Russett delivers Red Smith Lecture

Moderator of NBC’s “Meet the Press” emphasizes importance of interview preparation

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Tim Russett, moderator of “Meet the Press” and Washington Bureau Chief for NBC News, discussed journalists’ responsibilities while interviewing political figures and gave the audience an idea of preparation involved for interviews in his lecture “When Politicians Meet the Press” as the keynote for the 25th Red Smith Lecture Monday in Washington Hall.

Robert Schmuhl, director of Notre Dame’s John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, said Notre Dame President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh instituted this lecture in 1983 to commemorate Walter W. “Red” Smith, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1927 and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976.

Russett also attended the lecture. Red Smith’s son, Terence Smith, introduced Russett, saying that this lecture is relevant to Indiana’s current political climate.

“The timing of this lecture tonight with Tim Russett is pretty extraordinary, right in the heart of the most dramatic primary campaign that this country has seen in decades,” he said.

Russett said his mission is to learn as much as he can about the guests’ positions on issues beforehand and take the opposing side while maintaining a civil atmosphere on the show.

“I’m in a position to call them out and try to bring them back to see CLC/ page 4

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Festival to celebrate writers

Three women will read, discuss works

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The University’s first women writers’ conference, “A Festival of Our Own,” begins today and will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of female authors Wednesday and Thursday.

The conference, sponsored by the Department of English and the Creative Writing Program, will feature three female writers — Alice McDermott, Katherine Yaz and Lily Hoang.

Tonight features a public reception with readings from McDermott, followed by a question and answer session. Wednesday night’s highlight is a panel discussion, including all three writers and moderated by Sayers and senior Meghan O’Donoghue. The conference will finish with readings on Thursday night from Yaz and Hoang.

“We thought it was a natural for Notre Dame. So many students are of Catholic background and are practicing Catholics,” English professor Valerie Sayers said. “We thought it would be really interesting to look at how women depict Catholicism in their writing.”

McDermott, who will open tonight’s events, is the winner of the National Book Award and the American Book Award for her novel “Charming

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Africa Week events celebrate culture

Schedule includes elements of Brazilian, African American, Latin American customs

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame’s annual Africa Week, which is dedicated to celebrating the beauty of the continent’s culture, begins a week of events with a traditional Mass Sunday.

Sponsored by the African Student Association (ASA), African Faith & Justice Network and African Working Group, Africa Week holds events to showcase the positive, cultural side of Africa, ASA member and week organizer Theo Ossei-Anto said.

“You hear a lot about the bad things in Africa, but there is so much culture and beauty that people overlook all the time,” he said.

The week’s theme, “African Roots in Every Garden,” contemplates the widespread influence of African culture. The events of the week will show how “how African culture has influenced many cultures around the world,” Ossei-Anto said.

The activities and events will incorporate elements of Brazilian, African American, and Latin American culture along with elements of African culture to demonstrate the African influences in each culture and society, he said.

Tonight’s event, a lecture co-sponsored by ASA and the Kroc Institute entitled “Catholic Peacebuilding in Africa,” will feature three Catholic Bishops who have worked in Nigeria, Northern Uganda and Burundi, Ossei-Anto said. The talk will take place at 7:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium.

Africa Week continues Wednesday with a “Service Day” involving the Robinon Community Learning Center. Students from the center will come to Notre Dame to hear a presentation regarding the theme of Africa Week, emphasizing the modern-day impact of African culture, Ossei-Anto said.

“Since a lot of kids are African-American, they will hear about how their culture has impacted music, dance and sports,” he said.

Afterwards, the children will play soccer with students at Stepan Fields.

Thursday’s event, “The Fireside: African Roots in Every Garden,” is based on the old African tradition of reading, discussion works, according to Sen- see AFRICA/ page 4

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group votes on three task force proposals

Leaders unanimously approves each report

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In one of its final meetings of the year, the Campus Life Council (CLC) voted unanimously Monday on three end of the year task force proposals to be submitted to Notre Dame Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

If these reports will give Father Poorman an idea of what the task forces did this year, said senior Sheena

Plamoottil, head of the Task Force on Campus Environment, “They put the task forces’ work on paper, and are open to (Poorman’s) suggestions.”

Plamoottil’s task force’s proposal addressed two issues, Sustainability of the Body and Sustainability of the Earth.

The Sustainability of the Body portion addresses the force’s discussion on improving the quality of student life. This section is based on data from the 2010 Student Life Satisfaction Survey, which concluded the quality of student life at Notre Dame needs improvement.

The Sustainability of the Earth section addresses the environmental impact on campus and campus’ responsibility to the environment.

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Construction resumed on the roofs of Regina Hall, which has had leaky roofs for two years, in the fall semester of this year, said Bill Hambling, Director of Facilities at SaintMary’s.

“We started this roofing project last year and were unable to complete due to inclement weather,” Hambling said.

Hambling issued an e-mail to Regina residents with a schedule for construction, which is set for completion by the end of this month.

“O’Laughlin is also undergoing similar work and everything from Regina and that work site is said to be cleaned up by May 2,” he said.

Some students have found leaks in
INSIDE COLUMN

Dining Hall Doldrums

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I'm not saying everyone has to follow this pattern, but there needs to be some sort of system. People should be directed at the dining hall. If your game face isn't everything they'll essentially be reduced to a traffic cone.

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The final flaw I see most often is that people don't keep their head on a swivel. The dining hall is a crisis-crossing, zig-zagging trail map of paths to and from different food stations. Everyone needs to imagine they're running a crossing route—keep your eye on the ball, or the food, but use your peripherals as well.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT AFRICA?

Mike Roscitt

Junior

Stanford

"Matooke – it's delicious."

Marco Magallion

Freshman

Carroll

"The famous song 'Africa' by Toto comes to mind...

Jason Rodulfa

Junior Alumni

"The food – especially the free food today."

Gabby Tate

Freshman

Pangborn

"Giraffes, I've just always loved them."

Jonathan Becker

Sophomore

Morrissey

"The fashion – especially those baba's."

Adedola Giwa

Junior Alumni

"I get to wear my Baba around campus and people like it."

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ND hosts workshop on non-native animals
24 speakers from 14 countries attend event

Associated Press
NEW YORK — A theologian recalls the then-cardinal's deep understanding of Protestantism. A former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican was impressed by his interest in all things American.

Those who have met Pope Benedict XVI say the Catholic Church should expect a man who knows and admires much about the U.S., but also sees a culture in need of moral guidance.

Benedict arrives late Tuesday for a six-day visit to Washington and New York filled with high-profile events. He will meet President Bush at the White House, address leaders in Roman Catholic higher education, speak at the U.N., visit ground zero and hold two stadium Masses before leaving Sunday night.

It will be the first papal visit by Benedict since he was elected in 2005. However, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — who will celebrate a birthday and the anniversary of his election to the papacy while in the U.S. — traveled to America five times during his many years as the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog.

The Rev. David Wells, a theologian at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, says the Global Invasive Species Programme, the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group, Defenders of Wildlife, and Notre Dame's Center for Aquatic Conservation.

Benedict: Smart and savvy

Special to The Observer

Experts from around the globe gathered on the campus of Notre Dame from April 9 to 11 for the first international workshop on ways to reduce the risk of potentially invasive animals.

Non-native species invasions are a leading cause of the world-wide loss of native biodiversity and also are associated with disease risks to humans and both domesticated and wild species on which humans depend. The global costs of invasive species reach into the hundreds of billions of dollars each year, with millions of human livelihoods disrupted.

"Many countries continue to suffer needlessly from the introduction of alien animals like the Burmese python in the U.S. that turn out to be harmful to us and our natural ecosystems," David Lodge, director of Notre Dame's Center for Aquatic Conservation, said.

"If the U.S. would follow the examples from many other countries and adopt modern approaches to screening out harmful species, we could solve this problem, protect our native biodiversity, and make international trade more economically beneficial."

The workshop participants will next provide recommendations to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to help prevent the introduction, through international trade, of non-native species that cause harm. Countries that are members of the CBD decided in 2006 that more efforts were required to lower the potential risks of organisms used, for example, in aquaculture, as pets, in aquariums, and as live bait.

The workshop featured 24 invited speakers from 14 countries and included experts from government agencies, relevant industries, universities and nongovernmental organizations. Sessions focused on science, economics, different countries' practices, tools for sharing information, and international law.

Results of the workshop will be used by CBD member countries, pertinent international bodies, national policy makers, scientists and stakeholders in the live animal trade.

The report, including a Web-based resource, will provide a broad picture of current and developing practices and tools for preemptive risk screening for a range of priorities and nations.

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The finale of Africa Week, Africa Night, will take place at 10 p.m. Saturday in Washington Hall.

"Africa Night is the embodiment of what Africa is," Ossei-Anto said. "The night is a showcase of African culture: drumming, singing, dancing and anything that is part of the joyful and rich culture of Africa." The show consists of different groups performing, including dancers and singers, as well as Brazilian and American groups. They demonstrate the African Wee theme of "African Roots in Every Garden," Ossei-Anto said.

"For example, Latin dancers will salsa to some East African music," he said. "The night serves as a reminder that Africa is not just poverty. There is so much history and culture, and we want to promote it on campus."

Theo Ossei-Anto
Africa Week organizer

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CLC continues to provide student nutrition by examining campus dining halls.

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Russett stresses that journalists must thoroughly prepare for their interviews. He said he reads several publications to follow important stories on the Middle East and Asia. "It is essential that I do what I didn't do when I was in college," he said. "I had been taught that if I read my lesson before class, show up in class on time ... review my notes after class, the exam would be easy. They were right. I did not (do that), but it is what I do now, each and every day."

With the variety of news sources available today, including politically biased pamphlets and pamphleteers, Russett said the public, and not only journalists, should listen to multiple points of view.

"We are not enough to confirm your political views by only accessing and reading outlets that reinforce your views but do not challenge them," he said. Russett also addressed some challenges of interviewing politicians, including their reluctance to admit or to have changed their minds. He said he believes that people have more weighty issues to deal with and that they are sometimes reluctant to appear on the show because of the scrutiny of questions.

"A politician would much prefer that you go to their website and look at their positions or look at their 30-second commercials than have to explain them to you," he said. "They will go on the air but they also realize that there's sometimes no alternative, that it is part of the job to go before the American public and take part for the questions."

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Billy." She is a Whiting Writers Award winner and author of several books and the Richard A. Macksey Professor of Creative Writing at Johns Hopkins University. She has also been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and the National Book Prize and the PEN/ Faulkner Award.

McDermott's Irish Catholic heritage influences her writing, and she often focuses on Catholics in a changing world, Sayers said.

"Her last novel really explored what it's like to be part of a devout Catholic family from end of World War II up to the Vietnam War," Sayers said. "The only students I have changes through earth statercity and a family focus on Catholics in a changing world, Sayers said.

Vaz is a Briggs-Copeland Lecturer in Fiction at Harvard University and a former fellow at the Radcliffe Institute. She is the author of two novels, "Saudade" and "Maríana."

Sayers said Vaz's writing is "lush and poetic," and is largely influenced by her Portuguese roots.

Hoang received her Masters of Fine Arts in the University's Writing Seminars and a B.A. from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Indiana University-South Bend. She is the author of "Parabola," which won the Chikako Yamasaki First Book Contest, and "Changing," which will be out this fall from Fairy Tale Review Press.

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Russell continued out and try to bring them back to the point where they're giving an honest answer to an honest question," he said. One example of this occurred in October 2002, when Russell said 80 percent of the American population supported going to war in Iraq and two-thirds of both houses of Congress voted to authorize it. "It was a 'consensus' that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction," he said. He debated, however, whether or not leaders considered possible implications of war. "The week had been much discussion about the lead-up to the war and whether the appropriate questions were asked of leaders," Russell said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S. ally wins Italian primary election**

ROME—Silvio Berlusconi won a decisive victory Monday in Italy's parliamentary election, setting the colorful conservative apart as the next U.S. ally in turn to his third stint as premier.

The victory in Sunday and Monday by parties supporting the 71-year-old Berlusconi avenged his loss two years ago to a center-left coalition.

"I'm moved. I feel a great responsibility," he said in a phone call to RAI public television while monitors of election returns outside Milan. Italian news agencies said he had won a majority in a race with a Shiite militia stronghold in Basra.

Richard Butler's rescue after two months in captivity was a victory for the Iraqi military, which has been strongly criticized for its efforts to impose order on Iraq's second-largest city, an oil hub 340 miles southeast of Baghdad.

It came on a day in which nearly 40 people were killed or found dead nationwide—half of them in bombings near or in the northeastern city of Mosul. Roadside bombings killed two U.S. soldiers, one in Baghdad and the other in the northern Balkh province, the military said. At least 4,034 members of the American military have died since the war started in March 2003.

Butler, 47, was thin but in good condition and laughing as he was shown on Iraqi television hugging well-wishers and greeting beaming Iraqi officials.

"Thank you and I'm looking forward to seeing my family and my friends at CBS and thank you again," said Butler, who was working as a producer for "60 Minutes" when he was kidnapped in March.

"I'm pretty weak and I've lost some weight," he said later. "I'm looking forward to a decent meal."" 

Defining the gratitude was eagerly expressed by Basra security commander Gen. Moham al-Ferej as Butler was sitting on the floor with his head covered by a sack and his hands tied when the troops stumbled upon him.

Butler had been held since Feb. 10, when masked gun­men seized him and his Iraqi interpreter from Basra's Sultan Palace Hotel.

The interpreter was released within days, but Butler remained in captivity despite claims by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al­Sadr's office that it was negotiating with the kidnappers for his release. "I'm not going to do anything to help the Sadrist movement," he said.

In London, British Foreign Secretary David Milliband thanked the Iraqi security forces "for the professionalism of the task they have undertaken" and said Butler was in the care of the British consulate in Basra.

CBS News spokesman Sandy Geiszelsaid the network was "incredibly grateful that our colleague...has been released and is safe." The gratitude was eagerly accepted by the Iraqi govern­ment, which has been embarrassed by the failure of a major offensive that began on March 25 to dis­lodge militia groups from Basra.

Iraqi security forces were surprised by the ferocious resistance mounted by the outnumbered militia, despite artillery and air sup­port provided by U.S. and British forces.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Indiana's juvenile detention rates high**

MUNSTER, Ind. — Just three states jil a higher percentage of their kids than Indiana, an advocacy group says in a report on the well-being of children.

Indiana's juvenile incarceration rate stood at 4,103 in 2003, according to the Children's Defense Fund. By comparison, New Mexico had the highest rate, with 5,758, followed by California, with 5,582.

Michael Pettil, the group's president, said Indiana's high incarceration rate stems at least partially from the state's poor ranking in other areas examined in the report such as child welfare expenditures, infant mortality and births to teen mothers.

**NEW YORK — J. K. Rowling testified before a packed courtroom in a lawsuit to block publication of a Harry Potter lexicon, telling a judge that the book amounts to a "wholesale theft" of the nearly 20 years of hard work. "I know I've made enough money. That's absolutely not why I'm here," Rowling told the judge in U.S. District Court.

The British author sued Michigan-based RDR Books last year to stop publication of a book called "The Harry Potter Lexicon." The suit claimed copyright infringement. Vander Ark runs the popular Harry Potter Lexicon Web site, and RDR wants to sell a print version of the site and charge $24.95.

Rowling claims the book is nothing more than a rearrangement of her own material and told the judge that it copied so much of her work that it amounted to plagiarism. "I think it's atrocious. I think it's sloppy. I think there's very little research," she testified Monday.

"This book constitutes wholesale theft of 17 years of my hard work," she said. "This book has no right to be on sale."

RDR's lawyer, Anthony Falzone, has defended the lexicon as a reference guide, calling it a legitimate effort "to organize and discuss the complicated and very elaborate world of Harry Potter." The small publisher is not contesting that the lexicon infringes upon Rowling's copyright but argues that it is a fair use allowable by law for reference purposes.

The nonjury trial will be decided by a U.S. District Judge Robert Patterson Jr., who must determine whether the use of the material is legal because Vander Ark added his own interpretation, creativity and analysis. The testimony and arguments could last most of the week. Rowling will spend her breaks in the seclusion of a jury room, away from fans of her wildly popular series.

The trial comes eight months after Rowling published her seventh and
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from their dorm rooms. "I know of several students that were upset about the leaks but felt better after our Maintenance Supervisor Timm Ringer spent time with them and explained what was going on," Hambling said. While the construction has not impeded much of campus life, some students have found leaks in their dorm rooms. Regina resident Sarah Horn, a freshman, said she and her roommates first noticed a leak in their room when they returned from fall break in October. "At first it was just a bubble like there was too much water underground near the paint on the ceiling," Horn said. "Then it grew to what it is now." Horn said the facilities department tried to fix the problem by painting over the bubbled ceiling in the fall, but the leak persisted. "A week later it was bubbling and the paint started chipping off on to all of our stuff," she said. Horn said she isn't sure what is going to happen with the ceiling but always worries that it may get worse when she's asleep or not in the room. "There have been times when I'm afraid I'm going to wake up in the middle of the night and the bed is just going to be soaking wet," she said. "I stripped my sheets before I went home for Christmas break because you just don't know if the ceiling is going to burst open and flood the room tomorrow." She said the worst part about the leak isn't the fact that water is coming into the room. "It's not just water, it's kind of like tar water," she said, describing the thick, brown color of the liquid. "It falls into our heater so it cooks the tar water and our room smells." Hambling said the Facilities Department has spoken with students to make sure they feel comfortable in their rooms. Administrators have been trying hard to keep residents comfortable and informed, freshman Toyin Dits said. A few students, like Dits, chose to move from their rooms. She moved from her original room on Regina's fourth floor to her current room on the first floor. "The moving process went smoothly and I am enjoying my new spacious room," Dits said. The leaks in her previous room were not unlivable, she said, but Toyin Aleyemi, Regina Hall director, gave her the option of relocating and she took it. There are plans for further work on Regina Hall in the upcoming months, Hambling said in an e-mail. The building's lighting system is going to be upgraded to a more energy-efficient model, which will cut down heat emissions from the lights. This will allow for fewer costs in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, he said in the e-mail. This fall, there will be a building envelope study, he said. This study, he said, will allow Building Facilities to discover problems such as faulty insulation. It will also reduce heating and cooling costs and is another tactic to make the building more energy efficient, he said. "The information gathered from this study will assist with our deferred maintenance budget," Hambling said. Another issue students have been voicing concern about is the unused swimming pool adjacent to Regina Hall's South Lounge. It was drained and closed when students returned to campus in August 2006. "The pool had too many leaks and it became very costly to maintain," Hambling said. Building Facilities does not intend to renovate the pool, but steps will be taken to remove it. The intention is to remove the pool and the roof over it and widen the already existing courtyard within Regina. "I'm not sure of the timing for this project as we are in the process of securing funding," Hambling said. Mandi Strange and Liz Hatter contributed to this article. Contact Ashley Chanley at acham08@stmarys.edu

Scientists: Quake to hit California by 2037

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California faces an almost certain risk of being rocked by a strong earthquake by 2037, scientists said Monday in the first statewide temblor forecast.

New calculations reveal there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will strike in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

"It basically guarantees it's going to happen," said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 51 people, injured more than 9,000 and caused $25 billion in damage in the metropolis area.

The damage created by an earthquake depends greatly on where it hits. A 7.1 quake — much stronger than Northridge — hit the Mojave Desert in 1994 but caused only a few injuries and no deaths.

California is one of the world's most seismically active regions. More than 300 faults crisscross the state, which sits atop two of Earth's major tectonic plates, the Pacific and North American plates. About 10,000 quakes each year rattle Southern California alone, although most of them are too small to be felt.

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U.S. food prices continue to rise

Business owners, consumers struggle with the worst food inflation in 17 years

NEW YORK — Steve Tarpin can bake a graham cracker crust in his sleep, but explaining why the price for a bag of flour went from $20 to $25 required mastering a thornier topic than global economics.

He recently wrote a letter to his customers and posted it near the cash register listing the factors — dairy prices driven higher by the expected shrinking of up milk supplies, heat waves in Europe and California, demand from emerging markets and the weak dollar.

The owner of Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies in Brooklyn said he didn't want customers thinking he was "jacking up prices because I have a unique product."

"I have to justify it," he said.

The U.S. is wrestling with the worst food inflation in 17 years, and analysts expect new data due on Wednesday to show it's getting worse. That's putting the squeeze on poor families and forcing bakeries, bagel shops and delis to explain price increases to their customers.

U.S. food prices rose 4 percent in 2007, compared with an annual gain of 2.5 percent a year earlier, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And the agency predicts it could get worse, with a rise of as much as 4.5 percent.

Higher prices for food and energy are again expected to figure in the government's role in pushing the government's consumer price index higher in March.

Analysts are forecasting that the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index report will show the Consumer Price Index rose at a 4 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, up from last year's overall rate of 2.8 percent.

For the U.S. poor, any increase in food costs sets them asking about how they might use the water to their soup, water-down their milk, or give their children soda because it's cheaper than milk.

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Threatening messages close 3 midwest colleges

St. Xavier University, Malcolm X College, Oakland University shut down due to graffiti

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A message scrawled in a university bathroom — "he prepared to die on 4/14" — left not just the college’s campus empty Monday, but also those of two adjoining high schools and a pair of nearby elementary schools.

After the precautions were taken at St. Xavier University on the city’s southwest side, Malcolm X College evacuated students and canceled daytime classes Monday after a similar threat was found in a bathroom at the campus west of downtown. And Michigan’s Oakland University was closed to campus because of threatening graffiti mentioning April 14.

The campuses, two days before the anniversary of the Virginia Tech killings and two months after the deadly rampage at Northern Illinois University, illustrate the challenge such threats pose to school administrators, who have to decide just how seriously to take them.

"I can see why they’re doing it for the safety of the kids. But I see it as over the top," said Lynn Ruggiero, whose daughter is a freshman at one of the high schools that shares a campus with Xavier and closed Monday.

Ruggiero said she figures "they’re getting a certain satisfaction" from putting thousands of Chicago students out of class. Still, she doesn’t think school officials have a hard time pleasing everyone.

"If they hadn’t closed, people would have said, ‘How come you didn’t do it?’"

St. Xavier and Malcolm X are located about 15 miles apart, and despite the fact that the threats had similar wording, there was no indication they were related.

Chicago police spokesman Monique Bond said the graffiti at St. Xavier was widely publicized over the weekend, and also contained in updates the college placed on its Web site.

While St. Xavier decided Friday to close until further notice, classes at Malcolm X resumed late Monday afternoon after bomb-sniffing dogs swept the campus.

Oakland University, an 18,000-student state school about 20 miles north of Detroit, planned to resume classes Tuesday. The graffiti that prompted its shutdown also made a reference to "4/14" but didn’t specify a type or time of an attack, university spokesman Ted Montgomery said.

School administrators’ decisions about handling threats can be made easier by having a plan in place should a crisis arise, said Larry Consalvos, senior vice president at JX Corp., a security consulting firm which works with universities on campus safety.

"Schools have to deal with the chain of command, first responders, communications and alarm systems is vital," Consalvos said. "And administrators have to decide when to monitor a situation and when to shut down a campus."

"I don’t think you can be cavalier about the seriousness of any threat," Consalvos said.

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Craig Fiegel
district superintendent

"At what point is it serious and at what point do you have to go on with it?"

Edelena Lee
was one of a number of students arriving for class Monday afternoon at Malcolm X who had not heard of the threat, or that the school had been locked down. Despite disappointment that she may have wasted a trip to campus, she had no problem with the decision to close the school, particularly so soon after a gunman opened fire and killed five students and himself in February at NU, about 65 miles west of Chicago.

"I think people have issues nowadays," said Lee, 30. "You can never be too cautious."
ZIMBABWE

Court rejects election appeal

Opposition party calls national strike, Tsvangirai claims election was rigged

Associated Press

HARARE — Zimbabwe’s High Court rejected an appeal Monday for the immediate release of presidential election results, dashed hopes for an end to a paralyzing political crisis and prompting the opposition to call a nationwide strike.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai says he won the March 29 election outright and has accused President Robert Mugabe of holding back the results to try to maintain his 28-year grip in power. Independent tallies show Tsvangirai won, but did not receive enough votes to prevent a runoff.

Tsvangirai’s Movement for Democratic Change had hoped the court — though stacked with Mugabe loyalists — would force the election commission to release the results after a 16-day wait. The commission, which published results for parliamentary and local elections within several days of the election, said it can’t release the presidential results until it investigates electoral anomalies.

In rejecting the opposition petition, the court ruled that the commission’s explanation was “legally valid,” and said the electoral body “has not strayed from the law.”

Government spokesman Bright Matonga praised the ruling and dismissed charges of bias.

“The electoral commission should be allowed to do its job,” he said.

Tsvangirai accused the election commission of working for the ruling party. “Now, for the next three or four weeks, [the commission] will drag the time, while people get beaten and a new electoral environment is being created,” he said.

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ISRAEL

Carter offers to meet with top Hamas leader

Former U.S. president claims ostricizing anti-Israel movement is counterproductive

Associated Press

AIRPORT CITY — Former President Jimmy Carter said Monday in an interview published in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that he would be willing to meet with top Hamas leaders to press for a cease-fire in the Mideast conflict. Carter’s plan comes as the Bush administration is under increasing pressure to mediate the current conflict.

“Is it not a cruelty that we should be in our homes, expressing our dissatisfaction?” MDC spokesman Nelson Chamisa asked.

“Now, for the next three or four weeks, the commission will drag the time, while people get beaten and a new electoral environment is being created,” Morgan Tsvangirai, the MDC’s leader, said.

The MDC called a nationwide strike for Tuesday to protest what would be the first major protest since the elections.

The police have banned all political rallies, and opposition officials said Tuesday’s action would be a quiet “stay away” not a raucous strike complete with street protests.

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MDC spokesman

Israel’s top leaders are boycotting talks with Mashaal, saying they will not see the Hamas leader until he fulfills promises to end violence and resume negotiations for peace.

Meanwhile, opposition officials said violence was spreading. Looting and arson attacks since Thursday in the northeastern town of Gilo — a former Mideast peace conference outside Tel Aviv — have killed two people and injured at least 40.

“We can’t say that they will be amenable to any suggestions, but at least after I meet with them I can go back and relay what they say, as just a communicator, to the leaders of the United States,” he said.

The U.S. and Israel have blacklisted Hamas for its history of killing hundreds of Israelis with suicide bombing attacks and its refusal to renounce violence and recognize the Jewish state.

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I have no problem with drinking per se. On the contrary, it can not only be un-sinful, but positively good. Enjoying a beer can make you a humbler, more thankful, better person. Ben Franklin said beer was better than God that loves us and wishes us to be happy. There are surely other proofs, like a baby’s smile, but good beer can help one realize that behind all appearances in this vale of tears, the ultimate reality is joy. Didn’t Homer write that ale does more than Milton can justify. God’s ways to man! Catholics can boast, among others, Chesterton and Walker Percy as able apologists for beer and bourbon, respectively. David Allan Coe couldn’t have written The Greatest Song Ever ("...I was drunk the day my Mom got out of prison..."). Without some liquid inspiration, I trust trutheans will see it as little as I trust vegetarians (Hitler was both, by the way), and as C.S. Lewis observed, there’s a certain sort of evil man who wishes to deny others the honest delights he’s given up himself. We’re right to be suspicious about condemnations of drinking. You’ll have to be dumb or dishonest, though, to believe that recent condemnations of drinking in these pages — or those that appear almost annually I have been directed toward this sort of drinking, that alcohol has true goodness of heart and bonhommie. Nor is it just the amount of consumption that’s been criticized. There’s all kinds of drunkenness after all. There’s just-lost-my-job drunk, just-got-engaged drunk, service-man-on-leave-well-behaved drunk (alcohol and soccer are great with-life drunk, etc. The sort of alcohol abuse I saw most often at Notre Dame, though, and the sort people find most annoying, is look-at-me-aren’t-I-cool! drunk. And if you wonder how you can tell, I promise you it’s not too hard. Plus, I’ve been there myself.

The recent criticisms of alcohol abuse at Notre Dame — it’s unhealthy, it’s immoral, it’s inconsiderate, had decisions often follow — have been some-what amusing. News Rush, Earth to responsible people: those whose actions you’re criticizing don’t care. In fact, these criticisms just reinforce their deci-
disions to drink. These consequences of drinking just make it all the more attractive to them. They think they’re being quite transcendent, after all. Do you think they really didn’t know some-one else has to clean up their messes, and someone else has to listen to their noise?

What I’d argue instead is that acting like you’ve just discovered alcohol and want everyone to see, far from showing the world how cool you are, is actually just suggests — strongly — that you were terribly sheltered at high school. Whenever I saw someone at Notre Dame who began half his sentences with "I was sooooo wasted..." I thought, ‘Mommy still tucks him in when he’s home.’ I’m not suggesting it’s good to go through high school drunk. But better high school than college. The immaturity associated with binge drinking and related behaviors is more age-appropri-
ate for high schoolers. High school’s largely a waste anyway, needlessly long and hardly challenging (I say this as a high school teacher).

But college should be different, right? I deeply regret that not every day I spent at Notre Dame was special, the kind of day you never forget which I’d made more of the opportunities I had there — even academic ones. With no fiber of my being do I wish I’d spent a single night stumbling around drunk at The Linebacker, acting like an ass, full dives, explain why I should. I'd just been bowling instead...

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I welcome the inevitable hate mail. But please, when you tell me how many keep you and your bobs have "killed", how much time you spend at whichever dives, explain why I should be impressed. And do try to write without the heavy snarky sarcasm — "You’re awesome, I wish I could be like you" — that lately has seemed like the only method of discussion in the newspa-
per. It’s not very clever, or funny.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Any fool can tell the truth, but it requires a man of some sense to know how to lie for it." — Samuel Butler

*English satirical author*
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

T.V. and friendships

I write in response to Nikki Huiras (“Why stop at alcohol?” April 14) and her claim that television is detrimental to student academics, health and social lives. Despite the fact that I’d like to point out that she is illegitimizing a large group of people majoring in Film, Television, and Theater, I would like to refute many of her claims.

First of all, considering our high graduation rate, Notre Dame students are hardly falling. I myself watch television several hours a day, but I am far from falling and that is despite the fact that I watch “America’s Next Top Model.” I also resent the implication that I would be boring because I watch a lot of T.V. I think T.V. has helped me learn more about the world through things like news and the History Channel, therefore becoming better informed and therefore interesting. Second, as far as the fact that T.V. is bad for your health by impairing vision and encouraging weight gain, it is true that T.V. can do that, but I would argue that spending hours sitting around reading and doing homework can do the same thing. I think most students make sure they fit physical activity into their lives. Finally, T.V. has helped my social life in many ways. Often, T.V. is a way for me to instantly connect with someone I have just met. We discover we like the same show, have long conversation, get together to watch show, bond, become best friends. When I was traveling in Switzerland I made friends with an Australian girl over conversation that began due to a mutual like of the show “Friends.” We still remain great friends a year later. I have connected with my mom as we watched “Gilmore Girls” together, laughed over “The Office” with my dad, bonded with my sisters over “Teen and Kate Plus 8.” Just as Nikki connected with her grandmother with religious TV.

I don’t make any claim that T.V. is completely good, but it is certainly not quite as demon as Nikki makes it out to be. Therefore, I will end my comments as I watch reruns of “Full House” and reminisce about the good times I had watching it with my sisters while growing up.

Molly Rivard
Wells Family Hall
April 14

Abortion not a Holocaust

First of all, I don’t want to discuss pro-life vs. pro-choice in this letter but rather the usage of the Holocaust in connection with abortion. Coming from a country which was engaged in the mass-killing of Jewish people under Hitler, Austria, I was surprised to what extent the Holocaust is used for pro-life propaganda here in the United States. I was even more surprised when I read the sentence “Though educating ourselves about the Holocaust of our time is important, I…” on the homepage of Notre Dame Right to Life (http://www.nd.edu/~prolife/legislation/). The Notre Dame pro-life group should consider a few facts before using the term: Abortion is not the result of a centuries old Anti-Semitism which cumulated in the industrialized extermination of Jews, men and children (peopled called “Jewish” not comparable to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. The singularity of the Holocaust is not comparable to any other event in human history. Hence it is disrespectful to the dead and in Jewish people’s today to consider abortion a Holocaust. It is morally wrong and my eyes disgusting to trivialize the suffering and death of millions of people who died during the Nazi terror regime in order to use it for certain propaganda purposes. I don’t know if it is either a lack of historical knowledge or simply an intellectual shortcoming to connect the Holocaust with abortion, but I know that it is completely inappropriate for a group at a high profile academic institution like Notre Dame.

Florian Plocek
graduate student
off-campus
April 10

GOP misunderstood

This is a direct response to a letter recently written to The Observer titled, “GOP not pro-life” (April 9). Francisco, I find what you wrote not only appalling but very invalid. You, as so many people interested and involved in politics, make dumb generalizations about Republicans — we only care about whites, upper-middle and upper class people, Catholics, men and ourselves (people exactly like us). Please read clearly — you are wrong. Maybe you should realize that we care about our nation, its status, and the people living in it — all of them. How can you say “Catholic pro-lifers” do not care about women, those being tortured, the poor, the environment, or those around the world who need our help? That is ridiculous, I guarantee they overlap on more occasions. Do not be so inclined to think that people who feel strongly about not killing babies and are pro-life have no other views. They even care about Liberals like you and only want you to understand their views; they are not just trying to be a “beacon of light and truth” like we do when we argue our opinions. Overall, what I must say is if we want to talk about generalizing political parties, then you, as a liberal, must not care about babies and our nation’s security among many other things. I, on the other hand, will simply say your argument is completely flawed; also, you may want to think twice about writing such statements that make not only you look bad but your beloved Democratic party. I am pretty sure even Hillary Clinton wouldn’t make such a dumb and untrue statement. Oh, and just so you are aware, my vote goes to John McCain for the 2008 presidency not just because he is pro-life.

Kevin Kimberly
Medill O’Neill Hall
April 9

Ticket prices too high

It’s that time again. The ice has thawed, spring is in the air, and student ticket booklets have gone on sale. The Administration has simplified the process by making the switch to an online exchange (for a $5 surcharge), but its policy of taking advantage of student demand remains the same. When the class of 2008 arrived for their first season in 2004, season ticket books were $159. The cost for the upcoming season is $195, nearly a $40 increase in four years. This year’s cost is down from last season due to the fact that the Irish only play six games at home in 2008, but the reduction from last year’s total of $208 is only thirteen dollars. Watching the home opener last year was certainly worth about $13. Although the student body is grateful for the fact that we have the privilege of guaranteed season tickets, it is disheartening that the University continues to habitually raise prices for a good that they know full well has an inelastic demand, while they continue to raise prices for tuition. Let’s hope that Coach Weis and the boys in blue and gold provide some justification for the University’s shameless financial excesses.

Ryan O’Connor
journalism
April 14

Girls in the Glee Club

I just listened on iTunes to a great version of our Victory March. Unfortunately, it was by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It sounded great because it was co-ed! I LOVE our Glee Club but with women being over 50 percent of the student population, shouldn’t it be co-ed?

Alex Calabrese
drama
clan of ’95
April 7
Dave Matthews, the popular vocalist and guitarist best known for fronting his eponymous Grammy-winning rock band, has been actively campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.). Matthews spoke with The Observer last week about Obama, politics and his band’s recent music projects before taking the stage at Indiana University for a free acoustic concert promoting Obama’s campaign, attended by over 17,000 students. Guitarist Tim Reynolds accompanied Matthews at the Indiana concert. Reynolds is Matthews’ long-time friend and playing partner who has played at Notre Dame’s Legends club twice in recent years. “It’s an interesting time,” said Matthews about the 2008 presidential race. “It’s been about 40 years since we’ve had a candidate that really inspires young people in a large way.”

Matthews publicly announced his endorsement of Obama in February, via a letter to fans. Matthews’ campaign activities for Obama are not his first foray into politics. Dave Matthews Band played on the 2004 “Vote for Change” tour with artists such as R.E.M. and Bruce Springsteen. They also played at President Bill Clinton’s Inaugural Ball in January 1997. A big part of why Matthews supports Obama’s campaign is the Illinois senator’s position on the war in Iraq. But Matthews sees more than just an anti-war appeal in Obama.

“A big part of it, for me, is the dimension of his ideas,” Matthews said. “I think he does have real plans, although often the argument against him is that he’s all talk in a way. I think his ideas are real and I think his plans are real.”

“But more than that is sort of a philosophy that goes along with what he says. I think what this country needs more than anything is a leader that will inspire us to do our best and to get involved in the political system. I think it’s really important that we have someone that raises our stakes, or makes us feel as though we are more than a consumer — that we’re citizens.”

Matthews and his band have sold 31 million albums in the United States and won a Grammy Award in 1997. Beyond his band’s success, Matthews said he feels that it is important for him to speak up on national issues. “I believe that everyone should have their own opinion and I believe everyone should act on what they think is right in a democracy,” Matthews said. “But, I don’t mind standing up and saying what I believe. Hopefully I can inspire some people to register to vote and hopefully most of those with college students — the bulk of Matthews’ fan base.

“People have been excluded, just un-inspired to a large degree, by the political system here in America for quite a while,” Matthews said. “Often, the views that they reflect are the views of their parents.”

Matthews was passionate when speaking to reporters about why the 2008 campaign offers many young people the opportunity to engage in politics. “The candidates are really interesting in this race and may well inspire kids to change their minds and get more involved,” Matthews said. “I think the young vote, in a sense, is the most important vote because it’s the vote for their future. They have the most at stake and they have big ideas. Getting those qualified available in the political system will improve it.”

Matthews, who spent part of his youth in South Africa under apartheid, was impressed by Obama’s March 18 speech in Philadelphia on race in America in the wake of the fracas over videos of sermons given by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama’s former pastor from Chicago. “I admired his response to the scandalous allegations about him being connected to the state-
ments of his pastor," Matthews said. "I thought his response was to make it into an opportunity to discuss race relations, rather than react and start defending himself. It was a beautiful speech. I was surprised by the eloquence of it — in the midst of all that scandal and the sort of fast-editing of news channels — that what he said cut through so beautifully."

Matthews believes that Obama's eloquence on America's race relations is a major factor in his admiration of the Democratic senator. "It's an issue to me that has been swept under the rug in this country," Matthews said. "Somehow people don't feel it needs to be addressed, we just pretend it's somehow past and that we'll get over it eventually. I think the way Obama addressed it was incredible, actually."

Heynolds publicly supported progressive Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich in his 2004 and 2008 campaigns for the Democratic Party's nomination for president. Matthews was quick to point out that he supports Kucinich as well. "Dennis Kucinich is awesome," said Matthews, adding that he and Reynolds "agree on political issues more than disagree."

Outside of his political activities, Matthews has been busy as of late, including talking with the Dalai Lama in Seattle and recording a new studio album with his band. Reynolds joined Dave Matthews Band in the studio for the first time since 1998. Reynolds has been happy with the recording process so far. "It's really great," Reynolds said. "It's a lot of fun."

"We [DMB] are laughing a lot, which I think is important," Matthews said about his band's current studio work. "We're all writing together." Dave Matthews Band, a member of the RCA label, last released a studio album in 2005, produced by Mark Batson and entitled "Stand Up." Reynolds and Matthews released a live album of their acoustic show at Radio City Music Hall in 2007. Their current recording sessions are different than for "Stand Up," Matthews said. "It's a change right now. Matthews said. "It's difficult to be in an organism in a group of people, in a gang that stays the same for so long. There's a lot of crap that comes along with it. This time, for whatever reason, it's really open and we're in each other's faces a lot. It's good."

Green Day and Goo Goo Dolls producer Rob Cavallo is turning the knobs for DMB this time in the studio. Matthews has been impressed by Cavallo's work. "He's just sort of slipped in like one of us," Matthews said. "He's very subtle. I enjoy having him there. He's very involved in the whole process. We're all very calm in there and the music is what seems to be inspired."

Reynolds, who last played at Legends in February with his band TR3, played a seventeen-song set in front of a capacity crowd at Indiana. The set was highlighted by a lush rendition of the Dave Matthews Band rarity "The Dreaming Tree," Reynolds' solo on his instrumental song "Stream," and a funky take on "Save Me," a track off Matthews' 2003 solo album "Some Devil."

Reynolds and Matthews, when they're together, bring out the best in each other. Backstage, Reynolds and Matthews were amiable with Obama staffers and other reporters, ribbing each other good-naturedly and laughing in the Hoosiers' locker room under the Assembly Hall bleachers.

Matthews first met Reynolds in the late-1980s in Charlottesville, Va., where Matthews was a bartender and Reynolds was an older, well-known local musician. Soon after they met, Reynolds and Matthews began to play music together, with Reynolds eventually encouraging Matthews to begin his own band. How does Reynolds explain the unique chemistry between these long-time friends? "It's the Einstein equation," said Reynolds with a laugh.

Reporter Bob Costa's interview with Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds will air on NTW on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 11:00 PM ET. NTW is available on channel 53 on the Notre Dame and St. Mary's College campuses, as well as channel 121-8 on Comcast Digital in the South Bend, Ind., area.

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Sailing

Notre Dame placed fourth at the NUCA-2009 ED-Return to College Championships at the Columbia Yacht Club this week. The Irish qualified for the national competition in Los Angeles in two weeks.

The Irish men's and women's teams edging out the Irish were Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Trailing the Irish were Northwestern, Toledo, Chicago, and Michigan State, Iowa and Ohio State.

The Irish A team finished 17th and the B team sixth in their division's races. Eight teams qualified for nationals in team racing, being held this summer in Newport, R.I. The results are even more impressive given that most of the races were held from gusty to very gusty conditions.

Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame swept 21st in the NIVCA Collegiate Volleyball Sport Championships over the weekend, a drop-off from top-10 finishes the past two seasons.

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — After putting together one of the best freshman seasons ever, Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA.

Kansas State's All-American freshman announced Monday that he will skip his final three seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the No. 1 overall pick.

"It's time to take my game to the next level," Beasley said as his family and several teammates looked on. "I think I proved myself over the course of the season. I just think it's time for new challenges."

Beasley dominated his lone college season, averaging 26.5 points and becoming just the third freshman in NCAA history to lead the nation in rebounds at 12.4 per game. He had the second-most rebounds and third-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament victory in 20 years.

Beasley also was a consensus All-American, was named Big 12 player of the year and finished second to North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough for numerous player of the year awards.

A 6-foot-10 power forward, Beasley is exceptionally versatile, able to power his way inside or step out to the perimeter, shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc.

NBA officials came out in droves to watch him play at nearly every game and some general managers spent three to four days at a time in Manhattan, leading to speculation that Beasley would be the No. 1 overall draft pick if he left school early.

Millions of dollars awaits Beasley in the NBA, but it still wasn't an easy decision to leave school.

He spent the weekend debating whether he should stay or go, talking with family, friends and coaches about the NBA. It wasn't until Monday morning, just hours before his self-imposed deadline, that Beasley made his final decision.

Beasley said at the start of the season that he wanted to play at Kansas State for four years, that he had made a commitment and wanted to earn a degree. He started hinting that he might not stick around early in the season and ultimately decided the money was just too much to pass up.
Allegations against Olympian dismissed

Associated Press

Track and Field's world governing body dismissed doping allegations against former Olympic sprint champion Maurice Greene, throwing its support behind the man who once held the 100-meter world record.

Greene also denied the accusations, which were made by a witness in a U.S. government investigation into sports doping and reported this past weekend in the New York Times.

"None of this is new," International Association of Athletics Federations spokesman Nick Davies told The Associated Press. "There is no reason to take action against Maurice."

Davies said the IAAF would continue to use Greene as one of its goodwill ambassadors to promote the sport in the run-up to the Beijing Olympics.

"With every ambassador we do an immediate check with the doping department," Davies said by telephone from IAAF headquarters in Monaco. "In this case they said, 'No, we don't have anything.'"

The Times reported that the witness, Angel Guillermo Heredia, said he advised and supplied banned substances to track coach Trevor Graham and athletes including Greene and Marion Jones.

"I read about this guy and this rumor four years ago," Davies said.

Citing court filings, the Times said that Heredia - identified as Source A in the documents - agreed to be a cooperating witness when investigators confronted him with evidence of his own drug trafficking and money laundering. The newspaper said Heredia provided prosecutors with the names of elite athletes, including 12 Olympic medal winners, who allegedly used performance-enhancing substances, and also provided documentation.

Among his clients, the Times said Heredia identified Greene, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and five-time world champion who never previously has been linked to doping, Greene, who retired in February, never failed a doping test.

Greene told Britain's Daily Telegraph that he had met with Heredia but did not receive or use any drugs.

"This is a bad situation for me," he was quoted as saying in Monday's editions. "My name’s coming up in something and it’s not true. ... I told him I didn’t have anything when he was talking to me. I told him I don’t believe in this stuff."
Associated Press

With his three All-Star teammates resting, Pau Gasol had 23 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Boston Celtics to a 99-93 win over the New York Knicks on Monday night in what may have been Isaiah Thomas's final home game as Knick's coach. Boston improved to 65-16 despite giving Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen the night off. Sam Cassell added 22 points for the Celtics, who learned during the game they will face the Atlanta Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

Nate Robinson scored 26 points, and David Lee had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who fell to 23-58 and need a win in their season finale at Indiana to avoid tying the franchise record for losses.

Donnie Walsh, who replaced Thomas as team president earlier this month, has said Thomas will finish the season as coach before he decides on next season. Walsh said he has no timetable, other than wanting to see the team improve next season, which is why he added before the draft, but realizes the speculation means he probably needs to announce his decision much sooner.

Thomas, who was bound during the last few introductions and in the final minute, wouldn't say if he even wanted to be the coach next season, only that he's always done whatever the Knicks have asked of him. He added before the game he wouldn't be surprised thinking that this could be the end.

"I haven't really let my mind go to that place," he said. "Whatever Donnie wants of me and whatever he wants me to do, I'll do it.

Boston coach Doc Rivers said before the game he wanted his Big Three to play just once in the final two games and instead opted for the home finale Wednesday against New Jersey. Allen and Pierce watched the entire active action from the bench before joining Garnett, who stayed in the locker room throughout. They missed an impressive performance from their point guards.

Rondo made the first basket of the fourth quarter to wipe out the Knicks last lead and later in the period converted a difficult three-point play, knocking in a jumper while being hit in the face by Ronaldo Balkman to make it 84-79.

Cassell buried two 3-pointers in the final 3:41, the last extending Boston's lead to 95-88 with 2:05 to play. The Celts beat the Knicks for the sixth straight time, sweeping the series for the first time since the 2002-03 season.

Knicks rookie Wilson Chandler, who had 11 points and 13 rebounds, sprained his left knee in the third quarter. X-rays were negative.

Cavaliers 91, Sixers 90

Devin Brown sank two free throws with 0.2 seconds left after Philadelphia was brought back from the locker room and the game seemingly over to lift the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 91-90 win over the 76ers on Monday night.

The Sixers appeared to have won after Lou Williams hit a fadeaway jumper with 5.1 seconds left — his second go-ahead basket in the final minute.

Instead, Brown was foiled by Samuel Dalembert with only a fraction of a second left on the clock.

Rondo thought the game was over and ran off the court, while the ref s coddled at midcourt to look at the replay. The Cavaliers stayed on the bench, with some peaking over and hoping to bear the decision.

After the play was reviewed for a few minutes, Dalembert was hit with his sixth foul. The Sixers had to come back and watch Brown stum them for the controversial win.

Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks argued with the refs and guard Andre Miller punched the ball in frustration.

LeBron James scored 27 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 22 and the Cavaliers clinched home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The defending Eastern Conference champs and No. 4 seed Cavaliers got to start their title defense at home against the Washington Wizards. The Cavs and Wizards will play in the first round for the third straight year.

Miller scored 14 straight points for his third three-quarter to 3:27 of the third when he finally got some scoring help from his teammates.

The Sixers pulled as close as three points in the third quarter, but James hit him in the final seconds for their 34-35 March win.

While the 76ers already know their playoff backs are more than enough to eliminate the very sub-.500 Indiana Pacers from the playoff race, 112-105 Monday.

Coach Eddie Jordan went to his bench early and often, getting 31 points from Roger Mason Jr., 14 from Andray Blatche and Young and little resistance from the Wizards' defense.

The Wizards, who have won five of six, entered the game with a chance to gain home-court advantage in their upcoming first-round playoff series against Cleveland. Even with a win, it would have given Gilbert Arenas the night off and given Caron Butler another night to recover from a bruised knee.

And the Cavaliers won in Philadelphia to guarantee finishing ahead of Washington in the Eastern Conference.

Once the game was under way, the starters frequently gave way to the reserves, creating a remarkably casual feel given its playoff implications. Before the game, a crowd that mostly sat on its hands, the Wizards' reserves outscored the starters 70-47. The disparity was even greater after DeShawn Stevenson left with a sprained right knee in the third quarter and early in the second half with a score back.

The Pacers needed to win their last two games and have Atlanta lose two straight to make the playoffs. They didn't put up much of a fight until the very end.

The Wizards never trailed and were led by 17 in the second quarter, by 22 in the third and 101-83 — early in the fourth. They didn't let Indiana within double digits, just two points more than the Bulls scored in a season-high in the final 20 seconds and 14 more than they scored in a win over the Pacers in Jan.

The Bulls kept extending the lead, hitting the century mark with 6:32 to go in the third quarter off Tyrus Thomas' jumper, and holding a 120-101 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Bulls 151, Bucks 135

LaDell Deng scored 32 points on 11-of-16 shooting, including eight of 15 from beyond the arc, and Gordon added 29 points as the Chicago Bulls fell just short of a franchise-record 30th win by shooting percentage with a 151-135 victory Monday over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

The Bulls also got 22 points and 15 points from Carlos Boozer, who missed two straight, and three other players finished in double digits as Chicago fell four points short of the franchise regulation record set in 1990.

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Johnson makes season debut in Giants 5-4 win

Associated Press

Randy Johnson had a hard time finding the strike zone in his season debut on Sunday after back surgery.

Still, the San Francisco Giants eked out an 8-4 win against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Johnson, 44, who underwent surgery on Dec. 17 after herniating a disk in his back last August, allowed six hits and two runs in seven innings in his season debut.

The Giants loaded the bases in the seventh inning with no outs against reliever Chad Qualls (10-11), who allowed Ray Durham's three-run RBI groundout followed by Bengie Molina's go-ahead sacrifice fly.

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A-Rod hits homer No. 521 in Yankees' 8-7 win over Rays

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez reached another milestone. Robinson Cano made sure it came in a victory.

Cano's pinch-hit Homer snapped an eighth-inning tie, and Rodriguez hit No. 521 to match Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Willie Mays on the career list during the New York Yankees' 8-7 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

"It definitely humbles you," Rodriguez said. "I'm at a point in my career where you do some things and you start touching some of these names. It's hard to believe."

With shortstop Derek Jeter back in the lineup, Yankees starter Jameson Taillon cruised into the seventh inning with a 7-2 lead before he was hit on the right hip by Jason Bartlett's line drive.

The infield single knocked a hobbling Kennedy out of the game, and Tampa Bay hit three quick runners off New York's bullpen before the inning was over to tie the score 7-7.

Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer off left-hander Billy Traber. R.J. Upton added a two-run drive off winner Brian Bruney, then rookie Evan Longoria connected against Bruney (1-0) for his first major league home run.

But Cano, who entered hitting .170 and was rested by manager Joe Girardi, came off the bench in front of a long homer to right off Al Reyes (1-2).

"I think the team needed it a lot more than Bobby," Rodriguez said. "Bobby is going to be fine. Robby is great hitter. He's going to hit well over .300, and probably make the All-Star game."

It was Cano's second career pinch-hit shot.

"I hope to start from here," he said.

Mariano Rivera got four outs for his fourth save in four opportunities.

Kennedy said he was sore in the muscle area just below the hip bone, but expects to make his next start.

Rodriguez connected in the first inning against Andy Sonnanstine and finished with four hits. A-Rod tied Williams and Mays for 15th place on the career home run list.

The Yankee slugger, who went 4-for-5, and McCovery for 15th place on the career home run list.

The homer was also A-Rod's 17th with the Yankees, moving him past Bobby Murcer for 10th on the franchise Yankee career list.

Rodriguez has 36 games with four or more hits and an unearned run in the first inning against Andy Sonnanstine, who retired him in the first inning.

He'd like to have the A-Rod one back because we put it up until tonight he hadn't gotten me out," Sonnanstine said.

"But he's one of the best hitters in baseball," Crawford said. "Eric Hinske got a run-scoring double one inning later."

"I love the fight," Rodriguez pumped his right fist and screamed with joy when he hit his clutch triple and clenched his throwing hand again as he slid home just ahead of the tag on Lance Berkman's liner to left.

The Rays sold 32,000 tickets on the crisp, cool night and many fans booed early and when an errors and walk-at-bats helped Minnesota take a 9-4 lead after hitting in the seventh.

But for the several thousand supporters that stuck around, they had a chance to cheer wildly as Detroit won for the first time after trailing following the sixth, seventh or eighth inning.

Justin Morneau — one of four Twins to drive in two runs — hit a two-run single to help the Twins score four in the seventh to take a five-run lead.

It wasn't enough.

Rodriguez hit a solo homer in the home half off right fielder Benoit Pargo's glove.

In the eighth, Magglio Ordonez hit an RBI double and Guillen had an RBI single before Rodriguez hit his two-run triple.

"The most glaring point of the game was the fact that a club was 2-10, gets within one then gives up four and battles like they did," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "I think that says a lot about this team.

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McFadden ready for life in the pros

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — From the outside, it looks like an ordinary home. A small one-story building near the Arkansas State Fair Grounds.

It's a bright, sunny Saturday in this low-income community. The neighborhood is quiet.

Inside, the family's front door, and enter a different world.

The story of Darren McFadden — or more specifically, the world of Mini Muhammad.

From her cramped living room, she tells the story of her supernova son — the biggest name in this year's NFL draft.

"We've always been humble. We're all happy for Darren. He done brought a little bit of excitement. Muhammad says. "We normally have excitement, but he's brought something into this."

Muhammad's life has had more than its share of bad excitement. She speaks openly of her past drug use — and the obstacles McFadden has grown up surrounded by gang violence. In a couple weeks, though, McFadden will realize a football player's dream. The star running back out of Boise State will see his name in lights.

"Mini tells you like it is," Conley says. "There's no scripts, no censoring.

Conley is familiar with the young warriors families as she preps for the financial benefits of athletic stardom.

"They really don't have a conceptual idea of the money Darren can make, which is not a bad thing," Conley says. "To be honest with you, none of us would, coming from most of our backgrounds.

McFadden's family is used to the limelight.

"Darren is in Tampa," she says. "He was just in Boston — I keep getting them mixed up. He was just in Boston Tuesday, and he was somewhere else Friday.

In a couple weeks, McFadden will know where he'll start his pro career. Then he'll sign his first pro contract.

"Everybody probably thinks that we're like, 'Oh, we're going to get rich off this.' That has not even occurred to us," Muhammad says. "We're concentrating on Darren. We want him to get out there and he the host in what he's doing out there...

Really, it hasn't even dawned on us about Darren going to the pros. We're just happy for him, and we're just happy for him."

Red Sox outfielder Manny Ramirez celebrates after his two-run homer gave the Red Sox a 6-4 win Tuesday.

snapping the shortstop's 0-for-16 slump. Coco Crisp sacrificed on a bang-bang play at first and Dustin Pedroia followed with a sacrifice fly to deep left, scoring Lugo to tie it 4-4.

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The home run was Ramirez's 16th against his former team tied the long-haired hitting machine with Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig and Fred McGriff for 24th on the career list.

Borowski has blown two saves in a row, and is concerned about a loss in velocity that he's going to have his arm examined.

"I'm grasping at straws. I think we're going to get it checked. Maybe it's nothing, maybe it is. It's driving me crazy, too," he said.

Mike Timlin (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth and Jonathan Papelbon worked the ninth for his fifth save. But Boston middle reliever Julian Tavarez was the unsung star.

He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth by striking out Ryan Garko and Jason Michaels to keep the Red Sox down 4-1.

"Tavarez gave us a chance," Francona said. "That's not going to happen all the time.

MLB

Manny's blast gives Red Sox win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez wasn't sure if Indians closer Joe Borowski threw him a fastball or a changeup.

It was certain of one thing, however.

"It was right there," he said.

Then, it was over.

 Ramirez hit a two-run homer — No. 493 of his career — and Boston, down one entering the ninth inning, rallied for three runs against Borowski for a 6-4 win Monday night over Cleveland in a stunning rerun of last October's AL championship series.

Ramirez's shot to left off Borowski (0-2) was just the latest. Red Sox comeback against the Indians. Last fall, Boston rallied from a 3-1 ALC deficit to beat Cleveland and advance to the World Series. The stakes weren't nearly as high this time, but the Red Sox came through again.

And so did Ramirez, who hit his 132nd career home run at Progressive Field, which was known as Jacobs Field during the eight-plus seasons he played in Cleveland.

"Manny took such a pretty swing," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

With the Indians leading 4-2, Borowski, whose every appearance is an adventure, came in to try to close it out. But the right-hander, who led the AL with 45 saves in 2007, gave up a leadoff double in the ninth to Julio Lugo, knocking the shortstop's 0-for-16 slump. Coco Crisp sacrificed on a bang-bang play at first and Dustin Pedroia followed with a sacrifice fly to deep left, scoring Lugo to tie it 4-4.

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Struggling Spurs edge out Sacramento 101-98

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hearing to defend their title, the San Antonio Spurs will clearly need to step up on their game if they want to repeat.

Tony Parker tied his season high with 32 points and added 11 assists as the struggling Spurs managed to pull out a 101-98 victory Monday night against the depleted Sacramento Kings.

The victory, coupled with Los Angeles Laker loss, put the Spurs in position to clinch third place in the conference in a season-long straight season. The Spurs, who defeated Cleveland 117-101 back a year ago, play Utah at home Wednesday to conclude the regular season.

San Antonio is now lost three of its last six games, including a humbling 96-80 defeat on April 4 in Utah. The Spurs lost to the Lakers by 21 points on Sunday and were down 15 at the last week in a 96-79 loss to Houston.

"It's been the way we have lost lately, games have been getting away from us," Spurs reserve forward Ime Udoka said. "We've gone through some scoring droughts, so it was good to get over 100 points tonight."

Still, the victory left no one in the Spurs' locker room giddy. Tim Duncan left for the team bus almost immediately after the game and didn't talk to the media, and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was brief in his comments, talking about the Kings and not his team.

"We had a tough loss against the Lakers last night," said Parker, who scored eight points in the fourth quarter, which helped the Spurs were outscored 22-18. "We got Utah next. The West is hard and we need to get as high a seed as possible.

"Struggling" by the Spurs in the closing minute, John Salmons scored inside and was backed by Tim Duncan, who fouled out. Salmons made the free throw, pulling the Kings to 99-98 with 13.2 seconds left.

Then Michael Finley made two free throws with 11.8 seconds left. Looking to send the game into overtime, both teams were red hot and they Dubay missed 3-point attempts and San Antonio held on.

"I thought Francisco got fouled at the end there. A lot of times the refs just not going to give you that," said Kings coach Reggie Theus, who was playing without three starters.
was able to work the inside and score solid baskets in the post. One of the other solid baskets in the game was the play of Winzinger, who nailed jumpers and acrobatic shots. "Although he looks like Baloo, I still love him,"said Winzinger, referring the bear from Disney's classic "The Jungle Book." Blue Nile's Gollan was consistently out of position at both ends of the court, coming out in the high post on defense and waiting from beyond the arch on offense.

Wakim’s take on the game was his usual high for baselines to pull it out in the end, despite a valiant comeback attempt: headlined by Western Conference freshman Crayon Peterson-Fitts, who made two field goals to bring within a point, before Castille was able to put the game away, and come out with a win.

Castille Point was led by junior Richard Jackson who had 6 points, while Point’s defense, a plus-one boost, propelled his team to an early 11-9 lead.

The defense of the Western Conference kept them in it, and they were led on that end by freshman Buchi Offodile who had 8 rebounds to keep his team in the game. In the end, turnovers prevented the Western Conference from pulling off the upset, and let Castille Point keep their Game 3 advantage. The teams return Tuesday night for Game 4, a rare back-to-back game.

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The pitching staff will have to be at its best against a Wildcat offense led by junior shortstop Tammy Williams. Williams is leading the nation with an astounding .325 average on the season to go along with seven home runs and 26 RBIs.

The Irish have gotten most of their offense on the season from senior second baseman Katie Laing. Laing is hitting .361 on the year with six home runs and 11 RBIs. Notre Dame will try to become the first team to beat Northwestern in Evanston this year, where the Wildcats are undefeated.

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homerruns to go with his .346 average and 23 RBIs. However, the power comes with a price — Sharpley leads all Notre Dame batters with 27 strikeouts, 12 more than the next closest player. Leading the Wildcats at the plate are junior third baseman Luke Oster and freshman right fielder Ryan Sheerwood. Oster leads the team high with five home runs and leads the squad batting average with a mark of .371 in addition to his 21 RBIs, good for second place.

Sheerwood is right behind his teammate, hitting .370 with three home runs and 11 RBIs. Toledo's pitching has been its weak point so far this season, allowing an average of 11.1 hits per contest to go with its 8.5 runs per game. In addition, Rocket opponents are batting a combined .314, making it tough for the offense to keep the squad in games.

Following the contest, Notre Dame will travel to U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, to face Northern Illinois in a non-conference game Wednesday.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles to battle Bethel in conference match
By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on the Bethel College today in a cross-town rivalry match for their second of four home matches in a row.

The Belles (6-9, 2-3 NACC) are coming off a conference win against Tri-State this Saturday where they beat the Thunder 8-1. The Lady Pilots have played two matches since opening their spring season, going 1-1 and moving their overall record to 10-4.

Against Tri-State Saturday the Belles managed to show the consistency they have been lacking this season. Winning two of the three doubles and sweeping the singles, Saint Mary's managed to grab the second conference win they had been looking for since beating Olivet 9-0 on April 1.

"The ladies had a good win for us, and I think we can get a few more in a row this week," sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino said. "We hope to keep our momentum going right up to the conference tournament.

Leading the doubles was the No. 1 pair of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who won their seventh match this season with an 8-1 win over Tri-State's Amanda Wadley and Dana Dunham. The No. 2 duo of Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed fought back against Kara Kasuffman and Amanda Steiner after struggling early in the match, but were unable to make a full recovery, losing 8-5. Freshmen Franca Peluso and Jessica Kozinski defeated Stephanie Steiner and Jen Wall 8-5 to win the doubles division for the Belles.

In singles, Saint Mary's success continued with each match. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-4 for her seventh win this spring. Hurley, at the No. 2 spot, carried on her strong season with thirteen win, improving her record to 13-2 on the year.

The Belles will play the Lady Pilots at 4:00 this afternoon at Saint Mary's for the Belles' third home match this season. "I hope our team stays healthy and focused," Gebert said. "There's a lot of tennis left, and a big chance for us to surprise some teams."

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NBA

Boozer, Jazz defeat Rockets
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz averaged losing their home opener by running away with the finale and putting themselves in position for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Jazz beat Houston 105-96 on Monday, pulling even with the Rockets in the rugged Western Conference standings with one game to go in the regular season.

Houston was the first team to visit Utah during the regular season and also the last. The Rockets won here Nov. 1, spelling Utah's home opener, but the Jazz ended up clinching the season series 2-1 by winning Monday. The Jazz went 37-4 at home, where they hope to be playing this weekend in the first round of the playoffs.

"It changes every day, so we'll see what happens," said Carlos Boozer, who had 21 points and 13 rebounds in his 51st double-double of the season Monday. "The competition is phenomenal in the Western Conference."

Both the Jazz and Rockets are 54-27, but Utah would hold the tiebreaker if the records are still identical after Wednesday. Utah can clinch home-court advantage for at least the opening round with just one more win. Unfortunately for the Jazz, that game is in San Antonio, where Utah has lost 17 straight regular-season games against the Spurs.

"It's good to be in a predicament where you hold your own destiny," said Utah's Ronnie Brewer, who scored 12 for Utah. "That's what I like. I don't like depending on other people."

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Sophomore infielder Ryne Inttekefer slides home to score a run in Notre Dame's 8-6 win over Valparaiso on April 8.
LOLLERSKATES

DIDDER LEWIS

THE CURSE: male Creepers arrive as the shadows approaches to identify the most inebriated potential female mate.

He slowly approaches from behind quietly, in true Creeper fashion does not introduce himself or ask to dance, but steadily guides on the inebriated female in hopes of approval.

The inebriated female is adequately inebriated and has no friends available to dance her away, success.

ANOTHER UNFUNNY COMIC

SARAH MUSCARELLA & LIZ MURPHY

Hey—did you get a call from the ND phone center asking for money?

If I had any money, you know where I would be right now? (answer)

The Raker

CROSSWORD

Across
1. It's full of holes and traps
2. A, e.g.
3. Distilled of color
4. What... the odds?
5. Remnant of tattoo removal, maybe
6. Zone
7. Herb popular in Indian food
8. Staff note
9. Glum rockers' accessory
19. Jessica of "Fantastic Four" films
20. The "F" in the equation \( T = \frac{\text{ma}}{c} \)
21. Put on the back as a baby
22. Sigh
23. Get up
25. Loathes
27. Lawyer's victim
31. Wife of Osiris

Down
62. Director's cry... or a statement about 17-Across and 11- and 29-Down
64. Longtime Yugoslav chief
65. Flood preventer
66. Surrounded by water
67. Listender
68. Play to the back of the audience
69. Longings

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HENRI ARNOLD MIKE AGIRIOn

Unscramble these four Jumbles, (one letter to each square) to form four ordinary words.

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BONK

HERIT

SPRAT

A: HE

E: THE

Answers tomorrow

Unfunny Comic

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES HEARD ON THIS DAY: Sarah Michelle Gellar, 31; Robert Carlyle, 37; Claire Danes, 26; Burt Reynolds, 68.

Happy Birthday: As long as you don't get caught up trying to keep up with everyone else, you will be fine. Be happy. Think through and don't compare yourself to others to see if you are where you want to be. Focus on reaching your goals. Think forward, not backward, and you will be the happiest you know. Numbers born on 1, 15, 21, 27, 31, are special.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are in a high cycle and can lead something. Popularity and home prospects. Children will respond well to you, so set your rules and don't be soft. Parents will be busy. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let reactions limit you in the wrong direction. You can have the best of both worlds if you are gracious and choose your options carefully. Don't go on everyone's level if you don't like something. Use proper channels. Draw stars. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more confrontive and fun you make your surroundings, the more people will fall in with you. You will have trouble with someone looking for a leader. 2 stars.

LION (July 23-Aug. 21): Don't let emotional energy get to you. Instead, clear circumstances presently. You have lots to give if you are efficient. When romance comes into the picture, you can wear someone's heart and make a commitment. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): Your seriousness will work in your favor with personal issues or matters concerning your home. However, lighten up regarding serious matters and entertainment. Someone from your past can help you reevaluate something you need to update. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let innumerous stars shine in the way of things that could lead to pleasing events or meeting someone you think is the right person, especially if it is someone you aren't interested in for emotional reasons. Stars in the picture can be misleading. 1 star.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You shut off your own business and don't let yourself be fooled by someone who is interested in everything. Your own judgment and make calulated bases on what you know is best. A quick trip will prove you right. 2 stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lions and oracles, now is the time to come across as a know-it-all. Complains are likely if you are too close or erratic in your actions. Love is an in the air. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give in to pressure, especially the kind that simply cost you financially. You can break your way into a new position if you know how to proceed to donate or let someone else handle your cash. A trip will bring you knowledge. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listens to all suggestions someone is giving you. It won't be your turn to backslide because you thought you were in control. Ability and determination will lead you to victory. You are aggressive, magnetic and a spectacular addition to any group.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Four-year starter Kemp stars, provides leadership in net

As the season rapidly comes to a close, senior captain Joey Kemp reflects on his experience as a four-year starting goaltender for Notre Dame. "Notre Dame and I have grown together, and I look forward to the opportunities to be successful in the future. "My experience with my team has been great. There is nothing like playing the sport you love with forty-five of your best friends," Kemp said. "The camaraderie that we share can't be replaced." A two-time All-America honoree, Kemp was named the 2007 Great Western Lacrosse League goalie of the year. He currently ranks first in Notre Dame program history in career goals-against average and holds a .618 save percentage. He was 2-1 overall in the season. This season Kemp's goalkeeping efforts have allowed his team to maintain a .72-2 record and a No. 11 national ranking.

Kemp has been a crucial member of the Irish squad since his freshman year when he relieved senior goaltender Stewart Crossland in Notre Dame's narrow loss to Cornell. The Potomac, Maryland native appeared in all 11 games that season, and with nine starts, Kemp was named to the Great Western Lacrosse League rookie of the year.

My favorite Notre Dame memory would have to be my first start. We were playing in front of nearly 10,000 fans," he said. "The atmosphere was incredible. We won the game 9-7 and get to see your first career victory against a team with such rich lacrosse tradition as North Carolina is something I won't forget." Kemp cites both his brother C.J., the 2006-07 All-American player of the year for Fairfield, and his hometown as strong influences on why he began to explore the sport. "I started playing lacrosse in 2nd grade. My older brother played goalie so like any other younger brother I imitated my older brother," Kemp said. "Lacrosse is very popular in Maryland, especially the area that I live in. It is very common to see kids throwing the ball in the front yard or shooting on a goal after school." After discovering his natural ability for lacrosse, Kemp attended Georgetown Prep, before committing to play at Notre Dame.

BASEBALL

Rockets come to Eck to face streaking ND

By LORENZO REYES

Notre Dame's early season struggles seem like ages ago. For the Irish (21-9, 10-21) a poised pitching and streaking lineup is what is needed to lead them to a victory. Headed into today's game against Toledo (9-39, 3-44), the Irish are making an impressive run near the midpoint of the season, having scored a total of 98 runs in the last 11 games.

Fortunately for Notre Dame, the sophomore-month of its early season slump, in which it hit .216. Since then, it has eroded for the 47-105, helping spark the offensive production that has helped the Irish win 14 of their last 16 games.

As well as his success from the plate, Pollock has flashed his talents with his glove. During the five-game span, the sophomore recorded 10 outs with committing an error. Phelps held up his award thanks to his solid effort against the Blue Jays. Phelps picked up his award thanks to his solid effort against the Blue Jays. Phelps picked up his award thanks to his solid effort against the Blue Jays. Phelps picked up his award thanks to his solid effort against the Blue Jays. Phelps picked up his award thanks to his solid effort against the Blue Jays.

The Irish winning streak has been led by sophomore outfielder A.J. Pollock and junior pitcher David Phelps. Both players swept the Big East honors, with Pollock earning Player of the Week, and Phelps capturing Freshman of the Month.

For Pollock, it marked the second week in a row that he had received the award for his recent play. In that span, the lefty hitter has hit an impressive .579 in addition to a pair of doubles and triples, a homerun, five RBIs and eight runs scored.

Pollock leads the Irish in batting average, hits, RBIs, stolen bases, triples and multi-hit games thus far in the season.

The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Rockets come to Eck to face a streaking Notre Dame.

Freshman first baseman David Casey bats in Notre Dame's 13-8 win over Manchester on April 9. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak. The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak.