New film profiles self-image

By JENN METZ
New Writer

The film "America the Beautiful" was shown to a sold-out audience Sunday afternoon at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Last week, its organizers were afraid no one would show up.

The movie is not about patriotic songs, as its title suggests, but rather about issues of female body image in a society where "celebutantes" like Paris Hilton and stick-thin models dominate the media.

Valorie Staggs, an eating disorders specialist at the University, said "America the Beautiful" is "a film that will bring a lot of awareness of how much influence the media and advertising have on eating disorders."

On Wednesday, she checked the ticket office at the Center to see how many seats had been reserved, just to make sure people were coming.

Advertisements for the film featured an image of the Statue of Liberty with notes like "Widen mouth." "Enlarge eyes," and "Two words: "Noose job!" with arrows pointing to the body parts they described.

Images of "perfection and ideal standards" that bombard men and women through the media have led to a decrease in self-esteem, she said.

"We need to stop back, and look at these things objectively," Staggs said. "Who said this is beautiful?"

Subway promo policy explained

By BECKY HOGAN
New Writer

Despite Notre Dame sophomore John Traub's efforts to initiate a boycott on the Subway located in LaFortune Student Center because it does not offer the "$5 footlong" deal, Notre Dame's Subway has no plans to offer the promotion since it would attract more business to the franchise, which is already operating at capacity. Notre Dame Food Services Director David Prentkowski said.

Prentkowski said the decision to offer promotions is left to the University since it owns the Subway.

Students caught for music piracy

By ROBERT SINGER
New Writer

While it is common knowledge that breaking patarels and underage drinking will result in punishment, many students are unaware of the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) ability to deliver punishments for illegal music downloads.

Students who illegally download copyrighted material, such as TV shows, music, games or movies, could expect to receive a disciplinary letter from the University if an outside organization spots their activity.

About 100 students per semester receive "copyright infringement notices," said Robert Casarez, assistant director at the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH).

Since file sharing traffic can be publicly monitored, organizations bent on limiting piracy like the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the Entertainment Software Association, NRC Universal, HBO and Columbia Pictures can identify users who have pirated copyrighted material, Casarez said.

"Since this information is public, outside organizations log the information and send the notices to the Internet Service Provider where the material is originating," he said. "It is up to the Internet Service Provider, in the case of our students, Notre Dame, to identify the person and notify them of the violation."

The University does not actively make an effort to enforce copyright laws, but only responds to the requests of agencies hired by recording industries or movie studios.

"Our office does not seek out students who are downloading copyrighted material," Casarez said. "We only respond to the notices sent by outside organizations."

If a student receives a letter from ORLH for copyright infringement, he or she will be warned if it is his or her first offense. But repeated

GRC aims to prevent violence

By JENN METZ
New Writer

Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center (GRC) has created the Violence Prevention Initiative to galvanize students to work toward stopping violence.

The Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) is a combination of both educational and preventive programs that lists raising awareness about violence in the local community and standing against global violence, promoting the healing of survivors.

Assault a reality at University, panel says

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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Heather Rakoczey Russell, director of the Gender Relations Center (GRC), said Friday she was recently asked if sexual assault really happens at a place like Notre Dame. She said, it does.

As a culmination of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, the GRC, along with the student government and several other campus groups, hosted a panel of speakers at the "A Time to Heal" dinner Friday at Legends to address the problem of sexual violence.

Rakoczey Russell said The Clery Act -- a statute that requires colleges and universities to disclose information about campus crime -- requires the University to keep and report records of reported rape cases.

She said it is not uncommon for the number of reports of rapes at Notre Dame to be one or zero per year.

"We know that's not representative of what happens here," she said. "Rape is the most dramatically underreported crime."

Rakoczey Russell said the most common form of rape on campus is date rape. Students are not assaulted by strangers, but rather

Facebook use extends beyond college

Worries linger about security of personal info, but networking capabilities provide advantages
Dear readers,

I am excited to begin my year as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer today. I have dedicated countless hours to The Observer, slaving away at the old computers in the darkest place on the campus—the basement of South Dining Hall. I'm writing this column from my room in Cavanaugh, where there is a window to the outside world. However, there are at least 60 staffers at work as my fingers type, putting aside homework and social obligations to operate a finely-tuned software program and actually make the newspaper.

The students on the staff are the unsung heroes of this campus, in my opinion. Getting paid less than one dollar an hour for their work, which can last late into the night, and still coming back week after week as a real testament to The Observer as both a publication and mini-community on this campus.

Some things I have learned while putting in my time at a production computer: Save your documents. Keep your cell phone on. Don’t eat carbs and most importantly... Save your documents.

Some things I wish I would have learned sooner: Procrastination does not always work. There are really only 24 hours in a day and it is possible to over-schedule yourself. (To the professors whose classes I’ve missed this past week and to the friends whom I’ve missed lunches, breakfasts and dinners with, I apologize.)

Though putting in time at The Observer has caused me to miss out on certain parts of being a student, I’ve learned that it has granted me other opportunities that have made joining the paper the best decision of my adult life.

I was able to travel to Washington, D.C. to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama. I’ve had the pleasure of interviewing congressmen and movie stars. I’ve sat down with University President Emerita Fr. Theodore Hesburgh to talk about civil rights and his remarkable career.

Most importantly, however, I’ve had the honor of interviewing hundreds of you: my classmates. The things you accomplish everyday, whether it be passing a resolution in student government, starting a club, serving the community and still making time for your relationships, I think I can safely say that most importantly I’ve learned about the importance of giving back and most importantly that saving your documents is important.

We would like to help you—by reporting on national news with a Notre Dame angle.

In BRIEF

A memorial service in memory of Rabbi Michael Signer will take place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium. All members of the University and local community are welcome.

A lecture by Elizabeth Ferrer, curator of the Lola Alvarez Bravo exhibit will be held today at 12 p.m. The event will take place in O’Shaughnessy Galleries II and III, Snite Museum of Art. Admission is free. Elizabeth Ferrer is an independent curator, writer, and consultant based in New York, specializing in Mexican and Latino art.

The Center for Social Concerns will host a lecture entitled, “American Politics — Living Faithful Citizenship” today at 7 p.m. in the Eck Center Auditorium. Bill Purcell, director of Harvard University’s Institute of Politics and former Tennessee congressman, will share his insights on living a Catholic living out a vocation in public service.

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SoCal robbery suspect tries to become police man

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — Authorities in California say a man wanted for a store robbery was arrested when he showed up to take a test to become a police officer. Chula Vista police spokesman Bernard Gonzales says investigators had identified Romeo Montillano as a suspect in a Dec. 8 robbery at a Knott’s Berry Farm.

Gonzales says investigators learned that Montillano had signed up for the February Police Department entrance exam.

The 40-year-old man was arrested Wednesday when he arrived to take the test. Gonzales said that when Montillano was taken into custody he asked if he would still be able to take the exam.

Legasse replaces pan woman used in self-defense

ELYRIA, Ohio — Chef Emeril Lagasse says he felt so bad when he heard a woman lost one of her trademark pans while fighting off home intruders that he’s replacing the item. Lagasse is sending one teen, who was going to fight the intruders at her home, the pan used in self-defense.

Legasse is sending it to the partner of the teen’s boyfriend. He’s the daughter of a friend of the woman who received the pan.

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CROWDS FLOOD JOYCE CENTER FOR BENGAL BOUTS

Crowds gather in the Joyce Center Arena on Saturday night to watch the Bengal Routs finals. Here, Leo Rubinkowski takes on John Tchoula for the 185-lb. title.

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Two students say thanks to officials

Ind. legislation offers financial assistance

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Two Saint Mary's students traveled to the Indiana State House in Indianapolis last week to thank legislators for granting state money to students and ask that they continue to give their support. At the disallowance economy continues to make it more difficult for students to afford tuition, there are still options for financial aid available through the state, and many Saint Mary's students take advantage of it.

Saint Mary's freshmen Sarah Kletka and Alma Bravo joined 250 students from 20 other private and independent colleges on the Feb. 24 trip. Kletka is a nursing major who is working two jobs to cover the cost of books and tuition at Saint Mary's.

"I decided to go because this money is an integral part of my attendance at Saint Mary's," Kletka said. "I feel in my responsibility to represent those of us at Saint Mary's who struggle to afford it and need every penny we are offered." Students receive the funds from the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI). Kletka said they were given the opportunity to meet with hometown legislators on the trip.

"Alma and I were very lucky that our representatives and senators actually came out of their sessions to speak with us," she said. "We spoke with them on the issues of student financial aid grants, and student need for more financial aid." Students discussed the possible changes in funding over the coming years. Kletka said the legislators discussed a change in the quantity of funding for individual students, but not for the program as a whole.

"They explained that even though the amount of grant money may not decrease from year to year, the amount the student receives could possibly decrease depending on how many students apply and need aid," Kletka said.

Kletka and Bravo are not the only students who are given aid money from the state.

"Many of our students receive this important grant, and without it they might have not been able to attend a small private college," Karen Johnson, Saint Mary's vice president of student affairs said in a press release early last week. "The liberal arts education these women are getting at Saint Mary's will allow them, as graduates, to be flexible and change with the times."

Kletka is appreciative of the grant money she has received and the opportunity it gave her. "I could never have afforded Saint Mary's on my own, but with the generosity of Saint Mary's, financial aid, state funding and numerous scholarships, I am here," she said.

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Monologues perform stories at St. Mary's

By Alicia Smith
News Writer

Stories about passion, injustice, pain, romance and heartbreakBillender Venet auditorium during the SMC Monologues performed this past weekend. The Monologues used stories submitted by Saint Mary's students.

"It means a lot to me being able to act in the Monologues because you make people aware of the things that for some bit really close to home — especially since these stories submitted by our own," freshman Anabel Castaneda said.

Saint Mary's junior Britt Hall said she believed the SMC Monologues needed to be told.

"The Monologues are important for Saint Mary's students to hear," Hall said. "They are our stories from our students, so I feel it is my responsibility to get these stories out there."

The students who participated in this year's Monologues said they were touched by the stories.

"I am moved by all the stories in a new way each time I hear them and see other people react to them," SMC Monologues director Beka Faunce said.

"When I am choosing one to perform myself, I always try to choose a funny one because I love making the audience laugh. Sometimes, we need to cry together over a painful story, express our rage about injustice, but one of the most powerful ways to change the world and ourselves is to laugh," she said.

The piece Castaneda portrayed was about heartbreak.

"The hard part is knowing when to laugh," she said. "Many of these pieces are serious, but crying and feeling sorry for each one of them doesn't help anyone." Participating students faced many challenges while preparing their pieces for the performance.

"The most difficult part is deciding making sure that we do not change the stories in any way," Hall said. "We need to portray these stories in the way the writer would like it to be portrayed."

Despite some struggles, Faunce, Hall and Castaneda said they all felt the experience was worthwhile.

"My favorite part of working on the Monologues is being a part of this great women's movement on campus to share our experiences and combat inequality together," Faunce said.

"I am continually amazed by how we are all part of this community of strong, powerful women who are all united by the drive to work toward a just future for everyone."

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Subway in LaFortune as a franchise.

"Subway restaurant in LaFortune is an independent franchise owned and operated by Notre Dame," Prentkowski said. "Notre Dame ... has at times participated and at other times has chosen not to participate in promotions. This is not unusual — franchise restaurants everywhere choose to participate or not based on the value assessment of the promotion."

Prentkowski explained that pricing decisions are the responsibility of the franchisee, and this law also applies to promotions.

"There are other subway franchise restaurants that have chosen not to participate in this promotion," he said.

Notre Dame Food Services believes that offering the $5 footlong at Notre Dame's Subway would prevent the franchise from meeting its financial obligations, Prentkowski said.

"A financial analysis and projection for this promotion concludes that it would have a negative financial impact on the LaFortune Subway, risking the restaurant's ability to reach its financial obligation," he said.

Prentkowski said the Notre Dame Subway restaurant "is one of the busiest in the United States serving approximately 6,000 people per day. It is so busy, in fact, that capacity limits "prohibit our ability to add new business," he said.

Since the $5 footlong promotion is meant to attract new business, this would ultimately have a detrimental effect to the LaFortune Subway "resulting instead in a negative margin and risk of not meeting financial obligations" since the restaurant is at full capacity, he said.

Because Subway's business is much slower when classes are not in session, Prentkowski said, profits generated during the school year are needed to support operation costs all year long.

"It is important to understand that while it appears restaurants such as Subway are very busy, this is not the case all year around. When classes are not in session, business is substantially less. As a result, revenues generated during the academic year are required to support ongoing costs during the down times," he said.

Prentkowski said the University "compensates its staff at a substantially higher pay rate than a typical quick service restaurant." Not only is compensation higher, but regular Huddle staff members participate in the University health insurance program which also adds "substantial costs" to the operation.

Operating costs include things such as food, labor, supplies, facility costs, renewal costs used for equipment replacement and renovation. Also included in operation costs are the franchise's responsibility to assist with funding general University support functions such as payroll, human resources, accounting and financial services.

Prentkowski said the question remains whether the Subway boycott initiated by Traub will affect Subway's business.

"Notre Dame Food Services is more concerned than Subway regarding potential boycott effects," Prentkowski said. "It is important to understand that most universities have multiple free and low-cost alternatives to block illegal file sharing with software that piracy can be contained if the source is made scarce. But Casarez said because most programs require you to share files when you download them, it is infeasible to eliminate the risk of being caught simply by limiting how much you upload."

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Some outside agencies collect incriminating information by logging onto popular file sharing networks like BitTorrent and communicating with the user's network address. Programs like PeerGuardian can be used to block the IP addresses of agencies that have been known to sue for copyright infringement.

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abuses could result in "a removal of all a student's registered devices from our network and a fine," Casarez said.

The penalty could be steep if an outside agency decides to press charges.

"Outside organizations, such as the BIA, are known to file lawsuits against students," Casarez said.

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Suspected U.S. missiles kill seven ISLAMABAD — Suspected U.S. missiles killed seven people in a Pakistani Taliban stronghold, officials said, an attack on a military convoy and a cleric’s two-week deadline for the creation of Islamic law in Faisalabad. With a new Israeli government to take office within weeks, however, it wasn’t clear how sweeping the military offensives used both peace pacts and military offensives to deal with insurgents along its border with Afghanistan, and it warns that the missile attack that means the rockets were not in the country’s northwest. The anticipation of heightened hostilities in Human-rated Gaza cast a pall over a week of crucial diplomatic activity, including an international conference designed to drum up billions of dollars to rebuild the war-ravaged Palestinian Strip. The wildfire has charred just over a square mile of the Bible Belt state had to deal with insurgents along its border with Afghanistan, and it warns that the missile attack that means the rockets were not in the country’s northwest.

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information off the site and enabled privacy settings.

Massangle has 483 friends on Facebook, but he said he’d only count about 50 of them as actual friends. He’ll keep using the site for now, he said, but will quit it if he applies to professional schools.

“I’m planning to apply to either medical school or graduate school, and they’ve told us, not through friends who’ve applied to medical schools, they advise deleting it entirely,” he said.

Facebook and post-graduation plans

Facebook’s impact on employment and other post-graduation opportunities has been a worry for college users since its inception.

In mid-February, Facebook worried users anew when the site changed its terms of use, deleting language which said Facebook’s right to content would expire when a user cancelled his account and causing Facebook members to fear that the site retained a permanent revenue from their content. Alarm throughout the Facebook community prompted Zuckerberg to return the terms of use to the language in place before the Feb. 4 change.

In a blog post on the site Feb. 8, Zuckerberg said the site developers will be working with the Facebook community to create an updated terms of use that is more amenable to users.

Last week, the director of the Notre Dame Career Center, has watched the evolution of the site from a social networking site to one that has the opportunity to be used for professional networking.

Svet, who has worked in his position for eight years, said he first heard about the site in the summer of 2005. It wasn’t until the following year that he started to hear about it from members of Notre Dame’s Employee Advisory Board, which includes companies like Accenture, Johnson & Johnson and General Mills.

“They said that some of their recruiters had learned that student information was out there,” he said. “Our particular group did not go out to seek students to see if they were doing anything out professional. They stumbled on that particular fact.”

At the May 2007 National Association of College Employers conference, Facebook was discussed at the director level.

“We were advising students at that particular point, not to put social related comments and pictures on their Facebook account, because it could be viewed by prospective employers,” he said.

The Career Center included a slide about social networking sites in some of its workshops, like ones on interviewing, job searching and networking.

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It all takes place on television.

Yes, that mesmerizing mass purveyor of aspiration, desire and self-awareness regularly airs commercial messages that differ from those in the '60s and today that celebrate generations past and present.

Whites and blacks are shown bordering on war, surfing together in skateboard, dancing and waving American flags at political rallies, while a boy named Dylan and a present-day will.i.am take turns singing a Dylan classic, “Forever Young,” each in his signature style.

Or, take the latest hit spot from E-TRADE, which stars the E-TRADE Baby, a 9-month-old white boy, and his newest buddy — a black infant who, from his own highchair, agrees with the wisdom of online investing even in a down economy.
AIG to get up to $30B more in Fed aid
Company announces $60B in quarterly losses, to receive fourth gov't rescue

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Struggling insurer American International Group Inc. will receive up to $30 billion in additional federal assistance in the fourth government rescue of the company, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The infusion is intended to prop up AIG — one of the world's largest insurers — as it is expected to announce $60 billion in quarterly losses early Monday, the source said on the condition of anonymity because the discussions are still ongoing.

The company, which is considered too large to fail, previously received about $150 billion in federal capital from the government's Troubled Assets Relief Program, or TARP.

In exchange for the latest infusion, the Federal Reserve will take stakes in two international units, the source said.

Instead of paying back $34 billion in cash with interest that it has used from a Federal Reserve credit line, AIG now will repay that amount with equity stakes Asia-based American International Assurance and American Life Insurance Co., which operates in 50 countries.

Under the plan, another $20 billion from a Federal Reserve credit line remains available for borrowing, the source said.

In order to strengthen the company, AIG also plans to combine its U.S. and foreign property-casualty insurance operations into a new unit, with a new name and separate management, the source said. About 20 percent of the property-casualty business would be taken public.

To further reduce its debt, AIG will turn $5 billion to $10 billion worth of debt into new securities backed by life insurance assets.

AIG spokesman Nick Ashooh declined to comment on the rescue package. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is handling the government loan, did not return requests for comment.

AIG, whose New York office is shown above, is set to receive more government aid as it struggles with growing losses.

AIG, which reported a record-breaking loss in the fourth quarter, is the seventh-largest insurer in the world, with an employees in 85 countries.

The new infusion is in exchange for a 99-year-old life insurance policy that is expected to rise public.

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son he or she has been dat¬
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"It is members of our com¬
community assaulting other mem¬
bers of our community," Balcoy said.

Two Notre Dame students shared their experiences of sexual assault at the dinner. A survivor of sexual assault who wishes to remain anony¬
mous said she was raped at Notre Dame during her sopho¬
mor year.

"I was asked out on a real date off campus," she said. "We went bowling with his friends and had a late dinner at Steak n Shake."

After dinner, she said he asked her to come hang out at his off-campus apartment. She decided to go, but made it clear there would be no sex.

"When they get to the apart¬
ment, she said they kissed, but eventually, she became uncomfortable.

"He kept going and passed the point of no return," she said. "I attempted to push him off, but he was too heavy. It was the scariest thing I had ever experienced."

She said she convinced herself she had just lost control. She did not know if she was actually raped until she talked to a counselor, who told her she had been date raped.

She said she felt sick to her stomach and could barely eat.

"I hated being alone in my head," she said.

She said she sought help from the University Counseling Center, but did not share her experience with her friends. Because of this, her relationships with her friends started to change.

"Some of my friends noticed how angry, disconnected and cynical I was," she said. "Each academic stress seemed to be magnified exponen¬
tially. I couldn't get a but¬
dle of my wildly swinging emotions.

"After several months of counseling, she decided she was ready to tell her friends what had been going through. She said sharing her experience was one of the hardest parts of the counseling process."

"The week I told my friends was one of the happiest I have ever had," she said. "She said she is still trying to come to terms with what hap¬
pened, but will continue heal¬
ning."

"One day I will look back and see a very old scar, just a mark. It will always be there but it will not always hurt," she said.

Senior Kyle Roca said she was raped when she was 14 years old.

"She said she was assaulted by her boyfriend, who was a year older than her. He had a bad reputation, but she believed she could set a good example for him."

"He was sweet and charm¬
ing," she said. "But I always kept getting raped to have a more physical relationship."

"I wasn't ready for sex," she said. "It was 5:00 and 100 pounds, she said. "I was barely old enough to be get¬
ing my period."

Roca said she did not talk about the rape for a year, but eventually started mentioning it.

"I did not want forever to be known as the girl who was raped," she said.

"She spent years hating her rapist, but eventually, she said she worked his way back into her life. She learned he had been exposed to pornog¬
raffle at a very young age, which scarred his perception of sexuality."

"I don't excuse my attack¬
er," she said. "But what hap¬
pened to him got me thinking about this issue as a man's issue. I think we need to think about educating the males to

make this a human issue."

Tim Latham, president of Men Against Violence, agreed that rape is an issue that should be dealt with by men as much as women.

"Rape is not just a women's issue. For too long, it has been talked about in this catego¬
ry, left to women to deal with," he said.

Unfortunately, the majority of rapes are committed by men, Latham said. But men have the power to stop the violence. He advised men to step in when they see situa¬
tions that look like they are out of control.

"As men we are in a far better position to speak to other men," he said. "You'll fall for garbage about 'cock-blocking.'"

Anthropologist professor Carolyn Nordstrom said she has worked in war zones and encountered rape and rapists camps there. She said she encountered the healthiest attitude toward the violence of rape while working in Mozambique.

"Mozambiquans do not see violence, especially sexual violence, as natural, in the way I've ever experienced," she said.

"They are hanging out in his bedroom, when all of a sudden, he was on top of her, and her friends were there pinning back her," she said.

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"What are Mozambiquans so healthy," she asked. "They talk, they share, they care for each other."

She said she wasa model any society should look to in order to cre¬
ate a world without rape.

Nordstrom said.

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States' combined deficits have already exceeded a total around $50 billion in their 2009 budgets and are expected to grow in the following budget cycle, leaving governors and lawmakers with more painful choices over the likes of education cuts and lay¬

one.

"They're going to have to cut their budgets significantly," said Mark Viner, senior economist and managing director at Wachovia.

fall. Within A state budget mess in California, where lawmakers struggled to reach a deal to raise taxes, borrow money and cut services to close a $42 billion deficit.

The state was hit as hard as any by the housing collapse, and residents like Tanya Sarane in Fresno illustrate the chal¬

lenge California and other states face to turn things around.
The media is not the cause, per se, of eating disorders, Staples said, but it is certainly one of the contributing factors. "It can't be the main factor," she said. "It's been in some society, but not everyone has an eating disorder."

Though the number of people who suffer from a clinical eating disorder might not represent the entire population, "It's hard to find a woman, who at some point in her life hasn't spent time thinking about her body," Staples said. "It's really kind of a waste." Figures illustrating the percentage of students on campus who suffer from eating disorders are not available on campus, Staples said, though she offered some analysis of reported cases.

Staples said in about 10 percent of reported cases of eating disorders, the clients are male. That figure has increased over the years, she said, naming participants in athletics where weight is a requirement and males in the spotlight as those at higher risk for developing an eating disorder.

Women, she said, tend to want to make their bodies smaller and reshape them through dieting and exercise. Though weight loss has becomes "pretty well distributed," many of her clients are full is there are defined at the most basic level as being too thin. Patterns of eating when you are hungry and not eating when you are full is disrupted.

They are more than just a problem with food, she said. They can also lead to serious problems in major areas of a person's life, due to the person's focus on weight, food and body image, according to the literature.

Staples said there is a need to make the public aware of eating disorders and their dangers. "We have to talk about this," she said. "We have to work hard to get the message out there and to make sure we are addressing this issue as much as we can be."

"You have to be able to talk about it," she added. "You have to be able to talk about the fact that this is a real problem and that people need to be aware of it."
**Tree tenants**

Why?

Because it’s beautiful.

They say (whoever they are), which is probably more “we” anyways, so rather, “we say,” that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. And yet, I would venture to say that the aesthetic qualities of this house extend beyond personal preference to an almost universal inner sense of harmony.

The house you virtually — or literarily — walked through was the Hundertwasser House in Vienna. Friedrich Hundertwasser (freed-rick hoon-dehr-vaah-ber) was a twentieth-century artist who transferred his ideas of artistic expression and natural balance to the realm of architecture.

He based his theories of art, architecture and life on the human need for the “natural,” for the unmanufactured. His appeal lies in his advocacy of manufacturing the unmanufactured, making something as civilized and potentially cold as a city into a piece of nature and universal harmony.

Living by the idea that “the straight line in Godliness,” a mere creation of man, Hundertwasser’s lopsided buildings contain irregularly shaped tiles of brown, blue and green on uneven floors whose wall houses enough dirt to grow a tree that then escapes from the house into the open air. It’s beautiful. I can’t even describe the hap-hazard of walking into a house that feels like Dr. Seuss drew it. What’s truly amazing, though, is that this “beautification” of our gray industrial world is not only possible, but also happening all over the world.

Also in Vienna, Hundertwasser designed an industrial plant whose roof is gold and blue and totally actually functions to power the city. Grass roofs in Chicago and other cities all over the world are springing up (pun intended), helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect while providing natural sanctuaries for the city dweller.

The ecologically friendly, the beautiful, the fun. It doesn’t always have to be expensive — as simple as decorating your own house with self-made crafts, knitting a hat or blanket instead of buying one, planting a garden in your front yard or having an herb garden in your kitchen, can add character to where you live and personalize it. Such projects take time, yet, so does watching TV, and art is probably even more therapeutic. We are who we are because when all that we know is the mass-produced and uniform? Bring a little personality into your life, a little nature. Let it make you happy just by looking at it.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Who needs meat?

I write in response to Mr. Liotell’s Feb. 27 letter “Where’s the Meat?” While you raise an excellent point concerning the University’s decision not to serve meat in the dining halls on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, I must respectfully disagree.

It may be fair to criticize Notre Dame for seemingly making the decision for us. However, it would completely go against our Catholic faith for her to do otherwise and thereby tempt us with meat. Furthermore, rather than portraying us students as not being “responsible enough to take notice of the day of the week and remember to abstain from consuming meat,” doesn’t this decision demonstrate the University’s faith that her students (the majority of which are practicing Catholics) would naturally want to observe days of fasting?

Notre Dame is not trying to enforce Catholic tradition upon her students, but is rather helping us along our Lenten journey. We are only young students and are still in need of spiritual guidance. After all, don’t we need to teach our children to think about the importance of eating the mind and the heart?

That being said, if depriving dinner meal hall on Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fridays is imposing “a belief-based decision on all students,” then couldn’t we say the same for a lot of other Notre Dame traditions? What about the Crucifex in every classroom and the theology requirements? From how I see it, we should applaud the University of Notre Dame for being strong in her Catholic faith and helping us students grow in ours as well.

Lindsey Williams
junior
Lynne Hall
Feb. 27

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**POLL**

What are you doing for Spring Break?

Going home
Staying here
Partying somewhere safe
Taking my chances in Mexico

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“A painting in a museum hears more ridiculous opinions than anything else in the world.”

Edmond de Goncourt

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A return to big government?

"From everywhere We see, it looks like the era of big government spending is back," stammered an evidently shocked and confused John Boehner after witnessing Barack Obama’s first address to a joint session of Congress. Governor Mike Huckabee went further, proclaiming that "a Union of American Socialists is being born." One would be for wondering whether the era of big government spending isn’t back — it never anywhere to begin with. And if Mike Huckabee is correct in his comparison of the United States to the USSR, then one might say that George W. Bush is our nation’s own Vladimir Lenin. Perhaps conservatives could use a quick remembrance of their own historical actions over the past eight years. George W. Bush even more so than his predecessor, has rationalized growth in federal spending, culminating in a record $438 billion deficit during his last year in office. All the while, he has been giving you puppy dog eyes that you just can’t resist... 

Ben Linsky

Guest Columnist

Dedication and sacrifice

Anyone who has known Chris Hine during the last four years has learned at least two things about him. 1. He is a huge fan of Carrie King and will tell you where about the show. I promise you I surmise many of you never knew existed — than The Observer.

Let’s take the plunge and say you’re not getting what you want, love the one you’re with. I’m sure that Chris Hine has been giving you puppy dog eyes that you can’t resist. Let’s consider this record the Obama administration’s actions to date. Mr. Obama wants you to sign this bill which will further increase the spiraling national debt. It’s a huge mistake and he fully intends to further expand costly regulations. Thankfully, Obama has announced a plan to withdraw all American troops from Iraq by the end of 2011, but he has yet to announce any plans to withdraw U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Meanwhile, his administration has already stood up U.S. military activity in Pakistan.

Matt Gelchion
senior
Feb. 26

Don’t blame the boys

As I go, I’d like to speak for the gentlemen of the Notre Dame campus in response to Katherine MacKinnon’s Feb. 27 letter. "He’s just not that into you! Notre Dating" and every letter addressing the same issue. First of all, boys are not villains looking to screw up girls’ lives, as has been recently suggested in letters concerning the hook-up culture at Notre Dame. Just as girls are able to complain about guys being hard to get, I can speak for myself and many other men that we can claim the exact same thing about girls. So, ladies, you must ask yourself if what I say is true and guys aren’t afraid to get a little real. If you don’t like the results, then you have no right to blame it on the girls.

We’re looking in all the wrong places. If guys and girls believe they can find possibility for a substantial relationship at a modern day party, I’m sad to say they’ll be sorely mistaken. As most people know, our culture is obsessed with instant gratification. We want pleasure and sensation right now and we want it a lot! (I mention we want it now! And a lot of it?) This culture of immediate satisfaction is most obviously noticeable at college parties. Girls dress as loosely as they want, guys act like macho sex-addicts and you have a recipe for disaster.

What are we to do to solve this problem? It’s not just the men and women this University educates and I think maybe you should get out of your usual dating circles and find someone you can really connect with. I say this with almost four years behind me at this University. I’ve had the random hook ups they are a lot of fun... just get used to it, I’ve had the casual dating relationships, I’ve had serious relationships and I’ve been cheated on. It’s not just the time and effort that you can’t get to connect with someone you can’t get to connect with and that I can’t blame anyone for being in the same position. If measured in time alone, Chris’ commitment to The Observer far exceeded even what was expected of him. If you comment about The Observer’s writing articles that objectively evaluated athletes, coaches and students while bearing in mind that they were still members of the Notre Dame community, he cared about treating the rest of the staff fairly. Simply stated, Chris Hine cared... a lot.

The question of just what the two major parties fundamentally agree on most basic issues. Both are more than willing to accept an ever- increasing state if it means reelection in November. Think back to the last few campaign seasons. When was the last time you heard candidates debate the fundamental question of the size and role of government? You probably never did. Instead, politicians routinely focus on the divisive and ultimately meaningless “culture wars” and accuse each other of being communists or reflexive free market ideologues. (If only the latter were true!) Next year, we will once again go to the polls for Congressional elections. When that time comes, ignore the candidates’ words and look at their records. With the exception of a select few individuals, neither Democrat nor Republican politicians have any interest in shrinking the size of government. Americans deserve better than the cynical dishonesty of the two-party system. But we can only escape if we stop casting our votes for the big-government democracies of the left and right. So in the future, don’t waste your time hoping for “change” from the Democrats or the GOP. If you want an end to unrestrained spending, endless regulation, destructive foreign policy, tyrannical social lib­er­ies and immense government meddling in the economy, vote for the only party that supports shrinking the size and scope of government across the board. Vote Libertarian.

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**This Week's Mix – Midterm Mix**

*by Ellie Hall*

1. **"Do the Panic"** - Phantom Planet
2. **"Stop Your Sobbing"** - Pretenders
3. **"Gotta Get Through This"** (UK Version) - Daniel Bedingfield
4. **"I'm Not Okay (I Promise)"** - My Chemical Romance
5. **"I Wanna Be Sedated"** - The Ramones
6. **"The Phrase That Pays"** - The Academy Is
7. **"Livin' on a Prayer"** - Bon Jovi
8. **"Round Here"** - Counting Crows
9. **"Walking With A Ghost"** - Tegan and Sarah
10. **"No Sunlight"** - Death Cab for Cutie
11. **"What About Everything"** - Carbon Leaf
12. **"Long Walk Home"** - Bruce Springsteen
13. **"Section 12 (Hold Me Now)"** - Polyphonic Spree
14. **"This Year"** - The Mountain Goats

**Dear Observer:**

After almost four years of writing, editing, planning and stressing, I think we're going our separate ways. I hate to say it, but it's not you - it's me.

So why would I do such a thing?

Well, this is my last week as your Scene Editor, and I'm afraid that our time together is up.

I mean, hey - I'll still write, I'll still call, and I'll probably still work a few shifts to pick up a paycheck, but our relationship is just going to have to change.

You can't expect me to write quite as much as I used to write, especially on those Sunday nights when I hadn't planned any articles and your center pages were left blank and lonely, waiting for content.

You also can't keep me from going to mass in my dorm anymore, courtesy of that pesky Sunday night shift that I'll do my darnedest not to work. (Hurrah?)

Try not to cry. I know it'll be tough on you, because we've been together for a long time now. I've seen the ups and downs of arts and entertainment, both in and around Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and beyond. (Hence, I even wrote a column once from London. That's, like, a lot of miles.) I've written reviews, columns, and everything in between. I've seen artists ranging from the Sorrow Gospel Choir to the students of PEMCo, and it's been a privilege to share it all on these two center pages.

But you know, I'd be lying if I said our parting wasn't a little weird. I think it's safe to say that you took up a significant chunk of my time here as an undergrad, and you don't just walk away from that kind of commitment.

Also, even though I know my humble section takes up way less space than your other departments, you always give us color pages, 3 days a week. Score.

Plus, I know you'll haunt me for years, encouraging me to look up your Web site long after I've graduated. And I know as soon as I visit campus again, I'll head straight to one of your news boxes and pick up a spare copy, feeling reminiscent.

One day, my grandchildren may ask me about my crazy life as a college student, and I'll tell them about all the fun times we had back in the office, slaving over Quark or using unlicensed photos in my spreads.

But in all seriousness, we've had a really good run. When I look back on my time at The Observer, I'll remember the people I've met and the work I've done. You gave me some amazing opportunities, and invaluable experience. You made me a better, more succinct writer, and you gave me something pretty darn cool to do with my time.

Still, it's time to move up and move out. I'm graduating in May, and my time as an editor with you is officially over by Saturday. Even if I'm neither completely happy nor totally ready to leave, sometimes you've got to move on.

You know, Cole Porter once wrote a song called "Every Time We Say Goodbye." Artists from Nina Simone to Robby Williams have crooned the same lines, regretting that they'll be parted from their significant other of choice.

"Every time we say goodbye, I die a little / Every time we say goodbye, I wonder why a little."

Well, Observer, thankfully our goodbye won't be any - where near that intense. But to tell you the truth, I'm really starting to miss you.

Thanks for the memories, Observer. I'll see you around.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer. Contact Analise Lipari at analisilig@nd.edu

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As Charles Foster Kane (Orson Welles) of the New York Enquirer would know, the life of a newspaper journalist is not without its difficulties and complications.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

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Kittens Inspired by Kittens
We are wine bottles!

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He's raring to go.

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Japanese/Thai Tea Commercial
Strange, in a good way.
Shaq Suns triumph 118-111 in meeting of All-Star MVPs

Pistons hand Celtics first Eastern Conference loss; Hornets win in final minute of 99-96 thriller against Jets

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant were dominant forces for the teams where they were All-Star Game co-MVPs three weeks ago. Give this one to Shaq and the Suns.

O'Neal scored 33 points and Phoenix overcame Bryant's 49-point performance to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 118-111 on Sunday.

Matt Barnes added 26 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists as the Suns, without Steve Nash for the third straight game because of a sprained right ankle, defeated the Lakers for the first time in four tries this season.

Pau Gasol added 30 for Los Angeles, loser of two in a row for just the third time this season.

"We're going through a period right now where everybody just kind of tired a little bit," Bryant said. "It happens. Everybody's going through it a little bit. And this two games, we've been playing lethargic ball. We've been playing like there's a season left for us when we didn't have to left for us." Leandro Barbosa added 22 points and the Suns, who improved to 6-2 since Alvin Gentry returned the fired Terry Porter and returned the team to Mike D'Antoni's fast-paced style. It was the Gentry-led Suns' first win, going 1-3 in their opening season with a winning record.

"Obviously a win for us," Gentry said, "against what I think is still the best team in the league." Entering Sunday night's competition, Phoenix was 1-2 games behind Dallas for the eighth and final playoff berth in the West, but only three behind Houston for the No. 4 spot.

Coach Phil Jackson, whose team was coming off a 97-91 loss at Denver, said the Lakers' loss came at the free throw line, where they converted 25 of 34 (73.5 percent) for the second time this season when we kind of hit on it.

After his 45-point game against the Boston on Friday night, O'Neal has consecutive 33-point games for the first time since March 5-7, 2004, when he and Bryant were teammates on Los Angeles.

"It's what I do," O'Neal said. "I've been doing it since 1992. If you don't believe it, Google me.

O'Neal, who turns 37 on Friday, is the fourth player over 35 in NBA history to score at least 30 points in consecutive games. The others are Michael Jordan, Karl Malone and Alex English.

"A lot of people thought I lost it," O'Neal said. "It's kind of funny to me, when I say I'm injured, it's none believe." Last year I was injured and this year I'm feeling pretty good." Bryant was asked if O'Neal reminded him of the Shaq of old.

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IN BRIEF
Bowden resigns as GM of Washington Nationals
VIENA, Fla.—Jim Bowden's final move as Washington Nationals general manager was his own resignation. Bowden abruptly stepped down Monday morning after four seasons, leaving under the cloud of a federal investigation into the skimming of signing bonuses given to Latin American prospects.

It has maintained his innocence in the matter, but said Sunday, "I've become a distraction."

"It's an emotional decision. It saddens me. But I feel it's in the best interest of two of the things I love the most, and that's the Washington Nationals and baseball," Bowden added.

There was immediate announcement.

Bowden is the only GM the Nationals have had since the franchise moved from Montreal to Washington before the 2005 season, overseeing a team that went 81-81 in that debut season but has been below .500 ever since.

Santana throws bullpen session, avoids elbow MRI
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.—New York Mets ace Johan Santana said he was OK after throwing a bullpen session Sunday morning, and the team decided against sending him to sawy New York for an MRI on his balky left elbow.

"He felt he was fine, so he's not going to New York as planned," general manager Omar Minaya said. "He'll be seen by our doctors when they come down. It was the weather side."

Santana long-tossed with new closer Francisco Rodriguez before heading to the bullpen for a 15-minute session with catcher Omar Santos. The 29-year-old left-hander threw 31 pitches hours before New York's 13-3 win over the Houston Astros.

"This is the first time in the last four days that I've thrown, but I feel fine and don't think there should be any problems," Santana said. Giants pick up Bernard, Canty to fortify defense
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—The New York Giants gave new defensive coordinator Bill Sheridan some reinforcements along the line, signing free agents Rocky Bernard and Chris Canty on Sunday.

BERNARD SIGNED what is believed to be a four-year, $16 million deal on Saturday night, after the Giants signed former Atlanta Falcons linebacker Michael Boley.

CANTY RECEIVED $42 million over six years, according to a person familiar with the contract who requested anonymity because no terms were officially announced.

"He's a veteran defensive tackle with skin on the wall," Giants general manager Jerry Reese said. "He plays hard, he's stout against the run and he has to be accounted for as a pass rusher."

Fred Robbins and Barry Gofield, the starting tackles last season, both have had arthroscopic surgery in the offseason.

The NFL Security Division's Dan Grosfil listen as Coast Guard Capt. Timothy M. Close speaks about the search for a missing boat, in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sunday. The boat was carrying NFL players Corey Smith and Marquis Cooper.

Two NFL players missing off coast

NHL

Avalanche at Islanders
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around the dial
Michigan State takes share of Big 10 title with win

No. 15 Kansas has 40th straight home victory with rout of No. 11 Missouri, takes control of Big 12 race
**MLB**

**Rodriguez silent about MLB meeting**

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez kept his plans to himself.

Rodriguez was lifted for a pinch runner in the fifth inning of the New York Yankees’ spring training game Sunday and perhaps headed for a scheduled meeting with Major League Baseball officials to discuss his admission of using performance-enhancing drugs from 2001-03 with Texas.

After coming out of the game, Rodriguez spoke with reporters but declined to discuss when or if the meeting would take place. Then he got into a car with teammates Robinson Cano and Mark Teixeira and left the ballpark.

“Opportunity of a lifetime,” Rodriguez said about going against Cincinnati, New York manager Joe Girardi declined to talk about Rodriguez’s meeting with Major League Baseball, saying it was up to Rodriguez or MLB to discuss specifics.

“I’m only talking about base­ball,” Rodriguez said. “I’m just excited that I have a game every day. That’s where I belong. It’s fun to be back out there.”

MLB wants to speak with Rodriguez about security issues involving a trainer from the Dominican Republic and the cousin the three-time MVP said injected him with a banned substance called “boli.”

A-Rod worked out at Steinbrenner Field for about 90 minutes before boarding the team bus Sunday, which left Tampa at 9 a.m. He didn’t talk to reporters after taking batting practice before the game against the Reds. He had a pair of RBI doubles in three at-bats.

“I get to see my family tonight,” Rodriguez said. “I’m excited about that. My two beautiful girls.”

Rodriguez, after receiving a mixed ovation that had more boos than cheers, hit a run-scoring double in the first off Reds starter Aaron Harang. He fouled out in the third and had another RBI double against Arthur Rhodes in the fifth.

To get ready for the WBC, Rodriguez and the Dominican Republic will play three pre-tournament games against major league teams starting Tuesday against Florida.

“He’s going to have to go through traveling and be on road trips eventually,” Girardi said. “So, this can be a helpful thing in a sense. The fact he’s going to play in different ball­parks might give us an idea of what’s going to happen during the year, and it may not. It also might be a good thing for him to go through.”

Girardi thinks the support system Rodriguez has with the Yankees will also be in place during the WBC.

“It’s my belief that playing for his country, those players are going to build that same wall,” Girardi said. “It might take a couple days, but I have a feeling a lot of those players have come out and are behind Alex. I’m hoping that takes place. We’ll have to see if that’s the case.”

Girardi thinks Rodriguez has been able to handle the situa­tion so far.

“I think he’s come through it very well,” Girardi said. “I see him more relaxed every day. Really, the last five, six days I don’t think he’s changed a bit. Pretty much the same relaxed guy. The first couple days you could tell it was weighing heavily on his mind, and I’m sure it’s still weighing on his mind, but time helps everything. Probably knows how to approach it better now. I think he has done very well.”

Rodriguez said he has received phone calls and letters of support heading into the WBC.

“I’ve gotten tremendous sup­port from not only the Dominican community but the Hispanic community all over,” Rodriguez said. “I think over­all it’s going be very positive.”

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**MLB**

**Dodgers to start over with Ramirez**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Los Angeles Dodgers have pulled their $45 million, two-year offer to Manny Ramirez, and owner Frank McCourt said Sunday that negotiations will have to start again from scratch.

The Dodgers announced last week that Ramirez had declined the team’s latest offer, a $25 million one-year contract for the 2009 season with a $20 million player option for 2010. McCourt said that talks with Ramirez’s representatives were sched­uled for Sunday.

“We’re in what I call a transition phase,” McCourt said before the Dodgers lost 3-2 to the Chicago White Sox in their first game at their new spring training facility at Camelback Ranch. “We had an atypical four-day negotiation which terminat­ed on Thursday. Now were in a six-day period. At some point we’ll pick up negotiations, but with a fresh start.”

A message was left Sunday seeking comment from Scott Boras, Ramirez’s agent.

The issue separating the two sides appears to be how the $45 million will be paid out. The Dodgers wanted to defer payment of $10 million until 2011, $10 million more to 2012 and $5 million to 2013.

Boras’ latest proposal was for a $45 million, two-year deal with no deferred pay­ment.

McCourt said Sunday that offer only came after Boras responded to the $45 million offer with a proposal for $55 million over two years. He said the Dodgers rejected that proposal.

“You can’t get a no and then when the other side says, ‘OK, we’re going to start fresh,’ you say, ‘I meant yes,’” he said. “That’s not how it works. It’s a lit­tle, too late. It wasn’t mul­tiple choice.”

Owner also said Boras’ suggestion that the deferred money proposal is keeping both sides apart is a red herring and the agent had encouraged deferred money to be part of the offers from the beginning.

Despite the sometimes acrimonious exchanges between the two camps, McCourt also said he expects negotiations to resume soon.

“We want to see Manny a Dodger this year,” he said.

Los Angeles carried a 2-0 lead into the ninth inning against Chicago but Gordon Beckham led off with a long home run off Victor Garate. The White Sox then loaded the bases, and Brandon Allen and Michael Rostovich each drove in a run with a fielder’s choice.

Hiroki Kuroda, Eric Milton and Claudia Vargas threw two scoreless innings apiece for Los Angeles. Mark Loretta and Blake DeWitt hit two-run doubles in the White Sox. He struck out two, walked one and allowed one hit.

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BASEBALL

Irish lose two of three in Phoenix

By MATT GAMBER
Spokes Writer

Notre Dame lost two of three at the Phoenix Classic over the weekend against Chicago and Minnesota, then falling to Gonzaga and Creighton.

The Irish (3-3) started their tournament with a 7-3 loss to Gonzaga, handing the Bulldogs their first loss of the campaign. Brodeur scored two runs each in the eighth and ninth, but Gonzaga again answered and kept the Irish bats quiet in the final two frames.

Senior Jeremy Barnes drove in and scored two runs each in the ninth.

Junior David Mills and Matt Gronso each had two hits and two RBIs for the Irish, who scored twice in the bottom of the first for a 1-0 lead and an RBI groundout.

The Bulldogs tied it with a pair of home runs in the eighth, but Brodeur settled in and allowed just one more run in the ninth, striking out the side for his third save of the tournament.

FENCING

Team finishes second in conference

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Notre Dame earned individual titles in the men’s epee, women’s sabre and men’s epee in the Midwest Conference Tournament held in New York City over the weekend.

None of the Irish, however, were able to capture the title. Senior Sebastian Kyle and junior All-American Karol Kosztka earned their second consecutive MFC championships in epee, with Kyle losing to the Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski in a tiebreaker. Kosztka’s score was 10-7, giving him an ability to win long bouts.

Kosztka was one of the best epee fencers in all of Europe four years ago and has completely showed his skill yet in NCAA play, partly because (most) opponents who beat him simply are not as good as he.

Bednarski said, “With his skills and history, he is going to fight much longer to show his dominance.”

by Morgan Call @morgenbeal

The potential scoring is definitely new for Brodeur, who was used to winning one-goal games in helping the Devils capture the Stanley Cup three times during his 12-year-old year.

New Jersey outscored Colorado, Florida and Philadelphia in a 14-2 margin since Brodeur returned.

Xavier goal, that’s your dream team in front of you, one that scores goals and is responsible defensively,” the four-time Vezina Trophy winner said. “We’re not cutting corners in our own zone, it’s been completely disciplined in these three games and that makes a big difference in keeping the puck out of your net.”

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The Belles had trouble getting shots to fall throughout the game. Their 23 per cent shooting and going 0-for-10 on three-point attempts will be a point of attention for Senior forward Erin Newsom finished with eight points, 10 rebounds and a block, while freshman guard Maggie Lonner came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 10 points in 21 minutes.

"Hope does not have a lot of weaknesses," Henley said. "They are top a very dominant game in the first half. The Zips shot well from the outside and missed their first three shots, a depth to keep that going. We got some shots, but they went in and out. It wasn't just our defense that 'domi­nated' the game," said the senior guard. The Dutchmen produced 42 points, 23 rebounds and 11 assists. Croatia forward Erin Newsom finished with 10 points, four rebounds and three assists. The Dutchmen are 58-1 over­ all in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

The win extended Hope's streak to 15-1 mark. The Dutchmen's lone loss came at Saint Mary's Athletic Angelica Facility in January. It's a confidence that will be able to build on this season's success, and the strong freshman and sophomore classes are a tes­timony to the program's bright future.

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**NBA**

Kidd's milestone as Mavericks beat Raptors

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jason Kidd has something going for him that the NBA's premier passers du rers during his 14 seasons. The Dallas point guard has the numbers to prove it.

Kidd added out 15 assists to become the fourth player in NBA history with 10,000 for his career, Mark Nowitzki added 20 points and 10 rebounds, and the Mavericks beat the Toronto Raptors 109-98 on Saturday night.

Kidd reached the milestone with 1:04 left in the third quarter with his 13 assist of the night, passing Bramson Bash for a 10-foot turnaround. Kidd received a standing ovation when the feast was announced to the sellout crowd.

"He played 66 holes on the weekend, three birdies inside 10-feet," Bosh said. "This is the Zips' 19-point lead near the jump, but we get down 10 in the final eight minutes," Bosh said.

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"The thing I'll remember is that I played some really good players, and I beat them well," Ogilvy said. "I played better and better during the week. Every round, I played better, which doesn't often happen in golf."

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**NBA**

LeBron, Cavs edge Hawks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — LeBron James dribbled at the top of the key with the clock winding down, then made his move. What happens next was a matter of debate.

"I was going one-on-one. I knew I could make a play," said James, who called the closing minutes "the best basketball we've played all year."

James put it, making the jumper while drawing a foul.

"I think we'd do OK," he said. "Hopefully, we can do it one day, for sure."

But on his third World Golf Championship—he will defend his title next week at Doral in Miami, Florida—he has been the star of any player besides Woods, who has won 15 of those eight events.

Ogilvy closed out the match with a 6-foot birdie on the 15th hole. He won $1.4 million and moved up to No. 4 in the world ranking with this third victory in four tournaments. He is the 19th player with a wire-to-wire win, the two-wire winner at the last year at the Australian PGA Championship.

Ogilvy entered the final match having led 79 of the 80 holes in the match with 78½ holes in his previous 18-hole matches.

"That amazing mark didn't last long."

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natural instinct, he couldn’t outbox him, but he fought his left, right, combo. Taking advantage of his longer arms and greater experience, Burns took away Sayles’ nose to open the second round.

Sayles responded in the third with an aggressive approach that almost caught Burns momentarily, but the senior heavyweight quickly regained form and went on the offensive. Using a series of uppercuts and hooks, Sayles around the ring and land a large number of punches to his foe.

"It feels great," Sayles said. "I emptied the tank, so I can’t ask for anything more."

140 pounds

Kris "El Azteca" Perez def. Eric "A 2nd Reading From the Book of The Prophet" Feduska by unanimous decision. The lanky Feduska, who had nine other boxers in Bengal Bout thanks to his fourth championship in as many years by picking up the unanimous decision.

"This fight definitely ranks in the top two," Perez said. "This one, the semi-final against a junior was the closest, but this was a walkover. The senior was a lot stronger, but I was able to land some hard jabs with my left hand."

Bobby Powers def. Mark Weber (Doran)
The lanky Powers dominated the intermediate class, winning by unanimous decision. The senior Weber attempted to do what Sayles did the night before, but his left hand wasn’t strong enough to do anything.

"Weber is a great fighter, a great guy," Powers said. "I had the time of my life, and I worked my way to victory."

Tchoula def. Tchoula (Bucci)
If Mike Doran hadn’t been stopped in round two, it might have been a draw. But Bucci had the momentum, and Tchoula was out on a walkover due to bleeding by Rodgers, who was unable to use combos, finishing with a banger.

"You never stop fighting," Tchoula said. "I knew that he needed a knockout to win, and I came out swinging."

200 pounds

Begay def. Begay Pat. "Thor's Hammer" Bucci
Pat. "Thor's Hammer" Bucci defeated Tchoula on his way to the final. Begay showed any sign of defensive fighting. "He's the biggest thing." Bucci said. "I had a lot of fans out there who were supporting him, but I knew that he was in second gear."

"It’s been a great experience," Bucci said. "I’ve never had a knockdown before, but I’ve had a lot more force than before."

Begay once again came out with an aggressive approach, but Begay landed solid blows with both his right and left hand, and both fighters were back early in round three. Begay kept the pressure on, and Tchoula was on the ropes. Secondly, he landed a devastating combo, knocking Tchoula out of the ring, hearing the bell. "I knew that I needed a knockdown to win, and I used it to punch Tchoula in the face, and he had much less force than before."

"We were both coming at each other so hard that one of us was bound to knock the other out," Bucci said. "I was just a coin flip that it was this time." Powers gave a bloody nose to open the second round and a cut to open the third. With both boxers having huge hooks and jabs with his power, it seems a sure thing that Powers would win.

Rodgers said that "If you look at the boxers, it’s just a matter of superior technique."

"It was a well-deserved decision," said Powers. "I had to do it all over again, I’d do it the same way."
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said. "I'm proud of our group. Connecticut made some big, big plays and some big bounces."
That Notre Dame even had a chance to force overtime at the end seemed unlikely early in the first half. Led by Thabeet, who struggled offensively against the Irish in the low post, the Huskies had a way with a variety of low post moves, and he combined with front-court partner Jeff Adrien to score 22 of the Huskies 32 first-half points.

Despite their struggles against the Connecticut big men, the Irish managed to stay in the game by resorting to what they do best—shooting. Notre Dame made four 3-pointers in the final 10 minutes of the first half and shot a combined 6-of-15 from beyond the arc helping to finish the first 20 minutes down only 7-30.

The shots that kept Notre Dame in the game early ultimately eluded the Irish in the second half as Notre Dame endured a shooting stretch reminiscent of their 33 percent shooting performance against the Huskies on Jan. 24. After halftime, the Irish shot only 2-of-12 from 3-point land.

"It's frustrating not to knock down those shots, especially when the game ended up that close," McAlarney said. "We had some good looks."

The Irish stayed in the game due largely to the contributions of Tory Jackson. The junior point guard who has endured an up-and-down season was at his creative best Saturday penetrating the Huskies lane and finishing at the hole or finding teammates for open looks. Jackson finished the game with 17 points on 7-of-14 shooting to go along with five assists.

Notre Dame has little time to recover from Saturday's game as they prepare for what is a must-win game today at the ICC, against Villanova if they hope to make the NCAA Tournament. The game begins at 7 p.m.

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ond half, but within minutes Blaney had an answer for Notre Dame. The Irish went on an­other four-goal run late in the peri­od to seal the win.

"We weren't happy about our win last weekend over Ohio State, we felt that we hadn't been executing well," Coyne said. "In practice we focused on the fundamentals and it paid off. They started to get rough and foul us, but we remained focused on the game and got the win.

Senior Erin Goodman earned the win in goal, compiling 13 saves in just under 53 minutes of play. Junior Amy Weik snagged two saves in the final seven min­utes.

"All of our early season games are important for the national picture. This win was big, but we have a lot of tests coming up on our sorting break trip," Coyne said. "To accomplish our goals and stay at the top level of national competition we need to continue to keep focused and handle each game one at a time."

Notre Dame will travel to Dartmouth Friday for the first game of a three-game spring break road trip.

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other CCHA regular season championship banner to the Joyce Center rafters.

"It's about what we're trying to build here," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Banners create traditions, and the only way we're going to build a tradition is after a long period of time."

The Irish (26-5-3, 20-4-3-3 CCHA) wasted no time putting the game out of reach. Condra scored the first of four opening period goals just 1:48 into the game with a wrister over Spartan goalie Drew Palmisano's blocker. Palmisano was starting in place of senior Jeff Lerg, who sat out due to injury.

"I had three guys in my lane, and I was just trying to get it, past them," Condra said. "I couldn't see the net and I don't think the goalie could see the puck.

White doubled the lead at 9:41 of the period, and fresh­man Billy Maday got into the scoring act just eight minutes later, giving a big boost to the Irish on­timer just under the crossbar on Palmisano's stick side.

Condra closed out the peri­od with his second goal of the night, and 12th of the season with 1:33 to play.

The score stayed 4-0 until the third period, when junior right wing Christian Mattson added one more goal for good measure. Pearce was rarely tested until the last two minutes of the game, when the Irish were killing a Patrick Gaul penalty.

"That power play at the end really made me work for it," Pearce said.

The shutout was Pearce's second in a row and 10th of his career. He said he wasn't as active in this one as some others.

"You're not facing as many shots so you're not as into the game," he said. "You've just got to try and stay ready and not fall asleep, I guess.

After the game, the seniors reflected on a career that went from just 13 wins in their freshman year to strong national championship con­tests four years later.

"As seniors, we look back and see what a wonderful career we had, but when we came in we had no idea," Condra said. "They had just come off a terrible season. We had no idea we would do it this quickly."

Pearce said that previous upperclassman pressure was for the success this team is experiencing.

"Good things will come if you work hard," Pearce said. "And after all the work we put in over the summer trying to change our culture, we're starting to see the ben­efits."

Pearce added, that while he enjoyed the senior night festivities, he planned to add a few more banners to the rafters before the end of the season.

"There's a lot more to accomplish this year," he said. "And even though the night, there's going to be a lot more special nights for us.

Saturday's 2-1 win at Michigan State wrapped up the regular season for the Irish and also marked the first time any of Notre Dame's current seniors had won in East Lansing, Mich. The Irish had beaten the Spartans on their home ice since Feb. 9, 2002.

Condra and Hansen each scored for Notre Dame, and sophomore stopped 19 of 20 shots in a game the Irish dominat­ed, outshooting Michigan State 17-12.

The Irish will now have a week off as the CCHA tourna­ment begins this weekend. Notre Dame will host a best-of-three series on March 13-15 for the right to get to the conference's semifinals in Detroit, Mich., on March 20-21.

Notes:
Jackson said he was trying to get the six seniors on the ice for the final shift of Friday's game, but Gaul's penalty with two minutes remaining made it impossible.

Before Friday's game, a moment of silence was observed for radio play-by-play man Mike Lockert, who passed away in his sleep Thursday night at the age of 43. Lockert had called Irish games on Cat Country 99.9 FM and was with the station for the past seven years.

"It was just devastating to me. I got to know Mike real well," Jackson said. "Today, I just wish to say it's not just about the voice, but the man behind the voice, and he was a tremendous man."

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Senior center Christian Hanson shoots against Michigan State in Notre Dame's 5-0 win on senior night Friday.

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*CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY*: James Addams, 21; Nik Kesavan, 21; Ron Howard, 53; Harry Belafonte, 82

*Happy Birthday*: Enthusiasts may get the better of you this year if you give in to trivial satisfactions. You may find this hard to do, but it will be a good thing in the long run. Be careful not to let your friends' demands take you away from your goals.

*Aries* (March 21-April 19): You may want to consider that you've been doing too much for too long, and you need a break. See what others have to offer for a change and you may be surprised who steps forward.

*Taurus* (April 20-May 20): Don't rely on others to do things that you should be doing yourself. You may need to take care of business. You need to help those who are in your group who believe there will be a perfect chance for you to volunteer your services.

*Gemini* (May 21-June 20): Don't lose any advantage of your willingness to help out. A good idea will lead to a partnership. That person can offer you what you need to develop and promote what you want to do.

*Cancer* (June 21-July 22): Don't let anyone talk you down; stick to your guns or stand your ground. You should trust your own company with someone who wants to help you, project, or have an idea that could lead to a brighter future.

*Leo* (July 23-Aug. 22): Love and emotions will be conflicting. Consider your emotions and those of others before you make a choice. Don't feel compelled to do what someone else does or expect the same in return.

*Virgo* (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Visit an old friend or place that amazes you or which you might consider moving. You may have to change that will allow you to expand your horizons, friendships and even your professional position. The power you will pay will be worth it.*****

*Libra* (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't overwork, overeat or overdrink. Don't be excused by a few carbohydrates. Network and get your own ideas out for others to invent it, instead of helping someone else with his or her cause.***

*Scorpio* (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to demands, emotional blackmail or fear. Now is not the time to challenge others when you need to protect and defend your position. Arguments and doubts will not blow your childhood.

*Sagittarius* (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Taking on too much will cost you personally. Financially or emotionally, restrict your promises and your expectations. A quiet time at home with someone you like to spend time with will be the best bet.***

*Capricorn* (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some changes that have to result in the future. You will find the better part of this month you can look forward to. You may face a firmer need, but you will be fine. Make sure that wherever you just don't have to do the same thing all the time.

*Aries* (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You cannot give it to someone who has too much to lose. There will be nothing you can do if you don't initiate what you want to be and expect it. Keep a digital ear to the ground.

*Pisces* (Feb. 19-March 20): An old friend will have an interest in something you are about to do and expect to do. You may face the same problems, find what to do to remain, spell out the limits and conditions and delegate the responsibilities beforehand.

Birthday Bats: You question everything. You do not give in to those who will never let anyone down. You have a strong side of ethics and aren't afraid to go alone.

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Taking home the trophy

Perez triumphs for fourth straight title

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Sports Writers

130 pounds

Joe “David Hassel” Hof def. Michael “Silver City Slugger” Sayles

Neither fighter was able to take a clear lead after two rounds, but the senior Hof pulled away in the final round to earn the split-decision victory.

“THERE were a couple of times where I was trying to wrap him up, but he wouldn’t let me get him,” Sayles said. “He just kept throwing a lot of real burries of body shots.”

Although Sayles was able to evade some of Hof’s jabs and hooks with his quick feet and

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall in finals to Hope

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Despite a record-breaking run to the championship, the Belles will have a hard time forgetting the end.

The Belles’ first ever MIAA Championship appearance ended with a 77-67 loss to No. 1 Hope Saturday at the Flying Dutchman’s DeVos Fieldhouse in Holland. Mich. The loss capped a season in which the No. 2 Belles (17-10, 13-3 MIAA) set a program record in wins.

“From this point forward, we continue to do what we have done in the past,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. “Our four outgoing seniors have set the bar high for those

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish fall to No. 2 Connecticut after back and forth contest

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It wasn’t a game Notre Dame was expected to win, nor was it a game the Irish had to win to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes alive. That’s about the best Notre Dame can do to con sole themselves after coming up just short of a season-defining win that played Saturday afternoon at No. 2 Connecticut.

Poor shooting, questionable free-throws and too much Connecticut frontcourt power were just enough to put the Irish on the wrong side of a 72-65 score.

“I think we still have a shot (at the NCAA tournament),” senior guard Kyle McAlarney, “We’ve been recovering from losses from this all year. This isn’t a game where a loss knocks us out. A win would have propelled us, but we can still recover from this.”

Recovering from Saturday’s loss will require mentally over coming what was ultimately a
to the ground for a short period

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

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Senior Jillian Byers became Notre Dame’s all-time point leader after scoring five goals in No. 12 Notre Dame’s 17-9 victory over No. 16 Stanford Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

“Slim’s performance was outstanding, she was very relaxed and in the flow of the game,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “We never talked about the record, she just played hard for the team and for the win.”

Byers’ five-point performance gave her a career total of 238 points.

Also pacing the Irish (3-1) was junior Gina Sciosia’s four goals and one assist, sophomore Shaylyn Blaney’s three goals, freshman Maggie Tamasitis’ one goal and two assists and sophomore Amiwy Stewart’s one goal and one assist.

“This was a huge game for us. Not only is there a rivalry between our schools, but Stanford is a great team and tested us,” Coyne said. “This game was revenge for a tough loss last year. We capitalized on a lot of their

errors early on to put it away.”

Sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt put the Irish on the board first just 34 seconds into the first half. The teams traded goals until Byers took off, scoring four consecutive goals to put the Irish up 6-2.

Sciosia and sophomore Jackie Doherty netted scores of their own before the end of the half to bring the score to 9-3. Stanford struck first in the sec

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HOCKEY

Seniors finish with sweep

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Erik Condra’s senior night had pretty much everything. With a pair of goals, a shutout win, a picture with a big trophy and the opportunity to unfurl a championship banner, there really isn’t too much more he could have asked for.

“I’m excited,” the senior captain said after the game. “It’s an exciting thing being a senior and having a big ordeal.”

Notre Dame’s six seniors — Condra, goaltender Jordan Pears, center Christian Hanson, defenseman Luke Loryk, left wing Garrett Begay and center Justin White — were honored after Friday’s 5-0 win over Michigan State.

Notre Dame poses with the CCHA regular-season championship trophy Friday after the Irish’s 5-0 win over Michigan State.

CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos also presented the team with the 2009 CCHA regular-season championship trophy, which the Irish

clinched last weekend. At the end of the festivities, Condra flipped a switch that unveiled see SENIORS/page 21