Immigrant admission policy examined

Undocumented students could gain acceptance to University, but few actually apply

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

After last fall's campus-wide forum on immigration, senior Michael Kozak was left with questions about the University's role in the debate. Kozak, who had completed a four-credit study course on Mexican immigration last semester, was inspired to research the University admissions process for undocumented students. He wanted to find out if Notre Dame allowed undocumented citizens — a genteel euphemism for illegal immi-

nants — to apply and enroll. “Once we began researching we started finding that it is entirely possible for undocumented students to be admitted to the University,” Kozak said.

Assistant Provost for Enrollment Dan Saracino said while the University does not prohibit undocumented students from applying to Notre Dame, it does require that they apply as international students. “We have no policy against admitting an undocumented student if the student is academically qualified,” Saracino said.

However, few apply, and few are admitted. Saracino said he wasn’t certain the University had any undocumented students enroll in the past 10 years. The applicant pool is so small in part because a limited amount of financial aid is available for international students. According to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions Web site, the University “meets 100 percent of every student’s demonstrated need,” though it also requires international student applicants to submit a Certificate of Finances proving they can pick up the costs for their education.

Because undocumented students are treated like international students, they must “be able to show the University that they have the funds to pay for a four year experience at Notre Dame,” Saracino said.

“A U.S. citizen and or a permanent resident is eligible for federal grant money and federal loans, and then we are capable of meeting the difference of what the federal programs provide,” Saracino said. “We cannot afford to offer admission to undocumented students who can’t afford to pick up the tab

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Columnist says era of religious right at an end

Dionne claims Christian voters have shifted party affiliation over past three decades

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

After over 20 years of association with right-wing conservatism, Christians are redefining their relationship with politics and moving away from the religious right to support the Democratic Party, Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. said.

“The era of the religious right is over. The end of the religious right does not signal an end to conservative Christianity,” Dionne said in a lecture Monday in Carey Auditorium. “It’s a sign of a reformation among Christians who are disentangling their great religious movement from a political machine. Christian conservatives have adopted a ‘broadened definition of what it means to be a Christian in public life,’” he said.

Dionne said religion has traditionally been a conservative force but religious Americans are now focusing on other faith-influenced issues such as social justice and Jesus’ emphasis on “the poor.”

“This is a change which is now underway, for liberals and conservatives alike, to abandon their sometimes narrow view about who real Americans are and what they believe,” he said.

Voting trends among young people indicate this ideological shift, Dionne said when he compared Ronald Reagan’s 1980 election with today’s political climate. Voters under 30 voted three to two for Reagan, who was a Republican, but in 2006, young voters supported Demo-

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Maura Weis details family’s struggle

Husband, Charlie, leaves practice early to help promote wife’s new book

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

To introduce of his wife's book during a discussion and book signing in McKenna Hall, Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis said Monday was the first occasion in coaching career that he has ever left a practice early. “I told the guys this morning this is something important enough for me to leave practice for,” Charlie said.

Maura Weis’ book, “Miles From the Sidelines: A Mother’s Journey With Her Special Needs Daughter,” focuses on the tribulations of having a child with Down Syndrome. She describes her struggle to help 21-year-old daughter, Jessica, who was 20 years old when they wrote the book.

“Miles From the Sidelines: A Mother's Journey With Her Special Needs Daughter” Monday,

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Burglary cases may be linked

NDSP description matches Valpo suspect

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) has received new information about burglaries in Lyons Hall last week that may identify a suspect and link him to similar crimes at Valparaiso University. NDSP director Phil Johnson said Monday in an e-mail to The Observer.

During the burglary, three laptops and two wallets were stolen from two unlocked rooms last Wednesday. NDSP assistant director Dave Chapman said last week.

Johnson said “several people” had seen the man NDSP considers to be a suspect. He was described as a black male, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, “frizzy, long, black hair” in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly facial stubble, Johnson said.

The man had a duffle-type bag, Johnson said, and entered unlocked rooms when students were present. When he saw the students, he asked for someone by name who did not live in the room, Johnson said.

NDSP learned from Valparaiso that similar robberies took place on its cam-

pus in recent months, and the

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses change to Orientation format

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In its last meeting before the new administration takes office, the Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed improving the format of First Year Orientation (FYO) Monday.

Brian Coughlin, assistant vice president for Student Activites, presented a plan to update and improve the first three days a freshman experiences on cam-

pus.

The programming of FYO seemed awkward and forced ... with some of the intergender socialization,” Coughlin said. “We want to plan activities in referring to socializing activi-

ties between men's and women's dorms typically planned for students during the orientation days.

Coughlin said students have too little time to move into their rooms and say goodbye to their parents during the current FYO schedule and advocated free time for the students in his pro-

posal.

He also said more in-dorm activities should be planned for the weekend to foster friend-

ships among men and women in their respective dormitories.

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Maurora Weis, left, discusses her book "Miles From the Sidelines: A Mother's Journey With Her Special Needs Daughter" Monday.
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Due to a production error, the article entitled "NMC dance team wins WNFV's 'Best Costume' award" in today's issue of The Observer incorrectly attributed the reporting to Sarah Map. Karen Smith was the author of this article. The Observer regrets this error.

Andrew McMahon, frontman of the band Jack's Mannequin, took the stage for a live concert at the Stepan Center Friday. The concert was sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

OFFBEAT

Police bust high school root beer kegger
WAUSAU, Wis. — Cars lining the street. A house full of young people. A keg and drinking games inside. Police thought they had an underage booze party on their hands. But though they made dozens of teens take breath tests, none tested positive for alcohol. That's because the keg contained root beer.

Man shoots cat to 'get even' with wife
BOULDER, Colo. — Police say a man shot a cat with a rifle and sent e-mails to relatives to tell them he did it "to get even" with his wife.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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Instead of arguing over issues like Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States, Dionne proposed that both pro-life and pro-choice advocates should seek abortion-reducing policies, such programs that promote abstinence and contraceptive approaches to prevent unwanted pregnancy.

Dionne said Democratic politicians’ greater openness to democratic candidates three to two, showing the most support for religion’s influence in politics and their personal religious lives might be an explanation for this shift. He said Barack Obama has created a “new public language” about religion and Hillary Clinton discusses religion in a sophisticated, personal way.

Dionne said despite this move away from the religious right, there are still polarizing religious issues, like abortion.

Dionne also said the problem of abortion needs new solutions, since it has been legal for 35 years, and even if Roe v. Wade was reversed, he said most states would still allow early-term abortions, and women would obtain them illegally.

“Dionne said although some atheists take belief seriously and engage in intellectual discourse, the neo-atheists can be as adamant in their right-wing conservative Christian views. “They are operating in a tradition too,” he said. “There’s a sort of elitism in some. Their line of argument, which I find no less troublesome than a right-wing Christian who votes differently than I do in every political contest.”

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

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for the full four years.”

Kozak is not satisfied with the University’s claim that undocumented students are a financial burden.

“We’re not talking about droves of undocumented students,” Kozak said. “We’re not dealing with huge numbers. Personally, I don’t think that it’s the burden [the University is making it out to be].”

He thinks the University’s policy of meeting 100 percent of students’ demonstrated need unfairly prevents undocumented students from enrolling due to lack of financial aid.

Saracino said it’s critical for students to have permanent residency, since that status makes them eligible for federal aid.

“...but if an undocumented student applies to us and we weren’t a permanent resident, we couldn’t offer them admission unless they have someone who can sponsor them to help offset tuition costs,” he said.

Saracino mentioned a female applicant from California who is in the process of attaining permanent residency prior to joining the Class of 2012.

“We just sent a letter to California Senator Dianne Feinstein on behalf of the student asking her do her best to expedite this process. ... We want that student to be able to start here in the fall,” he said.

Saracino said there has been no discussion about changing the University’s current policy toward undocumented immigrant applicants.

Kozak, however, said the policy should be changed to simplify the process of applying as an undocumented student or to receive a student visa.

“Undocumented immigrants have to physically go back to their country [of origin] to get a visa ... getting an international student visa is extremely difficult in and of itself,” Kozak said.

Kozak said reevaluating the current policy is part of the University’s duty as part of its Catholic mission.

“In the same way that the University does not deny admission to poor people because of the additional burden they will place on financial aid, it ought not deny admission to undocumented immigrants based on financial aid alone,” Kozak said. “This is a moral decision and one that ought to reflect our Catholic sense of morality.”

Michael Kozak senior

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Kozak said it is imperative for the University to reevaluate the policy because there are public and private non-Protestant Catholic colleges and universities that admit undocumented students and offer them aid to finance their education.

He said Harvard University and Princeton University are two of the non-Catholic, highly visible institutions that accept undocumented students and provide them with financial aid.

Harvard had 10 undocumented students and Princeton had at least one in 2006, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Kozak said there are local institutions as well, like Saint Mary’s.

Dan Meyer, vice president of enrollment management at Saint Mary’s, said the College evaluates undocumented immigrant students just as they would any other applicant.

“We accept undocumented students because when we go through the admissions process we are not denying a student if she is undocumented,” Meyer said.

“The decision is just based on academic qualification. We do not want to penalize a student if she is undocumented.”

When an undocumented student applies for financial aid at Saint Mary’s, she is not guaranteed to receive full financial aid from the College since Saint Mary’s does not guarantee meeting 100 percent of students’ demonstrated need, Meyer said.

“She has to rely on her family and her extended family to finance her education,” he said.

Unlike the University’s policy, however, undocumented students are considered for scholarships from the College in the same way any other student would be considered.

“We also make a decision on the need of undocumented students and we may or may not know if they have financial aid,” he said.

“We’re not talking about the total number of students that we can accept in our class,” Kozak said. “We’re talking about how much we can get up to.”

Kozak said the number of undocumented students who applied for aid at the University was under an exact number, he said that he could not give an exact number, he said that he could not give an exact number.

He said Mary’s has not denied admission to undocumented students admit­ted last year.

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Dormitory Riddle

The new proposal, Kozak said in order to implement the new policy, Coughlin said.

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suspect matched the descrip­tion NIDSP had, Johnson said.

“[The suspect asked] for someone using the same fictitious name used at [Notre Dame] when confronted by students in the residence halls at Valparaiso,” Johnson said.

Chapman said last week the police assumed the two thefts, which took place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Wednesday, were related.

Johnson asked students to continue contacting NIDSP at 574-631-5555 and to refrain from attempting to confront or detail the suspect.

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Maura and her husband have encountered raising their autistic daughter, Hannah. All proceeds of the book go to the Weis' charity, Hannah & Friends, which helps children with special needs.

Charlie called the book "a heartfelt, sincere story of living a life of a parent with a special needs child" during his introduction.

He said any parent with a child that has special needs could have written the book but his wife was a good candidate because she has truly experienced what it is like.

After the introduction, Maura McFallen interviewed Maura on both the book and her background as a parent of a special needs child.

Maura said she knew something was wrong with Hannah around the time she turned two. "She used to want to be around people but suddenly she just wanted to be by herself," Maura said.

Hannah was diagnosed with autism and at age 10, she began to have seizures. Doctors were unable to find a diagnosis for the seizures but she began receiving treatment. The family learned Friday the treatments Hannah received were successful and she should never have a seizure again.

Maura said the family has adapted to Hannah's wheat-free diet and she has had a positive impact on those she comes in contact with.

"Charlie Jr. has learned patience and tolerance of others to love someone unconditionally through Hannah," Maura said.

Maura said Hannah has also impacted Charlie's life. "Coach loves her, she is his little angel," Maura said. "My husband is a wonderful human being. He does not play golf or go out with his friends; being with his family is his hobby."

Maura admitted having a daughter with special needs has been a struggle. "No one looked at us like; hey can I give you a hand," she said.

In spite of this, Maura said the South Bend community has been very supportive. "OK, the weather's great," she said. "But I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

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Judge warns of alcohol dangers

Magistrate takes courtroom to high school to show drunk-driving consequences

Associated Press

BELEN, N.M. — Marlene Chavez stood before a husky courtroom, acknowledging the consequences of her second drunken-driving offense. Among the spectators were hundreds of teenagers who hung on her every word.

"I lost a lot of things," said Chavez, 43. "I left my vehicle in the impound so that I don't do drinking and driving after that. And I lost my house. I lost my kids to their father so that they can go stay with him because I had nowhere to go."

Chavez had already pleaded guilty. Now a judge gave her four days in jail and a $500 fine. But her sentence came with an additional indignity: It happened in a high school auditorium, where 400 students stood as she lifted one leg, then the other, to let jailers shackles her feet. Guards also wrapped a chain around her waist and handcuffed her.

When the hearing ended, she was escorted out of Belen High School, about 30 miles south of Albuquerque, and locked up.

Magistrate Daniel Hawkins brought his courtroom to the school in hopes that the proceedings will show students the dangers of alcohol, especially in the weeks leading up to the prom and graduation.

Hawkins, whose program is unique in New Mexico, also sentenced two people at the school last year. He brings with him a plywood court beach emblazoned with a New Mexico Supreme Court seal. The makeshift courtroom also includes U.S. and New Mexico flags.

Ed Chavez, chief justice of the high court and no relation to Marlene Chavez, said he would like to see the program go statewide.

When the hearing began, 18-year-old Angel Mendez didn't realize the seriousness of the proceedings. But after watching Marlene Chavez and four other repeat offenders get sentenced, he changed his view.

"I thought it was pretty shocking just to see them like that. I didn't think they would have them in shackles," he said.

Elizabeth Sluder, 17, was initially skeptical, too, thinking the hearing was overly staged. But she also changed her mind by the end.

"You see your friends, you know, they're like, 'I'm going to send this out to this party. But you never see the consequences of them getting in a accident, or any kind of consequence of driving drunk,'" she said.

"But here, it's actually being brought to us. It does happen, there are consequences."
New economic strategy proposed

Federal Reserve overhaul will not ease current problems but help in the future

IN BRIEF

Lehman Brothers filing suit for fraud

TOKYO — Lehman Brothers filed suit Monday against major Japanese trading company Marubeni, demanding $350 million in damages in a case of alleged fraud.

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. is seeking to recoup funding it provided to another Japanese company that the U.S. bank says employees of Marubeni Corp. helped secure.

The Tokyo District Court confirmed the lawsuit was filed. A Lehman Brothers official, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing policy, said the lawsuit also included $350 million in interest. Other details were not immediately available.

Marubeni, which has repeatedly denied wrongdoing, walked up to the courthouse but did not yet see the lawsuit and could not comment. But it reiterated it has no intention of settling the case.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in a case of alleged fraud.

Yet, the informal, formally announced Monday, casts a fresh spotlight on the best way to protect the country from financial catastrophes in an intricate web of complex, often-changing financial products and the wide array of financial players using them in the United States and beyond. That debate probably will take center stage in the next president's administration.

As of President Bush's goal was to get the revamp up and running before he leaves office, press secretary Dana Perino acknowledged the uncertainty of the country.

"We'll have to see. It is a big task," she said.

Democrats in Congress said the administration should not be focusing its efforts on easing the country's current woes, including providing more relief for millions of distressed homeowners clubbed by the housing collapse and credit crunch. Foreclosures have hit record highs.

"We must take steps now to provide help to families who are hurting," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"It's not even close to the strike zone," Dodd said.

"This is a very legitimate issue, but why bring this up today when really this had nothing to do with the current problems we're facing?"

Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton was even more emphatic: "No amount of rearranging the deck chairs can hide the fact that our housing and credit markets are in crisis and they are sinking deeper every day."

Sen. John McCain, who has wrapped up the Republican nomination, welcomed Paulson's recommendations. "I think consolidation of the various supervisory bureaucracies is very important recognition that we are in a global economy, and transparency and closer oversight is necessary," he said.

The plan would greatly expand the role of the Fed, created in 1913 after a series of bank panics, to oversee the stability of the entire financial system including commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, hedge funds, private-equity firms and others.

Smaller corn crop means higher prices

WASHINGTON — From chicken nuggets to corn flakes, food prices at grocery stores and athletes' tables could be headed even higher as farmers cut back on the kind they're planting in corn this spring.

Corn prices already are high, and a drop in supply simply could be pushing them higher. Combining that with the huge demand for corn-based ethanol fuel — and higher energy costs for transporting food — and consumers are likely to see their food bills going up and up.

Farmers are now expected to plant 86 million fewer acres of corn this year, the Department of Agriculture predicted Monday, down 8 percent from last year, which was the highest since World War II.

Corn is almost everywhere you look in the U.S. food supply. Poultry, beef and pork companies use it to feed their animals. High fructose corn syrup is used in soft drinks and many other foods, including lunch meats and salad dressings. Corn is often an ingredient in breads, peanut butter, oatmeal and potato chips.

When the corn that goes into those products goes up in price, increases eventually can be passed along to consumers.

And corn prices have skyrocketed in recent years, almost tripling since 2005. They have been pushed along by the burgeoning ethanol industry, which turns the crop into fuel, and by rising worldwide demand for food.

"People who are working families, just barely making it and already paying higher prices for gas and home heating oil are going to be shot in the pocket by higher food prices," said Carol Tucker-Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America.

Richard Lobb of the National Chicken Council said recent increases in the cost of corn feed have been absorbed by larger chicken companies, such as Pilgrim's Pride Corp. or Tyson Foods Inc., that provide feed to poultry farmers. But that could change.

"At a certain point we have to rebalance and get back to square one," Lobb said. "The only people who have money ultimately are consumers."

Tucker-Forman of the Consumer Federation of America and Scott Faber of the Grocery Manufacturers Association both say rising food prices could be stemmed if Congress would pull back subsidies for the ethanol industry.

The number of ethanol plants has almost tripled since 1999 and more are being built, according to the Renewable Fuels Association. Such plants could gobble up more than a quarter of the country's corn crop.
Back to the issues

Monologues' refusal

I am a woman. I refuse to be objectified. I refuse to be mocked. I refuse to be trivialized. I refuse to be deased. I refuse to be used. I refuse to be stereotyped. I refuse to be valued only for one part of my body, and for how I utilize that part of the whole that is myself — a woman. I especially refuse to do so under the guise of "empowerment." I refuse to support "The Vagina Monologues."

Support academic freedom

While I personally wish the Vagina Monologues were not performed at Notre Dame (for anywhere for that matter), I fully support Fr. Jenkins' decision to allow the performance this year, consistent with the guidelines on academic freedom he articulated two years ago. I have been criticized by fellow alumni in my local region for that support. One member of our alumni club removed me from her e-mail list, stating that I am clearly at work here because our friendship has been affected. I don't understand this. We have a different understanding of academic freedom; that in no way affects how I feel about her as a friend and fellow alum.

One thing keeps coming to mind that I wish she and Bishop D'Arcy and others would realize. At Notre Dame, unlike most if not all other campuses, there are real choices. Such choices, it seems to me, are only expected in an environment where both Catholic charac- ter and true academic freedom are vibrant. In addition to the performance of "The Vagina Monologues," students at Notre Dame last weekend hosted the Edith Stein Conference for the third consecutive year. Notre Dame students have also developed a Notre Dame-specific alternative play. There are just so many examples of God's work on campus and among the alumni. Once again let me say, "Only At Notre Dame."

Patrick McDonnell
Fisher Hall
Mar. 19

Jack Freeman
Ass't Man.
Class of 1971
Mar. 28

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Fool me once, shame on... shame on you. Fool me twice... you can't get fooled again."

President George W. Bush
Disability awareness not just for March

Disabilities are something that I’m sure many people on our campus do not think much about. I think about them every day. I have a learning disability, and at the very beginning of my freshman year, I felt like I was the only one on campus who did. That all changed when I was invited to get together with other students with disabilities to create a group. We started meeting every week and eventually called ourselves Perspectives. This came about because we feel that being a person with a disability at Notre Dame gives you a different perspective, but also because we want people with normal abilities to try and understand that.

Our goal is to offer support to each other and promote awareness and education about disabilities. Having a disability is not a necessary component to membership, just an interest in our goal. We worked hard to gain group status, and I am very proud of the work we have done. We have had panels, simulations, and socials, and have worked with other groups such as Best Buddies and the Logan Center. It has been a very rewarding journey.

I write because March is Disability Awareness month. There have been many great events, but the promotion of disability awareness does not have to end. There is so much that you can do. You can be more understanding of people with disabilities all year and educate yourself.

I invite anyone who is interested in any of this to join Perspectives. It has been one of the best parts of my four years here at Notre Dame.

Molly Rivard
Washtenaw Hall
Mar. 30

Impressive youth

"The Vagina Monologues" have stirred up a lot of passion in many students at Notre Dame. This led students to a debate with each other and panelists, and as a result, I witnessed one of the most compelling and insightful conversations I have ever seen.

This exploration of sexuality strengthened my own ideas on the subject, which I would classify as conservative. Not changed, strengthened. Bishop D’Arcy has noted that college students are impressionable, and such a play could be dangerous to our Catholic understanding of sexuality.

There are many aspects of the way we live in our world could be dangerous for a young Catholic to see. For example, The Keenan Revue portrays college boys who are open about their sex lives, scenes of masturbation, and self-referencing to women. Yet tickets to the Keenan Revue sell out within half an hour of availability.

Clearly, Notre Dame students are regularly exposed to "sexual revolution propaganda." "The Vagina Monologues" offered students an opportunity to discuss complex issues of female sexuality, and each panelist gave an alternative to the sexual revolution.

Is there a better place to be exposed to the sexual revolution than Notre Dame? I doubt that, had the play been held elsewhere, anyone would have cared to conduct such a respectable conversation as the debate on Friday night.

You cannot hide reality from us. It will hit us eventually. I thank Fr. Jenkins and the organizers of "The Vagina Monologues" for offering a dose of the reality of sexuality in the world today, and providing me with a remarkable and beautiful response that probably would not have been received anywhere else but Notre Dame.

Flannery Kearney
sophomore
Phelan Hall
Mar. 28

Revive the concert

Bored on a cold day, watching UCLA blow Xavier out of the water, I was listening to music on my computer to make the game go by faster. I was listening to Bruce Springsteen when I wondered, when was the last time Bruce played at Notre Dame?

Let's just go this far, most readers of this Perspective were born yet. So I decided to look into the online archives of The Observer to find a mention of the Boss, and one completely blew me away. Just over four years ago, on Feb. 9, 2004, there was an article labeled: "University rejects concert." I first thought, "they canceled a potential Bruce concert!" I then reasoned with myself that there probably wasn't enough money. I continued to search on, but upon returning to "University rejects concert," I discovered a horrible incident.

According to the article, Notre Dame SUB plans to host concerts in the stadium. Upon reading this, I choked on my Arizona iced Tea and did a double take. I was shocked that SUB could pull something like this together, but once again I thought. "It must be a pipe dream and there is not enough funding." As I read on, I discovered that SUB had raised $375,000 over the estimated $1.25 million required for this show. Not only was money not a problem, but the reason for the concert was not just the pleasure of Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Holy Cross students, but for a greater good: all proceeds from the concert were to fund the AIDS effort in Africa.

After skipping it, I read deeper into the article to find out why this epic endeavor was never carried out. I found it: University spokesman Matt Storrin said the proposal was not approved by the administration. "Students rejected the proposal," I then considered this proposal and decided that we did not have the resources or personnel to pull off an endeavor of this size within the necessary time frame," Storrin said.

At this I became very upset. I mean, a university that has enough security, personnel, parking, and other resources to maintain order on the six to seven home game weekends each year can't provide enough for a one-time concert that would cater to far fewer patrons? Notre Dame had a chance to host one of the greatest concerts of the decade and the administration balks.

I also wonder what happened to SUB continuing to fight for this endeavor. At the end of the article there is a mention of how this idea will come to be, but there have been no echoes of it coming to fruition, not a mention in the rest of the Observer archives.

In the end, I can only stare back at the University's missed chance to host two musical talents that have combined to sell more than 200 million albums. The chance of a lifetime. I hope that SUB has great events in motion for the 2008-09 season, but also hope this can get gears turning again because settling for one hit wonders and alternative rock shouldn't be the highlights of a year.

Tim Staub
sophomore
Dillon Hall
Mar. 30

THE OBSERVER

PERSPECTIVES: APRIL 1, 1991

The mural on the Hesburgh Library, which was formerly of Jesus, now sports a new "politically correct" figure. This Perspective was originally printed in the April 1, 1991, issue of The Observer.
Since coming unto the scene in 1999, Explosions in the Sky has made some of the most intense, emotionally rich music in the genre of post-rock.

Put simply, post-rock is the use of rock instruments like guitars, drums, and bass to create musical styles that are not common to rock music. Most post-rock bands, including Explosions in the Sky, are purely instrumental.

The band creates beautifully layered textures and narrative guitar lines with their instruments, and uses this talent to grab the listener.

In 2000, they released their first album, "How Strange, Innocence". It was first released on just 300 CD-Rs, but they re-released it in 2005, and fans were able to see how they got their start.

In the debut album, their sound is more stripped down, but their ear for arrangements is apparent. Songs like "Snow and Lights" and "Glittering Blackness" show basic textures that are the beginnings of more thickly layered songs on their later albums.

The album "The Earth Is Not a Cold Dead Place" from 2003 presents a hopeful view of life. While the title says the Earth is not awful, one had to think it was initially to need that kind of assurance.

In "The Earth Is Not a Cold Dead Place," the band fully realizes everything they are trying to achieve. Intricate guitar lines, precise drum work and explosive crescendos lend to an emotional palette only Explosions in the Sky can create. The songs "Memorial" and "Your Hand in Mine" are perfect representations of what the band does best.

Finally, in 2007, they released "All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone." For the first time, the album did not show any measurable development in the band's sound, besides a small introduction of piano into their music. But this latest work still provides some solid songs.

The band also released an EP entitled "The Rescue" in 2005, in which they wrote and recorded a song a day for eight consecutive days. In many ways, this is their most accessible due to the relatively short lengths of the songs.

The music of Explosions in the Sky is some of the most explosive (no pun intended), rich, emotional, cathartic and beautiful music you will ever hear. The fact that they are able to draw so much out of basic rock instruments is incredible. The music of Explosions in the Sky is almost too epic, if only it didn't fit so well within our lives.

Contact Mychal Stanley at wstanley@nd.edu

Explosions in the Sky released their debut album in 2000, and just premiered their new album, "All of the Sudden I Miss Everyone."
Stepan Center is not exactly the ideal spot for a concert. Not only is it acoustically stifling, but also reminiscent of chemistry related events, including dreaded Organic Chemistry exams. Additionally, it takes a bit of a hike from civilization to reach the complex. Nonetheless, on Friday night the lights came up on Stepan Center when Jack’s Mannequin took the stage.

Jack’s Mannequin’s Andy McMahon was a member of Something Corporate before writing his own songs while the band was taking a break. His songs from the hiatus became the first and only album of the newly formed Jack’s Mannequin, “Everything in Transit.” The album has slowly gained a wide following, and a new one is expected soon.

The real story behind Jack’s Mannequin is unusual for a band riding the punk-pop wave. After the album was recorded in 2005, the band was ready to go on tour to promote it. Just before the tour, McMahon was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. His little sister was the marrow donor, and he made a full recovery. They are now touring and will eventually end up on the Warp Tour circuit.

The set was typical, except for the large black grand piano center stage. No opening band in sight, Andy McMahon and his crew bounded onto the set at around 9:15. Bursting into the opening chords of “Dark Blue,” the cacophonous ride of lights and sounds took off from there. Drums, bass, guitar and piano managed to create a sound full enough to elevate the crowd to euphoria.

The crowd stood on its feet the whole time as different people sang along with different snippets of songs. Though few people know the album by heart, many people have heard their songs and were able to get into it along with McMahon.

The artist spent the evening banging on the piano. He felt the music to the point that he appeared almost paralyzed at moments. McMahon never sat, but hunched over the keys and sang into the mic with his head turned toward the audience. It was almost existential to watch him completely living within the sound of his own music.

Most of the songs from “Everything in Transit” were performed. Near the end of the evening, McMahon sat calmly at his keys and played a more introspective song, off the album yet to be released.

The band played for an hour and 20 minutes, including one encore. When they left the stage the second time they ignored the crowd’s cry for another song, leaving the audience to mistakenly cheer the roadies as the lights came up. The evening was generally deemed a success by everyone. The energy that had been buzzing for an hour and a half was carried out into the night as students walked home under the stars.

Jack’s Mannequin’s Andy McMahon charms Stepan Center audience. His high energy excited the crowd, who demanded longer performance, but to no avail.
But Notre Dame picked it up in 4-3. Three unanswered goals.

Men's volleyball
Harig nailed expectations. In the end, the Irish came from behind to win and Horner added another hat trick in the extra periods to lead the Irish to vic­

Notre Dame's first opponent Sunday morning was Grand Valley State. The Irish came out flat in the first game, giving the Irish an early

The 55-mile race started off the water on the next boat and

Notre Dame opened its spring season with a victory over Grand Rapids, Mich., where the Irish played their most inspired vol­

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USA Today/ESPN Poll

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AP selects younger All-Americans

Associated Press

North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley were unanimous selections to The Associated Press All-America team Monday. For the first time, no senior was chosen. Beasley and Kevin Love of UCLA made it two straight years there were two freshmen chosen. Sophomore D.J. Augustin of Texas and junior Chris Douglas-Roberts rounded out the selections, shutting out the seniors.

Until this group, Hansbrough, a junior and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, and Beasley, the Big 12 player of the year and third freshman to lead the country in rebounding, were named on all 72 ballots and received 360 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25.

"To be one of just two players in the country to receive such an honor is very humbling," said Beasley, who led Kansas State to its first NCAA bid since 1996. "I have never been about individual accomplishments, but about helping my team win games. I wish we were still playing, but I am happy with the success we had this season."

Hansbrough, a second-team selection last season, compiled impressive numbers (23.0 points, 10.4 rebounds) and lived up to his "Psycho T" nickname while leading the Tar Heels to a school-record 36 wins and their 17th Final Four.

Douglas-Roberts, the third member of the All-America team playing in the Final Four, had 52 first-place votes and 309 points. The 6-7 swingman averaged 17.2 points and 4.1 rebounds and shot 44.9 percent from 3-point range for the Tigers, who lost just one game this season and earned the school's second No. 1 ranking.

"It's an honor. I've put a lot of work in, over the summer, during the season and staying after practice just trying to improve. I feel now that I'm finally getting the recognition I deserve," said Douglas-Roberts, Memphis' first All-American since Penny Hardaway in 1993. "But I still say when people look at that All-American list, it's a motivation because I'm the one that people know the least about."

Notre Dame sophomore center Luke Harangody was sixth in the voting with 211 points, and he was joined on the second team by seniors Shan Foster of Vanderbilt, J.D. White of Indiana and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, and college basketball's newest star, Davidson sophomore guard Stephen Curry, who led the Wildcats to the regional final by averaging 34.4 points in the NCAA tournament.

In Brief

Indians' Martinez out with a hamstring injury

CLEVELAND—Indians All-Star catcher Victor Martinez left Cleveland's season opener on Monday in the second inning after injuring his left hamstring while running to second base. Martinez had opened the Indians' seven-run inning with a single off Chicago White Sox starter Mark Buehrle. Later in the inning, he drove home Travis Hafner with a two-out bases-loaded hit. When reliever Nick Masset's pitch got away from catcher A.J. Pierzynski, the slow-footed Martinez attempted to score. But he stumbled as he neared the bag and fell with an awkward slide.

Martinez also got hurt in the 2007 season opener against Seattle, straining his left quadriceps while running to first base. However, the 29-year-old never went on the disabled list and batted .301 with a career-high 25 homers and 114 RBIs for the AL Central champions.

Lonald's lucky putt lands him an invite to the Masters

NEW ORLEANS—Peter Lonard figured the closest he would get to the Masters this year was in front of his television. Thanks to a 5-foot par putt on the final hole that he thought was only worth $10,000, he was added to the field Monday for the 103rd U.S. Open.

Lonard was at No. 72 and figured he had no chance, but I am happy with the decision."

"I never expected to compete, with one more spot available to the winner in Houston if he is not already eligible. Among those still not eligible is Davis Love III, whose 70 consecutive majors is the longest streak among active players.

"To be one of just two players in the country to receive such an honor is very humbling," said Beasley, who led Kansas State to its first NCAA bid since 1996. "I have never been about individual accomplishments, but about helping my team win games. I wish we were still playing, but I am happy with the success we had this season."

Hansbrough, a second-team selection last season, compiled impressive numbers (23.0 points, 10.4 rebounds) and lived up to his "Psycho T" nickname while leading the Tar Heels to a school-record 36 wins and their 17th Final Four.

Douglas-Roberts, the third member of the All-America team playing in the Final Four, had 52 first-place votes and 309 points. The 6-7 swingman averaged 17.2 points and 4.1 rebounds and shot 44.9 percent from 3-point range for the Tigers, who lost just one game this season and earned the school's second No. 1 ranking.

"It's an honor. I've put a lot of work in, over the summer, during the season and staying after practice just trying to improve. I feel now that I'm finally getting the recognition I deserve," said Douglas-Roberts, Memphis' first All-American since Penny Hardaway in 1993. "But I still say when people look at that All-American list, it's a motivation because I'm the one that people know the least about."

Notre Dame sophomore center Luke Harangody was sixth in the voting with 211 points, and he was joined on the second team by seniors Shan Foster of Vanderbilt, J.D. White of Indiana and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, and college basketball's newest star, Davidson sophomore guard Stephen Curry, who led the Wildcats to the regional final by averaging 34.4 points in the NCAA tournament.
Saint Mary’s searching for first MIAA win

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s (4-8 overall, 0-2 MIAA) continues conference play on the road Tuesday at 4 p.m. when it takes on Olivet (6-1 overall, 0-2 MIAA) at Michigan State.

Tuesday’s match will be the third conference competition this season for both teams.

"I feel pretty good about playing Olivet," Belles coach Chuck Rubino said. "They are not picked as one of the top teams in the conference, like who we’ve been playing.

The Belles have played Albion and Calvin in their first two conference matches this season. Albion (1-1, 3-0 MIAA) is currently leading in the MIAA, and Calvin (8-2, 1-0 MIAA) is third. Saint Mary’s fell 6-3 to both Albion and Calvin in the past two weeks. 

"Unfortunately, the conference teams we have played so far have been the three of the toughest teams in the MIAA, so they have brought with them great competition," Rubino said.

"Tomorrow’s match should be slightly easier than the teams we’ve been playing so far. Hopefully it will be a good match to bring us out of our slump."

The Belles are coming off a 13-2 weekend at the Chuck Swartz Invitational at Wheaton College, Ill., where they took on Olivet Nazarene and Wheaton College, both ranked teams. They lost 6-3 to NAIA No. 16 Olivet Nazarene on Friday, and 8-1 to Wheaton, which is ranked No. 28 in Div. III, on Saturday.

"We had a lot of tough matches this weekend and I think we’re going to put this experience into this match," Rubino said.

Rubino said his team’s doubles play has been a key to success this season.

"I want to see improvement in our doubles," Rubino said. "Singles did well this past weekend, we want to continue to improve in singles, but I hope to sweep the doubles and if we can — the singles, too."

Saint Mary’s heads into competition today having played better teams than Olivet. However, both teams have yet to win a conference match, and will be going into play hungry for a win.

"I just don’t want to go in there overconfident," Rubino said. "It’s not like playing Albion or Calvin. Olivet isn’t in our level, and we want to continue the play that we had this weekend."

"It’s not the same. It’s different. It’s a lot harder," Rubino said. "This is different. This is the same. It’s the same."
Royals win in extra innings on opening day

Indians defeat White Sox with help from seven-run second frame; Jim Thome hits two home runs

Associated Press

DETROIT — Money can’t buy wins. Just ask the Detroit Tigers.

Tony Pena Jr. hit a two-out, tiebreaking single in the 11th inning and the frugal Kansas City Royals held on to beat the big-spending Tigers 5-4 in Monday’s opener and give Trey Hillman a win in his major league debut as manager.

Detroit closer Todd Jones said a team’s payroll is “totally irrelevant on any given day.”

“But the beauty of baseball is it’s all about the long haul, not one game,” Jones said. “Hopefully with the kind of talent we have, we’ll find a way to grind out more wins than other people.”

Hillman made the right moves and his players executed in the ninth inning, putting them in the league debut as manager.

Kansas City, meanwhile, will try to compete with a payroll of approximately $58 million — ranking among the smallest.

“I don’t think we’ll win most of the time just because our payroll is big,” Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. “We just left some guys on base we left a couple pitches up.”

The Tigers stranded 10 runners, including Clete Thomas, who was on third base with only one out in the 11th.

Joakim Soria got out of the jam and earned the save by striking out Edgar Bentera and getting help from third base man Alex Gordon, who snared Placido Polanco’s grounder in the hole and threw him out.

“We had one of the best hitters in baseball up with a man on third and two outs in the inning,” Leyland said. “I’ll take that situation every time.”

Miguel Cabrera hit a homer in his Detroit debut, helping the home team go ahead 3-0 through five innings, but Justin Verlander had a lackluster start to spoil the party.

“This is just Game 1 of many, you can’t get too upset about it,” Verlander said.

Leo Nunez (1-0) threw two hitless innings. He was probably the unsung hero, said Leyland, who once again had pulses of runners in scoring position last year.

Casey-Blake hit a three-run double in the 10th inning and the Royals scored two more on a sacrifice fly and a two-out walk before Blake’s clutch hit.

“Not to sound cocky,” the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner said. “But I think everybody knew what was coming.”

Say this for the Cleveland Indians, they can do drama.

Carlos Guillen helped send the game into extra innings with a solo shot in the eighth.

Cleveland, Ohio 8

CLEVELAND — As the inning unfolded, C.C. Sabathia felt as if he was watching a favorite movie, one with a dialogue he knows by heart and predictable ending.

“This guy is a big-time player waiting to happen,” Leyland said. “He’s got a tremendous swing. I think he’ll be a star in this league before it’s over with. That’s why he was a No. 1 player.”

The Indians loaded the bases in the eight on two singles and a two-out walk before Blake’s clutch hit.

“It was not that big of a surprise,” said Sabathia, who made his fifth and potentially final opening day start for the Indians. “Nobody in this clubhouse was ever in doubt. We always have faith that somebody would come through and it was Casey — once again.”

They may not play in the Jake anymore, but everything else seemed in place for the Indians, who won 23 times in their final at-bat last season. With the score 7-7, Kelly Shoppach and Jhonny Peralta opened the eighth with singles off Dette (0-1), who bounced back and got two quick outs. Franklin Gutierrez, who hit a three-run homer in Cleveland’s seven-run second off Mark Buehrle, walked to load the bases.

Blake fell behind 1-2 in the count before lifting a shot high off the 19-foot-high wall in left, barely missing a grand slam but starting a new chapter of memories for Indians fans, who have resisted the ballpark’s new corporate moniker.

“I was begging for a homer,” said Blake, who batted just .190 with runners in scoring position last year.

Chicago’s Jim Thome hit a pair of two-run homers off Sabathia, who couldn’t protect a 7-2 lead but wound up with a no-decision. The lefty struck out seven in 5.1-3 innings.

The White Sox threatened in the ninth as Jermaine Dye homered off Joe Borowski, last year’s AL saves leader who once again had pulses racing before retiring Joe Crede on a foul pop to get the save for winner Rafael Betancourt.
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Jordan’s Nephews downs SensAsians

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

SensAsians tried for the third year in a row to make it to the second round, but its dreams were shot down by five tall guys who hardly gave the team a chance to score in the first half. Jordan’s Nephews took down the hopeful SensAsians squad 21-5.

“I was fun, but hopefully one year we’ll win a game.”

Jenn Nguyen
SensAsians captain

As the second half started, Jordan’s Nephews started to ease up on the SensAsians, letting the team take more shots, most of which ended up being airballs. The boys continued with their long passes and fancy shots they knew would never work on any other court. SensAsians started to gain some momentum, but was stopped short by the Jordan’s Nephews ball-hawking defense. However, the men did ease up on their defense a little, standing in front of the basket with their arms raised, which was defense enough due to the height advantage they had.

As the SensAsians kept taking shots that bounced off the rim, Jordan’s Nephews continued to make them. But the winning team was courteous in the end and congratulated its opponent.

“We play as a group,” SensAsians captain Nguyen said. “We have a little bit of a disadvantage with the height. It was fun, but hopefully one year we’ll win a game.”

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Although the lack of energy proved detrimental to team 490, the Hawks put up tough resistance as 535 tried to get the last two points in the second half. Lipp said 535 will not significantly change its approach. "After strategy will probably not change. Our goal was to win one game and we did that."

Spiny Backed Arabian Tortoises, 21, Team Bad Life Decisions 15
The Spiny Backed Arabian Tortoises earned a well-fought victory over Team Bad Life Decisions. Although the male Tortoises ended up winning, the girls from Decisions played them even throughout the game.

In the hour and 10 minute game, the defense of Decisions made it difficult for the Tortoises. However, their offense crept Favre, started the intense defense from the Tortoises, which proved to be the difference in the contest. Both teams threw up multiple airballs and displayed questionable passes to take on the game, but the game intensified as the Tortoises couldn't make their final shot.

After several failed attempts, Tortoise guard Kyle Hanratty ended the marathon game with a corner shot from three-point range.

We're the Real Reason Brett Favre is Crying 23, U Got a Bad Draw 1 1/2 21
In an epic struggle that lasted nearly an hour and forty-five minutes, We're the Real Reason Brett Favre is Crying held off U Got a Bad Draw 1 1/2 in the brutal heat of the tournament so far.

Bad Draw, which was composed of club lacrosse players from Holy Cross, came out with a fiery display of confidence. But this cockiness was short-lived as the all-female team, Brett Favre, turned out to an 11-5 halftime lead.

"We simply need more electricity," Bad Draw team member Dave Bendel chanted as he ran over to his team's community Gatorade bottle.

Similar to the bottle of "Michael's Stuff" from the movie "Space Jam," the Gatorade seemed to revitalize Bad Draw as it managed to fight back and tie the game at 17.

The final minutes of the game were grueling as the two teams traded baskets.
As all the members from other games began to come over to cheer for the ladies of "Brett Favre," the girls capitalized on the crowd momentum and pushed the narrow victory.

"We absolutely played our hearts out today. We kept it together at the end when we needed to," captain Emily Dure said.

It was truly amazing.
Bendel was quick to dismiss the "HOT.
I had the weather ... and the hot girls," he said.

On this day, the only thing slippery than the rainy weather was the play of the two teams. Frequent turnovers, errant shots, constant complaints, and even a 15-minute scoreless period of all were contributed to the ridiculous length of this contest.

Carroll's Chub Club 21, Scurrying Lemurs 12
A bone-chilling, earth-shattering block by Patrick Mulligan was all Carroll's Chub Club needed to down the Scurrying Lemurs Monday at Lyons courts.
"I saw her coming down the court. It was just me and her," Mulligan said about the block. "As soon as I smelled weakness, I attacked."" Mulligan sent the ball flying out of bounds, but the damage had been done. The Scurrying Lemurs' confidence was shot and Carroll's Chub Club, the defending champions' name to sneak into the Bookstore censors in years, took over from there.

After facing an 11-2 deficit heading into halftime, the Scurrying Lemurs thought they had a good second half plan to get them back in the game.

"We needed to get the ball to our secret weapon," captain Holly Hinz said to her team between halves.

What they failed to account for was Mulligan's game-breaking ability that ultimately sealed their fate.

"We tried to pull it together and make a comeback," Hinz said. "It just wasn't enough and we came up short."

LHOOQ 21, Equestrians 3
The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Equestrian Club usually just rides horses in riding competitions, but Monday it took to the bookstore courts to take on LHOOQ, a team named after a French painting making fun of the Mona Lisa.

The Equestrians girls came out first, most in riding breeches, a few in riding boots, one in riding boot socks covered in flames, and one in a riding helmet. Their opponents were two guys, one in short shorts and a bandana, the other in shorter shorts and a hundarn around his curly mass of hair, and three girls, all in regular sweatpants and tee-shirts.

The game started off as a contest of which team could actually hit the rim first. Airballs were the trend for much of the first half, but the Equestrians squad was the first to draw iron. However, LHOOQ scored the first point of the game, which was somewhat surprising since the team had a majority of the game's air balls up until that point.

Equestrians was unable to score many points in the first half, with its only point scored by helmeted Katrina Stuart. But it did keep its opponents fighting for the ball as they raced up and down the court. The most aggressive Equestrians players were Heather Laliv, Kelley Daniels, and Andrea Koff, the team captain. The guys from the LHOOQ team were too happy with having to fight for the ball with girls, but they still showed some restraint.

LHOOQ led 11-1 at the half, and carried its momentum into the second half. The Equestrians scored its second point of the game, made a fall-off shot again, after LHOOQ had scored three more times. LHOOQ continued to score but the team's baskets were few and far between. Daniels scored the third point for the Equestrians, bringing the score to 18-3. LHOOQ pulled out the win after a 20-minute game of air balls and back and forth.

"It was really a physical game, but both teams played hard until the last point," LHOOQ captain Stephanie Brauer said.

We played mean and strong, and showed our legs byizzerzing three points. But we could out-horseback ride them any day," Equestrians captain Andreas Kochert said.

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including an eight-run fourth inning — and cruised to an easy victory over a weakened Western Michigan team.

Following the improved Crurns tomorrow will be an Irish team that has played well of late, losing only eight of its last 11. But the team has also suffered several frustrating losses.

Notre Dame is batting .305 on the season, but Western Michigan sports a 4.52 ERA. The Irish also lead the Big East in fielding, but have had their offensive output translate into as many wins as they would like.

"It's frustrating to play well as we have and lose some tough games," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We have to step up and make some plays, hit with men in scoring position, do the little things to win."

The Irish were unable to do the little things over the weekend, dropping two games to the Bearcats by a total of three runs. Notre Dame lost 5-3 Saturday in the first game of a doubleheader and struggled to score off Cincinnati starter Tim Osterbrock.

Despite tying the game in the seventh, the Irish bullpen was unable to hold the Bearcats late, and Osterbrock retired the last eight Notre Dame batters for the complete game win.

The Irish split the Saturday doubleheader with a narrow 4-3 victory in the nightcap, and picked up a strong performance from senior starter Wade Korpi. The Irish bullpen, led by closer Kyle Welland, hung on the preserve the win.

In the closing game Sunday, the Irish fell just short in a ninth-inning comeback, falling 4-3. Despite giving up an early 4-0 lead, Notre Dame fought its way back with runners Welland and freshman Cole Johnson holding Cincinnati scoreless in the final seven innings. Sophomore David Mills attempted to score on a two-out single in the ninth, but was thrown out at the plate to end the game.

Schrage said the Irish focus on making plays in the non-conference and exhibition games this week in preparation for the Big East series this weekend.

"We really want to get back on track this week and build some momentum before another big series against Rutgers this weekend," Schrage said.

The first pitch against Western Michigan is scheduled for 5:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

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the few areas of concern for the Irish of late, an area that Gumpf has addressed with his players.

"Our defense really does need to improve," Gumpf said. "I believe the problem to be is that we are not keeping everything simple. Sometimes I think we are rushing things and we just need to slow down and watch the ball into the glove."

The Irish will face a Ball State team they bested 3-0 at home last year. Gumpf is not taking the contest lightly, as she knows Ball State has strong pitching and good hitting characteristics of the MAC.

"When we played them last year they had very good hitters," Gumpf said. "And this year they have added an outstanding transfer pitcher, junior Tiffany Garofano, so it is going to be very tough."

Gumpf said the key to beating the Cardinals is Notre Dame's pitching.

"To beat Ball State we are really going to have to locate our pitches and control their hitters," Gumpf said.

On the offensive side, Gumpf would like to see the team maintain its strong showings of the past couple weeks and keep focusing on fundamentals.

"Offensively, we really need to keep it simple," Gumpf said. "I want to see us do the little things that are necessary to score runs."

On Wednesday, the Irish will take the field against Toledo, another offensive-minded MAC team.

"Toledo is another great hitting team, and we just need to find a way to control their hitters," Gumpf said. "I believe Jody [Valdivia] will continue to do a great job."

Gumpf also wants to see the team be patient at the plate against the Rockets.

"I want us to wait for and swing at good pitches," Gumpf said.

Both games will be at 3 p.m. on Ivy Field.

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**Bonding**

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"When the head coach comes in your mind, that's good," Brown said. "When the head coach is watching your individual drills, that's good. There are no negatives to that, none. It puts the players on alert, it makes sure the coaches are doing what you're supposed to do, which you should be doing anyway."

Weis has also become a frequent attendee — and has brought a little humor — to the defensive meetings.

"I sat in the defensive back meeting room [Friday]. It's funny because Corwin's coaching and I'm in the back of the room and he's making fun of his guys because they have a guest visitor in the classroom," Weis said. "It's actually been kind of fun to tell you the truth."

So far, the players have responded in different ways to the increased presence of Weis in their lives, but ultimately, the players know what Weis is trying to accomplish with the change, rising fifth-year senior Maurice Crane said.

"It's letting the guys know he's the coach but he wants everyone to be a part of the team. Some guys tighten up, and at the same time, guys get a better understanding of who Coach Weis is and what he means when he speaks."

"It's helping the guys know he's the coach but he wants everyone to be a part of the team. Some guys tighten up, and at the same time, guys get a better understanding of who Coach Weis is and what he means when he speaks," Crane said. "It's still the same coach Weis and he's still about business and about winning. With him being around more, it just lets you know he's willing to change and he wants to do whatever it takes to win."

Now that he's not involved as heavily in the offense as he was before, Weis said coach­ing the whole team has become a little easier — and a little more fun."

"You just see more. When you don't have to zone in on one aspect, you can see more of a bigger picture," Weis said. "This has been kind of fun, to tell you the truth. It's not like I don't say anything to the offense... but I'm also getting an opportunity to say something to the defense."

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EUGENIA LIST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Pavel Braun, 77, Dean McGreggor, 77, Rhonda Bryne, 69, Christopher Walken, 69. Happy Birthday: Check out all the possibilities other than guessing your own major clue. The one that is likely to confirm if you aren't puzzled is the answer to the Clue that everyone is solving. Shout out if you're the first to solve it. 1.5 stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Settle down and start focusing on your work. It's hard to concentrate when you know what you are doing. Take care of any matters that require dealings with banks, institutions or government agencies. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You can pick up valuable information that will allow you to help someone in your family or give you a clue. Make a change at home and you will enjoy the benefits of some of the trouble you've been having. An older individual will reveal some family background. 3 stars

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Take a dramatic approach to whatever you do and you will excel. Be a little unique, build and innovate and you will capture the attention of someone who will support you all year long. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional issues must be solved as a business trip will lead you to an interesting meeting with someone who can help you see and do things a bit differently. Also,elligating your vacation and what you want to pursue in your direction. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get your chores out of the way so you are free and clear to enjoy friends, family or someone you love. A new opportunity will make your life easier if you are single or a commitment made from the heart to someone you are really important to you. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should circle your wagons around your family background. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not take anything for granted. You will not get the support or the help that you expect even if you ask for it. Be on your own and you will find that you have no regrets or apologies to make. Someone is probably withholding information. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Data and information will be key to your success. Your email could be the key to someone's door unopened. Systematic and hardworking will be the driving force behind what gets done. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be the driving force behind what gets done. Your outgoing nature and your big ideas will take you over the top and on to massive projects. Your monumental accomplishments will prove beneficial in the end. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hidden matters will be made to work. Try to keep everything out of the way or you won't be able to focus on the fun that is in your fate. A partnership can take a turn that will lead to greater security if you are honest. Be sure how you see things is a matter of fact. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can gain ground by the way you handle situations today. You will also be able to make professional headway by making some alterations to your resume. A change at home will allow you to make extra cash doing something that is so needed now to you. 4 stars

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FOOTBALL

Changing priorities

Weis devotes more time to coaching 'D'

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Coach Charlie Weis said he wanted to get to know his entire team a little better — not just the offense — and this spring, the defense is finding out exactly what that means. It means they see a lot more of their coach on the field in practice and off the field in the weight room and in meetings.

Weis said part of his reasoning behind giving play-calling duties to defensive coordinator Michael Haywood was to enhance his relationship with his players and become more involved in their individual development. And the defense has noticed a little more Weis in their day-to-day operations since the beginning of spring practice.

"It's definitely a more visible figure, in the off-season and practice," rising senior Kyle McCarthy said Monday after practice. "When you're on defense and you're not used to seeing coach Weis behind you, you're kind of tripping a bit, but it's been good. It's been putting the pressure on some guys but I think it's going to work well for us."

Weis said his increased visibility with the defense at practice has enabled him to interact with the players and coach more on that side of the ball.

"It gives me a chance to coach a lot more players instead of having to just worry about the quarterback or the offense," Weis said after practice Friday. "I stopped practice more times (Friday) to give a coaching point and I'll probably give as many of them to the defense as I give to the offense. I'm not talking about scheme of the defense, but there's things that I notice."

Weis has left most of the schematic adjustments to defensive coordinator Corwin Brown and assistant head coach/defense Jon Tenuta, who was the defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech for the past six seasons.

"He's going to be the first one to evaluate the talent, put the guys in the right positions of how he sees it and go from there," Tenuta said Monday.

"It's been around for a long time. There's nothing I've done in my career — having faced him two times and being here — that he doesn't understand how we do it or why we do it," Brown said having Weis help out more during practice could only improve the team in the long run.

ND SOFTBALL

Irish prepare for pair of mid-week contests

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to enjoy some sunny skies — and play some good softball — when it hosts Mid-American Conference opponent Ball State (20-16) and Toledo (16-10-1) Tuesday and Wednesday. The Irish will attempt to build on their momentum from a doubleheader split against No. 17 DePaul on Sunday.

Notre Dame's 12-10 starting pitchers Brittany Bargar, a junior, and freshman Jody Valdivia have been outstanding for the Irish thus far. Their latest strong performances come in a 2-0 Valdivia shutout Sunday.

"Jody (Valdivia) really moved the ball around well against DePaul," coach Deanna Gumf said. "He was putting good pressure. I think we have a chance to see more of that tonight."

"Brittany (Bargar) pitched a really good game, as well, in the first half of the double-header," Gumf said. "But she had trouble getting enough support from her defense."

The defense has been one of Monday after notching two shutouts in 10 and 23 innings of work. She limited IPUI to three hits and a walk with seven strikeouts in the home opener Wednesday before handing DePaul its first regular season loss of the season.

"She did a great job this week with her two shutouts," Gumf said. "She just gets better every time she goes out onto the mound."

This is the third time in three weeks that an Irish pitcher nabbed Big East pitcher of the week honors. Bargar has earned the honor twice this season, and held DePaul to two runs on four hits Sunday.

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The defense has been one of the Irish hopes to continue their strong performances in the area.

BASEBALL

Squad looks for home win

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After dropping two of three in a tough series against Cincinnati this past weekend, the Irish will look to rebound in a non-conference game against Western Michigan today.

The Broncos (12-7-1) suffered a three-game sweep at the hands of Ohio in their first three MAC conference games. Sophomore catcher Chris Lewis leads Western Michigan in most offensive categories. In 19 games this season, Lewis is batting .403 with four home runs and 19 RBIs. The Broncos offense is batting over .300 combined this season, scoring almost seven runs per game.

The Irish will hope for a result similar to last year's game. A 17-9 Notre Dame win at home. Notre Dame pounded the Broncos for 22 hits —
Vaginas present at ND since '72

Expose rocks campus; Bishop, alumni express outrage

By PHYLLIS McFILLY
Vaginal Correspondent

An Absurder investigative report that vaginas have been
encountered in the University since
1972 drew outrage from
already-outraged opponents of "The
Vaginas Monologues" this week-
end.

Chief among critics was
Bishop Tom Farcy, who argued that
females — and all parts
associated with them — should
be kept private.

"As spiritual guardian of this
community, I must denounce
the presence of the v**** at a
supposedly Catholic university," Farcy
said in a prepared statement.

The recent find-
ings that the University of Our
Lady has welcomed v****s
since autumn of 1972 is
appalling. If God wanted us to
honor and respect all parts of a
woman, he wouldn't have made
female sexuality embarrassing
and offensive.

University President Father
Jim Spankins said he is not yet
ready to draw conclusions about
reported presence of
vaginas on campus. He said,
however, that he plans to initi-
ate campus-wide discussion
about the spiritual and academ-
ic significance of the vaginas.

"We must join together in
thought and prayer to deter-
mine the place of vaginas at an
institution that is both Catholic
and a university," he said.

Spankins said it is far too
early to predict his eventual
edict, but he suspects it will
incorporate the essential parts
of each opposing view.

"While the presence of the
vagina would seem an egre-
gious violation of Church teach-
ing, it might be acceptable in a
strictly academic setting," Spankins said. "Or maybe not."

Vaginas were initially brought
to the University during the
tenure of University President Emeritus Father Fred
Messburg, an outspoken propo-
nor of vaginas equally.

"I had started to notice that
the longer I was at Notre Dame,
the more brutal the men were
becoming," Messburg said.

"Without women, men degener-
ate into something less than
men," Spankins said.

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Thousands of fetal corpses found under South Quad

NDSP names no suspect, but encourages students to report 'all suspicious townies'

By IGNOMINY
Staff Cynic

SOUTH QUAD — In a shock-
ing turn of events, the white
crosses that adorn this quad
periodically to commemorate
aborted fetuses were shown to
mark the graves of thousands of
actual fetuses.

The fetuses were discovered
Monday night by an NDSP sting
operation, the first of its kind to
be launched entirely on a fleet
of Segway and Rascal scooters.

The cross-wielding vandals
would desecrate the demonstra-
tion — popularly
known as Graveyard of the
Innocents — the responding
officers were shocked to find
the executive board of the
Notre Dame Right to Life Club
were moonlighting as gravedig-
gers.

All students involved were
immediately tagged.

"Using our full force of six
security — I mean police —off-
cers, we were able to appre-
hend the suspects," said NDSP
spokesman Jill Phonson.

Phonson was unable to say
the last time a troupe of pro-life
activists had buried fetuses on
campus. He did not have access
to information about the time,
exact location, number of sus-
ppects, where the fetuses came
from or where they would be
taken.

The Absurder contacted Right
to Life President Virginia
see FETUSES/page 3

University considers a deal with the Devil

Desperation drives Spankins to seek Satan

By RITA SKEETER
Wound Authority

Absurder sources have
learned that University
President Father Jim Spankins
is currently weighing accepting
a deal with the Devil himself,
who also goes by the Prince of
Darkness, Lucifer, Satan and
Matthystophiles.

Under the proposed agree-
ment, Lucifer himself would see
to it that the University of Notre
Dame football team, which had
a miserable 3-0 record last sea-
son, would go 13-0 en route to
winning the national NCAA
Championship over Ohio State
by no less than a 45 point mar-
gin of victory.

In return, Satan asks only
that "The Vagina Monologues"
become required First Year of
Studies curriculum for all stu-
dents.

"It's a pretty simple deal," the
see SATAN/page 5
LAST MINUTE COLUMN

I declare a Viewpoint war!!!

Hey fellow-owners! Inside Column here. None of you may know me from my daily musings on life, but others of you may pass right over me on your way to Sports to read about Charlie Weis’ rose-scented bowl movements or those other “sports” that we tolerate in between football seasons.

If you’re one of my worthy dandies, I want you to say thanks for being there for me through the years as I write about topics that only I care about, like spring weather, asserted lists, passing torches or W/1. But if you do enjoy reading me everyday, then you’ll notice that I don’t get quite as much attention as a certain other section of this paper. I’m ready to make a confession: I hate Viewpoint and I’d like to take this opportunity to declare war. Viewpoint war.

I mean, why hasn’t there been an Inside Column vs. Viewpoint war yet? Sure I don’t talk about the state of Notre Dame’s Catholic identity or the ineffectiveness of student government, but opinions is opinion and at least I don’t compound on soap operas and “How I Met Your Mother” or whatever else Scopes & Heard feel the need to talk about as she watches marathons of “America’s Next Top Model” all day. And isn’t that Viewpoint is little Miss Perfect either. I was driving to my apartment in Clover Ridge and I totally caught Viewpoint walking back from Turtle Creek wearing the same British-mussy dres and red high heels from the night before. Rumor has it, she’s been spending a few too many nights at Sports’ apartment for as much as she’s against the “Vagina Monologues,” her vagina sure has been doing a lot of talking lately. Maybe she’s getting some pointers from those Saint Mary’s girls she seems to love so much (A! Stereotype!).

Anyway, Viewpoint has been around the block with everyone except for Scene. Scene’s too busy watching “The Wire,” and talking about how excited he is for the new “Indiana Jones” movie.

All I know is that if Viewpoint wants to keep her credibility, she better stop flaring with Camus so much. I mean, seriously? All he does is sit on his futon playing “Halo,” thinking of lame jokes about quarrels or ugly girls (because girls here really have room to talk).

So bring it, Viewpoint. I hear Crossword and Horoscope talking behind your back everyday. And it turns out that Question of the Day and Offbeat were talking smack too before I scarred them off in the bathroom so I could find cigarettes rolled with old copies of the Irish Rover and Scholastic. So let’s start a war and try to give Notre Dame students a break from all this talk about vaginas. Retaliation is up to you.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are divine revelation so don’t get us worked up about it.

CORRECTIONS

The Axsbuer regrets itself as a professional publication. But, truthfully, we pretty much suck. Scholastic seeks more. That’s who she said. Think we made a mistake? Suck it up.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL’S TOP RIVAL?

Bob Davies
ESPN’s white noise generator

Lionel Loshingam
amateur golfer

Ryan’s Myth
a new Talley

Yellow Mate
super fast... or super stud?

Melvin Black
athletic director

“High expectations.”

“When you say ‘rival,’ you have to enumerate what is and what is not. When you realize what there is, not, you find what is.”

Senior Khonnelleas Wrigglesworth emulates his idol Pretrial McBlamey in an intense game of one-on-one basketball.

BEAT OFF

Heath Ledger jokes finally deemed funny

GOING TO HELL, Kan. — Although the premature passing of the Oscar-nominated actor Heath Ledger in January was a tragic end to a young life, celebrity expert Classy B. has decided that jokes about the deceased heartthrob are now funny.

“Enough time has passed,” says Classy. “His death has become open game, just like AIDS, W/11 and poverty in Africa.”

Classy believes that her favorite Ledger jokes are sensitive and thought-provoking.

“E! is reporting that production has begun on ‘The Patriot 2’. Heath Ledger will once again play the role of the dead son,” Classy jokes.

But her favorite joke goes, “What do Jake Gyllenhaal’s cherry and a bottle of Paul have in common? They both got popped by Heath Ledger.”

SMC students shave heads for Britney, not cancer

FIRECROTCH, Calif. — Reports on Monday that Saint Mary’s students had shaved their heads in support of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy proved to be false. Instead, the students reportedly shaved their heads in solidarity with Britney Spears, who has made great strides in recent months toward a comeback.

“We, like, love Britney! She’s super cute and not fat, and her new CD is, like, Shakespeare,” said sophomore Kimberly Johnson. “Why would we shave our heads for cancer? Cancer patients aren’t famous.”

Information compiled by someone who just wants to be famous. Really, that’s all she’s all about out of life.

FULLY WEATHER

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BOXES OR BRIEFS?

Former New York governor Eliot Spitzer will be on the Saint Mary’s campus today. He may or may not have $5,000 to burn, but either way he’d like to get to know you better.

NDSF will put an underage drinker in the stocks and pull him with tomatoes tonight at 7. The University community is invited to attend. Bring your own tomatoes.

Turtle Creek Apartments will showcase its ones tonight in a session geared at underclassmen entitled “You, the Excise Police, and Turtle Creek: A Winning Combination.” Beverages will be served.

University auditor Will Iglavskychevformed a RealLife hearing Wednesday. Ito was yelling “COLLEGE!” while caught playing drinking games in the hall.

Finnigan’s and Club Fever announced they will raise Thursday night cover charges to $15 a person. The statement came as part of the South Bend Bar Association. They the Hill else are you going to do around here?” campaign. A bar spokesman said underage girls will still be allowed to cut you in line as long as they give the bouncers sexual favors.

The Irish Rover is seeking new writers. Applicants should exhibit poor grammar and a self-important attitude that lends itself to holier-than-thou “journalism.”

Seriously, who goes to talks on Jamaican immigration from 1962-67? If you have something to submit, you have no life.

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Obama taps ND coach to lead Dept. of Defense

Illinois senator’s approval rating among Big East basketball fans falls sharply; choice provides ‘balance,’ analysts say

Agence Ken Press

Sen. Barack Obama has named Notre Dame basketball coach Mock Tee his expected nominee to become Secretary of Defense if the Illinois Democrat wins November’s presidential election.

Obama cited Tee’s visit to Kuwait last summer as “unequivocal evidence” that Tee was “far more qualified than myself” to lead the nation’s military.

But Republicans immediately attacked Obama’s decision, citing Tee ineffectual defenses in his current role.

Tee responded harshly, arguing that a strong offense can compensate “but real good in Denver, eh Mike?” snickered one staffer for Sen. John McCain.

Top Obama advisers responded that Tee’s strongest quality is his recruiting success.

“The U.S. military has long had a disproportionately number of minorities when compared to the population as a whole,” said Rob Lose Obama’s new chief of staff.

“When you look at Mock, you think of 18, 19, 20-year-old white kids.”

Tee has said he believes there is a major issue causing the disparity of athletics between the races in the military.

Under his leadership, Tee said, the U.S. military will schedule minor conflicts with Andorra, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bangladesh.

He also scheduled a “war scrimmage” with Guam.

“The point is, we’re trying to get ready for what I like to call our tough conference slate,” Tee said. “You know — Iraq, Iran, India, Pakistan and China.”

Tee also counters Obama’s image as a historic drug user; the senator has admitted to using marijuana and cocaine during his high school and college years.

On the other hand, Tee has a strong history of punishing pot smokers harshly.

Tee, however, may meet legal obstacles before his nomination. Federal investigators confirmed last week the last name Crean forwarded the pictures of Tee to the FBI’s Chicago office earlier this week. When asked for contact information for the informant, investigators mistakenly released the address and phone number of Baines Wilson, the actor who portrays fictional character Dwight Schrute on NBC’s “The Office.”

Irish coach Mock Tee kills some Arab terrorists. That’s what she said.

Vaginas
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human. That’s why God put vaginas here, because he didn’t want the world to be a zoo.”

Meanwhile, the entire Notre Dame female population responded by running through LaFortune wearing only crotchless panties.

“We thought the administration realized accepting vaginas was part of becoming a co-ed institution,” one student said.

Contact Phyllis McFilly at vaginar evolution@nd.edu

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Christianson at her Grotto office, where she was praying for the souls of the “tased, the taserers and the babies.”

When asked why Right to Life had not revealed sooner that the “Graveyard” was not in fact a metaphorical demonstration, Christianson said campus apathy required drastic measures.

“They just weren’t getting it,” Christianson said. “But if planning the remains of thousands of babies beneath the main campus thoroughfare doesn’t convince this student body of the seriousness of protecting human life, I don’t know what will.”

Within student government, Council of Representatives was called to an emergency meeting to advise student body president Lizza Clowen about responses to the Graveyard revelations. The group was dismissed after failing to meet quorum.

“Sometimes for us, Notre Dame has been accommodating to any — and all — requests for funding, heavy machinery, exceptions to SAO regulations … Really, you name it,” Christianson said. “In this case, they said our members can be excused from classes for what is, after all, an activity that supports our mission.”

University spokesman Bennis Drown said he cannot comment on specifics of the case.

“The University supports in whole the traditionally Catholic mission — and tactics — of the Right to Life Club,” Drown said. “Sometimes the ends justify the means. Look, [insert reporter name], haven’t you ever heard of the Inquisition?”

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Sexually Frustrated?

Come and Enjoy Student Government’s Newest Initiative: The Daily Bouncing Castle on South Quad

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Hall of science must go

Redux

Saint Mary's is treated uncharitably and its Ecological Republicans are not the ones who should be approves. An Amy Klobuchar, even if she is a Catholic, is not necessarily the one who should be comforting the students. The Catholic Church is the teacher and not the student. The students need to be the ones who are being comforted.

The Absurder

Motorola brings voice of truth

Thank God for Greg Motorola. It weren’t for his bioswamy columns defending genuine faith and the conservative Catholic-American way, I would have long ago doused the pages pages of this godless newspaper with holy water and, once "the Prince" watched them burn, "of the Palace" I would have taken full responsibility for the fires of damnation, not to mention can­
celled my subscription.

I am today a privileged and pleasure of interpreting this freedom fighter. Fellow true Catholics and good people of America, sit back, enjoy and relax in the comfort of knowing we have one of ours dedicated to shedding light on the increasingly murky morals of Notre Dame. Blue state bleeding heart read, with content, as the sheer amount of hard truth contained in the following The Catholic Church may make your liberal eyes to go blind or cause your brains to sublimate inside your very skull.

"I calls ‘em like I see ‘em,” Observer columnist Greg Motorola says. "I like to think of myself as the voice of reason, or maybe the voice of the people. Or even better, as the lightweight carrying the torch of truth to the people, all over campus, regardless of whether or not I still attend that campus."

Whether that involves calling out lib­erals for being the fascists that they are, or calling out Barack Obama and his millions of supporters as a popul­
culture fad, Galileo always words count the way a cowboy slings lead - hard, fast and accurate right into the heart. And unlike gunsmokes, who can pack a mere six rounds into their sharpshoot­ers, Motorola's lengthy columns prove he never lacks ammunition.

Even though Motorola graduated nearly a decade ago in 1999, he has wanted to fight the good fight through the pages of The Observer’s Viewpoint section.

"Absolutely not," he answered after being asked whether his advancing age has made him lose touch with his col­
exte audience. "Nothing about starting to write for my alma mater's student newspaper nearly a decade after the fact screams 'impending midlife crisis.' In fact, like the great Strom Thurmond, I firmly believe that I only continue to get better with age."

As far as his personal morals go, Motorola refuses to compromise. "I don’t go a lot of what you might call play,” Motorola said. "Or action, or [rear end] or [posterior]. Fortunately, I have a lot of PhotoshoppedAnn Coulter porn which gets me through the long lonely nights."

"Hello, I said as much in my recent column, 'Challenging Male Promiscuity.' I’ve been afraid to call people out, even if that means indicting myself."

Upon being asked whether he would ever consider defecting from The Observer to leave and write for The Rover, Notre Dame's fortnightly toilet paper substitute, Motorola giggled soft­ly to himself and replied, "See, therein lies the beauty of it all. You know how those terrorists got deep cells work­ing underneath? Same goes for me. I’m like a covert agent planted deep within The Observer before, left to cut down, con­
de, behind enemy lines."

"Just don’t question my patriotism."

Upon being asked about the ethnic ori­gins of his last name, Motorola flew into a rage. "Absolutely not," he said after being asked whether or not he was an immigrant to the United States.

"Of course, my great grandfather was, and he fought in three world wars. My father, who was born on the Fourth of July, fought in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq and I II and now I continue fight­ing the good fight on the pages of this newspaper."

"I blessed red, white, gold and blue."

As far as the coincidence that he hap­
pens to share his surname with the communications giant corporation by the same name, Motorola says, "Of course I do. I’m the great communi­cator."

And as far as The Vagina Monologues go, Motorola says, "Well, to be quite honest I don’t know much about it other than what my crazy former, but I know a thing or two about the latter. My column is a monologue in its own right — a defense against the left-wing liberal agenda threatening to destroy the fabric of this country."

"I defend those most persecuted in this country — middle to upper class women."

Critics have leveled charges of being "crassy" at Motorola, yet he argues that he steadfast in his convictions. "If 'crazy' means being the voice of reason and justice, then lend me the straydog­
et and waterboard me until I scream ‘Freedom!' like my hero, Mel Gibson, in 'Braveheart,’" he said. "I see myself as a combination of Jesus II, Christ and Prometheus, I’m a martyr and a torch­carrier. I’m not afraid to be nailed to a tree or have my liver peeked out by a crown for all of eternity if it means con­tinuing to rain down the fire and brim­mings of truth on these mindless liberal sheep."

The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Absurder, although unless you hate freedom, love terrorism and despise the Almighty him­self, you will agree 116% with all of the above printed material.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redux

It has recently come to my attention that the wintry climate of the South has been ignored. This problem goes far deeper than the compara­
tively superficial conflict of The Vagina Monologues.

And the solution starts here. Next Saturday, long before the average Catholic University, and as such it has no legitimate justification for a statue of Galileo above the entrance to the Jordan Hall of Science.

Galileo was the Eve Ensler of his day, pen­
ing the equally egregious (though mercifully compara­
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"I defend those most persecuted in this country — middle to upper class women."

Critics have leveled charges of being "crassy" at Motorola, yet he argues that he steadfast in his convictions. "If 'crazy' means being the voice of reason and justice, then lend me the straydog­
et and waterboard me until I scream ‘Freedom!' like my hero, Mel Gibson, in 'Braveheart,’" he said. "I see myself as a combination of Jesus II, Christ and Prometheus, I’m a martyr and a torch­carrier. I’m not afraid to be nailed to a tree or have my liver peeked out by a crown for all of eternity if it means con­tinuing to rain down the fire and brim­mings of truth on these mindless liberal sheep."

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SMC BASKETBALL

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

By NEWBIE FRESHMAN

Could it be a hold of the coach?

SAINT MARY’S, Ind. — In the midst of one of Saint Mary’s best-ever seasons, the campus has caught basketball fever. At 13-13 (6-8 MIAA), the Belles have as many wins as losses for the second consecutive year. The Belles have given her team an advantage it hasn't had in previous years. "Before, we didn't have many student fans," she said. "Unless you count the girls on the treadmills on the second level."

The Belles have won three straight games at home. Hanraiz said the team hopes to increase that total next year.

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Football

**ND releases 2009 schedule**

By DEKENDRICK FOWLAH Senior Kevin White Correspondent

Athletic Director Melvin Black on Monday announced Notre Dame’s 2009 football schedule.

The schedule will be a historic slate, with Notre Dame becoming the first team to host an opponent twice in the same season. The Irish will play Stanford in Week 9 and then again in Week 12. The second game will be a neutral site game at the Angela Athletic Center before a recent game against Calvin.

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**HOCKEY**

Players not used to having games in April, run in fear

By ADAM BANKS

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"The team sucked last year," Michael said. "And even though God doesn't care who wins football games, his mother does. And you don't want to see Mary angry."

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FOOTBALL

God strikes Wise dead
Coach says 'rebuilding' is smote by Supreme Being as requested

By HORSEMAN NO. 3
Of The Apocalypse

In August, Notre Dame coach Chuck Wise told reporters that "God strike me dead" if he used the word 'rebuilding.'

Monday, God delivered on that request.

During a post-practice news conference Wise updated the media on his plans for a new headquarters for Banana and Friends, his charity for developmentally disabled children.

"We aren't buying any new land," he said. "We're really just rebuilding the existing headquarters.

At that moment, the roof of the Guglielmo Athletic Center was raised open and a lightning bolt from heaven smote Wise.

God later issued a statement explaining the smiting.

"Mr. Wise expressly

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Sharpey loses starting job to freshman — yet again

By KOSUKE FUKUDOME
Japanese Dude

For the second straight season, junior Eric Sharpey has been beaten out by a freshman.

Sharpey, who was passed over for the starting quarterback job in favor of all-world recruit El Jimador Paulson last fall, will not be in the lineup at first base for tonight's game against Western Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium, coach Agro Craig said.

Instead, freshman Timmy Tauson will start for the Irish.

"I think Tauson gives us the best chance to win," Craig said.

Tauson, who hit .432 and hit 103 home runs over four years at Westlake High School outside Los Angeles, was the No. 1 high school player in the country last year. The Eagles never lost a game with him in the lineup.

He was expected by many to turn pro after being drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays out of high school, but, in a highly publicized announcement at the College Baseball Hall of Fame, he decided to come to Notre Dame.

"I was really impressed by the combination of athletics and academics," Tauson said.

Craig said that Tauson would have started "from the very beginning" if not for a bone spur in his throwing elbow that required surgery over Christmas break.

INTERNET CRAZIES

NDNation gathers in person, mongers hate

By NDSWEET23015
Unidentified Sratman

Members of the Notre Dame sports message board online.com gathered at the South Bend Tribune building for a rally Monday that organizers lined up alternately for a live band, an impromptu beer pong session, and a post and pagan blood sacrifice.

The revelers, many of whom had left their computers for the first time since Signing Day, were greeted by their leader, Kim Cappuccino, and treated to a long-winded, opinionated and often violent opening address. After the speech ended, the thousands of screaming men stripped naked and did an interpretative dance based on the 1966 Michigan Ohio-game.

"Normally we like to releve our college years viraciously through the message board," said poster Brady's Huffer, who would only be identified by his online handle. "But

this really lets us get together and channel all our hate at once. It's way better than the time I wrote a bunch about Zucko's pass coverage. He suks.

The revelers poured Applewhis and Fuzzy Navel wells into the afternoon until rally leaders cut back alcohol consumption when it was discovered that preparations for an Elephant Walk had almost been completed.

But then the day's festivities kicked into high gear.

The posters danced naked around a burning effigy of offensive lineman Sam Young made from a mixture of Spam and their own tears. An elaborate ceremony followed in which piles of out-of-shape posters fought each other in the death with sharpened keyboards.

We fight so that we may live. We live so that we may watch. We watch so that we may ridicule others mercilessly from behind our computer screens while our wife goes grocery shopping with the kids," said poster I'm Bored at Work, Hair-My Life and Am Filled With Inestival Anger.

Notre Dame anthropology professor Winfred O. Brenchley observed the rally with students from his Introduction to Cults and Groupthink class.

"The sheer intensity of their hate for any and all things is just mind-boggling," Brenchley said. "They

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NDNation posters reveal their common hatred of athletic director Kevin White during a riot and effigy-burning Monday.