Ethel Kennedy to speak at ND

College Democrats sponsor visit by Obama supporter, RFK widow at Washington Hall

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

The Notre Dame College Democrats have had their hands full with the lively Democratic campaigning this spring and their efforts will continue this weekend with another historical guest speaker on campus.

The group will sponsor a talk by Ethel Kennedy, wife of the late Robert F. Kennedy, at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Washington Hall.

"The [Barack] Obama campaign had been wanting her to come to Notre Dame," said Chris Rhodenbaugh, current vice president of College Democrats and freshman from St. Edward's High School in Chicago.

Rhodenbaugh said, "Kennedy, along with brother-in-law, Massachusetts senator Edward Kennedy, endorsed Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama earlier this year.

Rhodenbaugh said the purpose for Kennedy's visit is twofold. "She is coming to demonstrate the presence of Obama's campaign on campus and (because) she is Catholic," Rhodenbaugh said.

College Democrats finalized plans for Kennedy's appearance earlier this week. "Chris let me know the Obama campaign wanted her to come, then we went to SAO [Student Activities Office] to work out the details and the policy," said Cory Mehlos, co-president emeritus of the College Democrats and a senior in Dillon Hall.

"It was pretty simple." The visit marks the 40th anniversary of Kennedy's husband's campaign trip to the South Bend area during his role in the Democratic Party nomination.

Robert Kennedy had spoken at the Stepan Center the morning of April 4, 1968, the day on which Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot later in the afternoon, Mehlos said.

Mehlos said following his talk at Notre Dame, Robert Kennedy was notified that King was shot and put together a few notes on his way down to Indianapolis. Police, fearing riots, urged him against speaking publicly, but Kennedy spoke anyways and moved the crowd deeply.

"[Indianapolis] was perhaps one of the only major cities in the nation where there were no riots that day," Mehlos said.

University hosts Spring Visitation

Students vie for Irish Idol crown

Sophomore wins vocal title in campus-wide competition at Legends

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

More than 200 students gathered at Legends last night to watch ten finalists vie for the ultimate title of Irish Idol 2008.

In the end, sophomore Carolyn Rose Sullivan won the competition. During the top ten competition, Sullivan sang a Frank Sinatra hit "They Can't Take That Away From Me," and for her winning performance, she performed Diana Krall's "Peu Me a Grape." Sullivan participated last year but did not make it to the top three.

The Irish Idol contestants gather during the final rounds of the competition Thursday night at Legends.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Join the bash, Sorin

Even as both the office of Residence Life and Housing and my old edu-dwelling mother charged my e-mail account with messages reminding, prodding and attempting to coerme me into applying for a spot in the brand-new Dorm-on-Hall, I have officially signed my letter of intent for, more commonly, my housing contract.

My decision? To remain a resident of Sorin College.

Hey, I'm not enough for Meek. It's just enough for me.

Despite Sorin's status as the first and consequently oldest dorm on campus, only a small handful of its residents applied to live in Baustrait. Not me. I'm not alone in my proclamation that Sorin is irrefutably the greatest residence hall on the dome.

Thanks to its prime location on God Quad, Sorin is under the watchful eye of Our Lady and well within eurchase of some of the finest Sunday morning wake-up calls around (think rosé, Basilia bells.)

While other dorms subject their freshmen to terrifying rituals during Fresh-Up, the residents of Sorin College set up camp in the backyard, a cigar in one hand and a water balloon in the other, just waiting for the next group of giggly girls to attempt to serenade them.

And why? We've got nothing to prove.

How many other dorms had the audacity to attempt to make a statement about the University's stature on Vietnam? Zero.

What other hall contains leaders like the former president of the University (i.e. Meek Mallen, C.S.C.), the current president of the student body (Bob “We want our IVT’s NOW” Fresh), and the future president of the United States (Sworn, “Yeah, like the dorm!” Palmsted?) None.

And what other building on campus has housed such Notre Dame legends as Knute Rockne, the Four Horsemen, Johnny Lattner, Paul Hornung and Matt Henry? Don’t even try to think of one.

So, other dorms have traditions, too. Like Alumni’s Wake Week that’s coming up soon. It sounds pretty cool from what I hear. But who really wants to live in the dorm most often used as an impromptu urinal times on weekend nights waiting for a Mack Cienega wake-up call? None.

But hey, we’re not here to bash other dorms. We’re here to get other dorms to join the bash — at Sorin College.

It’s not just about our prime location, illustrious tradition or impressive inhabi­tants; Sorin also boasts the largest social room on campus (perfect for video games and kick-the-can, like the best of them.)

And while I think my esteemed co­league tired to warp my message — “enthusiastic/boredom fan” Bill Brink for his cute rendition of the sorting hat song, pranked out dorm for its unique qualities, I can leave you with only one thought.

Come hang out at Sorin — Bobby Powers does.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Gambler at mgambler@nd.edu.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** IF YOU COULD PULL A PRANK ON ANYONE, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Jared Zenk

Junior Dillon

“I’d tell the American people Hillary won the election.”

Lauren Wickel

Junior Badin

“I’d paint the White House black.”

Marissa Treece

Freshman Lewis

“My dog, to get her out of the way.”

Roxanne Blair

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“I’d tell Lauren the Rock is having her baby.”

Travis Allen

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“I’d put Jared Zenk’s mattress on top of the stalls in the bathroom.”

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Students gather to discuss peace
Conference organizers say attending discussions is just a first step

By EMMA DRISCOLL

Students from across the globe will gather on campus this weekend to discuss ways to make peace both possible and practical at the annual Student Peace Conference at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The conference, entitled "Bringing Peace Down to Earth," will consider "practical, down-to-earth, hands-on approaches to peace building," said senior Ryanne Burke, conference co-chair.

"Even if you're not a peace builder per se, that you can - or possibly should - be involved in building peace because peace is something we should all be working toward," Burke said.

For keynote speaker Dr. Ellis Jones, author of "Better World Handbook." and "Better World Shopping Guide," the title of the conference is especially significant.

Jones said "Bringing Peace Down to Earth" involves converting peace from an abstract idea into something people can incorporate into daily life.

"Based on the idea behind the title of the conference, I really think that, for me, the whole conference is playing off the theme of how to take this very big, overwhelming problem of peace and all of the problems that fall underneath that rubric and how to make that something everyday people can engage in, rather than just something that is done by nation states or governments or even activists," Jones said.

Jones said his speech aims to show people possible ways to carry out the conference's theme in their everyday lives.

"My area of interest really lies in what I call the democratization of activism," Jones said.

The conference will also include a musical entertainment portion, a video clip and panel discussions.

Kroc Institute Masters students will moderate panels and discuss a variety of topics - from violence in Columbia to the role of women and gender, Burke and fellow co-chair Martha Quinn said.

Quinn said she hopes Notre Dame students attend this year's conference.

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keynote speaker
Student Peace Conference

"There are people coming from other schools, but we're trying to up the number of Notre Dame students who attend the conference," she said.

Jones said conferences like this are part of the solution of how to bring peace to the world, but attending them is not the only action people can take.

"The conference allows people to come together and really flesh out what we're talking about," he said. "We have to take what is talked about, and we have to somehow integrate it back into what we do. This is where a lot of conferences fall short and this is what particularly attracted me in this conference."

He hopes conference attendees will apply what they learn during panels and discussions to their own lives and share it with others.

"The question is 'Where do I go from here?'" he said. "And to really complete the picture, what we need is for people to be able to give other people the opportunity to take this information back with them, act on it in some practical way and make a difference and pass it on to other people.

The event is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and attendance is free.

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Anthropology chair receives CSC award

Special to the Observer

Mark Schurr, associate professor and chair of anthropolgy at the University of Notre Dame has received the 2008 Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D. Faculty Community-Based Research Award from the Center for Social Concerns.

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As a former advisor to Martin Luther King Jr., Rustin played a key role in the civil rights movement and was instrumental in organizing the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

Rustin was also a prominent figure in the gay rights movement and advocated for the rights of people with disabilities. His legacy continues to inspire activists around the world.

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He was involved in the planning of the March on Washington, where he helped to organize the civil rights demonstration and march.

Kennedy's legacy continues to inspire activists and leaders in the civil rights movement. His work has had a lasting impact on American society, and his contribution to the fight for justice and equality is remembered and celebrated today.

Clue #5: You've been faithful and read all the clues. You've put in the time, paid your dues. No smaller than this can it be.

[Clue: 100,000] Swing round at the light Where right is not right

[Clue: 50] Well see the sky as white as snow

[Clue: 50] The one of the six That's the one

[Clue: 100] It's the hand of fate

[Clue: 50] Up thrilled with a great...
Cuba

Castro lifts limits on consumer goods

Peso is too weak to allow most citizens to actually make use of new economic freedoms

Associated Press

HAVANA — President Fidel Castro lifted limits on consumer goods and hotel stays, but most Cubans still get by on virtually worthless pesos, which can buy only items like toilet paper, let alone a lone DVD player or poolside cocktails at the Hotel Capri.

Nearby, everything Cubans want or need must be bought with a separate currency, received from tourists and foreigners. So, until the regular peso increases in value, Castro's moves will be bittersweet gestures.

The new leader's solution, now, is to open the island to the two currencies. But this turns out to be much easier said than done.

Shelves remain virtually barren at the few stores where Cubans can buy things in regular pesos, which mostly exist for heavily subsidized items like imported food, medication and medicine. In one store, recent offerings included a half-dozen motorcycle helmets, a thin blanket and a single pair of boy's underwear.

Overpriced DVD players, flat screen televisions, French cosmetics and Uruguayan steaks are now available to anyone who can afford them at the elite stores Cubans call "black markets." But they must be bought with the "convertible" pesos tourists get when they trade in their dollars, euros and other foreign currency.

Cubans can use their regular pesos to buy whatever pesos tourists know as CUCs (pronounced "kooks"). But, at a dizzying exchange rate of 24-1 to 1, even tourists have trouble getting high-quality items. That's nice, but with a terrible hangover when the few available goods are gone.

And the government will immediately need to pay much higher salaries, so Cubans could soon find themselves even worse off, with little reason to work harder, save more and spend their pesos.

"Let's assume the government decides tomorrow to gradually reach one single monetary system and starts by making one CUC equal to eight pesos instead of 24," said Carmelo Mesa-Lago, a Cuba economics expert and professor emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh.

"People will immediately change their pesos to CUCs, which suddenly buy three times as much, and clean out the shops. Then what does the government do the next day?"

The dual currency system is despised among Cubans because it has created two classes of people -- those who have at least some access to CUCs, and the rest who don't. In pockets of extreme poverty, especially in western Pennsylvania, people are restless over their dire living conditions. Even middle-income workers in Havana can't buy basic necessities without their newly announced freedoms.

"Now I can go to hotels. That's nice, but with what? Not on my salary," said Silvita, a 42-year-old doctor who like many Cubans could not give her last name to international media.

"If they don't give the peso more value or create one money system, I think these measures will be too little, too late. Because they'll just remind us that our salaries don't buy anything."

Clinton pledges equal benefits for gays

Washington — Democrat Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said she would defend gay rights as president and eliminate disparities for same-sex couples in federal law, including a plan for a tax policy.

Clinton said states such as New York and Massachusetts are extending rights to gay couples "and the American people should recognize that and should extend the same access to federal benefits across the board. I will very much work to achieve that."

Clinton's comments came in an interview with the Philadelphia Gay News that was posted on its Web site Thursday. Clinton said she and her husband have many gay friends that they socialize with when they get the chance. "I've got friends, literally, around the country that I'm close to. It's part of my life," she said.

She said that when they ask her why they can't get married, she tells them marriage is a state law. She said that fact helped defeat a constitutional amendment to prohibitive same-sex weddings that she said "enshrine discrimination in the Constitution."

"States are really beginning seriously to deal with the whole range of options, including marriage, both under their own state constitutions and under the legislative approach," she said. "I anticipate that there will be a very concerted amount of effort in the next couple of years that will move this important issue forward and different states will take different approaches as they did with marriage over many years, but you will see an evolution over time."

Clinton said she opposes a measure that would ban gay marriage in Pennsylvania.

"I would be very distressed if Pennsylvania were to adopt that kind of mean-spirited referendum and I hope it won't happen," she said.
FAA whistleblowers say jobs are threatened

Southwest Airlines founder apologizes for safety inspection scandal, but says that passenger security remains top priority

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The whistleblowers who exposed maintenance and inspection problems at Southwest Airlines told Congress their jobs were threatened and their reports of noncompliance were employed for years.

Federal Aviation Administration inspector Douglas Peters choked up Thursday in his House hearing and needed a few sips of water to tell lawmakers about how a former manager came into his office, commented on pictures of Peters' family being most important, and then said his job could be jeopardized by his actions.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., said FAA managers' actions "displayed malfeasance bordering on corruption," adding that if Peters testified in a grand jury, the evidence would result in an indictment.

The FAA last month took the rare step of ordering the audit of maintenance records at all domestic carriers following reports of missed safety inspections at Dallas-based Southwest. The airline was hit with a record $10.2 million fine for continuing to fly dozens of Boeing 737s, which carried an estimated 145,000 passengers, that hadn't been inspected for cracks in their fuselages. Southwest has said it will appeal the penalty.

Both FAA whistleblowers — Charalambe Foutris and Peters — said the agency views the airlines as its "customers" instead of companies to be regulated. They said the FAA's chief maintenance inspector at the time, Douglas T. Gawadzinski, knowingly allowed Southwest to keep planes flying that put passengers at risk, and that another inspector knew of the problem and did nothing.

Transportation Department inspector General Calvin L. Scovel III echoed concerns about the FAA's inspection office responsible for Southwest Airlines, testifying that it had "developed an overly collaborative relationship" with the carrier.

"FAA's oversight in this case appears to allow, rather than mitigate, recurring safety violations," Scovel said.

His office found that the agency fails to protect employees who report safety issues and doesn't adequately respond to problems when they are identified. He recommended immediate action he be taken to fix the air carrier oversight programs.

Herb Kelleher, Southwest's founder and executive chairman, apologized for allowing planes to fly that should not have. "Our people made engineering judgments they were not entitled to make," he said, adding that passenger safety was never compromised.

Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly said the airline increased the number, scope and frequency of audits and implemented more stringent requirements of maintenance plans. Changes after the problems were discovered. The airline will take further action after independent investigators, the FAA and Southwest staff finish their reviews, he said.

When FAA inspectors blew the whistle in March 2007, Gawadzinski was their superior. He's still employed by the FAA, but has no responsibility for safety decisions, said Nicholas Sabatini, the agency's associate administrator for aviation safety.

Oberstar disputed that assertion and said Gawadzinski had retained oversight responsibility after his removal from the Southwest office. Sabatini said he would look into it those claims and promised that the FAA will "take whatever action the law will allow" when the investigation is complete.

Gawadzinski was not asked to testify at Thursday's hearing because of the ongoing nature of the investigations and he was considered to be a hostile witness who would most likely refuse to answer questions that could have incriminated himself, according to a spokesman for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"Committee Chairman Oberstar said as the FAA views the airlines as customers "that culture of safety will not take hold and is not going to permeate the organization," Sabatini said.

Southwest spokesman said the FAA is a regulator and that he would immediately work to correct that internal problem of perception. Still, the inspectors' concerns about Southwest, which the FAA first acknowledged a year ago, have since been confirmed, and the agency on Wednesday said it is investigating four airlines for failing to comply with various federal aviation regulations. It did not name the airlines.

In the last week alone, AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines have canceled flights to perform unscheduled inspections of certain aircraft, and US Airways Group Inc. found problems on some Boeing 757s after a wing part from another plane fell off during a flight.

Spokesmen from Delta, United, Northwest Airlines, US Air and American said they have not been informed that their companies are the subject of an investigation. A Southwest spokeswoman said the carrier has not been informed of any additional investigation.

On Wednesday, the FAA announced a new reporting system designed to make it easier for inspectors to raise concerns and strengthening ethics policies aimed at easing potential conflicts of interests. The agency will launch the system by the end of this month to provide employees an additional way to raise safety concerns they feel they are not receiving the necessary attention or response from management, acting FAA Administrator Robert A. Sturgell said.

And by June 30, the agency will start a rule-making process to set a two-year "cooling off" period before former inspectors could work for an airline there were overseeing. That would match the time that new inspectors hired from industry must wait before they can oversee their former employer.
**Bermudez defends Bears Stearns rescue**

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Bush administration on Thursday defended the decision to rescue Bear Stearns amid questions by lawmakers about why the government was helping Wall Street investment houses but not people on Main Street.

Bernanke and Treasury Department Undersecretary Robert Steel said that the consequences to the U.S. economy and financial system would have been far more serious had the government allowed the nation’s fifth largest investment house to go bankrupt.

"The extraordinary pressures on the global economy and financial system, the damage caused by a default by Bear Stearns could have been far worse and extremely difficult to contain," Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee.

The panel conducted a five-hour hearing as lawmakers sought to understand the decisions made during the hectic weekend of March 14-15 when the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department moved to rescue Bear Stearns by buying $29 billion worth of loans it made to the investment bank.

But lawmakers continue to question why the government didn’t do the same for homeowners and banks with bad mortgages.

"If we don’t find a way to better manage the population at the state prison, we will be forced to spend more money expanding the prison system — money we don’t have," said John Barlow, Rhode Island’s prison commissioner.

At least eight states are considering freeing inmates or sending some convicted to rehabilitation programs instead of prison, according to an Associated Press analysis of legislative proposals. If adopted, the early release programs could save an estimated $450 million in California and Kentucky alone.

A Rhode Island proposal would allow inmates to deduct up to 12 days from their sentence for every month they follow rules and work in prison. Even some violent offenders would be eligible but not those serving life sentences.

A plan in Mississippi would offer early parole for people convicted of selling marijuana or prescription drugs. New Jersey, South Carolina and Utah are considering funneling drug-addicted offenders into treatment, which is cheaper than prison.

The prospect of financial savings offers little comfort to Tori-Lynn Heaton, a police officer in a suburb of Providence whose ex-husband put her prison for beating her. He has already finished his prison term, but would have been eligible for early release under the current proposal.

"You’re talking about victims. You’re talking about community member safety," she said. "You can’t balance the budget on the backs of victims of crime."

But prisons "are one of the most expensive parts of the criminal-justice system," said Akon Lawrence, who studies corrections policy for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "That’s where they look to first to cut down some of those costs."

Rhode Island Corrections Director A.T. Wall was not sure how many prisoners could be freed early. The payoff for doing so may be relatively small: less than $1 million for the first fiscal year, although that figure would increase over time.

In California, where lawmakers have taken steps to cut a $16 billion budget deficit in half by summer, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed saving $400 million by releasing more than 22,000 inmates who had less than 20 months remaining on their sentences. Violent and sex offenders would not be eligible.

"Laying off prison guards and making it more difficult to send parole violators back to state prison would account for part of the savings," Law enforcement officials and Republican lawmakers immediately criticized Schwarzenegger’s proposal, which would apply to car thieves, forgers, drunken drivers and some drug dealers.

Some would never serve prison time because the standard sentence for those crimes is 20 months or less.

**The Observer**

**Budget crises hit state prisons**

Lawmakers consider cutting costs by releasing drug addicts, violent criminals early

Torri-Lynn Heaton, a police officer that has lobbied against the early-release proposals, is seen at her home in Greenville, R.I. on March 31.

**Market Recap**

- **Stocks**
  - Dow Jones 12,626.03 +20.20
  - Associated Press

**Treasuries**

- 10-YEAR NOTE 5.52 +0.08 3.59
- 13-WEEK BILL 3.52 1.13
- 30-YEAR BOND 5.00 -0.04 3.38
- 5-YEAR NOTE 4.56 +0.02 2.75

**Commodities**

- LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.) 74.51 -0.98 75.49
- GOLD ($/oz.) 625.50 +19.80 605.70
- PORT BELLIES (cents/lb.) 0.70 0.00

**Exchange Rates**

- YEN 102.5450
- EURO 0.6392
- CANADIAN DOLLAR 1.1056
- BRITISH POUND 0.5015

**Stocks rise slightly ahead of jobs report**

- NEW YORK — Stocks managed to notch a modest gain Thursday, with Wall Street cautious ahead of Friday’s jobs report but hopeful that the global financial system is on the mend.

- Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress Thursday the Fed expects to recover most, if not all, of the $29 billion worth of loans it made to Bear Stearns, but warned of extreme volatility in the week ending March 29. The increase left claims at their highest point since Sept. 17, 2008.

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**ZIMBABWE**

**Mugabe to campaign in run-off**

**Attacks on opposition, journalists a sign incumbent to use violence**

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Interdictors raided offices of the main opposition party and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence to try to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday's election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Mugabe has been in power since 1980 and ruled Zimbabwe before independence from Britain in 1980.

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Last week, a new operation was imminent, Biti told The Associated Press. "It is quite clear he has unleashed a war." They said the raid at the Meikles Hotel targeted "certain people... including myself," he said. "Tsangaris was "safest" but had canceled plans for a news confer­ence. Tsangaris was arrested and severely beaten by police a year ago after a banned oppos­ition rally.

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BUCHAREST, Romania -- NATO allies gave President Bush strong support Thursday for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the alliance. Leaders and their foreign ministers got off script and gathered in crowds to debate the wording of a statement. "It doesn't happen in NATO meetings a lot," said Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley.

Bush said a group of leaders -- "men in suits" -- gathered around German Chancellor Angela Merkel to talk about putting former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on a path toward NATO membership, a step she opposes. Moscow heatedly opposes any further eastward expansion of the alliance.

Summit leaders refused to grant the two countries a membership plan now, but said they would look at the issue again in December and they empowered their foreign ministers to decide it. "The Balkan nations of Albania and Croatia were invited to join the alliance," Rice said. Macedonia was turned aside at the insistence of Greece, which says the country's name implies a territorial claim to a northern region of Greece, also called Macedonia.

France helped resolve a sensitive issue for NATO by pledging to send as many as 1,000 more combat troops to Afghanistan's eastern part. That would free up U.S. forces to move into the south, home of fierce fighting with Taliban and al-Qaida forces. Canada had threatened to pull its soldiers from the south unless it received 1,000 reinforcements from another ally.

Some allies, notably Germany, Italy, Turkey and Spain, refuse to send troops to the Afghan front lines because of the unpopularity of the war at home. Hadley said military commanders in Afghanistan are pleading for more forces. Already the largest contributor to NATO's 47,000 troops in Afghanistan, the United States is dispatching an additional 3,500 Marines and readying plans to send in more in the south next year, Hadley said.

Putin, in the last days of his presidency, arrived Thursday evening and joined the leaders at dinner. Putin planned to meet more formally with NATO chiefs Friday.

In a deep chill, Bush and Putin will meet Saturday and Sunday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in their last talks before the Russian leader steps down in May. Bush's term ends in January.

Rice said the two leaders were expected to produce "a strategic framework" to guide relations between Moscow and Washington. NATO and Moscow differ over the South Atlantic Treaty Organization's right to explore the potential for linking United States, NATO and Russian missile defense systems at an appropriate time.'
Seniors deserve voice in choice of Commencement speaker

This week, the University announced that Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington D.C., would give this year’s Commencement address. No doubt, Cardinal McCarrick is a worthy Commencement speaker. He has a distinguished career and was with members of Notre Dame in France earlier this year to celebrate the beatification of Fr. Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

But how much of a voice did the senior class have in the process regarding Cardinal McCarrick? Apparently, not much. Senior class president Bridget Keating and vice president Chris Dougherty said the Provost’s office contacted senior class officers and asked for their input last May. In response, the senior class officers sent e-mails to their class members and asked for their suggestions. The officers compiled a list of three possible candidates and sent it to the Provost’s office: Stephen Colbert, the Emmy and Peabody-winning host of “The Colbert Report,” was the most popular choice. The senior officers also submitted U2 lead singer Bono and global poverty activist Donal and Sandra Day O’Connor, the first female member of the Supreme Court, as other plausible candidates. The class officers also sent suggestions for the types of speakers seniors would like to see, Keating said.

However, after the officer submitted this list, the Provost’s office did not ask them to have further involvement in the process of selecting a speaker, despite the senior class officers’ requests to have more input. This should change. Commencement is one of the most important moments in the any student’s academic career and seniors should have a stronger voice in the selection of a Commencement speaker. It isn’t fair to have the seniors submit suggestions, only for them to have no further input as to the final decision.

According to the vice president for News and Information, Dennis Brown, students, faculty and others at the University can submit suggestions for a Commencement speaker. University president Fr. John Jenkins then makes the final decision regarding the selection of Commencement speaker with consultation with board members, and other officers at the University.

If the seniors’ suggestions for Commencement speaker are not viable, however, since he makes the final decision, can’t Fr. Jenkins work with the seniors to ensure the selection of a speaker both the University and senior class would like? After all, this is a weekend for the seniors and their families. We’re not saying Fr. Jenkins should always select whom the seniors want, but they should have a greater voice in the decision.

Brown said the University pays each speaker a “honorarium” so money shouldn’t play too much of an issue in the selection of a speaker. Brown also said the University tries to vary the fields the Commencement speakers come from, so the Commencement speaker could be somebody from entertainment, another year from politics or business, another year from the Church or some other field. If the class officers select speakers from the field of a recent Commencement speaker, Fr. Jenkins shouldn’t simply toss the seniors’ suggestions to the side, he should consult the senior class officers and work with them to select a speaker from the field the University wishes to represent this year.

And if he does try to look one of the seniors’ suggestions and he can’t, he should communicate that to the council and work with them to select another speaker. This way, everyone has a voice in the process, and the seniors will know the administration respected their input in preparation of one of the most significant days of their lives.

Letters to the editor

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Saint Mary’s is often the subject of derision because, though it calls itself Notre Dame’s sister school, many claim that the College benefits from the relationship far more than does Notre Dame. While I do not wholeheartedly support that line of thinking, I do believe that the administration, students and faculty at Saint Mary’s could make progress in quelling derision students come from. One year the campus was the same to me about Notre Dame than we show them by making concerts open to students from both schools.

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Saint Mary’s is often the subject of derision because, though it calls itself Notre Dame’s sister school, many claim that the College benefits from the relationship far more than does Notre Dame. While I do not wholeheartedly support that line of thinking, I do believe that the administration, students and faculty at Saint Mary’s could make progress in quelling derision students come from. One year the campus was the same to me about Notre Dame than we show them by making concerts open to students from both schools.

Jean-Paul Sartre
French philosopher

April 5

Mary Margaret Skelly
Senior
Pasquerilla East
April 5

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Hell is other people.”
Jean-Paul Sartre
French philosopher
Keep current Frosh-O

Rethinking alcohol consumption

It is 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning and I sit at my desk awaiting the moment when I can close my eyes and drift off to sleep. St. Ed's is unusually loud at this time of the morning because freshmen and sophomores are already up and about for Sparse. Tradition has it that upperclassmen host a “Shoe Dates,” the dodgeball games on the library quad and the nightly when the boys’ dorms would run around campus singing.

Some of my best friends here I met through those so-called inane Frosh-O activities — both male and female. And as far as time to pay for good-bye to parents? Haven’t freshmen had 18 years with them? A whole summer to plan for college? And a weekend fall break in a few months when they’ll probably see their families again.

Frosh-O is — big surprise here — called as such because its supposed to orient freshmen to their new homes. I love my parents, but I think this new idea of more time spent with families is more for the parents’ sake than the student’s.

‘Absurder’ in poor taste

Even when I attended St. Mary’s College back in the early ’80s, The Observer was known to push the envelope occasionally in its publications. This time you have taken the whole April Fool’s “joke” too far. Disrespect of our bishop, mockery of the pro-life cause, and vulgarity in calling women by a single private body part is abhorrent. First of all, where are your basic manners, and second of all, what about journalistic ethics?

If I were a female student on the campus at Notre Dame, I’d be making an appointment this afternoon with school officials over the discriminatory and hateful joke. With the privilege of being able to publish a newspaper comes the responsibility of conscientious reporting. The joke that appeared in your newspaper last week is an impression of a prestigious and time-honored Catholic university, not to mention the newspaper itself.

As luck would have it I had recently copied and pasted The Observer Web site link to an email group, solely created to help Catholic parents help their sons and daughters. They found a college in the next couple years. They had heard negative public relations about Notre Dame in the news and I was encouraging them to give the University a second look. I had Googled information on the recent Edith Stein Project and decided to put The Observer’s page on it as reference. Imagine my embarrassment at knowing these parents were reading today’s paper, where the joke was just a click away.

What appeared Thursday was a waste of education, money and talent. As a member of the Catholic press myself, I couldn’t be more disappointed in those hoping to make a career in the media very soon, and who are off to a very bad start. You owe a whole group of people a public apology.

Sincerely,

Theresa Thomas
Alumna
Saint Mary’s Class of 1985
April 1

Hesburgh’s choice

This morning, I thought about the Hesburgh challenge, and soon found myself wondering: when I get to the 14th floor, do I offer Fr. Hesburgh a Natty Light, or is he a Keystone kind of guy?

My first thought would be that Catholic priests prefer natural world order. Anyhow, Jesus was the one who had it figured out. Would Hesburgh choose definitely be the beer of St. Peter; he holds the keys to the city, and he is the rock, or stone, on which the church has been built.

Both compelling arguments, but I’d like to think Papa Hesburgh would double flat in a heartbeat, unless of course he goes Old Style. I encourage you to write in with your thoughts on this important debate.

Lack of ticket lottery

ESPN broke a story on their Web site that Davidson College provided free transportation, lodging and tickets to any student who wanted to watch Davidson play in the NCAA Tournament in Detroit. As I read this story, I immediately thought of the recent announcement that Notre Dame would not be giving a student ticket lottery for the football game at Boston College in November 2008. The only explanation the University provided was that a two day weekend is not enough time for a trip to Boston without missing class.

Seemingly, this is a reasonable concern. However, after about two seconds of thought, I realized that the earliest the game can be is noon on Saturday. I haven’t checked with the registrar, but I assume there are no classes at 10 a.m. on Friday night. The tickets will probably go to alumni in the Boston area, but if the University is going to push the students aside again (the Breytopia controversy comes to mind), they should come up with a better lie to tell the students. Notre Dame, a school that prides itself on dorm life and school pride, is simply ignoring its own students. Davidson is setting an example from which we should learn.

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Friday, April 4, 2008

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Rethinking alcohol consumption

Responsibility, in this sense, is the awareness that one can drink, yet the understanding that one must do so in moderation lest the substance take possession of him or herself. What possesses people to act so foolishly? The answer is not shocking and I can actually smell it as its vapors seep through the hallway and into my room. Put simply, it is alcohol.

Like other drugs, alcohol causes a change in the mind, body and spirit of those who consume it. I have always wondered why humans find such pleasure in a substance that in its purest form is poison. It makes it easier to sit down in class on the first day and introduce yourself without much hesitation. I think it’s ridiculous to put less emphasis on interdorm activities. Dorm unity is great, but really, isn’t it better to know there are other people on campus besides your roommates? My favorite parts of orientation weekend were the liturgy and the traditions that I had with other students, that “awkward and forced” “inter-gender socialization” — the “Shoe Dates,” the dodgeball games on the library quad and the nightly when the boys’ dorms would run around campus singing.

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Jordan Gamble
Sophomore
Keenan Hall
April 1
It's time to cast off the shackles of winter and rejoice in the fashion freedom that is spring. Banish the mittens, chunky scarves and earmuffs. Spring is here to liberate you from the winter blues, drab wardrobe and sweatpants. As you plan your spring style, here are some tips to help you shine.

**BOOTS-LICIOUS**

Now that Uggs are no longer necessary to your survival, you can expand your horizons. Despite appearance, there is more out there than just furry, tan boots. Use the nice weather as encouragement to try out new styles. Rain boots are always a nice, practical staple, with lots of styling potential. With their new found popularity, it seems that there may be no end to the variety of styles available. No doubt with the multitude of colors and patterns you can find a pair that tickles your fancy. Whether you like cute polka dots, chic plaid, vintage yellow or playful graphics, rain boots can give your outfit a nice pop. Plus, for those of us a little tight for cute looks on a low budget, make the most of what you already have. Scarves can be retied and wrapped in funky, new ways, and worn over a casual t-shirt for a relaxed look that is more sophisticated than jeans and a t-shirt.

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**LET ME SEE YOUR SARONG**

Perhaps the most versatile piece that you can use in any season is a sarong. It may come as a surprise, but sarongs are amazingly useful. For those who have not discovered their fabulous potential, a sarong is basically a huge piece of fabric, usually about 6 feet long and 3.5 feet wide. Classic sarongs usually have an Asian, particularly Indian, look with bright colors and metallic accents. But the trend has diversified recently, so they are also available in simple solids, flirty florals and still bold, brilliant hues. Sometimes they are stiffer fabrics, other times they are thicker and warm, and sometimes they are loose, thin or crinkly. Sarongs can be used in many ways. In the fall and winter they are best used as full scarves. In the summer, skirts and dresses work on and off the beach. For spring, the possibilities are endless.Scarves, skirts, tops and dress creations are totally acceptable when incorporated with weather appropriate additions, like leggings. Wrap, tie, and twist until your heart's content. Whatever may appeal to your spring whims, take risks, go to extremes or try something new. That's what spring is all about. Just remember to flatter your body; you'll look good and feel even better. Otherwise take the liberty of the season to be true to your own inner style guru and explore.

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Stop-Loss: A disturbing portrait of the contrasting lives of a number of Iraqi civilians and the citizens who have returned from war. Mike King (Ryan Phillippe) and his friends refuse to return to Iraq, while the United States continues its military campaigns. The film explores the disconnect between military service and civilian life, highlighting the struggles of soldiers returning home.

Director: Kimberly Peirce
Written by: Mark Richard and Kimberly Peirce
Starring: Ryan Phillippe, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Channing Tatum and Abbie Cornish
Royals earn opening season sweep as Tigers' offense swoons

Hunter homers in emotional return to Minnesota, Napoli and Matthews also go yard to lift Angels

Associated Press

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In the final game of an emotional three-game series, the Royals leftfielder Mark Teahan, right, avoids shortstop Tony Pena, left, to catch a fly ball off the bat of Detroit's Marcus Thames in the ninth inning of Kansas City's 4-1 win on Thursday.

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Mike Napoli and Gary Matthews Jr. also homered for Los Angeles, which has finished the series 3-for-16.

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Rodney Rondonner (0-1) gave up four runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings. He had been 5-0 in eight prior starts against Kansas City dating to April 2006.

"I threw the ball, but I made two mistakes and they punished me," he said.

Detroit had runners in four of the first five innings, but couldn't get anything past the second.

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Angels 6, Twins 4

After four days of standing ovations, two pregame ceremonies to honor him, and a week's worth of reminiscing, Torii Hunter is ready to go home.

For the first time in 10 years, home does not mean Minnesota.

Hunter homered in center field for the Angels in the offseason.

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**NBA Standings**

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**Bengals cut ties with troubled WR Henry**

Associated Press  

CINCINNATI — Bengals receiver Chris Henry has lost his job while in jail awaiting arraignment on assault charges on Thursday.

The Bengals cut him after his fifth arrest since 2005.

An attorney for Henry, 24, entered not guilty pleas for him on charges of punching a 15-year-old boy in the face and breaking his car window.

Henry was cut by the Cincinnati after his fifth arrest since 2005.

**Shoulder injury won't keep Parker out of Final Four**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee All-American Candace Parker's shoulder dislocation has mended to the point where the Lady Vols said she had a bone in her shoulder since suffering the injury in the half of last season for "a pariah, and now they want his money in the lead-up to the Beijing Olympics," said ESPN's Saunooke.

"Four years of denial and treating him as a pariah, and now they want his money," Canseco's lawyer, David Howman, director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said Thursday that newly produced HGH testing kits soon will be distributed to athletes around the world.

"We are expecting that an athlete will see this is going to happen and will be deterred from using the substance," Howman said in a telephone interview. "There may be those who will take major risks. We hope that they are majorly caught out, simple as that."
Del Rio signs five-year contract extension with Jaguars

Jacksonville is 45-35 during his tenure with two playoff appearances including an 11 win season last year.

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio signed a five-year contract extension Thursday, a reward for winning his first playoff game.

Del Rio's salary was not disclosed, but it was believed to be a significant jump from the original five-year, $6.5 million contract he signed in 2003.

The Jaguars were 11-5 last season, beat Pittsburgh in the first round of the playoffs and then ended the season with a 31-20 loss at New England.

"Clearly when I reflect back on the last five years, great things have happened," team owner Wayne Weaver said. "Under Jack's leadership, this franchise has continued to really make great progress."

Jacksonville is 45-35 in five years under Del Rio and has two playoff appearances, the first of which landed the team the Big East tournament in 2003.

He also traded oft-injured, aging veterans later in the season.

Del Rio is 55-52 in five years under Del Rio.

"I think you can expect something on the quarterback, "Weaver said. "We hope it'll be sooner than later. We think the world of David. He's the guy that we believe can lead us and bring that world championship here to Jacksonville, so hopefully we'll get that done sooner than later."

Wayne Weaver

Jaguars' owner

Irish Invitational begins Saturday

Team getting off two-week layoff after 10th place finish in Tucson

By PETER REISENAUER

Irish looks to defend its green when teams from all over the country fly into South Bend to compete in the Irish Invitational on Saturday.

The Irish have had themselves a two-week break since their last tournament, the National Invitational Tournament, in which they finished tied for 10th place. The bright spot in the tournament was once again junior Josh Sandman, who upon tying for 10th place became the first guller for Notre Dame to finish in the top-10 in three consecutive tournaments in eight years.

Notre Dame needs to drive the ball a little bit better this weekend if they hope to compete. The Irish believe that this tournament can help them turn their spring season around and possibly give them some momentum heading into the Big East tournament in two weeks.

Doug Fortner built some momentum during the National Invitational Tournament when he move up 10 spots on the last day.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Squad ousts top ranked Blue Devils

Strong play from goalie Goodman key to win

By ANDY ZICCArellI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame and Duke women’s lacrosse teams entered Thursday’s game heading in different directions, with the Irish having won five of six and with Duke riding a 2-game losing streak. Thanks to arguably their best performance of the year, the Irish were able to keep their momentum going and keep Duke stuck in neutral — defeating the seventh-ranked Blue Devils by a score of 12-8. The win was Notre Dame’s first over a top 10 opponent this season.

“We were able to dominate them from start to finish,” said Irish coach Tracy Coyne. “It was an awesome all-around team performance.”

She mentioned strong showings from players from all over the field, noting the play of junior goalie Irim Goodman and the all-around play of senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney.

Duke opened the scoring in the game, running out to a 1-0 lead just 33 seconds into the game. However, the Irish were quick to respond, scoring the next five goals in the game and taking a lead that they would never relinquish. Notre Dame went into the half with a 7-3 lead.

“We had a solid game plan and we executed it to a tee,” said Coyne. “And when we came out with adjustments, we handled those as well.” It was evident, as the strong play continued into the second half. The teams traded goals until, with an 11-3 lead, junior attacker Allison Byers scored with 1:58 left, dealing the proverbial nail in the coffin. Byers has been a consistent scoring threat all season long, but was quick to deflect the spotlight onto her teammates as well.

“We have a lot of young guns who are stepping up,” Byers said. “I definitely don’t do it by myself.”

Also crucial in the victory was the ability to shut down the Blue Devils’ top scoring threat, Carolyn Davis. The junior attempted 10 shots, but only found the net once, and was hounded by the Irish defense all game long.

The win marked the first time the Irish have ever won in Durham, N.C. — they were previously 0-5 — and only the second time they have defeated the Blue Devils in school history. More significantly, the win solidifies Notre Dame’s spot among the game’s elite.

“This game shows that we can beat a top 10 team,” said Coyne. “Not just play with them, but actually beat them.”

Additionally, the win was a crucial first step in a grueling three-game stretch in which the Irish will travel to top-ranked Northwestern and will visit Big East leader Georgetown. Coyne thinks the team now has the mental makeup to make some noise late in the season as they push for a Big East championship and, eventually, a run at the National Championship.

“Obviously this win gives us a lot of confidence,” said Coyne.

Armed with confidence, the Irish will take on No. 1 Notre Dame in Evanston, Ill. on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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SMC GOLF

Belles compete in tourney

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will compete in its last tournament before playing its first NCAA qualifying match when they tee off at the Tri-State Invitational event this weekend in Angola, Ind.

The Belles have some ground to make up after finishing third in the MIAA conference during the fall season.

The first two tournaments of the spring season have yielded discouraging results.

In their first event, the St. Andrews Invitational, the Belles finished 10th place out of 11 teams.

The second event was more of the same. In the Northern Kentucky Invitational, the Belles finished 18th out of 21 teams.

The competition levels in these tournaments are much higher than what they will be facing in the NCAA qualifier.

Both tournaments included numerous Div. II opponents and top-ranked Div. III foes.

Belles’ coach Mark Hamilton, who has shot his team’s confidence, believes his team has a good shot to be successful in the upcoming national qualifiers.

“The way I see it, we have a week and a half to shave off about ten strokes from our total before the qualifier tournament,” said Hamilton. "But I think we have worked harder than our competition and have made the necessary improvements to catch and surpass them.”

The Belles are led by their senior captain Katie O’Brien, who has shot the lowest score in every tournament so far this season. Freshman Rosie O’Connor has stepped up as a solid No. 2 for Saint Mary’s finishing right behind O’Brien in both spring tournaments.

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Roddick ends 11-match skid against Federer in Florida

Williams advances to the finals with comeback win over Soetlana, on verge of fifth Key Biscayne Tournament victory

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE — Andy Roddick whacked one last thunderous serve to finally beat Roger Federer, then slowly walked to the net with his head down, as if unsure how to celebrate such a rare achievement.

With an almost flawless performance, Roddick ended a streak of 11 consecutive losses against Federer on Thursday at the Sony Ericsson Open. Roddick dominated with his serve and took advantage of Federer's suddenly shaky play down, as if unsure how to celebrate such a rare achievement.

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Laxers carry offensive momentum to Illinois

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI

Notre Dame will split up this weekend, with the Irish to participate in both the Stanford and Purdue Invitational.

Senior runner Jacqueline Carrigan leads the women who we felt would benefit from that level of competition," Connelly said. "Some of our top people should find good competition there (at Purdue), but there should also be competition that our more developing athletes should benefit from." Connelly said.

The outdoor season has been a success so far for the Irish.

"I had that on my mind," Williams said. "I look forward to continuing to improve my game against Andy — you know, that serve, Federer said. "He's always going to have a chance. That's why I'm quite amazed about my record against him."

"Being happy and content off the court is only going to help in my mind," Roddick said. "The challenge is to stay off from my second Key Biscayne title."

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Buckeyes clinch NIT title with win over UMass

Associated Press

The Buckeyes clinched NIT title with win over UMass

In a locker room outburst equal parts joy and angst, Jamar Butler finally dropped the charade Ohio State had been playing for nearly three weeks and revealed its main motivating factor for a roughshod run through the NIT.

"This is what happens when you put an NCAA tournament team in the NIT," Butler yelled, surrounded by his teammates after beating Massachusetts 92-85 in the title game Thursday night. "We took that down and send that to the committee."

A year removed from a loss in the national championship game, the Buckeyes have a trophy to carry home — even if it's not the one they sought.

"Kind of a sore loser," coach Thad Matta said, when asked whether he would watch the Final Four. "I don't know what I'm going to do. I think I'm going to rest.""Butler had 19 points and eight assists in his final college game, which culminated with the Buckeyes' celebratory charge inside Madison Square Garden that he couldn't have last year in Atlanta.

The Buckeyes lost to Florida in the Final Four, and a snub by the NCAA selection committee kept them from playing for another trip there. They rebounded to dominate each of their four opponents on the way to New York. They're a solid team.

Gary Forbes finished with 18 points and six assists, and Dane Millerigan scored 14. Massachusetts dominated Ohio State on the boards, outrebounding the bigger Buckeyes 49-37 and corralling a startling 30 on the offensive end. But UMass figured to be in trouble when the frenetic pace that it also enjoys kept up in the second half. Ohio State was 15-1 this season when scoring at least 70 points.

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Gordon's well-timed free throws clinch win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Hunched over an ice-filled tub as he soaked his ankles and feet, LeBron James groaned. He rubbed his forehead and free throws down the stretch and Larry Hughes scored 19 of an ice-filled tub as he soaked his over the Thursday night.

The back spasms weren't relenting.

They kept coming back — just like the Chicago Bulls.

Ben Gordon made five clutch free throws down the stretch and Larry Hughes scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half against his former team, rallying the Bulls to a 101-98 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

The Bulls, with nothing to play for in the season's final weeks, overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half and snapped a six-game losing streak.

Hughes, traded by the Cavaliers to Chicago at the Feb. 21 deadline, added nine assists and eight rebounds in 45 minutes.

Gordon scored 24 points and Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni had 15 each.

James scored 33 to lead Cleveland, but with his back tightening, he scored just one point in the fourth and missed all five field-goal tries. With their go-to-superstar unable to cut, jump and move as usual, the Cavaliers scored only 13 points in the final 12 minutes.

"It was tough to do some of the things that I wanted to do," he said.

Still, the Cavaliers had a chance to take the lead in the closing seconds. But James, the NBA's leading scorer, drove the left side and was short on a double-jumping buzzer with 5.9 seconds to go. James as well as coach Mike Brown felt he was fouled by rookie Joakim Noah, who stepped in front to contest the shot.

"I went up and got hit on the arm," James said. "But that's not why we lost the game."

Following James' miss, Gordon was fouled and made two free throws with 3.4 seconds remaining to put the Bulls ahead by three.

Cleveland had one last chance, but after catching a pass from James, Daniel Gibson missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer before the horn.

The Bulls' season has been a complete disaster, but they never quit against a Cleveland team still trying to secure home-court advantage in the first round.

"It says a lot about our guys to get down 17 on the road against a team like this and fight our way back," interim coach Jim Boylan said.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 23 points for the Cavaliers, who are trying to nail down the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Trailing since early in the second quarter, the Bulls finally caught the Cavs and took the lead at 99-98 with 1:42 left when Gordon knocked down three straight free throws after being fouled by Delonte West while attempting a 3-pointer.

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The parishes of Mt. St. Peter and All Saints in New Kensington, PA, (located in the Diocese of Greensburg) are seeking a dynamic leader for a full-time position as Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This position is envisioned as one of coordination of junior and senior high youth. An intergenerational, experiential catechetical model is desired. Weekends and evening hours required. Applicant should possess a BA in theology, religious education or related field. Persons submitting resumes should be Catholics in good standing. Send cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation to Bill Staniszewski, Mount Saint Peter Church, 100 Freeport Road, New Kensington, PA 15068 by April 15, 2008.

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This week in Irish sports

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Sat., April 5 All Day
Notre Dame Spring Invitational

Men's Tennis

vs. Ball State
Fri., April 4 @ 4pm
vs. William & Mary
Sun., April 6 @ 11am

Women's Tennis

vs. Syracuse
Sun., April 6 @ 12pm
Big East

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they hope not to repeat this weekend.

After exploding for eight runs against IUPUI on March 26, the Irish offense has been in a bit of a slump, scoring only five runs in the three games since then. Thanks to stellar pitching, how­

ever, they were able to come away with wins in two of those contests with the only loss being a 2-1 defeat at the hands of DePaul, who is No. 18 in the latest NFCA poll.

St. John's (15-9, 2-4) and Seton Hall (11-18, 0-6) opened their conference schedules in a double­

header against each other at St. John's on March 22. St. John's took both of those games, regis­

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The Red Storm and the Pirates both met South Florida and Louisville for doubleheaders fol­

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ly, in the Big East standings.

St. John's was able to rebound following their four straight confer­

ence losses when they stepped outside the league and swept a doubleheader against Army on Wednesday.

While their upcoming oppo­

nents may have struggled lately, the Irish will be careful not to take anything for granted this weekend.

"The biggest thing for this team to stay sharp is to play seven hard innings every game," Bargar said. "We can not let up on anything, not a single out or pitch. Every play, we have to fin­

ish." Action in Jamaica, New York against St. John's is set to begin at noon on Saturday, while the doubleheader against Seton Hall will begin at 11 a.m. in South Orange, NJ.

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This season has been marked by historic successes for the Irish. The squad has had a program-record four first-place finishes this sea­

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nament victories. Notre Dame also collected honors at Golf World Magazine's mid-season awards banquet, being named the most sur­

prising women's team, while Irish freshman So-Hyun Park was named most surprising women's player. Park is on pace to shatter the program's single-season scoring record of 74.12 with a season aver­

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With Kristen Rafael day-to-day due to a sprained ankle, the lineup switches have showcased the depth Louderback has at his dis­

posal.

"Katie [Potts] played great yes­

terday, and Kali [Krivok] is playing well down there at five and six. It takes the pressure off the top, and actually they even play with more pressure at the bottom, because they feel like everyone above them is going to win," Louderback said.

The desire for team success pushes individual accomplish­

ments to the back burner. Louderback says his players do not focus on personal rankings but rather on the team.

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by Christopher Mallonee

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Black Dog.

Cardinals that would be more interesting than the one ND selected for the commencement ceremony.

The Single Life

Duck look at altitude. Asian playing badminton. (6,9)
As is not well. Keep drum down. I'm sure they can hear you. (5,9)
Whatever they're doing. They probably don't need a word I'm saying. (6,9)
And as far as I know they're not gonna be single long. (6,9)

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1. Awfully accurate! (5)
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13. Where to find pop art? (9)
16. "Exceptional" service? comeback (9)
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SOFTBALL

She's on fire

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Coming off a close victory over Toledo in non-conference action Wednesday, Notre Dame returns to Big East play as they travel to St. John's and Seton Hall for two weekend doubleheaders.

This is the first conference road trip for the Irish this year, and junior pitcher Brittany Bargar believes her team is ready for the challenge.

"No matter what the situation is, it is always tough to play on the road, regardless of where we are," she said. "We just have to stay with one another and play some good ball. There is nothing we aren't prepared for, and we are ready for every challenge thrown our way."

Notre Dame (18-10, 1-1) opened the conference season last weekend with a split at DePaul. As has been the case often in the early part of the season, the pitching staff carried the team to its victory. The same thing happened Wednesday against Toledo, where freshman Jody Valdivia and Bargar teamed up to pitch seven innings while allowing only one run between the two.

The Irish scored only two runs on hits from senior second baseman Katie Laing. The two runs were enough for Valdivia and Bargar, but the Irish stranded several runners in scoring position, something that has plagued them as of late. Historically, Iowa has not fared well against Notre Dame, winning just once in 15 matches all-time. Iowa's doubles lineup will pose a legitimate threat to Notre Dame's eight-match streak of doubles point wins. Freshman Alexis Dorr and senior Jacqueline Lee lead the Hawkeyes' doubles attack. Both are 10-5 in singles play, and the two have played together as Iowa's No. 1 doubles pair in every match this year, going 10-5.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Squad looking to keep winning streak intact

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

No. 20 Notre Dame (14-7) looks to extend its season-high seven-game win streak this weekend, travelling to No. 46 Iowa today and then returning home to face Syracuse on Sunday.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head south for invitational

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Coming off a hard fought fifth-place finish at last week's Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational, No. 20 Notre Dame hopes to take care of business next week at the Canes and Cardinals Classic in Miami, Fla. The tournament will be three rounds — held over two days — at the par-72, 6,982 yard Senator Course at Don Shula's Golf Course.

The University of Miami-hosted tournament is the final contest of the year for the Irish before they play in the Big East Championship at the end of the month.

Notre Dame head coach Susan Holt is optimistic that the team will perform well.

"The course at Miami will be a fun course," Holt said. "We should play well there, too."

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Talented freshmen oust juniors, 21-17

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Two Pats and a MAT 21, I've Made a Huge Mistake... 17

Two Pats and a MAT took advantage of an excessive number of missed lay-ups by I've Made a Huge Mistake and advance to win their first-round, rescheduled game.

"Lay-ups killed us today," Mistake captain Dan Hussey said. "We came to win, it didn't work out so well." Hussey seemed to make no mistakes early, putting his team up early with a couple of early buckets. Teammate James Smith ran the point for Mistake, accurately calling out plays at the top of the court. However, it seemed that any play he called inevitably ended up in a failed alley-oop or a missed lay-up down low. Smith got on his teammates about the lack of easy baskets.

"I was talking [expletive] to Jordan," Smith said. "But I missed a few too. Honestly the game is on everybody." Both the Pats and the MAT were thrilled with their hard-fought victory.

"It was huge wins," captain Alex Cota said. "They're a bunch of juniors and we're just little freshmen. We were understated... we came out to play today."

Despite their differences on the court, both teams agreed on one thing after their game, which ended around 8:00 p.m.

"We're extremely satisfied," Cota said. "We're gonna go eat it right now." Smith agreed.

"We played hard," Smith said. "And I'm so hungry."