those questions myself.

The entire situation seems so distant from where I am, sitting in my dorm room, listening to the song "Twister," getting ready to go to dinner and writing this column.

I’m pretty comfortable right now — the most I have to complain about is my Residence Life-issued chair — and the whole idea of the largest mass shooting in United States history is pretty far from my immediate concerns.

President Bush gave an address a few hours ago, in which he called for prayers to go out to the victims of this tragedy. I’m not going to tell you how to spend your prayers (I think it’s kind of silly for either me or President Bush to dictate what you do in your spiritual life), but I would recommend spending a few minutes thinking about this tragedy today.

No, it’s not on the grand proportions of 9/11, but it is the largest mass shooting in United States history (I still can’t get over that fact). What if this tragedy happened here? What if you were a victim? What if your best friend was a victim? What if someone you loved were a victim?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact John Tierney at jtierney1@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT OTHER MASCOT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ND?

Jared Zenk
sophomore
Dillon
"A priest. Maybe Father Hesburgh."

Pat Kennedy
sophomore
Marquette
"A can of Natty Light."

Corey Arvin
sophomore
Marquette
"Ghost riders."

Jimmy Wilson
sophomore
Alumni
"The Lagoon Creature."

Justine Duffy
freshman
Lyons
"A squirrel."

Callie McKinney
junior
Welsh Family
"According to Kaleidoscope McDaniels, a gremlin."

OFFBEAT

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be cholesterol screenings tomorrow from 7:30 to 10 a.m. in 234 Grace Hall. No appointment is necessary.

Bethany McLean, a senior editor and writer for Fortune magazine and the co-author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," will speak tonight at 7 in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza about the lessons learned from the Enron scandal.

Notre Dame women’s softball will play a doubleheader against Western Michigan today at 3 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Notre Dame baseball will play Toledo today at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame women’s softball will play Ball State Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host "Merengue with Ramon Baquau" Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at 205 Rockeck. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Beginners are asked to come from 8 to 9, social dance from 9 to 9:30 and advanced from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is $4 for the night or $35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

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bitterly complained they
got no warning from the uni-
versity until an e-mail that
arrived more than two hours
after the first shots rang out.
Wielding two handguns and
carrying multiple clips of
ammunition, the killer
opened fire about 7:35 a.m.
on the fourth floor of West
Ambler Johnston, a high-rise
doormitory, then stormed
Norris Hall, a classroom
building a half-mile away on
the other side of the 2,600-
acre campus. Some of the
doors at Norris Hall were
found chained from the
inside, apparently by the
gunner.

Two people died in a dorm
room, and 31 others were
killed in Norris Hall, includ-
ing the gunman, who put a
bullet in his head. At least 15
people were hurt, some seri-
ously. Students jumped from
windows in panic.

Alex Calhoun, a 20-year-old
junior, said he was in a
9:05 a.m. mechanics class when
he and classmates heard a
thunderous sound from the
classroom next door — “what
sounded like an enormous
hammer.”

Screams followed an
instant later, and the banging
continued. When students
realized the sounds were
gunshots, Calhoun said, he
started flipping over desks
and running out the screens
and jumping from the ledge of
Room 204, he said.

“I must’ve been the eighth
or ninth person who jumped,
and I think I was the last,”
said Calhoun, of Waynesbor-
Va. He landed in a bush and
ran.

Calhoun said that the two
students behind him were
shot, but that he believed
they survived. Just before he
climbed out the window,
Calhoun said, he turned to
look at the professor, who
had stayed behind, perhaps
in an attempt to block the door.

The instructor was killed,
said Calhoun.

At an evening news confer-
ce, Police Chief Wendell
Perkins, who was sit-
ning in Norris Hall, told The
Washington Post that the
gunner barged into the
room at about 9:50 a.m. and
opened fire for about a
minute and a half, squeezing
off about 30 shots.

The gunman first shot the
professor in the head and
then fired on the students,
Perkins said. The gunman
was about 19 years old and
had a “very serious but very
calm look on his face,” he
said.

“Everyone hit the floor at
that moment,” said Perkins,
20, of Yorktown, Va., a soph-
omore studying mechanical
engineering. “And the shots
seemed like it lasted forev-
er.”

Erin Sheehan, who was
also in the German class,
told the student newspaper,
the Collegiate Times, that she
was one of only four of about
two dozen people in the class
who walked out of the room.
The rest were dead or wounded,
she said.

She said the gunman “was
wearing a black vest, maybe
Asian, but he had on a Boy
Scout-type outfit. He wore a
cap and button-up vest, and this
black vest, maybe it was for
ammo or something.”

Virginia Tech students watch the aftermath of Monday's massacre inside a building on campus. A gunman killed 33, including himself.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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There was some indication that they were applying to more schools, so even though the volume of our applicant pool was the same as or slightly lower than last year, whether or not the head count would be the same was more difficult to determine," she said.

She said it was too early to tell if the proposed new building will meet.

For many students, however, the drop is already a sign of lost potential where Notre Dame showed excelling, instead it is declining, at least in relative terms.

"To me, when there are things that are holding it back from the potential that it has. It's kind of frustrating when you know it could be so much better than it is," said Jack Kiani, a third-year law student.

The complaints are varied, with some wondering about the five-year delay in the opening of the Law School (now slated for 2009), and others criticizing what they call inadequate grading of the current building.

**Class selection**

The overriding complaint, however, was with class offerings.

Melissa Nunez, a third-year law student who specializes in property law classes and the cancellation of other classes in the previous terms, said her academic year began with a few serious issues not fully addressed.

"Either Patty O'Hara needs to change... the way she runs the Law School... she just need a new dean. to be frank," she said.

"There's a lot of reasons the school, in my opinion... isn't doing its best to be a [local university] law school," she said.

Questions from many students center around the number of corporate law classes offered by Notre Dame in relation to the total number of classes offered in other sections of legal teaching.

O'Hara, whose specialty is in business and corporate law, declined to say if she felt the proportion of corporate law classes compared to the total number of offerings was adequate. Instead, she said the size of the Law School restricts both the number of faculty members and available classes -- a concern that the new building will meet.

"In the absence of the curriculum that we wouldn't like to be offering more courses," she said.

But whether the Law School is doing enough with its current resources is an important issue, Kiani said.

"In many classes, I just feel sometimes there's not as many classes as should be there in terms of what you really need to practice law," he said.

"They don't have enough courses dealing

with the transactional side of things."

What's more, Kiani said, the Law School should try to use more undergraduate class sessions at different times in order to achieve greater flexibility in scheduling. With six main classrooms in the Law School, he said, allowing undergraduate courses to be taught in the Law School instead of the Law School would help students be taught in conjunction with the same classes.

That, he said, is one of the major things that could be fixed but hasn't been.

A more general concern for students said they had was with the amount of Notre Dame professors visiting other law schools this year -- something they said seems to have had an effect on the variety and quality of the courses offered.

"We have an outstanding faculty, so it's really important that our faculty would be attracted to other law schools and that we're reconnecting to visit, a student said.

"Within the legal acade- my, it's a fairly common culture for law schools to hire visiting professors... it's a sense a compliance to the mainstream litigant calibre of our faculty."

But on a more personal note, Kiani and Jim Paulino, a third-year law student, said the school's ideolo­gy and strong Catholic focus -- including classes on canon law -- only diminish its overall teaching quality.

The requirements of Ethics II and Jurisprudence, he said, amount to watered-down classes with minimal practical use and left to poor treatment of the subject matter.

"The class was a joke, the course was a joke, the grading was a joke, the whole thing was a joke -- and that's what makes Notre Dame, quote, different... it's like a mockery of our intellig­ence," Paulino said. "I think it's embarrassing that they would waste my money as a student and my time as a student to take these things that really make no difference from professors who really don't teach you anything."

Everybody knows it's a joke.

On a separate issue, Kiani said the administration hasn't done enough to improve the facilities and that the new building will meet.

"It's a tough area of the curriculum that we wouldn't like to be offering more courses," she said.

"Faculty evaluated."

That potential includes a slew of young faculty members with Supreme Court clerkships on their resumes.

Many students noted the Law School's young faculty as a significant boost to the students and the institution as a whole, but wondered if such success wasn't being promoted fully.

"Notre Dame's reputation in the legal community, at least among, said a Law School sophomore.

"There's a predominance of one ideology among most professors is a serious hindrance to getting a full legal education."

"A lot of professors are bad professors. They just can't teach," Paulino said. "But they're good in terms of the school's Catholic image because they're good, conservative Catholic prof­essors. But they couldn't teach you anything if you begged them. They couldn't teach you what the law is, but they could still advise.

"There's no practicality to anything that we do here, except for the trial advocacy program, and it looks like that program is not getting enough of the respect it deserves."

Jake Kiani

third-year law student

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SOUTH KOREA

Nuclear reactor shutdown likely

Hopes renewed that Pyongyang will comply with disarmament agreement

Associated Press

SEOUL - North Korea may be preparing to shut down its main nuclear reactor, news reports said Tuesday, raising the possibility that Pyongyang will comply with a disarmament agreement after a seven-month delay.

The Yongbyon reactor was still in operation, but there was a high possibility that movement of cars and people at the plant that makes atomic bombs could be linked to a shutdown, South Korean intelligence officials said.

The official was quoted as saying that honoring its pledge was "do nothing" for North Korea to shut down its main nuclear reactor.

"The intensity of these activities has increased from about a week ago," the official was quoted as saying.

There are activities other than cars and people moving busily," the intelligence official said.

The North missed a Saturday deadline to shut down the reactor and allow U.N. inspectors to verify and seal the facility under a February agreement with the U.S. and four other countries.

If the North complies, that would be its first move toward stopping production of nuclear weapons since 2002, the start of the latest nuclear standoff. The North is believed to have produced as many as a dozen atomic bombs since then, and conducted an underground test on Jan. 6, followed by another on Oct. 9.

Pyongyang said last week that honoring its pledge was "do nothing" for North Korea to shut down the atomic reactor.

"We can't just ignore what the North does," a South Korean official said. "If the North doesn't take initial steps to disarm as agreed in February at six-nation nuclear talks, the official was quoted as saying, according to the Dong-a Ilbo newspaper. Other dailies carried similar reports.

The two Koreas were set to begin talks Wednesday in Pyongyang to discuss the North's request for 400,000 tons of rice.

South Korea periodically sends rice and fertilizer to the impoverished North, which has relied heavily on foreign handouts since the mid-1990s when natural disasters and man-made devastation destabilized its economy and famine led to the deaths of as many as 2 million people.

An official at South Korea's Unification Ministry, which deals with North Korean affairs, said "nothing has been decided yet."

The official spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Gonzalez proceedings postponed

WASHINGTON — Senators postponed testimony by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in the aftermath of Monday's deadly Virginia school shootings, delaying his chance to defend contradictions about fired federal prosecutors that have taxed his credibility.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy said the proceedings, initially set for Tuesday, would be inappropriate after the shootings in southwestern Virginia. He delayed Gonzales' appearance until Thursday.

The Bush administration has pushed for Gonzales to testify as soon as possible, and the long-scheduled hearing is widely viewed as the attorney general's last chance to quiet a controversy that has prompted calls in both parties for his resignation.

Gonzales has struggled for more than a month to clarify what he described as only a limited involvement in the purge that Democrat believe was politically motivated. A group of conservative activists joined the chorus Monday, urging Gonzales to step down for having "debased honesty and good character of the office."

The White House maintained its support for Gonzales. "I think the attorney general has been perfectly honest," White House spokesman Dana Perino said Monday. "And Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, defended Gonzales from the political backlash by noting, "This is a town of jocks.""

Gonzales accepts responsibility for some of the confusion, acknowledging in written testimony that "at times I have been less precise with my words when discussing the resignations."

He also ordered the Justice Department to release more than 5,700 pages of e-mails, schedules, memos and other documents to show that the firings were not improper.
VENEZUELA

Countries at odds over ethanol at energy summit

Associated Press

POUTHAR - President Hugo Chavez attempted to derail a U.S.-Brazilian ethanol agreement as host of an energy summit on Monday, offering his own development plans for South America using Venezuela's vast reserves of oil and natural gas.

Despite Chavez's clash on ethanol with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the two leaders smiled and shook cement side-by-side for the foundation of a new petrochemical complex in eastern Venezuela before they flew to Margarita Island for the summit.

Chavez has pledged to explain to Silva his sharp criticisms of last month's U.S.-Brazil ethanol agreement, but neither leader mentioned ethanol right away.

"Only united will we be great," Chavez said in a speech at the Jose petrochemical complex, with Silva and the presidents of Bolivia and Paraguay at his side. "That great power isn't Venezuela. That great power isn't Brazil. ... That great power will only be known as South America."

Chavez repeated his accusation that the U.S. plotted a brief 2002 coup against him and warned that if the U.S. tries to topple him in the future, "there won't be a single drop of oil for the United States." He said any U.S. invasion of Venezuela could lead to a "100-year war."

Chavez has pledged to offer an alternative proposal to "overthrow" the U.S.-Brazil ethanol agreement, which he calls a "cartel" that would monopolize arable lands and starve the poor — concerns shared by his Cuban ally Fidel Castro.

The United States and Brazil are the world's two biggest producers of ethanol — the alcohol-based fuel made from crops such as sugarcane or corn. They signed an "alliance" last month to promote its production in the region and create international quality standards to allow it to be traded as a commodity like oil.

Chavez has not said what he would do to oppose that plan, other than to lobby efforts against other U.S.-proposed trade agreements.

Asked about recent criticism from Cuba and Venezuela of ethanol as an alternative energy source, Marco Aurelio Garcia, a foreign relations adviser to Silva, denied that Brazil's biofuel initiative would cheapen food prices or skyrocket while defending the plan as a means of creating jobs.

"Nobody stops eating due to shortage of food. People stop eating due to lack of income, that's the fundamental issue," Garcia said.

The new petrochemical plant involves Brazil's Braskem SA and Pequiven, a division of Venezuela's state oil company. The two signed joint venture agreements to build the new petrochemical complex and plan to invest about $2.9 billion in a complex that will produce ethylene, polyethylene and other petrochemical products.

Top leaders of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador also were attending the two-day energy summit, where Chavez was expected to seek support for projects that use South America's vast natural gas pipeline and a proposed alliance modeled after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to promote a "fair price" for natural gas.

Brazil will fully join a proposed regional "Bank of the South" proposed by Chavez as an alternative to U.S.-backed lenders like the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, said Rafael Isea, Venezuela's deputy finance minister.

On ethanol, though, Brazil's interests appear to lie in its agreement with the United States, despite Chavez's disapproval.

Silva said before leaving Brazil on Monday that he hopes to discuss the ethanol concerns, especially "the technical or scientific basis of the critics."

Chavez used to speak warmly about ethanol's future, but he came out harshly against its promotion as a substitute for gasoline after the U.S.-Brazil agreement. His concerns are shared by some experts who say that even if all arable land on Earth were turned over to biofuel production, it still would not meet world demand for fuel. Venezuela still plans to expand its own ethanol production for use as a fuel additive.

Silva said in a Monday morning radio broadcast that South American countries "have an immense territory" to be able to comfortably produce ethanol and plenty of food.

In a visit to Brazil, meanwhile, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush criticized Cuba and Venezuela for their leaders' newfound opposition to increased ethanol production.

"Mysteriously, for reasons I can't explain, they did a complete about-face," said Bush, the brother of U.S. President George W. Bush. Without mentioning Venezuela by name, Jeb Bush said the United States needs to boost ethanol use because much of the petroleum consumed by America comes from nations that consider themselves "enemies of our country."

Venezuela's information minister, William Lara, dismissed Bush's remarks as part of the "open, clear and persistent intention" of the U.S. government to create a negative image of the energy summit being hosted by Chavez.

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**In Brief**

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**Lilly earnings exceed forecasts**

First-quarter profits down due to restructuring, but higher than estimates

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**WASHINGTON** — A group of investors announced plans Monday to buy Sallie Mae, taking the nation's largest student lender private in a $25 billion deal that comes as some regulators of higher education want to crack down on lower federal subsidies for the $85 billion college loan industry.

Private-equity firm J.C. Flowers & Co. and three other investors will pay $60 per share for Reston, Va.-based SLM Corp., commonly referred to as Sallie Mae. The sale price represents a 7 percent premium for Sallie Mae's previously sagging stock before lower rumors emerged late last week.

SLM shares traded up more than 17 percent on the New York Stock Exchange after the buyout was announced Monday.

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**INDIANAPOLIS** — Drug maker Eli Lilly & Co. said Monday that its first-quarter performance was impacted by charges related to restructuring and an acquisition, pushing up expenses in the quarter. The company said it also had received more than $400 million in insurance payments from its policies to cover wind damage to its home.

Lilly said Wednesday that its profit was $4.12 billion, or 77 cents per share, for the first three months of the year. That was down from $4.23 billion, or 70 cents per share, in the first quarter last year.

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**Non-stop Henry thinks the sale still has potential, especially if it receives approval later this year to be used as a treatment for the neurological disorder fibromyalgia, which he called "a huge untapped market."**

Lilly now expects full-year adjusted earnings per share to fall within the range of $3.30 to $3.40 per share, an increase from the $3.25 to $3.35 range it had projected. Overall, the company's performance left Tabak and Co. analyst Les Finklestein "pleasantly surprised."
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ings from his girlfriend, a Virginia Tech alumna, around 10 a.m. LaFratta confirmed that his girlfriend’s sister, a current Virginia Tech student, was safe, as well as the safety of several close friends.

“When I first heard, they were reporting there was only one death,” LaFratta said. “I thought, ‘It’s a really sad event and I want to know what is going on.’”

Soon, the news coverage took a personal tone.

LaFratta said he eventually heard that one acquaintance had been killed in the first incident in the dorm. By Monday night, LaFratta said he had seen pictures on television of his slain friend.

He said he knew the friend from Virginia Tech’s marching band, where LaFratta played trumpet.

Other students with friends at the school expressed their concern Monday afternoon.

Sophomore Amelia Gillespie heard from her roommate before going to class Monday morning.

“I was in shock. I have a couple of friends that go there, and I’m still waiting to hear back from them,” Gillespie said. “I tried to call them, but they haven’t called back. I think they’re okay, because I’ve heard from other friends.”

Freshman Tracy Jennings also has friends at Virginia Tech.

“One of my friends called me around 2 p.m.,” said Jennings, who is from Richmond, Va.

The friend who initially called Jennings was not a student there, but the freshman received calls from Virginia Tech students shortly thereafter.

“As soon as one friend called, another did, and more,” Jennings said.

The students couldn’t give many details about the incident, she said.

“All they [sic] said was that there was a shooting ... and at least 20 kids had been killed and at least 20 injured,” she said. “As far as I’ve heard, everyone I know is OK.

Jennings said she couldn’t contact some of their friends there Monday afternoon because phone lines were busy.

Monica Tarnawski, a sophomore, said she heard from a friend who attends Virginia Tech Monday afternoon through the social networking Web site Facebook.

“Her sister actually composed a note that said ‘I’m fine, and we all saw it,’” Tarnawski said.

Like Tarnawski, Jennings and Gillespie, LaFratta said that initially, all reports about his friends had been positive — until later Monday evening, when he first heard his friend had been killed.

LaFratta was watching television news coverage of the shooting when he learned there were more deaths that initially reported.

“At around 12:15 p.m. or so ... all of a sudden, one of the three channels reported that there were at least 20 dead,” LaFratta said. “I just really hoped it was a mistake.”

LaFratta took classes in the aca-
demic building where the majority of fatalities occurred.

“A few years ago, I was there,” LaFratta said. “Those things really do happen.

LaFratta said it was hard to imagine a scene on Virginia Tech’s campus last year while a convict was loose in the area. This tragedy, he said, is beyond belief.

“Just the magnitude of the event is just so overwhelming,” LaFratta said.

LaFratta said he would have never predicted anything like this at a campus he described as “exceptionally peaceful.”

Students at Notre Dame said they feel safe on campus but recognize that an event like Monday’s could happen anywhere.

“If you look right next door, you could have a violent tragedy like the one Notre Dame included,” said Erin Smith from Notre Dame.

”It makes you realize that it could happen anywhere, on any college campus.”

Erin Smith
senior

“Things like that, especially on television — it seems so far away ...” but it can happen anywhere,” said Chris Heckett, a visiting graduate student. “To think about that would probably be thoughtless.”

Erin Smith, a senior, echoed Heckett’s thoughts.

“It makes you realize that it could happen anywhere, on any college campus,” she said. “It’s kind of like South Bend, which is a scary thought, being here. It’s a pretty enclosed campus, like here,” she said.

Gillespie said the incident “kind of just puts things into perspec-
tive.”

“It makes me look outside the [Notre Dame] bubble a little bit,” she said. “It’s a small world.”

Sophomore Katie Bergerow said the tragedy caused her and her roommate to realize their safety in the residence halls.

“We were talking about how we leave our door unlocked,” Bergerow said. “They probably wouldn’t change that behavior, she said, but the tragedy ‘really shows that something like this could happen.’

Students are also lucky to have a variety of support resources available, said Gastam Shewakramani, a Notre Dame alumna visiting campus. He said such resources could help avert a violent crisis, especially those available to stu-
dents who are struggling emotionally.

“I think there are a lot of resources for those who are having difficulties,” Shewakramani said. “I would be surprised if someone [who is struggling] wouldn’t be reached out to.”

Still, Tarnawski said, “It’s impor-
tant to remember that you can’t know what people are feeling.

“You never know what people are going through inside,” Tarnawski said. “Someone after my English class was like, ‘You know, I just wonder what was going on that person’s life that caused them to snap.’”

That same thought crossed Mitchell’s mind as well.

“My first question was why — why would someone do that, just take questions to the psychology of that and what enables that sort of violence,” Mitchell said.

Monday’s massacre will go down as the deadliest campus shooting in national history. Previously, the largest was a rampage that took place in 1966 at the University of Texas at Austin, where 16 people were killed before police shot the gunman to death.

While the facts of yesterday’s tragedy still are being investigated, many feel that there is little they can do, they can send their prayers and support.

“Right now, I’m here to offer any type of support I can get involved, any type of awareness,” Gillespie said.

LaFratta said he has done “a lot of praying” and will continue to do so.

“My first reaction is to pray a lot — my thoughts go out to all those families,” LaFratta said.

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**Changes in the classroom experience are easy to spot at McDonough 15, a school of more than 400 students in kindergarten through eighth grade nestled in a coal-mining area of Pennsylvania.**

The school, which opened in September 2006, is run by Knowledge is Power Programs, a network of free, open-enrollment public charter schools. McDonough has 52 public schools with more than 12,000 students in New Orleans, including the district's French Quarter, a black, working-class neighborhood.

More than 95 percent of KIPP schools are in low-income African American or Hispanic, and more than 80 percent are from low-income backgrounds. McDonough's demographics are roughly the same.

Derrick Duncan, a McDonough 15 eighth-grader whose family evacuated to Houston during Katrina, is now at his fourth school in less than two years. Teachers at McDonough are much less crowded than in the public schools Duncan attended before Katrina, and he says he gets much more individual instruction.

"It's a lot better," he said. "Some of the stuff they do here we would never do at my old school."

Indeed, KIPP schools employ a variety of teaching methods and routines. Teachers lead small groups, frequently interact through singing, chanting and hand gestures. "Sparking" in the classroom means sitting up, paying attention, asking and answering questions. Students earn a weekly "paycheck" that rewards good behavior with treats like hot cocoa and beignets, the fried pastries that are a signature snack in New Orleans.

Lessons on behavior are as much a part of the school's curriculum as reading, writing and arithmetic.

One morning in February, 11th-grader Kaushik Bhasin was supervising a pop quiz in Lamb's classroom when a chirping cell phone broke the silence. A student fished the phone out of her pocket and silently surrendered it to Bhasin.

"Are you apologizing to your teammates for disrupting?" Bhasin asked.

"I'm sorry, teammates," the student said. A classmate raised his hand and gave Bhasin his own phone. Bhasin praised the student's honesty.

**Asian Film Festival slated**

Event will host filmmakers, scholars; to showcase 5 independent films

Special to The Observer

The Asian Film Festival will come to Notre Dame this weekend. Five independent Chinese films will be shown.

**The Silent Holy Stones** by Wannam Caidun, 7:00 p.m. April 20, a drama centered on a young girl who will detail the country's social realities that she feels are common, misguided and understood in a different way.

**The Orphan of Anyang** by Wang Zhao, 10:00 p.m. April 20, three different lives, three different backdrops and experiences, struggles to survive at the bottom level of Chinese society (winner of the FIPRESCI Prize at the Berlin International Film Festival)

**Walking on the Wild Side** by Han Jie, 5:00 p.m. April 19, a drama centered on a young boy in a coal-mining area of China's Shanxi province (winner of the Silver Bear Award at the Berlin International Film Festival)

**Other Land, Other Side** by Yang, 8:30 p.m. April 19, two unemployed slackers try to make sense of their aimless and uncertain fates, each with their different backgrounds and experiences, struggles to survive at the bottom level of Chinese society (winner of the FIPRESCI Prize at the Rotterdam International Film Festival)

**Blind Shaft** by Li Yang, 7:00 p.m. April 19, two immigrant miners risk their lives under dangerous working conditions and develop questionable morals in order to survive (winner of the Silver Bear Award at the Berlin International Film Festival)

A complete schedule of events is available on the Web at http://performingarts.nd.edu. The conference is sponsored by Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Office of Research, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Office of the Provost, Office of Undergraduate Studies, University Relations, Center for East Asian Studies, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT), FTT Talks, International Student Services and Activities, Office of Information Technologies, John A. Kanel Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Creative Computing, Chinese Friendship Association, Campus Ministry, Division of Student Affairs, and Notre Dame Alumni Association.

**Lessons Learned from the Enron Scandal**

Bethany McLean

Co-author of The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron and editor-at-large for Fortune

Tuesday, April 17, 2007 7:00 p.m.

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Mendoza College of Business
I had the pleasure of going to mandatory loan counseling last Wednesday morning as part of the process of getting everything finished for graduation. While the kind folks who ran the counseling did everything they could to make this reality a little less painful, the enormity of college in this country was immediately made tangible before my eyes. If everything goes according to plan, I will be paying off my education at our Lady’s University until 2022.

Fifty-four percent of Notre Dame undergraduates take out some kind of loan to finance their education. According to the College Board, last year the average tuition fee for four-year private universities increased by 5.9 percent, a rate 2.1 percent above that of inflation. Two months ago Notre Dame announced that tuition for the 2007-08 school year would be $35,187, an increase of 5.4 percent from the previous year. With costs rising at a rate significantly higher than inflation, more and more students are unable to receive higher education.

A recent report by the U.S. Senate’s Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance found that due to rising costs, an estimated two million qualified students from 2001 to 2010 will conclude that college is just not an affordable option. Colleges are increasing at a rate only exceeded by those of health care, and while health care costs are out of control in part because those who consume the product are not directly responsible for paying for it. For Notre Dame students, most of us already have families who pay for our education, receive scholarship money of some sort, take advantage of federally subsidized loans or take out loans freshman year that we will pay off in the then-distant future. I do not believe that “the system” is somehow taking advantage of students — in fact, it is our parents, donors and taxpayers who are being royally screwed.

As students, we get to live in a fantasy world for four years that allows us to spend our days taking classes on Japanese pop culture, going to a different bar every weekend, trying to convince other students to give up eating junk, eggs and milk and writing uncommenting columns for The Observer. Our tuition goes to fund a sweet new football training building, speakers on every subject from all over the world and landscaping that puts some botanical gardens to shame. Along the way, while our non-student peers are working to support themselves, we get to “find ourselves” as we skip the classes we are supposedly paying to attend to instead watch daytime TV and sleep until noon. I’ve heard Notre Dame referred to as a “Catholic theme park” before, and it is important to remember that our four-year pass comes at great cost.

It’s no wonder that universities are encouraged to increase their spending at such a high rate when students don’t actually see the money leaving their pockets. We have for the massive digital visualization theater/planetarium in the Jordan or poorly attended film festivals at DACP. There is so much extra cash lying around that Student Union Board could afford to put $650,000 into a new entertainment instead of giving it back to the University to lower tuition. That amounts to almost $100 per under-graduate count: 50 percent from interest paid from student loans. I don’t know about you, but I’d rather have the cash right now than listen to Ana Gasteyer talk about her declining career.

I chose to go to Notre Dame. I chose to pay the tuition price I was offered and I chose to stay here when the price went up. I’ve loved my time here and the freedom to expand my horizons has been invaluable, but I do worry if many of today’s best bathrooms in the Main Building is a worthwhile use of my $40,000 a year. Notre Dame, as we all know, is a very well run business, and there is only so much the student government or the university as a whole can do to represent its customers/students, and that is not our burdened student government. My co-workers at The Observer often criticize the Student Senate for being ineffective, and I’ve heard multiple student senators tell me that they want something to do. Unlike student governments at some other universities, ours is mostly an advisory body. As such it has only established role as a voice of the student body and for oversight of the administration on behalf of students. It only makes sense that the student government should use its power to fight to keep that money from being squandered. We not only owe it to the students who paid $600,000 to the Class of 2022 who might decide not to join our family here that they can’t afford to go just so we can have more baths.

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The views expressed in this column are not to pay for my degree but to pay for The Observer. The Observer is available to all students. The free expression of all thoughts through letters is encouraged. Letters to the editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Jonathan Klingler
What on earth is wrong with our society today? Where has the respect for human life gone? Where has the awareness of the value of our lives gone? Where is the will to condemn the man whose decision our lives have been a waste, nor does it mean contentment cannot be derived from what one has accomplished by his time of death, whether that person dies at the age of eight, 18 or 81.

I strongly believe it tragic that so many men and women have died while serving in the armed forces in Iraq. However, I could never say, nor tolerate others saying, these lost lives have been a waste of life. The totally selfless sacrifice and courage exhibited by our service men and women is at work in that person's life by no means can be measured or determine the inherent value of his or her being alive. At the risk of any life, there will be regret, the "if only" and the "but I wanted in," but this does not mean that the life has been a waste, nor does it mean contentment cannot be derived from what one has accomplished by his time of death, whether that person dies at the age of eight, 18 or 81.

Lives lost in Iraq war anything but 'wasted'

An acronym you can get behind

This week is supposed to be LGBTQ awareness week, but developing awareness is going to prove difficult with such a haphazard acronym. This constricted array of letters makes every artifice you can get behind a game of Scrabble that Milton Bradley wouldn't be able to finish. For those open to changing the acronym, there is always "HAT'S" (Homosexuals Asking for Tolerance and Sensitivity), but perhaps a more pragmatic solution is a simple rearrangement of the letters: "QJ". Now that sounds fashionable and delicious.

The writer is a former cartoonist for The Observer.

Alex White
Senior
Off campus
April 16

Submit a Letter to the Editor or Guest Column to viewpoint@nd.edu or online at www.ndsmcobserver.com.

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Sheehan's actions consistent with Catholic values

I was disappointed to read Sarah Vabalas's letter in last Friday's Observer ("Sheehan not in line with College mis­ sion"), in which she criticized the decision by Saint Mary's to invite Cindy Sheehan to speak. Vabalas offers two reasons for her disagreement: (a) that Sheehan "misrep­ resented" the war thus fairly false facts while casting unwarranted aspersions upon those who fundamentally disagree with her, and (b) that the administration's decision to invite Saint Mary's to invite Cindy Sheehan to speak was wrought with misinformation and deception, with massive destruction and scandal and is a dangerous disregard for the role that civil disobedience has played throughout human history in helping to eradicate injustice and promote peace. Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day encouraged Catholics "to fill the jails with nonviolent resistance to war." Jacques Maritain wrote, "The deep trend toward civil disobedience which is work in that his­ tory requires breaking of the law as a perpetual and necessary condition of progress." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and sent to jail 29 times for acts of civil disobedience in his effort to secure civil rights for all Americans. Gandhi engaged in civil disobedience multiple times for India's independence. The methods advocated by these and other heroic men and women are not "disrespectful" or "disobedient." They are courageous and morally justified. Neither Cindy Sheehan's methods nor the cause for which she fights is contrary to the mis­ sion of a Catholic institution.

What is important is that instead of engaging in a serious debate about racism and stereotypes, the American public will have to settle for holier than thou companies and politi­ cians on their soap boxes denigrating the racism they profited from until it became inconvenient. Imus never hid what he was. He was a controversial and some­ times racially offensive figure. His show was about making money and helping to lead the fight against cancer and autism. If only all the other parties could be as candid with their agendas, perhaps real issues on race would be addressed.

Mary Daly
Freshman
Webb Family Hall
April 16

submit a letter to the editor or guest column to viewpoint@nd.edu or online at www.ndsmcobserver.com.
Stephanie Newsome plays a street singer in "The Threepenny Opera." The show's opening describes the play as "an opera for beggars."
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Rockers of O.A.R. positioned for greatness

By JAMES COSTA

For the second time in two years, O.A.R. is coming to South Bend to play at the Morris Center. It’s been an exciting year for the band, including a sold-out performance at Madison Square Garden. The band has developed a new level of popularity, and it’s an exciting time to be a part of it.

DePizzo: It’s really fantastic. We’re extremely proud of it as a band and as individuals. It’s been a really good year for us.

What’s it like as a band to have songs from a few years back that you can play and so every night relive the memories of the times when the song was new?

DePizzo: That’s the reaction of the crowd every night is a great thing. People ask if we get tired of playing a song but it’s not like that. We have one song that we have to play and that’s the one we have to play every night. It’s the only song we’ve ever done of an entire album. We didn’t focus on writing a lot of songs to build up our catalogue. We have a lot of stuff that we’ve developed and we’re really proud of it...

Where does the band see their sound heading in the tours and albums to come?

DePizzo: I’d say it’s going to get closer to the live sound and what we do on stage. We’re not going to record a record of 10-minute epic jams, but we’re going to have a lot of that in the next few tours and in the next album. It’s going to be a lot more of a live album than the previous albums...

What is it like for the audience? How do you feel about performing for a packed house every night?

DePizzo: It’s great. I think it’s going to get closer to the live sound we do on stage...
Heat fall to Celtics with big help from Jefferson

Carter's triple-double helps Nets take down metropolitan rick Knicks; Gasol's contributions help Grizzlies defeat Spurs

Associated Press

At Jefferson's jump hook with one-tenth of a second left lifted the Boston Celtics to a 91-89 win over the Miami Heat on Monday night in the season's last regular season game for both teams.

Dellavedova rose, ran out of bounds, was called for an offensive foul, took 28 points, while Jefferson finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds for Boston. Rajon Rondo added 17 for the Celtics.

Jason Williams hit his first five 3-point tries — he finished 5-for-6 — and scored 16 points for Miami, as did Josh Kapano. Shaquille O'Neal added 14 points and Miami relied on Small forward Richard Jefferson dunks against the Knicks in Madison Square Garden on Monday. The Nets took the game by 10

York Knicks Monday night to com- complete a sweep. New Jersey is still hoping to catch struggling Washington for the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Carter joined the New York Knicks last season, ranking third in scoring with 20.1 points, second in assists with 8.8, and first in three-pointers made with 214.

The Nets took the game by 10

Heat forward James Posey fails as he tries to retrieve a loose ball against the Celtics in Miami Monday. Boston won 91-89 behind a big game from Delonte West.


ean, all five starters played between 23-25 minutes, none of them besides Eddie Jones seeing any time in the fourth quarter.

Instead, this was a night where points alike of Doleac, Chris Quinter and Earl Burrow got plenty of play. And, in perhaps a theme of the season for the Heat, they still couldn't escape without an injury.

Forward James Posey, a key 3- point shooter and defender for the defending NBA champions, sprained his left wrist and should- er after colliding with Rondo with 5:44 left in the second quarter. Both players were moving toward a loose ball, hit awkwardly and Posey fell hard in the crowd, seemingly gasping and grabbing his arm.

New Jersey finished its home sched- ule 27-14, Boston was 12-29 on the road this season, matching last year's mark.

Standing-on, the game was over after Miami's first round game against New Orleans at 12:44 left in the first half. The Heat got the win with a loss to the Heat.

The Heat battled back, taking the lead on the Heat's jumper at 1:17 left, but that would be the last score. West's jumper tied it at 89-89 with 55.2 seconds left before Jefferson delivered the winner.

Nets 104, Knicks 95

Vince Carter led 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and the New Jersey Nets clinched at least the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the New York Knicks Monday night to com- complete a sweep.

New Jersey is still hoping to catch struggling Washington for the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference.

In the Nets' first game against New York, Carter scored 29 points, but Nets guard Deron Williams injured his right ankle in the final minute.

The Nets outscored the Knicks 24-7 in the fourth quarter.

The Nets are now 4-0 against the Knicks this season, and have won their last six meetings.

The Nets improve to 19-34 on the season, while the Knicks fall to 21-32.

But the Nets, and especially point guard Deron Williams, played well on both ends of the floor.

New Jersey's team defense held the Knicks to 39.9% shooting from the field and 25.0% from three-point range.

Carter finished with 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Nets guard Deron Williams scored 29 points in 44 minutes off the bench.

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Roger Cerutty crossed the finish line in Boston Monday as he wins the 111th Boston Marathon.

Cheruiyot finished the 26.2-mile race in 2:14:13 for his third Boston marathon win.

**Cheruiyot defends Boston Marathon title**

Associated Press

**BOSTON —** The runners were soaked, the pavement slippery, and Robert Cheruiyot knew exactly where trouble was waiting along the Boston Marathon route.

So 48 hours before the start of Monday's race, after his more traditional training was completed, the defending champion headed to the course to test the traction of the finish line. It was at the end of the Chicago course, 26 miles and 364 yards in, that he slipped — eerily cooling himself a race, if not a career.

"I don't want myself to think about falling down in Chicago," Cheruiyot said after overcoming from a concussion from that slip and the remnants of a nor'easter to win his third Boston title. "It is like telling someone something very bad... It is not good."

Cheruiyot, who also won in 2003, earned his third Boston title standing up. He outkicked countryman James Kwambai on the way to Kenmore Square to win in 2 hours, 14 minutes, 13 seconds — slower than the course record of 2:07:14 he set last year but enough to win by 20 seconds.

"When the lion is chasing the antelope, he doesn't look back. He has to eat," Cheruiyot said. "So when I run, I don't stare at anything."

Kenya took the top four spots in the men's race and its 15th victory in 17 years. The top American man was Peter Gilmore, in eighth place.

Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva captured the women's crown in 2:29:18, winning by 20 seconds and sending Latvia's Jolena Kruczauska to her second consecutive second-place finish. Grigoryeva, who set the course record in Los Angeles last year, veered to the stands to grab a Russian flag just before crossing the finish line.

Top American hope Dena Kastor fell back after stomach problems diverted her from the course for a minute near the midpoint. Kastor, the defending London champion, American record-hold er and Olympic bronze medalist, still finished first in the U.S. national championship, a race within a race that carried a $25,000 bonus.

"It's hard to deal with a disappointing performance when you've prepared for so much better than you did out there," she said.

Cheruiyot spent two nights in a Chicago hospital in October after slipping on the finish line as he raised his arms to celebrate his victory. He couldn't sleep for more than a month, had trouble with his back, along with headaches that persisted until six weeks ago.

**In Brief**

Weckley wins first PGA Tour event at Verison Heritage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Boo Weckley didn't blow his latest chance for a first PGA Tour victory, chipping in on the final two holes to hold off Tiger Woods and win the Verizon Heritage on Monday.

Weckley looked as if he would give back all of a three-shot lead after his bogey on the 16th hole and his missed chip behind the 17th green. Weckley followed the blunder with a 40-foot, par-saving chip to keep a one-stroke lead.

But then Weckley had his troubles on Harbour Town's lighthouse hole, No. 18. He chipped across the green and into the fluffy rough down a short slope. Once again, Weckley's short game saved him, this time rolling it 36 feet away.

"Ungood," Weckley said. "This is unreal."

The Big Easy, huddling for his first tour win since 2004, lost his chance on No. 17, driving into the hazard behind the green for a bogey.

Fedderer pressures ATP to save Monte Carlo Masters

MONTÉ-CARLO, Monaco — Roger Federer is making another push to save the Monte Carlo Masters from being downgraded.

The top-ranked Swiss said Monday that the ATP, which is planning to restructure its 2009 calendar, is moving too fast.

"Many people are worried, and because they are worried, I think we should just wait for a minute here," Federer said.

The ATP wants to trim the Masters schedule from nine to eight tournaments by cutting Monte Carlo and Hamburg and adding Shanghai.

Both Monte Carlo and Hamburg, which are two of the main clay-court warmup events for the French Open, would remain on the tour but no longer have Masters status. They are both using the ATP.

"Before we move too quickly in a bad direction, let's have a meeting all together and go forward from there," Federer said.

**Pacers out of playoffs for first time in 12 years**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Coach Rick Carlisle said all the right things less than 24 hours after his Indiana Pacers were knocked out of playoff contention for the first time in a decade.

He said they had a good practice and will be ready for Tuesday's game at Atlanta. But he struggled whenever he uttered the phrase "out of the playoffs."

And his boisterous look showed more drained Monday than perhaps at any point in the past two tumultuous years.

The Pacers will close their season at home against Washington on Wednesday. Carlisle said it will be business as usual, but his gloomy demeanor made his words a tough sell.

"You don't approach it any differently because you're out of the playoffs," Carlisle said. "You come in and you try to get better and you try to win those last couple."
Cycling

Hamilton returns after 2-year ban

Associated Press

Tyler Hamilton feared his return to competitive cycling, unsure what to expect in his first race in the United States after a two-year doping ban.

After the first stage of the Tour de Georgia on Monday, the former Olympic gold medalist was encouraged.

Hamilton was 56th, finishing in the middle of a huge peloton about 2 minutes behind the stage winner, Daniele Contrini of Italy. Contrini finished the 97-mile ride from Peachtree City to Macon in 3 hours, 24 minutes, 26 seconds.

Hamilton is attempting to reclaim his place among the elite in cycling after his suspension in September 2004 for blood doping, the transfusion of extra blood that can increase endurance. He has been racing in Europe since January, but Monday was his first sanctioned race in his home country since the 2001 San Francisco Grand Prix.

Hamilton has continued to protest his innocence, but he seemed relieved to again have the chance to talk about racing.

Hamilton said his comeback was slowed by a bout with flu symptoms that developed into bronchitis in March, but the American sprinter says he hopes to use this situation in Europe, including the grueling Stage 5 run from Dalton to Bald Mountain, Georgia's highest mountain.

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The Tour de Georgia should help Hamilton learn if he is prepared for bigger races in Europe.

Tyler Hamilton, at his sprinters, Hamilton, at his

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Tyler Hamilton

American cyclist

"No comment on that," said Doug Ollerson, who finished second Monday, when asked how Hamilton was received by other racers.

Hamilton said before the race he was prepared for a possibility of reception from some of his peers, but he said Monday he had no problems.

"It was really special there at the start line this morning," Hamilton said. "It was nice that there were a lot of people encouraging me and welcoming me back to racing. That was nice."

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NHL

Lightning take 2-1 series lead with win

Sabres outduel Islanders in Game 3 of series

Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Lightning are finding ways to make Martin Brodeur look ordinary. Vincent Lecavalier scored his fourth goal of the playoffs, and Brad Richards and Vinny Prospal each tallied their first in helping the Lightning beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 in Monday night in Game 3 of their first-round Eastern Conference series.

John Holmqvist, who has rebounded from a shaky NHL post-season debut to outplay Brodeur the past two games, stopped 30 shots as the seventh-seeded Lightning took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven matchup. Game 4 is in Tampa on Wednesday night.

Brodeur, a three-time Stanley Cup champion, entered the play-offs with a 1.89 career goals-against average, but has given up three in each of the first three games of the series. Tampa Bay also won three of four regular-season meetings against the goalie, who won a league-record 48 games.

Lecavalier scored his power-play goal on a sharp-angle shot that appeared to catch Brodeur by surprise in the first period. He had an assist on the winner, which Prospal scored from in front of the net with 6:29 remaining in the third.

John Madden and Zach Parise scored for the Devils.

Brodeur’s experience and strong track record are the main reasons many expect the Devils ultimately to win the series, however the 38-year-old Holmqvist is making it interesting in his first postseason appearance.

The Devils outshot the Lightning 9-5 in the opening period, but were 0-for-3 on the power play and failed to take advantage of a two-man advantage they held for just over a minute after Tampa Bay’s Martin St. Louis went to the penalty box for high-sticking.

Holmqvist rebounded from allowing five goals on 24 shots in Game 1 to make 34 saves in Tampa Bay’s 3-2 victory in Game 2 at New Jersey. He was solid again Monday night, even after the second-seeded Devils tied it at 1 on Madden’s goal with 2:33 left in the second.

The Lightning goalie kept the game from getting away with a huge save as time expired in the period, rejecting John Dowd from point-blank range and setting the stage for an exciting third period.

After Richards gave the Lightning a 2-1 lead just 69 seconds into the period, New Jersey countered with Parise’s goal that deflected off Tampa Bay defense-man Dan Boyle three minutes later to give Brodeur another chance to take over the game.

Sabres 3, Islanders 2

Thomas Vanek and the Buffalo Sabres forwards stayed down only so long.

Two games where most of the offense came from the defense, Vanek, Daniel Briere, and Adam Mair all connected in the second period Monday night to lift Buffalo to a victory over the New York Islanders and give the top-seeded Sabres a 2-1 lead in the first-round, Eastern Conference playoff series.

The Sabres, who led the NHL with 308 goals, scored six while splitting the first two games on home ice. Chris Drury, who assisted on Mair’s goal, scored twice in the series-opening victory for the only goals by Buffalo forwards.

That all changed when the Sabres scored three times in a span of 7:39.

Trent Hunter and Ryan Smyth answered in the second period in front of a towel-waving and cheering crowd and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. It wasn’t enough, despite 32 saves by Rick DiPietro.

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MLB

Soriano injured as Cubs cruise to win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The limp was clear as Alfonso Soriano dragged himself up the stairs, out of the clubhouse and into the night for an immediate future as a bit murky, though.

On a night when the Chicago Cubs shook up their lineup, Soriano got shaken up.

He left in the fifth inning after injuring a hamstring while attempting a diving catch in the fifth inning of the San Diego Padres on Monday.

"Yes, I don't like to get hurt," Soriano said, when asked if he's worried. "I know that I'm not going to be able to play to tomorrow, so it's bad for me because ... I like to play every day. We'll see how I look tomorrow."

Chicago, which was 0-7 against the Padres last season, led 3-0 in the fifth when Clay Hensley (0-3) lofted a fly to shallow center with a runner on third and out, and Soriano raced in, dove and rolled over as he tripped the ball.

Soriano then got up and skipped while attempting a throw. Trainer Mark O'Neal ran on him, and the Cubs then missed the chance to get out a little bit. Nothing more, nothing less.

He also said one move that is not under consideration at the moment is moving Soriano out of center field, even though he entered with a .234 average and no homers. Of course, the bigger issue afterward was his health.

"He made a heck of an effort on that ball," Piniella said. "He cheated a little bit on the pitcher and got a good jump on it and made a really good try." His teammates put forth their best effort, finishing with sea-

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Some of the Cubs' best efforts were hitting a three-run homer in the ninth off Will Ohman, who has a 9.00 ERA.

Run-scoring singles by Derrek Lee and Murton gave the Cubs a 2-0 lead in the first, and Michael Barrett hit a two-run homer as Chicago scored four in the fifth to make it 7-1.

Mark DeRosa added a homer leading off the sixth against Hensley, and Cliff Floyd hit a three-run drive off Mike Thompson later that inning.

But the Cubs left Wrigley Field hoping Soriano's injury isn't severe.

"I've had some injuries in my career, and I know when you sign a contract the last thing you want to do is get hurt," Floyd said. "Hopefully, it's not that bad, and we'll get him back as soon as possible."
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- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

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Saint Mary's will take conference lead with victory this afternoon

John O'Brien competed for the Belles and lost narrowly in the No. 4 singles spot, while McDavitt then competed in the No. 2 doubles spot, with new return to compete in the No. 1 spot alongside freshman Camille Gebert. O'Brien and her partner, senior Grace Gordon, will follow that due in the No. 2 slot.

"Kalamazoo is a solid team," McDavitt said. "We should be able to beat them, though. We will have to work hard and use the skill that we have been using in our past conference matches in order to play our best.

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**HOROSCOPE**

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Victoria Beckham, 31; Jennifer Garner, 33; Liz Plack, 38; Olivia Hussey, 34

**Happy Birthday:** You have an obligation to yourself to follow through with your plans. Stop dreaming about what you want to do and start to make it happen. You have to rely on only one person to make it happen and start to do your own legwork. Don't let false trials and tribulations stand in your way. Your numbers are 2, 27, 26, 37, 40

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Pick and choose what you want to do today. Love or negotiation will prove to be the most satisfying. A close friend might form a new family if you form a partnership. ****

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): You are in a generous mood today. Don't get upset if you don't get the way you want it. Take the opportunity to do something by yourself. The more you accomplish on your own, the greater the fulfillment will be in the end. **

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Someone may be keeping something from you, but you shouldn't worry; you probably have the solution already. You may bring back memories.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Chances are you can cut some new projects you're working on. Take a look at the one you choose to pursue and you will be in demand today. Do things you enjoy and you will see some interesting new friends. Secret love affairs will be the topic, but please yourself the grief. ***

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**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A joint venture will gain your interest. Take the time to carefully plan. A partnership looks favorable as long as you establish who is going to own the interests. Now is not the time to form a partnership. **

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful what you wish for and what you promise today. You may end up getting stuck with the short end of the stick. Look out for your own interests. Now is not the time to form a partnership. ***

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be looking for fun, excitement and adventure today. The more you do to challenge yourself, the better. Physical activity should be high on your to-do list. Love is in a high cycle. ***

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do something to make your living quarters or neighborhood more appealing to your tastes. If you have felt cramped or uncomfortable, it may be time to make some changes. Devote some time in the week to do this. ***

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do things with people who have similar interests, and you will develop strong and lasting friendships. Ask for assistance and favors will be returned. Take care of your personal obligations. ***

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Check out a sports facility or a group that will help you stop relying on everyone else to make it happen and start to do your own legwork. ***

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BASEBALL

Irish look to stay hot for home matchup with Rockets

Squad attempts repeat of strong performance after G’town beatdown

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After winning a conference series for the first time all season, Notre Dame looks to maintain its momentum as it heads into a showdown with Toledo at Frank Eck Stadium today. Irish coach Dave Schrage said his team has been inconsistent this season, rarely putting together a sustained period of quality play.

“When we start to play well, we tend to lay back,” Schrage said. “Our job as coaches is to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

The Irish have only won back-to-back games three times this season — including a four-game win streak from March 17-23. In an 11-2 dismantling of Georgetown Sunday, Schrage said his team failed to remain focused for the entire contest after scoring 11 runs in the first four innings.

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Doing work

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By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

An impressive performance on both sides of the ball by Do Work led the squad to a 21-7 victory over 5 Guys Doing It Better than Biddy Ever Did It. Do Work performed well on both sides of the ball, out-rebounding 5 Guys and keeping the speed of the game high.

Do Work captain Mike Bramante was the leading scorer, dropping 12 points and assisting teammates Joe Bramanti, Mike Bramante and Do Work advance in blowout; No. 3 Castlepoint also wins Monday.

Do Work also ran an effective two-three zone that prevented 5 Guys from getting any good looks inside the paint. Of 5 guys’ seven points, four were on jump shots and three were from put-backs. Those second-chance points amounted to all of 5 Guys’ success on the boards, however — they were dominated down low.

“(Rebounding) had a big effect,” Bramante said. “Got a lot of boards. If you get rebounds, you win the game.”

Do Work decided to try the zone because they had seen other bookstore teams run similar defenses, but the squad was prepared to switch to man-to-man if it wasn’t working.

The game started slow; neither team got the ball rolling, but both teams showed signs of life. The Irish had some baskets, while Do Work was able to get some shots off. The Irish started to pull away in the second half, and by the end of the game, the Irish had won 21-7.

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SJR Softball

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After week off, team is ready to challenge league rival Thunder

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

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ND Softball

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

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