For the first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform controversial play

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

For the first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform "The Vagina Monologues" at an on- or off-campus location.

Junior Miriam Olsen, a producer of last year's show, said the group of students in charge of organizing the production of "The Vagina Monologues" this year decided not to continue the show.

"We were not forbidden by the University to do the Monologues and we didn't give up fighting," she said.

Instead, Olsen said she, along with several other students, decided to produce the show because they believed the controversy on campus follows the show is ultimately counterproductive to the show's purpose.

"What happened was that I, and some other people who have been involved in the past, feel like the "Monologues" are an amazing piece that talks about women's sexuality that can be very productive for Notre Dame students," she said. "But unfortunately, what happens when the "Monologues" are put on, is they turn into more of a scandal than an action piece."

"The Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in February 2002 as part of a campus-wide series of events, signaling the best it could be for Ryan Hall. Tornifolio said she is very excited about making dorm part of Notre Dame community, according to Matthew Tipton and Briana Pangborn, senior co-presidents of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC), who organized a petition drive Monday in LaFortune to support the decision.

"We basically wanted to offset the negative light," said Tipton. "The numbers reflecting the people who want him here are not standing up."

"I think the opportunity is there for both viewpoints to speak, but I think most of the people are taking a lackadaisical role because they know that the University isn't going to rescind the invitation," added Miller.

To carry out an idea proposed by senior BCAC member Brittaney Clark, Miller and Tipton plan to add more signatures to their petition.

See PLAY/page 4

Cavanaugh Hall earns top award for dorms

By JENN METZ
News Writer

The Hall President's Council honored Cavanaugh Hall with the Hall of the Year award last night at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet. Lyons and Keough Halls took home Women's and Men's Hall of the Year, respectively.

Junior Jess Mahon, Cavanaugh's co-president, said her residence hall's spirit and sense of community contributed to their win.

"Last year, the Chaos won honorable mention in the Women's Hall of the Year race, and the women won this year's Hall of the Fall. This year was such a group effort," Mahon said. "We had amazing commissioners — everyone just worked really hard."

She listed monthly dorm events, signaling Cavanaugh's dedication to "making each event the best it could be."

The entire dorm's involvement and spirit made Mahon and sophomore Melissa Truitt's job as co-presidents, Mahon said.

Cavanaugh's signature events, like their April Dance-a-Thon and Father- or Mother-Daughter Weekend, made their application stand out, she said. A new event added this fall, Cavanaugh-Zahn Family Week, which featured social, liturgical, academic and multicultural events with their brother dorm.

See AWARD/page 6

Group starts petition in support of President Barack Obama's invitation to be commencement speaker.

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

The outrage expressed on The Observer's Viewpoint page and across the Internet over the University's invitation of President Barack Obama to be Commencement speaker is not representative of the Notre Dame community, according to Matthew Tipton and Brianna Miller, senior co-presidents of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC), who organized a petition drive Monday in LaFortune to support the decision.

A student signs a petition Monday in support of President Barack Obama's invitation to be Commencement speaker.

See OBAMA/page 6

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

A Campus Ministry sponsored forum on life issues and Catholic teachings examined the tension Notre Dame faces in its identity as a Catholic university in regard to the invitation of President Barack Obama to speak at this year's Commencement ceremony.

"These issues are a matter of being a good human being," not just a good Catholic, O'Callahan said.

By MATTHEW TIPTON
News Writer

Ryan Hall preps for fall

This fall, 246 girls will call Ryan Hall home once construction on the new dorm is completed in time for its residents to move-in mid August.

"It's going to be so nice to live in a completely new dorm with rooms and facilities that have not yet been used by others," said Courtney Sands, a Pangborn freshman who will move to Ryan in the fall. The 74,600 square-foot residence hall is being built in Notre Dame's traditional gothic style and was underwritten by the Ryan Family.

Current Pasquerilla East (PE) Rector Breyan Tornifolio will serve as the rector for Ryan Hall. Tornifolio said she is very excited about making dorm part of Notre Dame.

See AWARD/page 6

See LIFE/page 6
I think, in this day and age, everyone is pretty familiar with the concept of a guilty pleasure. But here's the thing. Everyone has guilty pleasures, and bellybutton), me liking "Chicago"?

Since U

80...I

A lecture titled "Modeling Human Cancer in the Mouse" will take place Tuesday at 4 p.m. in 101 Jordan Hall of Science. Dr. Mario Campecci, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine will speak about his innovative "knockout mice" technology.

The Kroc Institute and the Notre Dame International Security Program will cosponsor a lecture titled "Obama and Afghanistan: More Troops, but What Else?" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in C103 Hesburgh Center. Thomas A. Schweiacht, who is an Admiral for U.S.-Residence and Visiting Professor at Washington University in St. Louis will deliver the lecture. He formerly served the Bush administration as ambassador for counterinsurgencies and justice reform in Afghanistan.

Camps and Ministr...
Junior’s charity funds African improvements

By AMANDA GRAY

News Writer

Eyes on Africa has been up to a lot in its short time, according to Junior Jeff Lakusta, the University’s campus coordinator for the foundation.

Eyes on Africa is a government-recognized non-profit foundation committed to helping poverty-stricken areas of South Africa, according to the Foundation’s Web site.

“We started about one and a half years ago, and since our founding we’ve raised more than $80,000,” Lakusta said.

Now, more than 30 schools are a part of the “Campus Coordinator” system, Lakusta said.

“Basically they serve as reps to the organization, raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and spreading awareness about our causes,” Lakusta said.

The Othandweni Orphanage, the initial focus of the Foundation, is still in need of help, according to the Foundation’s Web site. The organization, raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and spreading awareness about its causes.

After completion, the Center will be available for the community to learn about HIV/AIDS and other diseases, Lakusta said.

“We also expect youth to participate in after-school activities to prevent them from visiting she-bees (local bars) and not joining other activities detrimental towards a fruitful future,” Lakusta said.

Donations can be made and orphanages can be purchased through the Foundation’s Web site.

On May 24, the Foundation will send a group to South Africa, and many are welcome, said Lakusta. Contact Amanda Gray at agray@nd.edu

Student Government Association

 Bareilles concert venue changed

By SARAH MAYER

News Writer

At the first Saint Mary’s College Student Government Association (SGA) meeting with its new board, Student Activities Board president Michele Peterson expressed concern over booking rooms and auditoriums through the office of Special Events.

"Student events seems to put student groups second and academic groups first," Peterson said. "I booked O’Laughlin for SMC Toast a while ago and they decided to override the confirmation and not inform me until a month ago."

Peterson stated that she booked O’Laughlin Auditorium for the musical performance of Sara Bareilles on April 16. The event was set up until Special Events took back their confirmation and gave to the space to the Saint Mary’s theatre department.

"The blood drive ran late and there was blood in the room where we had food, which made some girls uncomfortable."

Carissa Salvador, representative for Student Diversity Board, expressed her concern over the event, they e-mailed Director of Student Involvement Patrick Daniel even though they had been dealing with her throughout the entire process.

The concert will still be held on April 16, but it will now be at Angelo Aquatic facility.

Student Diversity Board Representative Carissa Salvador also had problems booking an event.

"There was a blood drive in the Student Center Lounge that was ending at 4 p.m. and we [Student Diversity Board] booked it for an event starting at 7 p.m.," Salvador said.

"The blood drive ran late and there was blood in the room

where we had food, which made some girls uncomfortable.

Salvador stated that space on campus is reserved first for on-campus organizations, and outside organizations second.

"You should get preference if you look the room first," Admissions Commission Jacquita Martin, who works for Special Events, said.

"It is not just Special Events," Martin said. "Sometimes it is building services and how fast there is a turn around."

In other SGA news:

New SGA president Jenny Hoffman announced that she will continue to work on last year’s board’s efforts to install printers in residence halls and extend Student Center hours by two hours each night.

"We are here to strive to make students comfortable on their own campus," Hoffman said. "They should know they have us to come to if they need anything as little as new vacuums in the dorms."

SGA will meet twice more before the end of the academic year.

Contact Sarah Mayer at smayer01@stmarys.edu

VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

LUNCH HOUR

VPI Lunch Hour seeks to connect Notre Dame students with local organizations that work to end violence and promote the healing of survivors. Come learn more about the missions of these organizations from their leaders and how you can help!

Free Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm

April 14

Ellen Kyes, Associate Director Prevention Programs and To K’o Ten Project Coordinator Robinson Community Learning Center

April 16

Linda Baechle, Executive Director YWCA of Saint Joseph County

April 22

Annie Envall, Assistant Director SOS of Madison Center The Rape Crisis Center of Saint Joseph County

Gender Relations Center 311 LaFortune

RSVP by April 9 at grc@nd.edu or 1-9340
Play continued from page 1

paign to raise awareness about violence against women, according to the March 27, 2002 Observer report.

After the first show in 2002, the "Monologues" became an annual fixture at Notre Dame until 2007, when the production could not find an academic department at the University to sponsor the performance, the Observer reported.

The first showing of the Monologues off-campus was then performed at South Bend's First Unitarian Church on Feb. 28, 2007.

Last year, the Vagina Monologues returned to campus, sponsored by the sociology, anthropology and political science faculty, and the produc­tion sparked debates about the tension between Notre Dame's Catholic identity and the academic freedom expected at a university.

University President Fr. John Jenkins allowed the production to be shown on campus in 2008, as long as an academic panel discussion followed each perfor­mance — a decision that was criticized by Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy and several other Catholic leaders and organizations.

Junior Kathleen Hessel, who was slated to direct the show this year, said she is disappointed the "Monologues" will not occur this year.

"The show itself is just a show," she said. "But when it comes down to it, it's the conversa­tion and awareness it inspired."

Junior Will Haley, who was stage manager for the "Monologues" for part of the production last year, said the controversy surrounding the show slowed down the process.

Because of obstacles in secur­ing a venue on campus to hold the "Monologues," Haley said the show had to be performed later in the year than was originally planned.

He said he believes the contro­versy that surrounds the "Monologues" every year entices students to attend and partici­pate in the show. Letting the contro­versy rest for a year could benefit the show.

"If the word vagina wasn't in the title, I don't think anyone would be worried about it," he said. "It's the fact that it's not allowed to happen that pushes people to strive to put it on."
ITALY

Earthquake strikes medieval city

Local disaster kills over 150 people, injures 1,500 and leaves thousands homeless

Associated Press

L’AQUILA — Rescue workers using bare hands and buckets searched frantically for students believed buried in a wrecked dormitory after Italy’s deadliest quake in nearly three decades struck this medieval city before dawn Monday, killing more than 150 people, injuring 1,500 and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

The 6.3-magnitude earthquake buckled both ancient and modern buildings in and around L’Aquila, snugged in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped Apennines’ tallest peaks.

It also set a severe toll on the centuries-old castle and churches in the mountains, which once formed part of a city guarding the path from the Middle Ages, and the civilized man, a man who called himself “friend, brother and, moreover, my right hand,” and said the police allegations against him were a “provocation” and “slander.”

Residents and rescue workers hauled debris from collapsed buildings by hand or in a bucket brigade. Firefighters pulled a woman covered in dust from her four-story apartment building, and residents said they listened quietly as they searched for signs of life from inside.

Rescue crews demanded quiet as they listened for signs of life from inside.

Residents covered in dust pushed carts of clothes and blankets that they had thrown together before fleeing their homes.

Slabs of walls, twisted steel supports, furniture and wire fences were strewn in the streets, and gray dust was everywhere.

A body lay on the sidewalk, covered by a white sheet.

Residents and rescue workers hauled debris from collapsed buildings by hand or in a bucket, and were intent on killing their families.

A body was found during the nightfall Monday, a sheriff said.

The letter's authenticity could not be verified, indicating a delusional man obsessed with unidentified police he says taunted him and tortured him, even going into his room, watching him sleep and touching him while he slept.

The letter reads, "I am Jovely Wong shooting the people."

"It was his first visit to a predominantly Islamic nation as president, and he struck a balance between extending a hand to Muslims in general and having much to gain in opposing them."
turers in support of Obama’s invitation to the 360 they col­lected Monday night. They will expand their drive to the dining halls and will unite with other like-minded organizations. In the last week of April, a coalit­ion plans to submit the peti­tion to University President Fr. John Jenkins.

The College Democrats, the NAACP, the Black Students Association, La Alianza, the First Class Steppers and the Hispanic alumni group MECHA have given their support to the petition drive, according to Miller.

"It’s overwhelming how much support we’ve gotten from organizations that don’t have anything to do with politics," Tipton said.

In the near future, the ICAG plans to set up a forum with group leaders who oppose Obama’s invitation to deliver the Commencement speech to discuss the event in the larger context of Catholic teaching and national politics, according to Miller. But she and Tipton did not hesitate to share the views that motivated them to organize the petition drive.

"Being a Catholic isn’t based on one particular thing and I just think that more tolerance is needed in this community," said Tipton.

"I want people to realize that this is the President of the United States that they’re try­ing to refuse," added Miller. "American society is looking at us like we’re an anomaly."

Sophomore signee Brandon Boston emphasized the impor­tance of maintaining an exchange of ideas on campus.

"I have a lot of friends who have spoken out against Obama coming," he said. His support for the petition is "just to show that we can be a dem­ocratic kind of school.

Senior signee Kaitlin Iveson disputed the idea that support for Obama clashes with Catholic values.

"He doesn’t represent all of the Catholic values, but he rep­resents most of them. I want to show (Obama) that there are a lot of people who want him to cre­ate a welcoming atmosphere."

For Tipton and Miller, Obama’s Commencement speech will be an experience of personal fulfillment as well as an opportunity to think about abstract notions of Catholic identity.

"I think it’s an honor," Miller said. "With me approaching the real world only in a couple of weeks, who’s better to welcome me into it than the President of the United States? You’ve got the most powerful man coming to say ‘congratulations on a job well done’. It’s motivational, especially since he overcame so much adversity."

"When I got word of it, I was almost in tears — it’s my grad­uation," Tipton said. "It’s the President of the United States and that is special in itself. For it to be the first black presi­dent, it adds another layer to it. It’s a beacon of hope that we can come out of poverty and come out of these situations that we’re in."

Contact Robert Singer at rsinger@nd.edu

Life

continued from page 1

lives into the hands of others that turn it into a positive, not a negative matter instead of a public issue. Moreover, if their lives are no longer a matter of public choice, then obliga­tions to help these people cannot be imposed, accord­ing to O’Callahan.

"Private choices cannot impose public responsibili­ties," O’Callahan said. "If the life of your unborn child is a matter of private choice, it is unreasonable to insist that I should care for it because you decided to not let it live.

O’Callahan also explained that since the right to life is the most fundamental human right, pushing it aside is hard.

"What wrongs does one weigh against the destruc­tion of human life?" O’Callahan asked.

Appleby discussed the responsibilities that he per­sonally believes Notre Dame faces as a Catholic University.

He said that although many Catholics voted for Obama, few did so without examining the Democratic candidate’s views on their own beliefs.

"They chose the champion of the poor and working classes," Appleby said. "And they tried to overlook the candidate who implied that an informed moral judgment of the most crucial life facing the world is ‘above my pay grade.’"

Appleby cited the recent letters to the editor of The Observer arguing against the invitation to Obama as examples of those who do not understand the full implications of the issue.

"For Catholics like me who share an aversion to the abortion of human life, Obama’s Commencement speech is an opportunity to think about the real world only in a couple of weeks, who’s better to welcome me into it than the President of the United States? You’ve got the most powerful man coming to say ‘congratulations on a job well done’. It’s motivational, especially since he overcame so much adversity."

"When I got word of it, I was almost in tears — it’s my grad­uation," Tipton said. "It’s the President of the United States and that is special in itself. For it to be the first black presi­dent, it adds another layer to it. It’s a beacon of hope that we can come out of poverty and come out of these situations that we’re in."

Contact Robert Singer at rsinger@nd.edu

Award

continued from page 1

We had tons of participa­tion from Cavanaugh and Zahm, and said, "The Week was really well received."

The Chaos’ commitment to going green, with its many eco-conscious focused events, also added to its application, she said.

A testament to the resi­dence hall’s sense of commu­nity: Mahon said his girls had set up a texting-chain, excited about the results being announced live during the time Mahon and Truitt returned to Cavanaugh, they were greeted­ with a crowd and a home­ made poster.

"It’s a testament to a community where Cavanaugh is all about — a community of women who work so hard together really makes Cavanaugh a great community to live in," Mahon said.

Truitt echoed her co-presi­ dent.

"It really was just a team effort. We’ve never done anything this amazing to place to be," she said.

The girls plan to continue their programming into the near future.

Junior Alan Geygan, Keough Hall president, said he was most proud of his dorm’s transformation this academic year.

"Probably the biggest thing was this is the first time we’ve won," he said. "This will really get us out in the open. People sometimes forget Keough on West Quad."

Geygan said the Kangaroos improved on their hall pro­ gramming, putting on their best basketball race that received a turnout of over 300 people, with 18 residence halls besting Cavanaugh’s efforts.

The addition of a dorm lec­turer series, featuring adminis­trators and key figures at Notre Dame, ranging from University President Fr. John Jenkins and University President Emeritus Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh and Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Notre Dame Athletic Director Jack Swabrick.

"As soon as we got back, the guys were excited. We have a good community over here, we care about each other," he said.

The award shows all the work Geygan and the men from Keough have put in this year, he said, citing an award effort, with over 30 participants in weekly Hall Council meetings.

"We wanted to put Keough on the map — not only on campus, but also on the West Quad, built dorm pride and got people excited," he said. "To see people slapping hands and celebrating Keough at the end of the year — not only they’re proud of the dorms and not just their sections."

Cavanaugh hall president junior John Cardoso was equally thrilled at the news of the award.

"We’re really happy," he said. "I can’t stop smiling." The entire residence hall worked hard for their award, citing the hall’s "Welcome Back Weekend," a potluck celebration, and the "Welcome Back Banquet," which took place at the end of the first week of classes.

"We’re really excited about the Award, we really think they’re the best dorm ever, but Lyon is a really unique, tight commu­nity. Everyone in the dorm knows everyone else, everyone helps each other. Lyon just said, "The dorm is really united, and I think that’s the main thing that showed through in our application."

Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation’s Fight Against Niemann-Pick Type C.
**MARKET RECAP**

**Stocks**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dow Jones</th>
<th>7,975.85</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Up</td>
<td>Same</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,142</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,299,248.17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Commodities**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>% Change</th>
<th>Again Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BK of American (BAC)</td>
<td>-1.89</td>
<td>12.74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P DEP RECEIPTS (SVP)</td>
<td>-0.68</td>
<td>15.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FINANCIAL BULL 3X (FAS)</td>
<td>-0.91</td>
<td>4.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P 500</td>
<td>33.45</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIKKEI (Tokyo)</td>
<td>-0.08</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTSE 100 (London)</td>
<td>39.94</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**IN BRIEF**

Emperor State Building to go green

NEW YORK — The Empire State Building has loomed more than a quarter-mile high over the city for decades, and now it will stand for something new as it gets a green makeover intended to serve as a model for buildings around the world.

In brief

WASHINGTON — The nation should stop pouring money into futuristic super-expensive F-22 jet fighters, pull the plug on new programs to build stealth fighters, and put the money into systems U.S. General Defense Secretary Robert Gates declared Monday.

Major overhauls planned

WASHINGTON — The government’s Pentagon chief has pushed several giant weapons programs — and thousands of civilian jobs that go with them. With recession unemployment rising, Congress may balk at many of the cuts in Gates’ proposed $534 billion defense budget for the coming years.

Still, despite all the talk of cuts, the total figure would come from $37 billion in savings for 2009, and Gates spoke of using money more wisely, not asking for less.

One, a holdover from the Bush administration, is said to be gearing Pentagon buying plans to the smaller, lower-tech battlefields the military is facing now and expects to face in coming years. He also said he would resist temptations to have defense plants hum along over jobs that go with them.

He wants time to figure out a better solution.

A $160 billion Army system of combat vehicles, bomb-defusing robots would be reduced, too, as would plans to build a shield of missile interceptors to defend against attacks by rogue countries. The Navy would revamp plans to buy new destroyers.

A new communications satellite would be scrapped, and a program for new F-22 fighter jets was canceled by Gates.

Gates said the Pentagon won’t continue the F-22 program beyond 187 planes already planned.

Officials crack down on housing scams

WASHINGTON — Federal and state officials are cracking down on mortgage modification scams, accusing "criminal actors" of preying on desperate borrowers caught up in the nation's housing crisis.

Government officials said Monday that scammers are seeking to take advantage of borrowers in danger of default by charging them upfront fees of $1,000 to $5,000 for help with loan modifications that rarely, if ever, pay off.

The scammers often involve companies with official-sounding names designed to make borrowers think they are using the Obama administration’s efforts to help modify or refinance their 7 million to 9 million mortgages.

"If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment, or if you are facing foreclosure, stay away from anyone who says that they will save your home for money upfront," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan told reporters in Washington.

Officials say such operations almost always are fraudulent, and that help is available for free from government-approved housing counselors.

"These are predatory schemes designed to rob Americans of their savings and potentially their homes," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said.

The Federal Trade Commission has sent warning letters to 71 companies it filed three new complaints against Irvine, Calif.-based Federal Loan Modification Law Center, defended his operation, saying he will offer a refund to anyone who doesn't get a modification.

About 20 percent of the 5,000 customers have received a modification so far, he said, with more in the works.

**MARKET RECAP**

**Dow Jones**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dow Jones</th>
<th>7,975.85</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Up</td>
<td>Same</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,142</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,299,248.17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Commodities**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>% Change</th>
<th>Again Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BK of American (BAC)</td>
<td>-1.89</td>
<td>12.74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P DEP RECEIPTS (SVP)</td>
<td>-0.68</td>
<td>15.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FINANCIAL BULL 3X (FAS)</td>
<td>-0.91</td>
<td>4.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P 500</td>
<td>33.45</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIKKEI (Tokyo)</td>
<td>-0.08</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTSE 100 (London)</td>
<td>39.94</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**IN BRIEF**

Empire State Building to go green

NEW YORK — The Empire State Building has loomed more than a quarter-mile high over the city for decades, and now it will stand for something new as it gets a green makeover intended to serve as a model for buildings around the world.

In brief

WASHINGTON — The nation should stop pouring money into futuristic super-expensive F-22 jet fighters, pull the plug on new programs to build stealth fighters, and put the money into systems U.S. General Defense Secretary Robert Gates declared Monday.

Major overhauls planned

WASHINGTON — The government’s Pentagon chief has pushed several giant weapons programs — and thousands of civilian jobs that go with them. With recession unemployment rising, Congress may balk at many of the cuts in Gates’ proposed $534 billion defense budget for the coming years.

Still, despite all the talk of cuts, the total figure would come from $37 billion in savings for 2009, and Gates spoke of using money more wisely, not asking for less.

One, a holdover from the Bush administration, is said to be gearing Pentagon buying plans to the smaller, lower-tech battlefields the military is facing now and expects to face in coming years. He also said he would resist temptations to have defense plants hum along over jobs that go with them.

He wants time to figure out a better solution.

A $160 billion Army system of combat vehicles, bomb-defusing robots would be reduced, too, as would plans to build a shield of missile interceptors to defend against attacks by rogue countries. The Navy would revamp plans to buy new destroyers.

A new communications satellite would be scrapped, and a program for new F-22 fighter jets was canceled by Gates.

Gates said the Pentagon won’t continue the F-22 program beyond 187 planes already planned.

Officials crack down on housing scams

WASHINGTON — Federal and state officials are cracking down on mortgage modification scams, accusing "criminal actors" of preying on desperate borrowers caught up in the nation's housing crisis.

Government officials said Monday that scammers are seeking to take advantage of borrowers in danger of default by charging them upfront fees of $1,000 to $5,000 for help with loan modifications that rarely, if ever, pay off.

The scammers often involve companies with official-sounding names designed to make borrowers think they are using the Obama administration’s efforts to help modify or refinance their 7 million to 9 million mortgages.

"If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment, or if you are facing foreclosure, stay away from anyone who says that they will save your home for money upfront," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan told reporters in Washington.

Officials say such operations almost always are fraudulent, and that help is available for free from government-approved housing counselors.

"These are predatory schemes designed to rob Americans of their savings and potentially their homes," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said.

The Federal Trade Commission has sent warning letters to 71 companies it filed three new complaints against Irvine, Calif.-based Federal Loan Modification Law Center, defended his operation, saying he will offer a refund to anyone who doesn’t get a modification.

About 20 percent of the 5,000 customers have received a modification so far, he said, with more in the works.
Fifth of American four-year-olds are obese

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A striking new study says almost 1 in 5 American 4-year-olds is obese, and the rate is alarmingly high among American Indian children, nearly a third of them.

Researchers were surprised to see differences by race so early an age.

Overall, more than half a million 4-year-olds are obese, the study suggests. Obesity is more common in Hispanic and black youngsters, too, but the disparity is most startling in American Indians, whose rate is almost double that of whites.

The lead author said that rate is worrisome among children so young, even in a population at higher risk for obesity because of other health problems and economic disadvantages.

The magnitude of these differences was larger than we expected, and it is surprising to see differences by racial groups present so early in childhood, said Sarah Anderson, an Ohio State University public health researcher. She conducted the research with Temple University’s Dr. Robert Whelton.

Dr. Glenn Flores, a pediatrics public health professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the research is an important contribution to studies documenting racial and ethnic disparities in children’s weight.

“The cumulative evidence is alarming because within just a few decades, America will become a ‘minority majority,’ he said. Without interventions, the next generation will be at very high risk,” for heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, joint diseases and other problems connected with obesity, said Flores, who was not involved in the new research.

The study is an analysis of nationally representative height and weight data on 8,550 preschoolers born in 2001. Children were measured in their homes and were part of a study conducted by the government’s National Center for Education Statistics. The results appear in Monday’s Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Almost 13 percent of Asian children were obese, along with 16 percent of whites, almost 21 percent of blacks, 22 percent of Hispanics, and 31 percent of American Indians.

Children were considered obese if their body-mass index, a height-weight ratio, was in the 95th percentile or higher based on government BMI growth charts. For 4-year-olds, that would be a BMI of about 18.1. A BMI of more than 18.5 means more than the government’s upper limit for that age, height and gender.
AP begins campaign to prevent Internet copyright violations

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Associated Press and the newspaper industry plan an aggressive effort to track down copyright violators on the Internet and try to divert traffic from Web sites that don't properly license news content, the AP board announced Monday.

The not-for-profit news cooperative also said it will cut fees by $35 million for U.S. newspapers in 2010 — on top of a $30 million reduction that took effect this year — and loosen its long-standing requirement for two years' notice to cancel AP service.

The financial moves are part of an overhaul of the AP's policies in the face of extraordinary financial hardship for newspapers. The changes were announced at the AP's annual meeting in San Diego, along with the copyright initiative launched by the AP's board, which is made up largely of newspaper executives.

"We can no longer stand by and watch others walk off with our work under some very misguided, unfounded legal theories," said Dean Singleton, the AP's chairman and the chief executive of newspaper publisher MediaNews Group Inc.

"We are mad as hell, and we are not going to take it any more," he added, prompting applause in the meeting.

Specifics behind the initiative are still being worked out. One idea under development would be to create a system that can help track whether news content is being legally distributed online. The AP also said it will work with newspapers and broadcasters to direct readers to "landing pages" that could offer news from the AP and its members, rather than unauthorized sites.

Sue Cross, an AP senior vice president, emphasized that the initiative could take many forms. "It's a significant move for the industry to work together," she said.

Copyright is an especially thorny issue for the AP and newspapers, which have seen their material spread on the Internet far beyond their direct control in a cut-and-paste age.

The AP has tangled with bloggers over the extent to which "fair use" principles should allow them to post AP text on their sites. The cooperative also has sued online news aggregators over copyright and is embroiled in a closely watched lawsuit with artist Shepard Fairey, who made iconic Barack Obama campaign posters out of an image that originated with an AP photo.

Wendy Seltzer, a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and Fred von Lohmann, a senior staff attorney who specializes in intellectual-property issues at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, both said they needed more details to determine what effects the AP initiative would have.

The fee reductions are meant to help newspapers deal with another huge challenge — their finances.

The cuts in the cost of AP service are expected to average just under 20 percent but will vary widely, depending on what content newspapers buy, the AP said. It unveiled a two-tier price structure — a "Member Choice Complete" package with full access to AP reporting and a "Member Choice Limited" option with minimal national and world news.

The fee cuts this year and next will mean that the AP's revenue from member newspapers in 2010 is expected to be about $135 million — one-third less than what it was in 2006, the AP said. Next year, newspapers are expected to account for 20 percent of the AP's total revenue, Singleton said, down from about 25 percent now.

The AP's revenue grew 5.3 percent last year to $747.7 million, marking its largest percentage increase since 2004, thanks partly to growth in new media, video and photo archive markets. Excluding the Beijing Summer Olympics and the U.S. presidential election, which enabled the AP to sell more content, the cooperative said revenue grew 3.2 percent.

The Olympics and the presidential election also made the AP incur higher expenses, one reason that pretax profit fell 18 percent to $37.3 million. Net income, however, rose 4.5 percent to $25.1 million because of lower tax expenses.

The AP remained debt-free, though its cash balance dropped 26 percent to $34.5 million at the end of last year.

Despite healthy indicators, the AP said it is facing unusually tough times. Tom Breitling, the AP's senior vice president and chief revenue officer, said revenue in 2009 is expected to fall to around $700 million.

"The new member pricing program, coupled with attribution in renewals, will result in a revenue decline not seen by the company since the Great Depression," the AP's annual report reads. "To counter this, we must reduce our expense base."

No decisions have been reached on how to cut costs, Breitling said, but he reaffirmed the company's plans, announced in November, to trim its payroll costs by 10 percent this year. The AP, which has a global staff of 4,100 people, still hopes to achieve most of the cuts through attrition.

About 180 newspapers — 14 percent of the AP's U.S. newspaper membership — have threatened to leave the AP, including The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and newspapers owned by Tribune Co. Reasons vary, but many complaints center on cost.

Breitling said the rate of cancellations waned in anticipation of Monday's announcement. Members have generally welcomed broad outlines of the plan as it was explained to them over the last three months, he said.

Starting Jan. 1, members can cancel their service with one year's notice. But those who agree to give two years' notice will pay 3 percent less for their AP services, Singleton said.

In 2007, the AP's board approved an overhaul of the news cooperative's fee structure. It called for a two-tier system that would have given newspapers a basic package for breaking news and the option of buying a premium service called AP Complete, with analyses, enterprise and other additional stories.

The AP suspended the plan last October after some members complained it didn't go far enough at cutting their costs.

Under the revised structure announced Monday, newspapers with Member Choice Complete — the full run of AP reporting — can cut costs by declining any of four enhanced packages, which are sports, financial, analyses and lifestyles, Breitling said. Likewise, newspapers with Member Choice Limited can add any of those four packages for an extra fee.

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Presents

An Insider's Look at Hollywood:

A Conversation with Dick Lyles

CEO of Origin Entertainment in Hollywood, CA

DATE
Tuesday, April 7th

SCENE
116 DBRT

TIME
7:30 PM
One of our most cherished liberties in America is the freedom of conscience, or the freedom to hold and exercise practices, including belief, that are rooted in one's religious or moral beliefs. What sort of discrimination is in the past, health care providers who refuse to, participate in abortion procedures; have faced harassment, intimidation, and retribution in the form of denials of promotion and educational opportunities, and have been denied access to banking and insurance. Such laws have been in place since the 1970s, but the Department of Health and Human Services has done little to enforce them, and many providers remain unaware of their existence. Thanks to President Bush's efforts, these laws are now provided with real executive power. President Bush, however, plans to challenge the letter of the law by eliminating the very regulations that help enforce them.

In an announcement that gained little coverage in the ever-vigilant news media, the Obama administration proposed to implement regulations to require providers to inform patients of where abortion may be obtained. While this may be an attempt to weaken the potential "ambiguity and confusion," considering the fact that the Bush administration's new regulation clarified the laws and aided their enforcement, it could very well be that Obama's administration is choosing to do away with the regulation instead.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as it is possible. United Press International, like the rest of the mass media, expresses the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Associate Managing Editors and editors department. Comments, letters and columns present the views of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame. In Notre Dame, Indiana. All correspondence should be addressed to the editor, and the Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The Observer is a member of the National Press Club. All republication rights reserved.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

While I agree with Ben Linsky that the TSA has created nothing but "security theater" at our airports, his argument that privatization is the answer for reorganizing the TSA is simply inaccurate. The TSA is responsible for the security of the nation's airports, not for the transportation sector of the economy. The TSA's primary mission is to ensure the safety of passengers and crew members, and it is not responsible for contracting out these services to private companies.

In addition, the notion that privatization will lead to better security is flawed. The private sector is not known for its commitment to public safety, and it has a history of cutting corners to save money. In fact, some argue that privatization can actually lead to worse security because it can divert attention away from the primary goal of keeping passengers safe.

Finally, the idea that privatization will lead to cost savings is also questionable. Private companies are often more interested in profit than in providing quality service. This can lead to cuts in security measures, which can put passengers at risk.

In conclusion, while I support Ben Linsky's overall argument that the TSA needs to be reorganized, I disagree with his specific recommendation to privatize the TSA. The TSA is best suited to be run by a government agency that is focused on public safety, not on profit motives.

The Observer welcomes letters to the editor. All correspondence should be addressed to: The Observer, 404 Dever Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.
Sieg O'Meon, of the rage of Socrates, of the outer-bar, valorous, justify, yet fatal to the. Sing of the rage that cost the College so many good otters and sent so many vital, hearty souls down to the dreary House of Death.

Tell o' Meun, o' dorn of many devices, that in these days after it had waged war upon the Amazon's maine.

Nigh on seven days ago it were that they sprang to arms 'gainst the terror that invades our lands. Though some warned them of the dangers they tempted, yet his doughty men of war set forth.

But what has compassed since they set out? Is blood yet split? Or does the outer-bar still sit combative within the Notre Dame community?

Cardinal Newman has never claimed that the Spirit of Inclusion doctrine claims to include GLBTQ persons; it excludes them. The doctrine's non-discrimination clause states that it does not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness.

Nonetheless, the effectiveness of the Spirit of Inclusion doctrine is sufficient to meet the standards of GLBTQ persons. Although in its introduction the doctrine mentions discriminatory bases other than sexual orientation, it then focuses specifically on GLBTQ persons and provides justifications for the University's refusal to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause. The University states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness.

Terry's 'solution'

Mr. Randall Terry: If we are to use the term rape so literally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally", April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from refusing to have open dialogue about abortion and Obama's recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shared the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as "the rape of Catholic sacredness, sociology, and justice."

Terry's solution does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Second, nobody has proposed giving an honorary degree to any medieval pope. Furthermore, the Catholic Church has never claimed that the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Third, who has asked that President Obama "strenuously follow personal religious beliefs" or "follow a single religion's agenda?" Those who see the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Whatever the soundness of Catholic inclusion to get you off the plan, the honor President Obama at commencement, let no terms of the debate be skewed by misleading irrelevancies.

Don't distort the debate

Gary Caruso's recent editorial ("Countering the Cardinal Newman Society," April 3) adds nothing to the debate over honoring President Obama at commencement. Caruso misconstrues both history and present controversy. For example, he defines indulgence as "the pain of heaven" -- a definition never sanctioned by the Catholic Church. He also refers to our "first martyrs" as "tolerant." It is historically irresponsible to attribute modern or postmodern ideas of Catholic Church.

But what has compassed since they set out? Is blood yet split? Or does the outer-bar still sit combative within the Notre Dame community?

Cardinal Newman has never claimed that the Spirit of Inclusion doctrine claims to include GLBTQ persons; it excludes them. The doctrine's non-discrimination practical effect is the demarcation of Notre Dame community members into discrete groups; it does not follow from the definition that a Catholic Church.

Nonetheless, the effectiveness of the Spirit of Inclusion doctrine is sufficient to meet the standards of GLBTQ persons. Although in its introduction the doctrine mentions discriminatory bases other than sexual orientation, it then focuses specifically on GLBTQ persons and provides justifications for the University's refusal to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause. The University states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness.

The effectiveness of the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was discussed on Monday. In the words of Fr. Hesburgh, "[a]ll you need [is] a vision of where you want to go; then find the ability to inspire a lot of people to help you get there." By meeting with Fr. Jenkins, students from the Campaign for Human advanced their goals to điều trị ngoài the treatment of GLBTQ persons within the Notre Dame community.

The University maintains that its 1997 "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine is sufficient to meet the standards of GLBTQ persons. Although in its introduction the doctrine mentions discriminatory bases other than sexual orientation, it then focuses specifically on GLBTQ persons and provides justifications for the University's refusal to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause. The University states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness.

Mr. Randall Terry: If we are to use the term rape so literally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally", April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from refusing to have open dialogue about abortion and Obama's recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shared the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as "the rape of Catholic sacredness, sociology, and justice."

Terry's solution does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Second, nobody has proposed giving an honorary degree to any medieval pope. Furthermore, the Catholic Church has never claimed that the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Third, who has asked that President Obama "strenuously follow personal religious beliefs" or "follow a single religion's agenda?" Those who see the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Whatever the soundness of Catholic inclusion to get you off the plan, the honor President Obama at commencement, let no terms of the debate be skewed by misleading irrelevancies.

C. John Lane
goal maker
off campus
April 5

Spirit of exclusion?

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Steve Lechner

Guest Columnist

The effectiveness of the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was discussed on Monday. In the words of Fr. Hesburgh, "[a]ll you need [is] a vision of where you want to go; then find the ability to inspire a lot of people to help you get there." By meeting with Fr. Jenkins, students from the Campaign for Human advanced their goals to điều trị ngoài the treatment of GLBTQ persons within the Notre Dame community.

The University maintains that its 1997 "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine is sufficient to meet the standards of GLBTQ persons. Although in its introduction the doctrine mentions discriminatory bases other than sexual orientation, it then focuses specifically on GLBTQ persons and provides justifications for the University's refusal to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause. The University states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls the Notre Dame community to inclusiveness.

Mr. Randall Terry: If we are to use the term rape so literally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally", April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from refusing to have open dialogue about abortion and Obama's recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shared the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as "the rape of Catholic sacredness, sociology, and justice."

Terry's solution does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Second, nobody has proposed giving an honorary degree to any medieval pope. Furthermore, the Catholic Church has never claimed that the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Third, who has asked that President Obama "strenuously follow personal religious beliefs" or "follow a single religion's agenda?" Those who see the papal office implies sinlessness. The doctrine does not matter, but he sidesteps the issue by treating the CNS as his only intellectual opponent.

Whatever the soundness of Catholic inclusion to get you off the plan, the honor President Obama at commencement, let no terms of the debate be skewed by misleading irrelevancies.

C. John Lane
goal maker
off campus
April 5

Terry’s ‘solution’

Mr. Randall Terry: If we are to use the term rape so literally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally", April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from refusing to have open dialogue about abortion and Obama’s recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shared the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as “the rape of Catholic sacredness, sociology, and justice.” And the chance of our Commencement “afflicting” the Catholic world for at least a generation is non-existent.

Your blatant disrespect for our senior class is aggravating and humiliating. I urge the members of Notre Dame Response to distance yourselves from this man. Prayer rallies and discussions are certainly welcome on this issue, but turning Commencement into a “slime pot” is not. You do not want to be seen as an embarrassment to the United States if indeed Mr. Terry creates a “cri­sis” situation. His threats are borderline grounds for arrest as President Obama’s security will be watching for any odd activity. Remember, Notre Dame is a university and academic discussion is welcomed at all times. However, Mr. Terry is not promoting discussion but rather an extremist agen­da. Ruling graduation for 2,000 individuals is not an acceptable solution to the problem that Notre Dame Response members have with Mr. Terry — you will emerge from the situation in much better shape than the alternative. You will gain much more respect and influence if you do battle the situation differently than Mr. Terry advocates. Thank you.

Tedd Henkel
senior
off campus
April 6

For real this time Email Kara at kkking5@nd.edu
A look back at Notre Dame and 'The Vagina Monologues'

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

Notre Dame has a unique but rather difficult mission in comparison to universities that are not religiously affiliated. How can Notre Dame remain distinctively Catholic while maintaining its academic integrity? Such questions have been brought to light in the recent Obama controversy that has polarized the campus, and those who uphold the idea of academic freedom on one hand and those who uphold Catholic teaching on the other. However, such controversy is far from new on this campus. A similar controversy has regularly graced the inside pages of The Observer since 2002 - the debate over the showing of "The Vagina Monologues."

"The Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in 2002 as part of the V-Day campaign to end violence against women. Actors from the student body performed the Monologues on seven occasions from 2002-08. In April of 2006, after 10 weeks of intense discussion regarding the play, University President Fr. John Jenkins issued a "Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character," which ultimately allowed the play to continue on campus. However, its performance was restricted to a classroom setting. In 2007 the play was moved off-campus, but returned to campus in 2008 sponsored by the anthropology and sociology departments.

The "Monologues" will not be performed this year at Notre Dame. "The Monologues" were written by Eve Ensler in 1996 and are composed of a variety of monologues that explore female sexuality. They are based on interviews with over 200 different women. Some are poignant, some are shocking, but all relate back, in one way or another, to the vagina as a crucial part of the female identity. Often, violations against women's sexuality are hushed and repressed, going unnoticed. In fact, fewer than half of all rapes and sexual assaults in America are reported to police.

According to Ensler, the empowerment of women is greatly connected to their vaginas. "The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of the vagina, a word that - by most standards - is considered taboo in casual language today. The title is part of a shock factor that acts to break down the discomfort surrounding the word, and diminish the numerous - and often offensive - slang terms used in places of it. Of course, much of the controversy over the "Monologues" does not arise from the word "vagina" in the title nor Ensler's pursuit to end sexual violence against women. The "Monologues" include scenes with masturbation, lesbian relationships and extramarital relationships that have caused opposition by Catholic groups across America.

In 2003, 32 Catholic universities performed "The Vagina Monologues," according to the Cardinal Newman Society, a group that ran a campaign to stop their performance on Catholic campuses. That number has dropped to just 15 in 2009, according to The Society. As a leading Catholic institution, Notre Dame is not immune to the pressure that these groups are putting on universities around the country to stop the "Monologues.

The Catholic University of America, Marquette University, Providence College, Santa Clara University and others have all stopped showing "The Vagina Monologues" in recent years.

Loyola University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Boston College, Fordham University and the College of the Holy Cross are some Catholic colleges that continue to show the "Monologues.

Perhaps the various opinions on the "Monologues" that have appeared in the pages of The Observer section show the controversy best: the title of a Letter to the Editor from March of last year read "University's mission is to educate, not indoctrinate," while another read "University scandalized by 'Monologues.'" While the "Monologues" will not be performed on or off campus this year, the debate over the University's mission rages on, as Notre Dame continues to examine its Catholic identity in a secular world.

Contact Sara Felsenstein at sfelsen@nd.edu
Four Shamrocks

sitive, open and almost tangible connection to her subjects' sexual encounters. With fearless honesty, Ensler harnesses the emotive power of personal stories told in moments of vulnerability and openness. After interviewing over 200 women, Ensler creates a stage for the marginalized, the silenced, the misunderstood and the repressed, shining a bright perceptive light on female sexuality. While the experiences described are diverse, covering an almost incomprehensible variety, the common element of femininity and the focus on the vagina creates a motif that solidifies the work as focused, cohesive exploration.

The work, with its calm persistent attention to human dignity, maintains a highly personal tone. Though the work is intended to be an uncensored first person account, placed in Ensler's nonjudgmental, caring hands, the quality of monologue is that of the underlying strength of the work. Lending a voice to women and their vaginas, Ensler creates an intense, stirring experience that allows for a sense of inherent female solidarity that her work so fervently embraces.

The monologues maintain a highly personal tone. Though the work is intended to be an uncensored first person account, placed in Ensler's nonjudgmental, caring hands, the quality of monologue is that of the underlying strength of the work. Lending a voice to women and their vaginas, Ensler creates an intense, stirring experience that allows for a sense of inherent female solidarity that her work so fervently embraces.

However, if you're someone with a curious and open mind to all things controversial, then read on because after all, according to Eve Ensler, "Women secretly love to talk about their vaginas."

It is this desire to spill the beans that led to the formation of "The Vagina Monologues," one of the most stirring compilations of human stories ever created. Clearly Ensler was right because it was with the help of over 200 women that she was able to create and garner support for a revolutionary narration on the inner and outer workings of the vagina and the stories surrounding a woman's most private part.

These stories have consequently sparked thousands of performances of Ensler's play worldwide, the creation of "V-Day," a global movement determined to end violence against women and girls (especially relevant now as Afghanistan recently legalized a man's right to rape his wife), and on top of it all, loads of controversy.

To make public the sometimes beautiful and often painful tales of humanity's appreciation or their abhorrent disrespect for vaginas, Ensler interviewed hundreds of women and compiled their stories into a singular piece. Creating awareness about the beauty, uniqueness and necessity of respect for the female body is in and of itself a worthy accomplishment. However, certain stories in "The Vagina Monologues" appear to promote the perversion (though she would deem it the exploration of this beautiful life-bringing vessel and seemed to detract from Ensler's overall goal to appreciate and respect the female body.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a quick and entertaining read, something that can be finished in an hour or two. But before you begin make sure you are mentally prepared to surrender yourself to the rawness and unflinching openness that society has notoriously preferred to ignore. Recounting the heartbreaking story of a woman who tried to appease her husband by suiting himself up to emasculate him, or a view of the vagina from a woman that she is still a young teen, whether the audience should perceive this tale as an abomination, and harrowing tale of sexual and psychological damage that leads to misguided behavior, or a sweet tale of oral dis­covery and healing is largely ambiguous. The sense of personal ownership of each tale, regardless of judgment or criticism, contributes to an inspiring environment in which both the audience and the narrators can gently embrace their plights and sufferings in a feat of self-exploration and acceptance.

The heart of The Vagina Monologues negates the socially taboo of discomfort when it comes to discussing things like tampons, rape, sex, lesbianism, and, yes, vaginas. On the whole, the monologues paint a more profound goal of acceptance, openness, and individuality for women.
Mets earn close win over Reds on Opening Day

Wilson spurs Pirates to score four runs in the ninth to overcome Cardinals; Blalock homers in Indians rout of Rangers

CINCINNATI — No threats, no frets. That new Mets bullpen sure looked good the first time out.

Francisco Rodriguez and his fellow relievers protected a slim lead for Johan Santana, and the Mets fell to 0-1 on Opening Day for a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in their season opener.

Daniel Murphy drove in both Mets runs with a double and a groundout. And on a raw, cold afternoon in Ikea, New York's rebuilt bullpen was nearly perfect.

"Phew, that was unbelievable," Murphy said. "Lights out!"

The Mets are known for their meltdownsthe last two seasonsevening a celebration. Then, he and raised both arms in joy as a memento of save No. 1.

"It was perfect in the ninth," said Rodriguez after the game.
Miller accepts Arizona coaching job

Former Xavier men's basketball coach Sean Miller, above, speaks at a press conference in March. Miller was named the new men's basketball coach at Arizona on Monday after initially turning down the job.

NCAA Men's Basketball

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Arizona State</td>
<td>23-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice</td>
<td>21-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>24-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UC Irvine</td>
<td>19-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CS Fullerton</td>
<td>29-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baylor</td>
<td>29-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miami (Fla.)</td>
<td>23-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>27-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>25-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>24-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>25-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alabama</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>25-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia Tech</td>
<td>19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>22-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina</td>
<td>25-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>19-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech</td>
<td>22-6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
NBA

Jordan leads Hall class of 2009 into Springfield

Associated Press

DETROIT — Air Jordan has a new name: Hall of Fame.

Michael Jordan was elected to the class of 2009 on Monday, set for induction in September with his Dream Team teammates David Robinson and John Stockton. Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women’s coach C. Vivian Stringer are also part of a class announced in Detroit, site of the men’s Final Four.

Induction is Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I don't like being up here for the Hall of Fame because at that time your basketball career is completely over," Jordan said. "I was hoping this day would be 20 more years, or actually go in when I’m dead and gone.

Jordan’s Hall of Fame selection was a slam dunk after he retired as perhaps the greatest player in history. And he gave much of the credit Monday to his college coach.

"There’s no way you guys would have got a chance to see Michael Jordan play without Dean Smith," he said.

His soaring dunks, Nike commercials and "Air Jordan" nickname helped stamp him as one of the most recognizable athletes around the world. He finished a 15-year career with the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards with 32,292 points — the third-highest total in league history, behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone. His final career average of 30.12 was the best, just ahead of Wilt Chamberlain’s 30.37.

"Simply the greatest to ever play the game of basketball. He is the one player that each young person in this league should emulate and aspire to become just like," Robinson said. "The same skill level and competitive spirit were unmatched," Jordan’s former Bulls teammate and new team GM, John Paxson said.

Jordan won two of his titles with Utah and finished his career with 19,711 points, and holds NBA records for most assists in a season (1,164 in 1989-90) and highest assist average in a season (14.5 in 1995-96).

"Growing up I never thought about the Hall of Fame," Stockton said. "All I wanted was a chance to go to college." Jordan has been getting in the first round of the 1984 draft, using the No. 16 pick on a relatively unknown player who became one of the top point guards.

"I haven’t given this much thought over the course of a lifetime," he said. "I’m not sure it quite strikes home until you’re standing here.

Robinson, who earned the nickname "The Admiral" from his college career at Navy, joined Stockton and Jordan as members of the NBA’s 50th anniversary team.

He had a stellar 14-year career with the San Antonio Spurs that included two NBA championships, an MVP season, a rookie of the year award, 10 All-Star selections, a scoring title and two Olympic gold medals. Unlike Jordan’s inability to stay home after his final shot in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals, Robinson was content to retire after winning a second title with the Spurs in 2003.

"If I had to pick one night in my career, it would probably be walking off the court as a champion and knowing that was going to be my last memory of basketball," Robinson said.

Sloan, who did not attend the ceremony, is the longest tenured head coach in major league sports with a single franchise. Sloan is the only NBA coach to win more than 1,000 games with a single team and has the Jazz in second place in the Western Conference going into Monday night’s games.

"I’ve been very lucky to have such great players, especially the mayor," Sloan said. "I’ve also been fortunate to be with such a tremendous organization for the past 20-plus years and I am extremely grateful to the Larry H. Miller family for all of their support.

"Sloan was missed on Monday by Stockton.

"He’s not only a coach and a mentor, but a friend," Stockton said. "I enjoy him very much. The honor to share it with him is terrific.

Stringer has led three separate schools to the Final Four in her 38-year career and has an 82-240 mark spanning four decades. She trails only Pat Summitt and Jody Conradt on the career wins list, and guided Rutgers to its fifth straight regional semifinals trip this season.

"My knees are weak, and to think I would be standing here with these great, great men of basketball," Stringer said. "It’s not ever about me. It’s about the players who all make it happen.
Sabathia, Yankees shelled by Orioles

D'Backs squeeze by Rockies in homerfest

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — CC Sabathia and the new-look New York Yankees absorbed an old-fashioned beating on opening day.

Sabathia allowed six runs and failed to get through the fifth inning in his first start with New York, and the Yankees lost to the Baltimore Orioles 10-5 on Monday.

After missing a postseason for the first time since 1993, New York spent $423.5 million on free agents Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira during the offseason. Sabathia got a $161 million, seven-year deal, but the left-hander hardly looked like an ace against the Orioles, who finished last in the AL East in 2009 — their 11th straight losing season.

Sabathia (0-1) gave up eight hits in 4 1-3 innings, walked five, threw two wild pitches and did not record a strikeout for the first time since July 25, 2005, at Oakland. The six runs were the most he allowed in 32 starts since last April, when he pitched for Cleveland.

Sabathia left with New York trailing 6-1. Missing injured Alex Rodriguez, the Yankees used home runs by Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui to close to 6-2 in the seventh, but a two-run homer by light-hitting Cesar Izturis sparked a four-run eighth that blunted the comeback.

Adam Jones and Brian Roberts each had three of Baltimore's 14 hits. Aubrey Huff drove in three runs and Jeremy Guthrie (1-0) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings. The game drew a sellout crowd of 48,607 — the largest on opening day in the 18-year history of Camden Yards.

Sabathia had thrown the ceremonial first pitch, a fast fastball that caught catcher Chad Moeller out of his crouch. Biron, who spent 36 years representing Delaware in the Senate, became the first sitting VP to throw out the first pitch at Camden Yards.

Before the game, two Baltimore fans carried a sign that read, "We hate you TEX," which stemmed from Teixeira spurning an offseason contract offer from his hometown Orioles. Teixeira, jeered by Baltimore backers all day, went 0-for-4 with a walk in his Yankees debut.

New York was without Rodriguez, who during spring training admitted using steroids several years ago with Texas. He will miss the beginning of the season after undergoing hip surgery. The third baseman was gone but not forgotten, as evidenced by this sign near the New York dugout: "Where's A-Rod?"

Sabathia had a difficult first inning, giving up a leadoff single to Roberts and walking Jones before firing two wild pitches — equaling the number he threw in 253 innings last year. But Sabathia did not allow a run, and worked a perfect second before running into trouble in the third.

After New York took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by Johnny Damon in the top half, Baltimore went up 3-1. Izturis singled, Roberts walked and Jones followed with a triple to right before Nick Markakis hit a sacrifice fly.

Danton hit a two-out triple in the fifth and Teixeira walked before Matsui popped out. In the bottom half, a double by Roberts and an infield hit by Jones and Markakis produced a run. Melvin Mora then got an infield hit and Huff hit an RBI grounder before Sabathia issued an intentional walk to Ty Wigginton to load the bases. Sabathia then walked Luke Scott to force in a run, ending his afternoon.

Posada homered leading off the sixth, and later in the inning Xavier Nady doubled in a run.

A two-run homer by Matsui in the seventh off Chris Ray made it 6-5. In the New York eighth, with runners at the corners and two outs, Jim Johnson retired Teixeira on a grounder.

Izturis, signed as a free agent over the winter for his glove at shortstop, homered off Phil Coke in the eighth before Huff added a two-run double off Damaso Marte. Izturis hit one home run last year with St. Louis.

Diamondbacks 9, Rockies 8

Tony Clark and Arizona new-comer Felipe Lopez each homered from both sides of the plate, and the Diamondbacks beat the Colorado Rockies 9-8 in a home run derby of an opener Monday.

Eight home runs were hit in the game, including the decisive shot by Chad Tracy leading off the seventh inning against reliever Jason Grilli (0-1).

Lopez and Clark became the first switch-hitting teammates to homer from both sides of the plate in a game since Jorge Posada and Bernie Williams did it for the New York Yankees on April 23, 2000. It had never been done on opening day.

Lopez, signed as a free agent in the offseason, is the first Arizona player to homer twice in his first game with the team. He is the first to do it in the majors since Richie Sexson for Seattle on April 4, 2005.

Troy Tulowitzki, Chris Iannetta and Seth Smith hit solo homers for the Rockies.

Tony Pena (1-0) worked 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the win and closer Qualls got three outs for a save.

Tracy was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored for Arizona.

Colorado's Brad Hawpe was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs.

Hawpe lived up to his reputation as one of the toughest hitters against Webb, going 2-for-2 with a three-run double against the Arizona ace. That improved his career average against the 2006 NL Cy Young Award winner to .367 with 16 RBIs in 49 at-bats. Nine of his 18 hits have gone for extra bases.

Colorado scored four times in the third to go up 4-2, but Arizona came back with four in the third off Aaron Cook to take a 4-2 lead. Tracy sliced a run, Eric Byrnes drove in another with a sacrifice fly, then Clark hit a two-run shot to right in put the Diamondbacks ahead 6-4.

Webb, a 22-game winner last season, couldn't hold the lead. Tulowitzki and Iannetta hit consecutive solo home runs on three pitches to tie it at 6.
The Observer • SPORTS
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

NCAA Women's Basketball

Huskies roll to title game

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Even though his team has been mowing down everyone in its way, Geno Auriemma wants you to believe UConn could lose the national championship game.

"To a team it's beaten twice — by 28 and 39 points. It's not much familiarity for both teams," the Hall of Fame coach said.

"A lot more than you think you have to have this time of year."

Auriemma insists he has reason to worry this time around.

Tuesday's title game against Louisville. He's seen a big difference in the Cardinals from the team UConn defeated in the Big East championship a month ago.

"What we did in the second game, I don't think it has any effect on today," he said. "Different environment. Different day. Different attitudes among the players."

UConn (38-0) stands on the doorstep of the third undefeated season in school history and just the fifth ever in women's basketball. 

Louisville (34-4), which is looking to become the fourth team to knock off three No. 1 seeds on its way to a title, has run through a season undefeated with every win coming by double figures.

"It was the news San Antonio dreaded after Ginobili sat out the fourth quarter in Sunday's blowout loss at Cleveland, and leaves the Spurs limping toward the postseason in search of a fifth NBA title since 1999. Ginobili missed 19 games after the All-Star break to heal a stress reaction in his right distal fibula. He returned March 25, but tests showed the stubborn injury is now a fracture. The Spurs said Ginobili wasn't expected to need surgery. But either way, Ginobili is out and the Spurs are hobbling with less than two weeks before the playoffs begin.

Tim Duncan is bothered by sore knees and has been sitting out the second game in back-to-backs during this stretch this season. Tony Parker carried the Spurs after Ginobili first went out in February and Duncan's knees began aching, and the weight figures to fall on the 26-year-old's shoulders again.

Ginobili scored four points before his ankle stiffened toward the end of Sunday's 101-81 loss to the Cavaliers. A CT scan and MRI on Monday showed he had a stress fracture in the ankle and an increased narrow edema.

Huskies' Ginobili out for season after missing 19 games

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs’ Big Three is down to two.

Manu Ginobili will miss the rest of the season and playoffs for the Spurs after tests Monday revealed that his troubled right ankle has gotten worse.

It was the news San Antonio feared after Ginobili sat out the fourth quarter in Sunday’s blowout loss at Cleveland, and leaves the Spurs limping toward the postseason in search of a fifth NBA title since 1999. Ginobili missed 19 games after the All-Star break to heal a stress reaction in his right distal fibula. He returned March 25, but tests showed the stubborn injury is now a fracture. The Spurs said Ginobili wasn’t expected to need surgery. But either way, Ginobili is out and the Spurs are hobbling with less than two weeks before the playoffs begin.

Tim Duncan is bothered by sore knees and has been sitting out the second game in back-to-backs during this stretch this season. Tony Parker carried the Spurs after Ginobili first went out in February and Duncan’s knees began aching, and the weight figures to fall on the 26-year-old’s shoulders again.

Ginobili scored four points before his ankle stiffened toward the end of Sunday’s 101-81 loss to the Cavaliers. A CT scan and MRI on Monday showed he had a stress fracture in the ankle and an increased narrow edema.

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the Admissions Counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic territory.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic territory, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions. Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment and the Director of Admissions Operations.

Among our candidates, we may seek individuals who will assist with our diversity recruitment efforts.

Minimum Requirements: Candidates should possess a Bachelor’s degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of academic and student life at Notre Dame. Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Please Note: Interviews will be scheduled after April 10.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2009.

Application Process: To apply, please visit http://NDjobs and apply to job #09123.

The University of Notre Dame is committed to diversity in its staff, faculty, and student body. As such, we strongly encourage applications from members of minority groups, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and others who will enhance our community. 

AA/EOE.
Memphis replaces Calipari
Assistant coach Pastner promoted to lead Tigers after search stalls

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis has hired Josh Pastner, an assistant under John Calipari, as the Tigers' new basketball coach, a school spokesman said Monday.

The university scheduled a news conference for noon Central Tuesday to introduce the 31-year-old Pastner, said athletics spokesman Bob Winn.

Calipari left Memphis last week after nine seasons with the Tigers, who finished 33-4 with a Tournament regional finals and made six-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

In his only season at Memphis, the Tigers finished 33-4 with a Conference USA title and an NCAA regional semifinals appearance.

While in high school and college, Pastner coached AAU squads, following in the footsteps of his father, Hal Pastner, an acclaimed AAU coach in Houston, Texas.

Memphis athletic director R.C. Johnson said last week that he planned to hire a new coach who would "wow" Tiger fans — one with head coaching experience.

Names that surfaced during the search included Tennessee's Bruce Pearl, Baylor's Scott Drew and Florida State's Leonard Hamilton.

Memphis struggled mightily to hang on to Calipari but sought to put the best twist on his departure — saying the successful program he built was attractive enough to land one of the country's top coaches.

Officials also boasted that university supporters would come up with plenty of money to pay a new coach.

Calipari was paid $2.5 million a year at Memphis and now has an eight-year contract at Kentucky worth nearly $32 million.

There was no immediate word on a Pastner's salary.

Calls from The Associated Press to Johnson and Alan Graf, a top member of the university's search team and the chief financial officer for FedEx Corp., were not returned Monday.

University officials refused to name coaches contacted about the Memphis job, but Johnson had said when word got out that Calipari was leaving his phone had been ringing off the hook.

However, published reports indicated the search was not going as smoothly as the Tigers' concerned fans might have hoped.

"It's the feeling of believing, that you belong in the race; that you're worthy of the expectations," manager Joe Maddon said in the visitor's dugout during his team's off-day workout on Sunday. "Pressure and expectations - I think that's the word. It's great that people attach pressure and expectations to us."

The Rays and the Red Sox had been scheduled to open the 2009 season at Fenway on Monday afternoon, but rain forced the postponement to Tuesday — originally an off day.

Josh Beckett is making his season debut for Boston, he's expected to face James Shields, the same matchup from Game 5 of last year's AL championship series.

"It's a good series to start the season with," Shields said. "We get a reminder of the ALCS, which is nice."

The Red Sox have reportedly been in pursuit of John Smoltz, who was diagnosed with brain cancer last fall, to throw out the first pitch. Red Sox owner Tom Werner declined comment, referring questions to Kennedy. Messages left at the Massachusetts Democrat's Washington and Boston offices were not immediately returned on Sunday.

It will be the just the second time since 1996 that the season opener was at home and the first for Boston, who traveled to Tokyo last year and had a 3-4 record by the time they got to Fenway. But it was worth the wait: For the second time in four years, the team had a pregame ceremony to hand out its World Series rings and raise a championship banner over center field.

There will be no such ceremony Tuesday for the AL wild-card winners, who beat the Los Angeles Angels in the first round of the playoffs and then lost to the Rays in seven games.

After earning its first AL pennant, Tampa Bay lost to the Philadelphia Phillies in five games.

"Teams aren't taking us too lightly any more," Shields said. "There's a long of teams around the league that have a lot more respect for us. Teams aren't coming in thinking they're going to beat us every time. I think I saw that starting the second half of the year.

Maddon said he's noticed bigger crowds in spring training, and more of a fuss when the team plays on the road. Although the Rays always believed in themselves, he said, they have now earned the respect of their opponents.

"No one is going to take the Tampa Bay Rays for granted," he said. "That's the difference from last year. This is the Rays name. They've been around for a long time."

Rays pitcher John Smoltz, who was on the Atlanta Braves in 1991, when they went to the World Series a year after finishing in last place with a 65-97 record. The Miami Marlins were last year's "it was the real deal.

"It's rare that you have a club go from where they were to where they're at now," said Smoltz, who spent his first 20 years in Atlanta before coming to the Rays in 2007. "In this division and this league, that's going to be hard-

to do."
Hughes continued from page 24

block Saturday gave him a better idea of where his unit, in particular, stood.

"It's just consistency. If they go out there and they flash the ability to do something one time, you have to ask yourself if it's skill or execution. So the more that they do it over and over, you've got to say it's an acquired skill."

The first-year offensive line coach was instant, however, to put too much stock in Saturday's results, as several key players, such as receivers Golden Tate and Michael Floyd, were not playing.

"Just being at practice today and seeing what we have with Great Tate and [Michael Floyd] on the field, it really makes a difference," said Weiss. "We didn't have them on Saturday. Boy, they're both difference-makers. So it was a more realistic look, but we certainly didn't have all our weapons.""

Tate, an outfielder on the Irish baseball team, has missed several practices this spring, and Weiss said the biggest aspect the receiver will have to improve by fall is his stamina.

"There was a couple of a team today where we might have had the [first-team] receivers going for a state that's been battered by the ailing econo-

monday toward an MIAA conference tournament berth. However, Sullivan felt that if the Eagles and the Scots again, they would come out on top.

"When we play good offen-

tive teams, they capitalize on their mistake," he said. "We will be ready for our next game and are hoping to see Alma again in the conference tournament."

The Belles will now turn their attention to another non-conference opponent, Robert Morris, as they travel to Illinois for a doubleheader.

The Eagles (17-14) are also coming off a rained-out series.

Belles' pitchers, freshmen Monica Palicki and Angela Gillis, hope to shake off their previous struggles and return to their winning ways against the Eagles. Gillis, who was recently named MIAA Pitcher of the Week, was handed her first loss of the season in the second game of the Alma doubleheader.

"Our pitchers have been doing a phenomenal job this season," said Sullivan. "Gillis has a talkative person after pitching a really great game. Monica got pitched just missed on a couple of pitches and Alma took advantage of those misses."

After the doubleheader the Robert Morris, the Belles will be ready for league play with two home doubleheaders against Albin and hope on April 11 and 15, respectively.

The first pitch of the Robert Morris game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Contact Chris Michalski at cmichalski@nd.edu

Illini continued from page 24

the other coming in the semi-

finals of the NCAA individual championships earlier this season.

Notre Dame has hit a bit of a rough stretch lately after starting out the season 17-2. The Irish have posted a 2-10 record in its last four outings, dating back to their 5-2 home loss against Butler March 31.

The key for the Irish has been getting by a fast start in the doubles competition. This weekend, the team ran away from the match-

es against the Blue Devils and the Golden Eagles where they swept the doubles point, but fell against the Wildcats when they failed to clinch it. In its last four outings, Notre Dame has been unable to win the doubles point three times.

The Irish will finish up their 10-match season with a home match against Texas A&M April 11 before quieting up for the Big East championship tournament April 16.

Notre Dame's match with Illinois is scheduled to kick off at 3 p.m. beginning with the doubles competition.

Contact Alex Barker at abarker1@nd.edu

NCAA BASKETBALL

Tar Heels defeat Spartans for title

Associated Press

DETROIT — There was a team of destiny out there, all right. It's the North Carolina Tar Heels, and the final chap-

ter of their story was about as heartwarming as a demolition derby.

Tayshaun Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and North Carolina won a national championship a season ago by making, stumping out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night. The 70-2 blowout that wasn't even that close.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Wayne Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight assists—and now they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school to bring home Carolina's first national championship, and the second for coach Roy Williams.

All those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their careers cut short by last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the final four. That was a duel of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half and 56-22 when Ellington was telling CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 around the time "Dancing with the Stars" alum Will Estes walked over to the court to present the game ball.

Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the onslaught with 6:45 left, but Ellington, named most outstanding player by the Associated Press, never got any momentum. From the start, it was clear that this Michigan State team was losing control of this one, no chance for the Spartans to serve that definitive ray of sunshine and warm-up and fuzzy smile for what's been battered by the alias econo-

my.

The best team won, Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "That's an easy state-

ment to make."" The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 14-year-old halftime record for biggest lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

"We handled injuries, han-

dled some losses this season," Williams said. "The young-

ters standing behind me are great, great young men. I'm the luckiest coach in America, I can tell you that."

This collection of NBA talent was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start of the tournament, to the very end. Carolina won by double digits, something that hasn't happened since Duke did it in 2001.

Lots of basketball fans saw this coming, including America's No. 1 Hopper-in-

Chief.

"Yes, President Barack Obama picked the Tar Heels to win, a much-much-publi-

cized bracket."

Magic Johnson, Michigan State's 1979-80 NCAA champion who joined Larry Bird at center court to present the game ball, a tribute to the 30-year anniversary of their historic tournament, to the very end.

From there, it was pretty much all "Wow, the whole country has been beat down that wasn't even that big."

"That's the way it was," said Ellington, looking at a team that was supposed to be a 42-year-old title-game atmosphere of a Lions game, said the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue gave the Lions a much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to pride itself on that.

As for that 98-63 beatdown Carolina put on Michigan State in this same building back on Dec. 3? No fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford Field a nice, long break. The Lions went 6-16 here last season, and there was no halt to the suffering on the field.

It was, almost literally, over before it began. Ellington had a double-pump scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper — all in the first 4:25 to put Carolina ahead 17-7. It never got closer. The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting in the ball after Tar Heels' Michigan State guard Travis Walton, that way twice in the first 6 minutes, part of a depressing day that didn't do justice to the effort they put in to get here.

During pregame introductions, Williams walked over to shake hands with Izzo, who was distracted, drawing up a play on the scoreboard in the huddle. He jokingly showed the diagram to Williams, — you know that, it probably wouldn't have mattered.

Izzo conceded in the lead-up to the game that if both teams played their best, Michigan State would lose. He'll never find out if he was right because, while North Carolina was more than ready, the Spartans never showed up.

Izzo did have a few words for a couple that could have drafted in the first round or early second, picking the Tar Heels as the team that could probably beat the best team in the NCAA."

The Observer is looking for students, preferably business majors, who are interested in working for the Advertising Department next year.

If interested, please email your resume to loced@nd.edu or merasing9@nd.edu.

Please recycle.

The Observer • SPORTS

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Store Your Stuff

Over the Summer!

Call to stop by 4 blocks West of Byerly Tower
(574) 203-0572
10x10 $129 + DEP

Please recycle

The Observer

Please recycle
Hawks continued from page 24
ease.
"I have some relatives that are afflicted with that, Ara has grandchildren that were," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. The Silverhawks defeated the Irish in the Silver vs. Gold game last year, 5-3. Notre Dame (19-10, 5-4 Big East) just swept Villanova at home this weekend and will face Cincinnati for a three-game road set starting Thursday. The Irish got great outings from sophomores Cole Johnson and Brian Dupra and junior Eric Maast. Schrage said the pitchers played the game at a fast pace, which he liked.
"That's kind of what we want our pitchers to do is dictate the tempo," he said. The pitchers responded well to a meeting held last week that Schrage said challenged them.
"We felt like we've had talent on the mound," Schrage said. "We made some adjustments on some things." Notre Dame will send sophomore Todd Miller to the mound to start, but the Irish will rotate pitchers and hitters often, Schrage said.
so everyone gets a chance to play.
"Basically we need to get our work in tomorrow," Schrage said. "We need to keep going." The hitters will use wood bats instead of their usual aluminum because they are facing a professional team.
The professional pitching, Schrage said, will help the players get a taste of the next level, but will be limited at the same time. The innings will have a pitch count.
"You're going to see some arm strength from professional pitching," he said. "They have great skill level and a little bit more experience than our guys."
Schrage said the Irish lineup had started to settle in and was especially pleased the addition of sophomore David Casey in the cleanup spot.
"We had a really nice boost from David Casey in the four-hole in the past two weeks," Schrage said.
In his last four games, Casey has gone 8-for-15 (.533) with eight RBIs. First pitch is at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, call the Silverhawks at 574-235-9988.
Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

NHL

Canadiens' hopes fall after loss

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Just like that, Ottawa's Dany Heatley turned the Montreal Canadiens' last three games of the regular season into crucial showdowns.
Heatley scored two goals 38 seconds apart to put Ottawa ahead with 7:59 remaining in the third period and the already-eliminated Senators dealt a big blow to Montreal's playoff chances with a 3-2 win on Monday night.
Heatley lifted Ottawa into a 2-2 tie at 11:23 and then netted his 37th of the season at 12:01 when he beat Jaroslav Halak from the slot with a shot that silenced the sold-out Bell Centre crowd.
"I wish that we had the third goal back, the shot under the arm — probably Halak does, too, but Heatley is a guy who scores 40 goals every year," Canadiens coach Bob Gainey said. "He gets them different ways and he got us tonight."
Chris Campoli also scored for the Senators, who will miss the playoffs for the first time in 13 seasons.
Alex Kovalev netted his 25th goal, and Mathieu Dandenault scored with 3.8 seconds remaining in the second period for the Canadiens, who are seventh in the Eastern Conference but only three points above the playoff cutoff with three games left.
Montreal left for New York following the game for Tuesday night's matchup against the Rangers, who are tied with Florida in points for the Eastern Conference cellar. The Canadiens have one point in three straight games.
"We had the game in our control and we let it slip away but there are three games left. This game is over and done with now," Canadiens defender Josh Gorges said. "We have a big game (Tuesday night) that we have to focus our attention on."
Halak stopped 20 shots in his third straight start for Montreal, which lost top defencemen Andrei Markov and Mathieu Schneider to injuries in Saturday night's 6-2 in Toronto.
"The players weren't available tonight and won't be (Tuesday night), but I have no more information to give you about the injuries to Markov and Schneider," Gainey said.
Heatley tied it when he got his stick down amid three Canadiens — Gorges, defense partner Mike Komisarek, and right wing Tom Kostopoulos — to redirect Mike Fisher's centering feed past Halak.
"I thought we cycled and took advantage of their D pretty good," Fisher said. "We got a couple of quick goals and then we just hung on."
Kovalev extended his point streak to seven games when he made it 1-1 at 12:46 of the second. He put a wrist shot from the right side past Alex Auld and into the top left corner, giving him eight goals during his scoring spurt.

NONE OF YOUR NUMBERS ARE just NUMBERS.

At U.S. Cellular, we believe every number's important. That's why we have My Contacts Backup for free. So you can save, store and even transfer your numbers if you get a new phone.
getusc.com

US Cellular believe in something better.
after the game, having expected the loss from the outset.
They noted that the movie called "Miracle?" Rhianah junior Millie Terry said before the game. "Yeah, that's not going to happen tonight."
That is not to say that Rhianah came into the matchup without a game plan.
"The wind conditions really hurt us," Erickson said. "Our game plan was to make 21 straight half-court shots, and with the weather like this, we just couldn't control them very well. We had to make 21 half-court shots in a row. I don't know how you're going to be the No. 1 ranked team."

Writ of Man to Mandamus 21, Canniballers 12

Despite what their name implies, Writ of Man to Mandamus used a dominating zone defense to overcome the Canniballers 21-12 in a game that was affected by the outdoor conditions.

The strong winds and the frigid temperature caused the game to favor the defensive side of the ball, and Man to Mandamus took full advantage, led by their top shot-blocker, law student A.J. Weissler. Along with his seven points, Weissler also added double-digit blocks for his team's points in the second half. 

"I had a really mean grandmother, and on Thanksgiving, the only way I was allowed to eat was if I had twelve blocks in the family basketball game," Weissler said. 

"And she brought it much harder than they did."
The game was close throughout the first half, which ended with Man to Mandamus leading 11-8. They were clearly out-rebounding the Canniballers, but the wind caused them to miss many of their second-chance opportunities.

"Honestly, we haven't been much of a jump-shooting team, but we actually shot more today, because they played a 2-3 zone," team captain Joe Graham said. "So we had actually hit some shots, and then got a lot of second chance points on rebounds."

Man to Mandamus came out hot in the second half, and went on a 9-2 run to start the second half. Law student Rich McVey led the charge for Man to Mandamus, scoring half of his team's points in the second half. When asked what changes his team made at half that were so effective, Graham said: 

"I think that the change came near the end of the first half."

"We didn't play basketball. I have never played before."

Asian Allure 21, America's Best Basketball Team 18

As the sun and temperatures dropped quickly, Asian Allure topped America's Best Basketball Team on the bookstore courts.

While most teams moved their games indoors due to the frigid winds, Weissler and Demos were manly enough to brave the cold for the sake of the game. And, ironically, both were entirely female.

"Our captain and mascot, Chrystal, really pulled us through," said Asian Allure forward, MBA student Nicole "Sassy New Yorker" Davis. 

"That had to be the worst game ever and we really needed her. We are all fifth-year students, we shouldn't have even been here.

In a marathon 1 hour and 57 minutes of play, both teams fought with fury, bitterness and intensity that rivaled the wintry winds in which they battled. The game was even for most of the first half, as the teams traded baskets bringing the score to 10-10 halfway through the half.

Suddenly, the mentality of the contest shifted, and it would be another 20 minutes before Asian Allure scored again to bring an overdue halftime break.

"I don't play basketball. I have never played before," said Asian Allure captain and MBA student Chrystal Ohoh. "I think I have played knock-out once maybe." 

In the second half, the action heated up again, with Asian Allure building a small lead as the match continued to grind on. 

Their offensive advantage became evident to a 21-12 lead, but America's Best Basketball Team refused to throw in the towel. They forced turnovers and jump balls, while both teams dealt and nullified a series of brutal fouls and injuries.

The game continued to get rougher, as Asian Allure continued to stall offensively, and America's Best brought the game to within two, 20-18. After a referee intervention, play continued smoothly until Asian Allure sunk the final basket, and everyone's relief, ended the game after nearly two hours of play.

Man to Mandamus 21, Canniballers 12

The No. 27 Crazy Dogg played like the favorites for much of the game, but were set back by an ankle injury to captain David Pope-Davis. After a long timeout to tape up the wounded ankle, Pope-Davis returned to the court, but with much less effectiveness.

With only four healthy players, the Crazy Dogg employed a strategy where Pope-Davis would essentially cherry-pick on offense, with most of his team-mates to defend four on five. 

"I think we played the five man, making outside shots effective only when they led to an offensive board. 

"They tried to exploit the injury, but the rest of the team came up big for me," said Pope-Davis, "The big guys really came through with some big rebounds when they were playing four men down."

Buttery did manage to find some offense after Pope-Davis went down, but in the end, too many turnovers and too few close range shots resulted in their elimination from the tournament. The Crazy Dogg will move on to play April 14 in the round of 6.

Chris Brown's Greatest Hits 21, Matza Balls 4

Most of the players on Chris Brown's Greatest Hits only had one concern on their minds: getting out of the cold.

After seeing the Matza Balls players take and miss a number of jump-shots and jump-shots that hit the back-side of the backboard, Greatest Hits knew a trip to the round of 6 was inevitable.

Fearing the inside presence of senior Ryan Ayers, Matza Balls turned to three-pointers and even a half-court shot to put points on the board. Neither strategy was very successful, as they managed only four points on the night. When asked what led to their team's defeat, freshman Will Perocchi simply said, "Ryan Ayers."

Perocchi then contemplated for a little bit longer and came up with a more accurate response. "It was probably because they were exponentially better than us at every position," he said.

Teammate Trent McMullen had a more positive outlook on the loss. "We definitely ran into a steamroller today. If the conditions were a little different we could have had a different outcome."

Other players on the losing side cited the 12-degree weather and poor officiating as causes for the defeat.

Contact Eric Prister at epriester@nd.edu, Nathaniel Lee at olcer@nd.edu, and Chris Michalski at cmichals2@nd.edu

The 2008-2009 Nanovic Institute Distinguished European Lecture

The Culture of the Enemy: A Critique of Huntington from Freud and Nietzsche

Marc Crapon

Professor, École normale supérieure (Paris)
Recherche, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS)
Professor Crapon is co-hosted by the H.J. in Literature Program

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
8:00 P.M. ROOM C100

The Hesburgh Center for International Studies
FOOTBALL
Offense, defense effective in intersquad scrimmage

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

Even though the season opener against Nebraska is still five months away, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis tried to make Saturday's scrimmage as close to a game situation as possible.

Weis said he allowed the offensive line to cut-block against the defense for the first time all spring. Previously, risk of injury had prevented him from doing so.

"We had some casualties," Weis said. "But we really didn't have any casualties due to cut blocking."

Weis said that Saturday's scrimmage gave him a better idea of where his team stood heading into the Blue-Gold spring game on April 18 and the end of spring practices.

"I was a lot more pleased than I was the previous Saturday," Weis said. "Mainly because I thought it was very competitive."

The defense took the advantage early in the session, Weis said, thanks to a couple of offensive holding penalties. After the first few plays, though, the offense began to run the ball effectively, culminating in a touchdown run by sophomore running back Robert Hughes. After that, the session was essentially even, until a long Jimmy Clausen touchdown pass to Duval Kamara ended the practice.

Running backs coach Tony Alford has been getting on Hughes recently about his blocking, which is currently his biggest issue. Weis said that it isn't necessarily that Hughes is over-weight, but that he needs to find an identity as a running back.

"He has two choices," Weis said. "Either lose weight or play big. He wants to be Armando as far as how he runs the ball, but if he wants to be Jerome Bettis, he doesn't have to lose any weight."

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci said the ability to cut-block towards the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type C disease, was one of the positive aspects of Saturday's scrimmage.

"I was the previous Saturday," Weis said. "Mainly because I thought it was very competitive."

"Either lose weight or play big. He wants to be Armando as far as how he runs the ball, but if he wants to be Jerome Bettis, he doesn't have to lose any weight."

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci said the ability to cut-block towards the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type C disease, was one of the positive aspects of Saturday's scrimmage.

BASEBALL
Going Pro
Irish face Silverhawks in annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Time to ditch the aluminum bats and break out the wood.

Notre Dame takes the field today against the South Bend Silverhawks, the Single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, in the second annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game at Coveleski Field.

Baseball takes a back seat, however, to an important fundraiser associated with the game's ticket sales. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

Good luck to the Irish tonight against the Silverhawks.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Team to play last road match

No. 3 Irish squad to take on No. 40 Illinois in Champaign

By ALEX BARKER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame will play its final road match of the season when it travels to Champaign, Ill. to take on No. 40 Illinois today.

The Irish (19-4, 3-0 Big East) are 2-1 on their current road trip behind wins over conference foes DePaul and Marquette with their lone loss coming against top-ranked Northwestern. The team knocked off DePaul 5-2 and swept Marquette 7-0 without senior captain Keely Tefft in the lineup. The 4-3 loss to Northwestern was their second of the season.

SMC SOFTBALL
Ballgames postponed due to rain

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will be forced to wait another day before they can bounce back from their previous loss as their non-conference matchup against Bethel was postponed due to weather.

The Belles game is likely to be cancelled, as it "looks to be too difficult to reschedule," said Belles coach Erin Sullivan.

The Belles (18-4, 4-2 MIAA) are coming off a disappointing weekend, dropping both games of a doubleheader to divisional foe Alma College. The losses broke the seven-game winning streak and slowed their tough tournament this year.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL
Main St. Pub triumphs in 15-minute contest

Asian Allure wins two-hour battle over America's Best

By ERIC PRISTER, NATHANIEL LEE and CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writers

Main St. Pub showed why they deserved their No. 1 ranking as they ran their way to a 21-4 victory over We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna in a game that lasted less than fifteen minutes to complete.

"They're pretty good," said Rihanna sophomore captain Grant Erickson. "They're fast, they know what they're doing. They're good."

Main St. Pub is made up of the returning players from the top two teams in last year's tournament, including 2008 Mr. Bookstore Carl Anderson.

When asked about the possibility of being forced to go against their game plan and slowing down to a half-court offense, Main St. Pub senior captain Alex Kulpchak was not worried.

"We should be able to move pretty well in the half-court offense too," Kulpchak said. "We know it's going to be a real tough tournament this year. We're looking forward to it."

We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna was not disheartened...