Injured football player Abdel Banda created SBIG to give back to community, move forward with life

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

When Notre Dame senior Abdel Banda suffered a career ending football injury during his sophomore year he didn’t know in what direction he wanted to take his life. After some searching, he and his friend Thomas Killian, Jr., created Students Bridging the Information Gap (SBIG), a non-profit organization based in New Jersey. Banda said he wanted to create SBIG because of the combination of hardships he endured and the fact that he has the ability to be able to give back. “A lot of people have helped me out and they have always told me a lot that you’ve got to give for­ward,” he said. “I feel like God has given me a lot of gifts and I have a responsibility to give back.”

SBIG plans to choose an orphanage to give funds to each year based on a needs assessment process, Banda said. Each orphanage chosen will receive adequate funding to install approximately 12-15 computers, build fully equipped facilities such as computer labs and libraries and hire full-time computer teachers in order to teach various technological skills, he said.

This year, the organization will be donating over $50,000 raised at two fundraisers held in New York City in February and March to Basco, an orphan­ age with about 300 children of all ages located an hour outside of Accra, the capital of Ghana, Banda said.

Banda recruited former teammate Maurices Crum Jr. to help him work with the organization while he is at Notre Dame.

Crum said he was excited when Banda told him he was going to start the organization because he thinks helping others is neces­sary. “I jumped at the opportu­nity based on the back­ground information of what the organization is and what it stands for,” he said. “Anything that I can do to help anyone, I’m all for it.” Banda agreed, saying that the organization follows Notre Dame’s teachings of helping others.

“Notre Dame is always teaching about humanity and service, and we are doing it,” Banda said. “The importance of service has really been instilled in me here at Notre Dame.”

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Seniors reveal class gift

SMC to donate portrait of Sister Madeleva

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

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INSIDE COLUMN

The realities of reality TV

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The show follows the lives of a family of six as they navigate the challenges of raising their children. The family is led by the mother, a single mother who is trying to support her family by working multiple jobs. The father is a stay-at-home dad who helps with childcare and household chores.

The show is a realistic portrayal of family life and the challenges that come with it. It's a refreshing change from the typical reality TV fare that focuses on dramatic situations and personal conflicts.

In my opinion, "The Family" is a must-watch for anyone interested in reality TV. It offers a glimpse into the everyday lives of a family and the struggles they face.

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Group discusses issues with CCAC

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY and MANDI STROME
New Writers

Student body vice president Sarah Falvey announced that she attended the third Community/Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) meeting as a proxy for student body presi­dent Mickey Grucelski at the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday.

At the meeting the CCAC addressed issues including approving the mission statement of the coalition, she said. Falvey read the mission statement aloud to BOG.

"CCAC will be a viable mechanism to enhance partnerships and build positive long term relationships within the campuses and community in order to address safety in residential neighborhoods, build stronger neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for all," she said. In addition, the CCAC addressed three major issues the community has been having with students, she said.

The first issue was "illegal use of single-family housing that violates zoning ordinances," Falvey said. Another problem was "unruly off-campus behavior," during Senior Week in particular, she said.

The third thing addressed was promoting safety for all residents, she said. "We might try and set some­thing up that's like a neighbor­hood watch for students, and set up some kind of off-campus list serve," Falvey said.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were praised during the meeting for their efforts in the Rebuilding Together project this past weekend and for students' efforts in general, she said. "They commended us — not just Saint Mary's but Notre Dame as well and all off-cam­pus students — for our efforts so far," she said. "For the efforts of the members of the CCAC for really working togeth­er. We're creating something positive, and it might not seem like it but we are making great strides."

In other BOG news:
• The Board of Trustees will be arriving on campus tomor­row and staying through the weekend, Grucelski said.
• There will be a memorial mass for the victims on the shooting at Virginia Tech, chief of staff Lauren Theiss said. The mass is at 9 p.m. in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall. Afterward candles will be lit and the list of the victims' names will be read. BOG will hand out black ribbons in the Student Center arium during breakfast, lunch and dinner hours in memory of the victims.
• At a as a part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week there will be a "Faces of Homelessness" panel, made up of residents of the Center for the Homeless, will be held in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., said Falvey.
• BOG is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Students can get tickets at the front desk of the Student Center.
• Saint Mary's is teaming up with Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) to hold joint commu­nity productions of their monologues, women's issues commissioner Becki Faunce said. The production will be held at 7 p.m. at the Century Center. Tickets are $10 each.
• Several sessions on salary equality in the workplace will be held in Carroll Auditorium from 1-5 p.m. on April 22 as part of the "Bringing the Gap: Reaching Pay Equity in Indiana" forum, Faunce said.

The Center for Spirituality is bringing Dr. Barbara Flan to campus Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Moreau Center for the Arts to discuss "Awe-filled Wonder: the Interface of Science and Spirituality," Falvey said. This lecture is part of the Madeleva Lecture series.

The new BOG members will be commissioned at the Church of Loreto at 7 p.m. on Monday, Theiss said.

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ND to hold events for sexual assault awareness

Special to The Observer

It is highly troubling U.S. Department of Justice statistic that an estimated one in every four women will be sexually assaulted during their college years. In the interest of prevent­ing such crimes and informing students and others about resources that are available to them, Notre Dame is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month through a number of campus programs.

"Rape and sexual assault are very real problems on virtually every college campus in the nation, and Notre Dame is no exception," said Ann Firth, asso­ciate vice president for student affairs. "The University's stance is clear: rape and sexual assault are unacceptable at Notre Dame and cannot be tolerated."

Firth added: "As we work to eliminate sexual violence on this campus, every member of this community shares responsibility for creating and maintaining an environment which promotes the safety and dignity of each individual. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportu­nity for each of us to reflect on whether we, individually and collectively, are thinking and acting in ways that are congru­ent with this responsibility."

The student group Feminist Voice of Notre Dame will host a "Take Back the Night" event for students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross on Monday, begin­ning at 7 p.m. with a prayer service at the Grotto, followed by a march through campus and a reception. The event is free and open to the public.

"By encouraging members of this community to speak out, Notre Dame organizers of 'Take Back the Night' hope to support and empower survivors of rape and sexual assault," said Heather Bakoczky, director of Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center (GRC), which is coordin­ating the event with Feminist Voice. "In the process, they strive to raise awareness — reminding members of this community that rape and sexual assault happen on and off cam­pus to members of our Notre Dame family."

A related student group, Men Against Violence (MAV), current­ly is conducting a campus-wide poster campaign titled "No Matter What You Do... Be a Man Against Violence," which fea­tures male Notre Dame students from various athletic programs and student groups encouraging other men to take a pledge against violence.

Through its annual pledge drive, MAV aims to put an end to sexual assault and domestic vio­lence in the campus community. Participants sign a statement promising to never allow anyone to be raped, abused or exploited if the act is in any way preventa­ble, and to never commit such crimes themselves.
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2008 will be the last to have received the entirety of its education in the building. And we’re excited for not only the renovation plans for the new building, but for a more vibrant portrayal of St. Madeleva to welcome visitors at the building’s entrance.

Plans for the upcoming renovation have not yet been released. Since the renovations will not be complete before the senior class leaves they will not see their actual gift before graduation, McKevitt said. The committee wanted the class to be able to see plans, however.

“We will be hosting a Senior Gift Dedication Ceremony outside Madeleva Hall immediately following the Alumni Luncheon during Senior Week,” McKevitt said. “At the ceremony we hope to unveil some of the construction plans for Madeleva Hall along with a preliminary design for the new portrait.”

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

French bill targets anti-ultra-thin models

St. Xavier sites, secretive corners where adolescents stop there.

French law makes these images dangerous, too. So confusing that she drafted a bill making it illegal to promote extreme thinness or anorexia. A majority in France's lower house covers - the French bill takes aim at ultra-thin models with eating disorders share sickening sagas of searching for survivors as authorities late Monday they had returned from a trip and found their tenant was acting strangely. 

About 85 percent of women will think of the French as trim and chic. France's body shapes are understood to be normal in industrialized countries everywhere: Rising obesity, especially among children - and rising numbers of eating disorders.

Plane veers off runway in Congo

GOMA, Congo - A Congolese jetliner with 85 people aboard crashed on takeoff Tuesday, carreraing off into a runby bos neighborhood and bursting into flames, officials said.

Witnesses reported dozens of bodies at the crash site. At least four people died in the crash, and rescue workers are using tractors, trucks and shovels to search for survivors as long as people are thought sprayed the wreckage with hose, smoke and flames engulfed the charred debris.

The plane clipped a hill over the flatland, witnesses said. It crashed near the airport, witnesses said. 

Many of the victims were on their way to the court, at the restaurant or in cars passing through the area. A man identifying himself as Saad Al Souf had just ordered lunch.

Local News

Explosion destroys Washington house

PUYALLUP, Wash. - A powerful explosion blew the top off a house where a registered sex offender described as acting paranoid had rented a room and appeared to have been making bombs for family members said Tuesday.

Investigators found a body in the rubble Tuesday morning. Pierce County sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said. They believe they know the person's identity but did not release details. He said the couple who owned the house told authorities late Monday they had returned from a trip and found their tenant was acting strangely and making explosive devices.

Terre Haute will become a mix of shallow water marsh, wetlands, hardwood trees and native grasses that will eventually be turned into a park.

Terms of Sunnis have not been closed since Friday after a fight was found in a restroom that resulted in the dining hall being closed for several days because of threatening graffiti.

The land between Terre Haute and Evansville was a two-handed wave as he stepped onto the tarmac as Pope Benedict XVI arrived in America - clergy sex abuse - on his flight to America.

Associated Press

AP Television News footage showed many of the bodies covered in crisp white sheets and black plastic bags in a hospital courtyard while the emergency room inside was overwhelemed with the wounded.

It was the deadliest bombing in Iraq since March 6, when a twin-bombing killed 68 people in a crowded shopping district in the central Baghdad district of Karrada.

The attack was also the deadliest in Baqouba since the Associated Press began tracking Iraqi casualties in late April 2005.

The U.S. military said Tuesday that attacks in Baqouba have dropped noticeably since last June. But a series of assassinations and other high-profile attacks have occurred in and around the city this year, and American commanders have consistently warned that the Al Qaeda-led insurgents continue to pose a serious danger.

"Although attacks such as today's event are tragic, it's not indicative of the overall security situation in Baqouba," Maj. Mike Garcia, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Baqouba province, said in a statement. According to an AP count, at least 126 Iraqis have been killed in war-related violence in Baqouba so far in 2008; the majority, 65, were killed in 10 separate bombings. At least 818 Iraqis were killed in war-related violence in the city last year, up slightly from 793 the year before.

Baqouba and Ramadi were stronghold of Al Qaeda in Iraq and saw some of the fiercest fighting of the U.S.-led war until local Sunni tribal leaders fed up with the terror network's brutal tactics joined forces with the U.S. military against it last year.

The Sunni revolt, an influx of some 30,000 American troops and a cease-fire by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr led to a decline in violence there as well as in Baghdad.

Local News

Acres of wetlands set for restoration

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - A joint state-county project will turn 1,250-acre tract of Washabash River flood plains into wetlands to create a magnet for wildlife and also control flooding.

Gov. Mitch Daniels announced the project Tuesday before presenting Vigo County park officials with a check for $200,000 that will go toward the county's land purchases for the Washabash River National Road Wetland Reserve.

"This joint effort will conserve another beautiful piece of Indiana and enhance the quality of life for Hoosiers," Daniels said in a prepared statement.

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the need for volunteers and some students did not show up, Paulsen said. He added that some dorms formed large groups to participate in the project. "Cavanaugh, Walsh Family and Zahm were very well represented," Paulsen said. "I'd say those three were some big leaders."
Other groups on campus got involved in the project as well. The Office of Information Technology formed a team of staff members to participate, Paulsen said. Food Services also provided boxed lunches for volunteers and catered dinner for the celebration party at the end of the day. Students from Saint
Mary's also participated, Paulsen said. The College sponsored the refurbishment of two houses, he said. The nature of Rebuilding Together makes it a manageable way for students to get involved in service, Paulsen said. "It really fits in students' schedules," he said. "It's a one-day commitment, it's something they can do with their friends, and it's an opportunity to give back to the South Bend community in a real concrete way." Graduate student Jonathan Ireland, who participated in the program Saturday, agreed that Rebuilding Together allowed students to be both social and serve the community. "It's a good opportunity to spend time with friends and, at the same time, represent Notre Dame in the South Bend community," Ireland said. "It was good to join 600 people who all had the same sort of mission and desire to help." Ireland said meeting and being able to talk with the woman who lives in the house that he worked on enhanced his experience with Rebuilding Together. "The lady I worked for was a pleasure," he said. "Homeowners have to be in the house, and you get to meet them and some people were open to talking about what they do." Rebuilding Together takes place the Saturday before the Blue and Gold game every spring and students interested in helping to plan next year's event can become involved through Campus Ministry's Web site, Paulsen said.
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the process of planning a trip to Haiti in June with the entire organization which includes the co-founders, volunteers from Banda's high school and members of the Board of Trustee to complete the installation of the learning facilities. "For the entire week that we're there the volunteers are going to help teach and interact with the kids," Banda said. "That's what the trip is all about. It's students bridging the two cultures only by helping kids who are less fortunate but by allowing other students who are more fortunate to share the experience and get a better understanding of what those in less fortunate countries have to deal with." Ireland is graduating this spring, but Crum is going to be the Notre Dame Ambassador for the organization during the 2009-2010 school-year while he fulfills his fifth year of eligibility on the football team. He said he is grateful to Notre Dame and Ireland said that the Notre Dame Athletic Department for allowing him to be a part of the organization despite his busy schedule as a student athlete. "I don't want this just to be about me," Crum said. "It's a representation of the team, we're not just about football." Contact Amber Travis at atravis@nd.edu

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"If we want to consider ourselves an elite Catholic institution, then we could establish a national Catholic council," Brown said. "But at the same time I'm afraid it would just be seen as just the Catholic schools dealing with Catholic issues instead of a national conference."
Lakusta echoed Brown's sentiments about the council should not be founded based on a spirit of exclusion. "The ability to talk about the issues that affect everyone is really awesome and if it be a shame to exclude who have the same issues just because they aren't Catholic affiliated," he said. In other COR news:
COR also reviewed the budget for student government for the 2008-2009 academic year. The entire budget totals $477,499.86, which is significantly less than last year's budget of $669,439.39. Student Union treasurer Kadja Gaites said one big reason the budget is smaller for next year is due to expenses elsewhere by the University. "As awesome as it would have been to give everyone everything they wanted, it was just impossible," she said. The major reason is costs from Duncan Hall," Hall Presidents' Council co-chair Erin Wash gave COR a brief overview of a possible service project aimed at getting clothing and medicine to Haiti. The project is the idea of Notre Dame alumnus Dr. Paul Wright, who served as the personal physician to Mother Teresa. "He has access to a large cargo plane from the government, we would load it up with clothes and medicine and fly it to Haiti," Wash said. The plan is still in its nascent stages, and is pending government approval, he said. "We will get the okay and the government will do the transportation," Wash said. She hopes to have the details laid out by next fall.
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PHOENIX — Getting hitched may be the right move for Delta and Northwest. But for beleaguered air travelers, the nuptials usher in an era of higher fares, fewer flights, more confusion at the airport and even more crowded planes.

The merger could kick off a wave of airliner consolidation. And while the effects would be disruptive, it's hoped that because the combinations could take months to get regulatory approval, industry observers say get ready anyway for fewer carriers in the sky.

"It's not an industry that works," said Mark Schipp, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America, who advocates Congress against a bid by US Airways for Delta last year.

"We're now getting to the point where there are fewer carriers left, and they still can't make money," he said.

Mergers, combined with a recent spate of airline bankruptcies, mean passengers in many cities can expect fewer flights to choose from and they'll be packed even fuller than they are now.

Greater demand for remaining seats translates into higher-ticket prices.

"There's no doubt in my mind Fares are going to go up," said Rick Seaney, chief executive of FareCompare.com, which tracks changes in airline ticket prices. "Consumers are defending themselves if they think that's not the case."

Peter Schaff, president of brokerage firm Euro Pacific Capital, said the merger could put air travel out of reach for many Americans of modest means.

"Although many Americans have come to regard affordable air travel as a birthright, from a global perspective it remains the province of the wealthy," Schaff said.

That could mean more headaches for travelers already reeling from a string of cancellations due to stepped-up scrutiny of safety regulations by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The merger announcement by Northwest Airlines Corp. and Delta Air Lines Inc., which would create the world's largest airline, has already ignited talks among other airlines as they seek to bulk up to combat rising fuel prices in a slowing economy.

Continental Airlines Inc., executives told employees Tuesday that the airline wants to remain independent — but warned "the landscape is changing" and said it would consider its "strategic alternatives."

The executives did not say what they might consider, but Continental has held talks with United Airlines in the past.

United CEO Glenn Tilton issued his own statement to employees Tuesday in which he called industry consolidation "one of the changes necessary" for the industry to get to sustained profits.

"We will participate in consolidation when and if it is the right choice and provides the right benefits for employees, customers and shareholders," Tilton said.

A Continental-United pair ing would create an airline even bigger than the Delta- Northwest offspring, which would keep the Delta name if regulators and shareholders give their blessing.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans on a congressional panel Tuesday said the Federal Communications Commission should re-auction a block of public airwaves to the highest bidder and turn the proceeds over to public safety professionals to fund a nationwide emergency communications network.

The idea was raised as the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet heard testimony on why a plan aimed at using public airwaves and private money to build a nationwide emergency communications network failed to attract an interest in an otherwise successful auction.

Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, the ranking Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. Cliff Stearns, ranking member of the subcommittee, both suggested the solution as an alternative to trying to fix the current plan.

"With consensus, Congress could pass a law to use proceeds from the commercial re-auction for the public-private partnership," Barton said. "The opportunity health care reform never offered — to give the American people the kind of coverage they need — is now at risk."

"We need to be prepared for this kind of thing again," Barton said.

Disasters like Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, revealed limitations of the nation's emergency communications networks, like the inability of police and firefighters to communicate with one another.

Ideally, a new network would help solve the interoperability problem and avail emergency personnel of many of the advances in wireless technology that are available to commercial users.

The FCC approved the emergency communications plan last summer. Under the plan, the FCC set aside about one-sixth of the recently auctioned airwaves. The "D block," would have been combined with a roughly equal portion of spectrum controlled by a public safety trust to create a shared network.

The winning D block bidder, in exchange for use of the public safety spectrum, would build the network and make a profit by selling access to wireless service providers. But the block failed to attract a bidder.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said he was "presently engaged" by suggestions that the block should be auctioned for "purely commercial use" and the proceeds handed to public safety.

"At this moment, I consider such an approach to be an admission that we are not serious about attaining true interoperability," he said.

Officials push for airwaves sale to aid public
Financial death by government

This is the last column for the Observer that I will ever write. Seeing as how I often get a call suggesting that I eat babies and hate poor people, I can say with a reasonable amount of confidence that I probably just made your day. In return for making your day, I would like you to actually finish this column, for it deals with the most important political issue facing the country: the impending financial demise of the US Federal Government.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's 2007 "Long-Term Budget Outlook" begins with this seemingly innocuous statement: "Significant uncertainty surrounds long-term fiscal projections, but under any plausible scenario, the federal budget is on an unsustainable path that is, federal debt will grow much faster than the economy over the long run."

The last time I heard an undestatement of this magnitude was when I told my friend that licking the Barker pole isn't a very good idea.

The main reason for the coming fiscal meltdown of the US government will be its rising spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, particularly the last two. There are two major drivers of increased spending. First, costs per Medicare enrollee have increased 2.4 percent points faster than per capita GDP over the last 30 years, meaning the percentage of GDP spent on health care will continue to rise. Secondly, the baby boomers are nearly eligible for Medicare. Which will dramatically increase Medicare and Social Security spending. Four months ago, the first baby boomers claimed Social Security benefits and they will be eligible for Medicare in less than three years. The proportion of the US population over 65 will increase from 12 percent to 19 percent by 2030, while the proportion of adults from 20 to 64 will fall from 60 percent to 56 percent.

Currently, Medicaid and Medicare spending accounts for 4.1 percent of US GDP and makes up about 20 percent of the federal budget. The CBO projects that this will increase to 12.5 percent of GDP by 2050 and 19 percent of GDP in 2082. 19 percent of GDP is roughly equivalent to the amount that the entire federal government will spend this year. Assuming that federal government revenue maintains its historical average of 20 percent of GDP and discretionary spending maintains its average of just under 10 percent, there would be a deficit of 22.5 percent of GDP in 2050 and 54.5 percent in 2082. To put this in perspective, the US's current record setting deficit of about $400 billion is less than 3 percent of GDP. Interest payments alone on the national debt would consume 13.6 percent of GDP by 2050. A virous cycle would result in which the government would have to issue ever larger amounts of debt to meet its ever higher interest payments. But what would large persistent deficits mean to the US economy?

Consistent budget deficits adversely affect the economy because they absorb the nation's savings and reduce capital investment, thus making us workers less productive. Real wages, which typically follow low productivity, would stagnate or fall. Capital would become scarce and interest rates would rise. The CBO estimates that the reduction in the capital stock would reduce real GDP in 2040 by 13 percent and 25 percent by 2050, a scenario which would have been. In short, the US would enter another Great Depression caused entirely by excess government spending.

The CBO says that this bleak scenario probably understates the risk to economic growth because the model assumes people do not anticipate future changes in debt. Consequently, the United States's destruction would unfold much quicker. If investors expected a crisis, they would pull their money out of US securities, causing the exchange rate of the dollar to plummet, interest rates to climb, and inflation to increase dramatically. The stock market would likely collapse amid the uncertainty, domestic spending would dry up, and the US's economic woes would spill over to the rest of the world just as it did in the last Great Depression.

The CBO uses the term "fiscal gap" — a measure of federal shortfalls over a given period — to help assess the long-term fiscal challenge. The fiscal gap represents the amount of spending reduction or tax increases needed to keep debt in a share of GDP at or below the current ratio, essentially balancing the budget over a long period of time. However, this measure does not take into account the adverse impact of higher taxes. If the federal government wanted to close the fiscal gap today, it would need to reduce spending by 0.9 percent of GDP immediately and permanently. This would be a 3.5 percent permanent reduction in federal spending. If the government waits until 2021 to 2030 to close the gap, a decrease of 9 percent or 11.5 percent of GDP would be necessary, respectively.

These estimates do not even include the possibility of expanding medical coverage to every American — it merely is an estimate of the federal government's current obligations. It is obvious that the federal government can't even meet these obligations; any talk of new obligations, whether in the form of Hillarycare, Obamacare, or continuing President Bush's $1 trillion prescription drug bill, is both naïve and dangerous. The only debate should be about how and when to phase out these federal programs as they threaten to ruin America financially.

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The spirit of the Holocaust lives

This article is written in response to Florian Plocek’s column ("A nation without faith," Apr. 15). I would like to point out that the word “holocaust” can be used to describe any mass killing or destruction. Only when capitalized does it specifically refer to the events of World War II. In no way is the killing of six million Jews under the Nazis condemned when the word is used to describe abortion.

The students and faculty of Notre Dame are not ignorant of world history during the 1940s, they simply know that the Holocaust is not the only holocaust. Since Holocaust has been mostly used to describe the slaughter of the Jews, it is not appropriate to use it too loosely because it now carries the connotation of death and destruction on an epic scale. Pro-lifers believe that abortion is the most fragile stage, and for this reason I hope any teacher worth their salt will be sensitive to the similar wounds, not yet closed over, that abortion has left in American society.

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O’Neill Hall
April 15

Abortion and The Holocaust

In his April 15 letter to the editor ("Abortion not a Holocaust.") Florian Plocek objected to the use of the term "holocaust" in reference to abortion in the United States. I am quite familiar with the phenomenon by which modern Germans, and as an odd vestige of the Anschluss, Austrians, of all ages feel compelled to express guilt over sins committed half a century ago by other people. But this does not make Mr. Plocek’s specific protestations any less absurd.

In all fairness, several of Mr. Plocek’s statements are correct: Legal abortion is not the result of centuries-old animosity towards Jews that resulted in the industrialized extermination of Jews throughout Europe. Rather, it is the result of centuries-old Enlightenment animosities that have resulted in the lucrative industrialized extermination of 48 million people in the last thirty-five years (the nation’s leading abortion provider grossed over $1 billion in 2007).

Again, Mr. Plocek is correct in saying abortion (as an act) is not comparable to the gas chambers (a place). If for no other reason than by virtue of the old “apples and oranges” maxim. But when you compare the end result of the two (dead people), that difficulty resolves itself.

If I have done my job, if the seeds of faith have been properly sewn and cultivated, then that education is to serve them once they enter the wide world, then it must include exposure to all manner of thought, even those with which I and the Church might strongly disagree.

If I have done my job, if the seeds of faith have been properly sewn and cultivated, then that faith will stay rooted even when exposed to competing ideas. If I have not, then no amount of censorship, for that is what we are talking about here, will keep that faith from withering.

I applaud Fr. Jenkins for his courageous stand on this issue.

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law school class of 1982
April 15

An embarrassment to education

Wow, it is a bi-monthly pleasure to get a laugh out of Mr. Yatarola’s column ("Let’s talk about alcohol, baby."). Apr. 15) and to talk with my classmates about how poorly thought out his opinions generally seem to be, his style of column really is preposterous. I’m not suggesting it’s good to go through high school without a discipline. But better high school than college, etc. High school’s largely a waste anyway, needlessly long and hardly challenging (it says this as a high school teacher).”

That aside, University and embarrasment for

the education system. God help him if this paragraph gets brought up at parent-teacher conferences. I would hope any teacher worth their certificate wouldn’t hold opinions like this. Maybe the education sys tem in this country would be a "waste" if people like Mr. Yatarola were kept out of the classroom and off of the editorial page.

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April 15

No girls allowed

This is in response to the question posed by Alex Calabrese ("Girls in the Glee Club.") Apr. 15) in her letter: No.

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Are you not entertained?

Write your own Viewpoint column
Contact Kara at kking5@nd.edu
Scene & Heard: Listening to Mariah Carey a Lifestyle

A friend of mine recently said to me, “I never went through a Mariah phase,” to which another friend quickly responded, “It’s not a phase, it’s a lifestyle.” I have never heard devotion to Mariah Carey summed up so well. I have been an active Mariah Carey fan for 13 years — active meaning I’ve bought her albums, read her interviews and watched MTV all day long to see her music videos back when the network still played them. I was in fourth grade when she released “Daydream” and it was like I had been a music fan before that album. My mother bought me the cassette tape (I didn’t own a CD player until a year later), and I remember sitting in my room by my boombox, learning the words to “Always Be My Baby,” using the lyrics on the cassette’s cover (I wanted to get her “do do doo dum’s” just right). Wasn’t it great that Mariah always included the lyrics? I liked Mariah a lot. She was super pretty, she had hair that I could only dream of and she had an advanced vocabulary. I’ll be honest. I had no idea what “indeinitely,” “linger” or “inevitably” mean until I heard them in “Always Be My Baby” and asked my mom for their meaning. I was only slightly aware of the changes occurring in Mariah’s own life with her divorce from music executive Tommy Mottola, who discovered her. But it’s only after my divorce from music that turmoil became extremely obvious with the return of the Voice. Now we have waited another three years for “Emancipation,” and I have to say that it’s pretty fantastic. This album has plenty of her new sound, but sometimes I miss pre-“Honey” Mariah, and this album gives you some of that too.

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“Touch My Body” became Mariah’s 18th number-one single, surpassing Elvis’ record, and putting her in second place behind The Beatles’ 20 number-one singles. Mariah could tie or even surpass the Beatles’ record with “Emancipation” and since she can’t break up with herself she could just keep on going. At 38, Mariah is one of the greatest recording artists in history and she looks just as fabulous as ever.

Children born when I first fell in love with Mariah will be starting high school next year. Maybe “We Belong Together” is for them what “Always Be My Baby” was to me. Needless to say, I hope their love for Mariah isn’t just a phase because mine is definitely a lifestyle.

The views expressed in Scene & Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Review: E=MC2 a Winning Equation

By CHRIS HINE
Scene Writer

In 2005, Mariah Carey released "The Emancipation of Mimi," which garnered three Grammy awards and became the biggest-selling album of 2005, with 5.8 million copies sold.

Even though it included the classic hit "We Belong Together," most of "Mimi" was hit or miss, with some bona fide club-hangers and striking ballads, but still others that missed the mark.

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The theme is a common one in Carey's songs, not being able to let go of a former lover, and it's a good thing. Carey's melismatic singing, for which she has been widely criticized, is singing more words per measure, if anything, for me. She's going to cut down on her melisma and provide this album's best melodies and strongest vocals for Carey fans.

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On E=MC2, Carey has cut down on the melisma and conveys more emotion using the lower portion of her voice. This is evident on the songs Carey wrote with Jermaine Dupri, who collaborated with Carey on a number of songs in the past, including "We Belong Together," "Always Be My Baby," and "Shake it Off."

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BRIERE SHUTS OUT BRUINS TO TAKE 3-1 LEAD

Briere breaks out of slump, Philadelphia explodes for six goals to claim 2-1 advantage over Capitals

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Bruins are learning the hard way what the Canadiens know four months ago: 20-year-old goalie Carey Price would be outstanding in the playoffs.

The rookie posted his first playoff shutout, 17-year- veteran Patrick Roy played late in the second period, and Montreal moved within one win of advancing in the best-of-seven series with a 1-0 victory over Boston on Tuesday night.

Price is 15-4 since general manager Bob Gainey traded goalie Cristobal Huet to Washington on Feb. 26. And he's allowed just seven goals in his last seven games.

"He's been playing really well since December," Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau said. "I think from that point on, Bob knew he would come through in the playoffs. He's been everything we expected and keeps getting better."

The Canadians, the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, lead the first-round series 3-1 and can wrap it up at home Thursday night.

The teams played evenly for most of the first period. Then a packaged game until Brisebois scored on a power play with 42 seconds left in the second period.

Then Carey continued doing what he had done throughout the series: shut down Boston's momentum. He faced 27 shots but just one in the last seven minutes.

"I couldn't even write down on paper the effort the guys put in defensively in the last 10 minutes," Price said.

They were helped by a Bruins team that made too many passes and failed to connect on a lot of them.

"We were all around the net," said Marc Savard, whose overtime goal won Game 3 in Boston. "The rebounds were there, but just couldn't put them in.

Cary, trying to become the third rookie goalie to lead the Canadiens to a Stanley Cup, following Ken Dryden and Patrick Roy, stopped two solid bids in the second period before Brisebois scored.

At 10:55 he got in front of Glen Murray's point-blank shot. And 6 minutes later, he stopped a shot by Glen Metropolit from the top of the crease as the Bruins swarmed around the net.

"He's a great goalie," Carbonneau said. "He's poised. He did a great job tonight getting to the rebounds and pushing them out to the side."

The Canadiens, who have trailed just once in winning 10 of 11 games against the Bruins this season, went ahead midway through a power play after Andrew Ference was sent off behind the Boston net and fed Andre Kostitsyn skated behind the Boston net and fed the puck just in front of the crease. It deflected out to Brisebois, who beat goalie Tim Thomas from the left circle.

"I don't think I heard a louder celebration on the bench all night," Carbonneau said. "To have a veteran player who has been in this league for so long in the locker room is pretty special."

The previous two games had gone to overtime, and the Bruins won the last one in a shootout by winning three straight games in the best-of-seven.

Price allowed just five goals in the previous three starts, but the Canadiens have scored nine in their last two games, including the first two playoff games, starting with a 4-1 loss in Montreal in which he was booed by Bruins fans.

"It's in the past," he said. "It's nice to look back on it. Not nice to look forward to it.'"

For Flyers, Capitals

ALL THOSE IMPOTANT BIDS without a goal were the past, for the Flyers and the Briere.

Briere has gone from zero to sensational, his first playoff series with the Flyers and has suddenly become worth every dollar of that big, bucks-free-agent deal.

Briere has played more like the top player in the league the past two seasons, scoring two more goals with an assist, leading Philadelphia to a victory over the Washington Capitals in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference first-round series on Tuesday night.

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**NCAAs**

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**MLB**

**College Hall of Fame Celebrates Jackie Robinson Day**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rachel Robinson walked past cheering construction workers and into the Jackie Robinson Rotunda for the first time, stood on a balcony above the 160-foot wide floor and was awed as she gazed at the 70-foot high arches.

"It's like walking into a cathedral in a way," she said. "I love St. Peter's in Rome, but I don't know if I can compare this to St. Peter's."

On the 61st anniversary of the day her husband broke major league baseball's color barrier, more than 330 players, managers and coaches — including nine entire teams — wore Jackie Robinson's No. 42 to celebrate the Hall of Famer's accomplishments. The center of the celebration was at Citi Field, the New York Mets' $800 million ballpark under construction adjacent to Shea Stadium.

The Mets unveiled designs for the rotunda, which will contain eight huge pictures of Robinson and have an 8-foot statue of his number in Dwight Gooden's Blue.

It will be the central entrance for the ballpark, which opens in 2009, and the Mets estimate 30,000 fans per game will pass through.

"People will say, 'I'll meet you at 42.' Everybody will know where that is," Mets owner Fred Wilpon said, lovingly putting his hand on the back of Rachel Robinson, still spry at age 85.

But even as her husband's legacy was being memorialized in stone, brick and terra-cotta, a story was released that said blacks made up only 8.2 percent of major league players last year, down from 8.4 percent in 2006 and the lowest level in more than two decades. The figure was 19 percent as recently as 1995 according to Richard Lapchick of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports.

"I'm very disappointed by that fact," Robinson said. "Competition from other sports is certainly a big factor but there are many factors. We've got to work on it in terms of getting younger children playing, into the game, and getting communities behind the programs."

Robinson also announced the Jackie Robinson Foundation will open a Jackie Robinson Museum in the Tribeca section of Lower Manhattan and that half of the $7.5 million cost has been raised for the museum, projected to open in 2010.

**In Brief**

**Thome fined for actions, suspended for one game**

NEW YORK — Jim Thome of the Chicago White Sox was suspended for one game Tuesday and fined an undisclosed sum by Major League Baseball for "inappropriate actions" during a game against Detroit last week. He was ejected for arguing a call after he struck out.

Thome said he would not appeal and would serve his suspension Tuesday, when the White Sox were home against Oakland. He said he was due for a day off anyway.

"You get caught up in the situation, emotions. No grudges, you move on," Thome said in the clubhouse before the game against the Angels.

Thome was ejected in the fifth inning last Friday following a third-strike call by plate umpire James Hoye. Replays showed the 3-2 pitch borderline low.

**Jones suffers trade, holds off on application**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Pacman Jones said Tuesday he's delayed filing for reinstatement with the NFL until next year. Jones take part in training camp or possible trade is worked out.

"I'm going to file for reinstatement, but I didn't," Jones said. "I want the situation to work out, if it be a trade or if it don't be a trade and I go back to Tennessee, before I file for reinstatement with the commissioner."

**Freshman Rose leaves Memphis, declares for Draft**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis freshman Derrick Rose announced he was jumping to the NBA Tuesday, the same day coach John Calipari agreed in principle to a contract extension with the school.

Rose capped his spectacular first season by leading Memphis to the national championship game, where they lost to Kansas in overtime.

The 6-foot-3 guard from Chicago averaged 20.8 points in six NCAA tournament games and will likely be taken with one of the top picks in the draft.

Terms of Calipari's deal have not been finalized.

Rose, who helped Memphis to an NCAA Division 1 record 38 victories last season, said he enjoyed his year in college but is ready to make the leap to the NBA.

**around the dial**

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**Associated Press**

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MLB

Danks earns first win in 12 starts for White Sox

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Given how much time had passed, it figured that John Danks would have trouble remembering his previous win.

"I think it was in June some­time," he said.

Almost. July was the correct answer.

Danks celebrated his 23rd birthday in a way that would be nice for most pitchers: He won in 12 starts, taking a shutout into the eighth inning in the White Sox’s 2-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday.

The White Sox got their best performance of the season when they needed one most. Nevada’s best record.

The Athletics won six of their first seven on this eight-game road trip, but they couldn’t touch Danks after beating Mark Buehrle 2-1 on Monday.

Carlos Quentin hit a three-run homer in the fourth, and that was enough to make the left­hander a winner for the first time since he beat Cleveland on July 16.

Danks (1-1) left to a standing ovation and tipped his cap after Travis Buck singled with two outs in the eighth. He held the Athletics to five singles while striking out four and walking two, lowering his ERA from 8.00 to 4.32 even though he didn’t think he had his best stuff.

He had, though, was a big improvement over his previous outing, when he was hit hard in the third against Minnesota.

"You know, last year if I felt like I did today I probably wouldn’t have made it out of the third or fourth inning," Danks said. "I would have had to overthrow. Today I didn’t feel like I had the best stuff I’ve had but I just kind of went out there with the best stuff I had and kind of went on from there. I don’t know. I feel like I’m taking those steps for­ward and growing."

Bobby Jenks came on with runners at first and third in the ninth after Scott Linebrink walked Daric Barton and allowed a single to Mike Sweeney. Jenks threw two pitch­ers, resulting in a sacrifice fly by El­liott Brown and double­play grounder by Bobby Crosby, for his fifth save in five opportuni­ties.

Oakland’s Dana Eveland (1-1) had a tough time gripping the ball on a day that was windy after­noon, allowing four runs — three earned — in 4 2-3 innings. He walked three, struck out two and hit two batters with pitches after allowing a total of one run in his first two starts against Cleveland and Toronto.

"I started trying to force it and started to lose my mechanics because of it," Eveland said. "I started flying open a bit and drilling. I just got out of whack and couldn’t really get back on track after that long fourth inning."

Eveland started having control problems when he plunked Nick Swisher in the right shin with two outs in the third, threw a wild pitch and walked Orlando Cabrera with two outs in the fourth before allowing a throwing error by third baseman Donnie Murphy.

The White Sox were without Jim Thome, who was fined and suspended for one game for vehemently arguing a called third strike during a game against Detroit last week. He decided to serve his punishment rather than appeal in part because he was not scheduled to play, anyway.

Angels 7, Rangers 4

Gary Matthews Jr. snapped up a slump with a tiebreaking, three-run double, and the Los Angeles Angels rallied to beat Texas 10 times as the Rangers entered their first homestand of the season with their fifth straight loss.

Matthews was in a 3-for-27 slide before his double to left­center in the sixth inning off Joa­quin Nieves (0-3) broke a 4-4 tie.

Rupe took over to start the sixth for Kevin Millwood , who left after 70 pitches due to a bruised left shin sustained when he was hit by a batted ball in the second. The Rangers said Millwood came out because his leg started to stiffen on him. The problem didn’t appear to be serious.

Rupe walked two batters and allowed a single, with a sacrifice bunt in between, before Matthews cleared the bases.

Darren Oliver (1-0), like Matthews a former Ranger, threw 2-3 scoreless innings in relief of starter Dustin Moseley.

Francisco Rodriguez worked the ninth, overcoming two walks for his fifth save in six chances.

There was no indication that Millwood was hurt after a ball hit by Maicer Izturis ricocheted off the pitcher’s left leg and rolled to first base, where Ben Broussard picked it up and tagged the bag for an easy out.

Millwood was even smiling when manager Ron Washington came out to check on him.

Millwood was also hit on the throwing hand by a batted ball, when he reached up attempting to grab a ball in the fourth that turned into a groundout. That play came between a single by Garrett Anderson and Casey Kotchman’s two-run homer.

Millwood then snagged another come­backer by Izturis for an out before allowing three straight singles, the last by Chase Fitzgerald driving in a run. Vladimir Guerrero and Anderson had consecutive doubles in the fifth to tie the game at 4.

The Rangers finished their first homestand 2-6, sweeping a double­header from Baltimore for their only victories. They were swept in a three­game set in Toronto and lost both games in the short set against the Angels, who dropped two of three to Texas in their first homestand.

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Wednesday, April 16, 2008
IU’s Senderoff hired at Kent St.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rob Senderoff can’t change his past or what happened at Indiana. He’s only looking forward.

Senderoff, involved in a phone-call scandal that led to Kelvin Sampson’s resignation and NCAA scrutiny at Indiana, was hired Tuesday as an assistant at Kent State, returning to the school where he spent four years before joining Sampson’s staff.

“I couldn’t be happier to be back,” Senderoff said.

Last October, Senderoff resigned from his job with the Hoosiers amid a university investigation that he broke NCAA rules by making illegal phone calls to recruits. The investigation led to Sampson accepting a $270,000 buyout in February.

Months after Senderoff stepped down voluntarily at Indiana, an NCAA report said Sampson had knowingly participated in three-way calls with at least three recruits. The report said Senderoff initiated those calls.

The Feb. 8 NCAA report accused Senderoff of providing "false or misleading information" to the NCAA and failing to abide by its expected ethical standards for honesty.

"I’ve learned a lot from my mistakes," Senderoff said, "and I’m looking forward to moving on to the next chapter.

Indiana will have a hearing in front of the NCAA’s infractions committee in June, and Senderoff said he will take part. Sampson and IU officials will also be present.

"I hope it closes the book on it," he said. "Whatever the NCAA says, I will follow. I was here (at Kent State) for four years and I never had a problem and always abided by the NCAA rules compliance… I’m not going to say I didn’t do anything wrong. I’ve learned from my mistakes.

Last season was the first time in 13 years that Senderoff wasn’t coaching. He missed it terribly, and is looking forward to being back in the gym and on the bench.

"I’ve heard that it’ll be an assistant under Geno Ford, who recently took over the Golden Flashes after Jim Christian left for TCU. Ford and Senderoff worked on Christian’s staff together.

Kent State athletic director Laing Kennedy said Senderoff said he and Kent State officials reviewed Senderoff’s past before deciding to bring him back to the Mid-American Conference school.

"We wouldn’t have moved forward if we didn’t feel good about it," Kennedy said. "Rob is an excellent coach and we’re excited about what he will mean for our student-athletes.

Senderoff was grateful for the chance to restart his coaching career.

"I’m coming back to a place where everybody knows who I am," he said. "I can’t wait to get started and to work with Geno again.

Kent State has become one of college basketball’s elite mid-major programs in the past decade. The school has posted 10 consecutive 20-win seasons and has made the NCAA tournament field four times since 2000.

Senderoff began his coaching career at Albany before becoming a graduate assistant at Miami of Ohio from 1995-97. He also worked at Fordham, Yale and Towson before coming to Kent State.

Saint Mary’s (7-9) grabbed its seventh win of the season yesterday, 7-2 at home against cross-town rival Bethel College (10-5).

"It’s always nice to beat a cross-town rival," Belle’ coach Chuck Rubino said. "We played excellent doubles, which really got us going. And in singles, Laura (Arnold) made a nice comeback after losing her first match and winning the tie-breaker.

The Belles kept up the momentum from their 8-1 win over Tri-State this past weekend as they swept the doubles division.

Leading Saint Mary’s was the No. 1 duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who defeated Bethel’s free Oles and Jade Walus 8-2. Gebert and Hurley move their record to 8-8, 4-1 MIAA. No. 2 pair of sopho­more co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Fleed made up for their loss this past week­end as they defeated Sherra Milender and Lindsey Dixon 8-3, putting them at 6-8 as a pair. At No. 3 doubles were freshmen Jessica Camp and Francel Pulve, winning 8-5 over Carrie Edison and Serena Frey for their second match as a pair, moving them to 1-1.

"Our doubles were really strong today," Hurley said.

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They have improved a lot over the course of the season." Saint Mary’s strength continued in its singles matches as the team won four of the six match­es. No. 1 Gebert defeated Oles 6-0 in one match before Oles dropped out of competition for the day. Gebert moves her record to 8-8. No. 2 Hurley won her fourteenth match of the sea­son in her 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Walton, putting her at 14-2. At No. 3 singles, Rees lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edison, moving her to 7-8. No. 4 Jessica Kosinski was defeated as well for Saint Mary’s, losing 7-6, 6-1 to Milender, putting her at 6-9. No. 5 Rubino beat Julia Horn 6-4, 6-2 for her seventh victory of the season, moving her to 7-8. Freshman Laura Arnold won at No. 6 singles over Feen in a 10-8 tie-breaking third match after losing the first match 6-2 and winning the second 6-2.

"I think this win will boost our confidence for the upcoming matches," Hurley said. "We’re playing really competitive teams, and this win will help.

Rubino outlined the goal for his team’s next matches very simply.

"We need to keep our momentum going," she said.

Next up for Saint Mary’s is a home match against conference foe Adrian at 3:00 p.m. Thursday.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers out for revenge against Commodores

By ANDY ZICCArellI
Sports Writer

Forgive the Irish if they experience a bit of déjà vu.

At this time last season, Notre Dame was sporting a 10-3 record, a spot in the national rankings and was coming off of a win over No. 9 Georgetown. But a loss to Vanderbilt in their next game was the beginning of the end for the Irish, coach Tracy Coyne said.

"That was the beginning of the three-game slide for us last year," Coyne said. "We went to Vanderbilt and lost. They were really fired up for the game."

Fast forward to this season, as the Irish (10-4, 3-1 Big East) currently hold the No. 10 spot in the national polls. They are coming off of a win over Georgetown, this first in the program's history in Washington, D.C., and the same Vanderbilt team stands in their way this year.

This time, Coyne thinks her team has the makeup to defeat the Commodores.

"It is really an important game," Coyne said. "Our goal is not off in the distance, it is right there. I think that we are really focused, especially after the disappointment of last year. We are in the exact same situation we were in last season, except now we have the knowledge of what we did last year."

Coyne has said all season that the team's goal is to win the Big East conference and make a run toward the national championship. A win on Wednesday would put a long way toward those goals.

The Irish come into Wednesday’s game riding a wave of momentum. After falling to No. 1 Northwestern last weekend, 16-2, the Irish closed out their five-game road trip at Georgetown, a place where the Irish had never won in program history. Thanks to a great team performance, the Irish were able to break their streak and notch a historic 10-8 win. The win closed out the road trip which saw the Irish go 4-1 and beat two top-10 teams. Coyne was quick to mention the defense as a reason for the success.

"I think the defensive unit gave huge performances in the big wins at Duke and Georgetown," Coyne said. "We have relied on the attack in other games, but the defense really set themselves apart on the road trip."

The stellar play of the defense is a welcomed sign for the Irish, who relied on their potent offense earlier in the season, but now seem to be coming together for the stretch run. Also important was the atmosphere in which the game was played, one which Coyne called a "championship atmosphere."

The Irish will take on the Commodores at home on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Mourning Belles win two

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s (16-7, 6-2 MIAA) won two games Tuesday, but suffered an important loss Sunday.

Assistant coach Don Miller passed away Sunday night. A doubleheader originally scheduled for today will be played Friday so the team can attend the visitation tonight and the funeral Thursday morning.

On Tuesday night, the team swept a doubleheader at Albion, which had been postponed from Saturday due to bad weather.

The most important thing we did was step up to honor our late coach,” head coach Erin Sullivan said. "He was such a huge part of our program, and we thought two wins would be a fitting tribute to the softball excellence he helped create."

The Belles won the first game with a score 5-2. The team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after the third inning, and never relinquished it.

Sophomore Ashley Peterson, the Belles’ most consistent offensive player, went 4-for-4 with three doubles and a home run. Junior Calli Davison pitched all seven innings, bringing her record to 8-6.

"I had a great day pitching, and our outfield made some fantastic plays," Sullivan said of game one.

In game two, the Belles scored 1-0 in extra innings. The Belles scored three runs in the third inning to tie an early 3-1 lead, but the Britons tied it 4-4 in the seventh frame.

"The Britons were full of energy and didn’t give up, even after losing game one," said Sullivan.

Each team tacked on an extra run in the eighth. The Britons scored one more in the ninth, but the Belles answered with two more in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Maureen Healy scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Former Saint Mary’s assistant coach Don Miller takes notes during a Belles game earlier in the season. Miller died Sunday.

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as a battle tomorrow and go from there.

The reasons behind the win were consistent pitching and manufactured runs once the Irish faced a deficit.

Freshman pitcher Cole Johnson didn't quite get the start he wanted as a pair of runners to third produced a pair of baserunners to start the game. After sophomore Aaron Dudley hit a sacrifice fly to right, both runners advanced and things looked bleak for the Irish early on with just one out.

Junior Josh Colliver picked up an RBI with a ground out and the Irish faced a deficit.

With a potential run now 90-feet away, junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes made a play off of an errant bounce on a ground ball saving a run, putting the Rockets up 1-0.

The Irish seemed to mount a threat in the bottom of the third with two outs with a little help from Rockets second baseman Tim Krocchek. After senior shortstop Brett Lilley walked, sophomore David Mills reached first on an error by Krocchek on an errant throw. With sophomore A.J. Pollock at the plate, Notre Dame was in prime position to tie the game up. The centerfielder grounded up the middle, but Krofcheck would make a mistake with a nice grab and then dive to second to get Mills out on a force at second.

The Irish did get their tying run however in the fourth frame with a one-out rally. After Barnes flared one out to right, senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky got a free pass, putting an Irish runner at first.

First baseman junior Casey Martin, in the starting lineup because junior Evan Sharpley doesn't face lefties, hit a fly ball that bounced just fair, allowing Brezovsky to reach third on the double.

Sophomore right fielder Billy Bockfurd hit a sacrifice fly to right field. Senior Dan Boockford, who thought the fly then gunned the ball to home. Brezovsky, with some adept base running, beat out the throw at the plate, knotting the game up at one. Junior starting pitcher Ryan France got out of the inning with a ground out from freshman catcher Cameron McConnell.

Just one frame later, Notre Dame got all the insurance it would need with a three-run inning.

Freshman pitcher Matt Kuna entered the contest for the Rockets to start the inning, and got roughed up in his only inning of work. Freshman third baseman Greg Sherry reached second with a double as his fly ball was not a direct hit to a miscommunication between the Rocker center and right fielders.

They then picked up an RBI single to right, but Sherwood committed an error allowing the senior shortstop to advance to second. Mills then executed a sacrifice bunt, moving Lilley over to third. Pollock then walked putting runners on the corners.

The sophomore center fielder took off early, allowing him to reach second on Barnes' RBI fielder's choice through Lilley. Brezovsky then stepped to the plate and delivered an inside pitch to left that allowed Pollock to score from second base. Kuna then closed out the inning with a Bockfurd ground out.

Johnson then allowed two more baserunners the entire contest, and was relieved by fellow freshman Brian Dupra in the sixth frame. Johnson finished with three innings pitched, three hits, an unearned run and three strikeouts.

The right-hander took control, allowing only a pair of hits in his four innings on the mound.

The Irish added a pair of scores in the seventh, securing the victory. Pollock hit a dribbler to the pitcher but beat it out with his speed. Barnes then doubled off the centerfielder to bring the sophomore across the plate. After Brezovsky grounded out to second, Barnes advanced to third and Sharpley was intentionally walked, bringing Bockfurd to the plate.

The right fielder hit a sacrifice fly that brought in the last run of the contest and raised the Irish lead to five. After the contest, Schrage was impressed with the Irish pitching duo.

"I thought our pitchers did tremendous today," he said. "Sherry had a great game. He had [five] hits given up .... It's a good confidence builder hopefully for Dupra. Cole's been pitching really well. It was a great day for him to pitch with the wind blowing to the plate, knotting the game up at one. We wanted a sinkerball guy starting. After the first inning I thought he settled in and he did a great job. That's what he's capable of and hopefully that will get him some confidence and get him going."

And he did. After the Irish return to action today at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago against Northern Illinois University at 8 p.m.

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starts during springtime and spring is a time for renewal. And that's what this is about: renewal," Mathey said. "We haven't had a lot of good weather this year but we're hoping tomorrow night Mother Nature cooperates and we're able to raise a bunch of money for the scholarship fund."

And while Mathey and his team feel part of the healing process tonight, many of them have not fully recovered themselves.

"It's just unbelievable, horrific when you think that something like that can happen and then it happens to you," Mathey said. "A lot of our freshmen were impacted a little more than some of the older guys. Many of them went home because that's where their comfort zone was."

The coach said most of the upperclassmen on the team chose to continue the season, which was delayed by four games because of the tragedy.

"Some of the older guys have got more connections here and they stuck around," Mathey said. "None of the team was directly involved in the incident as far as being in the classroom or the hallways or rooms near there, and I guess that's the best we as a team could have hoped for."

Still, Mathey said, it was at least ten days after the incident before any of his players began to comprehend what had happened. On February 24, the school held a memorial service for the fallen victims in the Northern Illinois Convention Center.

"On the Sunday after, there was a vigil and (15,000) people came. It was so touching," Mathey said. "It marked the time when we could finally start thinking as a team and as a university."

For Notre Dame's part, Irish coach Dave Schrage spent three seasons as the head coach of Northern Illinois. Schrage said he was stunned by the tragedy and asked longtime Northern Illinois president Bill Patenaude if there was any type of aid Notre Dame could give the former school.

"I was there as a coach for three years and the shootings occurred in the building that was right across the street from my office," Schrage said. "I just called [Mathey] to make sure everything was okay, I just asked, 'Hey, is there anything we can do to raise money for this group?'. And we came to an agreement to play a game." And while it is just a game, both coaches agree that tonight will be extremely emotional for those close to the victims.

"It's going to be a tough night for the families," Schrage said. "I'm not sure how we're coming or what but hopefully we can make some money for them.

Mathey said Notre Dame and the White Sox were instrumented in planning tonight's contest.

"Notre Dame has been simply outstanding throughout this whole thing," Mathey said. "Coach Schrage and [Irish assistant coach] Scott Lawler and the [Notre Dame] administration were so great in helping us out."

The teams hope to draw a big crowd from the Chicago area for the matchup.

"From what I understand, Notre Dame has a pretty big town following from the Chicagoland area," Mathey said. "I'll be interested to see how many are out and how much green there is in the stands.

Schrage, who grew up near Chicago, echoed Mathey's sentiments:

"We got a great alumni group around Chicago. Hopefully we can get some of our fan base and we could do something like this every year," Schrage said.

After defeating Toledo 6-1 Tuesday, Notre Dame takes a nine-game winning streak and a 22-9-1 record into the contest. Meanwhile, Northern Illinois moved to 13-16 with a win over Akron Sunday.

"We want to go out and just hopefully give Notre Dame a tough game tonight," Mathey laughed. "But Schrage said the game will not be as lopsided as the teams' records might indicate.

"That will be a World Series-type [atmosphere] for both teams playing in a pro ballpark," Schrage said. "The emotion that's going to be there is on a streak but I'm sure the Irish can play really well."

And might Northern Illinois have some type of intervention beyond the baseball element of the game on its side?

"Well, that doesn't usually happen against Notre Dame," Mathey laughed. "But we'll see."

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other hand started off ice-cold, and were only able to heat up later in the game. The cold night seemed to affect both of the team’s showings as the first half took almost 45 minutes by itself.

However, in the second half, both teams were able to pick up the scoring as their intensity. Despite being down 11-9, Hananbod’s Offspring was able to make a comeback and hold a 26-18 lead with the ball and a chance to win the game. The ball was stolen, however, and To Catch A Predator capitalized, with Tim Wallace hitting a jumper. Wallace hit two more shots after tough defensive stands by To Catch A Predator, and they took a 21-20 lead.

Hananbod’s Offspring tried to bring the ball down to the court to extend the game a little bit longer, but Mike Mann made a great play on the ball, and forced a steal. He then passed to Tim Long who hit a jumper from the free throw line to win the game.

To Catch A Predator was propelled by Tim Wallace who had 13 of his team’s 22 points as well as Mike Mann who played excellent defense all game long while contributing four points.

No. 15 The Dark Knights ... and Nate 23, No. 15 Engineering Giants 12

The Engineering Giants jumped out to an early first half lead by utilizing their height effectively. They also were helped out by the wind, which impared some shots from The Dark Knights ... and Nate, but the determined 12-seed went on a little run to take an 11-9 halftime lead.

The second half opened with three straight baskets from The Knights who were on their way to dominating the last 20 minutes of the game. Shots from senior captain Milo Dodson were key in the victory.

"The wind played a good factor in four shots, but we kind of just had to adjust our game to take lay-ups as opposed to just taking jumpers," Dodson said. "We also got offensive rebounds and put-backs by (senior) Nate (Prohaska). He definitely carried us down-low as well as (senior) Leo (Ferriani) getting easy lay-ups and just playing physical."

The Knights’ defense was also integral to their win.

"First, (The Dark Knights ... and Nate) were in a zone (in the first half), and so we were able to get more open looks," said captain Mike Crocker, a computer engineering graduate student of the Engineering Giants. "Then they switched to man-to-man, and they play a tough man-to-man. That was probably the biggest difference — that, and in the second half, we just did not shoot as well."

Crocker said the reason for his team’s loss was simple.

"We had to play very well to win, and we didn’t play as well as we needed to," he said.

No. 10 The Delivery Boys 21, No. 23 Muhammad All Enterprises 8

Freshman David Hudy put up 10 baskets for The Delivery Boys in a dominating victory over Muhammad All Enterprises. The Delivery Boys scored quickly on the fast break and were never down in a match-up that is certain to go down as one of the fastest games played in the round of 32. Lay-up after lay-up fell for Rudy and the rest of The Delivery Boys as they jumped to an 11-2 halftime lead by running their opponents off the court. After the break, Muhammad All Enterprises lost their focus and began churning half-court shots including one made by junior Asaph Schwapp.

"We need to work on our dunking, but I think we’ll have a lot tougher competition coming up," junior captain Kevin Kelly of The Delivery Boys said.

"We didn’t condition too much in any of our practices," Muhammad All Enterprises captain Kevin Washington said. "We had about two of them, and they consisted of NCAA (Blackball) video games. We were practicing on game sticks. Those plays didn’t work out well for us. The other team just ran up and down the court, and we couldn’t hang with them."

The Juice’s junior Rich Wallach lays one in during his team’s win over Strictly Business yesterday.

The No. 11 Mathletes 21, No. 22 I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! 14

This contest started off on a slow pace as baskets were not dropping for either team until the Mathletes exploded from a 3-2 score to an 11-4 halftime lead.

"In the first half, we were getting good looks, and we just couldn’t convert," I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! captain Rick Loesing said. "They were using their athleticism, and they were pushing the ball on us pretty well. We were playing good defense, but they were converting on their shots. We just couldn’t hit ours."

The No. 22 seed came out of halftime poised to make a comeback. At first, it seemed like the Mathletes could not put I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! away in a game that got immediately more competitive. Loesing and junior Pete Leonard buried some nice jumpers from the back-court, and senior Fritz Shudley played well on the inside.

But it was too little, too late as the teams were trading baskets down the stretch. "They were a really good team — definitely our closest game yet," Mathletes captain Peter Kelly said. "We’re just really a strong group. We complement each other pretty well. Camouflage was tough to see, but I caught him sometimes.”

Loesing was resigned about the loss. "We started getting warmed up at the end of the first half, and then we started feeling good in the second half," Loesing said. "We kept getting open looks, and we just started converting. (However), at that point, it was too late. They were still shooting well, and by that time, it was over.”

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BASEBALL

On cloud nine

ND wins ninth straight on the arms of freshmen pitchers Johnson, Dupra

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Chalk up another one in the win column for Notre Dame. The Irish (22-9-1, 10-2 Big East) made it nine in a row and 15 of their last 17 with a 6-1 win over the Toledo Rockets Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium. When asked about the mood in the clubhouse during the winning streak, Irish coach Dave Sehrage played with the superstitious stigma embedded within baseball.

"Shhhhh," he joked, mocking the mention of the winning so his players wouldn't hear him. "We're just a confident group right now. We really are. We're playing well. We're not looking too far ahead. We're just taking it slow. It's an old cliché, but we've got a game tomorrow to play and we're going to take that one hit at a time.

Notre Dame to take on Northern Illinois at U.S. Cellular Field for charity

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

On Feb. 14, the latest in a series of shootings on college campuses occurred at Northern Illinois. A gunman opened fire in a full classroom and six of the 22 students shot in the incident died. Notre Dame will face off against Northern Illinois tonight at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, in a benefit for the NIU February 14 Scholarship Fund. The foundation will distribute scholarships to deserving students in the name of the victims of the shooting.

So what, one might ask, can a baseball game played two months after such a tragedy do to help heal the still-raw wounds of those involved?

A lot, according to Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey.

"The hoop about baseball is it's a game instead of us swinging at the right pitches and having the hitters control the game."

For now, Gumpf and her team are putting their loss behind them and just concentrating on their next game—a 4 p.m. matchup today against Wisconsin at Melissa Cook Stadium.

"There's a lot of things we're going to be working on in practice," Gumpf said. "But we have to focus right now on what we're going to do to beat Wisconsin."

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SOFTBALL

Irish strike out 13 times, manage one hit in shutout loss

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offense got off to a good enough start at No. 13 Northwestern Tuesday night, when junior third baseman Linda Kohn ripped a two-out single in the first inning. Unfortunately for the Irish, they didn't follow through with that hit.

Wildcat pitcher Lauren Delaney didn't allow a hit after that point, striking out 13 in a 5-0 Northwestern victory. The Wildcats improved to 24-10 on the season, while Notre Dame fell to 26-13 (7-3 Big East).

Even though the Irish came into the game unranked, and Northwestern was ranked in the top 15 nationally, Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said her team expected to win.

"The ranking(s) don't matter," Gumpf said. "We came to play.

Delaney and Irish pitcher Britney Bargar were locked in a 0-0 duel until Northwestern came to bat in the bottom of the fourth inning. Junior shortstop Tammy Williams started the inning off with a single. She stole second on the following play, and the Wildcat rally was on. Two walks, a single and a double later, Northwestern had a five-run lead—more than enough for Delaney.

The Wildcats batted around in that inning, with sophomore outfielder Kellie Dyer and sophomore designated hitter Emily Haug each having two-RBI knocks.

The Irish went down in order in the remaining innings, unable to muster any sort of comeback.

"This whole game came down to one inning," Gumpf said. "We didn't respond well at all.

Bargar fell to 20-8 with the loss. The Corona, Calif., native gave up five earned runs and struck out five in four innings of work. Freshman Jody Valdivia relieved Bargar after the fourth, and pitched two innings, giving up two hits, and striking out two.

"Other than that inning I think they both pitched really well," Gumpf said.

Gumpf said that Notre Dame's problems on offense all had to do with controlling the flow of the game.

"We were swinging at bad pitches," Gumpf said. "We were letting the pitcher control the game instead of us swinging at the right pitches and having the hitters control the game."

The Irish offense came up empty at the plate, managing just one hit and seven errors.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

The Juice down football coach Brown's team

By PETER REISENAUER and PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writers

In a game that featured multiple runs by both teams, The Juice was able to pull away from Strictly Business 21-19. Neither team was ever really in the game more than a three-point lead throughout the game.

The teams each started out using tough defenses that both offenses had trouble adjusting to until they both started to make their outside shots. Strictly Business, led by Irish linebacker Kerry Neal, was able to score the first four points for his team, and score nine of his team's 19 points overall.

It seemed at the beginning of the game that Strictly Business would be able to run away with the game, when they pulled out to the early 4-1 lead, but The Juice methodically picked away at the lead, and was able to take a 9-8 lead. The score at halftime was Strictly Business leading 11-10.

The juice came out firing in the second half and took a 14-11 lead. Strictly Business mounted a comeback, however, scoring the next five points. The game of runs continued with the next four points coming from The Juice. The Juice finished Strictly Business off after they let them crawl to within 20-19.

The Juice was led by Mike Bednarczyk who scored nine points for his team, while also scoring the last two points of the game. Corey Fitzpatrick was also instrumental in his team's victory pulling down multiple rebounds and blocking multiple shots as Strictly Business tried to pull even.

To Catch a Predator vs. Haranbody's Offspring

In a match-up that featured an incredibly slow start and an exhilarating finish, To Catch A Predator was able to come out on top of Haranbody's Offspring 22-20. The game started out with To Catch A Predator hitting four of its first six shots but being unable to score for a while after that. Hararbody's Offspring, on the other hand, started slow. They would hit a few more shots and gain some momentum.

Corwin Brown eyes the basket as senior Corey Fitzpatrick, defends during a bookstore basketball game yesterday.

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