Conversation about Obama invitation continues at ND

First March for Life observed from Dome to Notre Dame Ave.

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Students and community members gathered together Friday afternoon to participate in a March for Life at Notre Dame. The approximately 200 members of the rally ranged in age, with many adults choosing to bring their young children and Notre Dame students choosing to participate as well. Many wore anti-abortion paraphernalia.

“This is our first March For Life at Notre Dame in recent memory,” senior Chris Labadie said. Labadie is the chairman of ND Response, a necessary edition of The Shirt Project.

Shirt Project unveils gold 20th anniversary edition

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

After much anticipation from the student body and the Notre Dame community, The Shirt 2009 is finally here — and it’s gold.

The annual unveiling took place outside the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Friday afternoon in front of a crowd of more than 4,000 people, who watched the big reveal of the 20th anniversary edition of The Shirt Project.

“The Shirt is something unique to Notre Dame and I wanted to do something unique to Notre Dame,” said The Shirt Project president Matt Barloh, explaining why he participated in the project.

Created in 1990 as a way to raise money to supplement the budget for AnTostal, the Student Union Board’s spring celebration, The Shirt has grown into a nationally recognized tradition, as Notre Dame students, alumni and fans wear The Shirt each year in unified support for the team.

Barloh will not know the exact number of shirts sold throughout the weekend, but he said he expects the bookstore will sell out of the shirts, except for the youth sizes, as it has in previous years.

Last year, The Shirt Project sold more than 135,000 shirts, earning more than $600,000 to help fund student organizations and Notre Dame students in need.

“Of the profits generated, half goes to The Shirt charity fund which helps students facing catastrophic illnesses and accidents,” Barloh said.

In addition, The Shirt sales help support the Rector Fund, which enables students, who otherwise couldn’t afford it, to participate in dorm and campus events, such as home football games.

The Shirt unveiling ceremony began at 4 p.m. on Friday and featured speakers, free food and drinks and activities for children.

Shack City appears on South Quad

Annual event raises awareness of and money for the homeless

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Several dozen Notre Dame students spent Friday night sleeping on South Quad for Shack City 2009, an annual event sponsored by Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity.

“Shack City is an annual awareness and fundraising event our club holds on campus,” said senior Jaime Amthor, the co-president of Habitat for Humanity at Notre Dame. “We sleep out in cardboard boxes overnight on South Quad to raise awareness about the way in which Shack City dwellers make a home of cardboard boxes Friday night on South Quad.
A request

A sophomore in my dorm was diagnosed with cancer in December of his senior year of high school. He has been courageously battling the disease every since.

He underwent multiple surgeries and received several rounds of chemotherapy treatments.

But his body was ravaged by the chemotherapy.

Last year, doctors discovered that his cancer metastasized to his lungs.

Earlier this year, he had surgery to remove his lung, pleural cavity, diaphragm and a small portion of his heart.

Last week, he was put under hospice care at his home.

Throughout the surgeries and the chemotherapy, he has continued his life at Notre Dame. He spends as much time at Notre Dame as he is medically capable.

He is an important presence in our dorm. I am not close with this man. I am a year older than he is and we have never lived on the same floor. I mostly know him because we are both regulars at Tuesday night Mass.

I also get a certain degree of kindness with him because he lived his freshman year in the room I had lived the year before.

He was able to return to Notre Dame for a couple of weeks following spring break. It was good to see him at Mass again.

You may read this column and know the young man to whom I am referring. I have not cut his name from this column so I don’t reveal his identity. His family does, however, maintain a Web site that provides updates of his condition to the public.

According to the Web site, the family has received prayers and words of support from across the country and from Europe.

Even if you don’t know him, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this Easter season.

One thing that sets us apart here at Notre Dame is that we like calling ourselves a family. We are held together by a common mother, the Lady on the Dome. As a family, it is time to do ranks.

The young man’s parents are both alumni of Notre Dame. His mom teaches elementary school and his dad teaches high school.

This article is taking up a collection to help his family pay for medical expenses.

The family’s Web site is currently requesting prayers.

It also provides information for making online donations to cover his medical expenses.

I am not going to publish the Web site address here, but please email me and I can send you more information.

I am not associated with the young man or his family in any other way. I am merely a fellow member of the Notre Dame family interested in helping one of our own.

I request that you consider joining this fight.

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CCO offers employment resources

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

From internships to job opportunities, the Career Crossings Office (CCO) at Saint Mary’s College is intended to assist students in all stages of their career search. CCO takes assessments of students to help them choose their majors, create resumes and cover letters, and find jobs and internships.

"It’s kind of anything on that whole spectrum of your career development while you are in college," said Tricia Dunton, the assistant director of CCO.

The CCO offers a variety of different opportunities for students to gain knowledge about careers and their futures. This year, the CCO held a speed networking night, which allowed students to talk with local professionals about their careers.

"Speed networking night gave students a chance to talk with local professionals, learn about what networking is, learn about the options available here in the community for them and really just to practice their networking skills," Dunton said.

Similar to speed dating, speed-networking night allowed students the opportunity to talk with each professional for about four minutes. Dunton said the night lasted about an hour and a half, and provided a casual atmosphere for students to learn about networking. By the end of the night, students had spoken to all of the professionals.

"At the end they were able to just go around to talk to anyone that they still had questions for," Dunton said.

"Then we took all of the business cards from the professionals, and sent that out to students. Then we put together all of the resumes of all the students who were there and sent those out to the professionals, just so they had a reference for each other," Dunton said.

Dunton said the event was successful overall. "It was very successful. We felt like it was a really good event. The students who came really enjoyed the event and really got a lot out of it and the professionals also enjoyed it as well," she said.

Another opportunity that the CCO has offered student this year was "CCO on the go" gives students the chance to ask quick questions to the Career Crossings Office without having to make an appointment. It is held each Wednesday in the Student Center Atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"CCO on the go" is kind of our solution to doing programs every semester," Dunton said.

"We’re just available. It’s a way to make it less formal than coming in and making an appointment and then we’re just available week by week. We answer everything from resumes to grad school, to I’ve got a job, how do I negotiate my benefits," Dunton said.

Another opportunity that the CCO has offered student this year was the "Career Crossings Office resume service," which is available to answer general questions, as well as offer assistance.

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As the theme song to the Notre Dame football film "Rudy" played on Saturday morning, runners made their way around campus to "Finish on the 50," a 5K race and one-mile walk to benefit Hannah & Friends, the charity founded by Irish coach Charlie Weis.

The race began at 8 a.m. and wrapped around the south edge of campus, cutting through each of the quads before finishing where it began, at the stadium. Racers had the chance to run or walk through the tunnel and proceeded through each of the quads before finishing where it began, at the stadium. Racers had the chance to run or walk through the tunnel and proceed to the finish, adjacent to the 50-yard line.

Freshmen Julia Sutton ran the race with her mother, Sherry, and said she was especially excited about finishing to the Rudy soundtrack. She described the excitement of running through the tunnel and onto the field.

"It was really cool to run through the tunnel because so few students get to experience that. I felt relieved the race was over but honored to be finishing inside the stadium," Sutton said.

Freshman Kelly Nolan also ran the race, with her sister, Erin, a former Saint Mary’s cross-country runner.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. boycotts UN racism conference

GENEVA — The United Nations opens its first global racism conference in eight years on Monday with the U.S. and at least six other countries boycotting the event, concerned that Islamic countries will demand that it denounce Israel and ban criticism of Islam.

The announcement by President Barack Obama, America's first black head of state, announced Saturday that it would boycott "with regret" the week-long meeting in Geneva, which already is experiencing much of the bickering and political infighting that marred the 2001 conference in Durban, South Africa.

Aid workers kidnapped in Somalia

MOGADISHU — About 25 masked gun-
men armed with machine guns kidnapped two European aid workers in central Somalia on Monday, aid workers and a witness said.

Michel Peremans, a spokesman for the Netherlands-based Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), confirmed that a Dutch and a Belgian were among the kidnapped.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Hit-and-run suspect arrested

LOS ANGELES — A man suspected of pulling a badly injured college student off a car windshield after a deadly hit-and-run accident was arrested while trying to cross back into the United States from Mexico, police said Saturday.

Jesse Luna, 32, of Los Angeles, was detained by federal agents at the San Ysidro border crossing Friday after his name prompted a computer alert that he was wanted in Los Angeles, LAPD Officer April Enriquez said.

Luna was jailed on suspicion of being an accomplice to murder and violating the Immigration Act.

Driver charged with manslaughter

HOUSTON — Police filed intoxication manslaughter charges Sunday against a driver who plowed into a crowd of pedestrians, killing one and critically injuring five on the city's east end.

William Jenkins, 32, of Houston, was charged with intoxication manslaughter after police said he repeatedly drove into a crowd of pedestrians at about 4 p.m. Sunday.

Jenkins was the father of three of the victims.

LOCAL NEWS

Child drowns in family pool

SOUTH BEND — A 3-year-old boy died after falling into an uncovered pool at his family's South Bend home.

Jeriann Bryan, 35, of South Bend, said her 3-year-old son Brayden Apple's family was playing in the pool when he fell in around 4 p.m. Sunday.

"We're very devastated," she said.

"From what we understand, he was playing around in the pool and he fell in. The gate to the pool was not covered and the entrance gate to the fence around it did not have a lock," she said.

Haiti

Senate election draws small turnout

Violence breaks out in some cities after Fanmi Lavalas party disqualified

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Clear-plastic ballot boxes were nearly empty and the entrance gate to the pool was not covered and the entrance gate to the fence around it did not have a lock.

Haiti's President Rene Preval has his thumb marked with ink after voting in Sunday's Senate elections, for which there was low voter turnout and some violent protests.

A total of 79 candidates were vying for 12 Senate seats. No results were expected Sunday. Most races had multiple candidates and were likely to end in run-
offs.

Lavalas claimed victory for Sunday's poor showing, crediting a stop-the-vote campaign they nicknamed "Operation Closed Door."

"The people believe in Fanmi Lavalas. That is why they did not come out today," James Derozin, a former Lavalas lawmaker, told a reporters as polls closed around 4 p.m. Other Lavalas loyalists vowed to seek Preval's resignation if Sunday's results are accept-
ed.

Others in the capital blamed the low turnout on voter apathy after what they said were years of broken promises by elected leaders.

"Since I've lived in Cite Soleil, nobody has come through for us. We don't trust anyone. Who are we going to vote for?" said Pritzor Remedor, a native of the oceanside slum who directs a U.S.-supported orphanage at the site of a former gang stronghold.

There were several violent incidents on Sunday, though calm generally prevailed.

Hundreds of protesters raised polling places and dumped ballots in the streets of Mirebalais, hurling voting in the central plateau city, police said. They did not know who was responsible for the unrest. One man was arrested after firing guns to intimidate voters.

In Cite Soleil, supporters of Preval's Lavalas party smashed the windows of a Toyota Land Cruiser carrying union supporter and Haitian folk singer Barbara Guillaume, who said she was bringing food and documents to poll workers in Cite Soleil.

Leopra supporters said they were carrying money and food to bribe voters into sup-
porting her candidate instead. Police fired shots to disperse the crowd, beat the attackers with rifle butts and took them to Cite Soleil's new, U.S.-financed police station, where other Lavalas supporters threw rocks at the building.

Hurricane Katrina damages trial to begin

NEW ORLEANS — More than three years after Katrina stirred up the waters and washed out levees along a 75-mile, mainline shipping channel dubbed "highway high-
way," a judge could soon decide whether the Army Corps of Engineers owes residents and business owners tens of millions of dollars as a result of the mass-
ive flooding.

Arguments are set to begin Monday in the trial, which will be heard and decided by a judge, not a jury. And much is at stake: if the five residents and one business in this initial lawsuit are victorious, more than 100,000 other individuals, businesses and government entities could have a better shot at claiming billions of dollars in damages.

The residents argue the corps' poor maintenance of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, a shipping chan-
el dug in the 1960s as a short-cut between the Gulf of Mexico and New Orleans, led to the wipeout of St. Bernard Parish and the city's Lower Ninth Ward when Katrina struck in August 2005. They are asking for damages between $300,000 and $400,000 for each individual.

The corps has argued that it is immune from liability because the channel is part of New Orleans' flood control system, but the judge has allowed the case to move for-
ward because residents claim the shipping channel was a navigation project.

One of the residents suing, 75-
year-old Lucille Franz, lost her home in the Lower 9th Ward. "I've been through a lot," she said.

Her sister drowned at St. Rita's nursing home in St. Bernard near the MS/GO, also known as "Mister Go."

"They are responsible," she said of the corps. "We wouldn't have had that kind of water if it hadn't been for the MRCO.

The four-week trial will explore in detail the natural history, engineer-
ning and politics of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet.

The outlet was authorized in 1958 by Congress. The route went through largely pristine wilderness of marsh and swamp forest south-
east of New Orleans.
**March**

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coalition of student groups who have united together against the University's invitation to have President Barack Obama speak May 17 at the Commencement ceremony.

"We are a group of 12 student organizations with a common love for Notre Dame and a common cause in defending unborn life," Labadie said. "We joined together to create a unified response and put out one voice."

People participating in the rally met on the steps of the Main Building to pray and listen to speakers before embarking on the march down Notre Dame Ave.

After an initial invocation, Notre Dame law professor emeritus Charles Rice offered opening remarks. Rice is a columnist for The Observer.

He spoke briefly about President Obama's stance on embryonic stem cell research and cloning, before turning his attention to the "conscience clause," which allows pharmacists and other medical professionals the option of refusing to participate in practices that are against their beliefs. Obama is against the clause.

"We are honoring a guy who has started the process of removing a person's conscious right to refuse murdering the unborn," Rice said.

Rice also said the way ND Response is protesting the presidential visit to the school is proper. "This is something that's the way it should be," Rice said. "It's not politically disruptive and it isn't a personal thing, instead people are doing it in the best interest of Notre Dame."

Before the group dispersed to begin the march, Rice advised the group to pray for the unborn.

"The most important ingredient we have is prayer," Rice said. "Pray to Mary that she'll take her University back."

**Shirt**

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"We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day," Barloh said. "The sun made the gold look great."

Barloh, who became involved in The Shirt Project during his freshman year, said the planning of The Shirt began in November of 2006, led by a committee of about five students who designed and marketed The Shirt Project.

"We wanted to create a shirt students would want to wear," Barloh explained.

As The Shirt Project Web site explains, the idea behind this year's design is that no matter what the color of the Notre Dame students, alumni and fans must fight and defend their school.

"The design of The Shirt 2009 captures the tangible devotion of the Notre Dame football faithful and illustrates the need to fight in defense of Notre Dame," The Shirt Project site said.

"Rise and Strive," emblazoned on the front of The Shirt is inspired by the song, "Rise, Notre Dame," and calls for the Notre Dame community, in support of our team to fight with force and ferocity," the site said.

People had questions about what "Rise and Strive" means, but when we tell them, they tend to like it even more," Barloh said.

The image on the back of The Shirt was taken from the Snow Bowl of 1992 against Penn State "as a tribute to the countless football players who have defended the honor of Notre Dame in years past," the site said.

Sophomore Maureen Champa approved of the new The Shirt. "I like the gold," sophomore Maureen Champa said. "They've never done the gold before, so I think it's good. I'm excited to wear The Shirt. It's a good purchase."

Other students were not sure of the color choice for this year's shirt, with complaints ranging from the student section looking terrible in such a light color to the fact that you can't fashionably wear khakis with a gold shirt.

Barloh addressed complaints about how the shirt will look in the stadium on game days.

"The best example of what it will look like is massae, who all wore the shirt for the Blue-Gold game," Barloh said. "I am absolutely confident that the gold will pop when the stadium is filled to the brim."

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- **Canadian dollar**: 1.2164
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### In Brief

**Government to address credit cards**

WASHINGTON — The White House says that it will back congressional efforts to clamp down on credit card abuses in an effort to address the recession's effect on Main Street.

The House and Senate are considering a credit card bill of rights to limit the ability of credit card companies to raise interest rates on existing balances and to require greater disclosure for electricity. White House economic adviser Larry Summers said people need to make sure they did not get a worse deal, but also needs to curb credit card pitches that addict people to plastic.

Obama is "going to be very focused, in a very near term, on a whole set of issues having to do with credit card abuses, having to do with the way people have been deceived into paying extraordinarily high rates that they wouldn't have paid if they knew what they were getting themselves into," Summers said.

Summers said the administration wants to further regulate financial system, encourage savings and eventually get back to a situation where government spending is not a drain on the economy.

**Customers lock in power prices**

DALLAS — At TXU Energy, the biggest electric company in Texas, the fastest-growing billing plan is one that lets customers lock in the price of power for one or two years.

"It's easier to plan that way, and I think you're saving money," says Brian Bell, an advertising salesman who signed a 2-year, fixed-price contract for electricity at the 1,500-square-foot Dallas town house he bought last year.

Other homeowners across the country are locking in prices now on electricity for summer cooling and heating oil for next winter. Heating oil prices are nearly 60 percent lower than they were at this time last year, according to Energy Department figures.

Natural gas prices have fallen as well, which not only affects the price homeowners pay for gas but the price of electricity produced by power plants that run on gas.

**Oil company earns top victory in worst ever contest traded companies**

Exxon Mobil tops Fortune 500 list

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**Banks will need more bailout money**

The results will help officials divide banks into three categories: banks that are healthy; and those that are too big to fail.設計者想要的风格。


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the audience which viewpoint carries more weight.

"I think you still need the referees, you still need the mainstream media, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't have people pushing from both sides," he said. "You need to have people say, 'I've listened to that and I've listened to this. Now here's the reality.'"

Uygur also discussed the power of the media to influence public thought and political outcomes, drawing on the examples of Rush Limbaugh and Fox News. He argued that Fox News tilted the 2000 presidential election to the Republicans by calling Florida early.

"The 2000 election, you guys might remember it's pretty close. It's a statistical dead heat," he said. "So, it's too close to call and Fox News has hired their top guy to make calls in the election. That guy who makes that decision is the cousin of George W. Bush. They call it for Bush and media and the reporters are lamming, so they panic."

"They changed the course of history when they said 'We don't care what the facts say, we're declaring George Bush the winner,'" he added.

Voices on the fringe of public opinion cannot be discounted, because of the power of media to reach across geographical markets and consolidate extreme views to form an influential movement, according to Uygur.

"Rush Limbaugh drives the agenda more than any Democrat or Republican congressman," he said.

Uygur also made the case that the new media environment — the explosion of instantaneaous and diversified communication networks of blogs and satellite radio stations — has created more opportunities for aspiring candidates and political commentators.

"So, the media makes an enormous difference and in this day and age you don't have to wait around and hope somebody picks you out of a crowd," he said. "You can go and actually be the media — you can start your own blog and start your own idea on YouTube. You're only remaining job is to win the crowd."

Uygur also shared his own experience as a rising voice in the political arena. He took an unconventional path that culminated with him founding the first ever live, daily web television talk show.

"In the old days, if you wanted to go down this path you had to become a local TV reporter," Uygur said. "That's the clear path. I hated that path, but it works. David Gregory came up that path. Almost all the people who are anchors or host came up that way."

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Liberation group Juliet Joly said.

Joly, a junior, said Communion and Liberation has not officially aligned itself with any group in response to the University's invitation to President Obama. Rather, the group released a pamphlet titled "A New Commencement," which they distributed and printed in The Observer last week.

Notre Dame Law Professor Paolo Carozza and national Communion and Liberation leader Chris Bacich led Sunday's discussion, which was based on the pamphlet. More than 30 students, faculty and other community members attended and voiced questions and opinions about the true nature of a Catholic university.

"People weren't invited here... because there's a presumption of thinking about things," Carozza said. "It's an effort to help us understand the truth of things better.

The pamphlet acknowledges the controversy, but neither confirms nor approves of the University's decision to invite President Obama.

"What then is at stake in this Commencement Day?" the pamphlet asks. "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."

Bacich said the pamphlet is meant to promote discussion.

"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 in politics and economics, to work in the world," the flyer states.

Carozza asked the discussion participants to examine the meaning of Notre Dame as a Catholic university.

Some students argued that Notre Dame is not true to its Catholic identity, yet Carozza and Bacich both said that Catholic identity is based on a presence found within each individual.

"We have to answer these questions for ourselves and among ourselves on the basis of personal experience," Carozza said.

The pamphlet states that Freedom's future may be defined by religious identity. "For Bush and media and the reporters are lamming, so they panic."

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Catholic university like Notre Dame are also present in each individual. Both individual human beings and the University as a whole must focus on personal encounters with Christ.

"In this sense, the mind can't be formed in a Catholic way without this opening of the heart," he said. "The essential is the opening of the heart and the encounter."

Carozza said that while several constantly changing factors could define Notre Dame as a University, personal encounters with Christ continue to define it as Catholic.

"If we really expect everything from Christ, then that's the thing that doesn't change," he said. "Almost all the people who are anchors or host came up that way."

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Dutch professor places Quran within historical context

The observation of the Muslim text, which proceeds in order of length, is important to reflecting divine message, speaker says

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

According to Nasr Abu-Zayd, a professor from the University of Humanitas in Utrecht, Holland, the meanings and ideologies present in the Quran have changed over time, but the book still presents a coherent worldview.

Abu-Zayd spoke at McKenna Hall Sunday about the origins of the Quran as part of the "The Quran in its Historical Context" conference, which aims to bring the Bible and the Quran back into conversation and explore new readings of the document. The conference will run until Tuesday and will take place at McKenna Hall.

An important aspect of the Quran is the text's order, according to Abu-Zayd. The book is organized in order of length, not chronologically. The longer chapters come first and the shorter chapters can be found near the back. Abu-Zayd said he thinks the book is organized this way to reflect a divine message. "If the Quran was in chronological order, it would simply be the story of the life of Muhammad," he said. "It would not reflect a divine message."

This organizational system distinguishes the Quran from the Bible, which is to be read chronologically.

Another facet of the Quran is meaning, which Abu-Zayd said overshadows other important questions that scholars should consider. Scholars of Islam spend much time trying to determine how the meaning of the Bible is connected to the meaning of the Quran, which is difficult because the text is rife with contradiction, specifically in the way divinity is presented in the text.

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Abu-Zayd said he thinks the book is organized this way to reflect a divine message. "If the Quran was in chronological order, it would simply be the story of the life of Muhammad," he said. "It would not reflect a divine message."

Based on all these factors, Abu-Zayd concluded that there is indeed a worldview present in the Quran, but one that still needs to be carefully analyzed. Since the historical context changes as time passes, the book needs to be reread as a whole, and not analyzed in terms of individual passages.

"There is a world view in the Quran, but we have to read the Quran not in this fragmented way that has been done so far," Abu-Zayd said. "This is a reading we are waiting for scholars to do."

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Maria Ramos, 27, lives in the Atlanta area, like Lilburn, northeast of Atlanta. The placid nature of Gwinnett County and other nearby counties has drawn workers for Mexican drug cartels to suburbs like Lilburn, northeast of Atlanta. Interstate 85 provides conveniences and area's exploding Latino population makes it easy for Mexican traffickers to blend in.

But Georgia-based corporations don't bring with them the kind of disciplinary practices the cartel-affiliated workers have imported from Mexico. Dominican citizen Oscar Reynoso, 31, was sent to Lilburn from Rhode Island last July to settle a $300,000 debt to the Mexican Gulf Cartel. Dehydrated, gagged and badly beaten, Reynoso was found chained to a wall in a basement. The onslaught of law enforcement on the scene shocked neighbors, said resident Maria Ramos.

That same month, police in another Gwinnett County suburb shot and killed a suspected kidnapper as he tried to pick up a $2,000 ransom owed to his cartel bosses. Authorities have also won a string of high-profile drug busts in recent years, including Project Reckoning, which targeted the Gulf cartel, and Operation Xenolocator, which hit the Sinaloa cartel. In fiscal year 2008, federal authorities seized about $70 million in drug-related cash in Atlanta, more than any other region in the country, according to DEA records. Already this fiscal year in Atlanta they've seized about $34 million.

Project Reckoning alone seized $60 million and more than 40 tons of marijuana over two years. That operation also resulted in the arrest of 175 people over two days, including 43 in the Atlanta area.

"We've seen this coming for a while, with bigger seizures of drugs and cash," Miles said.

Ramos, who was recently arrested for cocaine smuggling, said law enforcement agencies are at the beginning of a war against drug traffickers. "That tension is always there and if we don't cooperate well together and put our differences aside," Miles said. "In the face of what we're dealing with, though, we have to work together and put our differences aside."

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Mountains are big. Some are admittedly taller than others, but by definition, they’re big. Wikipedia’s entry for mountain says it’s a landmass “that stretches above the surrounding land in a limited area usually in the form of a peak,” but also that there is no universal definition (I’m reminded of when westerners all quiet, and I’m at the once-mighty and now quiet, Appalachians). However you define them, through them, they are awe-provoking, humbling, and impressive.

It doesn’t come as a great surprise, then, that mountain people tend to be particularly religious. From the overwhelmingly Catholic Alps to the Buddhist mountains of Tibet to the Incas of the Andes to the “hillbillies” of the Appalachians, mountain communities tend to be very close-knit with religion as a central part of communal life. The German word for religious is “glaubig” (gloy-bigl). Glaubing means literally “believing,” and it comes from the word “glauben,” to believe. I think the German word expresses the believing essence of the people in mountain communities better than the English word “religious.” It doesn’t assume that spirituality is connected to any particular religion or organized faith, but rather expresses the characteristic as having faith — believing — in an undefined something. Hence the phrase, “trying to move mountains” to express attempting a nearly futile task.

A simple but profound reminder of my own limits occurs every time I go on a long hike here in Innsbruck. At home, if I walk too far, I can take a bus home. I can call home for a ride or I can wait and rest a while before heading back. But if you walk up into the mountains, up onto a remote slope away from highways and roads and miles from home, you’d better have it in you to walk back down, and do it before it gets cold and dark. Somehow that always gets me — that I did it. I’m on the top of a mountain, but I have no way of returning home other than picking up my tired feet and getting back to work. Otherwise, I’m stranded alone in the cold for the night.

We could all learn a lot from the mountains. About the humility of recognizing that something is bigger than you are, something that is unthinkably beautiful and dumbfounding and dangerous all in one. In America, we are taught to work hard and continue plugging away to make anything possible. Our optimism and work ethic are some of our greatest and strongest qualities, but they can also lead us into an arrogant notion that we really are the best, the biggest, the brightest and that the entire world is at our disposal.

It’s time we stepped back and listened to the mountains and the histories of mountains’ people and accepted our own limits in the natural world. Most resources aren’t renewable, most soil gets worn out and the air and ocean can’t absorb our massive amounts of waste forever. When we live too far from the believing areas that the challenges and beauty of this world inspire, we can easily forget to respect the life in the world around us and instead slowly kill it with our unrestrained ambition. You don’t have to be a mountain person yourself to believe there is something bigger and uncalculatable out there whose beauty and worth is greater than us; we can all receive a humbling from these giants.

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Letters to the Editor

Cover up the crosses

On Thursday, reports surfaced that President Obama, our chosen Commencement speaker, gave a speech on Tuesday at Georgetown University—a Catholic institution—but before he did so, made a request of the University: Cover up and hide all symbols of the school’s Catholic identity, including the name of Jesus Christ. This act of Obama’s White House should convince any Catholic, and most importantly our president, Fr. Jenkins, that such a man should not ever be invited to speak at a Catholic university. Does Mr. Obama expect us to believe the cross on our school seals was not a tarp over the golden statue of Mary on the Dome? This action by Mr. Obama and his White House is clear proof that he values nothing about our Catholic faith besides the millions of votes that Catholics represent.

In addition to his abhorrent views on life issues such as abortion and stem cell research, Mr. Obama has taken a further step and requested a Catholic institution to deny its faith. What is next for Mr. Obama? It appears that his next encroachment of our faith will occur in May when he gives the Commencement address at the most prestigious and well-recognized Catholic university in the nation, the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Jenkins should take heed of this latest betrayal of the Catholic faith and immediately rescind his invitation to Mr. Obama, lest we are asked to do the same as Georgetown.

Brendan Duerr
sophomore
Kount Hall
April 16

Where is Fr. Jenkins?

While Notre Dame continues to erupt in turmoil over the approaching commencement and President Barack Obama’s presence on campus, I ask myself, where is our President of the University, Fr. Jenkins? Now would be such a great opportunity for him to calm those troubled by his arrival, to remind those so vehemently opposed to Obama that it is okay for the voices of opposition to have a place on campus— that engaging in dialogue does not mean jeopardizing our faith. It is clear that Fr. Jenkins has demonstrated moral weakness ... that instead it is a good thing to hear the other side and to debate (respectfully) with them, for that in those conversations you might come out a stronger Catholic, Christian or whatever your beliefs may be. But where is he?

Fr. Jenkins is, as usual, hiding behind closed doors. He is allowing President Obama to come to campus while the warfare continues to increase the prestige of the university, when he could be inviting President Obama in for a conversation, and a symbol of the rest of the world that the university is finally ready to move forward, that we are willing to listen to what others have to say and that listening to the other side is not a threat to our belief system. By his inaction, if the Commencement erupts in flames and if Notre Dame is embarrassed by the irrational actions of the voices of opposition, then the blood will be on his hands.

Erin Weedon
senior
class of ‘99
April 18

Withheld donations expected in trillions

We would like to thank Mr. DiFranco (“Group of alumni launch Web site to tally sum of withheld donations,” April 17) for his efforts to quantify the amount of money withheld from Notre Dame because of Fr. Jenkins’ invitation to President Obama. Below, we quantify for tallying purposes the amount of money we have decided to not donate. We will not donate $600 million for maintenance of the facilities on campus. We will not donate an additional billion dollars for grounds keeping.

Furthest, to express our heartfelt discontent, we will not donate the $25 million we expect to win in the lottery. Our crystal ball has indicated a future winfall from sports betting. We would like to not donate this money. Let’s call it $500,000.

To assist Mr. DiFranco’s calculations, we propose a simple formula. All money gained by alumni through wages, salaries, 401k investments, tort judgments, insurance, blackjack in Las Vegas, personal item and birthday presents from grandma should be not donated. From this should be subtracted all money not donated.

By our estimates, the cost of inviting President Obama to speak at Notre Dame runs into trillions of dollars in not-donations. In the interest of full disclosure, our calculations may be slightly inaccurate simply because, a) we don’t exactly have six human fingers on each hand; b) we project that not one, but two, grandmas don’t give us birthday presents. However, because the predictive principle is roughly the same, this makes our calculation no less accurate than Mr. DiFranco’s.

Patrick Hines, Ryan Fiedler
low students
off campus
April 17

Panning ND music scene ignorant, disrespectful

Really, Scene? Really? There may not be the type of music scene at Notre Dame that would satisfy an appetite for Pitchfork credibility and hipness, but to dismiss the talents of current Notre Dame musicians is disrespectful and shows an ignorance of the current music scene. The claims made in “Vanishing Act” (April 16) regarding the Notre Dame music scene demonstrate the mythical problems that stiffe creativity. The work of South Bend Power ’90s exists as a valuable resource for both fans of that scene and new listeners.

To say that the student body should be “shamed” that things in the campus music scene are not the way they were in Ted Leo’s hey-day shows a stuck-in-the-past mentality that goes against everything those older bands stood for creatively. In what way does criticizing a music scene help it develop? Instead of criticizing Aconic Café and Legends for not being the same types of venues as the Notre Dame scene of the past, the campus should enthusiastically embrace what it has and encourage it to become better.

Calling for a “counterculture” inside the pages of The Observer shows a limited scope of what is available on and around campus. Bands like Sams Katie and Jackson and the awesome Peas have developed and presented themselves to the Notre Dame community. Legends is always looking for student acts to support the national talent that it brings to the campus. Expressing oneself through music is one of the most reveling endeavors a person can undertake. Calling for an overnight music scene full of Vampire Weekends and MGMTs denies this personal nature of music, while keeping the Notre Dame scene mired in imitation rather than letting it expand to be something truly special.

John Siegel
senior
Keenan Hall
April 16

River of gold

We have seen Notre Dame’s stadium as a “sea of green” or “field of blun.” Graduation weekend, it would be nice to see the tires of the student body gold. “Not to protest ... but to celebrate life in Him.” Brought up in the Notre Dame colors are white and gold, and if Notre Dame is embarrassed by the irrational actions of the voices of opposition, then the blood will be on his hands.

Kathleen O’Day Minkel
grad student
off campus
April 19

Pro-life terrorism?

In regards to A.J. Badiglia’s April 16 letter (“Terrorism at ND?”) derailing Randall Terry’s radical pro-life tactics, I’d like you to consider Mr. Obama’s much more radical pro-abortion leanings.

While Mr. Randall dresses up with a bloody Obama mask, Obama voted — while an Illinois senator — multiple times against legislation that would protect infants who survived a failed abortion attempt from being thrown into trash cans. At least Mr. Terry is open about his position. Obama, hiding behind his moderate-sounding rhetoric, is perhaps the most ruthless and leftist abortion supporter to ever reach such high political office. You may call Mr. Terry a terrorist, but he isn’t the one supporting the rights of mothers to murder their unborn children.

Brendan Cordial
sophomore
Kount Hall
April 16

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The world will thank you.
**Zac Efron Makes You Want to See AGAIN Again...**

By CAITLIN FERRARO

Assistant Scene Editor

A shiny silver car pulls into a parking spot and out steps a hot guy in tight black jeans. Converses, a tight white tee and a leather jacket. The cautious trace of past dating is visible, too. Aviators cover his blue eyes. He tosses his trademark hair and struts into school. No, this isn’t the scene from 1989 when he was on top of the world as the star basketball player. This probably says more about the power of the audience — predominately tween and teenage girls — than it does about acting skills. However, there is no doubt it was a successful first solo performance for the teen idol.

The film is your basic body-swap ping film; picture Tom Hank’s “Big” in reverse. That centers Efron as Matthew Perry’s character Mike O’Donnell. Perry is a 37-year-old Mike in a rut. He hates his job, his wife is unhappy and he longs for a friendlier life. His wife is pregnant and talk about condoms. It is apparent that Efron has matured, and it is none other than the chair of Notre Dame students Joshua Diaz.

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**Beatrice and Benedick: Hit a High Note**

By CORNELIUS ROGERS

Stern Weird

This year Opera Notre Dame had the audacity to put on “Beatrice and Benedick,” Set in Messina, a city in Sicily, “Beatrice and Benedick” is a story that reminds audiences that falling in love is tricky, especially when it is with the person you hate. While the plot is loosely based on Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing,” it does not expect a direct correlation of plot events. Among other things, the Beat John story line is entirely omitted to focus on the themes of Beatrice and Benedick. The plot omissions help the opera tell a more concise story in a manageable 65 minutes without an intermission. What is not lost in the translation is the humor so prevalent in both Shakespeare’s and Berlioz’s works. Opera Notre Dame succeeds at getting the audience to laugh with them, and at them.

What is unique about this year’s production is that it utilizes two casts — one for the Thursday and Saturday night shows, and the other for Friday night and Sunday after noon. The casts contain the fantastic talents of Notre Dame students Joshua Diaz, Dominic Ge, Stephanie DePrez, Jennifer Valencia and Dan Crupi. The cast does a great job of responding to the audience, knowing when to make them laugh and when to make them applaud.

The only downside to this opera is that a large majority of its songs are given to female characters, but that does not make the high notes these sopranos and altos hit any less incredible. Also making an appearance is none other than the chair of Notre Dame’s music department, Louis MacKenzie. His self-referential style of humor includes several Notre Dame images. Yes, the jig and the yodel and his favorite gestures that accompany football games can be found here. Instead of depreciating the artistic value, these allusions further the humorous tone that is so prevalent throughout the opera.

“Beatrice and Benedick” succeeds in making audiences laugh and telling a love story with an upbeat and light-hearted tone.

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Gym Class Heroes bring high energy to Legends

By ELLIE HALL
Scene Writer

Gym Class Heroes played to a crowded and very enthusiastic house on Thursday night at Legends Nightclub. Two hours before the concert began, the line of Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students waiting to get in wrapped around the front of the building and down the side street. By the time opening band Chester French began their set, the venue was packed with students pushing towards the barricade in the hopes of being close to the front when Gym Class Heroes took the stage.

Sadly, I didn't get to hear Chester French play, because as soon as they began their first song, Gym Class Heroes' tour manager found me and took me outside the club to talk with some of the members of the band. The manager left me outside the tour bus for a minute, as he entered and then reemerged with drummer Matt McGinley, guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasonga and bassist Eric Roberts. I introduced myself, we shook hands and I began to talk with them.

The band just finished a four month tour opening for rapper Lil' Wayne, and I started by asking them what the difference was between opening for rappers and hip-hop groups and opening for a rock band (they've opened for alternative stars like Fall Out Boy, whose bassist, Chester, is currently taking online courses at Cornell University as a senior to join Gym Class Heroes, despite the fact that his parents are both professors at the school. When I asked him how his parents felt about his decision, he admitted that at first they were disappointed, but "in the end, it's about making yourself happy.

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I finished the interview with a question that I - as a lifelong Gym Class Heroes fan - have always wanted to ask. I've been able to connect with people in (such a large) crowd. It really helps."

Drummer McGinley and MC Travis McCoy met in PE class (hence the band's name) in high school in 1997 and formed Gym Class Heroes the same year, but the group remained a mostly underground band with a strong following in upstate New York until the Lumumba-Kasonga replaced the band's guitarist in 2004 and the new group recorded "The Papercut EP." This led to a record deal and the album "The Papercut Chronicles" in 2005. Soon after that, Roberts replaced the band's bassist and the group was complete.

We talked about colleges and higher education as the band explained Gym Class Heroes' gradual formation. I learned that McCoy attended community college during the band's early years and Roberts graduated from a community school in Schenectady before he joined the group. McGinley is currently taking online courses at BU and has yet to declare a major. Lumumba-Kasonga's story is particularly fascinating; he dropped out of Cornell University as a junior to join Gym Class Heroes, despite the fact that his parents are both professors at the school. When I asked him how his parents felt about his decision, he admitted that at first they were disappointed, but "in the end, it's about making yourself happy.

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NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes gave up a hit in the ninth to fume away the two-out rally in second place, and onto Burnett, who walked the bases loaded, after he saw the home run sign from second base umpire Phil Cuzzi.

Gomes ran toward the infield, indicating a fan interfered, and Indians manager Eric Wedge came out to help make up the decision.

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**Kobe, Ariza lead Lakers in Game 1**

Kobe Bryant, right, drives during the Los Angeles Lakers' 133-100 victory over the Utah Jazz Sunday afternoon. Bryant scored 24 points as the Lakers cruised to an easy Game 1 win at home.

The Jazz were 15-26 on the road during the regular season, and their luck at Staples Center isn’t any better. The Lakers have won 10 in a row, including playoff games, at home against them.

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Philadelphia 76ers forward Thaddeus Young and Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard每次 forward to the bench as the Los Angeles Lakers cruised to an easy Game 1 win.

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**IN BRIEF**

No hard feelings after Murray's shot hits woman

UTAH, Fla. — One day after he was plunked on the head by Bill Murray's wayward tee shot, Gayle DiMaggio had a request: a signed copy of his movie "Caddyshack."

The actor, meanwhile, was back on the course Saturday for the second round of the Outback Pro-Am. And the course marshals took no chances: They wore hard hats.

DiMaggio lives on the course where Murray hooked his shot far to the left of the No. 9 hole at TPC Tampa Bay. She was hit on the left temple Friday as she stood in her backyard to watch the first round. She never lost consciousness, but needed stitches at a hospital.

With the Red Sox off Thursday, the new penalty allows Beckett to switch spots with Jon Lester and start Saturday. Lester is now scheduled to start the series opener against the New York Yankees on Friday.

Wade Davis, his managing player for eight years, recounted her mishap and her encounter with Murray.

"He came over and laid down on the ground with me and he was very concerned, asking if I was OK," she said.

Beckett threw a pitch near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last Sunday, leading to both dugouts and bullpens emptying. The right-hander was suspended on Tuesday and immediately appealed the ruling.

Lester will start Game 2 against Miami, with the top seed in the series looking to avenge its Game 1 loss. Lester cruised to an easy Game 1 win with 2 1/2 weeks remaining in the regular season, and eventually won the West by 11 games.

They pretty much had their way against the Jazz, leading by 22 points at halftime and then answered resoundingly both times Utah got within nine in the second half. Bryant's total gave him 179 career post-season points, moving him past Magic Johnson and into ninth on the NBA's list.

The Jazz sorely missed Mehmet Okur, who sat out with a mild right hamstring strain. He averages 17 points and 7.5 rebounds and gives Utah a much-needed inside presence against the Lakers' twin 7-footers, Andrew Bynum and Gasol.

Bynum had seven points and three rebounds playing in foul trouble most of the game.

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Associated Press

After T.I. introduces lineups, Smith, Hawks hold Wade to 19 and race to resounding victory over Heat

Included at least eight assists and turned seven turnovers into 10 points. Miami shot just 39 percent (7 of 18), the final attempt a desperation heave by Wade, who ran into an Atlanta player on the follow-through and was swatted out on the court as the ball bounced.

He got up slowly, clapped his hands in disgust and walked to the locker room.

Atlanta actually took control late in the first quarter. After Wade dunked coming off the baseline, the Hawks scored the final two baskets for a 24-21 lead.

The second period was no contest. With Wade getting a quick breather at the start, the Hawks quickly stretched their lead to 30-22. Then Smith took over, scoring 13 high-flying points before the quarter was done.

Al Horford blocked Wade at one end and the Hawks were off to the races, with Joe Johnson scoring a 3-pointer - and 11 points in the fourth quarter - for Philadelphia and Iguodala did the rest.

"You've got to understand, when I come into the game we're usually down 15 points," Marshall joked. "So my job is just to come in and shoot.

Once Igot I didn't slow him and what hurt after the game was the loss, not the tendinitis in his right knee.

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"Really made up for it, didn't it?" Sixers coach Tony D'Leo said, smiling. "It's like our own weapon."

Dwyane Wade had a career playoff-high 31 points and 16 rebounds in Game 2, and Magic fans stood in disbelief before filling out quietly.

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Dwyane had the pair of free throws to put Orlando ahead 79-71 and then went to the locker room with a towel to his face. He returned to the game after a few minutes.

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**MEN'S GOLF**

Irish in middle of pack after first day

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish put together a solid first round at the Big East championships at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Dade City, Fla., finishing the first day of competition in fifth place with a seven-over par 295. No. 44 Louisville leads the field of 12 with a six-under 282.

Notre Dame freshman Max Scodro, in his fifth collegiate tournament of his career, vaulted himself to fifth overall on the back of eagles on the first and 11th holes. He stands at one-under par for the day. Fortner's only upperclassman to make the field of 12 with a six-under 282.

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Junior Doug Fortner and the Irish men's golf team look to rise down after opening his round over 74 to end up in 23rd for the day. Kubinski has lauded Fortner's a torrid 33 on the back nine. No. 44 Louisville leads the field of 12 with a six-under 282.

Despite finding themselves squarely in the thick of a tight field — only 12 strokes separate the three- and 10th-place teams — Notre Dame has history on their side. In perhaps the finest performance in their long history, the Irish put together a solid first round at the Big East championships at Lake Jovita to come back from 12 strokes down and clinch the title.

"We know we can do something — win — we've felt capable of all year," Kubinski said. "We'll have positive vibes, Lake Jovita was 'our place' the last time we competed there."}

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SMC TENNIS

Belles suffer tough loss to Kalamazoo

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After last Wednesday's big victory over Bethel, it looked like the Belles may have found the right combination for MIAA success. But any optimism was doused Saturday with an 8-1 loss to Kalamazoo.

"They were very steady and had an especially tough lower part of their lineup," Saint Mary's coach Dale Campbell said of the Hornets.

There were crucial parts of the match where the Belles (6-8, 1-3 MIAA) showed prominence as a team and capable of responding to pressure.

"Camille Gebert played tough at number two as she has all year," Campbell said. "She is a leader and has pulled through even when the team has not. Camille dominated her match."

Though junior team captain Gebert was the only Belle who pulled out a win in Saturday's match, the rest of the squad battled tough and lost only narrowly.

"Reeti Reod also fought really hard at No. 4 and almost came back, and Jillian Hurley lost a close match with an excellent opponent at No. 1 singles," Campbell said.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish second after first day of Big East tourney

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

The Irish find themselves in second place after a strong first round at the Big East Championship at the Jovita Golf Club in Dade City, Fla.

Sunday, the Irish fired a team score of 3-over to wrap up the first round of three at the championship. Irish coach Susan Holt said she was hopeful that her team can build off of the first round performance.

"[The team's] game is where it needs to be," Holt said. "We started out even on the front nine but just lost some shots on the back nine."

Leading the way for the Irish after day one was sophomore So-Hyun Park. Park recorded a hole-in-one on the 145-yard, par-3 fourth hole. On the back nine, Park traded three birdies with three bogeys to finish the day at 2-under tied for third.

"So-Hyun played solid today," Holt said. "I'm happy with her performance."

Senior captain Lisa Maunu rallied a 2-over to finish in a tie for seventh. Freshmen Becca Huffner, junior Kristin Wetzel and junior Annie Brophy rounded out the Irish scores tallying rounds of 3-over, 4-over, and 5-over, respectively.

"I'm happy to see the work we've put in this week paying off," Holt said. "But I am a little disappointed we didn't finish stronger down the stretch."

Last season, the Irish beat Louisville to win their third Big East Championship. At the end of round one, the Irish trail Louisville by 16 strokes. Holt knows that if her team is to mount a comeback, it won't be because Louisville will stumble and come back to them.

"We've got to do what we can to get out of the hole we're in," Holt said. "Louisville is playing well and they want to come back to us."

Holt doesn't remember how the Irish finished after their first round of last year's championship run, but she is confident that the Irish can catch Louisville if they can play well the next two days.

"I don't remember how we stacked up last year," Holt said. "But I know that catching Louisville can be done."

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ND MEN’S TENNIS

Irish place fourth in Big East

By KATE GRABAREK
Space Writer

After a win over Georgetown to start the Big East champi- onships, hopes were high for the Irish. But after consecutive losses to South Florida and Louisville, Notre Dame finished fourth in the conference.

No. 28 Notre Dame lost a hard-fought match against South Florida, each singles matches going to three sets.

“South Florida beat top-25 teams Miami and Florida State this season when they played here in Tampa,” head coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Lucas Jovita and Wael Kilani at the top of their lineup are two very strong baseliners who will make you earn every point.”

The No. 31 doubles team of senior Brett Holsgen and sophomore Dan Stahl lost the Irish, falling at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-5.

At No. 2 doubles sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt fell to Mahmood Hamed and Jammal Adderley by a score of 8-4.

“Casey Watt has been a real force for us this year,” Bayliss said. “His combination of speed, aggressive ground strokes, and competitiveness separate him from most players.”

Senior Santiago Montoya and sophomore Dan Stahl lost the doubles point for the Irish, falling at No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-2. After consecutive losses to Miami and Florida, each singles match went to three sets.

“The Irish were looking to avenge a 4-3 loss against Louisville from earlier in the season, but again fell just short in their comeback bid losing 4-3 again,” said senior captain Kelcy Tefft.

Again, Holsgen and Davis gave the Irish a 2-0 advantage at No. 1 doubles, but Notre Dame couldn’t capitalize.

At No. 3 doubles Austen Childs and Sumit-Prakash Gupta tied the doubles point with a 6-1 win at 1-1 when they defeated Montana and Stahl by a score of 8-1.

At No. 2, Havens and Watt battled to take an 8-7 lead but fell to the Cardinals duo of Alejandro Calligari and Robert Rotaru in a tiebreak where Havens fell to 7-2.

The Cardinals jumped out in singles to a 3-0 lead with wins at No. 1 and 2 singles. No. 31 Childs defeated Hamed 6-1, 6-2, while Havens fell No. 79 Vikor Malakhov 6-2, 6-1.

Davis earned Notre Dame’s first singles victory at No. 6 over Robert Hall 6-4, 6-3 to bring the match to 3-1.

Sophomore David Anderson won at No. 5 singles, while Watt earned his 18th win of the season at No. 4 singles to tie the match at three wins apiece.

Stahl fell to Calligari in three sets, though, to give the Cardinals the victory.

South Florida ended up winning the event, and the Irish will now await their NCAA first round opponent when draws are announced after the completion of all conference tournaments next weekend.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Team takes third Big East title in four years

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Space Writer

After a dominating weekend, another gold trophy has been added to the women’s tennis trophy case.

No. 2 Notre Dame (22-4, 6-0) claimed its ninth overall Big East title by winning the Big East Tournament Sunday. The team successfully defended last year’s title and won the crown for the third time in four years.

The Irish opened the tournament with a 4-0 sweep of Pittsburgh Friday, and then quickly replicated the victory with a 4-0 win over Rutgers Saturday. In the championship match Sunday, Notre Dame won 4-2 over DePaul, the second victory over the Blue Demons in two weeks. As made evident by the lopsided scores, the entire team contributed to this display of Big East supremacy.

“Everyone played well the whole weekend, especially since we hadn’t been outside for a while,” senior captain Kelcy Tefft said.

Each of the three matches began with Notre Dame sweeping the doubles points without difficulty — no match came closer than 8-2. The sweeps brought second-ranked Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling’s season doubles record to 34-3, and freshmen Shannon Mathews and junior Colleen Hickey’s dual match record to 20-8.

These doubles points set the stage for the Irish to cruise to victory. The two points DePaul won equaled the number of points Notre Dame lost in their five victories since last beating DePaul.

“DePaul is a very good team, and I was a little bit nervous about it going in because we had a pretty tight match with them at their place two weeks ago,” Tefft said. “But everyone played really well, and we’re all happy with everyone’s performance.”

This is the third Big East title in the careers of seniors Tefft and Katie Potts.

“Every year it is fun to come down to Florida and even more fun to return home with a victory,” Tefft said.

Last season the Irish came away from Big East play laden with awards. Most notably, Tefft won Player of the Year and head coach Jay Louderback was awarded Coach of the Year. The end of the season awards will come out early this coming week, and after earning the Big East championship, more accolades will likely come the team’s way.

“We should represent pretty well on all-tournament teams across the board,” Tefft said.

Now on a six-match winning streak, Notre Dame approaches the NCAA tournament in prime form.

“We have a few weeks off to recover from some injuries and work on our conditioning a little bit,” Tefft said. “Then we just need to be ready in early May whenever we host NCAA Regionals.

NCAA Regionals will be the weekend of May 9, and if the Irish prevail, the team will advance to sectionals at Texas A&M.

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Belles falter down the stretch in MIAA play

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

It's coming down the crunch time in the MIAA, and the Belles aren't responding well. After starting the season 22-4 and in prime position for a MIAA playoff berth, the Belles began a six-game losing streak, four against league opponents. This week, they lost 4-3 and 12-2 against Adrian, dropping their league record to 6-6 and knocking them out of the playoffs. A day after these heart-breaking losses, the Belles were swept by North Central 9-5 and 14-2 on senior day.

"We just had a bad week. It started Wednesday, it carried over into this weekend," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We played well, but we just didn't take advantage when we had runners in scoring position."

The Belles were forced to play from behind for almost all of the first game against Adrian after giving up four runs in the top of the first inning. They had nothing going until they sparked a rally with one out in the bottom of the inning. A pair of errors allowed them to plate three runners, but Bulldogs pitcher Kelly Tomasek eventually shut the door, bringing her record to 59-0.

The second game was similarly close, with the Belles only down 4-2 after three innings. But after the Bulldogs rattled off eight unanswered runs to bring the lead to 12-2, the Belles' hopes for an MIAA title were all but crushed. The Belles managed to add two runs in the bottom half of the six, but it was not enough to avoid the run rule. With no momentum whatsoever to take into Sunday, the Belles were swept again.

"It was rainy, it was cold, and the team was still depressed. I don't think it was a lack of effort by any means, I think they were just a little confused," Sullivan said.

The Belles are now forced to regroup and overcome the shock of falling in the standing so quickly. They will have one more chance to end the season on a high note as they travel to Angola, Ind. to face off against divisional foe Trine University. The doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish bounce back vs. UConn

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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After losing their last two contests, the No. 9 Irish came back with a victory in their final regular season game as they took down Connecticut 22-17 and co-captain Jillian Byers set a single-game record with 12 points.

"It took us a little while to figure out how to beat them," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "But once we did we really controlled the ball in the second half.

Notre Dame (12-4, 5-2 Big East) returned home Saturday after a string of four road games to close out the season and honor the team's four seniors — Byers, co-captain and defender Shannon Burke, goalkeeper Erin Goodman, and midfielder Beth Koulup. The victory over Connecticut (3-13, 2-5) closes out conference play until the Big East tournament starts Friday.

The Irish offense had been struggling to find the net in their last two games against Syracuse and Connecticut, but not Saturday. Notre Dame outscored both teams 43-17 and had scored 14 goals by the time the Huskies netted their first. Leading the Irish offense alongside Byers were junior attack Gina Scioscia with three goals and an assist and freshman attack Maggie Coyne with three goals and three assists. Previously held by her mother, Byers' 12 points beat the for four-year success the program has seen with a record of 50-21.

Up next for the Irish is the Big East tournament this weekend at Georgetown.

"Our focus on our defense transition and stopping our opponents before they get into scoring position," Coyne said. "Most important though is to go in with confidence in our game plan and to play a solid 60 minutes."

Notre Dame will take on Syracuse in the first round Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Georgetown's Multi-Sport Facility.

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The two goals equalled season bests for the Bobcats against the Red Storm, and showed the stout effort was a credit not just to the defensemen, but also to the team in general.

The Bobcats finally got on the board with a goal from Jack Oppenheimer with 11:58 left in the game. Oppenheimer and senior Ryan Hoff notched two more goals to extend the Irish lead.

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Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:
Carl Andersen
Senior Carl Andersen, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morisssey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carl’s athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to scoring, basketball, broomball and volleyball, Carl also plays Interhall and CoRec football where he is one of the league leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and CoRec football teams.

Alex Klupchak
Alex Klupchak, a senior from O’Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Rolfs. Alex has a confidence and intensity that can be matched by few other players and his quickness and ability to both drive the lane and shoot it from deep behind the arc make him the Otter’s number one threat. In addition, Pistol plays quarterback on the Otters’ Interhall Football team and is the captain of the Little Giants flag football team who had an undefeated regular season, beating opponents by an average of 52 points.

Undergraduate Female Athlete of the Year:
Kathleen Stanley
Kathleen Stanley helped McGlinn Hall capture the Interhall Women’s Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlinn upset the top seeded Purple Weasels of PW in a 4-3 victory to win the Interhall Women’s Basketball title. In addition, Stanley plays in multiple soccer leagues, Interhall Lacrosse, and was a member of DVD Late Night who made an appearance in the CoRec basketball final.

Mary Forr
Mary Forr was a major component of Pasquerilla West’s Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Weasels to the regular season one seed in the Women’s Interhall Basketball tournament where they fell to McGlinn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.

Jenni Gargula
Jenni Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family’s Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game in the final minutes. Over the past three years, she has a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwind’s quarterback. Jenni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds’ Interhall Basketball team.

Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:
Matt Hamel
After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Waivers capture the CoRec Basketball title en route to an undefeated season. Hamel brings an unmatched intensity and determination to all sports as the leading scorer of the GFS basketball team, Flannel, and a strong defender on his CoRec Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.

Braden Turner
Braden Turner represents MSA in a variety of sports including basketball, flag football, and volleyball. He was captain of the MSA flag football team and a member of the MSA soccer team that lost in the finals on penalty kicks.

David Standa
As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS baseball title with a victory over CEGEOS. Dave played GFS basketball on Team Flannel who made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions. He is also a key contributor to his league leading Floor Hockey team, Threat Level Midnight, who has beaten their opponents by an average of 10 goals.

Graduate Female Athlete of the Year:
Susan Finnich
Susan Finnich represented the MSA program well, playing as many sports as she could. She was a member of MSA soccer team that lost the championship game on penalty kicks and a key component of her undefeated CoRec soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.

Chris Vaughn
Chrisis Vaughn was the captain of the Mighty Mendoza GFS soccer team that won their league. She always brought enthusiasm and leadership to her team as a key contributor to their successful season.

Brittany Baron
Brittany Baron is the leader of MSA athletics as the captain of both their soccer and basketball teams. She was a member of the CoRec championship basketball team, Insurance Waivers, and the GFS soccer runner-up as well as flag football and volleyball.

Team of the Year:
Interhall Men’s Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball
By averaging 65 points a game, Morisssey Manor completed an undefeated season and claimed the number one seed in the Men’s Interhall Basketball Championship. Led by senior Captain Carl Andersen’s 17 points, they were able to defend their Interhall basketball title with a 69-62 victory over O’Neill Hall.

CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction
Weapons of Mass Destruction struggled in the regular season, but a 2-2 record was just enough to get them into the playoffs where their season took off. They upset both the number one and number two seeds en route to the CoRec Flag Football Championship.

CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Waivers
Joe Marnell, Matt Hamel, & Joe Demott led the Insurance Waivers to an undefeated season. Averaging 71 points a game to their opponents’ 38, they captured the CoRec Basketball Championship over DVD Late Night with a 71-30 victory.

Game of the Year:
Men’s Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford
The #4 seed Siegfried met the #1 seeded Stanford Griffins in the Interhall Men’s Hockey championship after both teams had to go into OT to win their semifinal games. The Siegfried Ramblers pulled off the 3-1 upset over the heavily favored Stanford Griffins to take home the championship trophy.

Men’s Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan
The top-seeded Siegfried Ramblers defeated the seventh-seeded Knights of Keenan Hall 14-13 to capture the Men’s Interhall Football Championship trophy and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight's wide receiver, James Zenker, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan's attempt at a two-point conversion with just over two minutes to play.

CoRec Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United
Forty minutes wasn’t enough to settle the CoRec Soccer Championship as the game went into overtime tied 2-2. Top seeded Pick Up United pulled out the victory over third seeded Team MSA in Penalty Kicks 5-3.

Fans of the Year:
Zahm Hockey
Defending Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahm House, could always be found with a large contingent of fans including fans in costumes of all sorts. Even as the team started to struggle, their fan base stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC Ice Rink.

Welsh Flag Football
Welsh Fan was never short of fans, especially for Flag Football. Even Father Greg never missed a game. It’s hard not to play well when you have the fan support that the Whirlwinds do, cheering them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.

Purple Rain
GFS Flag Football team, Purple Rain, always had a ton of support from their fans, even bringing a mascot. The fans for Purple Rain stayed strong even as the weather turned cold and rainy for the playoffs where the team lost in a hard fought semifinal game to Palin’s Spawn.
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"Coach [Corwin] Brown made sure that he was named defensive MVP," said junior cornerback Kyle Johns. "I'm not sure why they would be named defensive MVP. "It was just a matter of taking plays away from the other team. "I can't really tell you why they would say the line," Clausen said. "It was a combination of things. We had good running backs, and we had some good defensive linemen."

Weis said he was pleased with the performance of the running attack, which he said would have a significant impact on other areas of the team.

"It all starts with the run game. If you can run the ball, everything else is easier," Weis said. "Protection is easier, throwing the ball is easier, everything is easier. It all starts with being able to control the line of scrimmage.

"Junior Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks said he was impressed with the gains he saw from the running back in his time at spring practice.

"They are still young backs but I am definitely pleased with what I have seen," Brooks said. "It has been a marked improvement."

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for a combined 268 yards on 53 carries. Hughes found the end zone twice and Gray once to lead the Blue team scoring, but it was Allen that was named the game's Offensive MVP.

"We have a real talented group," Allen said. "When any of us is on the field, nothing changes. We don't lose a step."

Allen also praised the efforts of the defense on Saturday, despite the lopsided score.

"I thought the defense played well," he said. "I guess you could say the scoring system kind of screwed them over.

"I think we ran the ball with power inside and our defense was good to the edge and put a lot of heat on the quarterback," Weis said. "Against our defense, opponents are going to spend a lot of time scheming to get their quarterbacks extra time because they are very athletic." Weis said he saw a lot of schemes that "they have dialed up.

"It was an early-enrollee Zeke guy that also stood out on defense, leading the team with 18 tackles."

"He might have some work to do mentally," Weis said of Motta. "But he's an extremely physically gifted athlete.

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Schrage said he wasn't sure when Tate would be available after the spring game and didn't have a specific time frame. "He showed up to the locker room — in football pads — before the game and he told the coaches he could play, and Tate said, "I'm going to worry about the next play.""

"I think Golden thrives on these kind of things," Schrage said. "He loves the limelight. He performs better in front of a lot of people." Tate made the score 8-4. Mills walked to lead off the sixth inning and was hit by a pitch. "I don't know whose idea it was, but it was a good idea," Schrage said. "We had two bases loaded and lowered his ERA to 3.09."

The Irish got another complete game from sophomore Brian Dupra in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, an 8-6 win. Dupra is a 5-0 hurler with the bases loaded to make the score 4-0.

The Mountaineers first scored in the fifth, when Casey doubled and scored on Doyle's fly to right. Junior, AJ Pollock doubled and scored with the bases loaded to make the score 6-2. West Virginia scored in the seventh, but two-out RBI singles from junior Ryan Letteke and sophomore Pat Collins made the score 8-2.

"I think our bats are doing a lot of good things," Schrage said. "I think they are doing a lot of good things."

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FOOTBALL

Running wild

Offense overpowers defense in blowout win

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

The offense took advantage of a unique, and somewhat complex, scoring system to beat the defense 68-33 Saturday in the 80th edition of the annual Blue-Gold game.

Even though the offense, designated as the Blue team, won decisively, it was freshman quarterback Robert Blanton who stole the show, picking off a Jimmy Clausen pass early in the first half and returning it all the way for a touchdown.

BASEBALL

Notre Dame rebounds with doubleheader sweep of WVU

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It was a rough 10-day stretch. The Irish had lost five of six, including a 19-3 stomping by West Virginia at Eck Stadium Friday. But as the weather improved, so did Notre Dame, and the Irish took two of three from the Mountaineers this weekend by sweeping a doubleheader Saturday. The Irish (22-14, 8-7 Big East) won 8-6 and 3-0 Saturday behind great pitching performances. Junior Eric Maust, after punting in the Blue-Gold game earlier in the afternoon, pitched nine scoreless innings and gave up five hits in the second game. "When a team's hitting .367 as a team that makes the performance more remarkable by Eric," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. Sophomore designated hitter David Casey and sophomore Mick Doyle each had two hits and an RBI in the game. Casey raised his average to .407 and has a 10-game hitting streak going. Schrage said Casey was the team's hottest hitter and attributed it to his work ethic. "I would bet if you walked over to the cages right now he's probably in there hitting," Schrage said. "He's got a big heart, he wants to do well. The thing with David is he's maturing as a hitter too."

Irish sophomore running back Armando Allen runs upfield during Saturday's Blue-Gold game. Allen finished with 70 yards on 12 carries and was named offensive MVP.

Rushing game shows improvement from '08

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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The scoring system in this year's edition of the Blue-Gold game may have made the game seem more one-sided than was the case. The one thing that was evident, however, was the success and improvement of the Irish rushing attack in the 68-33 exhibition win for the offense.

The three-headed running back team of rising juniors Armando Allen and Robert Hughes and rising sophomore Jonas Gray combined to dominate the scrimmage, rushing for 73 yards and two touchdowns.

Irish senior midfielder Peter Christman cradles near the St. John's net during Notre Dame's 12-2 win over the Red Storm.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win two over weekend

By SAM WERNER
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While it was a busy weekend for Notre Dame, with the Irish playing games on both Saturday and Sunday, it was a quiet one for opposing attackers. The Irish gave up just four goals combined on the weekend en route to wins over Quinnipiac and St. John's. "To go back-to-back with two goal games is unbelievable," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. In Saturday's 10-2 win over the Bobcats, senior attack Duncan Swirzy led the way with two goals and an assist. The Irish 15-0, 4-0 Great Western Lacrosse

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