Students ask to cut ties from HEI

Alliance says company 'undermined' dignity of employees; University denies request

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

A coalition of students from the Progressive Student Alliance met with Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass and a representative from HEI Hotels and Resorts Tuesday to ask the University to cut ties with the company.

Malpass told The Observer the University will not divest in HEI.

"I have checked with the company's public records and their grievances and their record is solid," Malpass said. "Absolutely stellar."

Coalition member Michael Angulo said PSA has been in dialogue with several employees at HEI hotels who claim the management has used intimidation tactics to keep them from unionizing.

A Feb. 19 Observer article reported the University is one of several colleges nationwide investing in HEI — a company that owns and operates hotels and the company receives almost $1.2 billion from university endowments, including the endowments of Notre Dame, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and the University of Chicago.

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"I think what we hope to do is to try to raise awareness of people's language and actions, which have at times an adverse effect on other members of the community," Dunn said.

Patrick Tighe, a student assistant at the Gender Relations Center, which is co-sponsoring StanD Against Hate Week, said he hopes it will help bring the University community together.

"The goal is to promote an inclusive, safe Notre Dame, for all members of the community," Tighe said.

Representatives from Core Council, which is the week's primary sponsor, were stationed in LaFortune Student Center and held dining halls Tuesday soliciting signatures for an allied pledge banner opposing hate speech, according to Dunn.

The banners can also be signed on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the dining halls and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in LaFortune. The banners signed Tuesday and today will later be displayed in LaFortune and the dining halls.

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PRODUCER, TONY WINNER VISITS SMC

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Hal Prince, winner of 21 Tony Awards and producer and director of over 50 musicals, including West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera and Fiddler on the Roof, spoke at Saint Mary's College Tuesday about his "lucky" career and how the theater industry has changed.

From the time he was 8 years old and saw his first play, Prince "was addicted to the whole habit of going to theater" and right out of college he got his first job in the theater business at the age of 20.

"I was too scared to look for a job, so I wrote a letter," he said. The letter, which he wrote to George Abbott, read, "I do not know what I could do to earn $25 a week ... so I would like to work for you for nothing. And if you can tell by my performance that you aren't paying me, please fire me."

That letter sparked Abbott's interest, and Prince was hired to work as an assistant stage manager and also to pay for the first six months.

"I was energetic, incredibly ambitious and I think probably a painful presence to people in the office," he said of his younger self.

Prince actually had to write the words "Watch it" on the top of his note pad every day.

Foundations seeks runners in Marathon

By JENN METZ

Touching Tiny Lives Foundation (TTLF), a non-profit with strong Notre Dame roots committed to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa, hopes University students will join their efforts by joining their 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon team.

Registration for the Marathon is still open, and instructions for joining the TTLF team are available on the Foundation's Web site touchingtinylives.org

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INSIDE COLUMN

Free boat ride for one

Ladies of Notre Dame, imagine the classiest, most elegant celebration you could possibly think of. It's complete with fancy dresses, well-dressed (and strikingly attractive) men and downright jovial atmosphere.

Now take that image, put it on a boat (even a classier) and you have the 2009 St. Edward's Hall Yacht Dance. As The Lonely Island and T-Pain have proven, anything is 124 percent better on a boat. That means that if you thought you had a fun normal awesome STY, you'll have more than twice as much fun at the St. Ed's Yacht Dance (sorry, though, Sippys flippies are not included, and climbing buoys is discouraged).

Now ladies, I'm sure you're saying to yourself, "That sounds awesome! Too bad all the hot guys are in a lifetime, leading two teams to leading the Olympie squad (in the model R.A., you know it pays to have friends for)."

A native of St. Ed's Hall, Chris Massad, has been waiting for you. His name is Paul Macias, and he's everything you could ask for in a date and then some. I would know — I've lived down the hall from him all year. In addition to being a model R.A., Paul is President Emeritus of St. Ed's. I'm sure you ladies know it pays to have friends in high places.

Positions and titles are so impersonal, though, and Paul is much more than that. A native of Petal, Miss., Paul is a senior history major who, despite his Facebook relationship status, is still looking for the right girl.

That right girl, though, could be you.

Look in the mirror right now. See the color of your hair? That's Paul's favorite hair color on a girl! And your eyes are just what he's looking for.

Paul is an avid mountainier, specializing in Agra Crag climbing, and a knowledgeable historian, having watched nearly every episode of "Legends of the Hidden Temple" multiple times. He has accomplished more than you, than most people do in a lifetime, leading two teams to NCAA BCS Championships (in the St. Ed's Hall Olympics). With the help of a robot, With the help of a robot, With the help of a robot, Paul scored multiple baskets in a tight loss.

Paul has been described by some women as "rugged" and "a big teddy bear." Let's face it, ladies, who wouldn't want to go on a date with a big, rugged, teddy bear? He's the complete package — an athlete, a scholar, and a gentleman.

Contact Sam Werner at swerner@nd.edu if you're interested (and, really, why wouldn't you be?).

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IN BRIEF

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Co. will be performing "Othello" today at 8 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. Tickets can be purchased for $5 at the LaFortune Box Office or at the door.

A lecture entitled "Culture of Life and the Catholic University" will be held today at 1 p.m. in the Sorin Room in the LaFortune Student Center. It will be presented by John O'Callaghan, pastoral teaching on life issues.

A documentary made by Notre Dame alums called "The Road to Fooada" will be on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune Student Center. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Allan C. Carlson, president of Howard Center for Family will be giving a lecture Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140 of DeBartolo Hall on his book, "The Third Ways." He will discuss Family Centered Economics and why it disappeared.

There will be a panel discussion entitled "What direction is Catholic education heading?" on Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center student lounge. Students and faculty are invited to attend and participate in the conversation.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observerquestions@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS

In the April 8 edition in the story entitled "SMC class quack poll height ignites controversy," it was stated 99 juniors could live in LeMans. The quote for LeMans is actually 180 juniors. The Observer regrets the error.

OFFBEAT

Cash stash in bra stops bullet from piercing heart

SÃO PAULO — Police say a wad of cash stuffed in a woman's bra saved her life after a strange one when a bomb squad found out that a suspicious package outside the Washington County Sheriff's Office contained a prosthetic leg. Sheriff's Sgt. Vance Stimler said the packages called the Portland bomb squad out to Hillsboro Sunday afternoon after noticing a cans' bag with a cylinder-shaped object sticking out.

With the help of a robot, the bomb squad quickly discovered the object was not an explosive. Stimler said deputies still don't know whose leg was in the bag, or why it was placed in front of the sheriff's office.

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Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

Students stand in line to order food at Reckers on Tuesday.

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Newspaper program faces issues

Student government discusses cost concerns, lack of newspapers

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Student body president Grant Schmidt and chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said they have received a few complaints in recent weeks about a lack of newspapers with The Collegiate Readership Program.

The program, which was implemented to Notre Dame in the fall of 2006, supplies The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune and USA Today to students in free locations across campus.

"We spoke to our local contact Megan Cox, who is the regional marketing manager at USA Today in Chicago," Brellenthin said. "She then explained to us the situation of what had happened."

"Student government signed a contract, which allocates a budget for the number of papers they will consume each year. Based off the general consumption, the paper will tweak the number of copies delivered in order to maximize usage while still falling within the budget."

"Basically, we take a hands-off approach to managing papers per location," Schmidt said.

This year, there was an extremely high level of paper consumption in the fall due to the election. For this reason, USA Today allocated a large number of papers before and after the election. In other years, interest in the paper would normally taper off towards the end of fall. Schmidt noted that they adjusted from the high elections season numbers to lower spring non-election numbers in a sharp manner, which resulted in an apparent drop in paper sales.

According to USA Today’s web site, which allows students to obtain copies of their desired newspapers throughout the day. The reason for students noticing a lack of papers in the dining halls after a certain hour, has to do with the dining hall’s plans for vending machines. USA Today uses the excess newpapers as a way of keeping track of student usage of the paper, providing data to Notre Dame about students’ consumption patterns.

The Collegiate Readership Program was developed in 1997 at Penn State by University president Graham Spanier. Their program enjoyed so much success that it became a prototype for programs around the country. Since then, the program has been implemented at over 500 universities around the country.

According to the USA Today web site, while the program is mainly a campus initiative, there are a few components of the program that are the same at every participating school. These include the standard distribution of three different newspapers to the school, access to online academic resources for use in and out of the classroom, marketing and recycling.

At Notre Dame, the newspapers are distributed at six locations, which include North and South dining halls, the LaFortune Student Center, the Mendoza College of Business, the Joyce Center and the Hesburgh Library.

Schmidt said the dining halls are traditionally the two areas where papers are consumed the fastest, so they are looking into distributing an appropriate amount of papers to those locations.

There are over 300 local and national newspapers that have partnered with USA Today to bring the program to campuses. For the upcoming school year, Brellenthin said they are looking to have more frequent contact with USA Today in order to be notified when drastic changes occur.

Brellenthin also said the Schmidt-Weber administration is looking to fill the position of Director of the Collegiate Readership Program, which will be a hands-on manager of the program from the University’s end.

"This program is a unique service," Schmidt said. "It is a benefit and convenience for students and will hopefully be sustained."

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Summer Sessions are open to both male and female students.

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

The African Student Association (ASA) announced this week that Africa week kicked off yesterday and will continue until Sunday.

The ASA, the African Faith and Justice Network and the Kellogg Institute’s Ford Program are sponsoring this year’s Africa Week activities.

Brigitte Githinji, ASA president, said the long series of events is to broaden and enhance the Notre Dame community’s perception of Africa.

"The event’s goal is to teach people about Africa because I think the information they have right now is skewed," Githinji said. "People make assumptions, and what our club does is inform them that there is progress there; it’s not just poverty and diseases. We try to give them a more well-rounded view."

Africa Week is the ASA’s signature event, and the group spent all semester planning it. "We all work all year organizing it. We plan the whole year before and we’re just constantly planning," Githinji said. "It’s a group effort and the whole club works together in planning different committees which then come together to work on each day’s event."

Proceeds from the week’s events will go to the Battery Operated System for Community Outreach Uganda Relief (BOSCOR), a group that sends former child soldiers in the LRA internally displaced persons camp in Northern Uganda.

"This week is going to be about giving students the ability to learn about Africa and its culture in a different way," Githinji said. "It’s an opportunity to educate our students on topics, including the experiences of a Kenyan lawyer and a Kenyan lawyer who is an American committed to academic excellence, ethical leadership and a sense of giving back to the greater community, through partnerships with organizations such as Notre Dame and Mendoza College."

"The ASA works to show that Africa is more than poverty, more than disease, more than what you see on the Discovery Channel," she said. "You just need to look at the big picture. That’s what this week does."

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The African Student Association’s annual Africa Week started this week, offering events and food in LaFortune’s Dooley Room and a screening of the Academy Award-winning movie “Tsotsi” in the Mongomery Auditorium.

Today, two lectures will take place. The first, titled By the Fireside, will discuss several incredible experiences of a Kenyan lawyer and a Kenyan lawyer who is an American committed to academic excellence, ethical leadership and a sense of giving back to the greater community, through partnerships with organizations such as Notre Dame and Mendoza College. Jay already has accumulated a couple of honorary degrees, but he’s not done. I’m confident that he will continue to do so with grace and compassion.

In addition to the MBA fellowship, the program provides need-based scholarships worth $2,000 each, with preference given to minority students. The award is given to students with excellent college records who are part of a traditionally underrepresented population and who demonstrate financial need.

The final component of the fellowship is a $10,000 Baird Fellowship, to be awarded to an outstanding graduate student from an MBA program, annually includes an MBA Fellowship at Notre Dame. The fellowship's purpose is to provide financial support to outstanding students pursuing advanced degrees in business. The fellowship is open to both domestic and international students.

For the first year, the University of Chicago Business School Undergraduate Women in Business Association has been selected to receive the funding.

African week now underway at ND

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Get your summer started right at one of the 33 Arts Colleges in the nation.

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America's Best Colleges, 2009
By LIZ O’DONNELL
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The College Readerhip Program and student government's role in contacting the class of 2013 were two items of discussion at Tuesday’s Council of Representatives (COR) meeting.

Chief of staff Ryan Brehlstein said the costs for The Chicago Tribune, one of the three newspapers involved in the program, will rise nearly 250 percent an issue next year.

Brehlstein asked the council for their input on whether or not they believed the paper should be kept as a part of the program, or if they should look into other options.

Josie Brown, president of the class of 2009, said the committee should possibly look into asking for more money to be put into the budget for the program.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said this option may not be feasible due to the tight budget student government is currently on.

Instead, COR members agreed there is a need for a used paper rack to be added to each of the dining halls. With the addition of these racks, it is the student government's hope members of the undergraduate population will recycle papers for later use by other students.

Overall, the members of the council felt that student government should look into options other than cutting the Chicago Tribune out of the program.

"Current usage demonstration that people use the paper," student body vice president Cynthia Weber said in reference to the percentage of daily usage, which is estimated at 272 copies.

The Chicago Tribune is the least consumed out of the three newspapers in the College Readership Program at Notre Dame, with students consuming an average of 394 copies of the New York Times per day as well as an 401 copies of USA Today.

COR members also looked at ways in which student government could reach out to members of the class of 2013 before they came to campus during the meeting.

"It would be beneficial for us to contact the incoming freshman," Schmidt said. "This is like a sort of branding thing for student government."

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
Group addresses readership issues

President of Judicial Council Ian Sevciar said it was important for members of student government to reach out so new students would have a chance to understand what the organization was all about.

"It is important that we are changing our opinions early and often," Sevciar said. "We are leaders and need a united front."

One of the ways the council discussed was the incoming class was to place a student government card inside one of the various organization packets students receive before coming to campus.

Class of 2015 president Chris Tillett said the group should explore the possibility of sending out an e-mail.

Gus Gari, the director of external affairs said student government should look into the idea of creating a logo specifically for student government.

"The logo would give us a way of branding ourselves like the Student Union Board has," said Gari. "It would bring everything that we do together."

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Ex-ill. governor pleads not guilty

By JERRY MAGUIRE

Chicago — Ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich pleaded not guilty Tuesday to racketeering and fraud charges. The trial is set for August.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

North Korea restarts nuclear program

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it had restarted a nuclear reactor at its main nuclear complex, in a move that could bring the reclusive nation back into a tense nuclear weapons standoff with the United States.

The announcement could have serious implications for the 2011 nuclear talks in Beijing, as North Korea was granted the status of a nuclear power under the six-party talks that ended in 2009.

U.S. journalist retained in Iran

A federal judge in Chicago ordered the release of a New York Times reporter imprisoned in Iran, saying there was no evidence to support the government's claim that she was responsible for the death of a nuclear scientist.

North Korea said it had no jurisdiction to rule on the case of American journalist Demjanjuk, who is accused of being an accessory to war crimes.

President Barack Obama has asked the U.N. Security Council to consider the case of the American journalist who has been held in North Korea since his arrest in 2009.

Kenya

Somali pirates continue hijack spree

Bandits take more than 60 hostages, seize four more ships on Tuesday

The Somali pirates have continued their hijack spree, seizing four more ships and taking more than 60 hostages.

On Tuesday by a federal court, shortly before the deadline for the payment of a $5 million ransom, the pirates set free the Dutch freighter MV Koningschip.

The pirates have vowed to continue their violent attacks on international shipping in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

The latest attack came as the international community called for a coordinated response to the piracy in the region.

Local News

Alcohol tax proposal taken from bill

The House of Representatives took up a bill to increase the state's alcohol tax and remove the 18 percent sales tax on groceries.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., was defeated after a vigorous debate in which Democrats argued that the proposal would hurt working-class families.

Price said the increased alcohol tax would be used to fund schools and infrastructure projects.

Court halts deportation of Nazi guard

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday halted the deportation of a former SS officer under a law that allows for the removal of non-citizens.

The court ordered that the deportation of Himmler be stayed, pending a decision on the merits of the case.

Judges on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled in May that the law was unconstitutional.

News & Observer Staff Writer

Cincinnati

The Associated Press

The government planned to continue

its legal battle in court, said Justice Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney.

An arrest warrant in Germany claims Demjanjuk (pronounced dem-janjuk) was an accessory to some war crimes.

The case has dragged on for years, with the government appealing a lower court's decision in May that the evidence was insufficient to prove Demjanjuk's guilt.

Justice Department spokeswoman Sweeney said the government was reviewing the decision and considering an appeal.

The trial is scheduled to begin in late October in a German federal court.

Demjanjuk had been a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

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Obama’s stance on the protection of life — including issues like abortion and stem-cell research — are seen by some to be in violation of a 2004 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops document titled “Catholicos in Political Life.”

In his March 29 statement, D’Arcy wrote: “President Obama has recently reaffirmed, and has now placed in public policy, his long-stated underlying illiberalism to hold human life as sacred. While claiming to separate policies from science, he has in fact separated science from ethics and has brought the American government, for the first time in history, into supporting direct destruction of innocent human life.”

According to an April 11 South Bend Tribune report, a spokesperson for the diocese office named the anti-Notre Dame and anti-O’Mara protest scheduled for 10 a.m. Good Friday in Fort Wayne, which was organized by anti-abortion activist Randall Terry, as one of the demonstrations in question.

Although Terry’s efforts were not specifically mentioned in D’Arcy’s statement, Terry released a response on his Web site, stopabortionomara.com, accusing the bishop of issuing contradictory statements on the Obama controversy. According to the South Bend Tribune report, Terry’s Good Friday demonstration drew at least 30 participants.

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PSA launched the campaign demanding the University be held in the fall because they claim Notre Dame is “invested” in the company, who continuously disregards the principles that Notre Dame University stands for. The group said in a letter to President Fr. John Jenkins, “HEI Hotels and Resorts has repeatedly undermined the dignity of their employees and denied their fundamental right to organize in an environment free from fear, intimidation, and persecution.”

Malpass said HEI supports unions, but not the method of unionizing for which PSA is advocating.

“They’re pushing for a card check neutrality method when the law requires a secret ballot,” he said. “So the company is not anti-union at all. They’re happy to have unions; it’s the mechanism used to get unions that is contested.”

Malpass said card check neutrality is a method in which employees are required to obtain 50 percent plus one of employees to sign a card on a card to be recognized as a union by the company. But the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) requires that a secret ballot be administered to all employees to vote on whether they will unionize.

Malpass said the secret ballot method is more democratic because the card check method does not require all employees to be asked, so some employees can be disenchanted from the process.

“The company is very ethical. It has tremendous principles that we are guided and I’m disappointed.”

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and uphold the promise of inclusion statement,” Tighe said.

A person who signs the banner is expected to “promote an inclusive spirit here on campus,” he said.

Wednesday evening, the film “prayers for Bobby,” which was released in January as a lifethreatening story, was screened at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The film chronicles the story of a young gay man who is disowned by his mother when he comes out. The man eventually commits suicide, and the film deals with the aftermath of his death for his family, including his mother, who eventually works as an advocate for gay rights.

“It's a pretty powerful movie,” Dunn said.

StaND Against Hate Week t-shirts will be distributed from noon-2 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall Thursday. Those t-shirts are intended to be worn Friday during the National Day of Silence in support of those who are affected by hate-speech.

The Day of Silence is a “movement that started several years ago to encourage people to stand in solidarity with people who feel that they are harassed and discriminated against because of their sexual orientation,” Dunn said.

The day coincides with the federal government’s release of statistics related to hate crimes and school settings, according to Dunn.

Dunn encourages people to wear the t-shirts distributed Thursday in honor of the Day of Silence on Friday. During the Day of Silence, a silent procession will walk with crosses in the banners signed Tuesday and today from the Main Building to the Log Chapel. The procession will conclude with a prayer service at the Log Chapel around 3:15 p.m., according to Dunn.

“We tried to the StaND Against Hate Week to coincide it the Day of Silence,” Dunn said. “There’s a connection with persons throughout the nation who are victims of intolerance and hate-speech and, sometimes, tragic hateful actions.”

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Executive pleads guilty in UBS tax case

MIAMI — The second U.S. citizen charged in a wide-ranging tax probe of Swiss banking, giant UBS AG pleaded guilty Tuesday to a false tax return to conceal a secret account at the Swiss bank holding more than $3 million.

Robert Moran, president of Fort Lauderdale-based Moran Yacht and Ship, entered the plea in federal court early Tuesday. The 57-year-old Moran, who reached a plea deal with prosecutors, faces up to three years in prison when sentenced on June 26.

Prosecutors said Moran, failed on his tax return to report his interest in a UBS account and did not report any income earned on the account, which was in the name of a Panamanian shell company called Winter Drive Investments.

Moran is the second U.S. citizen charged since February, when UBS turned over dozens of names of account holders suspected of concealing income from the Internal Revenue Service in a deferred prosecution agreement. A Boca Raton accountant currently free on $12 million bail is scheduled to enter a plea next week to similar charges.

Deere to reorganize, cut 200 jobs

PITTSBURGH — Deere & Co. said today it plans to combine operations that make its farm machinery and tractors with another unit that manufactures products like riding lawn mowers, resulting in about 200 job cuts.

The world's largest maker of farm machinery said the restructured unit will help it better meet customer needs, cut costs and boost global sales of products like riding mowers.

Sales of such products has flagged as the global economic downturn has slowed spending and made it harder to get loans. And while Deere's farm machinery sales have been strong, the company has slashed its 2009 earnings outlook.

The company's agricultural equipment division, with sales of about $3.26 billion, accounted for about 63 percent of total revenue for the first quarter ended Jan. 31, while sales of $558 million from its commercial and consumer equipment unit represented some 11 percent.

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at work to remind himself to keep his energy under control, and "to get me through the day." Prince eventually went on to discuss the future of the music business, but "knew that I had yet to express my own voice, and my own voice was not rock." After going to Russia for vacation, Prince was introduced to a mode of "embarrass­ant" style that helped him come into his own as a direc­tor.

"Seeing a cur­tain of light that was instead of a curtain and that's something that I never dreamed could happen," Prince said, when he spoke to the use of smoke and dynamic, resonant sound changes also spoke to him.

I saw the show and thought, yes, there is a lesson in all of this. You've got to get back to you," Prince said. "I found a voice.

"You might think that it's all been gray, but it hasn't," Prince said. "There've been long dry patches in my life... but I've ousted it..."

Prince said a key component in his success as a producer and director has been luck. "What I've described you is a very lucky life," the 81-year-old Prince said. "It's very lucky to be born when you were born. I'm glad that I lived when I lived." Prince said he was fortunate to be introduced to rock music.

"It's lucky to be exposed to val­uable right to the education and to know to take advantage of that education," he said. The luck of an education, what the time has changed in the theater business due to its high social responsibility. Instead of funding new shows, the industry revives old ones, he said.

Despite his numerous suc­cessful shows, "I'm certain that one of those shows could raise the necessary funding to be produced today," he said. "It's easy to revive something that you wouldn't put on in the first place, which is a very painful truth." However, Prince said econ­omic change might end up being beneficial.

"We have to have a moment to go back and think what the theater was at its best," Hal Prince Tony Award winner

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Maura Costello, the contact for the Foundation's fundraising efforts, is hoping to see the event become a regular in the Notre Dame community. "I think the Marathon has the potential to be a great fund­raiser and awareness initiative," she said.

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Megan Towle, Notre Dame '07, told The Observer in a February 2007 article the Foundation's main goal is providing children a safe home, serving as an outreach process and return a charity program.

The minimum fundraising amount is $500, and there are three outlined fundraising cate­gories with commitments to raise $50, $75 and $100 per mile. She can be reached at monetouchinglifelines.org.

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N.J. Gov. to legalize gay marriage

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.—New York Gov. David Paterson plans to introduce legislation this week to legalize same-sex marriage, reversing a bill that died in 2007 and still faces strong opposition despite a new Democratic majority in the state Senate.

Paterson, talking to reporters Tuesday in Hempstead, N.Y., said: "There is a clear will in New York, when gay and lesbians in civil unions are under legal civil protections such as health care and pension rights because they are not married.

"The timing was always right," he said, "but it's willing to take that step, and I am," Paterson said. "I think it is, as other states are showing, the only ethical way to treat peo­ple who want to live together in peace under the law.

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Archbishop urges New Yorkers to embrace faith

NEW YORK — Archbishop-designate Timothy Dolan on Tuesday urged New Yorkers to give up fear and embrace faith in the first of two services installing him as the city’s Roman Catholic leader — the most prominent post in the American church.

In his sermon, the former Milwaukee archbishop said Jesus does not force open people’s hearts, but waits for them to accept him. He built the homily around a central moment in the ceremony, when he knocked on the doors of St. Patrick’s Cathedral before entering.

“That’s the ultimate question,” Dolan said to the 1,500 well-wishers in the pews. “Will we open up in faith, hope and love to the God who gently knocks on the door of our being, asking Him to live with us? Or will fear, self-absorption, and darkness keep us locked up in ourselves?”

“The church is at her best, faithful to her mission,” he said, “when she invites people to open the door and ask Jesus in.”

Dolan, 59, succeeds New York Cardinal Edward Egan, 72, who is retiring after nine years.

The New York archdiocese is the nation’s second-largest after Los Angeles, yet is the most visible face of American Catholicism, and has been led by prelates who were giants inside and outside the church. Among them is Cardinal Francis Spellman, who was so influential in New York politics that his residence was dubbed “the powerhouse.”

Cardinal John O’Connor was the most forceful U.S. Catholic voice in the public debates of his era, especially on abortion.

At the start of Tuesday night’s prayer service, Dolan grinned broadly and waved to well-wishers outside the cathedral. The ceremony calls for him to knock on St. Patrick’s door nine consecutively times. He broke up the knocks into two sets instead — six, then three more at the prompting of an aide.

Dolan, a burly man, said, “Thanks for opening the door wide enough for me to get in.” When he sat in the archbishop’s chair for the first time, which was adorned with his episcopal coat of arms, he quipped, “It’s very comfortable.”

A St. Louis native and the oldest of five children, Dolan is known in his native Irish for his fluent Irish, which he has used in public appearances. He said, “He’s the bishop of New York, but he represents the Irish in the city — he’s the shepherd, he’s not Irish, he’s Christ.”

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Early last semester, fellow columnist/concerned citizen/love guru Bob Keeler penned an amusing and provocative piece on the Saint Mary's Exemplar bidet. In it, he suggested a few alter-native uses for the $20,000 equitably distributed to the Board’s members, among them building a beer fart and installing the dumAs (I support the dorm room ball pit plan, for the record). Things were pre-sumably resolved following the controvers-ey, and the world went on spinning as usual. I say “presumably” because actually know-ing the outcome of the story would imply I read articles outside of the Viewpoint, which is patently false. In any event, graduating seniors have started receiving mail asking for dona-tions to the senior class. Before I go any further, let me say that this is a worthy cause in my mind, given all that the university has done for us in our four years. Unlike the Saint Mary’s cash, which will be used to establish an endowed professorship, the senior legacy fund does not appear to be shabby in any obvious manner. This year’s class gift will go toward establishing an “internship assistance endowment” that will allow stu-dents to defray some of the cost of spending the summer after their junior year in the white collar world’s version of indentured servitude. Still, as they are time-limited, I hear they don’t last too long. Last October, I was delighted to find an extensive feature in the South Bend Tribune in which the author made reference to the South Bend skyline. As a first-year student, I was surprised to learn that the skyline, which I had thought was relatively unremarkable, was actually quite stunning. I was also pleased to discover that the skyline was not only aesthetically pleasing, but also a source of inspiration for many artists. The author, whom I am not sure of the name, went on to describe the skyline as a symbol of the city’s rich history and culture. I was particularly struck by the way in which the skyline was depicted in various works of art, including paintings and sculptures. I was also impressed by the way in which the skyline was used to convey emotions and ideas, such as hope and freedom. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of art in our society. Too often, art is seen as a mere tool for self-expression, but in this case, it served as a means of communicating important messages about the city and its people. The author’s essay was a testament to the power of art to inspire and move people. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in the history and culture of South Bend.
Church was not misrepresented

I would like to respond to Ellen Burns' April 8 letter criticizing ND spokesperson Kathleen Donahue. The point is that Donahue misrepresented the Church's teaching on the death penalty in saying that there was more "room for leeway" on the question, and Burns implies that this "misrepresentation" was motivated by political bias. In response, I would like to quote a letter written by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict) to the archbishop of Washington, D.C., addressing the subject in his capacity as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: "Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. For example, if a Catholic were to be at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment ... he would not for that reason be considered unworthy to present himself to receive Holy Communion. While the Church exterds civil authorities ... to exercise execration and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible... to disagree with the civil punishment", Ratzinger justifies the diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia. Ratzinger says that the death penalty, in any event, is not an intrinsic moral evil; while Pope John Paul II gave his opinion that its application in most circumstances in first-world nations is unreasonable, it is incorrect to elevate this opinion of his to the level of a doctrine or dogma. I would say, therefore, that Donahue was mostly accurate in her presentation of the Church's views.

John Gerard

The Observer

Does Notre Dame need a union?

First of all, I would like to thank the students of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) and the faculty and staff supporting our campus service workers. I honestly believe that with their persistence on behalf of us there have been some positive changes within our department of Building Services. For example, we now have an awe-inspiring director and fortunately have a new associate director. Of course, continuous improvement takes time. For example, when a supervisor fails to treat their staff with fairness and respect, trust and productivity are eroded. Unfortunately, this may be a legitimate fear, and afraid to speak up. Others will complain about the problem but never bring the issue forward. In such a case it is imperative that senior leadership seek out patterns of concern and halt the negative consequences of a poor supervisor. Does Notre Dame Building Services need a union? I don't think so. I would provide that ineffective supervision is pro-hibited and staff are free to honestly voice their concerns. So, I say to my fellow coworkers don't be afraid to speak up! You have that right!

Mary Beth Sosa

Building Services

Unions provide a voice

In his letter, "Unions Cause More Harm than Good," April 2 Mark Easley asserts that collective bargaining is simply a way for employees to bully their employers into unreasonable contracts. However, this is not the case. What Easley fails to notice is that workers don't seek unions when they are satisfied with their relations with their employers; they seek them when they are mistreated and feel that their need are ignored. Employers, not employees, are often the bullies, firing workers without reason, cutting hours without giving benefits, not respecting seniority in layoffs, firing employees because of their background, and showing no interest in getting to know the employee. The function of a union is not to be a "mob set out to bully the employer," but to provide a platform on which workers and employers can negotiate on equal footing. It is very possible for unions and employers to coexist peacefully, and many businesses are doing well with unionized workers. What I found most appalling about Easley's letter was his assertion that if workers want to make more money, they simply need to get a "new job, increase their skill set by going back to school, or look for a better career." The naivité of this statement is astounding. For most low income workers, none of these suggestions are even options. First, many people work multiple jobs and still find themselves living lifestyles far below middle class comfort, often in poverty. Also, the suggestion of a low wage worker going back to school is unreasonable. School takes time (meaning they can't have that sec­ond job Easley suggested) and money, which low wage workers simply don't have to spare. A union is the way for workers who feel slighted at their place of employment to bargain for fair wages, benefits, and better working conditions, so that they don't have to get a second job or take more work hours in order to provide for their families and try to live a comfortable life.

Liz Furman

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Prices: $7-12
10 Words or Less: Solid Indian food, excellent lunch buffet deal.

Taj Indian Restaurant was very new. Luckily, I had a seasoned guide who was very familiar with a few of the tastes, but most of my experience at Taj Indian Restaurant in Mishawaka was very quiet. Service and ambiance can be described as minimalist. The way Taj is set up seems to subtly point the diner's attention to the food. At the lunch buffet, an inconspicuous spread is set up in the back of the restaurant, with simple plates and succinct labels. I was told that the chicken curry would be a good fulcrum for the meal, and it ended up being one of the best parts. This saturated boneless chicken is slowly cooked in a finely spiced gravy-like curry with tastes of onion, tomato, and ginger. Paired with the aromatic long-grained basmati rice, the chicken curry was an excellent food to serve as a primer for tastes buds that are very familiar with Indian food. Next at the buffet was the chicken tikka masala (marinated and tandoori chicken), a dish cooked in a tandoor oven made of brick or clay, which uses a smoky open flame) in a tomato based sauce and light cream. This chicken was marinated in yogurt with herbs and spices. The chicken itself was not as palatable as the more standard chicken in curry, but paired with the peas pulao (basmati rice flavored with peas and different spices), the chicken tikka masala was a good shift from the other spices. The sides were an excellent complement to the main entries. The saag paneer (chopped spinach with homemade cheese, garnished with light cream) and the band's current single "Cupid's Chokehold." Since then, the band has headlined international tours, spent two summers on the main stage at the Vans Warped Tour and released two CDs. Gym Class Heroes refuses to define themselves to one genre of music, touring with indie rock and pop-punk bands like Fall Out Boy as well as hip-hop acts. Instead of using looped samples or beats, the band features live music along with MC Travis McCoy's wry lyrics and tongue-in-cheek humor. Songs like "Clothes Off" and the band's current single "Cookie Jar" (featuring The-Dream, who penned Rihanna's smash hit "Umbrella") are showcases Gym Class Heroes' hip-hop origins, while "7 Weeks" and "Live Forever" expose a layer of deeper meaning that many contemporary artists have abandoned. Besides all that, they're one of the best live acts touring today. If that wasn't enough, Boston duo Camp Cope will be opening for Gym Class Heroes. The band's upcoming album, "Love the Future" is one of the most anticipated CDs of 2010.

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By JOEY KUHN
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This Saturday night, Umphrey’s McGee returns to South Bend to play at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Umphrey’s was formed on campus at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, and four members of the band are Notre Dame graduates. Their most recent album “Manikii,” released in January, has been heralded as “their most progressive, melodic and artistically cohesive album to date” by Amazon.com.

“Umphrey’s has achieved a significant level of popularity by constant touring, including several appearances at the Bonnaroo Festival in Tennessee, opening in large amphitheaters around the country for the Dave Matthews Band, and headlining their own shows from coast to coast and in Europe and Japan,” Peter Kernan of Pacific Coast Concerts said.

Umphrey’s is best classified as a jam band in the tradition of the Grateful Dead, Phish and Dave Matthews Band. Nevertheless, their sound is definitely their own. Most of their songs feature complex arrangements and rhythmical innovation, including the use of odd time signatures. One of their trademarks is their ability to stop and start on a dime, completely changing the direction of a song in an instant without missing a beat. The band also features dual frontmen in Brendan Bayliss and Jake Cinninger, adding variety to their live shows. Probably the biggest name in music to come out of Notre Dame or South Bend in the last 20 years (with the possible exception of Ted Leo), the members of Umphrey’s still maintain strong ties to the University. Brendan Bayliss is the son of Notre Dame men’s tennis coach Bobby Bayliss, and members of Jake Cinninger’s family are employed at Notre Dame. The band tours in the South Bend and Chicago areas frequently.

The last time Umphrey’s played in South Bend was on Sept. 5, 2008, in St. Patrick’s Park. Bayliss gave an interview to The Observer before the show in which he recollected meeting the original bassist for Umphrey’s in the basement of Keenan Hall. The band started out playing at Mickey’s Pub, which is now known as Finnegan’s, as well as the Oyster Bar and other local venues.

At the St. Patrick’s Park concert, Umphrey’s pulled out all the stops to make the show spectacular, and one can expect more of the same at the Morris this Saturday. The band’s live act focuses on lengthy improvisational forays in which the band members dazzle the audience with both their technical chops and their artistic passion. Complex lighting displays help induce an overall effect of psychedelia. Despite Umphrey’s reputation as a jam band, though, they do not succumb to looking like Grateful Dead wannabes, as their musical influences range from Pink Floyd and Frank Zappa to Led Zeppelin and The Beatles.

Tickets for the show are $25.50, all seats reserved, and are available at the Morris box office by phone at (574) 235-9190 or at www.morriscenter.org.

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By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Before I begin, let me just say that I love the food in the dining hall. Sure, I get tired of it sometimes, just like everyone else, but for the most part, the food is much better than it could be, and much better than it is at other schools. In fact, as I have overheard many a tour guide say, Notre Dame’s dining halls are rated the second-best in the country, and I could not disagree. Having said this, I have one and only one request—berries.

I do not mean the occasional strawberry topping that comes with angel food cake. I also do not mean the pie filling that comes from a can next to the waffle station. I am talking about fresh berries that would exponentially improve the fruit choices given to Notre Dame students.

Not only are there a wide variety of berries to choose from, such as blueberries, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries, these fruits are so universally loved that they would be a sure-fire hit each time they appeared.

Even more than the wonderful taste, berries would offer a plethora of options for dining hall diners to be creative and make dishes that would increase the already wide variety of food choices offered. In addition to eating the berries alone, they would make great toppings for desserts, can be a valid addition to one’s everyday bowl of cereal, or could be combined with the vanilla yogurt offered daily to make a parfait dessert of which lookers could not help but be jealous.

Coming from someone who has a very difficult time choosing a salad instead of a corn dog, berries would also be a delicious way to add healthy foods to one’s diet. The USDA now recommends that both males and females between ages 19 and 30 eat two cups of fruit each day, and what better way to reach that goal than to eat something as delicious as a parfait?

According to the Berry Health Benefits Network, each type of berry has its own unique set of health benefits beyond the normal vitamins that each contains. For instance, strawberries can help prevent such illnesses as heart disease and cancer, as the body uses the antioxidants which make the strawberries red. Raspberries have antioxidants as well, but are also being used in Japan as a weight-loss supplement. And blueberries seem to have been shown to have the highest levels of antioxidants, and can also help lower one’s cholesterol, which can help prevent heart disease and stroke.

Now, I understand that Notre Dame is in South Bend, Ind., and that the weather here is not exactly optimal for the growing of fresh berries (or for much of anything, for that matter). I also understand that the University strives to serve as much locally-grown food as possible. I am not convinced, however, that all of the food served in the dining halls comes from the greater South Bend area, which means that berries could be imported from other, more fertile places in the United States.

Please, Food Services, hear my request. You have done a wonderful job of creating many eating establishments that serve our campus well, and, in particular, you have done an incredible job with the two dining halls. I see only one thing as lacking, and have shown all of the benefits that this one addition would bring. We just want our berries.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Irish come up short in narrow loss at 'Cuse
By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Despite a 10-point second-half rally, the No. 10 Irish fell one goal short in their 1-13 loss to No. 8 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome, as senior midfielder Shaylin Blaney's last-minute attempt was blocked by the Orange defense.

The Irish (11-3, 4-2 Big East) were down 12-3 at the half but came back to outscore the Orange (10-3, 5-1) 2-10 in the second period. Blaney led comeback with four goals, three in the second half. Senior captain Jillian Byers added three goals and an assist in the game, along with sophomore midfielder Attie Gacesa. Blaney scored her third goal of the day at 23:45 to bring the game to 13-3.

After Blaney's jump-started the Notre Dame attack just more than a minute into the half as she scored an assist on an uncharacteristic miss from Stewart. Ab's first goal came with only 25 seconds left in the second half as she took a shot from the pack to net her shot at 26:34. Quillinan broke the Syracuse Dome run briefly with her third goal of the day at 23:45 to bring the game to 13-4.

In the final draw, the Irish standard bearers and set up their one-goal lead and worked the ball to Blaney, who turned around and left and Keena followed by senior attack Maggie Tamasitis.

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ARGENTINA'S professional golfer Angel Cabrera tries on his green jacket after winning the Masters Tournament Sunday at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

Angel Cabrera wins Masters Tournament

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — There were so many ways this most thrilling of Masters could have ended.

What if Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson had carried their duel into a playoff? Now that would have turned Augusta National upside down.

Or how about Kenny Perry, the ultimate grinder, winning his first major at an age when most players are prepping for the senior tour? Boy, that would have been something.

Instead, it was a hurly burly man from Argentina who crafted an ending no one could have envisioned.

Down at the 10th green, long after Woods and Mickelson had headed for exits and dragged many of the patrons with them, Angel Cabrera barely beat the setting sun with a gimme of a putt as Perry looked on helplessly.

Cabrera holed his ball around one tree but struck another, and was fortunate to see it carom to the left and out into the fairway, a sand wedge away from the green. He knocked it up 8 feet behind the hole, and made the putt to save a remarkable par.

Perry messed up his approach and had to settle for par, too. The third member of the playoff, Chad Campbell, missed his 6-footer and the race was done in two.

Only one more hole was needed. Perry found mud on his ball in the middle of the 10th fairway, and his shot veered left of the green. Cabrera knocked his below the hole and — for perhaps the first time all day — he was finally the one in command.

Perry's chip raced past the flag, and he missed the putt coming back.

Perry didn't even get a chance to finish. Cabrera's putt stopped next to the hole. He marked it, took a quick look to make sure there was nothing on it, and calmly delivered the winning stroke on his second career major.

IN BRIEF

Pacers' Travis Diener reflects on becoming a free agent

INDIANAPOLIS — Travis Diener has enjoyed his two years as an Indiana Pacer, but that doesn't mean he'll return for a third.

The reserve point guard has a player option on the final year of his contract this offseason. He stands to make $1.7 million if he sticks around, but he'll become an unrestricted free agent if he doesn't.

Though he became a fan favorite last season for his quickness and hustle, Diener hasn't played much this season while backing up Jarrett Jack and T.J. Ford, and they both might be back for the 2007-08 campaign. Diener isn't sure what the future holds, but he's keeping his options open.

"It's something I've got to sit down with my agent about, and at the end of the day, just make the best decision that will fit me the best," he said.

New book in the works about Beckham's American career

NEW YORK — A new book will offer an up-close-and-personal take on David Beckham's American adventure.

Grant Wahl's "The Beckham Experiment," due out in July from Crown Publishing Group, draws upon interviews with Beckham, and teammates and officials at the L.A. Galaxy. The British soccer superstar signed a five-year contract reported-worth $250 million in 2007.

Wahl is a senior writer at Sports Illustrated. According to a statement from Crown, his book will look at Beckham's relationship with his Galaxy teammates, his marriage to Victoria Beckham and his friendship with Tom Cruise.

The book's release is timed to Beckham's expected return to Los Angeles, Beckham, who turns 34 in May, has been on extended loan to AC Milan.

Former Detroit Tigers' pitcher Findley found dead at 54

FIVERVILLE, Ind. — Former pitcher Mark "the Bird" Findley came to the Detroit Tigers in 1976 after going 4-1 with a 1.29 ERA the previous season with the Evansville Tripsies, their Triple-A affiliate in the American Association. After a series of injuries, he rejoined the Trips in 1980, ending 6-7 with a 3.93 ERA.

The 1976 American League rookie of the year was found dead at age 54 on Monday in an apparent accident at his farm in Massachussets.

Former Evansville catcher Steve Patchin calls news of Findley's death "just terrible."

Patchin tells the Evansville Courier & Press that Findley "worked harder than anybody he ever saw and was a "total team player."

He says, "There was no pretense about him. What you saw was what you got."
SMC GOLF

Belles grab first-round edge

Team leads with two to play in nat'l qualifier

By NATHANIEL LEE Sports Writer

No. 21 Saint Mary's cashed in on its home-course advantage in the first round of the MIAA's national championship qualifier. The Belles, with a +325, 13 strokes ahead of second-place Olivet. Three rounds total will determine the league's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Div. III Championships, and the Belles earned the right to host the first of three rounds by finishing the fall season in second place. No. 11 Olivet earned top honors in the fall, so it will host the final two rounds next month.

"There is an advantage in being at home, and we made sure that we capitalized on that opportunity," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We will be mindful of that heading to Olivet's home course, but we beat them there last time, so we are looking forward to it."

Playing in top form, the five scoring girls from Saint Mary's all finished in the top eight on the day to top Olivet at Blackthorn Golf Club. The Belles and the field were led by sophomore Emily Gore's 4-under-par 72, highlighted by an eagle on the sixth hole. Fellow sophomore Mary Kate Boyce turned in a 7-over 84 to earn a tie for second place. "Emily Gore had an outstanding game," Hamilton said. "She had been out for a while and hadn't played much lately, so for her to return in such good form, shooting an all-time low after all her hard work, was great."

Sophomore Rosie O'Connor shot an 83 and snagged fourth place. Two strokes behind her was freshman Natalie Matuszak, who tied for sixth with an 85. In the scoring position for the Belles was senior captain Meredith Funston, whose 86 earned her a tie for eighth.

"We know we left a few strokes on the course still," Hamilton said. "There are a few things we can shore up before the next round, understanding places where you just can't miss a shot, especially at Olivet's course which has a lot of hazards. We need to be mentally tough."

At the end of all three rounds — the final two of which will be played April 24-25 in Marshall, Mich. — the team with the lowest combined score will go on to represent the MIAA with the conference's automatic qualifier at the NCAA Div. III Championships in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on May 13-16.

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SMC TENNIS

Squad tries to recover from 2 losses

By KATE GRABAREK Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, fresh off back-to-back conference losses that have sent the Belles below the .500 mark, will try to dance back today at Bethel. The Belles (5-7, 1-2 MIAA) fell to Albion, 6-3, on Saturday and were blown out by Calvin, 8-1, last Wednesday. This comes after starting the conference slate with an 8-1 thrashing of Alma on March 28.

In their loss to Albion, the Belles got strong performances in singles from junior Camille Gebert and sophomores Jessica Kosinski and Betsy Reed, but consistency has eluded the young squad at times.

"It's hard to say, who will do well at each spot," sophomore Jillian Hurley said. "I am hoping everyone can give their best. We have a much stronger squad than last year, so it would be great for everyone to step it up and pull out a win."

Gebert was able to pull out her victory at No. 2 singles with a double bagel over Cassie Simmelink. "Her win was not that surprising," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "She has been improving steadily throughout the season. She won our only match against Calvin."

Kosinski won her singles flight at No. 3 singles only dropping two games, while Reed followed up at No. 4 singles by winning a tight match in three sets.

"(Reed) was playing the way she knows she can play," Campbell said. "She was able to fight back after losing the second set, and fought to pull out the third set that kept us in the match."

Again doubles was a downfall for the Belles as they lost all three flights of doubles to open the match. Bethoven head coach John Natali said doubles would be key for his team in the match against Saint Mary's.

"It is crucial for teams to win all three doubles points," Natali said. "The team that wins even two of the three doubles matches has a slight advantage heading into singles play."

The Belles were up in five of their six singles matches against Albion and were not able to pull out all of them, and that lost the match for them, Campbell said.

"We are continuing to work on improving our doubles," Campbell said. "We are also going to work on finishing our singles matches and becoming more confident. It may not always be pretty wins, but sometimes you have to win ugly."

Saint Mary's has less than a month before it heads to the conference tournament, where the Belles finished fourth overall last season. "Despite our loss to Albion we want to continue to be motivated," Campbell said. "The loss was tough but we know we are close to breaking through and that should help us the rest of the season."

The Belles will travel across town to face Bethel today at 4 p.m. and then will host Kalamazoo Saturday at 1 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles break out of slump with wins

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUĐ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's posted back-to-back sweeps of Robert Morris and Albion to end the team's two-game losing streak.

"We bumped back well because we didn't play the way we wanted to against Alma and we just wanted to have a couple of good games against a non-conference opponent with Robert Morris," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "It got us right back to the game we've been playing all year, and our hitters were hitting from the top of the lineup to the bottom."

The Belles (22-4, 6-2 MIAA) took the field Wednesday fully aware of the importance of beating non-league opponent Robert Morris for favorable playoff positioning. They dominated the Eagles (20-17, 7-3 CCAC) from start to finish, taking the twinbill by scores of 3-2 and 8-0.

Senior Cathy Kurczak and freshman Lauren Enyati led the charge for Saint Mary's in game one, driving in all three runs and giving the Belles the edge over the Eagles. Freshman hurler Monica Palicki scattered five hits over the course of seven innings to pick up the win.

In a display of confident hitting and fundamental softball, Saint Mary's crushed any chance of a split for the Eagles by winning their game two, 8-0. Enyati and Sunny Ellis picked up five hits over the course of seven innings to pick up the win.

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ROWING

Irish look solid in tune-up regatta

By BRENDAN CORSONES
Sports Writer

Despite victories against Brown, Minnesota and Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, over the weekend, Irish coach Martin Stone described his squad as "not up to speed." No. 18 Notre Dame fared well in the afternoon, capturing two race victories and improving on five of the six race times from the morning session.

Stone praised the second varsity eight, who were able to improve from their third place finish in the morning session to second in the afternoon, shaving five seconds off their time to clock in at 6:36. The Irish lost only to No. 3 Brown, by four seconds, and beat No. 20 Minnesota by 14 seconds.

The second novice eight also impressed, pulling off first-place finishes in the morning over No. 15 Ohio State and in the afternoon over Minnesota. That squad also improved its time from 7:11 in the morning to 7:04 in the afternoon.

The other squads were not as lucky, and although Stone "made some changes" and saw improvement, the first and second varsity fours could manage no better than third-place finishes in the morning and afternoon.

The first varsity four fell to Brown and Ohio State with a time of 7:54, and then in the afternoon session to Brown again and Minnesota. The second varsity four lost to the same crews in each session. The first varsity eight was beaten by Ohio State and Brown in the morning, and Brown and Minnesota in the afternoon. The Irish clocked in at 6:31 and 6:27, respectively.

Stone said the "very good" competition had much to do with the finish, and he said he still believes the two varsity four boats could be competitive in the future.

Stone was pleased with the performances of the first novice eight, however, who grabbed a victory in the afternoon session over Minnesota after falling to Ohio State in the morning. He described the novice boats as showing "a lot of promise."

Looking forward to the coming Big East championships, Stone was cautiously optimistic about the tournament saying that his squad was able to sweep all six races in last year. The Irish will be looking for their sixth straight Big East Championship, and Stone said it would be "tough to be great" in all six races as they were last year.

He mentioned Louisville and Syracuse as two teams that could dent the Irish and keep them from another Big East crown.

In regard to winning all six races, he said that if it did not happen, it would not be from lack of talent.

"Could it happen? Sure," Stone said. "Can I guarantee it? Of course not, but we have a good shot in all the races."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad shuts out Ball State after Louisiana loss

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Momentum going into the postseason is important in any sport, but it can be essential for a young team like the Irish. And No. 20 Notre Dame (12-10) took that momentum by finishing off the regular season in dominating fashion with a 7-0 win over in-state rival Ball State Monday. That victory was especially crucial after a 4-3 loss to No. 24 Louisiana Saturday, as the weekend was a microchon of an up-and-down season defined by youth and a daunting schedule.

Coming into the season we knew we were going to have some highs as well as some lows, but as long as we keep improving we thought that there was a good chance to peak at the right time," senior Brett Helgeson said.

On Saturday, Louisville captured the doubles lead as the first doubles team of Simon Childs and Viktor Maksimcuk barely upset Helgeson and Tyler Davis 9-8 (7-5). Maksimcuk followed that up with a win in second singles over Stephens Havens, bringing the score to 2-0.

Sophomore David Anderson and freshman Casey Watt tied it up with straight-set wins at sixth and third singles, respectively.

After Notre Dame dropped fourth singles but won at sixth singles, the match came down to the duel between the two highest-ranked singles players in the Big East: No. 24 Helgeson and No. 41 Austin Chils. Youth overcame experience in that battle, as the sophomore Childs took down Helgeson in the only three-set match of the day.

The Irish brought it all together for the match on Monday, as they swept both doubles and singles against Ball State. Freshman Samuel Keeton, in his first start since March 1 against Wisconsin, put together a good showing with a straight-set win at sixth singles.

No. 24 Notre Dame's next stop is in Gainesville, Fla., where the Irish will compete in the Big East championships.

"The team has really put in the hours on and off the court and I believe we are prepared to defend our title at the Big East tournament," he said.

Louisville's win on Saturday clinched the top seed, leaving Notre Dame to take the No. 2 spot. The Irish will face No. 20 Ohio State in the first round on Friday at 9 a.m.

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**Men's Golf**

Irish play well despite poor finish at Kepler

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish ended their weekend tournament on a high-note, shooting their best round of the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate on their way to a 10th-place finish.

"We struggled at [the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate]," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "Yet, we had split our starters between that event and the one that finished up in Chicago today as a preparation strategy for our Big East championship.

The women's squad also looked good, according to senior Heidi Rocha who won the 5000-meter steeplechase.

Sophomore Greg Davis took home fourth place in the hammer toss, and freshman Joe Miller claimed top honors in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

The women's squad also looked strong. As junior Jackie Espinoza and senior Heidi Rocha won the discus throw and the 5000, respectively.

"Everyone did an all-around great job," Piane said. "It's nice when we go out and perform well, but right now we're starting to focus on the Big East championships."

Other notable finishers for the women included a third-place finish from junior Elise Kistner in the javelin and sophomore Marisa Troese's second-place finish in the 1500. Sophomore Theresa Cattuna also finished third in the 5000.

The Irish return to action today and Thursday this week at the Mt. SAC Multi Event Relays in Walnut, Calif.

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"We just made plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said of the dramatic finish. "We won a couple faceoffs, and we just had guys make some plays. The most important thing was winning the faceoffs so we had possession of the ball."

Corrigan said Swezey's goal, especially, was the result of individual players taking the game into their hands.

"For Duncan's goal, in all honesty, Pete Christman did a great job," Corrigan said. "He threw a triple team and got the ball to Neil Hicks who made a very difficult catch and throw to Duncan who then made a great move and a great shot to finish it off. So there were three guys that made outstanding plays."

The Pioneers (6-6, 1-2 NWLL) opened the scoring 12:55 into the game, with a goal by Andrew Lay. The Irish responded, though, with four straight goals to claim the lead. Junior midfielder Grant Krebs and sophomore midfield Zach Bremenman scored in the opening stanza to give the Irish a 2-1 lead after one quarter.

Another goal from Lay cut the lead back to two, but senior attack Ryan Holf scored for the Irish just 22 seconds later.

With three minutes left in the first half, Krebs scored again to push the lead to 7-3. The Pioneers, though, refused to go quietly, and two goals from Ben Wahler and Mark Matthews cut the lead to 7-5 at halftime.

Denver continued its comeback attempt in the third quarter, as Matthews' second goal of the game was the only scoring in the period.

The Irish appeared to be in the clear when junior midfielder Kelly McKenna scored on a feed from Earl to make the score 8-6, but Denver's back-to-back goals tied the score and set the stage for Swezey's game-winner.

While Corrigan said he was pleased with his team's effort, he wasn't happy with the Irish defense in certain situations, such as man-down or directly off a faceoff.

"We gave up a lot of goals in a lot of different ways," he said. "And that was disappointing because I think we can do better than that."

Senior goalies Scott Rodgers made 15 saves on the afternoon to push his record to 10-0 on the season as well.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish continued to spread the ball around and create chances for multiple players. This time, it was Swezey who ended up with the hat trick, but six other Irish players have also done so this season.

"I think the best thing we've done offensively throughout the year is share the load," Corrigan said. "We've got a lot of people contributing and that does make us hard to scout I think."

Duke's upset win over Virginia in the opening round meant that Notre Dame is now the only undefeated team in the nation. Though, was quick to dismiss any significance.

"It won't matter if we lose the next three, so we're going to stay focused on trying to beat Quinnipiac Saturday."

The Irish will face the Bobcats next Saturday in Hamden, Conn.

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Frilling led the Irish doubles with a 6-4 victory, after being tied 3-3. Juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Kaili Krisik followed suit, beginning their match with a 4-4 tie, and ending victoriously 8-4. Junior Colleen Riely and freshman Shannon Matthews finished the Irish sweep with a nail-biter of a victory, 9-8.

"We have three very strong doubles teams," Tefft said. "We are close to playing to our potential. We should win all of our doubles points."

The Irish never let the Aggies truly get into the match once singles play began. No. 35 Tefft fought back in her match to take the point, 4-6, 6-1, 1-0. No. 37 Frilling then took her match easily, 6-1, 6-1, and the Irish rolled through the Aggies on their way to another victory.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Still perfect

Team edges Denver to remain undefeated

By SAM WERNER
Associated Sports Editor

With five minutes left in regulation, and the score tied 8-8, it looked as though Notre Dame’s undefeated season might be in jeopardy. Denver had just netted two straight goals, including one man-down score, and the crowd at Invesco Field was ready for their team to spoil Notre Dame’s perfect start.

The Irish, though, had other ideas.

Senior attack Duncan Sweazy’s third goal of the game broke the tie with 2:08 left in regulation, and sophomore midfield David Earl sealed the deal with another goal with 1:02 to give the No. 4 Irish (10-0, 3-0 GWL) the win in the sixth annual Rocky Mountain Showdown.

Irish senior attack Duncan Sweazy looks to make a pass during Notre Dame’s 9-7 win over Villanova on March 31. The No. 4 Irish beat Denver Saturday to remain undefeated.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Squad crushes Connecticut, sweeps Wisconsin to stay hot

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame won its sixth straight Tuesday, sweeping host Wisconsin in a non-conference doubleheader three days after wiping out conference foe Connecticut on the road.

The Irish (27-13, 9-3 Big East) topped the Badgers 5-0 and 4-2 Tuesday and the Huskies 12-4 Saturday.

Senior Brittany Bargar got the win on the mound against Connecticut, giving up three earned runs and striking out four. Bargar teamed up with sophomore Jody Valdivia for each of Tuesday’s wins.

“Both of our pitchers, Valdivia and Bargar, did really well,” junior catcher Alexa Clay said. “They really contributed to our solid defense.”

Clay, sophomore Brianna Jorgessberg and senior Beth Northway each homered against the Huskies, and senior Linda Kahan notched three hits.

“Offensively, we’ve been on fire lately,” Clay said. “It was in a hitting slump, so hitting an opposite-field home run against the wind felt really good.”

In the first game against Wisconsin, Notre Dame rallied in the seventh inning by scoring four of its five runs. Clay and sophomore Erin Marrone each contributed home runs against Wisconsin.

A successful weekend with three wins for the Irish should help to prepare them for more wins for the Irish should.

“The team is showing from our pitchers, our fielders and our catchers,” Clay said. “Everyone is doing their job, and it’ll help us get farther in the NCAA Tournament.”

Our team has really come together, and everybody contributed to the win,” Clay said. “Everyone is doing their job, and it’ll help us get farther in the NCAA Tournament.”

The Irish will take on Villanova in Villanova, Pa., for a conference contest Saturday.

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BASEBALL

Irish rained out, set to play at U.S. Cellular

By BILL BRINK
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Notre Dame’s scheduled game at Western Michigan Tuesday was canceled because of inclement weather. The Irish (12-12, 6-6 Big East) will resume action tonight against Northwestern at U.S. Cellular Field at 8 p.m.

Notre Dame lost two of three games to Cincinnati over the weekend. The Irish won the second game of a doubleheader, 7-3, in part because the Irish defense committed four errors. Sophomore Brian Dujca threw a complete game — six innings because the game was shortened for the doubleheader and the Bearcats didn’t hit in the bottom of the seventh — but gave up seven runs, six of them earned. He struck out six, tying a career high, and walked three.

Sophomore Cole Johnson kept up his stellar pitching, throwing 9 2/3 innings of balloon, but the Irish lost Friday 5-4 in 11 innings. Senior reliever Jeremy Barces walked three batters in the bottom of the 11th and allowed the Bearcats to come back from down 4-2 and win.

The Wildcats (7-23, 1-7 Big Ten) have struggled so far this season. They have two three-game losing streaks in their past eight games and at one point this season lost seven straight.

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