Jenkins to meet Obama invite supporters
Fifteen leaders from student groups to meet with University president and present letter, petition
By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Fifteen students, representing over twenty student groups, are scheduled to meet with University President Fr. John Jenkins at 3:30 p.m. today to present a petition and letter in support of his invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement on May 17.

A student involved in organizing the meeting, College Democrats President Henry Vasquez, said that Progressive Leadership Council, which is composed of leaders of progressive campus clubs, got over twenty student clubs to sign the letter supporting the invitation.

"It's mostly a symbolic gesture of support," Vasquez said. He and senior Michael Angulo gathered the support of the clubs — including the Progressive Student Alliance, College Democrats, Feminist Voice, the Notre Dame NAACP chapter, Students for Environmental Action and the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC).

The letter states: "As Notre Dame students, we strive to be a concerned community that recognizes the complexity of the many issues that face our nation and our world. We respect diverse viewpoints on issues and we also believe in concerned and genuine dialogue."

The letter also states that "as students concerned with the issues of social justice, the supporters look forward to hosting Obama and 'continuing our University's mission to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice,' citing the University mission statement."

A petition — started by BCAC — gathered signatures from students, faculty and outside supporters over several weeks.

Khai Thomas, incoming president of BCAC, said not only are there many student supporters, "there is avid support among people outside the community for this petition."

Thomas said his group decided to try to meet with Jenkins in order to present the petition personally. He said Jenkins’ office was receptive to their request to meet.

Gender Studies marks 20 years
Department hosts reception; faculty members reflect on program’s history
By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Gender Studies will celebrate its second decade this week-end with events beginning Thursday.

"Gender Studies has made Notre Dame a welcoming place for hundreds of students and faculty over the past 20 years," Director of Gender Studies Eileen Hunt Botting said.

Profs. talk Obama decision
By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Continuing the discussion over President Barack Obama’s invitation to be Commencement speaker, the third installment of the Orestes Browrown Council lecture series addressed the role of Notre Dame students and American Catholics in the nation’s political environment in LaFortune on Wednesday night.

Professor of Law Rick Garnett said the Church and state are impossible to disentangle when it comes to our beliefs.

"Religion will matter to us and will effect what we believe," Garnett said. "Religion and politics always

Pedestrian struck by car Tuesday
Observer Staff Report

A car struck a pedestrian late Tuesday night on Notre Dame’s campus, said Dave Chapman, assistant director of the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

Chapman said the accident took place on Stepan Road, "near where old Juniper Road used to intersect with Nippon Drive."

The victim had been walking on the sidewalk and was treated at a local hospital, but was released by the USCCB statement Wednesday critical of University President John Jenkins’ argument that Notre Dame has not violated a statement made by U.S. bishops, citing the University has committed a "terrible breach" by inviting pro-choice President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement.

A line from “Catholics in Political Life,” a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2004, states: "Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

Some critics of the
INSIDE COLUMN

Nuggets of wisdom

As I circled the Michigan Street Wendy's for the third time, I finally spotted the minuscule window in which I was supposed to pay for my order. The teller gave me a funny look, but made change for my five-spot. She handed me a greasy bag and a large drink. Large drink? I didn't order a large drink. I ordered a small iced tea.

Nevertheless, I pulled away from the teller window and turned south onto Michigan. I took a sip of my drink. Yech. Coke. I haven't had a Coke in years, much less 44 oz. worth. Poking through the bag, I took stock of my order. Fries? Nuggets? Then it dawned on me. While I was circling Wendy's, someone had obviously paid for and driven away with my order, and I was driving away with his.

I couldn't be more delighted. Despite the disappointment of not getting my couple of burgers, I had the chance to probe the mind of a complete and utter stranger. Each bite, each plunge into the unknown would illuminate the soul of a man or woman I would never lay eyes on.

I've always thought that someone's choice of junk food said a lot about his personality - what he finds comfortable, whether he kept healthy, if he was safe and sensible or liked to probe the limits of gastronomic safety. People order junk food without thought of anything except taste and their own sense of contentment. They tend to order the exact same thing every time or at least return to comfortable food if they don't.

Some people keep it classic and consistent, order the same thing time after time,burgers and fries. Some like to remind themselves of home with a heaping plate of eggs and hash browns. Junk food is, well, the real chicken soup for the soul. When you're burned out after studying all night, you head to Taco Bell. When you're tired of your diet, you head to Taco Bell. When you're tired of The Observer, you head to Taco Bell.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW WOULD YOU RATE PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE?

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

OFFBEAT

Broa defects bullet, saves woman from serious injury

DETROIT—A 57-year-old Detroit woman avoided serious injury when the underwire on her bra deflected a bullet shot at her from next door, police said.

The woman, who lives on the West side of Detroit, saw a group of men breaking into a neighbour's house on Tuesday morning. When the men spotted her, one of them fired a shot at her, a police spokesman said.

The bullet struck the underwire on the woman's bra and that saved her from a more serious injury, police said. "It did slow the bullet down," said Detroit police spokesman Phillip Cook. "She sustained injuries but they're not life threatening."

The woman, who was not identified, was treated at a nearby hospital. The suspects in the shooting drove away.

Postal worker accused of stealing break up book

PITTSBURGH—A postal worker faces up to 10 years in prison if she's convicted of stealing two items of dubious value from the mail: $25, and a book on a woman's perspective of breaking up with men.

Kathleen Evans, 49, has an unlisted number and court records don't list an attorney for her since she was indicted by a grand jury on Tuesday. Postal inspectors said Evans stole the money from a greeting card. The book she allegedly stole from a package is called "It's Called Breakup Because It's Broken." The book offers advice to women who have just ended relationships.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Christine Stansell, a leading historian of American Women will give a lecture titled "Matrophobia and the Woman's Movement: General Tensions in Feminism, 1966-2008" today at 4 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. A Reception will precede the event at 3 p.m.

Harmonia, Notre Dame's only all female a cappella group will host their Spring Concert on today at 7:30 p.m. in the Loretto-Ballroom. Tickets are $5 at the door.

There will be a Tag-Team Poetry Reading Extravaganza today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Bookstore. The public is invited to enjoy the diversity of poetry from six different members of Notre Dame's creative writing program's faculty, emeriti and MFA students.

RecSports will be hosting "ND Bike Fest" on Friday from noon to 7:30 p.m. on South Quad. Anyone is welcome to come to register their bike, get a free tune up, learn safety skills, join a bike club and participate in a ride. Free food will also be available.

The Department of Music will present "Spring Gala Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and Notre Dame Glee Club" on Saturday at 800 p.m. at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include George Gershwin's An American in Paris, music from operas by Mozart, Beethoven, Weber, and Wagner and selections from West Side Story.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews64nd.edu.

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University celebrates Earth Day with rally

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

More than 10 student groups and off-campus organizations converged for an Earth Day rally sponsored by Students for Environmental Action (SEA) at the Fieldhouse on Wednesday.

"You hear so much about energy and the Earth, so this is a hopeful event where people who care about the Earth can come together," senior SEA co-president Ann Kelley said.

SEA set up a table at the rally offering buttons, mini frisbees, stickers and reusable bags to students. Another table displayed photographs from SEA's wildlife photo contest, which McCabe said represented submissions from 20 Notre Dame students.

As students walked by the rally, SEA co-president Colin McCabe said he was happy to see that many of them stopped to talk to the various groups present.

"The goal of the Earth Day rally is partly a celebration of the Earth," he said. "It's more as an awareness of environmentalism on campus and how [students] can get involved on and off campus and how they can do their part.

GreenND, another student group, displayed information about recycling and gave out free bags to students.

SEA co-president Ann Kelley presented the Office of Sustainability sold Energy Week's t-shirts, each a hybrid motorcycle constructed by Notre Dame engineers was on display.

Several organizations from the South Bend community were present as well. Vendors Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages sold environmentally and socially conscious clothing and other goods.

Kelley said these organizations provide an opportunity for students to learn and get involved. "We're engaging groups within the community but also on-campus groups," she said. "Students can pick up a pamphlet and know that these action groups are here if they want to get involved."

McCabe said the Earth Day rally has expanded from last year to include more groups. "We have some different things," he said. "I feel like we've grown a little." SEA also offered information about compost to show students that it is even possible to create a small compost bin in a dorm room, McCabe said.

Representatives from the local branch of the Audubon were also present at the rally. Coalition and the Hoosier Environmentalist distributed pamphlets and information about their organizations. A vendor from the South Bend Farmer's Market also offered free samples of cookies to students.

As part of Earth Week, SEA is sponsoring a film festival Thursday night and participating in a bike festival on campus Thursday, said Kelley.

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Cheese & Cracker Reception
3:00 - 4:15 PM, LaFortune Student Center

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Ambassador discusses U.S. relations

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

With new administrations installed on each side of the Pacific, Australia and the United States will continue to cooperate on key economic issues while ramping up mutual efforts to combat climate change, said Dennis Richardson, Australian ambassador to the United States.

Richardson began his lecture on Australia Relations and Highlights of the Country's Green Initiatives by describing how the transitions of political power in the two countries have influenced policy.

"Our election in 2007 was the first election we'd had in Australia — in fact, the first one in the world — where climate change was a central part of the policy debate," he said. "Over the last several years we've had a series of rolling droughts. People normally think of droughts as affecting farmers. It's one thing when city folk can't wash their cars."

The sting of Australia's droughts served as a wake-up call to begin more aggressive action to slow down climate change, Richardson said.

"The drought was seen by Australians as Katrina was seen by Americans — as symptomatic of something that was much greater," he said.

Since President Barack Obama began his term in January, Richardson said he has noticed an increased effort on the part of the United States government to cooperate with Australia to lower carbon emissions.

"I went to see Lisa Jackson, who's the head of the EPA, and I mentioned to Lisa, 'I've been in my job almost 30 years, and this is the first time I've been inside the EPA,'" Richardson said. "It's only been since the 20th of January that there's been a government in Washington and a government in Australia that have a common philosophical starting point on these issues."

Part of this shared focus, Richardson said, is the belief that climate change efforts cannot be made even as much of the world's economies further into a downturn.

"With the economic downturn, Australia has put on a big public debate," he said. "Essentially our government is taking the same position — that we can't allow the financial crisis to get in the way of solving a fundamental problem."

"So we must start making the economic transition toward a lower carbon-based Australian economy's haven't suffered from the same reasons as the United States, but its export industries have nonetheless been hit by decreased foreign demand and that country is now in recession, Richardson said.

"Our banks are in pretty good shape. Our financial system is in pretty good shape," he said. "Less than 1 percent of our housing loans were subprime, compared to 15 percent of yours. Our banks have a lot of capital, more than capitalized. But because we are an open economy, we have nonetheless been hit by 25 percent of our GDP. So we are very much affected by the world crisis."

Richardson also described his country's interests from the perspective of the global economy.

"There is an issue in strategy in the transpacific relations. Quite clearly China, the United States, China, Japan and India," he said. "Those relations are absolutely important to Australia. The political-strategic relations determine the political-strategic environment in which we live."

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A Matter of Loaf and Death

Student Senate

By LIZ O'NEILL
News Writer

Student senate discussed the Online Syllabus and ISBN databases at their meeting on Wednesday evening.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said that while it will take a long time to establish, bottlenecks are resolved in their current form.

"Both of these initiatives hinge on professors," she said. "They will receive lots of administrative work."

The ISBN database was one of the four initiatives that are in the Schmidt-Weber campaign platform.

"The ISBN database is an idea to provide convenient, affordable, transparent," she said.

Keough Senator Marc Anthony Bosa, suggested students to see if there was some sort of faculty list serve that could be used. He said if students wanted to get an email first explaining our initiative, then send another out with a link where to post the numbers, he said.

Senator Andrew Bell emphasized the importance of the ISBN database project. He said that "it will help the student body a great deal."

"This should be a priority," he said. "I think that this will great- ly benefit us a lot and we should get students involved."

Weber said there is no way of getting the ISBN numbers through the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore because it would be unprofitable for them to release the data.

The bookstore is owned by the university, but is leased out to Hammes in November. According to Follett's website, the corporation is the largest operator of college bookstores.

Notre Dame and Follett have a financial relationship which is now listed where both the university and the company receive a portion of the revenue generated from the sale of books.

"This will not make money," Weber said. It would also be unprofitable for the university to release the ISBN numbers.

CRA Young Brehmeltz said he believed the Online Syllabus Database and possibly the ISBN numbers incorporated into the Online Syllabus database.

Weber said the next step in the process is "having a discussion coming over the summer on the ISBn and Online Syllabus database."

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D'Arcy
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University's decision have referenced the document in public statements. But Jenkins wrote in a letter to University Trustees earlier this month that administrators have "tried to follow both the letter and the spirit" of the document's recommendations.

The letter, which has been circulated on the internet, was "private correspondence" between Jenkins and the Trustees, University spokesman Dennis Brown said. Brown confirmed the content of the letter as coming from Jenkins' office.

The letter from Jenkins states: "Because the title of the document is 'Catholics in Political Life,' we understood this to refer to honoring Catholics who implicitly recognize the authority of Church teaching even in 'defiance' of it." Jenkins also wrote that he consulted with other university presidents, whose bishops have come to the same interpretation.

Jenkins' interpretation was in accord with our moral principles. This interpretation was continued from page 1

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On campus, he said the Gender Issues Committee will continue to reevaluate the University's sexual assault policy.

"The efforts up to his point have been tremendous and we will continue to insure the safety of students on and off campus," Schmidt said of the committee.

Another area of concern Schmidt spoke about was enhancing campus diversity.

"Comfort is a good thing, but we also need to challenge ourselves to learn more than we already have," he said. "We will be asking and answering."

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In addition to ensuring the safety and promoting the well-being of Notre Dame students off campus, Schmidt also addressed the University's obligation to the city, saying they must work to fulfill Notre Dame's role in the community.

Schmidt addressed several other initiatives that student government will work toward during the term.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

South African first lady undecided

KWNAXAMALALA, South Africa — There's little question who will lead South Africa after the country's next president, voted in his rural home and mobbed by cheering crowds and reporters.

But Nompumelelo Ntuli, 34, Zuma's newest and youngest wife, was seen attracting her own crowd of admirers. Women whispered, "She's beautiful!" as Ntuli decked out in an aerial swimsuit followed the Roman Catholic president into the church.

"Jesus is Lord!" all she would say in response to questions.

Pirates sent to Kenyan jail, await trial

MOMBASA, Kenya — Masked French commandos have handed over 11 Somali men accused of robbery to Kenyan authorities after a naval frigate Wednesday in Mombasa.

The three French commandos wore black balaclavas to conceal their identities. French officials say the suspects will be tried for their alleged April 14 attack on the Liberian cargo ship Safmarine Asia.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said police found items belonging to both victims in Markoff's apartment in Quincy, south of Boston. The official wasn't authorized to speak about evidence in the investigation.

The official would not confirm a report by ABC News that the items seized by police included the victims' underwear. ABC News said two unidentified law enforcement sources said Markoff appeared to be collecting underwear as "souvenirs" from the victims.

ABC News did not say how Markoff's prints were found or if he has been accused of sexually assaulting either woman.

"I think the marksmanship was so good he said he went through the first woman's head and was surprised she didn't die," said Inman then apologized to the slain woman's parents.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Man receives death penalty for slaying woman

BOSTON — A Boston man who raped and strangled a South Carolina college student with her own bikini top was sentenced to die Wednesday, hours after he asked a judge to put him to death.

"The court has nothing to add," said Inman, 38, who showed no reaction when Circuit Court Judge Edward Miller said he should die for killing Tiffany Marie Souers.

Inman then apologized to the slain woman's family, though no relatives were in the courtroom.

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LOCAL NEWS

O'Connor believes in merit selection

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor believes merit selection is the best way to choose judges and keep them independent, saying it is better for judges to remain impartial knowing their decisions will influence how long they keep their jobs.

"I have no doubt that the average person who attends a St. Joseph County Bar Association luncheon would not necessarily think the judiciary being spent by people running for the judiciary in states that don't have merit selection is causing people to trust judges less."

Pakistan

Taliban strengthens grip on northwest

ISLAMABAD — Taliban militants have extended their grip in northwestern Pakistan, pushing out from a valley where the government has agreed to impose a five-day cease-fire, the officials said Wednesday.

Police and officials appear to have fled as armed militants also broadcast radio propaganda and spread fear in Buner district, just 60 miles from Islamabad, officials and witnesses said Wednesday.

Pakistan's president signed off on the peace pact last week in hopes of calming Swat, where some two years of clashes between the Taliban and security forces have killed hundreds and displaced up to a third of the one-time tourist haven's 1.5 million residents.

Critics, including in Washington, have warned that the valley could become an officially sanctioned base for allies of al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

The provincial government agreed to impose a five-day cease-fire, the officials said Wednesday.

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CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS

In honor of the Twentieth Anniversary of The Shirt Project, The Shirt 2009 is gold. Throughout the design, both the type and images have been graphically distressed, symbolizing the old but enduring legacy of Notre Dame football created by Notre Dame’s loyal sons and daughters.

THE CALL TO RISE AND STRIKE

Taken from the song, "Hike, Notre Dame," Rise and Strike is a call to action. It commands the Notre Dame community to rise and strike our opponents, and it demands that we fight with force and ferocity. These three simple words urge both fans and players to wake up the echoes and shake down the thunder. There is no room for weakness or doubt in the Notre Dame community - only maximum effort is acceptable.

FIGHTING TO DEFEND OUR HONOR

There needs to be an answer to the call of Rise and Strike, and the back of The Shirt 2009 is the answer to that call. The design references a famous third-quarter goal-line stand against Penn State in the Snow Bowl of 1992, serving as a tribute to the countless football players who have defended the honor of Notre Dame in years past.

The message of The Shirt 2009, then, is simple. We - the fans, students, athletes, and alumni of Notre Dame - need to rise and strike. In Notre Dame Stadium, on the battleground of champions, we must strike fear into the hearts of our opponents and drive them from the field. We must show the world that we are Notre Dame, that this place is sacred, and that we will not back down. We never have. We never will.
The Observer

GM to close most U.S. plants briefly
Slump in sales and large inventories could cause a nine-week halt in production

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is planning to temporarily close most of its U.S. plants for up to nine weeks this summer because of slumping sales and growing inventories of unsold vehicles, two people briefed on the plan said Wednesday.

The exact dates of the closures are not known, but both people said they will occur around the normal two-week shutdowns in June to change from one model year to the next. Neither person was identified because workers have not been told of the shutdowns.

GM spokesman Chris Lee would not comment other than to say the company notified employees Friday making any production cuts public.

One of the people briefed on the plan said a few plants that make more popular models could remain open for part of the shutdown period, but at reduced assembly line speeds.

Thousands of workers could be laid off but would still get most of their pay because their United Auto Workers union contract requires the company to make up much of the difference between state unemployment benefits and their wages.

GM is living on $13.4 billion in government loans and faces a June 1 deadline to cut its debt, reduce labor costs and take other restructuring steps. If it doesn’t meet the deadlines, the company’s CEO has said it will enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

UAW officials at several factories said they are a step closer today to unionizing the United States’ reliance on polluting fuels. But as the president on Earth Day set a goal for wind to generate as much of 20% of the electricity demand in 2010, the White House with a surprise upset over major benchmarks mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, higher ahead of a quarterly report from eBay Inc., was up 82.99 points to 12,621.95.

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"It has created a safe and inspirational space for dialogue, discussion and resolution of issues pertaining to gender, sexuality and race on this campus," Jenkins said.

A reception will be held Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., when she'll give a lecture by University of Chicago's Christiane Petras on "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement," according to the Web site. Friday there will be a panel discussion from 10 a.m. to noon on "The History and Future of Gender Studies at Notre Dame and beyond.

To commemorate the 20-year milestone, several of the department's members reflected on the program's history of helping faculty and students in exploring gender and its related topics, like sexuality, social status and ethnicity.

When I taught 'Introduction to Gender Studies' last fall, I was struck by the strength of the students' conviction that gender is an issue that directly impacts their place here at Notre Dame,'" said professor Abigail Palko said.

Palko said students in the program often express philosophical differences, but that they recognize the importance of gender in society.

"While they didn't all agree on the specific direction it should take, all of my students seemed to agree on a need for a kind of feminism that would improve gender-related issues for both women and men," she said.

History professor Gail Bederman said Notre Dame's Catholic affiliation promotes discussion on gender issues, because of the Church's sometimes-controversial stances.

"Catholic colleges and universities tend to have more Gender Studies majors than non-Catholic schools, because issues of gender and sexuality are unusually controversial at these schools," Bederman said. "Gender programs give Catholic students excellent academic perspectives on how to combine their Catholic and secular beliefs.

"Boiling connected the University's overall mission with the department's academic goals.

"Gender Studies is important for Notre Dame because of the University's Catholic identity and mission," she said. "As a University designed for Our Lady, we should be concerned with the study of the place of women in society, and learning how to elevate women's status and rights.

One major change over the last 20 years is the addition of men's rights into Gender Studies, philosophy professor Janet Kourany said.

When Gender Studies was first popularized, departments examined women's roles in society, since the majority of college curricula focused almost exclusively on the role of men, she said.

But now that the university curriculum has become more inclusive of women we have moved beyond the old goal [of women's studies] and our courses and activities in Gender Studies are reflecting the fact that men have their gender issues too, that interconnect in very interesting and sometimes unanticipated ways with women's issues," Kourany said.

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"We consider ourselves a concerned community. We understand the complexities of all the issues going on in our country," senior Michael Angulo said.

Vasquez said it was important to show that the majority of students support the decision.

"We know that there's much more support than opposition out there," he said.

Angulo said Jenkins "might feel isolated, like he made the wrong decision," he said. "But in the opposition. He hopes to convey that many students support the decision.

There are a lot of students who are more moder­ate, who say, 'I'm pro-life, ... but you're not going to get anywhere if you just reject people out of hand,' he said.

Angulo said, however, he is open to dialogue and even supports some dissenting the University's decisions.

"We're going to be open to dialogue, you can dissent," he said.

Angulo said the discussions going on around campus are a sign of the concerned nature of Notre Dame students.

"We consider ourselves a concerned community," he said. "We understand the complexities of all the issues going on in our country.

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will be connected." Garnett explained that people mistakenly take the separation of church and state to mean a total divide of religion and politics. Garnett insisted argued that both religious and political voices should have a platform for discussion.

"If you care about a marketplace of ideas, you're only going to get that if you have authenti-
cic, distinct voices," Garnett said. "Notre Dame has to have the freedom as well as the will-
ingness to be different. Whether you are on this invi-
tion, you have to commit to the idea that Notre Dame mat-
ters."

The current controversy, Garnett argued, has shown "there is a remarkable consen-
sus that Notre Dame matters."

"It matters whether you sup-
port the invitation or not. To mat-
ter, Notre Dame has to stand for something," he said.

Professor Dan Philpott, asso-
ciato professor of political sci-
ence, also spoke about on the sanctity of life.

Acknowledging the present tension on Notre Dame, Philpott said "the debate is an important oppor-
tunity to advocate for basic human rights central to
the church's position on life."

"The unborn is the class of human beings whose rights are more violated than any other in society," Philpott said.

Using the concept of reconci-
lization as an overall theme in his argument, Philpott argued that the pro-life movement should be understood in the context of other social movements, such as the Civil Rights movement and women's liberation.

"Abortion violates a human right that cannot be overridden by other considerations," Philpott said. "Governments who pass laws (allowing abor-
tion) fall in one of the most fund-
damental aspects of justice."

Arguing that abortion repre-
sents a loss of human life, Philpott and Garnett empha-
sized the personhood of the unborn child as well as the "culture of healing" needed in a society where human lives matter.

Both Garnett and Philpott agreed that Notre Dame is a place where this debate should take place.

"Notre Dame, like all of us, is flawed," Garnett said. "Notre Dame is distinctively Catholic, but we can talk about anything for granted. It can't be something that becomes a brand. (The Catholic nature) has to pervade the whole enterprise."

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Mystery college donor strikes again

The mystery college donor has struck again — this time at Binghamton University in New York, whose financial aid office phone started ringing off the hook as word of an anonymous $6 million contribution spread across campus.

Binghamton is the latest of at least a dozen universities to receive donations totaling more than $60 million in recent weeks. The gifts have arrived with the same, highly unusual stipulation: not only must the donor remain anonymous, but not even the college can instruct to use the $4 million on anything except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are mon except this: so far, all are monetization was similar to the others: "It is hoped that this gift will make a substantial differ-
ence to your students during challenging times enabling a more confident, sharper focus on their studies with improved career and life prospects."

"It's unclear whether the donations are coming from a single individual, but seem neatly related. On Internet dis-
cussion boards, speculation on the source has ranged from a humble philanthropist to self-
less as to not even claim a tax deduction, to disgraced finan-
cier Bernie Madoff or a soon-
to-be-divorced businessman trying to unload hidden assets."

At least one school checked with the IRS and Department of Homeland Security to make sure it was OK to accept.

Binghamton's experience was similar to the others: a bank executive instructed and said to expect a cashier's check with a letter explaining how it had been spent.

DeFleur said the gift was especially appreciated consid-
oring how many students are struggling to pay bills with one or both parents out of work. More than half of Binghamton's students receive some form of financial aid, and calls quickly started pouring in from stu-
dents.

In-state tuition, fees, and room and board total $17,380 a year, according to the admis-

"They wanted to sign up," DeFleur said. "We said, 'we'll have the guidelines out soon.' That's just an indicator that there is really need. So many students, they want to go to school and they want to go now more than ever, and these are some of the most difficult times."

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THE DAY
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Why I love Notre Dame

Joie Jeffries is the reason I love Notre Dame. For three years, I've worked in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and Joie's sat beside me. Joie's worked in the office for a long time. Back in the day, Joie ran the show but today, she does more administrative work — mailings, clerical work, whatever needs to be done to ensure the office runs as smoothly she's used to seeing it.

This isn't why I love Joie, though. I love Joie because whenever I walk into work, she smiles, stands up from her chair, and hugs me. It's the sort of hug where she lingers for a few seconds and squeeze you a little tighter at the end, to let you know that she really means it. She always, always beams, as if your arrival made her day. She doesn't need to say it — you know that she loves to be part of the office. She loves what she's doing. And everyone who works in that office is happier because of it.

Barring a sudden, depressing turn in my life prospects, this is my last column in The Observer. Forgive my sentimentalism. This isn't a perfect place. Far from it. But I chose Notre Dame four years ago because of that, they teach well. My education is better because of Notre Dame. This isn't the reason I love Notre Dame — is the reason I love Notre Dame. Forgive my sentimentality. That's not why I love Notre Dame. Far from it. That's why I love Joie.

Andrew Neis

Spicy Sea Nuggets

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Do you like "The Shirt" this year?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's hard to take over the world, when you sleep 20 hours a day." — Darby Conley U.S. cartoonist
Spooning for solutions

Dear Notre Dame,

I am writing in to inform you about an awesome program run by South Quad. Last year, you may have read about some brave and noble scholars setting the Guinness World Record for the World’s Largest Spoon Taxi with 126 people. This was a great deal of fun, largely because spooning is one of the best things in life. This year, we are going to attempt to shatter the old record in an amazing display of generosity on Thursday, April 22th. This year, however, we are going to be a little bit more ambitious. All proceeds from this event will go towards research for cures of childhood diseases through Alzheimer’s Disease Charity. It is a great organization and a great way to spend an afternoon. So I encourage you to please come out to South Quad at 3:30 on Thursday and spoon with hundreds of other spooning enthusiasts. Remember this for all the children.

Inspiration from the Observer view point letter, “Students ask to cut ties from HEI” (May 15), we would like to clarify a few details about our position. We, as students in the Coalition for Economic Justice, support a card check neutrality agreement for HEI workers because that is what the workers want.

A recent study by MIT Sloan School of Management professor Thomas A. Kochan looked at 22,000 union organizing drives from 1999 to 2005. The report found that because of employer initiative, one in five attempts actually saw a union contract from the employer. Workers at HEI are not ignorant to these facts. Workers have rejected card check neutrality agreement so they may make the decision whether or not to form a union in an environment free from fear and intimidation. The coalition for Economic Justice at Notre Dame Investment Office, Scott Mulpas, has defended HEI’s anti-card check stance even as he has been fired from HEI employee and union committee leader, Herman Romero, who had been laid off from the HEI Sheraton Crystal City supposedly for financial reasons when the week before the hotel was at 55 percent occupancy for more than six days out of seven. That same week, the company also laid off two dishwashers, one of whom is a father of four who had worked at the hotel for 18 years. Like Herman, both dishwashers have participated in public union actions at the hotel.

Our Board of Trustee’s Social Responsibility Investment Policy states that the University will only invest in companies that uphold: “the basic moral values of fairness, respect for human life, defense of human rights and social justice,” by not allowing a company to dictate how workers are allowed form and join unions.” In signing the Social Responsibility Investment Policy the Board committed itself to “excluding from the portfolios securities of firms whose policies are inimical to the values the University espouses.” HEI is such a firm.

We are asking and will continue to ask that Notre Dame lives up to its Social Responsibility Investment Policy and divest from HEI.

Michael Angelo

Where does Notre Dame stand?

In response to the recent Observer article “Students ask to cut ties from HEI,” I feel bad that Mr. Koehler disagrees with President Obama speaking at graduation this year, on top of Notre Dame students “tearing up” Mr. Koehler’s luxury condo community.

To Mr. Koehler and the many other alumni who have written to declare they no longer wish to be members of the Notre Dame community due to the “totally stupid” decision to have the President of the United States speak at this year’s graduation, I am extremely sorry. The core values of the University remain as strong as ever, as those very day by the current student body. I can’t imagine what would make you want to cut ties with our great University, of which I, like countless others, remain extremely proud.

Patrick Mulligan

The real issue

In regards to commencement, it strikes me that some people may be missing the point. The issue at hand here isn’t about race or religion or what President Obama speaking at graduation means for Notre Dame. The issue is that he believes in reproductive rights and that he is proud of that fact. The issue is not about political party (I am not registered with either Democrats or Republicans, but usually opt for whatever candidate I think will be best for the job). The issue is not about Adrian Zonk in reference to a record-setting batch of infected food, or refusing to dialogue. It is not about being extremist (I think that showing pictures of aborted infants is disrespectful to the lives of these little ones). The issue here is that the President, regardless of his race or political party, that the policies President Obama has supported are not in the best interest of some of the most vulnerable of human beings in the world. We are being asked and will continue to ask that Notre Dame lives up to its Social Responsibility Investment Policy and divest from HEI.

Michael Angelo
The Americanized version of the Italian original is an iconic staple in the modern diet, regardless of budget. Pizza is about as personal as a food choice, and most people know exactly how they like it and defend their preferences strongly. As with any debate at Notre Dame, the stances are further entrenched when hometown issues are introduced. Most Chicago and New York natives are set in their ways, but these pizza pragmatists fight a battle to win over the rest of the students with waverering tastes. To weigh in, I visited five of the South Bend area’s most popular pizza places to evaluate only their pizza.

**The Outliers – Saylor’s (233-5935), The Vine (234-9463)**

A good starting point for pizza is an all-you-can-eat lunch, such as the buffet offered by Saylor’s Pizza weekdays from 11 to 1:30. At only $6.50, this is one of the better buffets deals in town. Located about 10 minutes south of campus on Michigan, Saylor’s tries most to imitate Pizza Hut.

On a rainy Tuesday, my company was chiefly locals (possibly employees) watching Maury’s “Revenge of the Geek.” The lack of customers was the reason for the relatively empty joint. I ordered only two pizzas (half onion & half mushroom, and mushroom & pepperoni) stayed out, unchapped and, aside from my contributions, uneaten.

In their emulation of Pizza Hut, other dishes are offered in the buffet, like unattractive macaroni and cheese, pretty good breadsticks, herb-y mashed potatoes, and slightly vinegary rib tips stewed in barbecue sauce. The pizza itself is a consistent, zesty, local-type offering. The crust is one of Saylor’s strengths, although not for the health-minded. Its bready, buttery crust is only a fleeting reprieve from the lightly greasy pizza. Despite the formidable pizza, this place deserves mentioning because of the considerable deal.

On the other end of the spectrum lies gourmet pizza like Uptown Kitchen, featuring 12-inch pizzas, or the five that The Vine has to offer. La Margherita, Tre Carne, Pesto, Quattro Fromaggi, and Tuscan Vineyard offer several interesting new kinds of pizza. Large floma tomatoes, crispy bacon, spinach and basil chicken are set on a creamy Alfredo sauce, all covered with a mozzarella, provolone, and asago blend. The asago adds a welcome bit of bite to the pizza, but altogether, the pizza surprisingly lacks the zest expected from such a diverse combination.

**The Family Inn – Barnaby’s (256-0928)**

This down-home style restaurant has the feel of a big pub, with old-fashioned signs adorning the walls around the dimly lit bar and pick-up window. Trophies of local teams surround the ample seating area, and TVs play sports and family programming. The unique ordering method is easy to figure out, and perhaps even enjoyable for the customer. Barnaby’s also offers appetizers, sandwiches and sides, and the square-cut pizzas range from $8 to $11 for an individual (10 inches), $12 to $14 for a large (14 inches, 16 pieces).

The pizza is very greasy, but it’s the best kind of greasy. The cheese is fresh and browned in large spots. It is fairly unique in the area, with crust that is crispy, not bready, and thin, but not too thin. The sausage is rich and spicy. Collectively, the pizza provides great bites, with memorable blends of full-bodied cheese, warm sauce, robust sausage and almost flaky crust. Barnaby’s pizza can induce rhabdit third due to the acidic sauce, which is barely used, thankfully.

**The Spin-off – Bruno’s (Prairie 288-3735)**

In 1975, an employee of Rocco’s started his own pizza place on Prairie Avenue. Today, Bruno’s has eight locations and, most notably, delivers to and from Notre Dame from its Roseland branch. The original location is mostly staffed by family members, which is definitely a sign of the quality.

Each of the ingredients is remarkably good and fresh, but it seems as if the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. The zesty sauce adds a delicious flavor to complement the slightly doughy taste. The homemade sausage is toasted, and justly so, though the bread, typically a thin crust, has a significantly higher level of taste. Nevertheless, when eaten as leftovers, the sauce and sausage still add a flavorful supplement to the pizza.

**The Original – Rocco’s (233-2484)**

The last stop on my tour was the first off-campus place that I (and many others) went to as a freshman. I have no hesitation saying that Rocco’s is a Notre Dame institution that every student should visit at least once before junior year. For $20, a meal for two at Rocco’s is an essential experience.

In 1951, Rocco started the restaurant to bring the “first original pizza in town” to South Bend Avenue and St. Louis Boulevard. Rocco’s Restaurant offers superb Italian dishes, but as proprietors Warren and Linda will say, its strongest feature is the dough. The family secret was kept even from Bruno, who received slightly different dough from Rocco when he was unprepared for his opening night.

Rocco’s serves some of the thinnest pizza in town, which isn’t too think or too too. It is cooked excellently, with a firm bottom crust, crisp and floury texture and smaller brown spots on the cheese. Fresh homemade sausage tastes more Polish than Italian, which would be strange if it didn’t go so well with the rest of the pizza.

In fact, what makes Rocco’s so extraordinary is how expertly each layer transitions into the next. All ingredients combine for an exceptional pizza, especially in the case of the Veggie Combo, with tomatoes, garlic and fresh basil. On a plain pizza, the tough bottom crust progresses into softer dough, topped with fresh sausage, fresh and thick-tasting pepperoni, and then consistent cheese.

The Winner? Me.

After a four-day binge of my favorite food, it’s still difficult to say which is the best, or even my favorite. As the old joke goes, pizza is a lot like sex. When it’s good, it’s really good. When it’s bad, it’s still pretty good.

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Aardman Animations: A Brief History. 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Browning Cinema.

Did you grow up loving classics like "Wallace and Gromit" or "Chicken Run?" Meet one of the genius directors and animators behind it all, Merlin Crossingham, Thursday evening as he presents a brief history of the Academy Award-winning company he works under, Aardman Animations. The British animation studio was founded in 1976, brought to life by their first clay character, Morph. And has since gone on to add feature films and computer animations to their repertoire. Take advantage of this one-time opportunity to journey behind the scenes of the Aardman Animations studio and learn the inner workings of clay animation.

The show moves into whatever nation or attempted assassination are sprinkled with facts and creative suppositions. What if John Wilkes Booth had retained from your high school U.S. History class. There are witty kernels of information that the well-versed American Studies major will get, but the overall presentation is easy enough to follow. If you've ever enjoyed an American history class, there is no excuse for missing this delightful romp through the underbelly of our society.

The cast is ready and rearing through the entire show. Each number, sincere and straightforward, has elements that make it enjoyable. It's easy to see the characters enjoying themselves - John Wilkes Booth is having a blast - and it's nearly impossible not to enjoy yourself, too. "Let them cry 'dirty traitor,' they will understand it later!" sings Booth, completely convicted in his decision to shoot the "tyrant" Abraham Lincoln.

Assassins plays Friday and Saturday at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Tickets are $6 for students and $8 for adults.

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NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY BAND AND BRASS ENSEMBLE, SPRING 2009; LEIGHTON CONCERT HALL; 3 P.M.

Tweny brass instrument players and members of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, staff, faculty and alumni will meet on stage in Leighton Concert Hall to deliver an unfor­gettable concert Sunday afternoon. What could be a more perfect way to bring an end to your fun and exciting weekend and refocus for the new millennium.

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IT'S A PLEASURE HANGING OUT WITH THESE ASSASSINS

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ

Scene Writer

"Everyone deserves the right to be... happy!" These are the words you will be humming when you exit Washington Hall this weekend after seeing the outrageous, enthralling heartwarming tale that is "Assassins."

Led by the eternal gentleman John Wilkes Booth, the motley crew of every American who attempted to assassinate the President lays out their tales of justice, passion, and love.

The musical is extremely inventive, beginning with Booth (who whirls onto the stage and uses his tacitly charming and undying sincerity to spin the show's web) and dipping into the personal story of each assassin (or almost- assassin). The show moves in a take-no-prisoners fashion, plugging the audience into the middle of situations, with the only indication being the poster of the "current" president hung for all to see. (More of a figure for shooting practice, one supposes.) The characters often run into each other, blurring time and relationships in order to show the shared goals and setbacks each assassin faces. The way they interact is very amusing, and at times, becomes outright hilarious.

The show plays into whatever knowledge you might have retained from your high school U.S. History class. There are witty kernels of information that the well-versed American Studies major will get, but the overall presentation is easy enough to follow. If you've ever enjoyed an American history class, there is no excuse for missing this delightful romp through the underbelly of our society.

The cast is ready and rearing through the entire show. Each number, sincere and straightforward, has elements that make it enjoyable. It's easy to see the characters enjoying themselves - John Wilkes Booth is having a blast - and it's nearly impossible not to enjoy yourself, too. "Let them cry 'dirty traitor,' they will understand it later!" sings Booth, completely convicted in his decision to shoot the "tyrant" Abraham Lincoln.

It is the authenticity with which these characters approach their situations that makes this show so watchable. Every assassin is ready and willing to explain their decision, which they believe makes perfect sense. There is a beautiful duet between two characters who literally take a "shot at love." John Hinckley, who attempted to assassinate Ronald Reagan in order to win the heart of Jodi Foster, and Lynette Fromme, who attempted to assassinate Gerald Ford to bring fame to her lover Charles Manson, bear their souls and can't help but garner sympathy, warped though it may be.

Musicals often deal with a big "what if," and the "what if" here is, what if all the assassinations from American history met, influenced each other, and shared stories and ideas? It's a marbled, twisted conversation, but you won't help chuckling as you watch them carry on.

The individual plots of each assassination are sprinkled with facts and creative suppositions. What if John Wilkes Booth had begged Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate John F. Kennedy? What if he knew that Kennedy's assassination would bring interest (and glory) to every other assassination or attempted assassination before or since?

The show itself is well put together and finely executed. One innovation is putting the pit band on stage. "It's a smaller band, and it's more exposed," musical director Mark Wurzelbacher said. "We get to interact more than a typical musical. We're somewhat of a character."

The music itself is also a challenge. "It's definitely different from anything we've done before," Wurzelbacher said. "All the stories are different but interwoven. It's neat to get a different perspective on history."

"Assassins" plays Friday and Saturday at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Tickets are $6 for students and $8 for adults.

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IT'S A PLEASURE HANGING OUT WITH THESE ASSASSINS
Horse Racing

Horse deaths linked to drug

Associated Press

The Associated Press has given a supplement that likely caused their deaths, the leader of the Veterinary College team told an Argentine newspaper.

Juan Manzur, of Lechuzas Polo, told the newspaper La Nacion for Wednesday's edition that the horses were given a supplement known as Biodyl, which contains a combination of vitamin B12, a form of selenium called sodium selenite, and other minerals.

'It is made in France by Duoth, Ga.-based animal pharmaceutical firm Merial Ltd. and can be given to horses to help with exhaustion. It is not approved for use in the United States, but is widely used elsewhere.

It remained unclear whether the Lechuzas team used the brand name drug or a copy of it made by a compounding pharmacy in the U.S., which the Food and Drug Administration said could be illegal. Compounding pharmacies can, among other things, add flavor, make substance more injectable or remove or a compound that may have an adverse reaction in different animal species.

They cannot legally recreate a drug that is not approved in the U.S.

Florida authorities have stated that they are investigating if the deaths were intentional or accidental, but so far no criminal surface has surfaced. Toxicology tests are pending, officials said they would add Biodyl to the list after hearing the reports from Nero.

"For us, the suspensions are that there was something wrong with the supplement," Jimmy Vasser, former driver and Dixon's owner, said. "They are common vitamins, that are not given to improve performance, but so they recover from exhaustion," Nero told the newspaper in Spanish. "We don't have doubts of the origin of the product. There were five horses that were given the vitamin and they are the only ones that are fine."

The horses began collapsing Sunday as they were unloaded from the International Polo Club Palm Beach. They died at the scene, others hours later. The team was seen as top contenders for the U.S. Open tournament.

"What was given to them is the same as always, vitamins," Nero said. "Once a week, it was just the time to give them the dose of the day of the match."

The Associated Press has been unable to reach Nero or the team's owner, prominent Venezuelan banker Victor Vargas, who has not spoken publicly since the deaths.

Merial spokesman Steve DeLancey said compounding pharmacies are confident its product is safe.

'We have no reports of pharmacies compounding a copy of Biodyl in the past, which is of course illegal, or even compounding it," DeLancey said. He said the company has recorded adverse reactions in just about one in more than two million doses over "many years." He couldn't immediately say what kind of death.

Dickinson said the product had been approved since being approved in 2002.

Nineteen of the 21 horses found internal bleeding but offered no definitive clues to the cause of death, said Sarah Carey, spokeswoman for the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, which did some of the tests.

A veterinarian who works with horses said the supplement is common practice.

"In the world of polo, it is customary to medicate horses to assist them in recovery from extremely strenuous work," Rob Boswell said. "It is not customary to give them substances prior to playing to enhance their abilities. That's dangerous."

Boswell said it's also common for the horses to use compounding pharmacies in the animal industry, but only reputable ones.

"They don't have to follow the same regulations as human medicine that an FDA approved drug would have to," he said.

High doses of selenium, for instance, could be fatal.

"The big question," he said, "is are we talking about the manufactured product or is it a compounded product? That's huge.

Experts said if the supplement was made in the U.S. at a compounding pharmacy, there could also be a sign given in the lab.

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NCAA Softball
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Chicago Bulls head coach Vinny del Negro, left, and general manager John Paxson, right, join point guard Derrick Rose at the NBA Rookie of the Year presentation Wednesday. Rose joins Michael Jordan and Elton Brand as the third Bulls recipient.

Rose named NBA's top rookie

Associated Press

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Derrick Rose, who led his hometown Chicago Bulls to the playoffs and restored hope to a franchise in disarray, was the runaway pick as the NBA's rookie of the year.

Rose became the third Bulls player to win the award Wednesday, joining Michael Jordan and Elton Brand (who shared the award with Steve Francis). He received 121 first-place votes and 574 points from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters; runner-up O.J. Mayo of the Memphis Grizzlies received five first-place votes and 127 points.

"When I first came into the season, my biggest thing was to get this award," Rose said. "I was telling you all that I didn't care, but I did. You really do want this award. There was a lot of talent out there that I had to go against." Rose's selection was hardly a surprise, after the No. 1 overall draft pick led all rookies with 6.3 assists per game and was second in scoring average at 16.8, and established himself as the franchise's first true cornerstone since Jordan.

"I think there are very few people in the NBA who could do what he did this year," teammate Joakim Noah said. "You tell me another No. 1 pick who got to the playoffs in their hometown, especially in a big city with so many distractions and so many things going on. I mean, he's all about one thing and that's winning basketball games, and that's what I respect about him."

The only other players who received first-place votes were Brook Lopez of the New Jersey Nets and Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder. Eric Gordon of the Los Angeles Clippers rounded out the top five.

A point guard from Chicago's South Side, Rose used his strength, quickness and uncanny maturity to help turn around a team that went 33-49 last season. Rose's approach, as much as his talent, also impressed veteran guard Lindsey Hunter.

"Not many guys can transfer it from here to there that fast," Hunter said, pointing from his head to the court. "But he's able to do that. I think that's what's so unique about him."

Rose was the Eastern Conference rookie of the month in November and December and again in March, helping the Bulls go 41-41 and reach the post-season for the fourth time in five years.

In Brief

Astros' Valverde to miss time with leg injury
HOUSTON — Houston closer Jose Valverde will likely miss a couple of days recovering after being hit on the leg by a grounder.

Valverde was hit near his ankle and strained his right calf trying to field the grounder by Orlando Hudson that hit him. Still, he remained in the game to get the last two outs and his first save in Houston's 8-5 win over the Dodgers on Tuesday night.

Manager Cecil Cooper, catcher Ivan Rodriguez and members of Houston's training staff tried to get him to leave the game after the injury, but the fiery closer, who led the National League with 44 saves in 2008, flatly refused.

He struck out James Loney and Ryan Sadowski to end the game despite hobbling through those batters favoring his injured leg.

Goodell looking for remorse from exiled Vick
LEINGTON, Va. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Michael Vick has paid a significant price for doing an "egregious thing" and will have to show genuine remorse and that the experience has changed him in order to get a chance at resuming his career in the league.

Goodell appeared Tuesday night at Washington & Lee University, engaging in a panel discussion about leadership in sports and taking questions from the audience.

Afterward, Goodell said he has not kept up with Vick's, legal issues since suspending him from the league after his conviction in a federal dogfighting case. Vick is serving a 23-month prison term and has a team of lawyers trying to settle his finances in bankruptcy court.

Teams showing interest in disgruntled Boldin

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have received inquiries from "quite a few teams" about disgruntled wide receiver Anquan Boldin, and more conversations are anticipated as draft day approaches.

But general manager Rod Graves and coach Ken Whisenhunt repeatedly emphasized at the team's pre-draft news conference Tuesday that they would be happy to keep Boldin and eventually try to sign him to a new contract.

Bobby Carpenter says every body in Dallas is aware of the expectations and gives us some insight into the life of Tony Romo.

"Quite a few teams have called but we have no offers from those teams," Graves said. "Anything can evolve from this point through draft day so that's where it is right now."

around the dial

NBA Playoffs
Boston at Chicago (Series tied 1-1)
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NHL Playoffs
San Jose at Anaheim (ANA leads 2-1)
10:30 p.m., Versus
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On Thursday, April 23, 2009
Associated Press

The most expensive spots in America's choicest ballparks have become an embarrassment to the game — and to the fans who pay the high prices. A count by The Associated Press totaled 1,895 seats in the Legends Suite, of which 146 were in the front row from dugout to dugout, costing $2,500 as season tickets and $2,625 individually.

On Tuesday night, only 64 of the 146 seats at the top price level were occupied in the bottom of the second inning. The team refuses to talk about the financial impact of the empty spots, but if every spot in the Legends Suite were sold, the club would gross $1.63 million per game, according to AP's calculation.

"I think if anybody in any business had known where this economy was going to go, they would have done things differently," Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said before the team's first workout at the ballpark on April 2.

"Look, there's no doubt small amounts of any ticket is going to be overpriced. You know, we're continuing to look into that. But the bottom line is, once the vast majority of them, it seems like they're right on because we've sold 35,000 full season equivalents, and a lot of the tickets that we know you're going to well.

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"The Associated Press left a phone message requesting comment with Tinsley's agent, Raymond Brothers. The Pacers traded for Jarrett Jack and T.J. Ford last summer to replace Tinsley and found them to be capable replacements. Bird said the Pacers want to keep Jack next season, and the team plans to extend a qualifying offer to him this summer to make him a restricted free agent. Jack averaged a career-high 13.1 points per game this season.

"He made a lot of turnovers at the beginning of the year," Bird said. "A lot of them cost us the games. But at the end, really, after the All-Star game, he was one of our best clutch players.

"Jack has made it clear he wants to return, saying he feels indebted to the Pacers for giving him a chance to play. Bird said he believes the team has the money to keep Jack, but he's not sure what the market will dictate.

"I have a feeling I know what Jarrett's going to be asking for, but I don't know what's going to happen out there," he said.

Ford averaged 14.9 points and 5.3 assists and gained a reputation for hitting important shots. He is under contract for next season, with a player option for 2011-12. Bird was pleased with both Jack on offense, and the Franchise is expected to bring Jack back for at least one more year."
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A KEYNOTE BY
DONALD MCPHERSON

For more than 20 years, Donald McPherson has used the power and appeal of sports to address complex social issues. He has created innovative programs, supported community service providers and has facilitated educational seminars and lectures throughout North America. He is a national leader and advocate for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence.

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Rain Location: Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

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South Quad

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3:00-4:00 Dreamworlds 2: a film exploring how music videos and the media influence our conceptions of desire, sex, and power

3:00-6:00 Campus Cornhole Fundraiser: $5 minimum donation for teams of two people. All proceeds will go to SOS of Madison Center, the Rape Crisis Center of St. Joseph County

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**SWIMMING**

**Phelps to unveil new free technique**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Phelps is following up his record performance at the Beijing Olympics by changing some of the swimming technique that carried him to eight gold medals.

Hasn’t he ever heard of “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it?” But Phelps isn’t chasing the same old goals. As he shifts in focusing on shorter races, he hopes the new freestyle technique will increase his swimming speed.

“You’ll all have to see. I’m not saying anything until we unveil it,” Phelps said with a grin when asked how he’s tweaked the stroke. “It’s a significant change. You’ll be able to tell exactly what I did as soon as I take my first stroke.”

Phelps will reveal the new technique when he returns to competition May 14-17 at the Charlotte UltraSwim in North Carolina, his first meet since Beijing. He plans to swim four events, including the 100- and 200-meter free and the 100 butterfly.

“I’m going to try it this year. If it works, it works,” Phelps said. “If it doesn’t, I’ll go back to the old stroke.”

Phelps was in Manhattan on Wednesday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new store of longtime sponsor Omega. The watchmaker stuck by Phelps after a British tabloid published a photo of Phelps inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Kellogg dropped Phelps as an endorser, and USA Swimming suspended him for three months.

“This is something in his private life,” said Omega president Stephen Urquhart. “Michael reacted very well. He went out, he apologized. This has no bearing at all on what he’s done, his sporting activity, what he’s done with the media. He’s always been fantastic with us.”

Judging by the throng of tourists holding their cameras above their heads to try to nab a shot of Phelps during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, he’s still a big draw. Inside the store, Phelps signed a photo of the underwater view of his razor-thin victory margin in the 100 butterfly at the Olympics, where Omega is the official timekeeper.

Sporting a goatee, Phelps said he’s lost the pounds he gained during his post-Beijing time off. He’s altered his weight training as part of his goal to get stronger and faster for the shorter events.

About seven weeks back into serious training, he joked, “I feel like I can swim.”

“When I got back in,” he said, “I didn’t feel like I could move.”

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**MLB**

**Minor leagues inherit Dodgertown**

Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The pathways made of crushed seashells. The dugouts with no roofs. The steep seating at Holman Stadium. The governance body for Minor League Baseball agreed to a five-year contract Wednesday to take over operations of the storied Dodgertown complex in Vero Beach, Fla., bringing tournaments and fantasy camps back to one of baseball’s most hallowed grounds.

For Ralph Branca and Brooklyn’s Boys of Summer, it just won’t ever be the same.

“I doubt I’ll ever be back,” Branca said Wednesday. “The Dodgers meant something special. To see it without them there was a shame. But I’m glad there will at least be baseball there again. It’s the finest training facility in the world.”

The deal with Indian River County and Vero Beach will bring high school and college tournaments and camps for players and umpires to the facility, but there still will be no major league team for spring training.

This past spring was the first time in 61 years that the Dodgers did not occupy the facility. They left for an $80 million complex in Glendale, Ariz., that they share with the Chicago White Sox. Vero Beach had been the spring training home of the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers since 1949.

But things have changed. Jackie Robinson Avenue was removed. So was Don Drysdale Drive and Vin Scully Way, packed up and shipped West along with hundreds of other treasures that made Dodgertown unique.

Branca was there from the start, when the players used to stay in old military barracks.

“It was so fan-friendly,” the former star pitcher said. “You could walk and talk with players. Just getting up-close with fans was one of my favorite things. I have so many memories, probably more there than anywhere I’ve been.”

County and city officials will lease the complex for $1 per year, with Minor League Baseball to be solely responsible for maintaining the grounds, according to the agreement. The tenant will collect revenue from local tourist taxes.

The lease will begin by at least May 1 and leaves open the possibility of a major league team to return.

“We expect a long relationship that will create opportunities for fans to see high caliber baseball in the historic Dodgertown venue,” Vero Beach city manager James Gabbard said in a statement.

Officials had hoped to lure a major league team for spring training permanently.

They negotiated for months with the Baltimore Orioles, who have struggled to get a new stadium deal as their lease in Fort Lauderdale is about to expire. But negotiations broke down last year, ending when the county rescinded its offer to the Orioles.

At that point, Minor League Baseball president Pat O’Conner said he became involved in the process.

“The county asked me, with my connections around baseball, to help them brainstorm ways to secure a tenant for the facility,” O’Conner said at the announcement in Vero Beach on Wednesday.
Michigan

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in the final inning allowed the Irish to (2) runner to score from second, giving Michigan a 3-2 victory.

Senior Sam Elam took the loss for the second time since last season, allowing just two earned runs and striking out two in five strong innings.

Despite Notre Dame being handed a disadvantage in the Irish coach D. A. SCHRAGE acknowledged that it wasn’t for the lack of pitching.

"If I am really hit his spots today. He had great command the whole time," he said. "He pitched well enough to get the victory and you hate to waste great pitching, but it’s part of the game." The Irish offense did not come to play after the sixth inning, scoring two runs to tie the game before going up by two in the seventh.

Junior A. P. Pollock’s double to left in the sixth inning and senior Evan Sharpley’s single in the sixth inning accounted for the only Irish runs in the contest.

The second game began much like the first as Michigan jumped to an early lead in the second inning behind a solo home run by freshman pitcher Ryan Richter.

Looking to keep Notre Dame at bay at bay as they had done all afternoon, Michigan took the field in the fifth inning up 3-0 and just nine outs away from the sweep. The Irish had other plans, however.

After back-to-back walks to load the bases, Greg Sherry and Pollock, junior Brayden Aunger, and sophomore Greg Sharpley all had one out by error by the Wolverines third baseman to load the bases with nobody out. Senior Jeremy Barnes stepped up and pounded a single to center field, scoring Sherry and Pollock and putting the Irish on the scoreboard.

Just two pitches later, junior Casey Martin was hit in the stomach to load the bases once again. Junior David Mills then got it on the action drawing a walk to force in the tying run.

Unlike in previous games where they have struggled to runs with runners in scoring position, the Irish got another one when sophomore Nicky Cleck hit a deep fly ball that allowed Ashdown to tag and score.

That was the third time the Irish had come alive until the sixth inning, scoring two runs to tie the game before going up by two in the seventh.

Sophomore Cameron McDonald, a big hit for the Irish in the seventh inning, throwing out a Wolverine runner attempting to advance to second base, his second of the game.

"That was a huge play for us," Schrage said. "He’s been able to throw guys out. Your defense starts behind the plate and when you can shut down the running game, that’s big for us." Richter allowed three earned runs in five innings of work to get the win, improving 4-0 on the season.

Notre Dame will travel to Louisville, Ky., to face the Cardinals in a three-game Big East series schedule to begin Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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Unbeaten

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The Irish actually fell one spot in the latest polls. To contrast, Virginia had one team defeat West Virginia, and needed an 8-1 fourth quarter to beat Dartmouth, a team the Cavaliers beat 19-7 earlier in the year. The Cavaliers were rewarded by gaining another spot — and losing a week earlier.

Despite Notre Dame’s strength of schedule, which admittedly, is below that of the Indians, the Big East Nos. 1 and 2 Notre Dame wouldn’t be able to hold the top two spots — or quality opponent. Never mind the fact that the Irish beat North Carolina earlier this season, holding a potent Tar Heels offense to just seven goals.

Examples like North Carolina and Darthmouth show that the Irish are at the very least comparable to the other top-5 teams. And if all other things were to stay equal — or even close — shouldn’t the unde feated team get the benefit of the doubt? No. There’s something more at stake here. Notre Dame isn’t one of the bluebloods of college and pollsters are holding it to a higher standard. When they aren’t, Syracuse, Johns Hopkins or Duke, the Irish will already get slighted.

If you ask Irish coach Kevin Corrigan, every player to that matter. "They’ll say it doesn’t matter. They’ll talk about how they’re just focusing on Saturday’s game against Ohio State."

But when it’s time for NCAA seeding, it sure would be nice to have a shot — even if the Irish win out in impressive fashion and take the Great West Conference (GWL) tournament, it’s unlikely the committee will jump the teams ahead of them before the tournament starts in mid-May.

Fortunately, the problem should be corrected next season, when the GWL will begin sponsoring men’s lacrosse.

Instead of playing in the GWL, which currently has zero ranked teams, the Irish will be playing in the same conference as No. 2 Syracuse, No. 15 Georgetown and Villanova, which have receiving votes in both polls.

For now, though, the Irish will have to take whatever they can get. Even if all they’re getting is the shaft.

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Write Sports.
Indianapolis — Colts president Bill Polian is a draft master.

He took Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf and Edgerrin James over Ricky Williams in his first two seasons with the Colts, providing the foundation for a perennial playoff team. For a perennial playoff team.

He filled in other holes by choosing players such as Reggie Wayne, Dwight Freeney and Dallas Clark outside the top 10. He even traded out of the first round in 2004 to nab Bob Sanders.

Yet this weekend could be Polian's biggest challenge.

With the Indy's run defense ranked among the league's worst, Polian knows he cannot afford a costly mistake — anytime, but especially this year.

"If you miss on some high draft choices and you mire on the players of your own that you decide to pay once they're up, you decide to pay once they're signed," Polian said in February.

But for Polian, this will be a new experience.

Coach Tony Dungy retired in January, turning the reins over to his hand-picked successor Jim Caldwell. The Colts have new defensive and special teams coordinators, which could force Polian to make a few changes when assessing talent. And the franchise's career receiving leader, Marvin Harrison, was released two months ago.

Plus, there were some glaring holes last season.

Indy's run defense ranked among the league's worst after starting defensive tackle Ed Johnson was released in September. Brackett, a linebacker, has not been re-signed.

That means Polian has plenty of options this weekend. The Colts' first-round pick is No. 27 overall.

Bison

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of the inning but couldn't score.

"Bargar does an amazing job," said coach Tony Dungy, who is leaving the team at the end of the season.

"He's discovered gems, like he's discovered gems, like Robert Mathis, in the middle rounds.

He drafts a year or two into the future, taking players such as receiver Anthony Gonzalez or Clark to fill projected holes left by free agency. He's even found undrafted contributors, such as three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday, and defensive captain Gary Brackett.

But for Polian, this will be a new experience.

...he was a leader, and he's a leader, and he's a leader...""Polian said.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Irish had their offensive highlight of the night when Kohan hit a two-run homer, moving the lead to 5-0.

"In the first game we struggled with offense, that change up threw us off," Miller said.

"In the second game we picked it up,"

Dr. Jessica Savagian, while sophomore Jessica Camp also fell to Notre Dame will host conference rival Syracuse for a doubleheader Sunday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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On offense, Irish sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury hit a double that brought in two runs, giving the Irish the first lead of the game. The Irish scored again as freshman Alexa Maldonado was brought home by senior second baseman Linda Kohan.

"She did a great job," Polian said. "She had an awesome game today."

Sophomore Jody Valdivia ran into trouble in the first inning but got a bases-loaded strikeout to get out of the jam. From there, Valdivia cruised to a shutout and improved her ERA to 2.49.

"Jody did a great job too," Miller said. "In the second game we had more hitting to back Jody up, and that was the difference between the two games for us."

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## Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. Carl Andersen  
   - Senior Carl Andersen, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morrissey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carlson’s athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to playing basketball, baseball and volleyball, Carl also plays Interhall and Collee hockey where he is one of the league’s leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and Collee football teams.

2. Alex Knapchak  
   - Alex Knapchak, a senior from O'Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Ralls. 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 from deep make him a constant threat. As captain and leading scorer of his Collee and Interhall basketball teams, he led them both to appearances in the championship games, putting up 23 points in the Interhall Final. When not on the hardwood, Alex plays wide receiver on O'Neill's Interhall Football team and referees countless basketball and football games.

3. Casey McGuiness  
   - Casey "Pistol" McGuiness is the captain and leading scorer for Soria's Interhall Basketball team where his driving ability and accuracy 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:

1. 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 41-33 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 Interhall basketball final.

2. Mary Ferr  
   - Mary Ferr was a major component of Pasquarella’s West’s Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Weasels to the number 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 Collee teams including Flag Football, basketball, and Broomball.

3. Jenni Gargula  
   - Jenni Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family’s Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game. She is the only of her breed and a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwinds’ quarterback. Jenni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds’ Interhall Basketball team.

## Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. Matt Hamel  
   - After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Waivers capture the Collee 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 Collee Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.

2. 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.

3. David Standa  
   - As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS basketball title with a victory over CEGDS. 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:

1. Susan Pinnick  
   - Susan Pinnick 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 Collee soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.

2. Christy Vaughn  
   - Christy 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.

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

## Team of the Year:

1. Interhall Men’s Basketball Champion: Morrissey Manor Basketball  
   - By averaging 65 points a game, Morrissey 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.

2. Collee 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 Collee Flag Football championship.

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

## Game of the Year:

1. Men’s Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford  
   - The #4 seeded 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.

2. 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 title and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight’s wide receiver, James Zende, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan’s attempt at a two-point conversion with just one minute left.

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

## Fan of the Year:

1. Zahn Hockey  
   - Zahn Hockey is a defensive Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahn 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 fans have stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC Ice Rink.

2. 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 1m support that the Whirlwinds do, cheering them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.

3. Purple Rain  
   - 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 Pale’s Spawn.

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Across
1. Two drinks for (4, 8)
6. Reserved to a greater degree (11)
10. tax form (4, 4)
14. Japanese mushroom (5)
15. Review of "Batman Begins" (5)
18. Confrontation that usually has a partner (7)
19. Eco-Friendly in Las Vegas? (2)
22. Tel chi instructor (2, 1)
23. Kind of account bank (1)
25. Food transaction, usually (5)
29. Having an effect about (5)
30. Ottoman sultan (4)
31. Like fireworks, (4)
32. Some violet blossoms (5)
33. Position on the Enterprise: Abbr. (8)
34. Reception
35. Cause
36. Actress Milano and namesake (7)
41. Charles I, II, III or X
42. Had something
43. "The Boycotts of the Mid-American Conference"
44. Printplace finishers in (0)
48. Planned
49. Feature of an essential oil (5)
50. "Oh, I love that dress!" (6)
53. Team in College Station, Tex. (4)
56. 2000 and 2004 Olympic swimming sensation
59. Jogging aloof (5)
61. Neatnik's art (7)
62. Environments for Galaxies, in myth (9)
63. Banks in (8)
64. Places with habitués, for short (6)
65. More along a bullet line, perhaps (9)
66. They're found on staffs (10)

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1. Stamina
2. Precedent of a case name (4)
3. Plumbing fixture manufacturer (4)
4. General store on "The Waltons"
5. Musician's instrument
6. Battle need
7. Milliners' securities
8. Home of Olympus
9. ___, zwi, dri
10. Gunas
11. Lisa Snrwaks, frequently (5)
12. "We can't afford to worry about anything more in" (9)
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14. Woody wines with violet blossoms
16. Charles of Crete, Greek
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY

Francois Capra, 26; Daniel Johnston, 30; Eric Matzke, 59; Jack Nicholson, 72.

Happy Birthday! You don't have to break down or take on an answer this year. You can wait until the last minute to make a decision. You may find that you can set the agenda this year. Your goals. An annual item in events will evolve and you'll be the one in charge. Your confidence will soar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Communication is in a state you want to stay in control. Someone may try to spur your spirit or influence the outcome of something you are working toward. Someone will be emboldened to try to free you.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Look at the tips you want to get something resolved. You will need to negotiate and reassess that will put you on the right side. Use your heart, coupled with your knowledge and experience and you'll come across as confident and as such.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Stick to whatever you hereby professionally, personally and financially. You will face pressure and possibly and if you find someone or you make a promise and don't keep it.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You should receive a house or raise that will improve your status. Someone may not like the situation you are getting. Honesty will help you resolve any incident that crops up.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't get cajoled by criticism you don't deserve. Greater involvement in challenging activities will make sure your confidence and prove what you are capable of. Put your cash in a safe place and don't lose or borrow.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are ready to apply your old ways, habits and lifestyle. Change bring more excitement to your life. There is nothing to make as you pick up a formation that will; this will make your skills.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

See what you move and move what you see. You are under the spotlight and your conduct will make a difference to the outcome of anything you are currently working towards personally and professionally.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You can present and promote effectively. Love will come easy and everyone can see you are becoming as attractive in every way one. Show everyone what you have been completely honest about you will take or what you are offering others.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You don't stretch the truth if you don't want to be reimbursed. Your reputation may be compromised if you haven't been completely honest about what you are offering others.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You will win if you challenge someone. Taking an un­usual path will help you learn something about who you are and what you are capable of doing. You can learn from past experiences.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You can win if you challenge someone. Taking an un­usual path will help you learn something about who you are and what you are capable of doing. You can learn from past experiences.***

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

One last shot

Senior Tefft captains fourth-ranked squad into Championships

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Good leadership skills, a strong work ethic and a slew of natural talent are all qualities any coach would love to find somewhere on his team. Irish coach Jay Louderback didn’t have to look past senior captain Kelcy Tefft before finding all three.

"If I had to describe Kelcy in one word, it would be committed," Louderback said. "She has been our hardest worker and always puts extra time into being prepared to play. She has played with injuries but has done it for our team to succeed. A major key to success is worker and always puts extra time into being prepared to play."

Senior captain Kelcy Tefft returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 5-2 victory over North Carolina on Feb. 27. Notre Dame will begin play at the NCAA Championships on May 9.

**ND SOFTBALL**

Team rebounds for home doubleheader split

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame saw a pair of impressive streaks fall by the wayside in Game 1 of Wednesday’s doubleheader against North Dakota State, but the Irish came back to defeat the Bison in Game 2 and salvage a split.

The 2-1 North Dakota State (25-16) win in the opener ended a 10-game win streak for Notre Dame (32-14, 14-3 Big East), who responded with a 5-0 victory in the nightcap. Game 1 was the first nonconference home contest the Irish had lost since 2007, a stretch covering 15 games. The first game was truly a battle of the pitchers. Each team only scored during one inning, thanks to excellent pitching from both the Irish and the Bison. "They come to play, and they were not a team to take lightly," freshman left fielder Dani Miller said.

Notre Dame struck quickly in the opener, as junior Heather Johnson’s first-inning sacrifice fly scored senior Beth Northway, who reached on a lead-off double.

The Bison didn’t get to Irish senior pitcher Brittany Bargar until the bottom of the seventh inning. North Dakota State scored twice on Bargar — who holds a sparkling 1.69 earned run average for the season — by taking advantage of an Irish error. Notre Dame had two runners reach in the bottom inning error to win twin billing’s opener.

**BASEBALL**

Irish take Game 2 from UM

Wolverines use seventh inning error to win twin billing’s opener

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After an untimely error cost them the first game of the evening, the Irish were able to fight strong pitching and a giant fifth inning to a split of their shortened doubleheader with Michigan on Wednesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

Each contest only went seven innings as the first game had to be rescheduled because of a rainout Tuesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Notre Dame (23-15, 8-7 Big East) comeback attempt in Game 1 was thwarted when a throwing error by junior second baseman bye Intlekofer.

**SOFTBALL**

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Unbeaten ND should be No. 1

They are the only undefeated team in Division I, using a smothering defense to outscore opponents by an average of more than five goals per game. In fact, this past weekend, the Irish gave up just four combined goals in two games on back-to-back days.

Sounds like the resume of the consensus No. 1 team, right?

Well, not exactly. The Irish are currently ranked No. 3 in the Inside Lacrosse poll, one of two major polls in college lacrosse. In the other, the coaches’ poll, Notre Dame is an even more puzzling No. 4, tied with two other teams.

Just what exactly do the Irish have to do to get the recognition they deserve?

Take this past weekend for example. In a sport where one game a week is the norm, Notre Dame played on both Saturday and Sunday — in two different states, no less. In both games, the Irish gave up only two goals, something the teams ahead of them have combined to do only once.

Despite the fantastic weekend, \( \text{see UNBEATEN} \)