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ND female reports rape on campus
Incident is third assault, second rape at University in past month according to NDSP

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

A Notre Dame student reported a sexual assault to the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) on April 16, the third sexual assault reported on campus in the past month. According to an e-mail sent to the Notre Dame student body, the student said an acquaintance committed the assault on April 12. The NDSP police blotter classified the offense as "rape" and said it occurred between 8 and 11:15 p.m. on April 12.

The alleged assault occurred in a residence hall, and the victim was not physically injured, NDSP Assistant Director Dave Chapman said. "The case is still under investigation," he said.

This alleged assault is the third reported rape and the third sexual assault case this semester. A student reported being sexually assaulted by an acquaintance in a residence hall on March 23, and a student reported being assaulted, but not raped, between Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls on March 30. Under the Clery Act, which requires disclosure of campus security information, Chapman said, NDSP is required by law to publish information about reported crimes. In 2004, there were two "forcible sex offenses" on campus reported to NDSP, according to Chapman and NDSP's Safety Information pamphlet. In 2005, there was one, and in 2006 there were five.

Chapman did not know the number of previous assaults that were allegedly committed by someone the victim knew. He also said the presence or absence of drugs or alcohol during the incident was still under investigation.

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Local students travel to see pope
Group of 13 makes trip to New York for Youth Rally and papal mass at Yankee Stadium

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

NEW YORK — A group of 13 students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's trekked to New York this weekend to attend the Youth Rally with Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday and the Papal Mass on Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

The students left the Inn at Saint Mary's Friday evening and drove through the night until they arrived at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, N.Y., on Saturday morning, joining a crowd of over 25,000 people.

While waiting, the students heard brief performances by Kelly Clarkson, Three Graces and Father Stan, the rapping priest.

"It was amazing how people were just relaxing and enjoying the bright sunny day until the pope got there, and as soon as he arrived everyone was just drawn into his presence," freshman Brittnani Russell said.

When the pope arrived, he drove through the crowds in a bulletproof "pope-mobile" mounted on the back of a pick-up truck. "Only in the USA would the pope-mobile be on a pick-up truck," senior Bridget Higgins said.

The entire crowd treated the pope to a rendition of "Happy Birthday" in German, using a pronunciation guide in the program, as the Holy Father listened from the stage.

"I wish to acknowledge your singing to me 'Happy Birthday,'" the pope said.

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College remembers Miller
Math professor taught at SMC for 40 years, chaired department for 10

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's community is paying tribute to former chair of the department of mathematics and professor Donald E. Miller who died Sunday, April 13, in his home after a six-month battle with cancer.

Miller, 67, taught mathematics at the College since 1967 and chaired the department since 1997. He was assistant coach of the Belles softball team, a position he took over in the 2000-2001 year. He also

Please feel free to share your memories of Professor Don E. Miller

Pictures and memories of Professor Miller are posted on a bulletin board in the math department's hallway.

Political science faculty debates Electoral College

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Five political science faculty members weighed the pros and cons of the Electoral College and discussed how the current system is practical but not democratic at the LaFortune Student Center Monday.

Professor Pat Arnold criticized the Electoral College, saying that it encourages Democrats and Republicans to simply ignore some states.

"What it also does is supress the vote by excluding Republicans in Oregon and New York and Democrats in Idaho and Utah," he said.

Professor Joshua Kaplan said finding a replacement for the College would not be simple, and there is no guarantee that it would fix the current system's problems.

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By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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And not a word from any NBA team that hasn’t won in awhile — it is the post-Jordan NBA. That for which it means it’s not even worth discussing.

Honestly, I don’t care who you are, where you’re from, or what your team has (or better yet, hasn’t) done since God knows when. You don’t get it — you can’t possibly get it — the way I do.

I’m a Cubs fan. Die-hard. bleed Cubby blue. All that junk.

And for all the overpaid players I’ve worshipped, the overpriced tickets I’ve bought, and the over-worn apparel I’ve owned, I haven’t seen a single World Series. Not even one World Series game.

But the Cubs were close, you’ll say, back in 2003, that Hartman game you may have heard of. Take it from somebody who knows — coming so close only makes it worse.

Take it from somebody who may or may not have shed a tear when television Mark Prior gave up the lead with less than a handful of outs to go before a Wrigleyville eruption and a World Series berth.

Take it from somebody who may or may not have broken the back door of his house by throwing a baseball after Kerry Wood gave up a run in the first inning of that farfetched Game 7 loss to the Marlins — those same Marlins who didn’t even exist for the first 85 years of the row-100-year Cubs’ championship drought and have now won two titles since 1997.

And yet, here I sit, watching anxious­ly as the immortal Ronnie Cedeno and FXV’s FXV to the Cubs a mid-April victory that I can only see as another step toward a distant October celebra­tion that cynics (hard to believe I’m not one, right?) don’t believe can ever connote Chicago’s North Side. But why?

Because there’s nothing better than blasting “Go Cubs Go” before a playoff game.

Because there’s nothing as nostalgic as sitting in the stands for a vintage Cubbie comeback (or more likely, col­lapse).

Because there’s nothing more exciting than watching the autumn leaves fall but the ivy on Wrigley’s walls remain intact for significant baseball well past those days of summer.

Because there’s nothing more heart­warming than watching your wheel­chair-enabled grandmother cheer on her team the way you do yours.

And most importantly, because I know that every 100 years, like check­work, things click into place for the Cubs. This year’s the year.

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Institute launches
online poetry journal

Latinas Letras has only literary publication in United States dedicated to Latino poets

special to the Observer

Letras Latinas, the literary program of the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies (ILS), recently launched its online publication Latino Poetry Review (LPR), the only literary journal in the United States dedicated to Latino poetry.

Designed to spur inquiry and dialogue in Latino poetry and poetics (an often-overlooked area of literary studies), the LPR will be published twice a year at http://www.latinopoetryreview.com.

"Certainly we want to draw critical attention to Latino poetry," said founding editor and Letras Latinas director Francisco Aragón. "But Notre Dame also has one of the strongest poetics programs around, and I'd like LPR to eventually play a pedagogical role in this program by providing a venue for graduate students in the English department."

"In a time when there is very little reviewing of poetry, Latino Poetry Review performs a great service, bringing the work of established and emerging poets to a larger, and now more informed, reading audience," said Notre Dame poetry scholar Stephen Fredman, professor of English.

In its first week, LPR attracted significant attention in the online poetry community. Poet and critic Ron Silliman, who runs Silliman's Blog, one of the most well-known and visited poetry Web logs, linked several LPR pieces to his March 31 blog and concluded that day's post by writing: "A big tip of the hat to Latino Poetry Review."

Letras Latinas seeks to enhance the visibility, appreciation and study of Latino literature, both on and off the Notre Dame campus, with a focus on projects that identify and support emerging Latino writers.

Founded in 1999, the ILS fosters understanding of the U.S. Latino experience by advancing research, expanding knowledge and strengthening community. It supports interdisciplinary initiatives in Latino studies as a key component of the University's academic mission.

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DENVER — A Colorado legislator known for kicking a photograph after being ordered to leave the podium of the State House of Representatives on Monday because he called Mexican workers "illiterate peasants."

State Rep. Douglas Bruce, who has a history of invoking controversy, made the comment during debate on a bill that would allow the state to help immigrant workers get temporary federal visas. The measure is intended to ease a shortage of farm workers in the state.

"I would like to have the opportunity to set the record straight in the microphone why I don't think we need 5,000 more illiterate peasants in Colorado," Bruce said.

His outburst drew an audible gasp from the House.

"How dare you," said state Rep. Katie Sturm, a Democrat who was serving as chairwoman during the debate. She told the Republican lawmaker he was no longer recognized to speak.

House Minority Leader Mike May, head of the GOP caucus, said legislative leaders were trying to determine what action to take against Bruce.

Bruce, Rep. Terrance Carroll, a Democrat, said the remark could result in a formal ethics complaint that would require a hearing and possible suspension, censure or expulsion.

Bruce later defended his remarks.

"I looked up 'illiterate' in the dictionary and it means somebody who is lacking in formal education or is unable to read and write," he said. "I don't think these people who are planning to come over here and pick potatoes or peaches are likely to have much of a formal education. I looked up the word 'peasant.' The word 'peasant' means a person who works in agricultural fields. "These people, most of them, don't speak English. Most of them haven't had any formal education, that's why they're coming over here. I don't blame them for trying, but I don't think we should pave the way for more aliens to come here," he said.

Eduardo Arral, the Consul General of Mexico in Denver, called Bruce's remarks "unfortunate" and "offensive."

"I believe these types of comments do not contribute to the discussion on immigration between Mexico and the United States nor in the search of solutions regarding this topic," Arral said in a statement. "Bruce became the first Colorado lawmaker censured by the House after he kicked a newspaper photographer for taking his picture during a prayer."

Republicans later removed him from the powerful State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee because he refused to co-sponsor a resolution honoring military veterans. Bruce said he believed resolutions were a waste of time because they have no legal effect.

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This Sunday, April 27, the following candidates will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and join us in congratulating them.

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"Thank you for this moving gesture. I give you all an ‘A plus’ in educational pronunciation."

The pope spoke of his own youth under the ‘sinister regime’ of Nazism and encouraging young people to seek ‘the truth about what is good’ and to be ‘guiding stars’ for others by working for the good of Christ.

“What matters most is that you develop your personal relationship with God,” he said.

“Take courage,”

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students in attendance reacted favorably to the pope’s speech.

“I really liked that the Holy Father didn’t say that we are the future of the Church. He said that we are the Church. That’s an encouraging message to hear,” Higgins said.

The next morning, the students traveled to Yankee Stadium to hear the pope say mass. Over 6,000 people attended the ceremony.

It really showed the strength and unity of the Church to see so many people united like that," Russell said.

“Not only that, but it was incredible to hear Mass from the Vicar of Christ, the direct successor to St. Peter. I love being Catholic,”

Following the Mass, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students boarded their bus and traveled back to Indiana.

“It was the best weekend ever,” Higgins said.

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have a voice in the electoral process.

“The race is heating up and getting a lot of attention, and students want their voices heard,” Rhodenbaugh said.

According to Indiana law, if a resident has lived in the state for more than 30 days prior to the election, they are eligible to register to vote in Indiana, even if they have a permanent address in another state, as long as the resident has not voted in their home state’s primary already.

After voting in the Indiana primary, the students have the option of switching their registration back to their home state in order to participate in future elections there, Rhodenbaugh said.

The volunteers visited as many dorms as possible in addition to having a booth in both dining halls to distribute registration forms, Rhodenbaugh said. Although no official records were kept, the team was fairly confident that they aided the registration of over 100 students.

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served as the faculty advisor for the team, helping them to keep up with their majors, grades and other scholastic matters.

Shortly after the news was released to the College, Resident Advisors (RA) sent e-mails to their residents to inform them. “If you would pray for his soul as well as pray family and loved ones, I’m sure they would appreciate it,” LeMans.

R.A. Christina Werner said in an e-mail.

A Facebook group, Donald E. Miller Memorial (and fan club!), was also created to honor him.

Over 200 Saint Mary’s students, alumni, and friends of Miller’s family joined the group, leaving notes of sympathy and memories of Miller on the group wall.

“As a teacher, he was always doing something crazy,” sophomore Theresa Earle said. “He called tests celebrations and he made sure that everyone talked in every class. He often said that a day in which you did not contribute to class was a day wasted.”

Associate professor of mathematics Mary Connolly agreed with Earle.

“Don was the consummate teacher. His students would all say that he challenged them and led them to levels they never thought possible.”

Mary Connolly, professor

His enduring legacy will be the students whose lives he changed.

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Hamas sends conflicting messages

Carter said Islamic group is willing to be peaceful but their actions speak otherwise

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Former President Carter said Monday that the Islamic group Hamas was willing to accept the Jewish state as a "neighbor next door," but the militant group is still matching upbeat words with concrete steps to high violence.

Hamas, which advocates Israel's destruction, instead recycled previous offers, including a 10-year truce if Israel takes the unlikely step of withdrawing from the West Bank and Jerusalem first.

Hamas has repeatedly confronted observers with its conflicting messages. Actions on the ground — seven rockets were fired on Israel — and some such as celebrity tours by Hamas leaders, did not match the group's upbeat words next month in Paris.

"The problem is Hamas is still repeating the same five steps to an ongoing conflict, which are not solving anything," said the top Hamas leader, Khaled Meshaal, in Damascus over the weekend.

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Carter, who delivered a last-minute phone call from Carter, urging a one-month truce on both sides, was ready to meet some international goodwill and defuse tensions.

"I did the best I could," Carter said of his conversation with Hamas leader Meshaal, telling him to declare a one-month truce. "They turned me down, and I think they're right.

Carter, who delivered a speech in Jerusalem Monday summarizing his mission, met twice with Hamas leader Meshaal.

He said his meeting included seven hours of talks in Damascus over the weekend that they are willing to live side by side.

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The Electoral College has built-in biases and any potential replacement will have biases," Arnold said. The elimination of the Electoral College would lead to disenfranchised voters.

"In this money political system, there's no other way to produce a real winner," he said. "Instead of just Florida in the 2000 election, we would have been fighting in half of the states if there were no Electoral College." Professor Johns Ayla, who stated the dire prediction that if the Electoral College were eliminated, the cost of campaigning would drastically increase.

"The cost of campaigning would increase significantly," he said. "Eliminating the College would lead candidates to campaign in previouslyelectoral states."

Senior analyst for Notre Dame Institutional Research John Mueller said while there are problems with the Electoral College, the American public’s apathy is one of the greatest obstacles to reform.

"It's something we've lived with for 200 years," he said. "There isn't a political will to eliminate it.”

Mueller said one major problem with the Electoral College was that it "creates a sense of false mandate for radical policy change." He cited the examples of President Clinton, who failed to win an outright majority in either of his elections, and President Bush, who failed to win even a plurality in 2000, both claiming they had received mandates.

However, instead of abolishing the College, Mueller said it could be reformed to reflect the popular vote. He said some states like Nebraska and Maine already award some electoral votes to the runner-up based on the outcomes of individual congressional districts.

Doctoral candidate in political science Patrick Kaplan said even revising the Electoral College might have unintended, harmful consequences such as increased voter fraud.

"As opposed to competing for every single vote, voting for something it would create an incentive to run up the vote in states that are deeply Republican or Democratic," he said. "There's less oversight in those states, so you're bound to see more unsavory practices.”

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**Debate continued from page 1**

Pirates in the lawless Gulf of Aden off Somalia fired on a Japanese oil tanker Monday, unleashing hundreds of gallons of fuel into the sea, a day after a Spanish tuna boat was hijacked using rocket-propelled grenades. Earlier this month, a French luxury yacht was hijacked.

The tankar attack helped send crude oil prices to a new record, spiking above $171 a barrel Monday before falling back slightly.

The issue of piracy is an important issue, and within that framework we're focusing in particular on the threat of piracy off the coast of Somalia," U.S. Ambassador Zalmai Khalilzad told The Associated Press.

In Sunday's attack in the Gulf of Aden, pirates approached the Spanish Playa de Bakio and opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades, striking it but causing no serious damage, said an official in Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's office.

Spain spent a frigate to the site of the hijacking about 200 miles off the coast of Somalia. Twenty-six crew were aboard the 250-foot vessel when the pirates forced their way on the ship.

The Spanish prime minister's office said efforts were under way to secure the sailors' release, and that aid was being sought from NATO, the African Union, France and Britain.

Spain does not have an embassy in Somalia, which has not had an effective government since 1991.

The hijackers are demanding money but have not specified how much, Rosa Maria Alvarez, the daughter of the ship's skipper, Amadeo Alvarez Gomez, told Spanish National Radio. The government declined to comment on her remarks.

Last week, French judges filed preliminary charges against six Somali pirates accused of holding 30 hostages aboard a French luxury yacht for a week in the Gulf of Aden. A French military helicopter captured them after the April 11 release of the yacht's crew. The ships owners reportedly paid a ransom.

According to a report from the International Maritime Bureau, piracy is on the rise, with seafarers suffering 49 attacks between January and March, up 20 percent from the period last year.

Pirates boarded 36 vessels and hijacked one, the report said. Seven crew members were taken hostage, six were killed, three were killed and one went missing. Most of the attackers were heavily armed with guns or knives, the report said.

Nigeria ranked as the No. 1 trouble spot, India and the Gulf of Aden tied for second, with each reporting five incidents. Nearly two dozen piracy incidents were recorded off the coast of Somalia since January 2007, according to Andrew Mwangura of the Kenya-based Seafarers Assistance Program.

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**US, France draft resolution to battle pirates**

U.N. document is response to series of attacks off Somali coast, Spanish boat hijacking

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and France are drafting a U.N. resolution that would allow countries to chase and arrest pirates off Somalia's coast, responding to a spate of attacks including this week's hijacking of a Spanish tuna boat, U.N. diplomats said Monday.

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Maurice Ripert said the resolution would authorize foreign governments to pursue pirate vessels into territorial waters, make arrests, and prosecute suspects.

"We want to do it fast, but it could take one or two weeks because it has to be by consensus — it's not confrontational," he told The Associated Press.

The push by key U.N. Security Council nations to tackle the issue follows an alarming increase in piracy by well-armed bandits, prompting international demands for better protection of the world's shipping lanes.

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**In Brief**

Bush defends free trade in North America

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush and Mexican President Felipe Calderon strongly defended free trade across North America on Monday, fending off anti-trade remarks that Democrats running for president said that when he and Calderon linked to as many as 81 deaths.

Gasoline and diesel prices are expected to keep rising as they trace the path of crude. Oil prices are charging above $117 per barrel.

**Market Prices**

- Gasoline for May delivery rose to a record $117.76 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Bush hailed the benefits of cross-border trade despite a rising protectionism sentiment on Capitol Hill.

Energy Department predicted earlier this month that monthly average gasoline prices will peak at over $3.60 per gallon in June and could even reach $4.

**Commodities**

- Light, sweet crude for May delivery rose to a record $117.76 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gas jumped more than a nickel over the weekend and is up 23 percent from a year ago. Drivers in New Jersey are paying the least, while drivers in California pay the most, $3.86 a gallon for regular unleaded.

Traders deal oil options on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Monday. Oil prices spiked to a record $117.40 a barrel.

**Cause of heparin reactions unknown**

"We have data in the test tube as well as animal data that shows this contaminant can trigger events that would lead to these type of reactions," said Janet Woodcock, director of the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "That doesn't tell us the whole story. But it establishes a link."

Chinese officials claimed that adverse events were reported in patients who got heparin even when the blood thinner did not contain the contaminant — over-sulfated chondroitin. But FDA officials said that premise is incorrect.

"When you see it, then you believe it," said Jin Shaohong, the deputy director general for the National Pharmaceutical and Biological Products in China.
Authorities attempt to match parents, kids

Judge ordered DNA tests to determine familial relations in West Texas polygamist compound

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Using cotton swabs and cameras, lab technicians began taking DNA samples Monday from hundreds of children and mothers — wearing long, pioneer-style dresses — in hopes of sorting out the tangled family relationships within the West Texas polygamist sect.

A judge ordered last week that the genetic material be taken to help determine which children belong to which parents.

Authorities need to figure out before they begin custody hearings to determine which children may have been abused and need to be permanently removed from the sect compound in Eldorado, and which ones can be safely returned to the fold.

State social workers have complained that over the past few weeks, sect members have offered different names and ages. Also, the children refer to all of their fathers' wives as their "mothers," and all men in the community as "uncles."

The testing went on behind closed doors at the crowded coliseum where the children seized in the raid earlier this month on the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound are staying.

The collecting of DNA is likely to take 10 technicians most of the week, and it will be a month or more before the results are available, said Janiece Rolfe, a spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office.

Rod Parker, an FLDS attorney, acknowledged that family names within the sect can be confusing, but said: "No one is trying to deceive anyone. It's not sinister." Instead, he said that because many of the sect's marriages are not legal, adults and their children may legally have one name but use another within the community.

The April 3 nighttime raid on the 1,700-acre compound probably frightened the children, said Ken Briggs, who has studied the sect extensively. "If somebody had taken the time to approach them in a way that was respectful, they probably would have gotten the information they needed," Briggs said.

The children will be placed in group homes or other quarters until individual custody hearings can be completed by early June. Officials said they will try to keep siblings together when possible, though some polygamous families may have dozens of siblings.

The testing will involve 437 children and possibly hundreds of adults. State authorities revised their count of the children from 416 as they developed better lists and discovered that not all the female members who claimed to be adults were over 18.

The testing will be more complicated than that of the typical custody or support case. In a typical custody case, "maternity is already established," Rolfe said, but in this case, researchers will have to determine the identity of both parents.

United Kingdom

Shakira praises British PM Brown

Associated Press

LONDON — George Clooney, Angelina Jolie, Shakira. Not a red carpet lineup, but a roll call of celebrities the sometimes dear British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has recruited to inject glamour into his appeals to help the developing world.

Brown joined a telephone conference Monday with Shakira, praising the Columbian pop sensation for taking an inspirational role in work to provide a basic education for every child in the world.

The Grammy-winning singer, famed for her hit "Hips Don't Lie," is supporting a week of events to highlight the cause of education advocacy group the Global Campaign for Education.

She said the group is pressing world leaders to provide funding for primary education for 72 million young children who now miss out on schooling as a result of poverty.

The group also aims to generate support for some 226 million older children who miss out on classes because of a lack of access to schools, or because of truancy.

Brown is the world's "No. 1 champion of education," said the group's chairman, Gene Sperling, an ex-White House economic adviser to former President Clinton.

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BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister appealed Monday for support from his Arab neighbors, Gulf states and any open embassies and forgive Iraqi debts as his government tries to crack down on Shiite militias in a crucial power struggle.

But the government plea came amid warnings violence could flare up. It's the kind of appeal Iraq's Arab neighbors might heed more violence could unfold.

Followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, leader of Arab Emirates and Qatar. Arabia, Kuwait, the
tion that is majority Shiite - support the political process and are opening embassies here. We need the others to

al-Maliki told reporters. "I am a bewildered by the position of these nations," al-Maliki added, without

explained the finger at "some" nations he named were supporting extremist groups and "incit ing strife through the media" - an apparent reference to Arab satellite TV stations in the Gulf which the leadership here considers hostile to the government. "Do they want to support Iraq? Iraq has emerged from a crisis and needs to be sup

U.S. officials have accused Iran - which will attend the Kuwait conference - of sup

The United States, too, has pressed Arab governments to respond to security improvements and political advances in Baghdad. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who visited Baghdad on Sunday, is scheduled to be at the Kuwaiti meeting to lend support to Iraq.

In Najaf, a top Sadrist spokesman, Salah al-Obeidi, warned that open warfare was a "strong possibility" if the government did not ease the pressure on al-Sadr's militia. The government has demanded that al-Sadr disband the Mahdi Army or else the Sadrist will not be part of the elections. The government also said that al-Obeidi complained that government officials and Shiite intermediaries had offered "no serious propos als" to end the conflict and that "we are ready for all possibilities."

Last weekend, al-Sadr, who is believed to be in Iran, threatened in a Web site statement high-scale war on the U.S.-backed government if attacks on his followers continue.

The crisis began nearly a month ago when al-Sadr launched a military offensive against the hated Mahdi Army and other Shiite militias in the southern port city of Basra. Militiamen responded by shelling Baghdad's U.S.-protected Green Zone, which houses the U.S. embassy and offices of the Iraqi government. U.S. and Iraqi forces then laid siege to the Baghdad militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The daily clashes have raised fears that al-Sadr may formally break the unofficial truce he declared last August - a move that American officials credit with helping dramatically reduce violence.

In Sadr City - a sprawling slum of 2.5 million people - mosques broadcast appeals for people to donate for ending the confron tation and urban clashes.

The government has pressed Arab governments to discuss ways they can help Iraq's Shiite-led govern ment officials and the pressure on al-Sadr's militias in a crucial power struggle.

The government has declared a month ago for people to donate blood to help the hundreds who had been injured in the fighting. "Eighth contacts by telephone said many donors showed up at two hospitals in response to the call."

But U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Stover said an unmanned U.S. aircraft fired a Hellfire missile at a group of gunmen late Sunday, killing all forces.

In Basra, a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in the central part of the city, setting a Humvee ablaze and killing two of the troops in response.

"If it weren't for the institu tionalized process that we went through, we would not be connected in a personal reconciliation," said Biehl, who will be traveling to the South Africa today.

In announcing she was being named a Companion of O.R. Tambo, the president's office cited Biehl's "outstanding contribution to the promotion of forgiveness in the wake of the apartheid era and its aftermath, and contributing to the promotion of non-racism in post-apartheid South Africa."

The award, named for the late African National Congress president, who was awarded the Companion in 1993, will be presented at the end of the ceremony at which Biehl will be presenting a copy of her book, "Apartheid; parents forgive attackers, found charity."
Dear Graduating Business Majors,

It has been a long four years for all of you. Graduation approaches, and I know this light at the end of the tunnel means a relief from ages of toil and struggles. It's not easy to wake up at noon, skip two classes, visit the LaFortune cluster and grab six chairs around one computer to work on a group PowerPoint presentation, then still get out of there in time to visit Nomia. I applaude you for your hard work and congratul­

ate you on surviving.

But this letter is not a laudatory paean praising your prestigious efforts. No, I write you today, Minions of Mendoza, with a need far more pressing and urgent. The impending graduation may signify to you a stepping stone on the way to a promising future — a destiny of upward mobility, 401(k)'s, and financial prosperity shining brighter than a newly polished class ring. Yet for some of your less fortunate classmates, next month's celebration of Notre Dame's 163rd Commencement exercises signals not the start of suc­

cess, but the dawn of destitution.

I speak on behalf of the great mass of the street, the poor, the bumbled masses of the College of Arts and Letters. You see, kind business majors, students like myself are not prepared for the modern globalized economy. We lack market­
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Instead, we have our parents' couches and houses in the projects. We have excluded healthcare coverage, a sprawling job market, and a monthly stipend on which to support ourselves. We have freeganism and rusty bikes and buying used clothes.

This is where you come in, business majors. You see, the majority of you are going to be making ridiculous, scan­
dalous, obscene amounts of money within a year. You will buy new cars and take ski trips to Aspen and donate to our University to be entered in the football ticket lottery. I write to ask a very simple thing of you today: share the wealth.

Imagine the following scenario: the scene is one year from today. You, Sally Mendoza, park your car outside the ele­

gant new downtown restaurant. It has been a long day at the offices of Consultants International, getting paid far more than you would spend to your companies how to spend their money, but you are looking forward to the meal. You are meeting up with several fellow Domers who were in your mar­

keting class and now live near you in the Chicago suburbs.

On the way to the restaurant, you hear a rustling from the alleyway next to the main entrance. The sound start­

les you, but you shake it off. You were listening to Bon Jovi on your iPhone anyway, and you couldn't hear clearly. You start to turn away, but then freeze as a shadowy fig­

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er appears from around the corner. 
Thank you for ‘Finish on the Fifty’

On behalf of Hannah and Friends, we would like to thank the students of Notre Dame, St. Mary’s, and Holy Cross for their overwhelming support on the Second Annual “Finish on the Fifty” charity run that took place on Saturday, April 19, 2008. We were extremely impressed and pleased to see such a strong turnout despite the rain and early morning start on a weekend filled with campus festivities.

The event was chaired by Claire Bergstrom, with support from numerous student groups. The committee was sponsored by the Student Activities Office, and all other students, faculty, and administration that contributed to the success of this event.

We find ourselves blessed to be part of a community that continues to support the mission of Hannah and Friends.

Maura Wex
Co-Chair, Hannah and Friends

Sharon Bui Green
Executive Director, Hannah and Friends

April 21

BRTG

Celebrating Earth Day

Dear Members of the Notre Dame Community,

The University of Notre Dame is committed to incorporating energy conservation and environmental stewardship into all of its institutional goals. The Energy and Environmental Issues Committee has been a driving force behind many of these green initiatives at Notre Dame.

Undoubtedly, the biggest environmental news of this year is the creation of the Office of Sustainability. The office was established the first year of its existence in 2006. The goal of the office is to promote sustainability across campus and encourage a long-term commitment to sustainability efforts.

Sustained collaboration between many groups within the Notre Dame community has demonstrated the University’s dedication to energy and environmental issues. It is our hope that this interdepartmental collaboration will continue to grow and that we will see continued progress in the years to come.

The Office of Sustainability will build institutional learning capabilities to support continuous improvement in building design and operations, landscaping, procurement, energy and water conservation, transportation, and waste management. The office has established a recycling and waste management program. The University has generously provided the office with a $2 million green loan fund to provide capital for environmental improvements in both campus buildings and operaions, illustrating a long-term commitment to sustainability efforts.

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We extend our appreciation to Alumni Hall for sponsoring the run, and to the committee chair, Claire Bergstrom, with support from numerous student groups. The committee was sponsored by the Student Activities Office, and all other students, faculty, and administration that contributed to the success of this event.

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April 21

Bring Matthews to Notre Dame

After reading Bob Costas’s interview with Dave Matthews prior to his concert in support of Barack Obama at Indiana University (April 15), and recalling Tim Staub’s request to “revive the concert” and bring more high-profile performers to campus (March 30th), I asked myself why an artist of Matthews’ caliber has not played at Notre Dame since U2 played as the headliner without question one of the most successful bands of all time. They have won more Grammy Awards than any other band, and their success is certainly well-deserved. The average U2 ticket costs over $100. On the other hand, Matthews is arguably the most popular touring artist among young adults today, and tickets to his shows are much easier to purchase on the websites of college students than any U2 show. Matthews is a musician who has always been more about the music than the money. In this age of music piracy and illegal file sharing, he allows fans to record live shows and share them with others online, during both his acoustic shows with Tim Reynolds, as well as during full band performances. Matthews’ websites eclipse the two-hour mark, certainly giving loyal fans a bargain. Even though such a performance would cost more than either Lupe Fiasco or OK Go, the length and quality of this duo’s set would mean that only one act would need to be booked, rather than two. In addition, I think if given the opportunity to see the likes of Matthews and Reynolds in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center, many students would gladly pay more than the $10 or $15 cover of either other Notre Dame concerts. In his article, Bob Costa mentioned how Tim Reynolds has played as a guest on U2’s Notre Dame’s campus twice in recent years. However, few people probably know that the Dave Matthews Band played at the Joyce Center in 1996. Both Matthews and Reynolds have some history with the university, given this relationship, as well as the relative ease of production for just two acoustic guitarists, getting this duo to play at ND would certainly be easier than bringing Matthews’ entire band back to the JACC. While the concert at IU had political undertones, Matthews and Reynolds consistently played regular concerts on campuses across the country, at schools both larger and smaller than Notre Dame, so it is not as if they have become too large of an act to play college shows. According to the Notre Dame athletics website, “Recent performers to perform in the Joyce Center in the past five years include Elton John, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks, Neil Diamond, James Taylor and U2.” Before I graduate, I hope that we can once again bring A-List performers such as Matthews & Reynolds to Notre Dame. The university is clearly one of the nation’s premier, and I think that students should again be able to enjoy some of their generation’s premier performers on campus.

Josh Flynn
Krementz Hall
April 15

Parietals not an issue

Mr. Meehan, I do not find humor in your sarcastic article about extending the hours of parietals. As an upstanding member of the Notre Dame community, I will highlight the issues you neglected in this article. How many times I have sex are during the week, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 AM. I find it appalling and frankly, frustrating that you would consider restricting my hours of commingling with others. Parietals simply do not affect me, like you actually pointed out in your essay effectively refuting your point, if I might add, “students either ignore parietals, or they merely work around them, committing the sin earlier in the evening instead.”

Now, you have simply put me in a tough position, as a Catholic citizen. I have a full-time job, I am a political science major, and I have a variety of interests. I cannot possibly attend school any longer. You can expect my letter requesting the release of my transcripts on your desk, hopefully to be forwarded to the Pope for my con-demnation to hell.

But before I leave, I would like to let you know, I have never made fun of someone for going to mass — not because the student population attends mass, but rather because I am mature enough to realize people, at some point in their lives should have the right to make their own decisions about how to lead their lives. I hope at some time, you understand that, America promotes freedom and general autonomy. Stop listening to your mother and make decisions for yourself. And by the way, when you do get there, wrap it up. Sincerely,

Progressive Society

April 19

What’s up with all you so-called serious politicians and politically active "educated" people who think the environment is not worth your time? You think that you’re too cool for school, but I have a newfangled for you, Walter Cronkite... you aren’t. Seriously though, the environment is a pressing political issue with real consequences. (got money for gas?) So why is it routinely swept under the carpet while several flavor-of-the-week political issues are debated incessantly? It’s not a joke! We are talking about the survival of our planet! Not a game, our planet! Honestly... if you like going outside, breathing air, using your paycheck for things other than gas, not living under a rock, or the color green... you should probably try to wake up.

Daniel Collins
Antioch Hall
April 20

Discrimination policy too narrow

It is unacceptable that the University of Notre Dame refuses to include sexual orientation in the discrimination clause. We pride ourselves on the unbreakable bonds of the "Notre Dame family," but Notre Dame seems to think this doesn’t apply with sexual orientation. Opposing discrimination towards homosexuals does not conflict with our lifestyle or compromise our Catholic character; it affirms that we oppose hate and welcome all as equal human beings. Notre Dame officials worry about the legal consequences of this act. But shouldn’t our principles of humanity hold more weight than the threat of a lawsuit? The day that Notre Dame values the popular opinion of her alumni and her pocketbooks more than her morals is the day I transfer. Let’s hope that Notre Dame acts faster on this issue than the Catholic Church did with Galileo.

Casey Cockey
St. Maurice Hall
April 19

Tired of these annoying gray boxes?

Be a columnist.

E-mail Kara at kkings5@nd.edu
Talking politics with State Radio’s Chad Stokes

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CHAD STOKES - FORMERLY OF DISPATCH

Somewhere outside Albany, Chad Stokes is frustrated. Stokes, 32, is the outspoken and shaggy-haired lead singer and guitarist for State Radio, an independent roots-rock band with reggae influences based in Boston. Stokes is best-known for his many years as one of the vocalists and guitarists for college-rock band Dispatch, who still enjoy a grateful Dead-like cult following. Stokes spoke with The Observer last week about State Radio’s music, his sometimes controversial political views and the break-up of Dispatch.

"When you're frustrated about last week during our interview? Zimbabwe. For Stokes, living a rock musician is more than just a trade, it's a calling. Stokes lived in Zimbabwe during his 15th year and the experience has deeply influenced both his songs and his commitment to community service and the peace movement.

When Stokes spoke with The Observer, State Radio (a trio also featuring bassist Chuck Fay and drummer Mike Najarian) had just finished a short community-service tour supporting Tom Morello of Audioslave and Rage Against The Machine.

"We just got off a short run with Tom Morello in California," said Stokes via phone from New York. "None of the artists were getting paid. It was about community service. Besides playing, we went to a homeless shelter and washed some dishes with Tom and friends."

In early April, Zimbabwe held national elections, although the country's current president, Robert Mugabe, widely-considered to be a ruthless dictator, reportedly has influenced both his songs and his commitment to community service and the peace movement.

"It's a critical point in its history. I have some friends over there who I'm worried about."

Although Dispatch's tenure ended officially in 2002, its members have reunited for philanthropic causes. In July 2007, Stokes and former band-mates Pete Francis and Brad Corrigan hosted an epic, sold-out three-night stand at Madison Square Garden in New York to benefit the plight in Zimbabwe and raise awareness about the plagues of political and economic problems there.

"It was cool to play with those kids," reflected Stokes about playing with a Zimbabwe youth choir during the Madison Square Garden shows. "We were pretty psyched. I was just glad when it was over and we hadn't [nixed] up royally," said Stokes, laughing.

State Radio is much more overtly political than Dispatch — and plays an intense live show. If you haven't heard their music, think Michael Franti meets John Butler Trio. State Radio released its first EP in 2003 but gained a higher profile after their first full-length studio album "Us Against the Crown" was released in 2006. In September 2007, State Radio released its second studio album, "Year of the Crow."

"In State Radio, we're all along the same lines," Stokes said. "We feel unfiltered and like that we can let it roll, no matter what." With Dispatch, Stokes said he was often frustrated with his band's disinterest in playing politically-tinged songs. "With Dispatch, I knew certain things. (Francis and Corrigan) wouldn't be pleased with my lyrics. That was hard. It was hard to follow through with what I knew there was an audience for politically-minded music — where we could make some change and contribute to the peace movement. That was a little bit lost with Dispatch."

Dispatch disbanded in 2002, before the United States invaded Iraq a year later. Before breaking-up the band, Stokes recalled that some members of Dispatch "didn't really get into it" when it came to politics, but admits that if the group was active during the Iraq invasion, Dispatch may have changed.

"If Dispatch was a working band when the invasion occurred, we would have had a serious conversation about what we were partnering with in Iraq: Veterans Against The War," Stokes said.

Stokes said in our interview that politics played a "small part" in Dispatch's break-up. "Personalities were diverging," Stokes said. "It wasn't totally political. Most of it was that we had stopped relating with each other. It was getting to be too tricky to write and play new songs together. For years, we kept playing old (songs) that had been recorded years ago."

The disconnect between the members of Dispatch from 1999 to 2002 was ultimately insurmountable said Stokes. "I think we all were writing new songs, but somehow they didn't fit in," Stokes said. "No one was bringing them to the table. No one would compromise. I don't think anyone wanted new songs."

In a scene in director Helmut Schlipe’s 2005 film "The Last Dispatch," which documents Dispatch’s (at the time) last concert in 2004, Stokes is seen tersely talking politics with Dispatch drummer and vocalist Brad Corrigan. I mentioned the scene to Stokes and asked him about his relationship with Corrigan and their politics.

"I said to me, tell me why you don't like George Bush," remembered Stokes. "I said (Bush) was out of touch, in with big business, making wrong decisions for the people. Since then, Brad has been more open-minded to that. Pete has always just been pretty separate from politics."

Dispatch's current live set mixes tracks from both of their studio albums and the band's various EPs and live releases. "It's good for us to break it up," said Stokes of his band's philosophy on their live shows. "We play a lot of the new tunes, really open up some of the older tunes. People have been really receptive and enjoying it back at us. It's been cool."

For their most-recent studio album "Year of the Crow," State Radio was aiming for a more live sound record to capture the energy of their on-stage heroes. They enlisted producer Trhead Blake, well-known for his work with artists such as Phish, Pearl Jam and Peter Gabriël, to turn the knobs. They recorded "Year of the Crow" in Blake's studio outside London.

The lyrics on "Year of the Crow" are unforgiving and yearning, railing against perceived injustices on tracks such as "Guantanamo," "C.I.A." and "Sudan.

"We live in such a wild time in this country," Stokes said. "We have so much to be upset about. Upset about the war, the cutting of funding of different groups — not just veterans but for people with disabilities, housing shortages, this 'Every Child Left Behind' thing.

Regarding the war in Iraq, which shades many State Radio songs, Stokes said he has "always been against it."

"Saddam Hussein was a bad man, but so is Kim Jong-il," Stokes said. "There are bad places out there, for sure, but a lot of this is showing our ignorance. The war in Iraq. It seems really irrelevant to me. Such a volatile region, but going in and disturbing it with our myopic, Americanized policy was a disaster ... we've ruined our international reputation."

Even though Stokes is politically active, he declined making a
presidential endorsement during our interview.

"I'm supporting the Democratic nominee," Stokes said. "I like Obama and Hillary, but I'm not enamored by either. I'm excited by changing what it is I could bring. If I had to be pushed in one direction, I'd lean towards Obama.

"I'm glad fans are not always pleased with his band's overt political tone. At times, Stokes said fans young and old, some veterans, have given him their own opinions about State Radio's lyrics.

"I don't mind if people show up just for the music," Stokes said. "Ultimately, we're just a band. It's cool if they just want to come for a good time."

This summer, State Radio has landed a handful of coveted opening slots on the Dave Matthews Band's summer tour. Instead of playing to packed clubs, State Radio will be warming up thousands of fans in open-air amphitheaters across America.

"I'm sure we'll be pretty nervous," Stokes said. "It's a huge show. We've played some big shows and festivals, but we haven't been the sole opener for a band on a tour like this.

"State Radio believe in nationalizing healthcare and having government take a larger role in taking over poverty," Stokes said. "There are some socialistic tendencies. We just want to stay away from the trend of corporations taking over, the corporatization of a dorm. That's the weird thing that's hard to process."

Stokes is happy with the independent, grassroots route State Radio has taken.

"I'd say things are pretty good in the van right now," Stokes said. "The moment of the band seems to be going at a nice pace. You bring a bunch of suits into it, it waters it down. It's not such a cool thing.

Stokes said that State Radio's path is similar to Dispatch's in some ways. But, Stokes now clearly wants to avoid even entertaining the idea of signing with a record label run by a major corporation.

"With Dispatch, we had some big dinners and lunches and met the big guns of the record labels in New York," Stokes said. "Dispatch was sort of open to it, but [the labels] never saw our vision completely. They said 'recut this album' or 'redo this EP.' They never got us," Stokes said. "Besides, when the record comes back to its core, we were already almost done with it. We were like you guys are coming at us way too late."

Stokes was at first hesitant to go into detail about Dispatch's break-up, but recalled that it was around 1999 that the band began to go downhill.

"The recording of "Who Are We Living For?" was when it started," Stokes said. "There were some arguments over what songs to pick. Lyrically, we weren't on the same page."

Stokes said it was the arguments over lyrics during the recording of Dispatch's fourth, and last, studio album that caused increasing friction within the band.

"People would say this is too racy, too risky," Stokes said. "People would come to the table and say here's a song. Then someone would say 'I'm not comfortable with that.' Then, someone would say 'what the (heck) are you talking about?'

"Stokes said. "Artists are sensitive people. When they come to the table with a song that can be damaging it makes you less excited. Then you become a legacy act: playing old tunes."

"Dispatch" was three different guys," Stokes said. "I was political. Brad was spiritual and coming into his religion. Pete was more of the romantic and the poet. Pete wanted to push the envelope in terms of lyrics. I wanted to be edgier politically. Brad was more interested in his faith. It was a democracy, with people putting everything out there.

"I think the United States is in a tough place and it's our responsibility, and legacy of our forefathers, to speak out about what we think is wrong," Stokes said. "I like the bumper sticker says, 'disenfranchised: We should let our voices be heard."

As Stokes has become more politically active over the years, he said he still understands why some fans are not interested in his message.

"I don't blame people who aren't involved," Stokes said. "But, I think it's great when they are. When people come up to us after shows and tell us they've been affected by our music, or started a Save Darfur Club, an Elias Fund... it's rewarding for us."

With State Radio, Stokes is confident that "we're in it for life.

Even after the tense Dispatch break-up, Stokes said he wanted to continue to make music.

"I thought I'd give it one more try, to see if the same problems had to exist," Stokes said. "You put eight years into a band, you can finally afford a bus, you feel like all of your work has come to fruition," said Stokes on Dispatch.

"The reality of starting State Radio from scratch was a major change for Stokes. "A year later, I'm back in a van, playing to forty people, if that," Stokes said. "It's pretty humbling trying to start again. We hit the road hard, we built it organically. It's been tough. I felt like I've done this before, we are again - driving at 4:00 a.m., loading the van."

Now, State Radio is normally playing to 500 fans or more. "Once you get in the 500 range, it feels pretty big," Stokes said. "The weirdness is playing Madison Square Garden or the Hatch Shell in Boston with Dispatch when we didn't have any real new songs, playing the same tunes we'd been playing for years in the basement of a dorm. That's the weird thing that's hard to process."

State Radio is looking to record their third studio album after the 2008 presidential election is over, probably in January 2009.

"Besides this summer's tour and planning future studio albums, Stokes said the band plans to release "a four or five song EP; spin-off type thing, more acoustic, like 2004's 'Simmer Kano' EP."

What will the next State Radio album sound like?

"Some of the tunes we're working on now are epic, more rock based," Stokes said. "I'd like to get more experimental, add more riffs. I'm not sure where it's going. Sometimes, we visualize our next record as rock-based, a 'big world' sound with (John) Bonham-sounding drums... more of an airy, big sound."

Will Dispatch ever reunite?

"There might be a show or two in a few years," Stokes said. "I don't think we'll be a working band. I don't know. At the moment. Breaking up was the best thing for our friendships."

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Cats get win over Wizards

CLEVELAND — Maybe Gilbert Arenas was talking about some other Cavaliers. The Wizards were a different story for the Washington Wizards faced Monday night didn’t look like the Wizards who played their 112th playoff game.

LeBron James scored 30 points and six lefts Jason Williams added 16, and the Cavaliers played their best game in months in a 108-96 win. The Wizards, who opened the opening-round series in Philadelphia, are 1-4 in their last 15 games. Cleveland pushed its winning streak to five games.

The Wizards’ 25-1 season likely was the largest in Cleveland’s postseason history. The Cavs were playing their third quarter when the Cavs opened a 25-point lead over the Wizards, whose defensive scheme coming into their third game as many years with Cleveland and was slow James by roughing up him up and down the floor.

It may be time for Plan B. The Wizards hardly both- ered three games with 12 assists and nine rebounds to barely miss his third career postseason triple-double. James went to the line 14 times, missed seven. At that point, the Cavaliers were leading by 24 points and coaching veteran Scotty. The Wizards are leading by 12 and could not keep up their 4-0 lead.

With their blowout win Monday against the Cavaliers, who are leading by 2-0 in the series, the Wizards are leading the Cavaliers for the first time in a lifetime. The team that won the first round of games by 15 points could not be stopped.

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"We talked about that when I got here,“ said Cavaliers coach Mike Brown. "I thought everybody wants to play in the playoffs and think everybody wants to play in the playoffs."

Cavs go 6-0 in the playoffs. The Cavaliers have four series leads in the playoffs. With four series leads in the playoffs, the Wizards have one series lead in the playoffs.

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**NBA**

Spurs guard Manu Ginobili receives the NBA sixth man award for the 2007-2008 season, given to the league's best reserve. Ginobili earned 123 of 124 first-place votes.

**Ginobili honored with sixth man award**

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

**Bengals’ Thurman back with Cincy after suspension**

**CINCINNATI — Linebackerداد**

Thurman was reinstated from an NFL suspension after sitting out the last two seasons.

The Cincinnati Bengals said Monday they were informed by commissioner Roger Goodell that Thurman is eligible to play. He was suspended the last two seasons because of violations of the NFL's substance abuse policy.

He had been cleared in January by the NFL to resume working with the Bengals pending word on his status.

A second-round draft pick from Georgia in 2005, Thurman started 15 games at middle linebacker, led the team in tackles and tied the team rookie record with five interceptions.

His reinstatement comes less than three weeks after the Bengals cut wide receiver Chris Henry following his fifth arrest since 2005. Henry was suspend-

ed by Goodell for the first half of the 2007 season for misconduct.

**Haywood’s foul against Janes sparks controversy**

**CLEVELAND — Washington Wizards center Brendan Haywood was ejected in the third quarter of Monday night’s Game 2 against Cleveland for a hard foul on LeBron James, the most flagrant foul in a series already full of them.**

With 6:59 left, James was driving to the basket when Haywood came across the lane and shoved the All-Star with both hands without going for the ball. The officials called a flagrant 2 foul, leading to Haywood’s automatic ejection. The play can be reviewed and Haywood could face a possible suspension.

Tensions have been high between the teams for weeks, fueled by comments from DeShawn Stevenson and Gilbert Arenas of the Wizards.

Game 1, which Cleveland won 95-86, was chippy from the start and Haywood and James had an altercation just before halftime in the first half of Game 2. Arenas was called for a technical foul and Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao was given a flagrant foul.

**Colts RB Keith arrested for multiple misdemeanors**

**INDIANAPOLIS—Colts running back Kenton Keith was out of jail Monday after being arrested for refusing to leave a nightclub parking lot and yelling at officers that he was a Colts player who had done nothing wrong, police said.**

Officers working security tried to clear a crowd from the parking lot of the Cloud 9 club after it closed. The 27-year-old Keith and several others refused to leave and were laughing, dancing and joking, police said.

Keith was charged with misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement, public intoxication and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, because a man he brought to the club with him was 19, police said. He was released from jail later Sunday on his own recognizance.

Keith has been with the Colts for one season after playing in the Canadian Football League.
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Irish sit atop Big East leaderboard

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a torrid start, No. 25 Notre Dame holds a nine-stroke lead over the rest of the field heading into the final day of competition at the Big East championship tournament at the Elks Run Golf Club in Batavia, Ohio.

The Irish (597) shot the two lowest rounds of the tournament, carding a 296 and 301, to stake out a comfortable lead over second-place No. 28 Louisville (606). Notre Dame sophomore Annie Brough recorded back-to-back 74s to head into the final round tied for first.

Three other Irish golfers played their way into the top-10.

"Our goal all year has been winning the Big East championship. That's what we expect to do, and we deserve to have that happen."

-- Susan Holt
Irish coach

"It was a rough couple of games and we knew it was going to turn around eventually, and tonight it did."

-- Mike Komisarek opened the scoring 3:31 in amid one of the first rounds of the tournament from the raucous Bell Centre crowd over the course of the evening.

The Canadiens took control of the game in the second, out-shooting the Bruins 17-6 while building a three-goal lead on a superb goal by Mark Streit midway through the period and Kostitsyn's second goal of the series.

Kostitsyn punctuated the win with his second of the game, a power-play goal with 2:02 remaining in the third. Sergei Kostitsyn scored with 7.3 seconds remaining.

Top-seeded Montreal will face Philadelphia in the second round, if the Flyers win their opening game of the series, to start their playoff run.

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Price, Montreal send Bruins home

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price put a couple of tough losses behind him to save the Montreal Canadiens' playoff run and dash the Boston Bruins' hopes of an improbable comeback.

Price got his second shutout and Andrei Kostitsyn scored twice to lead Montreal to a 5-0 win over Boston on Monday night in the deciding game of their first-round playoff series.

The 20-year-old rookie stopped 25 shots overall, including 11 shots in the opening period. Price had allowed 10 goals overall in a pair of Canadiens losses after he got his first playoff shutout in a 1-0 win in Game 4.

"It was a rough couple of games and we knew it just wasn't going our way," Price said. "I knew that if we could just continue to put it together and play, things were going to turn around eventually, and tonight it did."

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Rookie Galarraga, Tigers take down Blue Jays

Armando Galarraga has sparked Detroit to two victories since being called up; Ortiz leads Red Sox over Rangers

Associated Press
TORONTO — An unlikely rookie is leading the Detroit Tigers to new heights.

Armando Galarraga won his second straight start, Edgar Bonifacio homered and the Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 on Monday night.

Ivan Rodriguez had four hits and Bonifacio scored twice for the Tigers.

Galarraga 12-0 has won back-to-back starts since being called up from Triple-A Toledo last week to replace Dontrelle Willis, sidelined by a hyper­tended knee.

"They made a mistake," he said, laughing.

No other Tigers pitcher has more than one win, and the quintet of Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Holw rtson, Kenny Rogers, Justin Verlander and Willis have just two victories between them so far.

The 26-year-old Galarraga blanked the Blue Jays on three singles for 5-1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked four.

"He had a lot of late movement," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "He was running pitches in, he was doing well with his slider."

Galarraga, who beat Cleveland last week, lowered his ERA to 1.50. He has not allowed a hit to a right-hander in 21 at-bats since joining the Tigers.

"He's got a good sinker, a good slider," Rodrigue­z said. "He was able to use them today and make the right-handed hitters hit the ball on the ground."

The Blue Jays loaded the bases against Galarraga in both the third and fourth innings, but failed to score each time.

"I was trying to be more aggressive when I had runners on base," Galarraga said.

"When the bases were loaded, I tried to be aggressive in that moment."

"His control wasn't as good today, but he dodged a couple of bullets," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Toronto finished 0-0-8 with runners in scoring position Monday and went 7-for-56 (.125) with runners in scoring position on this six-game homestand, winning just twice.

Tigers reliever Clay Rapada got one out in the sixth, Aquilino Lopez worked 1-3-3 innings and Denny Bautista pitched the eighth.

Gregg Zaun hit a leadoff homer in the ninth Toronto off Todd Jones. Zaun shook his head after fouling off a high, 3-2 pitch, then hit the next deliver­ery over the right-field wall for his first home run of the sea­son.

The Tigers gave Galarraga all the support he needed with a four-run second off Shaun Marcum 1-2. Yanib Rarun hit a two-run single, Brandon Inge followed with a sacrifice fly and Rodriguez capped the burst with an RBI single.

"We got some big hits today and took advantage of our opportunities," Leyland said. "That's huge, that's what you've got to do."

Bonifacio homered for the fourth in the first four times of starts, allowing five runs in 5-2-3 innings. His short­est outing this season. He walked a season-high four and struck out two.

"Obviously we didn't bring anything to the table today," Hill said. "Marcum didn't have his best day, we didn't hit, didn't play defense, it's one of those games that's going to be easy to forget."

Red Sox 8, Rangers 3
Two of Boston's leading hit­ters got the holiday off.

And the Red Sox kept on win­ning.

They beat the Texas Rangers Monday on Patriots Day and swept the four-game series with Manny Ramirez and Sean Casey watched from the dugout.

Clay Buchholz pitched six shutout innings, David Ortiz continued his surge from a hor­rible slump with two doubles and three RBIs and Julio Lugo went 4-for-4.

Four Red Sox batters had at least two of Boston's 12 hits.

"They rely on everybody and it seems like everybody seems to contribute," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I think if you ask any manager if it's nice not to see Manny in the lineup and they'll tell you, 'yes.' I'm no different. These guys, they scored runs."

Boston scored at least five runs for the ninth straight game. The Red Sox have won nine of 10 overall.

"That's the key for us," lead­off man Jacoby Ellsbury said. "Getting on base and allowing our great batters in our lineup to get up. As long as we get runners on, we know we're going to score some runs."

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f you ask any manager if it's nice not to see Manny in the lineup and they'll tell you, 'yes,'"

Boston rallied late to win its previous two games but didn't need a comeback this time as it scored five runs in a wild fourth inning and three in the fifth, all off Dustin Nippert 1-21.

Tiger pitcher Armando Galarraga delivers a pitch during Detroit's 5-1 victory over Toronto.

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Cheruiyot wins third consecutive Marathon

Kenya's Robert Cheruiyot cruises to a 27-second victory; Ethiopia's Dire Tune takes women's race by historic margin

Associated Press

BOSTON — Robert Cheruiyot is well-versed in the Boston Marathon course, with four victories in five tries from 1997-99. Heberahime Bouramdane visited for the first time on Monday, learning what thousands before him have come to understand as they reached Heartbreak Hill, 20 miles in.

"Up," he said, "is the problem."

Cheruiyot pulled away from Bouramdane as they entered the Newton Hills, reaching the crest of Heartbreak Hill with a 27-second lead and coasting to the sixth-fastest time in Boston Marathon history.

Dire Tune outkicked Alevtina Biktimirova after a back-and-forth last mile in 2 seconds in the closest finish in the history of the women's race. Cheruiyot, of Kenya, and Tune, of Ethiopia, each earned a recently enhanced prize of $150,000 — the biggest in major marathon history.

Cheruiyot won in 2 hours, 7 minutes, 46 seconds, 69 second behind Tune.

Cheruiyot's third straight victory gave Kenya its 15th men's title in 17 years; Kenyans also finished sixth through ninth. But Cheruiyot's countrymen struggled more than usual overall, with just the one man in top five — the fewest since 1992 — and one woman in the top 10.

Cheruiyot couldn't say whether the performance was related to the postelection violence back home, in which some of his country's top runners have been killed and threatened. Cheruiyot missed two months of training because of the unrest before his coach moved their camp to Namibia.

"My training has been going well despite the problems in Kenya," he said. "When something happens, you have to forget and train."

Bouramdane finished 1:18 back and fellow Moroccan Khalid El Boushi came in third, another 1:31 back. Nicholas Arciniegas, of Rochester Hills, Mich., was 10th, the first American a top-10 finish for the fourth straight year.

Cheruiyot pulled away from a pack of four at the base of the Newton Hills, running the 19th mile in 2:43.7. He passed defending women's champion Lidiya Grigoryeva, with the two No. 1 bibs running side-by-side, just before the 24-mile mark.

Cheruiyot remained on a record pace as he approached Kenmore Square before slowing over the last mile. Although his course record remained intact, he still beat his winning time of 2:14:13 in last year's maroon-on-condition.

"Myself, I tried to push," he said. "Last year, I wanted the race to be faster."

The race came a day after the U.S. trials featured the top American women running for a berth in the Olympics. Deena Kastor, Magdalen Lewy Boulet and Blake Russell finished in the top three to make the U.S. team that will go to Beijing.

With the three new Olympians serving as grand marshals, more than 23,000 runners left Hopkinton under a cloudy but calm sky and temperatures in the 50s — a major improvement over last year's rain and wind that threatened to scuttle the race.

Among those in the event's second-largest field: cyclist Lance Armstrong and astronaut Sunita Williams, who ran a simulated Boston Marathon last year while in orbit on the International Space Station.

Armstrong won the Tour de France seven times on the strength of his work in the mountains. When he started preparing for Boston, his third marathon, some race veterans told him the hills weren't as difficult as their reputation made them out to be.

"They were wrong," said Armstrong, who finished 49th in 2:50:52. "They are harder, and they do come at a difficult time in the race."

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MLB

Hudson shines, Braves win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tim Hudson pitched six scoreless innings before tiring and driving in two runs with a triple in the fifth as the Washington Nationals 7-3 on Monday night for Atlanta’s fifth straight win.

The Braves have allowed only 33 runs in their past 15 games and have won 11 of those. This was their season lead for the first time this season at 10-9.

Washington keeps falling far—

the last to do it on May 8-12, 2005. Smithson allowed a run and six hits while improving to 5-0 in five career starts against the Braves. The five-time All-Star’s average is to .159.

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Pennington hit his sixth in a row and gave up double-digit runs for the third consecutive game. He hadn’t done that since Montreal scored a combined 35 runs against them during three games in June 1994.

Hendrickson (4-1) gave up four runs, three earned, and eight hits. Wells doubled and scored in the fourth inning before hitting a run-scoring single an inning later. Hendrickson came in to the game 1-4 for the last two seasons.

Phillies 9, Rockies 5

DENVER — Now that there’s no playoff pressure, the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Colorado Rockies with relative ease.

Chase Utley homered for the fifth straight game.

Stroman hit three of the five hits he gave up matched the most off him in 39 major league appearances. He also walked three, and his ERA for the season rose from 3.53 to 5.01.

Colorado’s Jim Edmonds hit a solo home run in the second, his first home run since Sept. 14.

Dodgers 9, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Nomar Garciaparra hit his first home run of the season and the Los Angeles Dodgers went on to win their seventh straight after a three-game losing streak. Oxford was 6-0 over eight starts from July 20 to Sept. 3, then went 0-4 in six starts before winning at Philadelphia on April 16.

Inning Germaino (3-2) allowed a career-high 10 runs in 3 1-3 innings and the Los Angeles Dodgers lost 9-5 to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Aramis Ramirez, Josh Willingham and Mark DeRosa homered as the Chicago Cubs won 10-9.

Hafael Furcal also homered, and eight hits. He might have been considered the surging hitting leader for the second straight following a two-game winning streak.

Cubs 7, Mets 1

CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano pitched two strong innings, and Aramis Ramirez and Mike Piazza homered as the surging Chicago Cubs won 10-9.

Chicago’s Carlos Zambrano pitched a one-hitter against the New York Mets, and Erubiel DeLa Cruz doubled and tripled.

Pirates 4, Mets 3

PITTSBURGH — Matt Cline homered for the 12th time in 13 games after opening the season with three straight.

The Pirates had a game-winning rally in the 10th.

HOUSTON — Skip Schumaker doubled in the go-ahead run in the ninth and the 19-year-old pitcher fielding batters is the clutch.

Hendrickson hit the two runs on a hard liner and to drive the three runs.

Cubs added three hit their major league second game this season.

Majors 10, Pirates 4

SAN DIEGO — Jason Bartlett hit an inside-the-park home run and San Diego victory.

Micah Bowie hit a two-run drive as Florida

MILWAUKEE 3

Jamey Wright hit a two-run sacrifice bunt.

It had been quiet for the Brewers and infield when he publicly called the Rockies’ front office a mess and demanded a trade. Ard

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NBA

Kobe says he wants to finish career with L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant

Said the day after the Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 128-114 in their playoff series that he has always wanted to be here. He just felt like I was in a position where I didn’t really have a choice. They wanted to go in an opposite direction. My legs aren’t as young as they used to be. Just let me know.

"I love the weather. I love my house. I love the freeway. I love my guys."

Bryant acknowledged he wouldn’t have imagined things would have turned out this way.

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Bryant and Lakers owner Jerry Buss met in Barcelona a few weeks earlier. Bryant said he would "certainly listen to trade offers."

The situation was tenuous at best when the season began, and stories circulated through-out November concerning potential trade possibilities. The specula-

on Monday.

Bryant said he hasn’t necessarily changed his mind about wanting to stay instead of wanting to leave.

"No, I just don’t talk about it." Bryant said. "These are answers I’ve given all year long. I live this team. If they want to win five out of six, I can be there. That’s all I’ve said the whole time. We have a job to do here, so it’s important to focus on what we’re doing and not get distracted from that."

"If I was going to stay, I would have stayed right then. But I decided to leave," Bryant said. "We have a job to do here... I’m going to stay here... I’m not going to do anything. We have a job to do."

"It’s going to be a great ride." Bryant said. "We’re going to work on it now and see what we can do... I’m going to stay with the Lakers... We’re going to work on it now... We’re going to work on it now."
**Softball**

Irish to play two at Purdue

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

Notre Dame (29-15, 9-5 Big East) looks to rebound from two crucial Big East losses over the weekend against South Florida, when it travels to West Lafayette for a non-conference doubleheader against Purdue (30-16, 6-6 Big Ten).

The Irish are looking to solidify their position for postseason play.

"It's nice to be away from the Big East championship," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gupta said. "It's nice for us to get some consistency in playing good softball.

The Boilermakers are tied for fourth place in the Big Ten but have struggled recently - going 3-4 over their last nine games. Purdue has dropped games against Ohio State, Valparaiso, Ball State, Ohio State, and Northwestern this season.

Before being swept by the Bulls, the Irish were one of the hottest teams in the country, going 13-3 in their 16 games before Sunday's loss.

"We're excited about being able to play Purdue," Gupta added. "I think it's going to be a really good test for us."
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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

**Closing the book**

Saltines take men’s championship behind steady play of Andersen

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Call it cliché, but it’s the truth — Carl Andersen did just about everything for the Saltines last night.

The junior guard was named the tournament MVP after scoring a game-best nine points, grabbing several offensive rebounds, taking two charges and adding a few blocks and steals to lead the Saltines in a 21-14 rout of Mean Girls.

Andersen poured in 21 points in the first half, setting the tone for his freshman year and these other guys’ sophomore year,” Andersen said of a championship game defeat two years ago. “It’s just good to end on a winning note.”

Mean Girls opened the game in a box-and-one defense with senior guard John Gillette given the undesirable assignment of guarding Andersen, who also scored 10 points in the first half Tuesday, April 22.

Thursdag’s contest against No. 13 Lehigh, the Falcons, is the Utah of a championship meet and a tied first quarter was the seventh time this season the Falcons has been involved in a 1-2-1 game.

Despite the Lehigh game being the seventh this year, he said his squad has recorded 14 goals, Corrigan attributes gratitude for this success to effective defensive tactics throughout the season.

"We’re playing good defense, covering faceoffs, and getting good goalleading,” Corrigan said. “Those are pretty reliable things. When you can do those things well and consistently, you become a very hard team to beat. Our offense has been less effective but when you have those three things, you have a very tough team.”

The Irish are led by junior attack Ryan Hoff, whose four goals in the Lehigh game were a turning point in the game. Hoff has been the tournament MVP.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Laxers travel to face Air Force in Colorado Springs

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Coming off a 14-7 win over Lehigh, the No. 9 Irish travel to Colorado to take on Air Force in their penultimate contest en route to the NCAA tournament.

The match-up was originally scheduled for earlier this season, but inclement weather in the Chicago area prevented the game from traveling.

The Irish currently boast an overall record of 9-2 (2-1) entering the weekend. This season, running 5-6, the Irish (25-10-1, 12-3 Big East) have hit their stride and taken 20 of their last 25 contests en route to their first top-25 ranking.

For Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage, it’s been a season-long goal for his squad — but now, he says the team cannot afford to slip up and lose focus.

“It’s a goal that we’ve been shooting for all season,” Schrage said. “We talked about it last week when we were ranked 29th. We’ve been playing well recently, but now it puts a target on our backs. When teams come in and face us, they’re going to want to knock us out a top-25 team, so we have to match their emotions.”

Part of the recent success is due to sophomore pitcher/designated hitter David Mills, who was named Big East player of the week Monday, marking the third straight time a Notre Dame player has taken the award.

Mills hit .385 over this past weekend’s conference series against West Virginia with seven RBIs, and the first two home runs of his career.

Schrage said Mills has been an integral cog in his club’s recent success.

"He’s been a real key to our hot streak,” Schrage said. “He’s enabled the rest of our lineup to fall into place from the No. 2 hole. He’s just done an outstanding job of getting on base. He’s also a team player. He has 13 sacrifice bunts, and just does the little things."