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Students from the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) will deliver a petition to the Office of the President to add sexual orientation to Notre Dame's Non-Discrimination Policy, PSA member Mike McCann said.

McCann and PSA member Mallory Laurel, who will personally deliver the petition to the Office of the President, Flasschaert said. They will also deliver a letter that explains why PSA thinks the petition is important and what the group feels is an appropriate response from the University would be.

He said the petition is not a response to any action the University has taken against a GLBTQ member on campus, but rather expands on Pangborn senator Denise Baron and O'Neill senator Matthew Malloy's proposal to add sexual orientation to the current non-discrimination clause at a March Student Senate meeting.

"The student government backing of such an issue suggested the ability to garner support from the student body as a whole," Flasschaert said.

Currently, Notre Dame's Non-Discrimination clause reads: "The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, or age in the administration of any of its employment, educational programs, admissions policies, scholar-ship and loan programs, athletics, recreational, and other school-administered programs."

University spokesman and assistant vice president for communications Teri Russ' Communications class displays Barbie doll projects that represent female stereotypes, portray unrealistic alterations

**By ASHLEY CHARNLEY**

**News Writer**

Saint Mary's associate professor of communications Teri Russ' Female Beauty class showed off their semester-long projects on self-image at a Mini-Beauty Conference held in the student center on Tuesday.

The class displayed Barbie dolls they altered into different female stereotypes and pictures they took of themselves which they changed to portray unrealistic alterations at the event.

"Everyone grew up with Barbie so you don't really think about her form or color," senior Megan Gray said.

The class created a group of Barbie's they knew Mattel, the corporation who produces Barbie Dolls, would never produce, Gray said.

They displayed a Pole Dancing Barbie, Zen Barbie and Goth Barbie. Students also displayed Plastic Surgery Barbie covered in dotted lines, and Realistic Barbie with a padded body to make her look like the average woman.

Other dolls included Homeless Barbie complete with dingy clothes, Mental Patient Barbie who has been in a mini padded room and Tanning Barbie with her skin colored in a dark brown color.

"I like it because it pushes the boundaries," senior Victoria Frank said. "I wonder what everyone's reaction to the Barbie's will be."

Junior Caitlin Morrison, who attended the conference, said she thought the dolls were an interesting way to portray women.

I thought it was a great idea because it allowed the class to explore the concept in a different way as opposed to just discussing it," she said.

Student body vice president, Sarah Falvey also attended the conference.

"I didn't know much about it but I looked really interesting, I kind of passed by and they did some crazy things with those dolls," she said.

Senior Jenny Anderson also presented a project on the popular children's game Pretty, Pretty Princess. She completed for the course at the conference.

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Saint Mary's students display Barbie dolls as a class project on female stereotypes Tuesday.

**By BILL BRINK**

**News Editor**

Three students reported three laptops and a digital camera stolen from an unlocked room in Cavanaugh Hall Friday, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) reported in an e-mail to students.

At around 10 a.m., a student said he saw a man inside Cavanaugh, according to the e-mail. He was later seen carrying a bag with laptops in them, the e-mail said, and was last seen entering the south stairs.

The man was described as "black, about 5-foot-8, skinny build, unshaven, wearing very braggadocious, and wearing a black shirt and baggy jeans," the e-mail reported. Witnesses described him as being older than college age.

The description is similar to that given after previous burglaries on and around Howard Halls, NDSP director Phil Johnson said previously that the suspect in those cases was identified by "several people" as a black male between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, "frizzy long black hair" in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly facial stubble.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses ticket exchange rules

By JOSEPH McMATHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the new rules for the student football ticket exchange in their final meeting of the year Tuesday.

The ticket exchange was suspended after the Notre Dame ticket office realized students were scalping the tickets, but will be reimplemented next year with new rules, student body president Bob Reish said.

Student Government, the Student Union Board (SUB), the Junior Class Council, the Sophomore Class Council and the Graduate Student Union will all be responsible for running one ticket exchange.

Only 100 exchanges will be made for each game, and the students will be chosen by a random lottery, Reish said.

Students who wish to gain an extra ticket for a friend must attend a random lottery, Reish said.

Sophomore Molly Schall will be the lottery winner.

Graduate Student Union vice president Caitlyn Shea said past exchange programs have been quite popular with students with about 1,000 IDs swiped.

COR discussed possibly including professional student groups, such as the Student Bar Association, in the ticket exchange.

"Maybe we should extend this offer to the Student Bar Association because they seemed really excited about it," Student Union treasurer Kadeja Gaines said.

Reish said because the heads of each of the six groups were present at the meeting, it would be easier to simply ask them if they each wanted to host an exchange. Each tentatively agreed to host one of them so long as they do not have any other conflicting events.

Many COR members feared that if students were notified that they had won a ticket too much in advance they would find a way to scalp the ticket.

"We need to have a timeline to no one can abuse the system," executive assistant Karen Koski said.

Other COR members said students would simply ask them if they each wanted to host an exchange. Each tentatively agreed to host one of them so long as they do not have any other conflicting events.

Event hopes to raise awareness of harsh working conditions

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's Around the World Club will host a Sweatshop Fashion Show featuring clothes made in sweatshops and items that are fair trade, designed to promote awareness of the harsh working conditions found in sweatshops.

The show, which will be Thursday at noon in the Student Center Lounge, will follow the format of a typical fashion show, but graphic descriptions of the working conditions under which the clothes were made will be mixed in with the usual description of the clothing, Jeanne Choquehuanca, student coordinator of the event said.

"We tried to pick popular brands that people wear around campus." Jeanne Choquehuanca student coordinator

Along with the fashion show, fair trade stores Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages will have booths set up so students can shop for trade items. Ten Thousand Villages will have its booth set up today during lunch and dinner outside the dining hall as well.

"The proceeds from some of the items sold will go directly to helping the people who make the objects."

"My dress was made in Ghana by an organization called Global Mamas," Schall said. "The proceeds from its sale go to the organization. It even has a tag inside with the names of the women who made it."

Choquehuanca said she hopes people will attend the fashion show to become better informed about the widespread use of sweatshops to make the clothes they buy.

"It's a good reminder to know the wage of the CEOs versus the workers," Schall said. "[The fashion show] gives a more holistic picture of the garment industry, that there are alternatives, and how we can be a part of the solution hopefully."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Shiite militia drives back U.S. patrol
BAGHDAD — Dozens of fighters ambushed a U.S. military convoy in Iraq on Tuesday, driving the American patrol into a nearby school to take cover. The U.S. military said 28 militiamen were killed as the U.S. patrol pulled back. Local hospital officials said dozens of civilians were killed or wounded.

Zimbabwe opposition supporters freed
HARARE, Zimbabwe — Police on Tuesday released nearly 200 people who were arrested last week in a raid at opposition headquarters, while President Bush called on Zimbabwe’s neighbors to put pressure on the long-time leader Robert Mugabe.

Many of the 215 people arrested on Friday had to Harare to escape mounting violence and intimidation in rural areas that used to be ruling party strongholds but now turned against Mugabe in the March 29 elections.

Twenty-nine people, mainly women and children, were released almost immediately. The rest were freed from various police stations in the capital Tuesday in accordance with a High Court order confirming opposition claims that Mugabe had lost the election.

The arrests followed months of violence that has claimed at least 30 lives and displaced tens of thousands of people in fighting that began after the vote, results from the election that claimed the life of opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

The state is not tracking how many early voters have already cast ballots, the Indiana secretary of state’s office or by mail-in ballots. Fewer than 57,000 votes have been counted since March 1.

The state is not tracking how many early voters are being cast in the Democratic or Republican primaries, but applications to county election offices for absentee ballots are running about 3-to-1 Democratic.

CHINA
China sentences 30 after Tibet riots
Six Buddhist monks among those sentenced to jail terms ranging from 3 years to life

An exiled Tibetan monk holds the portrait of the Dalai Lama as he participates in a silent march to protest against China in Katmandu, Nepal, Monday.

Associated Press

BEIJING — Six Buddhist monks were among 30 people sentenced to terms ranging from three years to life for taking part in disturbances in Tibet during the Olympic Games.

The punishments were the first to be meted out by a Chinese court against Tibetans accused of taking part in a frenzy of assaults, burning, looting and vandalism mainly targeting Han Chinese and their businesses in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and nearby areas between March 14-16.

The violence and subsequent government crackdown drew worldwide attention to China’s human rights record amid an Olympic bid by Tibet ahead of the Beijing Olympics. Celebration events marking 100 days to the start of the games took place Wednesday.

The sentences were announced during two sessions of a one-day trial at the Intermediate People’s Court of Lhasa, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. China’s state television’s evening news cast showed the convicts being led out by hooded guards and headed to front of packed courtrooms.

Xinhua said three men received life sentences, including the monastery’s identified as Basang who allegedly led 10 people, including five other monks, to destroy local government offices, burn down shops and attack policemen.

Two of Basang’s alleged monk accomplices were sentenced to 20 years, and the other three received terms ranging from 15 to 17 years in jail.

Soilam Cering, a driver for a Lhasa real estate company, was sentenced to life in jail for joining in the riots that burned vehicles, smashed police stations and assaulted firefighters during the riot, Xinhua said.

The third man to receive a life sentence was a 30-year-old businessman who was identified only by his last name, Cering, Xinhua said. The agency reported that he was convicted of inciting others to commit arson and looting and was sentenced to life in jail.

CCTV said seven people were sentenced in about 15 years in prison, and the other 20 received sentences of between three to 14 years. The charges included arson, robbery, interruption of law enforcement, and theft, it said.

The quick trials and their prominent coverage by state media signaled China’s resolve in putting a firm lid on domestic Tibetan dissent ahead of the Summer Games.

“China has a long tradition of carrying out speedy up trials with minimum forms of process for defendants whenever it wants to send a strong message to local people,” said Beijing-based expert in modern Tibet at Columbia University. Such trials originated in China in the early 1980s in so-called “Strike Hard” campaigns, intended to speed up prosecutions for crimes considered to threat social stability, he said.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiou Yu defended the judicial process, saying during a regular press briefing Tuesday that the relevant authorities would handle the Tibetan lawbreakers “according to the law in a fair and just way.”

Following weeks of international pressure by the U.S. and the European Union, Beijing has also moved to tamp down tensions diplomatically. The government announced last week that it would be willing to begin talks with representatives to the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet where Beijing has blamed for fomenting unrest.

Local News

Detroit mayor sex scandal case unfolds

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who presented the signatures with the CIW to Burger King Monday. "Our hope is that Burger King will feel the pressure from consumers across the country because of this petition and they will agree to the three terms of the petition," Bradley said.

The CIW petition demands: increasing a migrant worker's wage one penny per pound of tomatoes that they pick, starting dialogue with the farm workers, growers and corporate executives (who are being violat ed every day in the fields)," Healy said. "As a Catholic -- as someone who claims to desire to follow Christ -- this situation in Immokalee is not okay," Bradley said. "For how hard they work and the kind of work they are doing, there is no reason that any of these workers should be living in poverty in the United States."

Bradley explained that consumers have a responsibility to the workers in Immokalee, Fla., where she witnessed first-hand by participating in the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) Migrant Seminar last spring's break. "As humans, there is no reason why the workers should be treated like they are. I cannot just sit around, knowing that human rights are being violated every day in the fields," she said.

"We all ignore this systematic problem because we want our food cheap, and we don't care how we get it," she said. "We never see the faces who provide our food in the dining hall. However, as consumers, Christians and people, we have a choice to make." Juniors Michael Healy and Jessica Winschel expressed concern for the plight of the workers in Immokalee.

"It's really an awakening experience to realize that there's slavery in the United States," Winschel said. "It was really an awakening experience to realize that there's slavery in the U.S."

Based on her experiences in the seminar, Winschel said a typical day for a migrant worker involves waking up at 4 a.m., waiting for buses to come to transport them to work sites, hoping that they will be picked to work in the fields, and only getting paid for the amount of tomatoes they pick.

Healy said one of the largest issues for workers in Immokalee is that there are no regulations to protect workers. "There are cases of abuse in the fields. Workers are stuck in difficult situations and have no one to complain to," he said. According to Healy, each worker has to pick two tons of tomatoes a day just to make minimum wage.

"For one 32-pound bucket of tomatoes a worker receives 40 cents. If they work a complete day, they'll make roughly $50 a day," he said.

The group of students who gathered petitions has been helping to support the CIW's cause since they returned from the Migrant Seminars in 2004. In early April, the group put cardboard silhouettes on South Quad listing the abuses that migrant workers face to commemorate the Caesar Chavez Day of Action. They have also been giving classroom presentations on the challenges that migrant workers face in Florida.

"It's really an awakening experience to realize that there's slavery in the United States," said Bradley. In an effort to help the CIW next year, unless Burger King decides to adopt the demands of the petition, Winschel said college students played a large role in the CIW's campaign against Taco Bell in 2004 and the CIW hopes to see the same type of success in its campaign against Burger King. "The students in the CIW should be involved in this issue in accordance with its Catholic identity," she said. "Our Catholic identity is reason enough to want to advocate for the rights of these workers," she said.

Bradley declined to release names of administrators the group has met with to discuss the University's role in the CIW's campaign against Burger King though she said the student group she is working with is awaiting responses from more than one administrator on the issue.

"We will be working through the end of the semester to try to keep up communication to make sure that awareness is raised about this issue," she said.

According to Bradley, however, Chipotle, Subway and Whole Foods corporations are next on the CIW's list to fight for workers' wages and rights since these corporations rely on the tomatoes picked by Immokalee's farm workers. "No matter who the CIW is focusing on, the students I am working with here on campus realize how pressing this issue is, and they are in it for the long run," Bradley said.

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Bush criticizes Congress for inaction on energy and housing

President claims Democratic legislators have let 'the American people down'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, hoping to inoculate his party and his presidential legacy from election-year anger over the economy, heaped criticism on the Democratic Congress on Tuesday for "letting the American people down."

He said he'd consider a summer suspension of federal gasoline taxes. But he offered no new ideas for a range of economic worries now facing the country, from record gas prices and soaring food costs to rising inflation, layoffs and home foreclosures, and a credit crunch that even has sparked fears of a college student loan quagmire.

He rejected a new economic stimulus package, saying the tax rebate checks that began going out this week from a $168 billion economic aid plan adopted in February must first be given time to work.

He also rejected bipartisan suggestions that the government stop filling the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve while oil costs so much, saying it involves such a tiny amount of supply that doing so wouldn't push prices down.

Instead, the president tried to shift the focus to Congress, saying he long ago sent lawmakers proposals to deal with many of the nation's economic problems, only to see them sit or be replaced by less cost-effective approaches that he deems unacceptable.

"Many Americans are understandably anxious about issues affecting their pocketbook," Bush said at a White House news conference, held outdoors in an unseasonably cold and windy Rose Garden.

"They're looking to their elected leaders in Congress for action. Unfortunately, on many of these issues, all they're getting is delay."

Capitol Hill's Democratic leaders said Bush was to blame for proposing policies that would worsen the problem, not help, and that it was their duty to reject them.

"His call this morning for Congress to act is disingenuous at best," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said of Bush. "Whether on energy security, the housing crisis or our many other economic challenges, this administration and its Republican allies in Congress offer nothing but the same failed ideas that got us into this mess in the first place."

Bush's news conference, his second expanded question-and-answer session with reporters this year, appeared to be a preemptive measure of sorts, as it came a day before the release of statistics on the nation's gross domestic product for January through March. The common definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of declining GDP and many expect Wednesday's report to provide the first official confirmation of a slide.

With bad news piling on bad news, the president's march to the bully pulpit wasn't just about winning policy debates with lawmakers.

The economy is shaping up to be the defining issue when voters go to the polls in November. Bush doesn't want his GOP to be the punching bag that wins on the losing end. In an Associated Press-Ipsos poll this month, just 27 percent of the people questioned about Bush's handling of the economy said they approved — his worst showing ever in the survey.

The president on Tuesday bent over backwards to demonstrate he understands how rough things are.

Food scientists push to halt biofuel use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some top international food scientists Tuesday recommended halting the use of food-based biofuels, such as ethanol, saying it would cut corn prices by about 20 percent and hurt food availability worldwide.

But even as the scientists were calling for a moratorium, President Bush urged Congress to go ahead with the policy arm of the White House.

He declared the United States should increase ethanol use because of national energy security and high gas prices.

The conflicting messages Tuesday highlighted the struggle to create both food and fuel needs.

The three prominent scientists with an international research consortium pushing a biofuel moratorium said nations need to rethink programs that divert food such as corn and soybeans into fuel, given the burgeoning worldwide food crisis. The group, CGIAR, is a global network that uses science to fight hunger. It is funded by dozens of countries and private foundations.

If leading nations stopped biofuel use this year, it would lead to a price decline in corn by about 20 percent and wheat by about 10 percent from 2009-10, said Joachim von Braun. He heads the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, the policy arm of CGIAR. The United States is the biggest biofuel producer.

He and the other scientists said work should be stepped up on the use of non-grain crops, such as switchgrass, for biofuel.

Another scientist, not associated with the group, agreed with their call for a halt on the use of grain for fuel.

"We need to feed the stomach before we need to feed our cars," said Rattan Lal, an Ohio State University soil sciences professor who in the past has been a critic of some of CGIAR's priorities.

"We have 1 billion people who are food insecure. We can't afford the luxury of not taking care of them and taking care of gasoline."

In an interview after the CGIAR teleconference, von Braun said the United States and other countries have to make a hard choice between fighting high fuel prices and fighting world hunger.

"If you place a high value of food security for poor people, then the conclusion is clear that we stop on the brake awhile," said von Braun. "If you place a high value on national energy security, other considerations come into play."

Energy security is what Bush emphasized in his press conference. When asked about the conflict with world hunger and the rising cost of food at home, he said the high price of gasoline would "spur more investment in ethanol as an alternative to gasoline."
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dents needed advance notice in order to allow friends and family members to make travel arrangements. “There’s no possible way we can prevent everything from happening,” SUB co-director Jeff Lakota said. “We need to ask what’s most convenient for students.” COR decided that 10 days was enough time to notify friends and family to make travel arrangements but not enough time to scalpel the ticket.

In other COR news:
COR discussed the possibility of hosting a Student Government leadership camp next year. Beth She said would invite a corporation such as General Electric to host a workshop on leadership styles if the event is planned.

Brown said she had heard about a similar program at Penn State University. “They come, bring six officials here and just run the whole thing,” he said.

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Have a great summer!
U.S. Jews call for Olympics boycott

Associated Press

A wide-ranging group of U.S. Jewish leaders plans to release a statement Wednesday urging Jews worldwide to boycott the Summer Olympics in Beijing, citing China's troubling record on human rights and Tibet.

The statement also notes China's close relationships with Iran, Syria and the militant group Hamas.

So far, 175 rabbis, seminary officials and other prominent Jews have signed the declaration, which comes shortly before Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday, organizers said.

"We are deeply troubled by China's support for the genocidal government of Sudan; its mis­treatment of the people of Tibet; its denial of basic rights to its own citizens; and its provision of missiles to Iran and Syria; and friendship for Hamas," the state­ment reads.

"Having endured the bitter experience of abandonment by our presumed allies during the Holocaust, we feel a particular image of sensitivity.

"I would say in principle, ath­letes and tourists and govern­ments should all draw the same conclusion to this," Greenberg said. "Unless the Chinese make some significant corrections, they should not participate." Meyers said he hopes the dec­laration is interpreted as a call for Israel and Jewish athletes worldwide to boycott the games, although he doubts such a boycott will come to pass.

Court lets menu regulation proceed

Restaurants required to post calorie counts, city postpones fines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court let the city proceed Tuesday with ordering some chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menu boards, but only after the city agreed to postpone issuing fines until mid-July.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals left room to rule against the city in the future by seeking the Food and Drug Administration's opinion on whether FDA rules let cities dictate what restaurants must tell cus­tomers.

In a one-page order, the appeals court said it lifted the stay only after the city agreed to postpone enforce­ment of the law from June 6 to July 18, long enough for the court to rule on the merits of a lawsuit brought on behalf of the restaurants by the New York State Restaurant Association, an association of Conservative rabbis.

The statement seizes on Olympics organizers' plans for a kosher kitchen at the Olympic Village, where athletes stay.

Greenberg characterized the move as an attempt to lure Jewish tourists by presenting an image of sensitivity.

"If this decision as a major vic­tory, and said chains that haven't yet listed calories will have to make their own decisions on whether to comply with the rule right now, and the city would show restraint. "If they start putting big yellow stickers on people's windows citing violations, to me that would be outrageous. Nobody is saying they're not going to comply if we don't win," he said.

According to the health department, more than half of New Yorkers are over­weight or obese. Health officials believe the regula­tion will prevent 150,000 New Yorkers from becom­ing obese and will stop another 30,000 from devel­oping diabetes and other health concerns over the next five years.

City Health Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden praised the decision as a major vic­tory, and said chains that haven't yet listed calories have run out of "stalling tactics."

"Some chains have worked hard to deny cus­tomers information they need to make healthy food choices, but this decision starts to clear the way for people to have ready access to calorie information when they order their food," he said.

In arguments e a r l i e r T u e s d a y, Yalowitz said restaurants believe federal laws pre-empted local efforts to try to regulate how restaurants describe the contents of their food. He said the First Amend­ment rights of restaurants protected them as well.

Judge Rosemary Pooler noted that cigarette pack­ages contain health warn­ings. "If we were to adopt your view, no warnings would ever appear on any­thing," she said.

Student Appreciation Event

April 30th and May 1st

All Notre Dame & St. Mary's students will receive 20% off all regular and sale priced merchandise at The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Varsity Shops in the JAC, & at the Notre Dame Clearance Center on Ironwood.

Receive a tall Starbucks coffee from the Irish Ink Café with your student ID at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on 4/30 or 5/1. Limit one per person.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and for making us your bookstore of choice.
Those of you who pay close attention to the news have probably heard a lot about a secretive group in Texas that rapes and abuses children. In 2004 alone, 100 children from this organization received treatment for poisoning, 63 received medical treatment for rape, and 142 gave birth. A child in this organization is four times more likely to die than the average Texas child. Despite these abuses, the group has remained shrouded in mystery, protected by a veil of secrecy from those within the system. The leader of this group has shown "callous indifference in hiding the truth" says a lead state investigator, who encountered "repeated and continuing roadblocks and stonewalling" while trying to uncover the abuses of this organization.

Given the abysmal record of child abuse within this organization, an appropriate course of action would be to liberate the children and place them in a healthier environment. Unfortunately, the fox is guarding the henhouse. The record of abuse described above comes from a 2006 investigation into the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The reported虐待史includes Sarah Strayhorn, calling herself the "voice for those forgotten, neglected, abused and dead children," unproven systemic abuse in the Texas foster care system. This system, which presided over the deaths of 116 children between 2003 and 2005, now has custody of 463 children abducted from the Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) Church.

On April 3, a fully-armed SWAT team raided the FLDS-owned Yearning for Zion (YFZ) ranch in Eldorado, Texas. The raid on the ranch was prompted by a phone call from a 16-year-old girl who claimed she was an abuse victim from inside the compound. Authorities still haven't given a satisfactory reason as to why they needed armored vehicles and assault weapons to raid a peaceful people for an instance of sexual abuse. Officials also have yet to identify the alleged abuse victim and are now suspecting that the phone call was a hoax from a schizophrenic Colorado woman who has a history of false reporting. Regardless, the judge in the case has ordered all 463 children abducted from the ranch to remain in state custody. In doing so, the presiding judge ignored the advice of the state's own witness, child psychologist Bruce Perry, who testified that "the traditional foster care system would be destructive to these kids."

The FLDS Church practices polygamy, and many of the teen girls taken from the ranch are pregnant or have children. However, the possible sexual abuse of several teen girls should not result in the abduction of all the children. Only half the marriages at YFZ ranch are polygamous, and many loving parents have lost custody of their children as a result of this raid. Over 150 of the children now in state custody are under the age of five even though officials acknowledge that there is no evidence of abuse among these younger children.

The forced separation of FLDS families has little to do with the children's welfare. Of more concern to government officials was the nonconformity of the FLDS. Members of the FLDS church wear colonial-style clothes, work on a farm, grow their own food, and never watch TV.

Clearly, the children need to be freed from this oppressive indoctrination and exposed to a world of short skirts, processed foods and "Project Runway." Some of the men in the FLDS church practice plural marriage and provide for their children; an abhorrent alternative to the more commonplace practice in the rest of the U.S. of engaging in serial marriage and not providing for one's children. Simply put, in small-town, evangelical Texas, the alternative lifestyle and religion of the FLDS church was not welcome.

This article is not a defense of the FLDS church, as I personally disagree with many of their beliefs and practices. Of concern to me is the lack of restraint exercised by the state. The United States was founded on ideals of individual liberty, religious freedom and tolerance for all groups of people. Our Constitution grants us the freedom to live in a manner of our choosing as long as our actions don't infringe upon the rights of others. This freedom applies to everyone regardless of the absurdity of their beliefs, the offensiveness of their actions, or the unconformity of their lifestyle. Yet, Texas officials, in an enormous display of self-righteousness, have essentially outlawed the practices and lifestyle of the FLDS church and they have unnecessarily and unconstitutionally placed hundreds of kids into a system that is less abusive than the environment from which they came.

Zach Einters will be graduating in three short weeks. He thinks Texas should secede from the Union. Contact him at zach@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Farewell Professor Langan**

This is a sad week for many Notre Dame students because philosophy professor Jeff Langan will be delivering his final lecture at Notre Dame. Professor Langan will be pursuing a position at Holy Cross College because he was not offered a position here. We regret that future students will not have the opportunity to take a course with him.

As his former students, we have had the great fortune of having him as a professor and many of us can truly say that he is the best professor we have had at Notre Dame and that he has changed our lives. In his classes, Professor Langan taught his students that philosophy is more than arguments, premises and conclusions. Philosopher is the love of wisdom and truth — it concerns how one lives. It actually deals with everyday life.

Professor Langan inspired so many students that a significant number of them have become philosophy majors. He has been the most inspiring, helpful and correct friend, as we know at Notre Dame. From his seven-point quizzes that kept us honest in our reading to his end-of-the-year barbecue at his home to his hilarious anecdotes about all sorts of things, Professor Langan has been all that a professor should be.

We deeply regret his leaving Notre Dame because the University is losing a wonderful professor who inspired many students to love philosophy. Professor Langan, we will miss you, though we hope that Holy Cross College professors will not miss this great opportunity to learn from you.

Jonathan Retartha
Class of 2007
April 29

**Respect Colbert**

How dare you, Mr. Yatarola (“Colbert? Really!,” April 29), for belittling name of Stephen Colbert, a great American hero. You think Colbert is unqualified to speak at our University? When is the last time Ben and Jerry’s has bought it. Really?,” The Observer Daily writes for The Observer that knows about obnoxious, pretend journalism it has to be you.

Finally, I would like to disagree with your claim that if we allowed dueling in the United States Colbert and Stewart would stop “their routine casual smear ing” (you call it smear ing, I call it a free press that heightens the level of discourse of our already highly informed electorate). I’m sure that if you challenged me to a duel he would undoubtedly kick your ass.

Will Clark
Alumni Hall
April 29

**A vacancy in The Huddle**

Thank you for your touching article on George Porter-Young (“The long journey home,” April 29). He is a great man and a great friend, and I had the pleasure of working with him side by side at Sharro for four years in South Bend. Like many of the employees at The Huddle, he was one of my best friends on campus, always up for a good article with tears in my eyes, learning of his condition, but I will not.

First of all, George wouldn’t have anything of it. Second of all, I could count on two hands the amount of times I walked into work, only to hear “George isn’t going to make it.” He’s stared death in the face more times than anyone I’ve ever met, and he will surely conquer this next challenge and oulive us all. His is a message of faith and courage and unwavering optimism that us pessimists twenty-somethings could learn a great deal from.

God bless you, George, and good luck.

Jonathan Retartha
Class of 2007
April 29

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Indiana Jones

May 22

After almost 20 years in development hell, the fourth Indiana Jones movie, "Indiana Jones and The Crystal Skull," is finally being released.

Fans of the original trilogy of archeologist-action hero adventures might question the reason for this sequel, given the fact that Harrison Ford is no spring chicken. But with a cast that rounds out with Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen returning as Marion Ravenwood and Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett, this latest Spielberg concoction definitely seems promising.

Time will tell if "Crystal Skull" will redeem the long-latent characters, or if this film will be the last Indiana Jones adventure.

The Dark Knight

July 18

Christian Bale reprises his role as the Caped Crusader in this sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins.

Bale plays the title role of Batman and billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne. Batman's alter ego. This time around, Batman faces off against his traditional arch nemesis, the sadistic Joker (Heath Ledger, in his final role).

Batman works with familiar allies in this film, including his butler Alfred (Michael Caine), Wayne Enterprises CEO Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) and Gotham Police Lt. James Gordon (Gary Oldman). Maggie Gyllenhaal replaces Katie Holmes as Wayne's love interest Rachel Dawes, a lawyer who works in the DA's office.

Aaron Eckhart joins the cast as Gotham district attorney Harvey Dent — a name most Batman fans will recognize as the supervillain Two-Face.

Director Christopher Nolan, who directed the first film, takes the helm of this movie. Critics are pleased with its sequel.

Sex and the City

May 30

Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) are back together again four years after the hit HBO series ended.

The foursome is still trying to find love and get their lives straight with the beautiful backdrop of New York City behind them. Changes are ahead for the girls with an engagement, a new baby, a marriage in trouble and a move to another coast.

Have no fear, because the men of the series — Mr. Big (Chris Noth), Steve (David Eigenberg), Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis), and Harry (Evan Handler) — are all back as well. New to the stellar cast is Oscar-winning Jennifer Hudson as Carrie's assistant Louise.

The promos promise big plot twists, outrageous fashion statements and salacious girl talk. And be sure to look out for what should be an excellent soundtrack that includes artists such as Fergie, India.Arie, Al Green, Run-D.M.C. and Hudson.

Mamma Mia!

July 18

Meryl Streep has mastered her craft. She's conquered the fashion world in "The Devil Wears Prada," agonized with audiences in "Sophie's Choice," and even taken to literature with the allusive "The Hours." But even after all of this success, one question might remain: Can the woman of a thousand accents actually carry a tune?

Viewers will find out, for better or for worse, in the movie adaptation of the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" Drawing on the music of disco-era pop icons ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" is light on plot but heavy on frothy fun.

The recently released trailer for "Mamma Mia!" was underwhelming at best. Hopefully Streep and crew have what it takes to impress both fans and new viewers alike.

The Pineapple Express

August 8

This movie is producer Judd Apatow's realization of a long-time goal in Hollywood: a "weed action movie.

Written by "Superbad" scribes Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg, the film follows stoner Dale Denton (Rogen) and his dealer Saul Silver (James Franco). After Dale witnesses a murder, he leaves behind a strain of marijuana so rare that it's called Pineapple Express. It can be traced back to him and Saul. The two go on the run to escape the wrath of a dangerous drug lord who took part in the murder.

"Pineapple Express" officially welcomes James Franco back into the Apatow fold. The "Freaks and Geeks" star finished college at UCLA afer making some poor movie choices, but now he returns to comedy with his "Freaks and Geeks" co-star Rogen. The film looks to be another summer hit for Apatow, and it even features a theme song written and performed by Huey Lewis.

Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2

August 8

Put those pants back on. Ann Brashares' highly successful book series "The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants" was first made into a film three years ago. Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty") and company clicked well with teenage audiences in the first film, making the possibility of a sequel pretty likely.

Now the girls are three years older, college freshmen still adjusting to adulthood, the real world and life without the constant presence of their friends. What unites them on the surface, still, is that magical pair of pants. Whether or not audiences buy into any pants-related metaphors, the film seems likely to do well, given its good source material and solid predecessor.
WALL-E
June 27
Since the late 1990s, they've brought you talking toys, talking cars, talking fish and even talking rats. This summer, the wacky minds at Pixar are taking a turn for the robotic.
"WALL-E" tells the story of a young robot, of the Waste Allocation Load Liner (or WALL-E), who spends his days on a post-industrial earth. When the planet is cleared of all its garbage, a robot who sees a bright future for WALL-E, the film takes off.
Pixar continues to stay highly respectable on the whole. None of their films have been real missteps, though some have fared better than others. The success of films like "Finding Nemo" and "Monster's, Inc." and two of their strongest releases, bodes well for a solid reception of "WALL-E."
Whether or not audiences can click with a robotic protagonist remains to be seen.

The X-Files: I Want To Believe
July 25
Mulder and Scully are back in a film that takes place six years after the season finale of the show and ten years after the first film.
Instead of aliens and extra-terrestrials, the team will be asked to discover the cause of the disappearance of a group of women from rural Virginia. Though the X-Files have been closed for years, Mulder and Scully are called on to use their sci-fi friendly skills to discover why body parts are appearing on the side of the road.
The film is being pitched to avid X-Files fans and average movie-goers alike. The lack of any great alien appeal leaves room for those who have never seen the show cause of the disappearance of a group.
The relationship tension between Mulder and Scully remains, and hopes are high that takes place six years after the sea­son a sequel for his great trage­edy. The irreverent twist on Shakespeare also stars David Arquette.

American Teen
July 25
The princess, the jock, the rebel, the geek and the heartthrob. These sound like stereotypes straight from "The Breakfast Club," but really they are the labels attached to five high school seniors from Warsaw, Ind., as they deal with the pressures of cliques, relationships, family and their impending graduations.
Megan, the princess, works to get into her dream school. Collin, the jock, faces enlisting in the army if he doesn't get a basketball scholarship. Hannah, the rebel, wants to get out of Indiana and find somewhere that she can fit in. Jake, the geek, wants to finally find a girlfriend. And Mitch, the heartthrob, has his eyes set on the artsy Hannah.

The House Bunny
August 22
Shakespeare probably never envisioned a sequel for his great tragedy "Hamlet" (especially since everyone dies in the end), but that doesn't mean that a failed actor-turned-drama teacher can't make a musical sequel to the Bard's tale.
With songs like "Hock Me, Sexie," "Sexy Jesus," "Things I Hate About You," but while Elle Woods escaped to Harvard, Shelley (Anna Faris) is escaping to a sorority house - although not one that Elle would have ever joined.
When Shelley is kicked out of the Playboy Mansion by a rival, she becomes - Photo courtesy of canmag.com - a housemother for a nerdy sorority and helps the girls sign a new pledge class so that they can keep their charter. In the end (after a few makeovers), everyone learns that it's what's on the inside that counts.

The House Bunny
August 22

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was a force to be reckoned with in "Independence Day," "Men in Black," "Bad Boys," and most recently "I Am Legend." Will Smith aims to bring this star power to his new film "Hancock."
Smith plays the titular character, an edgy, sarcastic, and misunderstood superhero. His heroics get the job done but always seem to leave serious damage behind. When the public has finally had enough, public relations executive Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman), whose life Hancock saves, attempts to help the scornful superhero and find his softer side. But Ray's wife, Mary (Charlize Theron) insists Hancock is a lost cause.
This power-house movie of a quasi-super hero packs plenty of action. Smith has yet to fail his audience, and this should be no exception.

Focus Features bought "Hamlet 2" at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival for $10 million, almost tying the $10.5 million record that "Little Miss Sunshine" set in 2006. The irreverent twist on Shakespeare also stars Catherine Keener, Amy Poehler and David Arquette. Written by Cassie Belew, Stephanie DePrez, Caitlin Ferraro and Analise Lipari.
RecSports

RecSports winners announced

Special to the Observer

In 1997, the idea of an All Interhall Champion arose. After some very beneficial dialogue with RecSports staff and administrators of the athletic department, a pilot program was developed to determine the All Interhall RecSports Champions. The first awards were presented in the 1997-98 academic year to Keough Hall and West Stanford. The point system that was created at that time is still the one in place today. Every interhall event has points available for simply entering a team from the hall.

Additional points are awarded for the top four finishers. Points are deducted for forfeits, ejections and other undesirable actions. Halls that do the best are halls that make sure they have teams entered in all interhall events. The traveling trophies are awarded to the winners to display for the year. A plaque for men and another plaque for women is displayed in the main entrance area of Rolfs Sports Recreation Center listing the year to year winners.

In 2000-01 the RecSports program was born. The RecSpoys specifically recognize some of the awards in Intramural Sports. All of the Notre Dame community was invited to participate in the selection of the winners through the voting website. Here are the winners for 2008-09:

Undergraduate Female of the Year: Cynthia Curley, Pasquerilla West

If RecSports kept statistics for most sports played in a year Cynthia Curley may be the record holder. Cynthia showed her leadership by leading the Weasels to the No. 5 seed in football, while upsetting No. 4 St. Mary's. In the more stunning upsets this year, Curley took charge and powered her team past the mighty Whirlwind of Welsh Family to capture the championship for Interhall basketball.

Undergraduate Male of the Year: Max Young, Siegfried

Max was not only the backbone of the Siegfried baseball team, he was the backstop. He commanded respect from the opposing pitchers and base runners thought twice about stealing on him. Also, as a defensive back for the Rambler's football team, he made wide receivers second guess going over the middle.

Grad/Fac/Staff (GFS) Female of the Year: Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon

Jacqueline has participated in GFS tennis and is also the captain of her softball team. Above the Curve, Jacqueline is a great teammate and a hard worker. She is a positive person and we are pleased she is a part of RecSports program.

Grad/Fac/Staff Male of the Year: Sean Walsh

With only seconds left in the GFS Flag Football Championship, Walsh, the signal caller for Law Dawgs, threw up a prayer of a pass, a deep Hail Flute, and won the championship, beating $81,000 Cash, life, poise and composure carried his team through the season and in the championship.

Team of the Year: Cavanaugh Football vs. PW

It was an up and down season for the Chaos. The regular season ended with a less than stellar 3-3 record, which earned them No. 6 seed in the playoffs. No one believed they could go all the way, but the Chaos was out to shock the RecSports world. They worked their way through the first two rounds of the playoffs before facing Welsh Family. Going into the games as underdogs fueled the fire. With tough defense and timely scoring, they upset Welsh Fam, to capture the title. It was truly a story of David beating Goliath.

Game of the Year: Interhall Men's Soccer Championship

In a game billed as a mismatch, No. 8 Siegfried Premier against No. 3 Keenan, Siegfried did not fold under the pressure of being an underdog. Both teams came out firing on all cylinders. No one wanted to back down. It came down to one of the most exciting events in RecSports, the shootout. Both teams wanted victory, but in the end it was Siegfried that took the prize. Siegfried took down the Knights. This match would have made the average soccer spectator sit on the edge of their seat the whole game.

Men's Faculty of the Year: Alumni

In early morning hours, when all the students are fast asleep, a group of hockey fans are at the Joyce Center running amuck. Opposing teams know them all too well. The construction barrel taunts players and fans alike at every turn.

HALL OF CHAMPIONS

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- Tall Girls
- MSA Program
- Campus Horseshoe Singles
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Undergraduate Male of the Year

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Undergraduate Female of the Year

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- Sara Gilson (Cavanaugh Hall) | Heather Van Hogenew (PW) | Anne Barrett (Farley Hall)

GFS Male of the Year

04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07
- Doug Bartels | Thomas Clarke | Thomas Clarke

GFS Female of the Year

04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07
- Caitlin Johnson | Erin Galloway | Megan Tierney

Intramural Team of the Year

04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07
- Keough Hall | Zahm Hall | Farley Hall

Intramural Game of the Year

04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07
- Cavanaugh vs. Walsh | Pasquerilla East | Farley vs. Walsh

Fans of the Year

04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07
- Cavanaugh | Alumni Hall | Alumni Hall

RecSports

University of Notre Dame Department of Athletics
Another year of intramurals comes to a close

**Special to the Observer**

With more than 50 programs available to undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff alike, the intramural program at Notre Dame boasts a range of athletic opportunities comparable to that of larger state schools.

The fall sports offering provides a variety of sports from soccer to fast-pitch softball, and includes one of the nation’s only intramural full-contact, full-pads football leagues. Winter brings a bevy of basketball leagues from men’s and women’s Interhall to Co-Rec and Grad/Faculty/Staff. Ice hockey and broomball utilize the Joyce Center ice rink, one of the 15 campus-wide facilities used by the intramural program. As the weather warms, sports move back outdoors for Interhall lacrosse, sand volleyball and many others.

With over 90 percent of Notre Dame’s student body having lettered in at least one varsity sport in high school, the competitive nature at Notre Dame is like none other. Dorms compete for the men’s and women’s Interhall cups, gaining points towards the trophy through their play in Interhall competitions.

**Men’s Interhall**

The 2007-2008 men’s Interhall season yielded rivalries and attempts to repeat championships. Early in the year, Stanford and Keenan squared off in a series of battles for the title. In baseball, the Griffins used a dramatic ending — a grand slam to knock off Siegfried in the semifinals — and then survived a potential Knights rally to take the crown in Eck Stadium.

Stanford then earned the top seed in football with a 12-8 victory in the regular season finale against Keenan, but almost fell in the first round to Dillon, scoring on a fourth and goal in overtime to keep its season alive. Notre Dame Stadium served as the venue for a rematch of the Cinderblock brethren, with Stanford again prevailing in a 7-0 defensive battle.

Men’s soccer also provided its share of theater, with the eight-seeded Siegfried Premier team making a Cinderella run to the championship game. There they faced another Keenan team vying for a title, and after a high scoring regulation, the underdog Shamrocks prevailed in penalty kicks.

North Quad’s monopoly on the championship games changed along with the seasons, as Morrissey used its size and athleticism to capture both the baseball and volleyball championships. The Manor denizens ran up absurd regular season records in both sports, going undefeated by wide margins to clinch the top seeds in both post-season tournaments. Despite great efforts from the hoopers of Sorin and the St. Ed’s volleyball team, the Manorites took home two titles.

As the weather outside got colder and colder, the action on the ice inside heated up, culminating in defending champion Dillon trying to defend its hockey championship against a team composed of Zahm and Carroll players. The Big Red’s efforts fell short against the union of Vermin and Rahid Rats, with the hockey title moving to the House until next season.

**Women’s Interhall**

The Interhall women’s sports this year proved to be one of ups and excitement. The fall brought an intense flag football season and a thrilling upset in the championship — much like this year’s Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

Welsh Family’s dominance in an undefeated regular season paralleled that of the Patriots, and Cavanaugh’s playoff run was reminiscent of that of the Giants. Cavanaugh shut out Welsh Family in the championship game 14-0, and proved they were better than expected.

Cavanaugh was one of the select dorms to win more than one championship this year by taking first place in Interhall volleyball after a bumpy regular season, but finishing up strong in the playoffs, similar to the performance of their flag football team.

In Interhall basketball, Welsh Family’s season concluded in much the same way as their flag football season. It seems that this year Welsh Family has been under the curse of the undefeated regular season. Welsh Family’s basketball team followed its undefeated regular season with a run to the championship game only to be defeated by another basketball powerhouse, Pasquerilla West.

Pasquerilla West also found itself competing in the Interhall dodgeball championship, but lost to Mod Quad rival Pasquerilla East, who also won the racquetball championship. In other sports, Pangborn won the women’s cross country championship, Maureen Champa took home the single’s tennis championship, and Cynthia Curley and Libby Koerbel won the women’s golf scramble.

**Grad/Faculty/Staff Sports**

The Grad/Faculty/Staff sports seemed to have more than their share of remarkable playoff games this year, particularly in baseball, flag football and soccer. In GFS baseball, teams faced tough roads to the championship in Eck Stadium and sometimes had to play doubleheaders to advance in the playoffs. The Blue Sox were one of these teams, and only came up short by a few runs in the quarterfinals.

In CE/GFS, wins and losses brought an intense flag football championship, but only the No. 1 seed Sartorius, led by a former conference king, made it to the end. The team battled to the championship game, and defeated them as well.

While the baseball playoffs featured a walk off grand slam and the GFS flag football championship featured a ball-penalty game that decided the game, the Law Dawgs won on a last second heave to the end zone a la Kordell Stewart and Michael Westbrook playing for the University of Colorado against Michigan. The ball was tipped by the opposing team, $81,000 Cash, but a Law Dawgs receiver miraculously came down with the ball and the championship.

More unbelievable playoff games could be found in the GFS soccer league. Tainted Fruit continued their campus-wide soccer dynasty with a championship win in the GFS Soccer league. Continuing the theme of dramatic GFS finishes, the game ended in a shootout, in which Tainted Fruit outscored the GSA program 5-4.

In other sports, Your Primas Facie beat Second Year-Itis in the basketball championship, Shashank Maitra won men’s tennis singles, and Michael Stanisic won men’s racquetball singles.

### INTERHALL POINTS RACE

#### MEN

| 1. Siegfried | 3,320 |
| 2. Morrissey | 3,225 |
| 3. Stanford | 2,880 |
| 4. Zahm | 2,150 |
| 5. St. Eds | 2,075 |
| 6. O’Neill | 1,975 |
| 7. Dillon | 1,853 |
| 8. Keenan | 1,710 |
| 9. All | 1,625 |
| 10. Keough | 1,625 |
| 11. Fisher | 1,535 |
| 12. Knott | 1,460 |
| 13. Sorin | 1,310 |
| 14. Carroll | 800 |

#### WOMEN

| 1. Cavanaugh | 3,075 |
| 2. PW | 2,755 |
| 3. PE | 2,220 |
| 4. Welsh-Fam | 1,300 |
| 5. Lyons | 1,190 |
| 6. Farley | 1,085 |
| 7. Pangborn | 725 |
| 8. Lewis | 625 |
| 9. BP | 500 |
| 10. Welsh | 475 |
| 11. McGinn | 395 |
| 12. Badin | 325 |
| 13. Howard | 305 |
| 14. Carroll | 800 |

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Stanford freshman Colin McNamara, right, returns an interception during the Griffins’ 7-0 championship victory over Keenan.
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ND sent 22 to Big East

Athletes head to Philadelphia to try to repeat as conference champs

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

This weekend, Notre Dame will begin possibly its biggest match of the season when it heads to the Big East outdoor championships May 2-5 in Philadelphia, Penn.

The Irish will send 22 athletes to the competition and will need each of them to have strong performances in order for Notre Dame to have a chance at claiming a top finish.

"I am not sure that we have the experience or the depth to win the meet this year — as we did last year — but we have the potential to finish in the top three if we perform exceptionally well," said Irish coach Tim Connelly.

"For us to have a chance for a strong team finish, all of our 22 athletes will need to score points, as we have very little margin for error."

Following the Big East meet, those athletes who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete for a chance to participate in the NCAA national championships meet in Des Moines, Ia. Up to this point, the Irish have nine athletes and a relay team qualified for the regional meet.

One of those athletes, multi-
event star junior Alyssia Hasan, will not have to participate in the regional meet because she has automatically qualified for the national meet in the heptathlon.

Hasan has had a record-breaking year for the Irish setting both school and personal records in the heptathlon event with 5,509 points.

"She is someone whom we have really relied upon this year because she can help us in so many events," Connelly said. "It is great to see her putting things together and having so much success."

Hasan garnered All-American honors during the NCAA indoor championships earlier this year with her performance in the decathlon.

Irish runners who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet and will be counted on to lead the team at the Big East meet include senior Brienne Davis, sophomore Lindsey Ferguson and Joanna Schutz, and freshmen Natalia Johnson and Kelly Langham. Each of these athletes has earned top spots at nearly every meet this season in their respective events.

The Irish have also dominated the throws events in most of the meets this season. Junior Anna Weber and Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza have led the Irish this year with their performances the shot put (Weber), hammer throw (Weber) and discus (Espinoza).

The athletes who finish in the top five in the regional meet will advance to the national meet and fight for All-American honors.

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NBA

Upstart Hawks grow up in series with Celtics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After pulling up to Philips Arena in his white Hummer H2, Mike Bibby strode past an admiring security guard, who wished him luck through the rest of the playoffs.

"We're not supposed to talk to the players," she said as the Hawks point guard turned the corner. "But I can't help myself."

The Loudest is occurring all over Atlanta. Talk radio stations were flooded with calls about the city's long-ignored NBA team. Cars cruised along downtown streets with Hawks flags flapping from their windows.

Who knew they even made those?

"It's long overdue, having playoff basketball here in Atlanta," coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday before boarding a flight to Boston for the next game in a series that was supposed to be over. "Now, they're seeing it at its best. We're the underdogs, but we're competing with a great team."

The Hawks aren't just competing. They're all tied up in the best-of-seven series with a team that had the NBA's best record, a team that finished 29 games ahead of Atlanta during the regular season.

It's as if the Hawks grew up right before everyone's eyes, though this has been a moment for years. I think we can be a great group of athletes," Benniger said. "If you can put together a team like that, you can beat them."
Feminists for Clinton

We are women who support Hillary Clinton for the presidency of the United States. We do so because we believe that she will be the best president for the entire country. As feminists, we also believe that Clinton is the best choice for attending to issues of special importance to women.

We write to you now because it's time for feminists to say that Senator Obama has no monopoly on inspiration. We are among the millions of women and men who have been moved to action by her. Six months ago, some of us were committed to her candidacy, some of us weren't, but by now we all find ourselves passionately supporting her. Brains, grace under pressure, ideas, and the skill to make them real! We call that inspiring. The restoration of good government after eight years of devolution, a decent foreign policy with ties to world leaders repaired, withdrawal from Iraq and universal health care: we call that exciting. And the record to prove that she can and will stand up to the swift-boatting that will come any Democratic nominee's way: we call that absolutely necessary.

Clinton's unswerving contributions as Senator, public servant, spokesperson for better family policies and the needs of hard-pressed women and children are widely known and recognized — even by her opponent. Her powerful, inspiring advocacy of the human rights of women at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 was heralded around the world as a stunning departure from the normal amanuensis role of First Lady. Corporate special interests managed to deflate the health care program she advocated in 1994, and her own leadership opened the plan to attack. But she kept on fighting, acknowledging her mistakes, and in ensuing years she succeeded in winning expanded coverage for children. Now she has crafted the only sensible and truly universal health care proposal before the voters.

On the war issue, many of us believe she made a mistake in voting for Joint Resolution 114 in 2002 — along with the 28 other Democratic senators, including John Edwards and John Kerry. But we also note that her current opponent, when asked about that resolution in 2004, responded that he did not know how he would have voted had he been in Congress then. We do not know either. But we do know that at the time, his opposition to the war carried no risks and indeed, promised to pay big dividends in his liberal Democratic district. Now, the two candidates have virtually the same plan for withdrawal from Iraq. And on the critical, broader issues of foreign policy, we believe that Senator Clinton is far more consistent, knowledgeable, modest, and realistic — stressing international diplomacy on all questions and repairing our ties with world leaders.

We are keenly aware that results are at stake — not just on national and international security, but on the economy, universal health care, the environment, and more. Our country needs a president who knows the members and workings of Congress, and has a proven record on Capitol Hill of persuading sympathizers, bringing along fence-sitters, and disarming opponents. There is an irony in her opponent's claim to be able to lead in the Senate, while dismissing her proven record of working with them as a legislator. We need a president who understands how to make changes real, from small things like the predatory student loan industry to large things like the Middle East. Hillary Clinton has the experience, knowledge and wisdom to deal with this wide range of issues.

Our country also needs a president who has a thorough mastery of "details" — eyes, details — after eight years of Bush and Cheney. The job of restoring good government is overwhelming, and will require more than "inspiration" to accomplish it. We believe that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Justice Department, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more can be restored to full and effective functioning only by a president who understands their scope, regulations, personnel, problems and history. Knowing these "details" and acting on them are essential to begin the healing and recuperation of the country.

How many of us have heard brilliant and resourceful women in the workplace dismissed or devalued for "detail-oriented" in contrast to a man's supposed "big picture" scope? How many of us have seen what, in a man, would be called "peersies masterly", yet called, in a woman's case, "narrowness"? How many women have we known — truly gifted workers, professionals, and administrators — who have been criticized for their reserve and down-to-earth way of speaking? Whose commanding style, seriousness, and get-to-work style are criticized as "cold" and insufficiently "likeable"? These prejudices have been scandalously present in this campaign.

With all this in mind, we believe that Hillary Clinton is the best candidate for president, because she is the surest to move us forward and secure the future. Politics is not magic. Hillary Clinton as president promises what government as it can best can truly offer: wise decision-making and lasting change.

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LPGA Tour

Lorena Ochoa looks to Alarcon for guidance

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The house where Lorena Ochoa grew up overlooks the swimming pool at Guadalajara Country Club, a playground paradise for a tiny, wiry girl with big dreams.

She would scamper to the tops of magnolias and ceiba trees that crowd the golf course. She would swim and play tennis and hold putting contests for a peso until it was too dark to see the hole.

“We liked to play fantasy games — hit it over the tree, between the branches, over the rocks,” said Shanti Granada, who began playing golf with Ochoa at age 7. “She always stayed to hit practice shots, always with an extra imagination to make practice fun.”

From these beginnings rose the best female golfer in the world.

Ochoa, 26, already has met the performance criteria for the Hall of Fame. She has won five times in six LPGA Tour events this year, crushing the competition by a combined 37 shots, and this week in Oklahoma she will try to win her fifth straight tournament and a record held by Annika Sorenstam and Nancy Lopez.

A month later, she will be a heavy favorite to capture her third straight major.

Heady stuff for a kid from a soccer-loving country where there are fewer than 300 golf courses, Rafael Alarcon, though, might have seen this coming.

Ochoa was drawn to Alarcon, a local PGA golfer, when she was about 8. She would stand behind him as he hit balls, peppering him with questions and following him around the course, until he one day invited her to play.

As the trophies piled up — Ochoa won her age division at the Junior World Championships five years in a row — Alarcon asked her once on the practice green why she wanted to know so much about the game.

“I want to learn to beat you,” she recalls telling him. “I know if I beat you, I can be the best player in the world.”

The day before she left Mexico for the University of Arizona, she did just that, by two strokes on the back nine.

Now in her sixth full season on the LPGA Tour, there appears to be no stopping her.

“Lorena is an amazing golfer and an even more impressive person,” said Lopez, whom Ochoa considers a role model. “She has become a true superstar ... so well liked on the tour and so successful at the same time.”

This is the essence of Ochoa. She has risen to the top of a sport still dominated by the wealthy in her native Mexico, where green fees often cost five times the average daily wage.

Yet she is loyal to the working class who care for the golf courses and to impoverished children who have never seen the game played.

“She has always been sincere and friendly,” said Francisco Javier Lopez, who has worked on the Guadalajara golf course for 18 years. “Now that she's winning and winning, she's just the same as before, very humble.”

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Rutgers

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All these conversations are open ended with the Big East," he said. "We're not going to close the door to anything, so they can propose things back. ... We're not asking people to make a lifetime commitment."

The loudest criticisms, which have been voiced by people outside the Rutgers athletic department, bemoan Notre Dame's supposed self-interest. Aranow argued that, "as soon as Mulcahy decided to step into your house if it does not meet our specific dimensional specifications," as Aranow said, "ignores at least part of the history of this series possibly beginning."

About three years ago, White agreed to the Big East's request to play conference schools a year away from three of the league's top football schools — Boston College, Miami and Virginia Tech — left for the Atlantic Coast Conference. White has insinuated that Notre Dame is two schools trying to reconcile their commitment in an effort to stake a stronger position in the Big East and the Northeast have ruled out the possibility of this series possibly taking place.

So it seems the case of Rutgers and Notre Dame is two schools trying to reconcile their own needs within the constraints of the contractual obligations, but failing to do so — and not a malicious power-grab by White to turn Rutgers into a national power.

That explains why Notre Dame has had an "oh, well" reaction to the recent events and Mulcahy has been noticeably muted in his response.

UConn series nearly set

For the past month, Connecticut has been working with a similar question in regard to Notre Dame. Several lawmakers there complained that the Huskies were set to play a 10-year series with Notre Dame in which no games would be played within the home of the publicly-funded university.

Taxpayers footed the bill for Connecticut's five-year-old, $91 million Rentschler Field, and politicians agreed to a compromise of a six-year series after Huskies coach Randy Edsall received a commitment from the Big East to make a lifetime investment in the field.

Still committed to conference

Even if other teams were to decline Notre Dame's request for games in the Meadowlands, Notre Dame is unlikely to regard its commitment to play three Big East teams annually, Heisler said.

Notre Dame's nine teams are members of the Big East in football, the seventh, loading the bases with one out. But striking out three, to finish

Devils

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Pollock scored on a double by second baseman Jeremy Buck and a sacrifice fly by two outs. The Irish threatened to score more, but left fielder Ross Brezovsky only managed to get an inning with runners on second and third. Notre Dame also scored on three runs in the bottom half of that inning, and slugged Evan Sharpley bled one to deep right field.

Initially, the ball looks to have the strength to clear the fence, but Mississippi Valley State right fielder (Golddet) made the catch on the warning track. The next batter, Barnes, hit a fly ball out of his choice and the lead stayed 1-0.

Two innings later, Sharpley belted another ball to right field and this one did get over the fence and the Irish have the game for a 4-0 lead.

I was little out of the one on my arm and at bat and I got under it a little bit," Sharpley said of his accomplishment and I ended up getting a pick that was a little bit in and striking out in process."

It took the Irish a while to get their offense on track, earning only one hit over the first five innings. In the fifth, though, the Notre Dame bats found their spark. With two outs in the top of the frame, freshman right fielder Beth Jorgensborg started the rally with a single through the right side of infield.

Northway finished 3-for-3 with the double, a run, and an outfield assist.

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GWLL

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because of tiebreakers. Bellarmine and Air Force were the only two GWLL teams to fall short of making the tournament.

"Offensively I thought we were pretty balanced against Ohio State," said Corrigan. "When we settled down we shared the ball and shot well and kept the pressure on our goal. He had a pretty good day, but we still were able to score the goals."
The Observer apologizes for the absence of The Single Life.

CROSSWORD


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Uma Thurman, 19; Michelle Zelnick, 50; Daniel Day-Lewis, 51; Jerry Seinfeld, 54

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: If you approve squarely or too generously, you are likely to take advantage of those who terrorist looking for a handout. For money and effort you know, be wary and keep your friends. The pensive and the child-like people in your life will give you the strength and courage to do what's best. Your numbers are 7, 9, 22, 25, 37, 39, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Grab things in writing or choose a new direction. A personal and romantic focus will lead to an supportive relationship. The door of opening and acceptance will be wide open. Set goals, be patient. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions must not be brought into any discussion you have. You may think that you will not have others supporting you. A chance to view your opinions will help sort out problems. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Make some worthwhile changes. Take on anything that needs to be changed. You'll be happy you did. 4 stars

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There will be a change in beliefs or the way you do things. Look on interaction you have with someone you find very different. Don’t be judgmental, but do consider the possibility it will help you further your own goals. A minus

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give someone a chance before you decide to cut him or her out of your life. Love connections can be made but do so for the right reason. A new set of rules is likely to be put into play by someone who isn’t too trusting. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Talking to someone who will open you up about a change of weird or engaging your group, you bond. Of course, you won’t know what to do with the facts at hand or you may suddenly open yourself up to a role. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Something is playing games with you. Don’t talk about information you should close, reputation of what it is. It is evident that you have deception within a partnership. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little bi has a lot to do with who you are and how you want to say. Especially if it has to do with people. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone at an event or while networking will feed you a line. Do your homework and pick your friends, dealings and money ventures carefully. A partnership will affect deliveries and advice. That is the key to success. Start now. 6 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everyone may appear to be up in the air. Think things through and you will realize networking is in keeping with your emotions and efficiency. Fresh work will pay off and give you greater self-confidence. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you want to make changes, do so for the right reason. The time is here. Someone can use your advice. Of course, your advice. The change brings the right first time around. Take a moment to reassess the situation. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are charming, clever and convincing. You are inventive, imaginative, versatile and quick. You are open-minded and quick to an opportunity. Don’t hold things back. 3 stars

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Man, I'm excited to graduate. Same here, I think it's definitely time to move on.

Yeah, I'm ready to meet new people and see new things.

This fall in Chicago. Are you kidding me?

Definitely, no more seeing the same people over and over every time you go out.

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Running with the Devils
By CHRIS KHOREY
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame freshman pitcher Brian Dupra scattered six hits in seven shutout innings as the Irish topped Mississippi Valley State 4-0 at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday night.

"We were very fortunate to win tonight," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "(Dupra) has just been getting better and better." Dupra (3-2) struck out four and walked just one, but he had to pitch out of several jams.

"I've been working with the coaches on keeping the ball low," Dupra said. "Hitters usually get themselves out. The pressure is on them to get a hit." Mississippi Valley State (15-21) threatened in the second after knocking back-to-back singles to lead off the inning, but it couldn't plate either runner.

The Delta Devils put another two runners on base in the sixth, but Dupra worked out of the jam to improve his season record to 3-2. Dupra scattered six hits, walked one and struck out four in seven innings of work. The Bulldogs scattered eight hits and walked three in the win.

FRESHMAN RIGHT-HANDER BRIAN DUPRA CURVES A PITCH TOWARD HOME PLATE IN A 4-0 VICTORY OVER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE TUESDAY AT FRANK ECK STADIUM.

Irish pick up transfer from Mississippi State

By FRAN TOLAN
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Former Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough will transfer to Notre Dame for the 2008-2009 academic year. Hansbrough, a sophomore who averaged 10.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game last season for the Bulldogs, will sit out next season then have two years of eligibility left with the Irish.

Hansbrough is the younger brother of North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough, who won virtually every Player of the Year award this past season. The 6-foot-3 shooting guard started 28 of Mississippi State's 34 games last season as the Bulldogs advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

He could help fill a void left by the probable departures of rising senior guards and sharpshooters Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers after next season.

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Laxers earn top seed in conference

By ELLYN MICHALAK
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Thanks to its effective offense, No. 7 Notre Dame defeated No. 9 Ohio State 17-12 in its final regular season game, earning the No. 1 seed in the Great Western Lacrosse League tournament.

The Irish will take on No. 4 seed Quinnipiac in the semifinals on Friday in Birmingham, Mich., at 5 p.m. The second semifinal matchup between Ohio State and Denver will follow at 7:30 and the title game will be held the following Sunday.

The previous meeting between the Irish and the Bobcats resulted in a dominant Irish win (16-6) on Notre Dame's home turf. Junior attack Ryan Hoff scored four goals to lead the Irish offense with victory against the Bobcats.

Notre Dame hopes to recapture the GWLL tournament title it won during the 2007 season — and with that an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We are now in tournament mode. We want to win," Corrigan said. "Our goal is to win and keep winning. We're only focusing on playing right now."

The Irish fell to Johns Hopkins 11-10 in overtime in a tight first round game in the 2007 Tournament. If the Irish do not earn the GWLL title, they still have a chance to earn one of the nine at-large NCAA tournament bids.

The Irish victory against Ohio State created a three-way tie among the top teams in the league. Denver, Ohio State and Notre Dame all earned 4-1 records on the season, but the Irish received the top spot.

Midfielder Michael Podpajny, left, celebrates with teammates, Duncan Swacey and Neal Hicks in a 17-12 win over Ohio State Sunday.