Economic crisis impacts student job search

Seniors must look harder for full-time employment; some turn to volunteering

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

About 24 percent of Notre Dame graduates will still be seeking employment following the ceremony in May — doubling the 12 percent of the class of 2008 who were in limbo after graduation — according to an estimate made by Career Center Director Lee Svete.

When the economy is growing, a typical Notre Dame senior could expect a job offer after interviewing with six to eight companies, but in the current downturn, that number might be 15 to 20, Svete said. However, this number will probably become more favorable as graduation approaches, as other job candidates give up and companies can more easily identify their needs with a closer start date.

Svete mentioned two reasons for why companies are cutting back. "They've lost revenue and as a result their budget has been decreased," Svete said. "There's been very little attrition at companies. Senior employees are deciding to stick around at their jobs, causing a chain reaction."

After the financial crisis devastated retirement accounts, many seniors must look harder for full-time employment, according to an estimate made by Career Center Director Lee Svete.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Sophomore Carolyn Conley will be spending her summer participating in a paid internship at PNC Bank in Pittsburgh, but said she was "lucky" to receive this position.

"A lot of really talented people really don't have internships for the summer because a lot of companies have scaled back," Conley said. "I definitely think that I was very lucky to get an internship at all let alone a paid one."

Many underclassmen students have had to adjust expectations and alter plans for the upcoming summer, because of the current economic troubles.

Companies have drastically reduced the number of intern positions they offer due to cost cuts within the company, Lee Svete, director of Notre Dame's Career Center, said. Companies that usually take five or six interns can only take one this year, he said.

Ballard earns ROTC award

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Cadet Curtis Ballard has been named as one of this year's recipients of the George C. Marshall Award.

The award, which is a national honor, is given annually to the top cadet from each of the 273 Army ROTC units from throughout the country.

With this honor, Cadet Ballard has been selected as Notre Dame's participant in the George C. Marshall ROTC Seminar.

A senior from Streamboat Springs, Colo., Ballard has served as Notre Dame's cadet battalion executive officer this semester.

This position is responsible for coordinating and synchronizing the cadet battalion staff for exercises and events, including a training exercise conducted in Michigan with four other ROTC programs.

Lieutenant Colonel Randy Crist, a commander for the Army ROTC program at Notre Dame, said, "[Ballard's] ability to form a task force on a variety of different things has kind of become the poster child for ROTC."

Awards are important to the program, Crist said. "We want to recognize the achievements of our cadets. This award is important to the program and for our cadets."
INSIDE COLUMN

How to fix Blue-Gold

What do you expect to see on Saturday at the Blue-Gold Game: a scrimmage or a football game? Saturday marks the 80th annual Blue-Gold Game at Notre Dame Stadium. For the second year in a row, the game will be decided by a quirky point system rather than a traditional scoring method. Everybody knows that a touchdown is six points, seven with the extra point, and a field goal is three, but what about how many points a team receives for making a first down? Recorded a sack? Stopping the other team for a 3 and out? And don’t even get me started on the points for an "explosive play." Just two springs ago, the Blue-Gold Game was a competitive football game between a smorgasbord of players, usually a bunch of guys nobody had heard of. Don’t believe me? Just ask 2007 Blue-Gold Game MVP, Junior Jabbie.

Two springs ago, the big question was: who’s the quarterback? Evan Sharples, Zach Frazer, Darius Jones, and highly recruited, freshman phenom Jimmy Clausen were all vying for the starting role of quarterback in a post Brady Quinn era. We all know how that story turned out.

But what can we expect to see Saturday? Everyone that attends the Blue-Gold Game will be watching the first team offense play the first team defense on every single drive. Sure, popular back-ups like Dayne Crist and Jonas Gray will find some time on the field on Saturday, but it will be the starters playing the majority of the game. What’s on the line in that?

Now, don’t get me wrong, after top two way the last five regular season games ended last season, it’s clear our starters need as much time together as they can get. But, at the spring game, I want to see the former ‘blue chip’ prospects and the guys buried on the depth chart getting some playing time instead of the same old faces.

Defenders of Charlie Weis’ mathematical system will say that last year’s game was competitive. Jimmy Clausen ended up throwing a touchdown pass in the winning seconds to Duval Kamara to win the game for the defense. But can there be a competitive fire for the players to go out and play a game instead of just going through the motions for one afternoon?

Ten of thousands of Notre Dame faithful will flock to the stadium on Saturday with many questions in mind. Was the Hawaii Bowl dominance a fluke? Will the new faces on the coaching staff make that much of a difference? Can receiver John Goodman really throw the ball 65 yards? But the question everybody should be asking is: how many points was that last “explosive play” worth?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THE DAY:

IF YOU COULD RIDE ANY ANIMAL AND NOT GET HURT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Elyse Alonzi
freshman McGlinn

"A giant cattlefish, hypothetically."

Rocky Stroud II
freshman Duncan

"A dolphin, you know why."

MC O’Donnell
freshman McGlinn

"A giraffe, ‘cuz think about how tall you’d be."

James Bishko
freshman Duncan

"Sarah Palin."

Brandon Porras
sophomore Duncan

"Miss Piggy."

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

OFFBEAT

Man punched in face after removing Cowboys flag

WASHINGTON — Police said a man was punched in the face after grabbing a Dallas Cowboys flag from a car in downtown Washington. D.C. police Lt. Eric Hayes said someone snatched the flag from a car as it was stopped in traffic Tuesday evening and apparently threw it to the ground.

Police and witnesses said that by the time the man crossed the street, someone exited the car and struck him in the face before driving away.

Police said the incident may have been motivated by team loyalty, or the motorist might not have wanted anyone to touch his car. Police said a man was taken from the scene to be treated for a bruised forehead.

Man begs to be sent to jail, judge refuses

HOLLIDAYBURG — A central Pennsylvania man begged a judge to send him to jail, only to have the judge tell him to borrow money to repay a convenience store for gasoline the man allegedly stole in six separate trips.

Jerome Banks, 42, wanted Blair County Judge Hiram Carpenter to jail him Tuesday.

Banks said he’s due to receive disability payments in about a year, but for now claims he’s broke and can’t repay the Sheetz store in Tyrone for gas he stole last June and July. Carpenter refused to accept Banks guilty plea and send him to jail. The judge told Banks he’d still owe the money after he got out of jail, so he might as well pay it off sooner — at which time Carpenter said he’ll dismiss the charges.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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BRIEF

An informational meeting for the new Economics Club will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in 209 DeBartolo Hall. All majors are welcome and pizza will be provided.

A documentary made by Notre Dame alums called "The Road to Fondwa" will screen today 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 today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140 of Delfortello Hall on his book "Third Ways." He will discuss Family Centered Economics and why it is disppeared.

The Creative Writing Program will host a tag team poetry reading today from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The 2009 "The Shirt" unveiling ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Shirts will be on sale after the ceremony.

There will be a panel discussion entitled "What direction is Catholic education heading?" on Sunday from 2:30-3:30 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 obnews@nd.edu

Gold linens and flowers decorate the basilica in celebration of Easter.

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**Online calendar needs revision**

*By SARA MERVOSH*

*News Writer*

Student Senate passed a res­olution to reevaluate the University’s online calendar, currently located at agenda.nd.edu, and discussed specific improvements needed at Wednesday’s meeting. Campus Technology Chair Walker Anderson said the two primary issues with the current calendar are accessibility to students and the aesthetic of the calendar, which is relatively inaccessible to students because the current calendar is an “integrated system to start working with each other,” Anderson said. “If we want to do this integrated sys­tem then you also have to basi­cally create new systems so that the different calendars can talk to one another.”

### In other Senate News:

- **Chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin** said the Chicago Tribune will increase its price from 35 cents to 85 cents per issue.
- **Alternative to subscribing** to subscribing the Chicago Tribune as part of the College Readership Program could be getting a local paper, like the South Bend Tribune, another region­al paper, like the Chicago Sun­Times, or using the money that was budgeted for the Chid Tribune to buy more copies of New York Times and USA Today.

- **Carroll senator Nick Roof** said the committee on residence life will be touring the basement of DeBartalo to determine the viability of using a food area in the building.

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**DAY OF SILENCE**

**APRIL 17, 2009**

Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies in schools. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO END THE SILENCE?**

The 2009 Day of Silence at Notre Dame is sponsored by:
- The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students
- The Gender Relations Center
- The University Counseling Center
- Student Government

For more information, please visit our website at corecouncil.nd.edu

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*University News*

The short-term recommenda­tions include a clarification for students who are having been drinking but seek medical attention for an intoxicated friend. The long-term recommenda­tions include a rector report to be distributed to all members of the university. The task force also found that the pillars presentations in the spring and also had NISP offi­cers visit the dorm to answer questions. He said both events were well attended and the students found them informative.

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Attention Seniors!

Noitre 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.

Deadline: 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.

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"They've lost revenue. And as a result, their full time and
Internships have been increased," Svete said. "Internships have dropped not
because of the opportunity, but because of the pay."

Sophomore Brittany Johnson has an internship this summer shadowing a pharmacist in a hospital, but has noticed the economy's effect on the inter­

'Summer internships are paid and this summer it's not paid, but I have to take
what I can get because I need

experience," Johnson said.

Johnson said she had to adjust her expectations to accommodate the state of the economy.

'Ve have to take the financial hit now and not make any
money this summer and hope­
fully get into pharmacy
school," she said.

The summer job market for
students is also suffering
because people who got laid off
have taken jobs that are typi­
cally filled by college students.

Svete said.

"It's a domino effect. When
people are getting laid off from companies... they're going out
and filling some of these jobs that are hourly rate," Svete said.

"Those jobs at the mall aren't there anymore."

Svete's advice to students who can't find an internship or job for this summer is to con­
sider volunteering, which shows
ethic and work ethic.

As a volunteer position will also provide a reference for future jobs.

As long as students can artic­
ulate what they gained from their summer experience, "employers don't care if you've made $2,000 in a summer or $10," she said.

Troubles finding internships
and jobs may have led students to consider other summer options and utilize more of the University's resources.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), which provides financial sup­
port to students wishing to do independent research, according
to their Web site, has seen an increase in applic­
tions.

"We had almost twice the
number of UROP applications that we had last year," Director
of the Institute for Scholarships in the Liberal Arts Agustin
Fuentes said.

UROP has not been able to meet the demand because
when applications are increas­
ing, endowments are down due to the economy, Fuentes said.

"Everyone's endowment is down. But ours isn't that bad," he said.

Fuentes said he does not foresee having to cut down on the number of grants given and hopes that next year, UROP will be able to give at least what it gave this year.

"We're going to do every­
things that we can to make sure that doesn't impact our sup­
port for students," he said.

According to Sarah Baer from the Office of International Studies, applications for study abroad programs this summer were strong, but acceptance
rates were lower.

"We received a greater per­
centage of declines from admitted students than we typi­
cally do," Baer said. "I think the reality of paying for the program pushed many students to decline."

Svete said the Career Center

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Colombian drug lord arrested in raid

BOGOTA — Colombia’s most wanted drug lord, who was once known as “the 99 percent dead” due to a dog under a palm tree when he was captured Wednesday in a jungle raid involving hundreds of police officers, said the 99 percent dead was a total of 99 percent dead.

Daniel Rendon Herrera, alias “Don Mat,” was taken in shackles in the capital to await possible extradition to the United States.

Rendon Herrera allegedly commanded hundreds of armed men in a private militia and directed a criminal organization that sent hundreds of tons of cocaine to the United States.

President Alvaro Uribe described Rendon Herrera, 43, as “one of the most feared drug traffickers in the world,” and called for his extradition.

Iran scientists clone female goat

ISFAHAN, Iran — Iranian scientists have created a female goat, named Hana, who directs the national police.

“Hana, named after a goat, is healthy, the institute said. Two and a half years later, that is the end,” said Dr. Mohammed Hossein Nasr e Isfahani, head of the Royan Research Institute.

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ROTC apart from an extremely 3.5 Cadet Crist said Notre Dame cadets said Notre Dame cadets, besides towards multitasking. Although he doesn’t see much iPhone use in his classroom because he teaches in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, where there is little cell phone service, a lot of his students use the Internet on laptops during class. "I don’t have a problem with students multitasking," Mandell said. "I think people are being trained to constantly multitask." "Like you have to make deci- sions Do I listen to the person I’m talking to or do I respond to a Facebook message?" he said.

"We as a university are going to start writing more and more applications ... that are smart phone friendly," he said. Although he’s been committed to any specific applications, Latimer said possible smart phone applications could include that allow students to check their grades or courses on their phones.

"The applications would be meant to make student life easier on campus, and have already been utilized by schools like Stanford University and Duke University.

An application used by another university can “tell you when your dryer is buried and your clothes are ready,” Latimer said.

“We clearly recognize that mobility is going to be key. We want to deploy more and our services that are mobile friendly,” he said.

Ted Mandell, a professor in the Film, Television and Theatre department, sees the increase in the use of iPhones and smartphones as a result of society’s shift towards multitasking.

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"If Apple had a promotion where every Notre Dame student got an iPhone and they came back over Christmas break with 10,000 new iPhone users, that would be a problem," Latimer said. "The growth has been predictable enough that we can react fast enough to that to make sure that there aren’t problems.

"We’re not going to get caught off guard," he said.

One reason that iPhone users should not have any problems is because of the high number of AT&T receptors on campus. There are 17 hidden cell phone receptors spread across campus and AT&T is on all 17, Latimer said.

Verizon also has receptors throughout campus, although they are slightly less prevalent than AT&T, he said. "Clearly, AT&T is the more aggressive of the two," Latimer said. However, he said Verizon and AT&T have "roughly equivalent" coverage on campus.

Latimer said the move towards mobility, not specifically an increase in iPhone usage, is driving an increase in antennas on campus.

Additionally, campus construction contributes to a need for more antennas. New buildings "like” "catch and absorb” cell phone signals, he said.

"If you had great reception one day and all of a sudden they build a new law school between you and that Great Hall, all of a sudden you don’t have great reception," Latimer said. Sprint and T-Mobile have no cell phone receptors on campus, which means that their customers do not get as good of service, he said.

But poor service for Sprint and T-Mobile customers is not something that he can control, Latimer said. He said cell phone companies must decide to invest in putting antennas on campus, and have already decided to not put receptors on campus. OIT can only encourage the companies to do so, Latimer said.

"There’s only so much money to go around. And it takes active lobbying and an ongoing partnership," he said. "It’s up to us to convince them to spend it on our campus.

Latimer said Notre Dame is “carrier neutral” because they would like to have receptors from all companies, but Sprint and T-Mobile decided not to put receptors on campus.

“The Sprint CEO is a Notre Dame alumnus, and we just haven’t been able to get them to bite," he said.

“We can’t say it enough. We would love to have Sprint and T-Mobile on campus, but they’re not here. Yes, there are angry students on campus. Yes, I feel sorry for them. But I can’t control that," Latimer said.

In addition to lobbying for more antennas on campus, Latimer said he plans to utilize the increase in smart phones by creating applications that could be used by Notre Dame students on their existing phones.

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Wall Street rally shows economic hope

Signs of improvement spark purchase of stocks; some experts remain cautious

NEW YORK — Investors snapped up shares of consumer product makers and financial companies Wednesday as they latched onto signs that the recession could be easing its chokehold on the economy.

Early caution gave way to a rally in the last hour of trading as investors looked for stocks that could benefit from a rebound. Technology stocks lagged after Intel Corp.'s light tempered forecast caused jitters about the corner of the market that had been buyers over the past month.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a gain of 109.44 points.

"The market may not be seeing concrete signs of a recovery, but there are specks of light that we're on the road to stabilization," said Ryan Larson, senior equity trader at Voyager Asset Management.

In Brief

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Saint Mary’s College will welcome recording artist Sara Bareilles to campus today as part of the annual SMC Tostal celebration.

Created after an Irish-inspired spring festival, SMC Tostal will celebrate the end of the academic year. SMC Tostal will host several different activities to allow students to relax and take a break.

The College’s Student Activity Board (SAB) is responsible for planning the events held throughout SMC Tostal.

“SAB plans this event every year, but the activities throughout the day have varied from year to year,” Michele Peterson, SAB president, said. “A few years ago we had fireworks and an outdoor movie. Last year, we had popular recording artist Colbie Caillat perform.”

SAB has been planning the event since last semester, according to Peterson.

“Things really started picking up about two months ago when our offer for Sara Bareilles was accepted,” Peterson said. “When this happened, we were really able to start planning the rest of the day.”

This year SMC Tostal has several new events to offer students. From 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, students can get to a photo booth, SMC Tostal has something for everyone to enjoy. The special musical guest this year will be Sara Bareilles featuring Katius, a band from Dayton, Ohio, as the opening act.

SAB worked with a booking agent from Indianapolis in order to get Bareilles to come to campus.

“We have a booking agent from Indianapolis who we contacted to find out which artists were available in our price range on April 16,” Peterson said. “Once we figured out who we wanted, we sent in an offer, which was fortunately accepted.”

SMC Tostal is held every year to offer students a chance to relax from the stresses of the end of the year. SMC Tostal is free of charge, and allows for some fun to mix up the daily routine.

“Students should go to the SMC Tostal because the end of the semester is always stressful and this gives students the opportunity to relax and have a little bit of fun, all for free,” Peterson said. “Also, how often do you get to see a popular recording artist for free?”

SAB decided to make the tickets free so all students could enjoy SMC Tostal.

“We want everyone to go, regardless if they can afford a ticket or not,” Peterson said. “They deserve it!”

The events in the student center will begin at 12 p.m. and will run through 4 p.m. Special desserts will be in the dining hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Bareilles concert will begin at 6 p.m. in the Angela Athletic facility.

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Vt. lawmakers to ease ‘sexting’ laws

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Parents, school districts and law enforcement have been grappling with what to do with teenagers who take sexually explicit photos of themselves with their cell phone cameras and send them to friends.

Vermont legislators are moving to get rid of one option: child pornography counts that result in lifetime listings on the state’s Internet sex offender registry.

Legislation passed by the Vermont Senate and pending in the House would remove the most serious legal consequences for teenagers who engage in “sexting.” The bill would carve out an exemption from prosecution for child pornography for 13- to 18-year-olds on either the sending or receiving end of sexting messages, so long as the sender voluntarily transmits an image of himself or herself.

The bill, however, would not legalize the conduct. Legislators believe prosecutors could still use laws against lewd and lascivious conduct and against disseminating indecent materials to a minor.

State legislators, including Vermont’s, have been cracking down on sexual predators in recent years, but lawmakers here say they don’t want increasingly tough penalties applied to those caught up in what many regard as a youthful indulgence.

“We feel that it’s poor behavior and it’s not something we want to give our OK to,” said Sen. Richard Sears, D-Bennington and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. “But at the same time, do we want a kid in jail?”

Do we want them tagged as a sex offender for the rest of their lives? And the answer is no.”

Prosecutors around the country have tried various approaches against teenagers who used cell phones, e-mail or social networking Web sites to transmit naughty pictures of themselves.

Last month, a 14-year-old New Jersey girl was arrested for posting nude pictures of herself on MySpace. She was charged with child pornography and distribution of child pornography for allegedly posting nearly 30 explicit pictures on the site. But it’s likely she’ll avoid jail because she’s a juvenile, according to a prosecutor handling the case.

In Pennsylvania, 17 students involved in distributing photos of nude or scantily clad female classmates accepted a county prosecutor’s offer that their cases would be resolved if they participated in a five-week after-school program on sexual harassment and similar topics.

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In Vermont, authorities have charged an 18-year-old from Morrisville, Isaac Owusu, with videotaping or photographing himself or someone else with the intent of distributing the recording to others.

In Ohio, a 15-year-old high school girl faced charges for sending racy cell phone photos and supervised Internet access.

“We can’t write a law for every single case,” said Vermont’s most populous county prosecutor. “Our concern is that decriminalizing sexting is a blanket response that is too broad to a problem that is best handled on a case-by-case basis,” Allen said.

Allen said his group’s “Think Before You Post” campaign was aimed at getting children to think about the practical consequences of sending materials that can be reproduced and end up living on the Internet forever.

Marisa Nightingale, senior advisor with the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, said that many teens who send or receive sexual messages do so as a joke. “But you’re basically relinquishing control of your privacy to someone in this very sensitive area, which is your sexuality,” she said.

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MySpace

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The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

University Resources for Gender, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students

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Information, education, and resources

Contact: Sr. Sue Duru, OP, 1-5555, or Eddie Velazquez at evelazqu@nd.edu

Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 314 Co-Mo; discussion and support)

Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at mlaffert@nd.edu

Visit our web site at http://corecouncil.nd.edu/
EPA summit discusses bedbugs

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — "Don't let the bedbugs bite."

Don't seems so bad in a cheerful bedtime rhyme, but it's becoming a really big problem now that the nasty critters are invading hospitals, college dorms and even swanky hotels.

With the most effective pestcides banned, the government is trying to figure out how to respond to the biggest bedbug outbreak since World War II.

Bedbugs live in the crevices and folds of mattresses, sofas and sheets. Then, most often before dawn, they emerge to feed on human blood.

Faced with rising numbers of complaints to city information lines and increasingly frustrating landlords, hotel chains and housing authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency hosted its first-ever bedbug summit Tuesday.

Organized by one of the agency's advisory committees, the two-day conference drew about 300 participants to a hotel in Arlington, just across the Potomac River from Washington. An Internet site notes that the hotel in question has had no reports of bedbugs.

One of the problems with controlling the reddish-brown insects is that according to researchers and the pest control industry, is that there are few chemicals on the market approved for use on mattresses and other household items that are effective at controlling bedbug infestations.

Unlike roaches and ants, bedbugs are blood feeders and can hide behind things by half.

"It is a question of reaching them," said Harold Harlan, an entomologist who has been raising bedbugs for 36 years and breeding them in his own blood. He has the bites to prove it.

The EPA, out of concern for the environment and the effects on public health, has pulled many of the chemicals that were most effective in eradicating bedbugs in the U.S. At the same time, the appraised-sized critter has developed a pesticide resistance because those chemicals are still in use in some places.

Increasing international travel has also helped them to hitchhike into the U.S.

"One of our roles would be to set up an internation network of bedbugs and bedbug expert at Virginia Tech, who until 2001 saw bedbug only in silhouette slides dating from the 1950s. Now she gets calls and e-mails several times a day from people asking how to get rid of bedbugs." said Lois Rossi, director of the registration division in the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs.

The EPA is not alone in trying to deal with the problem. An aide to Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., says the congressman plans to reintroduce legislation next week to expand grant programs to help public housing authorities cope with infestations.

The bill will be called the "Don't Let The Bedbugs Bite Act.

"It was clear something needed to be done," said Saul Hofmann, Butterfield's legislative assistant.

Bedbugs are not known to transmit diseases, but their bites can cause infections in people with allergic reactions to some people. The insects release an anti-coagulant to get blood flowing, and they also excrete a numbing agent so their bites don't often wake their victims.

Those hardest hit are the urban poor, who cannot afford to throw out all their belongings or take other drastic measures. Extermination can cost between $400-$900.

So bedbug problems increase, said Ross, an entomologist and bedbug expert at Virginia Tech, who until 2001 saw bedbug only in silhouette slides dating from the 1950s. Now she gets calls and e-mails several times a day from people asking how to get rid of bedbugs.

"I tell people they have spent the night in their bathtubs because they are so freaked out by bedbugs," said Miller. "I get these people on the phone and they tell me that have lost their marbles."

Because the registration of new pesticides takes so long, one thing the EPA could do is to approve some pesticides for emergency use, Miller said.

High school student killed in love triangle

Associated Press

CHANDLER, Ariz. — An 18-year-old high school student was caught with his 48-year-old wife in her bedroom when he was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, who was himself a former student, police said Tuesday.

Chandler police said 20-year-old Sixto Balbuena told them he never meant to kill Samuel Valdivia. He allegedly told police "the blade went in like going into butter" and that he just wanted to show Valdivia how much he hurt him by sleeping with Tamar Hofmann.

Balbuena, a Navy sailor on leave from California, was arrested on a charge of second-degree murder after police found him covered in blood and told them about the killing. He returns legal status in his home to $100,000 bond on Tuesday and did not yet have a lawyer.

Valdivia found his girlfriend naked and Valdivia in his boxer shorts in the woman's bedroom around 2:40 a.m. Friday, according to police reports and court documents.

Balbuena told police that Valdivia had been "out of control" before Balbuena began kicking, punching and throwing things at him, according to a police probable cause statement.

Police said Balbuena told them he "wanted to teach the victim a lesson," and stabbed him in the lower side with a kitchen knife, according to the arrest report. Valdivia later died at a hospital.

He also asked Hofmann to the floor jumped on top of her and demanded to know how she had been cheating on him, according to the document.

Police said Hofmann taught Valdivia math at El Dorado High School in Chandler and was also Balbuena's teacher when he attended Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe.

A call to both schools was not immediately returned Tuesday. Hofmann's phone number is unlisted.

Balbuena is the one who called 911. He told officers he felt remorse for stabbing Valdivia after seeing him lying on the floor struggling to breathe, police said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Joe Farazzo said Hofmann is being questioned for potential mis­ conduct relative to her involve­ ment with Valdivia.

A 2006 Chandler police report obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday shows that police suspected long ago that she had been cheating on him, according to the Associated Press.

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For us faith is not an ethical code nor an ideology but an experience, an encounter with Christ present here and now in the Christian community. Christian faith gives us a freedom and a passion for living that express themselves above all in the form of questions as we face reality, and an inexhaustible openness to everything that is being asked of us. Political and ethical categories derive from our life springs from belonging to a fact, to a story begun and carried forward by an exceptional Presence in human history. Over the course of two millennia, that Presence has inspired innumerable initiatives that have educated men and women including the university of Notre Dame. We cannot limit our thrust for truth and our desire to enter into a genuine relationship with reality, we want certainty about its meaning in its totality.

We need a place where faith and reason are not enemies, where the university launches us on a path of knowledge that is fearless, open, and free.

An invitation to a Catholic university - an invitation to anyone, especially to the President of the United States of America - should be an invitation to encourage that elusive relationship, the one relating to reality, and that experience of life and freedom.

What then is at stake in this Commencement Day? Much more than merely defending values — even the most sacred — or affirming a Catholic institution's "openness" to the world. At stake is our hope for the future of the university and the future of society.

For us hope begins from the recognition that with Christ we discover a new way to live, to study, to do research, to be involved — politics and economics, to work in the world. In commencing from that Presence, we live hope not merely as a sentiment, a dream, or a project of power but as a certainty for the future that springs forth from an experience happening now.

With the certainty of faith that Father Sorin had after Notre Dame burned to the ground in 1879, let us recognize at the end of each day that we "build it too small ... so, tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool, we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever."

What is the meaning of a Catholic university?

2:00-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2009

Colesman-Morse Center Student Lounge

** FREE PIZZA **
The tension between being Catholic and being a university student is constant at the University of Notre Dame, as it should be. When either has too great a pull, we fail to live up to our unique mission. Finding a balance is a never-ending, often contentious challenge.

The current fulcrum on which Notre Dame is trying to balance itself is our invitation to President Obama. The devout response to his upcoming visit has weighed down the scale on one side, but not the side that cradles the anti-Obama group. I can only come to conclusion that this "Bill Brakky" man to whom so many well posts referred must be the real menace. Regardless, as I see it, the pre-Obama group currently has a slight edge in membership over the anti-Obama group, so they are winning. What might be more telling, though, is that the group "Boycott Notre Dame Football If Obama Speaks at Commencement" has only six members; if one can't even manage to give up watching a 7-6 football team, how will they stop the President of the United States? Then again, if the protesters are half as effective as their newspaper posters, no one will want to set foot in South Bend.

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For five years I taught religion to seventh graders during their last class period, five days a week. It wasn’t easy. From the students’ perspective, Jesus and I were standing between them and religious freedom.

Seventh graders question everything. The more they revel in questioning it, as a seventh grade teacher, your only choice, other than quitting, is to accommodate.

As an ardent supporter of life, I say to Randall Terry, as an ardent supporter of life, "You want to just let a wave of hatred wash over you. You want to let a wave of hate wash over you. Do I hate the fetus you want to disrespect and plaster your face with the false with the true." You argue that hate is ugly. You also say you want to just let a wave of innuendo wash over you. I want you to let a wave of hatred wash over you. You have the right to be as stupid as you want, but I hope you do not even begin to resemble the great work of MLK.

In my opinion, you foster hatred instead of tending to the spiritual and tending to the spiritual. I implore him: talk about the issue. Randall Terry threatens, as the title suggests, to make my graduation a circus. This is Notre Dame, and neither do we.

Insanity

Mr. Terry, you have hijacked the enthusiasm and dedication to the pro-life cause, I seriously doubt this sentiment. Standing up for what you believe in? That’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over abortion is only a problem when there is a third party—wanting to send an aborted fetus to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States of America? That’s just crazy.

Mr. Terry, as an ardent supporter of life you claim that all human beings should be valued and respected, but what are you doing when you post pictures of aborted fetuses all over South Bend? What are you doing when you arrange to have a dead fetus sent to South Bend to say, "I want to let a wave of hatred wash over you. Do I hate the fetus you want to disrespect and plaster your face with the true." You argue that hate is ugly. You also say you want to just let a wave of innuendo wash over you. I want you to let a wave of hatred wash over you. You have the right to be as stupid as you want, but I hope you do not even begin to resemble the great work of MLK.

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April 8th’s Observer featured an article about Randall Terry titled “Randall Terry Plans to turn Commencement into a pro-life ‘circus’. While I understand why he wants to do this, I do not want pro-life speakers to commencement ceremonies in the future. This is Notre Dame, and neither do we.

Allow controversy

It’s as if Thomas is us, hearing, all these questions put us in the place precisely into that locked space; to breathe like throwing open the windows on that room.

One of our gates?

Where was he?

Randall Terry threatens, as the title suggests, to make my graduation a circus.

This is in regards to the story ‘We Will Make This a Circus,’ (April 8). In it, Randall Terry threatens, as the title suggests, to make your graduation a circus. In addition, he hopes this will scare other Catholic universities into not inviting pro-life speakers to commencement ceremonies in the future. He does so even in the face of a senior class that, for the most part, supports Obama as commencement speaker.

He is using Notre Dame as just another step in his agenda. These do not seem to be the actions of a reasonable person. A reasonable person debates and is open to all ideas. A reasonable person tries to understand a situation from all angles. So I ask myself, who else uses these tactics? Who else employs fear to frighten our beliefs on other people? These, I believe, are the characteristics of a terrorist.

He cares not what the graduating seniors think or how this could affect them. He cares only about his ideology and how to make other people comply with it. Terrorism can only survive on these angles. He does tend to threaten or bring people to his campus.

As he now lives here, he might read this, so I implore him: talk about the issue. Randall Terry are reacting. Those e-mails... the terrorist

Terrorism at ND

This week’s column is written by Fr. Lou Dellera, CSC, Director of Campus Ministry Bible Studies and ACE Chaplain. He can be reached at dellera@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Where do you go for live music at Notre Dame? Legends, AcoustiCafe, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and PEMCo, if it’s in season. That’s about it.

Notre Dame wasn’t always so short on selection. There was a time when live music abounded, campus groups played at parties, and you could walk out of LaFortune and into a guy asking you to join his band.

This is exactly what happened to Jim McNamee, whose band Pinch Point formed, played, recorded, and broke up in the span of one semester under the Dome. Pinch Point is just one of many bands that had their heyday here in the '90s, using the Notre Dame college scene to channel and reinvent the indiepunk wave that swept the pre-millennium years.

There were more than 100 bands that formed here, practiced in off-campus basements and recorded demo tapes. And they are quickly being catalogued in one place, complete with band history, photos, and free downloads.

South Bend Power 90s (southbendpower90s.blogspot.com) is a blog dedicated to telling the story of the ND band scene of that late great decade. Started by Theodore Hennessey, '96, they “work to preserve, archive, and make available music that was played and recorded by the indiepunk college rock community in South Bend, Ind., during the 1990s.” There are currently 39 bands posted, with many more to come.

Each entry provides a history written by the band members, photos of shows and rehearsals, and quite often a link to free downloads. It is an interesting trip to read up on the antics of bands that were boasting large campus followings long before our time. There was an entire indie band subculture at Notre Dame in the mid-nineties, with bands inspiring each other and challenging each other to write new, different material. There were even campus CDs released, compilations of work from the many bands playing here.

Most bands of the day seemed intent on recording their original work, and many made demo tapes. Those tapes have now been converted to mp3 files, so it’s very easy to hear for yourself exactly what was heard blasting out of Cavanaugh in ’94. The entries are blunt, genuine and, in true punk style, often quite irreverent. (“I think this was largely due to me being from the Confederate South and somehow feeling more and more isolated in the Yankee dominated world of South Bend. Could also have been the cliched searching of a young adult trying to find his way in the world,” writes Chad Shaffler of Tacklebox.) If nothing else, they are a witty travel log of how previous students from across the country dealt with finding themselves in the Midwest at a Catholic, conservative university in their late teen years.

The blog is constantly updated with new posts (each one from a different band). Often there are comments about what the band members are doing nowadays, from raising kids to using that engineering degree for writing adult fiction. A piece of Notre Dame culture is thoughtfully being preserved, and not just for those who lived it. The blog is almost a calling-card for our generation to take up a guitar and some drum sticks and made music about anything. Bands of yesteryear were flourishing, and the best technology they had to work with was cassette tapes. Imagine what campus bands could do today.

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Vanishing Act

What happened to Notre Dame's music scene? Throughout the 1990s Notre Dame students formed bands and took music seriously. But today, that culture is gone. The university's iTunes page is a testament to the decline.

Ellie Hall

Scene Writer

Technology has made it so that anyone with a computer can press a button and make an mp3 file of themselves playing instruments and singing. And yet the decline of Notre Dame’s music scene persists.

Acoustic Cafe cannot be cited as an example of Notre Dame's student music life. The four members of the band were interested in guitars in the LaFortune basement cannot compare to a rock band or a student MC in terms of popularity, cultural relevance and the potential for wider campus involvement. It says something about the university that the only ongoing student music night features acoustic sets rather than anything heavier (and potentially more appealing). Legends’ upcoming “Battle of the Bands” is the only event wherein Notre Dame’s music venues open the doors to student bands, and I plan to attend just to see if any of these elusive bands show up.

Ten years ago Notre Dame produced alternative music acts that toured the country and recorded albums. Notre Dame students also formed bands, recorded demos, and never played music again after they graduated. Now — nothing, or very close to nothing. Who's to blame for this decline? The university? The student body? Whatever it is, every person on campus should recognize the loss of live student music at our school and work to recreate a music scene. If you're in a band, email us at Scene and we'll write about you. If you play music, find others with instruments and think about writing some songs together. Every university should have a counterculture, even ones as traditional as Notre Dame.

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The Power 90s Playlist

by Jordan Gamble

1. Love South Quad Style — The Catatonics
2. Sunburn — Chisel
4. Limit '96 — Streganona
5. Abstractions — Sweep the Leg Johnny
6. First Steps — Sweep the Leg Johnny
7. She Said, He Said — Tweak
8. Banana 6 — emily
9. Dead Fish — Pinch Point
10. Stained Glass Window — Victoria’s Real Secret
11. Beat Around the Block — Victoria’s Real Secret

Using a file-sharing site, Theodore Hennessey '96 shares the wealth of music that came out of Notre Dame's campus at the end of the last century.

The collection is getting ever more comprehensive, but here is a sampling.

Sometimes the static overwhelms the vocals, but the tape-deck organic quality gives this music some extra character.

The tracks (and some artists have entire albums) even come with customized cover art.

All music available through the South Bend Power 90s blog
southbendpower90s.blogspot.com
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The road-weary New York Yankees headed to their new home on a high note.

Jeter started the rally with a double into the left-field corner. After a walk, Wilson drove a sacrifice fly to send the Yankees ahead. A bases-loaded walk to Johnny Damon closed the 2-all in the fourth.

Harden hit his second career save and continued his excellent work in Hull. He allowed only two runs and five hits in three innings, his shortest outing since April 24.

The Rockies' second baseman jacked initial first pitch of the ninth to lead the Yankees to the lead. The Yankees clinched the first game of the series.

Harden said.

Asked if Laffey pitched well enough to deserve a win, Hurdle said.

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If you are considering suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255). If you or someone you love needs immediate assistance, please call the nearest area crisis center or 911.

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**NCAA Softball USA**

**Today/NFCA Top 25**

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**MLB**

**Rotunda dedicated at Citi Field**

Rachel Robinson, wife of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, speaks during a ceremony dedicating the new Jackie Robinson Rotunda at Citi Field Wednesday. Robinson's number 42 is the only number to be retired by all of Major League Baseball.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Introduced to a standing ovation, Rachel Robinson stopped to the podium at Citi Field and smiled as she guarded around the regal new rotunda that bears her husband's name. Majestic, black and white photos adorn the brick and tile walls — Jackie Robinson with his Brooklyn Dodgers teammates, and pioneering general manager Branch Rickey. Robinson leaping high in a UCLA track uniform, walking tall in a cup and gown, kissing children as they shout his art work.

High above the ballpark entrance, an inscription of his famous quote: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." At the other end of the room, an 8-foot, blue sculpture of his No. 42. Grains of Robinson's life and career run continuously on two large video screens. One of the engravings on the ter­ razzo floor: Jack Roosevelt Robinson, 1919-1972. Trailblazer. Humanitarian. American. "I'm speechless," Rachel Robinson said. "Jack was actually a very humble man. Some of you are baseball fans wouldn't believe that because you only saw him on the field arguing with umpires and trying to beat the other guys. But he was a very humble man. I think he would have been stunned by being acknowledged in this way and remembered in this way. It's so grand and so beautiful. And the rotun­ da is not just a physical space but it carries with it so many memories and so many messages."

On the 62nd anniversary of the day he broke base­ ball's color barrier — and changed America in so many ways — Robinson was honored Wednesday all around the majors with the sport's annual Jackie Robinson Day.

For the first time, however, all players, managers, coaches and umpires wore No. 42, retired for every big league team in a 1997 cere­ mony at the New York Mets' old ballpark, Shea Stadium. The team's new place, $800 million Citi Field, fea­ tures the Jackie Robinson Rotunda, a stately entrance behind home plate for fans to file through. It was inspired by Ebbets Field, where Mets owner Fred Wilpon went to Brooklyn Dodgers games as a boy. He and Rachel Robinson worked together to design help the rotunda, with its 70-foot archways and 160-foot diameter floor an homage to the 27-foot- high, 80-foot wide Ebbets entryway.

**IN BRIEF**

**NHL Playoffs**

Columbus at Detroit 7 p.m., Versus

Calgary at Chicago 9:30 p.m., Versus

**Senate approves funding for Indy stadiums**

INDIANAPOLIS — A Statehouse proposal that would allow Indianapolis to raise local taxes to save its cash-strapped stadium agency cleared the Indiana Senate Wednesday as the debate over who should pay for the bailout contin­ ued.

The Senate voted 33-17 Wednesday for a proposal to fund the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board, which expects to be $47 million short in its operation of the city's profes­ sional sports stadiums and conven­tion center.

The bill would allow increases in Marion County's alcohol, car rental, hotel and ticket taxes with the extra cash going to the board. The bill could face changes as law­ makers try to create a solution for the board before the legislative session ends April 29.

**Fan fights Yankees' "God Bless America" ejection**

NEW YORK — A baseball fan who says he was ejected from Yankee Stadium by police after he left his seat to use the bathroom during the playing of "God Bless America" sued the New York Yankees and the city on Wednesday.

Bradford Cameo-Laurion says in his federal lawsuit his rights were violate­d at an Aug. 26 game between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox when he tried to pass a police officer.

The lawsuit said the officer did not let him take a step before grabbing his right arm and twisting it behind him. It said two officers attacked him down several ramps to the stadium's exit, where he was pushed out as one officer told him to leave the country if he didn't like it.

Cameo-Laurion, a director of Web produc­tions for a media company, does not participate in religious services and objects to being required to do so, the lawsuit said.

**Indiana's Williams to leave at end of semester**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana guard Nick Williams has decided to transfer to another school at the end of the semester.

The 6-foot-4 Williams, from Mobile, Ala., started 29 games as a freshman last season and averaged 8.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Coach Tom Crean said Wednesday that Williams, who opted out of a commitment with Marquette to join the Hoosiers last spring, was dis­satisfied with his role this season and concerned about his future role in the program.

Williams said in a statement that he intended to look for another school after completing his work this semester.

Williams would have to sit out next season and then will have three years of Division I eligibility remaining.
Jones-Drew agrees to deal with Jags

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Maurice Jones-Drew was one of the most productive running backs in the league the last three years, totaling 6,003 all-purpose yards and scoring 40 touchdowns despite splitting time with Fred Taylor.

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"If the car pulled into a parking space. It was a bumbler by what we heard," Thomas said. "I told our partners we have a chance to help that man in the future."

And it's a chance to help his embattled team.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Idaho State sat in his new gym for an hour, at one point turning his gaze toward the Fuser, the international players he'll now coach.

"There'll be a lot of ups," Thomas said. "Almost a celebratory tone. "There'll be a lot of downs."

He's experienced plenty of both, of course.

Without the ups, FIU wouldn't have wanted Thomas.

Without the downs, Thomas wouldn't have needed FIU.

And so begins a surprising basketball marriage that got under way Wednesday when Thomas was introduced as FIF's new coach, three days shy of the 1-year anniversary of his firing as coach of the New York Knicks.

Thomas will not accept a salary in his first season, instead donating that money back to FII, and will earn some bonuses and $271,000 in the final four years of his deal.

That doesn't count the $12 million he owes the Knicks to continue paying him over the next two years.

"I didn't come here for the money," Thomas said.

Instead, it's his chance to rebuild a tarnished Hall of Fame image.

Thomas wants to move past the problems that marred his tenure with the Knicks, such as being the central figure in a sexual harassment lawsuit and, according to authorities, being found unconscious in his New York-area home last fall after consuming too much alcohol.

"I've had three successful seasons and two losing seasons," Thomas said. "So I would say that I'm up.

"I've never dodged disappointment with his time in New York."

The Knicks never won a playoff game in his tenure as president or coach, and some of his personnel moves were met with derision.

"My regret is that I wasn't able to deliver what the people in New York wanted, and they want a championship," Thomas said. "A lot of us have tried. ... I couldn't get it done."

FII has "no doubts," athletic director Pete Garcia said, that Thomas can get it done now.

Thomas arrived outside FUI's basketball arena at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, about an hour before his introductory news conference began, riding pas­senger in a sleek black Mercedes. Even before he could get out of the car, three well-wishers couldn't wait to greet him.

"Hey! There he is!" shouted one of the men, all of whom got handshakes from Thomas before the car pulled into a parking space.

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Thomas introduced as FII coach

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Consecutive conference playoff series

Least four goals in each victory

Thursday, April 16, 2009

NHL

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Crosby leads the Penguins to opening victory

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Eleven months later, the Penguins controlled the Flyers much like they did in winning the conference finals in five games last season, when they scored at least four goals in each victory and finished it off with a 6-0 rout in Game 5. Dating to Game 4 of those finals, the Penguins had scored 12 consecutive playoff goals against the Flyers until Simon Gagne scored late in the third period with Pittsburgh leading 4-0.

The Flyers didn’t like it, either, ending the game with three players in the penalty box as they tried to send a message through some physical play that Game 2 on Friday night won’t be so easy.

This time, the Penguins put the pressure on early, built a multiple-goal lead while not letting Philadelphia sustain any offensive momentum and leaned on Fleury to make the big saves when the Flyers did make a push.

They also waited for Flyers mistakes, and there were plenty of them — the first of which was Philadelphia not holding a third-period lead Sunday at home against the Rangers. New York’s 4-3 victory meant the Flyers opened the series in Pittsburgh rather than on their home ice, and it made a difference.

The Penguins also were disciplined, mostly staying out of the penalty box at the same time the Flyers took several careless penalties, including a hooking call on a tired Arron Asham that led to Crosby’s power-play goal at 4:41 of the first period. Asham couldn’t get off the ice during a line change, stayed out for an extended shift and drew a penalty as Crosby scored 15 seconds into the power play.

Crosby threw the puck down low to Evgeni Malkin, whose rebound deflected off Crosby’s skate, the goal post and goalie Martin Brodeur’s right skate before settling into the net of the back of the net.

The goal was upheld after video replay confirmed Crosby didn’t intentionally kick the puck. Tyler Kennedy made it 2-0 at 1:39 of the second after Brandon Dubinsky turned the puck over in the neutral zone, allowing Jordan Staal to start an up-ice rush that ended with Kennedy chipping the puck into the top of the net.

Philadelphia, held without a shot for the first 10 minutes of the second, finally started pressing and was on the power play to start the third because of a Brooks Orpik elbowing penalty. Mike Rupp was put off of the right post in the opening minutes of the third — a goal would have cut it to 2-1 — but Scott Hartnell’s tripping penalty shortly after that blunted any momentum the Flyers were building.

Martin made it 3-0 at 6:28 after another giveaway. Mike Knuble tried to bank a pass off the knee wall, but the puck skittered to Malkin and he quickly sent it past Biron. Defenceman Mark Eaton scored four minutes later to make it 4-0.

In the first goal in 24 career playoff games, Richards hit the post again, this time, but the third period begun to Rognan for the only goal by the Flyers, the first NHl team in 15 years to have six players with 25 or more goals in a season.

Rangers 4, Capitals 3

With the score tied in the third period, the New York Rangers did what they do best — win power play — and then Markus Naslund was credited with a goal that was a rundown of the neutral zone, allowing Tomas Kaberle to snap the puck off of Lundqvist’s arm.

The Rangers, the NHL’s best penalty killers during the regular season, had six chances in the second period alone.

Scott Gomez had a goal and two assists, Nik Antropov and Naslund each had a goal and an assist, and Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves to help the Rangers capitalize when the Capitals made a mistake.

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Washington capitalized when it mattered. Naslund was whistled for infractions twice in the game’s final 12 minutes—the first time when he charged Ovechkin — but Washington’s extra power play time came up empty both times.

While much of the focus was on the Capitals’ power play vs. the Rangers’ penalty kill, it was a combination of offense and man-advantage unit — ranked 29th in the league — that swung the game in the Penguins’ favor during the third period.

Antropov and Naslund scored power-play goals on back-to-back shots to give New York a 3-0 lead. The Capitals rallied when Naslund netted late in the second and Semin on a power play early in the third.

The Capitals will rue the fact that they dominated a first period that ended scoreless. They outshot the Rangers 14-4, and the Capitals had six goals and six shots and six hits — including several penalties — in confrontation with Marc Staal.

The league’s leading goal-scorer put on a nice with Mike Rupp, Michael Nylander, but his point-blank shot went wide of the net.

Among the other highlights: Rangers had good shot by Sean Avery, trying his best to agitate the Capitals, drew a holding penalty for stuffing the puck down John Erskine’s face. Avery and Mike Green had more than their share of confrontation and Avery shoved his stick into Theodore’s chest in the game’s final moments.

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The red-clad Capitals fans in the sold-out Verizon Center were still celebrating when the Rangers tied the score about a minute later, breaking up a penalty play by Avery. With Gomez carrying the puck down the left side of the neutral zone and Ovechkin covering, Green from behind near the blue line backhanded a bounce pass to Ovechkin.

The Capitals regained some momentum going into the intermission still when Backstrom worked the puck down the left hand side and drew two defenders in the slot, who was charging toward the crease to convert the easy goal with 49 seconds left in the second period.

The Capitals then tied the score 1-1 by the final period on a power play after Ovechkin gained control of a rebound on Dan Girardi. Ovechkin, near the goal line to the left of the Rangers net, put a shot off of Lundqvist’s arm. Semin picked the rebound into the net.

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Wakefield takes no-hit bid into eighth inning

Lowell, Drew hammer home runs to support knuckleballer in effort to give bullpen a well-deserved rest

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — When Tim Wakefield stopped by Terry Francona's office Wednesday morning, he already realized the Boston Red Sox were staggering. They had lost six of seven while struggling to hit, and their bullpen was gassed after pitching 11 innings last night.

"I understand the circumstances of today," Wakefield recalled telling his manager. "No matter what, don't take me out."

Francona never even had to consider it. His 42-year-old ace, finishing with a four-hit shutout, was older than Wakefield's 42-year-old radar gun, serving-and a potential early-inning hitch in the eighth for the Red Sox's run to the AL championship series, failing to get out of the inning.

"He's been throwing up zeros, and something special was going to happen," Lowell said.

With an off-day Thursday, consider the bullpen preserved—and a potential early-season crisis avoided.

Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer in the second inning and J.D. Drew added a three-run shot in the ninth, but the most important thing was to preserve our bullpen."

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MLB

Mets get first win at Citi

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oliver Perez rebounded from a rough season debut and the New York Mets earned their first victory at Citi Field, beating the struggling San Diego Padres 7-2 on Wednesday night.

Carlos Delgado homered and Perez pitched six smooth innings to help New York and San Diego's five-game winning streak. The Padres spoiled Monday night's opener at the $800 million ballpark with a 6-5 victory over the mistake-prone Mets.

After giving up eight runs and five walks in 4 1-3 innings against Cincinnati last week, Perez (1-1) held the Padres to one run and three hits. The often-erratic lefty walked only two and struck out four.

Bobby Parnell, J.J. Putz and Sean Green finished up as New York celebrated Jackie Robinson Day with a comfortable win.

One home run shy of 500, Gary Sheffield got his first start for the Mets, in right field. He went 0-for-2 with a walk and scored a run.

Making his first start in the outfield since May 16 last year with Detroit, Sheffield handled two fly balls without a problem. The 40-year-old slugger signed with the Mets on April 4.

Four days after he was released by the Tigers in a surprise move.

It wasn't all good news on Wednesday for the Mets, however. No. 2 starter Mike Pelfrey has tendinitis in his pitching forearm and could miss his next scheduled start Sunday against Milwaukee.

San Diego threw the ball all over the place in the seventh inning—except over the plate. Three walks, two wild pitches and an ugly error helped New York score four runs on one hit, a bunt single by Luis Castillo.

Luke Gregerson opened the inning by throwing 10 straight balls before he was lifted for Edward Mujica. On the next pitch, Castillo dropped a nice bunt toward third that loaded the bases.

With pinch-hitter Ryan Church facing an 0-2 count, Sheffield scored when Mujica uncorked a wild pitch. After Church struck out and Jose Reyes was intentionally walked, Isabel Murphy's sacrifice fly made it 4-1 Mets.

Castillo scored from third on another wild pitch. Reyes stole second base on the same delivery and raced all the way around the bases when catcher Nick Hundley threw wildly toward the plate for an error in an attempt to get Castillo.

In the eighth, Delgado hit a leadoff homer against Luis Perdomo into the second deck in right field. It was a harsh welcome for Perdomo, who was facing his first batter in the majors.

Adrian Gonzalez homered in the ninth for the Padres, his second of the series.

New York loaded the bases with nobody out in the fourth on singles by Murphy and David Wright, plus a walk to Delgado.

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SMC Tennis

Belles beat Bethel in cross-town matchup

By KATE GRABAREK

Saint Mary's (6-7, 1-2 MIAA) beat cross-town rival Bethel Wednesday 7-2, when it came away from the doubles competition with three wins that got it started on the right foot.

"We have been trying to improve in doubles," coach Dale Campbell said. "We also need to work on finishing our singles matches."

The Belles received strong contributions from sophomore Betty Reed in the match, as Reed teamed up with fellow sophomore Jessica Kosinski to defeat senior Jade Jones and sophomore Serena Frey 8-6.

"My personal goal is to contribute to the team in the best way possible," Reed said. "I want to do what is best for the team so we can achieve our goal of winning conference."

Sophomore Jillian Harley and junior Camille Gebert also teamed up for a win at No. 1 doubles against senior Bree Oles and sophomore Carrie Edison by the same score.

Sophomore Franco Peluso and Jessica Camp were able to win their No. 3 doubles match 8-5 to earn the sweep for the Belles.

Hurley defeated Jones in straight sets at No. 1 singles, while fellow freshman Brittany Horn defeated Edison by only dropping three games in her match.

"Jade has had a great career for us," Bethel head coach John Natali said. "Carrie Edison has also come on strong against this season playing No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. They have shown great leadership on the court."

Kosinski won a tough match at No. 2 singles in three sets by a score of 6-4, 5-7, 10-5 over senior Sherra Millender.

Reed earned her second win of the day at No. 4 singles to round out the victories for the Belles by defeating Frey again while only dropping one game.

Camp dropped her No. 5 singles match against junior Julia Horn 6-3, 6-0, while fellow sophomore Laura Arnold also dropped her No. 6 singles flight against freshman Brittany Anglin.

Next up the Belles will be taking on MIAA rival Kalamazoo Saturday.

"This weekend against Kalamazoo will be a great test for us," Reed said. "We are looking forward to a solid team win."

The Belles are coming off of two tough losses in the conference, with Calvin and Albion.

Campbell said he hopes the tough loss to Albion will motivate the team because they know they are close to pulling out those close matches.

The Belles will host Kalamazoo on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

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as senior goalkeeper Erin Goodman managed to hold off the Vanderbilt offense until the 24:40 mark when Deerfield netted her fourth goal of the day, extending the lead to 1-3. From here, the Irish offense went on a four-goal streak from Abt, Scioscia, Sullivan and Byers over the next four minutes to cut the Commodore lead to 1-7 in hope of repeating the comeback made last Saturday at Syracuse.

Vanderbilt had different ideas, however, and scored three of the next four goals. The only Irish player to briefly halt their scoring drive was Abt, with her third goal of the game, in between goals from Abt and Sullivan. Byers continued to score twice more in the final minutes of the game, as well as goals from Foote and Carey. Byers put up two more and Abt one to finish the game at 18-11.

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The Irish will hope to end their two-game losing streak Saturday as they close out their Big East season against Connecticut, but at home game at Alumni Field. The Irish seniors, playing in their final home game, will be honored prior to the start of the game.

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at this weekend’s events. We’re really trying to get some more kids qualified for the Big East (tournament) and NCAA (Championship),” Piane said. “That’s our goal. The kids who are running this weekend are doing so for that opportunity.”

After a string of tournaments throughout the country, this weekend will be a breather for those athletes that have earned qualifications. This weekend marks the last chance for the Irish to pick up any more invitations for the Big East championships.

“The kids that aren’t running are resting up after a brutal stretch of meets,” Piane said. “We’re trying to get as many people qualified as possible, especially since a few people have been really close, [senior] Dan Clark, example. The [Mt. Saint] Antioch College Relay is a great meet, with nearly 8,000 competitors, to get some people qualified.”

Clark has missed the cut narrowly several times this season. He earned invitations to both the Big East and NCAA championships in his junior year. The Mt. SAC Relays kick off this evening at 5:30 p.m. One of the largest and largest events in the country, the Mt. SAC Relays features thousands of athletes competing at the high school, collegiate and professional level in both track and field events.

Other members of the Irish teams will head to Purdue's Dave Rankin Invitational for competition Friday and Saturday. After the Big East championships next week, the team will head to the Georgia Tech Invitational as a final tune-up before the NCAA Championships at the end of May.

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**Cats**

struck first in the top of the first. Seconds later, Scott Stover reached first on a hit single and was driven home on third baseman Chris Lashmet’s double to put the Wildcats on the scoreboard.

Northwestern added another run off freshman lefty Rhyne Birdsell in the third, but Notre Dame was fortunate to escape early on a bases-loaded walk in a inning with a walk, consecutive singles, and another walk, giving up only one run in the final inning with no outs. Richter, who was making his first career start, then settled down, faced a pop-out and striking out two to escape the inning.

The Irish never threatened Wildcats’ sophomore pitcher Eric Jokisch until the fifth, when junior baseman Casey Martin and senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes started the frame with singles. Jokisch then induced two ground outs for the deep center.

Jokisch held Notre Dame to just four hits and no runs over five innings pitched. The sophomore was accurate and efficient with his pitches, striking out three and making it through five innings on only 55 pitches.

“You have to tip your hat to Jokisch,” Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. “We knew we had a challenge with him on the mound...he’s one of the top pitchers in the Big Ten.”

The Wildcats struck again in the top of the seventh, with the designated hitter Vercelli blasting a pitch from Irish reliever Todd Miller into the bleachers in left field.

“I started out 0-for-3, and my fourth at-bat was a deep center,” said Vercelli. “I didn’t think I hit it good enough, but the left fielder kept trailing, kept trailing, and it went over.”

Notre Dame finally got on the board in the bottom of the seventh, when Barnes laid down a bunt and was a honer of his own into the opposite field, bringing home a bit of deja vu for Barnes, who honered to almost the exact same base that he hit in the third for Northwestern.

“Maybe this is a giveaway,” Schrage said.

Vercelli added two more in the top of the ninth, hitting his second home run of the game in left field off Irish reliever Steven Munzor, scoring Lashmet, who had walked earlier in the inning.

“I was looking slider, and it came up slider,” said Vercelli. “To hit a home run (in a major league stadium) is a dream come true, and hit two is a fantasy.”

Northwestern coach Paul Giordano, however, was not happy with six goals and an assist. Junior midfielder Sarah Downing continued to score off of Vanderbilt’s shots, and added two goals and three assists, and a single goal from freshmen midfielder Alex Priddy and sophomore midfielder Katie Byers put the Irish back in.

“The Irish defense stepped up...he’s one of the top pitchers in the Big Ten,” said Vercelli. “They were overwhelmed just walking through the front of this place...touched all our hard work and press-

“I don’t even think about it,” said Vercelli. “I'm just thinking about one pitch at a time.”

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“Our team works real well together, and we really good spacing, so a lot of the time we just spread the floor and let our guys do work,” Manny said. “Credit those guys, they’re a tough team.”

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Atkins, who proved that his athletic talents extend beyond the track and field standout Tyrell

60-meter dash. Atkins finished it, they called a good game, but it was

night, but overpowered and defeated again Kramer Properties had an answer, as the outside shooting from sophomores Frank Carl and the inside domination from senior Lance Ladendorf and fifth-year senior Matt Hamel.

“Those guys are a terrific team, some very classy guys who were a pleasure to play,” Fr. McCormack said. “This tournament is such an amazing experience, it is my eighth year of playing and I always have a great time. I’ll definitely be back next year to enjoy the fun.”

No. 10 Monsters 21, No. 23 Night on the Town 17

Led by solid play from their big men, the No. 10 Monsters defeated No. 23 Night on the Town in a game that was more one-sided than the score indicates.

The Monstars were eventually able to put the game away, led by junior Hank Jenkins, whose two late buckets helped put the game out of reach. Dollard was able to score on a put-back to finish off Night on the Town.

No. 6 Delivery Boys 21, Old School 15

The Delivery Boys set the tone for their advantage as they continued to a victory that moves them one step closer to the championship.

“We knew they were going to try to run us, so we tried to slow them down with old-man ball,” he said. “That’s all we could do. We still have the competitive spirit of a 20-year-old. Unfortunately it’s trapped in 30- and 40-year-old bodies, so it makes it tough.”

The Delivery Boys look to use their speed and the fast break to their advantage as they continue in the tournament.

“We have to keep it running and play well,” Rudy said.

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JUMBLE

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**BASKETBALL**

Brey hints that Harangody will declare for NBA draft

By CHRIS HINE
Senior Staff Writer

Irish junior Luke Harangody will announce today whether he will put his name in for consideration for the NBA Draft today or will definitely come back for his senior year at Notre Dame. But at Wednesday night’s basketball banquet, where Harangody received the team’s MVP Award, Brey seemed to indicate that Harangody may opt for the draft, at least for now.

“We’ll talk to you (Thursday) afternoon about how we’re going to attack the next two months,” Brey said. “Basically, it’s a two month project, taking you up to June 15 ... We’ll talk in-depth about all of it, but it’s going to be a two-month thing.”

Harangody will make his official announcement in a press conference at 4:15 p.m. today in the Joyce Center.

He can declare for the draft and still return to Notre Dame for his senior season as long as he does not hire an agent. June 15 is the last day that players who have not hired agents can withdraw from the draft and return to school.

Harangody won the Big East Player of the Year award his sophomore season and was a first-team All-Big East selection this season, when he averaged 23.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game and was named a second-team All-American by the Associated Press.

Former Irish forward Zach Hildreth received two awards at Wednesday’s banquet. First he received the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award and the Captains’ Award.

Former Irish forward Ryan Ayers won the Best Defensive Player Award. Rising senior Jonathan Peoples and rising junior Tyrone Nash were co-recipients of the Outstanding Improver Award.

Rising senior Tony Jackson won the Outstanding Playmaker Award while former Irish guard Kyle McAlarney took home the Team Irish Award.

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**BASEBALL**

Dead zone

ND offense comes up flat vs. Northwestern at U.S. Cellular Field

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

CHICAGO — Playing at a big-leag­ue stadium didn’t help Notre Dame keep the ball inside the park Wednesday, as two home runs from Northwestern’s Tony Vercelli led the Wildcats to a 5-1 victory at U.S. Cellular Field.

The regional rivals played the non-conference tilt at the home of the Chicago White Sox in front of a crowd of hundreds of Chicago-based causes from cancer research to youth education and athletics.

The Irish (20-13) fell behind early, as Northwestern (9-23) took a 4-1 lead in the first inning, scoring four runs from Northwestern’s Tony Vercelli.

Junior right fielder David Mills slides into third during a 6-5 Irish loss to Oakland March 25. Mills went 1-for-3 in Notre Dame’s 5-1 loss to Northwestern Wednesday.

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish lose second straight

No. 9 Notre Dame can’t come back vs. No. 12 Vanderbilt

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Irish got off to a rough start Wednesday, trailing 10-3 at the half, and couldn’t recover, falling 18-11 to No. 12 Vanderbilt in a game that was cut short due to weather conditions and unpar­alleled weather conditions.

Rising sophomore Kailene Abt had four goals apiece in the contest, but the Irish offense wasn’t a match for the Commodore freshman goalkeeper Rachel Wells.

Sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt handles the ball during Notre Dame’s 14-12 win over Ohio State on Feb. 22.

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

We Didn’t Go to Jared’s advances to Sweet 16

Cinderella run ends as Old School falls to Delivery Boys

By CHRIS MASOUID, NATHANIEL LEE and ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writers

We Didn’t Go to Jared’s made a game out of it by mounting a feeble comeback in the second half, but we’re on a boat (f.t. Lang) held on to secure the 21-13 sectional victory. Excellent weather conditions and unpar­alleled Bee Sports officiating ensured that both teams would have nothing to complain about at the end of the day.

“We really did a nice job out there moving the ball,” Boaters captain Tim Lang said. “We all played team defense really well together, it was a team effort.”

Jared’s came out strong from the opening whistle as Chad Breeden, the undialed heart of the team, outman­ned his opponents in the post for an easy basket. But the Boaters’ defense quickly buckled up, preventing Jared’s from taking any uncontested shots or easy lay-ins the rest of the way.

“We had all five of our guys show up, which is a plus, but I don’t think it was enough,” Jared’s guard Andrew Cavanagh said. “I’m a big fan of Stephen Mi­chelle, he threw a little bit of Starbury, but unfortunately it was basically canceled out.”

Led by the outstanding perimeter shooting of Mike Manny and the aggressive driving of Mike Lee, the Boaters fast-paced tempo was too much.

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**ND TRACK**

NCAA, Big East bids up for grabs

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish are looking to nab a few more NCAA and Big East tournament qualifications this weekend at a pair of prestigious events. Notre Dame will compete at the 51st Mt. Saint Antio­ne College Relays from today through Saturday in Walnut, Calif., while other Irish athletes will stay closer to home at the Dave Rankin Track and Field Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

Several strong showings have left Notre Dame in a fine position heading into next week’s Big East champi­onships, but head coach Joe Piane said he is hoping that a few more athletes will qualify for the national meet.

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