Graduate students to file petition

‘Family-friendly’ demands ask for more affordable health care, improved conditions for females

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

The Catholic Church sees access to adequate health care as a human right, and this right is not provided affordably for graduate students’ spouses and children, graduate theology student Ricky Klee said.

Klee, with others, has organized a “family-friendly” petition to ask University officials to change current University policies to better reflect a family atmosphere.

“The University health care plan is not provided affordably,” Klee said. “Many spouses and children are not insured.”

According to the University’s graduate student Web site, 75 percent of the premium cost for health insurance for the graduate student is subsidized. For the 2010-11 school year, the premium is $1,239. The student will pay $309, which only covers the graduate student.

Spousal insurance costs $3,098 per year, Klee said. In comparison, similar plans cost $1,774 at the Catholic University of America and $1,024 at the University of Dayton.

Sometimes spouses and children can go on state-funded health care, Klee said, but complications can surface.

Michael Driessen, a fifth-year political science graduate student and Quality of Life chair on the Daily Student, said the right to participate in training exercises, the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, and other university events is a human right, and this right is not provided affordably for graduate students.

“The University policy must change,” he said.

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Relay for Life to be held in Stadium

By CAITLYN KALSCHEUR
News Writer

Rather than heading out to their usual Friday night festivities, the American Cancer Society (ACS) and Notre Dame’s own ACS club are hoping students will take the opportunity to participate in the Relay for Life, a symbolic overnight fundraiser for ACS, going on inside Gate E at Notre Dame Stadium from Friday night until Saturday morning.

“The Relay for Life is an all-night walk to symbolize the 24-hour fight people undergo when battling cancer,” Student Committee chair for the Relay for Life Adam Lamm said. “Notre Dame really is a family, and with our unique community, we wanted our own event.”

Participants create teams to walk with and focus their efforts on fundraising money to be donated to the ACS for cancer research.

“There is ACS grant money being used here on campus, so it’s a neat way to bring it all full circle,” Assistant Director of University Events and Protocol Jessica Brookshire said.

Another incentive for students to participate is the 24-hour fight people undergo when battling cancer, Lamm said. The event will feature a symbolic overnight walk, food, and music.

Relay for Life to be held in Stadium

Cadets to participate in training session

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Army ROTC program will travel to Culver Military Academy this weekend to participate in training exercises.

Cadet Captain Elaine Teske, a Saint Mary’s senior, said the freshman and sophomore cadets in the program will take the reigns and lead the other cadets through tactical training exercises. Almost 60 freshmen and sophomores will be in attendance, as will 10 juniors and 14 seniors. Teske said the upperclassmen will take on different roles.

Juniors go along to act as “OHP,” or oppositional force, she said. “Basically, they take on the role of the enemies in the tactical situations.”

Teske said seniors will assume more of a mentoring and guiding role.

“Seniors did all the planning, and will take on more of a mentoring position,” she said. “This is the first time sophomores and freshmen are exposed to a bigger leadership role for the weekend. It’s just a big learning experience.”

Cadets to participate in training session

TOMS Shoes team wins competition

Winners of Case Bowl receive $1,000 prize for presentation

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

A team representing TOMS Shoes brought home the $1,000 top prize in the Notre Dame Entrepreneurship Society’s signature Case Bowl, which gives teams a chance to research products and make presentations.

Sponsored by Gino’s East Pizza in Granger, the Case Bowl featured three teams and was held Wednesday night in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza at 7 p.m. Red Bull and Cliff Bar were the other two companies represented.

TOMS Shoes team wins competition

Rape charge against ex-student dismissed

The charge against a former Notre Dame student accused of felony rape of a fellow student was dismissed Wednesday after new evidence was introduced in the case.

One rape charge against Patrick Augustyn, 20, was dismissed because “it has become clear that the defendant had a reasonable belief that the complainant in this matter consented to the sexual activity which occurred,” according to court documents.

The female accuser said it was “accurate” that Augustyn could have inferred that the sexual intercourse was consensual.

Augustyn’s no-contact order with the female student was also terminated.

The charges stemmed from an encounter between Augustyn and the female student in the early hours of Feb. 23, 2009. Both individuals attended an off-campus party before returning to campus around midnight.

According to court documents, witnesses said the female student had been drinking alcohol and vomited both at the off-cam-
Help us improve

With the end of the academic year fast approaching and our publication schedule winding down, it’s almost time for us at The Observer to shift our focus toward next year. When we hope to continue to make The Observer a more informative, comprehensive, user-friendly news source, both in print and online.

When we revamped our Web site, ndsmobserver.com, last fall, we knew we wanted to create a more attractive design that would make it easier for you to access the stories you can read in print. Over the course of the year, we also worked to expand our use of multimedia in the form of photo galleries and podcasts, while also experimenting with video and a new blog. That’s where we see room for the most growth on our Web site next year as we strive to make The Observer a more interactive news source.

We’re looking into our video capabilities and other ways in which we can use technology to keep you connected to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities. We want to make our blogs a more prominent, meaningful venue for your analysis and your feedback on major campus events in News, Sports and Scene. We want to make sure you can easily find our past coverage in the archives.

And in addition to improvements to the Web site, we want to continue to develop our coverage of the most important breaking stories that affect our lives at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s on a daily basis.

As our valued readers, that’s where you come in. We’ve got some ideas on how we think we can improve the finished product we work so hard to produce five days a week, but we also want to know what you’re looking for in The Observer every day, both in print and online.

Are there campus events we aren’t covering in News? Is our coverage missing an important angle or quote? Should our columns tackle different issues in Viewpoint? Do you want to hear more about our music performances in Scene? Would you like to see more photo and graphic elements online and on Web? Or how about additional podcast and video coverage, especially come football season?

We’re looking for honest feedback in all of these areas as we head into the summer months and begin to draw up our plans for next year. To have your voice heard, send us an e-mail at improvements@ndsmobserver.com, or visit ndsmobserver.com/improve and let us know what you’d like to see us change, both in print and online.

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Question of the Day: What is your favorite joke?

Elliott Pearce
freshman
Knott

“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is fruit; wisdom is not putting fruit in a salad.”

Julia Kohn
freshman
Lewis


Bri Neblung
freshman
Badin

“A baby seal walks into a club.”

Ian Trudell
freshman
Keough

“Business majors.”

Sophomore Margo DeBot tackles junior Erin Connor during a women’s rugby club practice at the McGlinn fields Thursday evening.

In Brief

A book reception for visiting scholar Manoo Pala will take place today from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hames Notre Dame Bookstore. Pala recently translated a collection of English works on Antonio Gamsci into Italian for publication. The event is free and open to the public.

The Relay for Life: Fightin’ Irish Fightin’ Cancer will take place tonight at 6 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium. The all-night event will conclude at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The play “Blithe Spirit” will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Beve Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for students, $12 for faculty and $15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Orchestra’s Spring Concert will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students, $5 for faculty and $6 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the DeBartolo box office.

Grammy award winning jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves will perform Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $15 for students, $25 for faculty and $40 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

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

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OFFBEAT

Topless Colorado gardener wins fight with landlord

BOULDER — A Colorado woman who likes to garden wearing only a yellow thong and pink gloves has won her fight with her landlords, who wanted her to cover up. Boulder Housing Partners has decided not to outlaw tenants from going topless outside. That will allow 32-year-old Catharine Pierce to keep gardening the way she likes.

Betsey Martens with the city housing authority noted Wednesday that the Boulder City Council recently voted to continue to exempt female toplessness from a ban on public nudity. Martens said the council’s action reflects the community’s values.

Man sets his home on fire with marijuana bong

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Authorities said a 30-year-old man was arrested for allegedly using a marijuana bong to set his mobile home on fire with marijuana bong allegedly set the blaze, which destroyed the home and alerted the community’s values.

Lindell said no one else was home when the suspect allegedly set the blaze, which destroyed the home but caused no injuries. He said the man acknowledged being distraught and suffering from a drug addiction.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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SMC hosts mom’s weekend

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Junior Mom’s Weekend is aimed to bring mothers and daughters together for a weekend of fun, junior class president Meghan Helmle said.

“It’s definitely just a time to relax,” Helmle said. “Mothers will visit campus on Sunday to spend quality time with their daughters.”

“It’s also good to bond with our moms,” junior class treasurer Katie Brown said. Though the weekend was originally intended for just mothers and daughters, the Junior Class Board decided to open the event to all former students, but Brown said most of the relatives that will visit are mothers. More than 250 mothers and relatives are expected to participate.

“Our theme for the weekend is that daughters and mothers are friends,” Helmle said. “We’re definitely pushing and encouraging moms and daughters to form a friendship and make it a lasting relationship.”

The moms are scheduled to arrive and register between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today. Registration will be held in the Gillespie Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn, where wine and cheese will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition to the wine and cheese, a silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until 7:45 p.m., when the winners will be announced. “We’re doing a silent auction, and we had over 45 people donate baskets,” Helmle said.

Events will continue Saturday, beginning with a Mary Kay Skin Care party in the Student Center Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A jewelry sale will also be held during the weekend with a special piece of jewelry designed just for Junior Mom’s Weekend.

The sale will be held in the Student Center Atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown said many of the events will be held on campus to show off the College.

“We wanted to keep it on campus, or as close to campus as possible, so the events, our two big events, are held at the Hilton,” Helmle said. “We definitely pushing and encouraging moms and daughters to form friendships and making it a lasting relationship.”

New Web site aids job-seekers

By MEGHAN MANNING
News Writer

As the spring semester rapidly comes to a close, Notre Dame students anxiously await the release of the new resource, Grads2Biz, which can help promote their success with job and internship placements.

Grads2Biz, which launched this month, works to connect top students from America’s elite schools and programs to top students from America’s elite schools and programs to top employers.

It differentiates itself from other job boards online “by promoting not just grads but high achieving seniors,” said Russell said. “Grads2Biz strives to make the employment process as quick and painless as possible on both sides, the equation, employer and job seeker.”

Mayer said in the release. “Our unique process helps elite talent find elite opportunities nearly effortlessly.”

The new business can help Notre Dame students specifically, Grads2Biz representa-tive Melissa Russell said. “With Grads2Biz, Notre Dame students stand out from the crowd and don’t get lost in the shuffle. There’s a lot of noise out there that can make it hard for employers to find you,” she said.

She identified Grads2Biz as a strong resource for students in the national and international job and internship market.

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Grads2Biz provides job hunting and career advice for students, and will soon feature a resource guide and blog “to give tips on how to best traverse a rough job mar-ket,” the press release announced.

“Connecting students to their dream jobs is our ultimate goal, but we also want them to be prepared to be successful in whatever they do,” Mayer said in the press release.

Russell said opportunities exist for underclassmen as well as considering the opportunities that await them upon graduation.

“We’re also looking for creative, enthusiastic individuals to become student ambassadors from Notre Dame,” she said.

“Students using the resource pay fifty dollars for a three year membership, according to the website. To celebrate the launch, however, the company has made registration free for students into the summer.”

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Each team, comprised of three students, was given 20 minutes to discuss its company’s history, its strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats — known in the business world as the “SWOT” anal-

ysis.

“Red Bull’s presentation was flittingly characterized by energy and excitement while TOMS used the emo-
tional, cause-driven part of their company to define the ‘Petition’ presentation,” Entrepreneurship Society vice president and Case Bowls’ organizer Tom Hayson said. “Cliff Bar really kept the audience speaking and innovative videos to put on a great performance.”

Group performances were assem-
bled by three University professors serv-
ing as judges based evaluation of the

team’s presentation skills, stage presence and creativity.

Judge Hayson said he divided half of the final scores, with 50 percent going via text-message responses from audience members.

“Cliff Bar knocked TOMS narrowly edged Red Bull to become the 2010 Case Bowl champion,” Hayson said.

The second place team was com-
pri sed of five freshmen — Alex Brolick, Erin Cagenau, Paulina Marchalik, Ryan Gisriel and Ally Scala.

Gisriel, the team’s capt-
in, attributed the team’s success to one simple reason.

“I think we won because we had weekly meetings and we worked hard to get our organization, our speeches, our presentation down solid. We knew we were battling nerves in a large hall to our audience,” Gisriel said.

Gisriel also said the team was motivated by Toms’ business model and leader-

ship.

“The reason we were so com-
mitt ed to weekly meet-
gings and a more involved process was because we wanted to do Blake Mycoskie and Toms Shoes justice,” Gisriel said. “We really were captivated by Blake’s passion and as a result we tried to translate that passion into our presen-
tation.”

Gisriel said the team will continue to be involved with TOMS Shoes and the Entrepreneurship Society.

“One of the most important things is, we each own a pair of TOMS that are not only do we each get a new pair of shoes, but also we are each helping a child in need,” Gisriel said.

“This is the first time in the history of Notre Dame that students will have a presentation in the Entrepreneurship Society and contribute to this ter-
rific club as the years progress.”

The Case Study Bowl is the Entrepreneurship Society’s signature event, based on the Harvard Business School’s own case study program. The three-
team competition is held once a year.

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NPI Security Police (NIDSP) to report that “a female pe-
pus party and in the cab on the way back to campus.

Witnesses later saw the female student in Knott Hall. She was asleep and alone in Augustin’s bed at 1 a.m. and witnesses attempted to wake her for two hours. At 3 a.m., the male wit-

nesses attempted to wake her up while she was still sleeping on the floor,” court docu-

ments said.

The responding officer said the girl was in a “confused state.”

She had no recollection of where she was, how she had gotten there or how she ended up wearing the T-shirt,” according to court docu-

ments.

The female student was administrated a portable breath-

alayzer and registered a blood-

alcohol level of 0.13. At the time, she did not indicate she had engaged in sexual intercourse with Augustin.

The T-shirt had the name “Patrick” written on it, which led officers to question Augustin in his room, where they also found the female student’s cloth-

ings.

Augustin said he and the female student “hooked up” and had sex, according to the court docu-

ments.

When NIDSP officers informed the girl of Augustin’s statements, she “immediately began to cry and said ‘I never would have done that with him.’” court doc-

uments said.

The female student said Augustin was an “acquaint-

ance” and “not a romantic interest,” according to the docu-

ments.

On Aug. 19, 2009, the case was officially filed with St. Joseph County District Courts.

Augustin was arrested on campus Aug. 26, 2009, and The Observer reported he was no longer enrolled at the University on Aug. 31, 2009.

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Petition

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Graduate Student Union (GSU), the said the initial graduate student policies weren’t designed for stu-

dents with spouses and children in mind.

“I think the petition itself is a response to the fact that the larger student body at Notre Dame and many of the faculty and administration are really unaware of some of the specific difficulties Notre Dame married students encounter,” he said.

Health care isn’t the only major point of the petition, Klee said.

The final point of the nine rec-
nomendations, entitled “Gender Equity In Leadership At Notre Dame,” states, “Family concerns cannot be considered apart from the poor state of balance between genders at the top administrative, professorial and governance lev-

e ls of the University.”

“This situation is broadly recog-
nized among Ivy League schools,” Klee said. “Female grad students encounter,” he said.

Now with a position on the housing staff at University Village, O’Hare said living on campus is difficult for Ph.D. student families. The current stipend for Arts and Letters graduate families is around $16,000, she said. The 2009 federal poverty rate for a family of three is $18,310, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

“This forces families to make tough decisions or risk financial ruin,” she said.

Campbell said the University should support the graduate students because “they are the exam-

ples that Notre Dame would want the undergraduate students to become.

The graduate students are married people who have fami-

lies, professional careers, who have families and are devout Catholics and doing what Catholicism tells them to do: have children,” Campbell said.

So when I get off the trolley at the Village, there are a lot young men and women on the trolley. Often, when parents get off the trolley their children will be running to them, begging into the forms. I think to myself, isn’t that a per-

fect symbol of the kind of values that the University wants to instill in its undergrads?”

O’Hare added, “Graduate stu-

dents have different needs from the rest of the student population, and anyone with a position adequately will benefit the school by attracting the best grad stu-

dents and lowering the stress level of current students.”

The group of graduate students will have a demonstration on April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to noon in front of the Main Building to formally submit the petition, Klee said.

“It’s a chance for everyone to provide their own voice,” Klee said. “We’re hoping for lots of people.”

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Pope breaks silence on abuse

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI broke his recent silence on the clergy abuse scandal Thursday, complaining that the church was under attack but saying that “we Christians” must repent for sins and recognize mistakes.

The main U.S. victims group immediately dismissed the pontiff’s words, saying they are meaningless unless Benedict takes concrete steps to safeguard children from pedophile priests.

Benedict made the remarks during an off-the-cuff homily at a Mass inside the Vatican for members of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

British hold first televised debate

LONDON — British voters fixed their eyes on television screens across the country for the first U.S-style political debate Thursday — a historic event billed as an exciting prelude to one of the closest elections in history.

But a life-sapping format of 76 rules sterilized many of the exchanges — there were no real gaffes, no visible beads of sweat and no bloodletting.

In the polls, a hand delivered a surprising victory to the third place Liberal Democrats’ Nick Clegg. The 42-year-old looked relaxed with his hand resting in his pocket. He also spoke confidently and passionately — often looking intently into the camera or to the audience — about topics ranging from immigration to greed in the banking industry. Some bookmakers last week thought Clegg would be the worst performer in the first debate and the first to sweat.

Day of Prayer ruled unconstitutional

PHOENIX — Federal agents arrested nearly 50 shuttle operators and smugglers Thursday accused of using vans to transport thousands of illegal immigrants from the Mexican border to Phoenix in what was billed as one of the government’s largest-ever human smuggling busts.

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Workers can be fired for marijuana

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that workers can be fired for using medical marijuana even if they have a card from the state program authorizing its use.

The case involves a worker in Eugene who was fired after telling his boss before taking a drug test that he was using medical marijuana approved by his doctor.

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Thousands attend tea party

INDIANAPOLIS — Hundreds of people have come to town for a rally organized by the Indianapolis Tea Party. It was one of at least eight Tea Party rallies that were planned across the state on Thursday’s deadline day for filing income tax returns.

Indianapolis Tea Party organizer Susan Martin says the Statehouse event was to protest what the group calls the encroachment of big government into the personal freedoms of people.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock was among those who planned to speak.

Adoptions to thirds put on hold

MOSCOW — A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday that adoptions of Russian children by American citizens which are currently suspended will be possible only if such a deal is reached,” Nesterenko said in a televised briefing.

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Relay

dents to raise money is that the best student fundraiser will receive a semester of free books and any team who raises $5,000 or more will get a VIP, all-access tour of the stadium.

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Each ASCE distinguished member is selected on the basis of his or her acknowledged eminence and worldwide reputation for outstanding leadership and research activities in a particular field. The selection of distinguished members is limited to eight to ten individuals per year with the additional caveat of one distinguished member per 7,500 ASCE members. This year’s honorees will be recognized during the ASCE annual convention in October.

Kareem was honored as one of only a few researchers whose work has transformed his or her field through a series of innovations, Kareem was cited for his “acknowledged eminence in the field of wind engineering and engineering mechanics; for profound contributions to the ASCE Standard of Wind Loads; and for development of wind-based analysis and tools for design practice.”

Kareem, who serves as the director of Notre Dame’s NatlFlz Modeling Laboratory, specializes in probabilistic structural dynamics, fluid-structure interactions, structural safety and the mitigation of natural hazards. To better understand and predict the impact of natural hazards on the constructed environment, he uses computer models and laboratory and full-scale experiments to study the dynamic effects of environmental loads under winds, waves and earthquakes on structures and to develop mitigation strategies to enhance the performance and safety of structures.

The research findings of Kareem and his students and postdoctoral fellows are having a major influence in the area of structural engineering, including monitoring of hurricane winds and their load effects, development of innovative structural systems for offshore drilling and production, monitoring dynamics of coastal construction, deep-water offshore structures, tall buildings, bridges and industrial structures; risk modeling and development of cyber-based collaborations for research and education in wind effects.

His work also has resulted in more than 165 journal publications and significant appointments such as editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Wind and Structures, associate editor of the Journal of Structural Engineering and Journal of Engineering Mechanics. He is also Chair of the Engineering Mechanics Division of ASCE. Among Kareem’s most recent honors are election as a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and a foreign fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering. He also received the Robert H. Scanlan Medal for outstanding original contributions to the study of wind-load effects on structural design and the Jack E. Cermak Medal in recognition of his contributions to the study of wind effects on structures. His receipt of the Davenport-Spancer and Cermak medals is an unmatched recognition in the field.

Kareem was graduated from the West Pakistani University of Engineering and Technology, Multan, Pakistan with distinction in 1968 and, through a joint program with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he earned his Ph.D. in civil engineering with a focus on structures. His work is being recognized.

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Kareem distinguished by ASCE

Engineering professor is first Notre Dame faculty member honored

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IN BRIEF

Prisons cut counseling budgets
DALLAS — When John Patrick Barton was in prison on his third drunken driving conviction, he was not among the thousands of inmates nationwide who undergo alcohol and drug treatment behind bars each year.

But months later and out of prison, Barton is accused of driving drunk again. This time, authorities say he plowed his car into another, killing a woman and her teenage daughter in a Dallas suburb on Easter.

Barton’s case has turned into a rallying cry for drug users, drunken drivers and sex offenders alike.

Though Barton was never ordered to undergo alcohol treatment after his third drunken driving offense, those opposed to the proposed cuts to treatment for sex offenders

BRAZIL

Amazon defenders stall dam project

Increasing international condemnation won’t reverse Brazilian policy makers’ view that the dam is essential to provide a huge injection of renewable energy, said Christopher Garman, director of Latin American analysis at Eurasia Group in Washington.

“This dam is going to happen. It’s just a matter of when it happens,” Garman said. "Brazil has a fragile energy grid that hasn’t won the battle yet."
State sen. negates militia remarks

**Member of Tea Party seeks nomination to be governor of Oklahoma**

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A darling of the tea party movement who has supported the idea of a volunteer militia said Thursday he expects to win the Oklahoma governor’s race despite criticism of his warning that citizens may need to protect themselves against a federal affront on state sovereignty.

State Sen. Randy Brogdon, R-Owasso, said in an interview with The Associated Press that his message resonates with voters who will select a replacement for term-limited Gov. Brad Henry, a Democrat, in November.

“I stand on constitutional principles,” Brogdon said. “That is right dead center of the thoughts and the values and the ideas of Oklahomans. I’m not out of the mainstream. I am standing on solid constitutional grounds that the Constitution of the United States, the protection of the rule of law.

Brogdon, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, said in an AP story Monday that a citizen militia is authorized by state law and the U.S. Constitution and that the Second Amendment “deals directly with the right of an individual to keep and bear arms to protect themselves from an over-reaching federal government.”

At the time, Brogdon and some local tea party leaders indicated a militia could be used to stop federal encroachment into state’s rights. Brogdon has since said he spoke only of a new state guard rather than providing families from an over-reaching federal government. I think it’s a great idea,” Brogdon said in the interview conducted last week.

Separately Thursday, a state House member who said he expected the Oklahoma Legislature to see a militia-related bill during next year’s session said he was not sure a bill would be prepared.

“I do not expect legislation to be filed, but I can’t predict the future,” said state Rep. Charles Key, R-Oklahoma City. “There’s 101 members out here (in the House) and 48 over there (in the Senate). How could I make a statement that it will or won’t?”

He told AP last week he thought there was a “better than 50-50 chance” such a bill would be filed.

Brogdon said last week and again Thursday he did not know how a new state guard would be set up.

“If we have an opportunity to have a volunteer force to complement that National Guard, I think that is a great idea, to take care of the citizens of this state when the National Guard has been deployed,” Brogdon said before addressing a crowd of about 500 people at a Sooner Tea Party rally.

**Civil Rights leader Hooks revived NAACP**

**NASHVILLE — Civil rights leader Benjamin L. Hooks, who shrank the American Civil Rights Movement when he was sued by a young lawyer before earning a pioneering judgeship and later reviving a flagging NAACP, died Thursday in Memphis. He was 85.**

Across the country, political leaders in the ranks of the civil rights movement remembered him Thursday.

“His inspiration to fight social injustice and bigotry stemmed from his experience guarding Italian prisoners of war while serving overseas in the Army during World War II. Foreign prisoners were allowed to eat in ‘for whites only’ restaurants while he was forbidden from them.”

When no law school in the South would admit him, Hooks earned a law degree in 1948. He later opened his own law office in his hometown of Memphis.

“At that time you were insulated by law and the racial slurs from white bar associations and when I was in court, I was lucky to be called ‘The Colored Man’ once in an interview with Jet magazine. ‘Usually it was just Boy.’”

In 1965 he was appointed to a newly created seat on the Tennessee Criminal Court, making him the first black judge since Reconstruction in a state where the South had more than 10,000 black judges.

President Richard Nixon nominated Hooks to the Federal Communications Commission in 1970. He worked as NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund commissioner, serving for five years before resigning to lead the NAACP.

At the FCC, he addressed the proxy battle that followed over media and persuaded the commission to propose a new rule to protect broadcasters and radio stations to be offered publicly before they could be sold. Minority radio stations saw ratings growing from 3 percent to 15 percent.

In the waning years of his leadership of the NAACP, Hooks said then-President George H.W. Bush for action on a string of bombing attacks in the South that killed a federal judge in Alabama and a black civil rights lawyer in Georgia in December 1989. The same month, another bomb was intercepted at an NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla.

“We both felt that this latest incident is an effort to intimidate our association, to strike fear in our hearts,” Hooks said at the time. “It will not succeed. We intend to go about our business, but we will do so certainly being taking precautions.”

The man later executed of the killings and other charges remains on Alabama’s death row.

Hooks later was chairman of the board of directors of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and helped create The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis.

He also created an initiative that gave more employment opportunities to blacks in Major League Baseball and launched a program in which corporations supported joint projects in black communities.

President George W. Bush in 2007 presented Hooks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the country’s highest civilian honors.

“Dr. Hooks was a calm yet forceful voice for fairness, opportunity and personal responsibility,” Bush said in 2007. “He never faltered in demanding that our nation live up to its founding principles of equality for all.”

In his last keynote speech to an NAACP national convention in 1992, Hooks urged members who had found financial success to never forget those less fortunate.
CHICAGO — A volcanic ash cloud has blown down into Europe and tied up air traffic across Europe could turn into a long, continuous nightmare for U.S. airlines, and tourists in the United States.

The ash spewed by an eruption in Iceland forced airlines to cancel flights and redirect planes around the ash. Those disruptions now could burn more fuel and create delays in the air-cargo business that could cost airlines tens of millions of dollars.

The slowdown could affect everything from package shipments to business meetings and long-planned vacations.

"The costs could be extraordinary," said Jeffrey Price, an aviation professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Many in the travel industry on Thursday were wondering if they would be affected — but how badly.

"This is the ultimate act of God," said Chicago-based transportations expert Joseph Schwieterman. "It's hard to imagine a weather scenario that would have more severe impact on a flight system like this."

Associated Press

In the United States, subsidized Federal Express, one of New England's biggest travel agencies, said it might rearrange flights. But for some travelers bound for Europe, it was too late.

The flight cancellations jeopardized many of the planned trips for more than six months by Robert and Barbara Breault of Coventry, R.I.

Barbara, an avid gardener, had scheduled a vacation that coincided with tulip bloomings in the Netherlands. But their outbound flight Thursday evening from Boston's Logan Airport to London Heathrow was marked "See agent."

"It's not supposed to do this," Barbara said with a laugh. "I had already planned the whole thing."

She had paid not only for the airline tickets, but also supplemental charges for window seats and a private guide, as well as a cruise through Holland's famed canals dubbed the "Tulip Festival Cruise."

On an average day, U.S. airlines operate about 2,000 flights to and from Europe, according to the Air Transport Association. On a normal day, TransAtlantic carriers canceled about 165 of those flights because of the ash, and the number was expected to rise as many as to be canceled Friday.

FedEx, the world's second-largest package-delivery company, started rerouting flights bound for Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris. It also moved some packages by truck instead of air.

Company spokesman Steve Barber could not specify what types of shipments were most affected.

Although rare, flight problems caused by volcanic ash are not unheard of. The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington state grounded hundreds of flights for days.

But ironically, the airlines' decision to reduce their schedules to ensure that planes are full could work against them as they scramble to find available seats on alternative flights.

"These high-load factors can make disruptions like this into full-scale disasters where passengers are stranded for days," Schwieterman said. "Ten years ago, the airline took just a few days to get back to normal. Now, it can take longer."

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Volcanic cloud of ash complicates U.S. travel

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Sgt. Gary Stein relaunches his 'Armed Forces Tea Party' page

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A measure restoring jobless benefits of up to 99 weeks for people struggling to find work after months of unemployment is expected to rebound from a temporary setback in the Senate.

Despite winning the single Republican vote they needed, Democrats Wednesday fell just short of the 60 votes necessary to defeat a GOP challenge to the jobless benefits measure. Vermont Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy was absent to attend the funeral of a close friend.

The defeat should be temporary since Democrats are likely to win a revote Wednesday evening after Leahy returns to Washington.

Republicans were seeking to force Congress to pay for its $18 billion cost and not to add to budget deficits topping $1 trillion. But George Voinovich, R-Ohio, broke with his party to vote with Democrats to keep the measure on track.

Later, Democrats by a 51-46 vote killed a Senate motion by Arizona Republican John McCain to end debate and take a vote on their version of an extension of unemployment benefits. The measure was defeated, 49-45, after a cloture vote was rejected.

Democrats said they would support an extension of benefits if they were paid for, either by imposing a 1-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline or by requiring people to pay back some of the money they had already collected.

Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Voinovich and Scott Brown of Massachusetts. But none of the other three voted with Voinovich.

Specifically at issue in Wednesday's vote was whether to permit the measure to be financed by adding to the $12.8 trillion national debt. Under Senate rules, a successful GOP challenge could require the chamber to come up with ways to pay for the measure.

Additional weeks of jobless benefits have traditionally been routinely extended during times of high unemployment and have previously always been paid for by adding to the national debt.

But with the deficit easily surpassing $1 trillion — and with the issue of deficits and debt is of increasing concern to voters — many Republicans have changed their minds and are now insisting they be financed by spending cuts elsewhere in the $3.7 trillion federal budget.

Last month, 21 Republicans in the Senate voted for virtually identical legislation providing the jobless benefits without paying for them.

The stock market has been rising for more than a year and has advanced steadily for two months on encouraging signs of growth. Some analysts have warned that shares have climbed too high, but the latest reports eased some concerns that prices are stretched.
Notre Dame rightfully optimistic about Brian Kelly era

While spring football practice reports often include little more than the daily minutiae of who happens to be lining up in what order, or who beat who in what one-on-one drill, it is precisely those details that interest Irish football fans who are anxious to see what exactly the Brian Kelly era will entail.

At this point in the spring, it’s only natural to take every move Kelly makes and compare him to his predecessor, Charlie Weis. And, by nature, those comparisons will always seem to favor Kelly, who Irish fans hope can resurrect a program that posted a 16-21 record over Weis’ last three seasons.

There’s no doubt that in many ways, Kelly and Weis are polar opposites — that much was evident even before watching Kelly’s Irish take the practice field. That’s not to say that everything Weis does in the right way and everything Kelly did was the wrong way. But because director of athletics Jack Swarbrick looked at the on-field results of the past three years and determined a coaching change was necessary, it is encouraging that he found a coach in Kelly who has done things differently from Day One.

There is no consensus on why Weis didn’t live up to expectations at Notre Dame. Though popular explanations include his lack of college experience, his NFL-type personality and his failure to effectively develop his players, Kelly’s resume alone indicates that if the Irish are unsuccessful under his direction, it won’t be for any of those reasons. In more than two decades of coaching at three different schools, Kelly has had to develop countless players who didn’t have the talent to even sniff the NFL, and he’s won. And during practice this spring, after an intense offseason strength and conditioning program that concluded with “Camp Kelly,” it appears the new staff has begun to lay the groundwork to win again at Notre Dame.

In position drills, there seems to be an increased emphasis on individual fundamentals, like quarterbacks practicing passing on the run in drills, which is more movement-based and dynamic than in the past, coaches can be heard encouraging players to do things the right way. And even during “breaks,” a loose term, the Irish are expected to be jogging. This sense of urgency and attention to detail is something that at times seemed lacking under the previous staff.

No unbiased evaluator could doubt that Notre Dame has plenty of talented players on next year’s roster, and there’s no way respected recruiting analysts whiffed when they awarded so many current Irish players with four- and five-star rankings. The talent is there, and Kelly’s history of making the most of what he’s given — and in this case, it’s quite a bit — is the source of the optimistic buzz that’s been circulating the Guglielmino Athletics Complex over the past few months.

You can only learn so much from what a coach has to say during spring ball — and especially from a coach who has yet to lead his team out of the tunnel in Notre Dame Stadium. But so far, after Kelly and his staff talked the talk about tempo and toughness during winter, early returns on the practice field show that they’ll walk the walk, too. And more importantly, the players are beginning to as well.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking.”

— Sir John Lubbock, English archaeologist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.”

— George Burns, U.S. comedian

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Yesterday President Obama visited NASA's Kennedy Space Center and addressed an independent panel’s recommen-
dations to cancel the Ares I rocket. Noting that it would not be easy to serve its primary role for space station transport or to reach the moon by 2020 since under-
funding crippled NASA’s plan, the panel concluded it unrealistic that Constellation’s first moon landing could occur until 2028 or later. The president prefers to develop a “flexible path” with a heavy lifting rocket. This option would develop technologies for trips to the moon’s orbit, and delay moon landings or on Mars until such technologies further mature.

Obama’s announcement to cancel the over-budget and dilatory Constellation program has no brevity among the Apollo-era astronauts. A perceived snarkiness permeates through the debate and ignited between the first man to step onto the moon — Neil Armstrong — and Apollo 11 crewmember Jim Lovell, who remarked the 40th anniversary of his famous near-disaster this week. Together, this famous trio also recently travelled to visit our troops overseas and in Afghanistan. That tour, called “Legends of Aerospace,” is actually where their letter took root ... on a long plane ride together. The fact that Armstrong, one of the most private of persons but arguably the world’s most famous living astronaut, led other astronauts against NASA’s plans raised the ire of this debate over America’s future in space. And indirectly, if not for a fellow Notre Dame alumus, Mike Willen (’74), who coordinated that tour, the nation — no, the world — may not have seen the peeling away of Armstrong’s obsessive privacy.

I am personally grateful to Whalen for the opportunity to meet Armstrong when they landed in New York for a public event at the Intrepid museum. I must offer a mea culpa for irritating Armstrong at the end of our visit. Within an hour, I brought him to a swilling of tears referring to his par-
ents, to a chuckle about a Notre Dame curse on Apollo 13 and to anger when mentioning the possibility of film- ing his landing in the Mojave Desert. It began when Armstrong completed breakfast and entered his hotel lobby. Unrecognized by those bustling by, the ease by which he carried himself controlled his demeanor. I asked about his parents who appeared on the “What’s My Line?” television show that Garry Moore quipped, “That would be something if your son was the first man to land on the moon.”

While not saying I was mendacious, Armstrong corrected. “As I recall, they appeared on ‘I’ve Got A Secret’ while I was on the moon — as the parents of the man who landed.” He choked up and a tear welled in the corner of his eye as he continued, “I haven’t thought of that in some time.”

I sat behind Armstrong during the bus ride from the hotel to the museum. As we posed for a photograph, I thought that Garry Moore quipped, “That would be something if your son was the first man to land on the moon.”

First and foremost, I would like to disagree with the very first sentence of the April 14 article “In defense of baseball” (Andy Ziccarelli). The article opens with: “Spring in the Midwest is exciting.”

Halt! This statement is akin to saying that Jim Carey is funny — objectively and unconditionally wrong. The only thing exciting about spring in the Midwest is that sometimes houses tend to go up for sale in the East, South or North, and you can promptly pack your bags and never look back. The article then takes a turn for the better. The author begins to prattle on about various aspects that could make baseball exciting. (At one point Ziccarelli informs us that he’ll wait for us to stop laughing, upon which I had to wait to stop laughing.)

Eventually I took the time to consider this view-
point. I understand that while the pitcher has to perform the lofty task of throwing a ball fast or with a curve, the batter has to respond by swinging the bat at it, not knowing what to expect. Semantics do change things a whole lot, and I’m not too worried about it. The problem is that I’m not in the mind of the pitcher or batter, I’m in the mind of myself ... and you know what I’d rather do than watch baseball? Anything. Even laundry. At least that way my clothes would be clean, rather than watching some person who is completely unremark-
able in every way except for the fact that he takes gratuitous amounts of steroids and is always spitting up brown saliva everywhere. Watching baseball is like torture.

It’s your job to fill this space, not mine.
By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

Good documentaries are known for having great firepower, but one documentary in particular has single-handedly redefined what it means to document. The American documentary "The Cove" is a powerful message to the world about what occurs behind closed doors, or in this film’s case, coves.

This 92-minute film captures raw footage of the brutal slaughtering techniques Japanese fishermen have been practicing for years on dolphins for marine parks globally and the illegal selling of their meat in local fish markets across the small town of Taiji. "The Cove" is more a thriller than a documentary, as director and National Geographic photographer Louie Psihoyos explores and uncovers the dirty secrets the Japanese government has spent so much money to hide. Psihoyos co-founded the nonprofit Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS) that helps protect and bring awareness to the earth’s oceans so they can be appreciated instead of diminished.

After meeting Mr. Richard O’Barry, who is best known for his dolphin training skills in the 1960s, Psihoyos formulated a dream team of scientists, world renowned free divers, set builders and a key player in it all, Mr. O’Barry himself. O’Barry dedicated most of his life to dolphins, training them for the very popular television series, "Flipper." O’Barry captured all five dolphins for the TV series but when one of his dolphins died in his own arms he took a radical move from training dolphins in captivity to advocating against it.

This documentary follows a group of environmentalists to the small Japanese fishing town of Taiji where a huge secret lives. Amongst all of the friendly fishing boats and crowded fish markets, a brutal killing of dolphins was taking place, unnoticed and unknown by every whaling committee and marine advocacy organization.

Disturbing footage in the film revealed Japan’s colossal power over fish markets, where a lucrative portion of something about 600 dolphin flesh, highly poisonous in mercury. This meat would be sold in disguise as the leading whale meat which Japanese townspeople would purchase and unknowingly eat, poisoning themselves and their children.

The Japanese government did such a good job protecting the secrets of the cove that many of the local Japanese townspeople were not even aware what was happening to the dolphins. Concealing the cove were tunnels and barred wire fences that were strategically placed so outsiders would never be able to enter and discover what was happening.

Students who watched the documentary were horrified and stunned that something like this was not deserving of more attention and exposure to the public.

"I was near tears watching the dolphins flee for their lives and felt compelled to join the fight against inhuman dolphin slaughter," sophomore Caitlin Candon said.

Sophomore Meghan Reardon said, "After watching I could not believe what the Japanese fishermen were getting away with. It was absolutely disgusting and something needs to be done to stop it."

"Aside from 'Finding Nemo' no other film about sea life has changed my life more than 'The Cove,'" junior Matt Coyne said.

A genius idea from Psihoyos allowed him to capture the destruction that was being hidden at the cove. By implementing an all-night operation to plant cameras around the cove and under the water, he and his crew were able to capture everything on tape so both governments and whaling committees worldwide would see the brutal killings of the dolphins in the cove.

A successful operation lay in the westerner’s hands as O’Barry visited government meetings and exposed what was happening. Once Psihoyos and O’Barry’s team had evidence, the exposure of the slaughtering became highly publicized. Through this suspenseful and educational documentary more people will become aware of what is happening and be motivated to do something about it.

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The band matt pond PA will perform Saturday at Legends, in the midst of a tour with artists like Ben Folds, Bobby Long and Todd Snider.

The indie band formed in 1998 in Philadelphia retains only one original member, who gives the band its name: Matt Pond. More than 15 artists have been a part of the group, but the current cast includes Pond, Chris Hansen, Leslie Sisson, George Souleidis and Brad Gunyon. It seems the band changes to match Pond’s whims at any given time.

The band has changed members, more albums and EPs were released: "I Thought You Were Sleeping EP" (2001), "The Green Fury" (2002) and "The Nature of Maps" (2003). Gaining more attention throughout the next couple of years, matt pond PA toured with artists such as Keane, Ted Leo & the Pharmacists, Liz Phair and Guster. More music ensued simultaneously, including "Emblems" (2004), "Several Arrows Later" (2005), "Winter Songs EP" (2005) and "Last Light" (2007).

This band’s impressive discography proves how serious it is about its art. Matt Pond, on the blog on his official Web site, once scoffed, "sleep ... as if that were possible."

Matt pond PA is also extremely gracious to their fans. In November 2008, they posted "The Freeep" as a free download on their website for 10 months. It was later re-released as "Auris Sacra Famula" on iTunes and Amazon MP3.

A few other limited edition EPs have been released since 2008 along with the band’s latest album, "The Dark Leaves," which dropped April 13. Props to Legends for reeling the band in only four days after its most recent debut.

The album has reaped pretty indifferent reviews so far. David Peisner of Spin magazine characterizes some songs as having "a genuinely comforting warmth" but admits that the album overall appeals to "mildly depressed, post-collegiate junior copywriters with cool haircuts." Not exactly five stars, but not a complete roast of the music either.

Matt pond PA is a big name for Legends, and it will be interesting to see what the band chooses to perform on Saturday. With a massive amount of music to its name, the band will surely promote its new album, but might hark back to some of its earlier hits as well.

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When you think of the Catholic Church, what image comes to mind? Lady Gaga, 24, in a First Communion gown? Probably not, but this provocative, insatiable and very entertaining performer got her start as a student at Catholic Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York. Her real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta and Italian blood surges through her veins. At the age of 13, Gaga had written her first ballad and at 17, she was one of only 20 people ever to earn early admission as a music student to the Tisch School of Arts at New York University. She dabbled in rock ‘n’ roll, got frisky in burlesque shows and in 2008 signed to Interscope Records, bringing her both fame and fortune. The rest is history as the world goes Gaga for a woman who simultaneously revolutionized pop industry and challenged almost every stereotype society has seen.

Every year, there comes a week-end when you are contractually obligated to perform a certain task. In other words, YA GOTTA REGATTA! Hailed as one of ESPN’s Top 100 college student activities, the Fisher Regatta is a celebration of springtime swimming suits, brats and sunshine — basically everything warm. What better way is there to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon than taking in a competitive race featuring your fellow students?

Beginning in the dark ages of 1987, the single elimination boat race is sure to feature crafts ranging from the sleek and sexy to the bulky and impractical. While many will approach the day with dreams of victory and glory, all but one team will see their hopes sink beneath the choppy water of St. Mary’s lake. O’Neill and Badin, the respective winners of last year’s men and women’s brackets, are expected to put on a strong show as challengers close in from all sides.

Beginning at the crack of one o’clock, the event has more to feature than just thrilling nautical theatrics. Fisher Hall will be out in force, grilling absurd amounts of delicious meat for those willing to wait in line. Coca Cola, a regular sponsor, will be providing ice-cold soda to quench the thirsts of all those parched by the midday sun. The scent of fresh lake air is sure to compliment the delec-tate offerings providing the best meal this side of Eddy Street. The men of Fisher Hall have been promoting the event like men on a mission. Supporting the traditional seafaring hairstyle (a Mohawk), hordes of Fishermen have descended on the dining hall and even DeBartolo to cajole any random passerby into attending Saturday afternoon. In addition to their hard work, the Regatta has taken on a life of its own. Weeks prior to Fisher’s promotion, signs have appeared in the entrances of various dorms, seeking each resident to participate in the construction of their vessel. Consistently drawing an entry from every dorm, the Regatta is not only one of the more entertaining events on campus, but also one of the best attended.

The residents of Fisher hall have been preparing in their own unique style for Saturday’s event with Fred and Sally. Named for the benefactors of Fisher Hall, the week consists of brother and sister fashion shows, a costume pageant, a graffiti showcase, a movie costume contest and a traditional Styrofoam regatta. Fred and Sally Fisher, the week consists of brotherhood, competition and a special appearance by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh. Fisher Hall truly lets loose to properly show respect and gratitude to those who made the dream a reality. This dream flowed from her punky days, which apparently never ended. Jolie once said, “I am still at heart — and always will be — just a punk kid with tattoos.” Jolie and her mother were primarily raised by her mother after her parents’ separation in 1976, and it was spending time with her mom at the movies that inspired Jolie to act. However, at 14 she dropped out of her acting classes and spent time moshing with her live-in boyfriend, starring in Meat Loaf and Lenny Kravitz music videos and working as a fashion model. She attended Beverly Hills High School and got made fun of for her second-hand clothes, glasses and braces, but look who’s laughing now. Jolie co-starred with her father, Jon Voight, in her first film “Lookin’ to Get Out, ” and has since gone on to mega-stardom, philanthropy-dom and just plain hot-dom.
The Spurs still had a chance to rest his creaky 33-year-old legs when the playoffs ended in the West semifinals. Or last February because of a foot injury. Now they’re counting on whether he’ll be able to play in the league. I take it personal. I feel blessed to be in a position I have this year,” Duncan said.

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Ginobili’s play in February forced the Spurs to think about him being a 3-year-old落叶, not a 3-year-old extender last week, after he appeared ready to help him become a free agent this summer for the first time in his career.
Men’s Division I Outdoor Track

UC Irvine
Cal St. Fullerton
Southeastern La.
Western Kentucky
Kansas State
Oregon State
Oklahoma
Coastal Carolina
LSU
Georgia Tech
UCLA

Women’s Division I Indoor Track

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Men’s Division I Baseball

USA Today Poll

# team
1 Arizona State
2 UCLA
3 Virginia
4 Texas
5 Georgia Tech
6 LSU
7 Florida State
8 Arkansas
9 Florida
10 Coastal Carolina
11 TCU
12 Louisville
13 South Carolina
14 Oklahoma
15 Miami
16 Clemson
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Men’s Division I Outdoor Track

USTFCCA Poll

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2 Texas A&M
3 Oregon
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8 LSU
9 Louisville
10 Arizona State
11 Mississippi State
12 Nebraska
13 Oklahoma
14 Baylor
15 Louisville
16 Miami
17 Virginia Tech
18 Mississippi
19 Arkansas
20 Western Kentucky
21 Brigham Young
22 Minnesota
23 Kansas State
24 Washington State
25 Tennessee

Men’s Division I Lacrosse

USILA Poll

# team
1 Virginia
2 Syracuse
3 North Carolina
4 Maryland
5 Duke
6 Princeton
7 Denver
8 Loyola
9 Georgetown
10 Cornell

MLB

NEW YORK — On Jackie Robinson Day, all of baseball joined Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in wearing the cherished No. 42.

Everyone in uniform had Robinson’s number on their jerseys Thursday, honoring the 63rd anniversary of the day he broke baseball’s color barrier by taking the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Major League Baseball retired 42 on the 50th anniversary in 1997, but allowed players who already had it to wear the number until they finished their career.

Rivera is the only player to still have it, and is distinctly aware of what it means.

“It’s a privilege, an honor, to be the last one to wear 42, it’s something for me,” the New York closer said. “I definitely have a job to do to represent him well.”

In a brief ceremony before the Yankees hosted the Los Angeles Angels, Robinson’s widow, Rachel, their daughter, Sharon, and two medical school students on scholarships provided by the Jackie Robinson Foundation were honored near home plate.

A tribute to his legacy was shown on the scoreboard and the Yankees’ Robinson Cano and Marcus Thames presented Rachel Robinson with a bouquet of flowers. When the public address announcer introduced the starting line-ups, every player was “number 42.”

Robinson’s grandson, Jesse Simons, threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Around the league, there was an outpouring of respect and admiration for the man who on April 15, 1947, transformed America pastime — and so much more in the era before the civil rights movement.

“Without Mr. Robinson I wouldn’t be sitting here and President Obama wouldn’t be president of the United States,” Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said in Toronto. “If you really go back and look at this, Mr. Robinson started all this before even Martin Luther King. He went through a lot to make it better for myself and minorities. This is the guy that got it rolling for everybody.”

Throughout the majors, each club autographed a No. 42 jersey that will be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Jackie Robinson Foundation, founded by Rachel Robinson in 1973, a year after her death.

In even though he was a New York Giant fans growing up in Brooklyn, Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre under- stood Robinson’s importance.

“Hey really changed baseball. To me, it’s something we should never forget. And I’m happy that Major League Baseball is certainly never going to let it go away,” Torre said in Los Angeles. “They retired No. 42, and I think it’s a great tribute to him — not only as a player, but the individual he was.”

Bird says he does not know of Pacers’ relocation plans

INDIANAPOLIS — Pacers president Larry Bird says he has received calls from people interested in buying and moving the team. Bird adds, however, that despite questions about the franchise’s stability he’s never heard team owner Herb Simon say he would relocate the club.

The Pacers are losing money and team officials have been talking with the city about the $15 million a year it costs the club to operate Conseco Fieldhouse.

Bird also said Thursday that coach Jim O’Brien would return despite a third straight losing season. Bird says part of the rebuilding process includes retaining the coach.

The Pacers finished the season Wednesday with a 32-50 record, their worst since 1988-89. They missed the playoffs for the fourth straight year.

Bosh, set to become free agent, unsure of future plans

TORONTO — With the Toronto Raptors out of the playoff picture, the focus now shifts to Chris Bosh’s uncertain future with the team.

The star forward is set to become an unrestricted free agent this summer, but says he has yet to make a decision on his future.

Bosh spoke a day after the Raptors closed out the regular season with a win over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night. Toronto finished one game behind Chicago for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Division.

Bosh also said the ability of the Raptors to build a winner around him is important. He enters the off-season as the franchise leader in points (9,275) and rebounds (4,450).

This year’s free agent class also includes LeBron James and Dwyane Wade.

NHL Hockey

Senators at Penguins

Red Wings at Coyotes

7 p.m., Versus

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10 p.m., Versus
DENVER — Going against one of baseball’s hottest pitchers, Mike Pelfrey took the mound with the mindset he was going to have to be at his best.

That approach worked out just fine for him and the New York Mets.

Pelfrey pitched seven solid innings and hit an RBI single in helping the Mets beat the Rockies 5-0 on Thursday while cooling off Colorado starter Jorge De La Rosa, whose 17 wins since June 1 are the most in the majors.

“Going into the day, I felt like I had to be on top of my game because De La Rosa is pretty good,” Pelfrey said. “I thought I did a good job locating my fastball and the split-ball and the split the ball was big today. I got some hits out of it. It’s a start I can build off of and continue to get better. I’m just glad it worked out.”

Pelfrey (2-0) allowed five hits, struck out six and walked none as the Mets ended a four-game skid. Only two of the Rockies’ hits got out of the infield.

“He’s pitching with some confidence,” said the Mets’ Jeff Francoeur, who singled twice and scored a run to extend his season-opening hitting streak to nine games.

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“Pelfrey’s strong day pushes Mets past Rockies

Twins 8, Red Sox 0

Francisco Liriano’s nickname as a rookie for Minnesota was “The Franchise,” reflecting his immediate success in 2006 before his elbow began to hurt.

Four years later, the fortunes of the Twins could still be strongly tied to Liriano’s left arm.

Liriano threw seven shutout innings in the series opener against San Diego and was 5-0 with a 2.49 ERA in his previous eight starts before facing New York.

“I didn’t throw enough strikes,” De La Rosa said.

In contrast, De La Rosa said Pelfrey “stayed in the strike zone and got us out. He did his job.”

Pelfrey was in control throughout on the mound but he had a wild time on the bases after drawing a leadoff walk in the third. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and moved to third on Jose Reyes’ single. When Luis Castillo followed with a grounder to third, Pelfrey broke for home.

Ian Stewart chased him down the line but his throw glanced off Pelfrey’s shoulder and deflected it to third, Pelfrey broke for home.

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SMC GOLF
Nation’s best to test Belles this weekend

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The biggest tournament of the spring season to date arrives this weekend for the No. 5 Belles, who travel to Normal, Ill., to compete in the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling Invitational.

The tournament will be hotly contested, with a large number of high-quality teams in attendance at a competition that could play a large role in the Belles’ postseason hopes and performance.

It’s an important tournament for us,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “It’s a good showcase event for the Midwest — five of the top 12 teams in the country will be there.”

Not only will Saint Mary’s use the tournament as a measuring stick for its progress against the nation’s best, but the results of the tournament could also have a direct effect on the Belles’ postseason. If they win this tournament, it could deter the results of the tournament against the nation’s best, but the Belles’ postseason hopes and performance.

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In the spring season we’re looking to control one’s emotions is paramount, the Irish have reaped the rewards of maintaining their composure this season. But under the surface, a competitive drive fuels Notre Dame as they prepare for the Big East championships Sunday.

“Obviously kids come to Notre Dame for the education, the experience, but they come to play for championships,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

“That’s the opportunity we have this weekend, and we’re excited.”

Notre Dame is coming off one of its closest victories of the year, a 292-298 win against Detroit Mercy Wednesday in the Battle at the Warren. The Irish received contributions up and down the lineup, a good sign for a team hitting its stride in the final stretch of the season.

“In the spring season we’re really coming around,” Kubinski said. “It’s a very challenging golf course, very long,” Kubinski said. “We’re going to have to drive the ball off the tee well there, it’s like any tournament, you have to follow up, but on that golf course length will definitely be a factor.”

The Irish are led by senior Doug Fortner and sophomore Tom Usher, who both carded the lowest score of the day Wednesday at 69. Fifth-year senior Josh Sandman is also an important contributor who brings a level head and much needed playoff experience to the squad.

In addition to the talent on the links, the Irish have an additional factor working in their favor.

“Every year Phil Mickelson has won the Masters, we win the Big East, so it’s a good omen,” Kubinski said. “If that means anything, we’ll take it.”

The Irish tee off in the Big East championships Tuesday in Palm Harbor, Fla. The tournament concludes Tuesday.

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Belles welcome Kalamazoo

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Belles enter their third match of the week looking to halt a three-match losing streak when they face off at Kalamazoo College Saturday.

Saint Mary’s faces Kalamazoo annually, but this year’s edition has some added importance with the MIAA championships only two weeks away.

The week started with a 9-0 loss to . The Belles lost a hard fought 6-3 decision to Albion College Wednesday to fall to 8-6 on the season, with a 2-2 conference record.

Senior captain Camille Gebert defeated Anna Gundersen 6-4, 7-5 at No. 2 singles. No. 4 singles player Frankie Peluso beat Morgan Watler in straight sets as the junior continued to produce for the Belles.

The only other Saint Mary’s victory was the doubles combination of Jillian Hurley and Mary Therese Lee. They defeated Cassie Simmelink and Sarah Towler 8-6. After they play their third consecutive road game Saturday, the Belles will return home to host home matches next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when they welcome Hope, Bethel and Adrian, respectively, to campus.

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Adrian sweeps pair of contests

By TIM SINGLER
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Saint Mary’s fell twice to Adrian in a doubleheader Thursday.

In the first game as they increased their run total per inning eventually they left off in the first game as they increased their run total per inning eventually tapering off at five runs in the fourth inning.

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SMC TENNIS

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Saint Mary’s defeated Olivet in a doubleheader 14-3 and 9-0 in the MIAA doubleheader Thursday.

The Bulldogs (23-5, 7-1 MIAA) scored the first inning of the first game, as the Belles (16-14, 5-3) gave up a two-run home run.

Saint Mary’s answered with two runs of its own in the bottom half of the first inning.

Adrian continued its offensive push, with five more runs over the next three innings, taking a comfortable lead.

Saint Mary’s squeaked out one more run, but when Adrian scored six more runs in the final two innings of play, the 14-3 deficit was too much to overcome.

In the second game, Adrian defeated the Belles 9-0 in five innings of play. The Bulldogs picked up right were they left off in the first game as they increased their run total per inning eventually tapering off at five runs in the fourth inning.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish finish home schedule

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 12 Irish will close out their first home season at Arlotta Stadium Saturday as they take on Cincinnati while looking to build on last weekend’s home sweep of Villanova and Syracuse.

Notre Dame’s rejuvenated defense held Villanova and Syracuse scoreless for a combined 98 minutes before a second-half goal by Syracuse ended the streak.

“Our defense has really cleaned up their attack as the season winds down. I don’t know how you can’t be focused when you’re in this position.”

A string of recent victories that started with a thrilling last-second victory against Loyola has pushed the Irish (8-4, 4-1 Big East) into second place in the conference, and Coyne is thrilled with the outlook for the rest of the season, provided the Irish keep up their strong play.

“Georgetown is undefeated, but they have some tough games, including against Syracuse, coming up,” Coyne said. “We only have three conference games left and although they are huge games we have gotten most of our tougher competition out of the way. Rutgers will be a big game on the road, but if we win out we’ll be looking at first or second place in the Big East.”

The game against the Bearcats will be a litmus test for the Irish offense, which scored six goals in an abnormally low-scoring game against Syracuse. Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney leads the Irish with 23 goals on the season, while senior Gna Scioscia and junior Kailene Abt each have notched 21 goals on the year.

“Without much turnaround time between Wednesday’s home match and when the team hits the road, the Irish were not given any better than the guys at 1 and 2,” he said of sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens, respectively.

“We’ll continue to work on our net play in doubles and he a little more consistent and aggressive up there,” Bayliss said. “It’s different for each person.”

“Navy is a special match for me,” Bayliss said. “The Academy is bringing back people who played under me there. It’s a reunion of sorts for me and a chance to see players I haven’t seen in years, all who have gone to be very successful in their lives.”

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“We have little aspects to work on defensively,” she said. “Right off the draw, if we lose a draw, we want to work on causing a turnover right away and getting control back. Right now, our mindset is that we’re in the position to control our destiny as the season winds down. I don’t know how you can’t be focused when you’re in this position.”

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**Irish tennis coach Bobby Bayliss has options in his team currently, but he also has the promise of continued strength in the future.**

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Bayliss heads to Navy for emotional reunion

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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The Irish will be back on the road this weekend to face Navy in Annapolis, Md., in a match that holds special significance for both teams.

Not only is Saturday’s match the last for Notre Dame (12-11) before the Irish head to the Big East championships, but it is also a reunion of Irish coach Bobby Bayliss’ former Navy players from his 15 seasons coaching there from 1970 to 1984.

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“I think it bodes well for the future, but the problem is at this point I don’t think they can do any better than the guys at 1 and 2,” he said of sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens, respectively.

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“The Irish take on Navy at 1 p.m. at the Dyer Tennis Clubhouse in Annapolis Saturday in their final regular season match before the conference tournament.**

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To pull off the victory, the Irish will have to contend with a Providence squad that offers multiple looks in order to gain a tactical advantage—a difficult task to accomplish when the Friars are already struggling with consistency.

“They do a good job of dictating tempo and mixing up what they’re doing defensively,” Corrigan said. “You have to adjust to what they’re doing because they’ll do a lot of different things in the course of the game.”

Midfielder Mike Feldberg will be Providence’s most potent scoring threat and will probably look to connect with fellow midfielder Jake Nolan, who leads the Friars in assists and points. Providence will try and slow the game down in order to play to their strengths offensively, an uncommon tactic in a typically fast-paced sport, Corrigan said.

“Offensively they try to take the air out of the ball a little bit and slow things down,” he said. “They’re effective with it, and they’re able to keep themselves close in games.”

Despite the challenges the Friars pose, the buzzword for the Irish will continue to be consistency as they look to put together a complete game in the season’s home stretch.

“You can’t be successful [when you’re inconsistent], and that’s been a problem for us throughout this year,” Corrigan said. “We need to try to get on top of them.”

Notre Dame looks to snap its three-game losing streak at noon Saturday in Arlotta Stadium. "They do a good job of dictating tempo and mixing up what they’re doing because they’re inconsistent], and that’s been a problem for us throughout this year," Corrigan said. "We need to try to get on top of them."

Irish face DePaul, Marquette

Senior Kali Kisicki, right, awaits sophomore Kristy Frilling’s serve during their 8-6 victory over South Florida’s top duo on April 9.

The No. 5 Irish will wind down the regular season against No. 22 DePaul today before facing Marquette on Senior Day Sunday in the final regular-season matches of the year. Seniors Cosmina Ciobanu, Kali Krisik and Colleen Rielly will be honored at the Courtney Tennis Center prior to Sunday’s match.

The Irish (17-3) come into Friday’s match against DePaul fresh off the defeat of two Top-40 opponents in Texas A&M and South Florida. DePaul (15-3) will offer no respite as they look for revenge after losing 6-1 to the Irish in January.

"DePaul is pretty tough, this is probably the best year they’ve ever had for their program," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We’ve had some real good matches with them, including the Big East Tournament last year. They compete in every match."

Leading the Irish into the weekend is sophomore Kristy Frilling, ranked No. 15 in the latest ITA singles poll. Frilling recently nabbed her second Big East Player of the Week honor after going 4-0 between first singles and doubles against Texas A&M and South Florida.

Louderback said Frilling’s improvement in her sophomore season is due to mental toughness.

"She’s worked very hard this year," Louderback said. "Going into the year she knew she was going to be number one and the competition is always good up there. Mentally, she’s just been a lot tougher. As a freshman, she struggled in some matches, and in the ones that she lost she really got killed. This year she’s been in every match and has gotten much tougher over the course of the match."

Backing up Frilling, Ciobanu has been perfect this season in the middle of the singles lineup, something which Louderback said he believes has contributed to his team’s strong depth.

“Our depth is very good,” Louderback said. "That’s one of our strengths. When people have been down, others have stepped up and won some big matches for us. Whether its Cosmina, who hasn’t lost a match all season, or Kristen Rafael or Shannon Mathews, our players have hung in their in big matches.”

Marquette (12-11) has struggled to stay above .500 on the season, but the Irish are expecting a challenge from the Golden Eagles, especially at first singles from sophomore Gillian Hush.

"Their record isn’t too good, but they’ve played well against top competition,” Louderback said. "They’re a scrappy bunch and they don’t really have big hitters but their singles is particularly tough.

The Irish look to enter the post-season on a strong note in its matches against DePaul Friday at 5 p.m. and Marquette Sunday at 10 a.m.

Contact Chris Allen at callen10@nd.edu

ATTENTION SENIORS!

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

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Statistics or their record, you would have thought that the score would have been a lot closer than it ended up being,” Ganeff said.

Aside from having a good season, the Vikings also sported Amanda Macek, one of the best pitchers they have had in program history on the mound Thursday. [Macek] had better movement than a lot of the pitching we’ve seen in the last few weeks,” Ganeff said. “She has the most strikeouts in the history of their program. Along with their success on offense, the Irish excelled on defense against the Vikings as

"We were able to put our game together and dominate.”

Kris Ganeff
Irish assistant coach

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The Pirates are just a game ahead of the Irish with a 3-6 record in conference competition, and have struggled offensively with a batting average of just .244, averaging just 3.6 runs per game.

Senior infielder Michael Rogers leads Seton Hall offensively, batting .308 at the plate with 10 RBIs. Sophomore right-hander Benny Mejia leads the Pirates rotation with a 3.50 ERA, and is 2-1 on the season.

Schrage said he was concerned with the team’s recent preparation heading into the crucial series.

“There better be a sense of urgency this weekend, because we have some work to do,” Schrage said.

Notre Dame is 3-7 on the road this season, and will look to gain momentum before Big East homestands against Cincinnati and St. John’s the next two weekends.

After that Notre Dame only has two more Big East series remaining.

Today’s first pitch in East Orange, N.J., will be at 3 p.m. Saturday’s first pitch will be at 1 p.m. and Sunday’s action will start at noon.

Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

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25 peak's counterpart
27 attachment used with care?
29 dedicated literature
31 sets off
35 ___ before
37 one starting easily?
39 cry of anticipation
40 moral obligation
41 Dominican capital
42 gets under someone's skin?
44 old imperator
45 verenigde ___ (america, in amsterdam)
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Horoscope

Celebrities Born On This Day: Solk Rogers, 20; Emma Watson, 20; Emma Thompson, 51; Tony Clark, 77

Happy Birthday: Be prepared to take a chance when it comes to your personal situation this year. If you act fast and in private, you will avoid the risk of the least amount of stress. Money issues may make you vulnerable. Don't have anything to lose if you want to give it a try. People will look back on this year and see how you handled the situation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may be in the mood to feel somewhat sentimental, but you are seeking a job with good pay. Take to the suggestion offered. Minor setbacks in business or travel may be beside you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Take a look at everything you notice if someone is not feeling up to par. Your help will be appreciated. A secret you treated with someone in the past is not safe. Reveal the information before someone else does. [**]

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You can talk to someone and you will have emotional tension that it's what you do that will count. You have notes to make some very crucial changes in your life, both personally and professionally. Take advantage of what's offered.[**]

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be too surprised if you have to do things on your own. You will not be under enough to catch up with all of a time. You may have to go to do of some people in your life if you're looking back in the back. [**]

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Practice, present, and show everything you want to present and you will get good feedback and excellent help. Remember that the day you start a new project in social settings, travel, attending functions and networking will all pay off. [**]

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consistency on what needs to be done in an hour and with your personal papers in order to make things easier and less stressful. Getting behind from easily or embarking on a painstaking problem will add to your worries. Talk to someone who can offer you advice.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationships will be key to your success. A change in the way you approach life; love and the people around you will make a large difference when an important life decision arises. Learn to make a move. [**]

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Addicted to showing off your body and others. Don't try to pass what another made of you to someone else. Unnecessarily justify your personal and professional moves will have you questioning what to do next. Move quickly before you face opposition. [**]

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Making improvements around home will lift your spirits. Alternatives are necessary to stay you've been home and the people in your life can be expected and should be welcomed. You are due in need of change. [**]

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There will be a fine line between being off and of finding others. A dream can be avoided if you ignored contacts and your best to calm the storm. [**]

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Everything looks so much better will help you remember some of the people who have meant something special to you in the past. An unusual friendship will translate if you open your heart to others.[**]

Birthday Baby: You are outspoken, a go-getter and a fighter for what you want. You don't lack devotion or your group. You are strong, colorful and stable.

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FOOTBALL

Diaco’s defense

Defense excited for switch back to 3-4 system

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Irish defensive line coach Mike Elston isn’t shy about his goals for the new football season.

“When Coach (Brian) Kelly asked me to coach the defensive line, I was asked the question, ‘What are your expectations?’ I expect to be the best defensive line in the country,” Elston said Wednesday after the team’s ninth spring practice. “Our guys are working towards that. They’re going to be tough to block.”

After spending 2009 in the 4-3 defensive scheme under former defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta, Kelly switched the team back to the 3-4 defense it played in 2007 and 2008. The scheme consists of three defensive linemen and four linebackers all very close to the line of scrimmage, in what the coaches describe as a “no-crease” defense. Elston said this would allow the front seven to make more plays on the ball.

“What you do is you knock a guy backwards, you stay squared up on him. If the ball goes to the left, you tackle the ball to the left. If it goes to the right, you tackle it to the right,” he said. “The linebackers are on the same level as the d-line. There’s no creases, no vertical, no horizontal creases between them.”

Nearly all of the current linemen and linebackers were recruited to play in a 3-4 system, and junior defensive end Ethan Johnson said it should lead to increased opportunities for the defense.

“I’m excited to get out to the passer and just get some sacks, make some plays,” Johnson said. “I think everyone on defense is excited to make some plays this year. I think we’ll have a lot of chances to do that this year.”

While Johnson and fellow junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore look to benefit from the new system, Elston said not to have a lot of chances to do that this year.

Junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore, right, performs a drill during a practice on March 31. Lewis-Moore leads a defensive line expecting to benefit from the switch to the 3-4 defense.

ND SOFTBALL

Three home runs lead Irish

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish defended their position at the top of the NCAA in batting average as three home runs, including a sixth-inning home run from senior Brianna Jorgensborg, led the Irish to a 6-4 victory over the Chicago State Penguins on Wednesday at Eddy D. Field Stadium.

“The game was a little slow at first,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganser said. “But Dani Miller came out there and hit a home run that flew out past center field, and then we started stringing hits together.”

The No. 24 Irish improved their win streak to eight games by defeating the Vikings team that has won 19 of their last 21 games.

“If you look at [the Vikings’] stats, they have a huge amount of runs.”

Senior center fielder Brayan Ashdown led the team offensively against the Pirates. He has hit .479 last week, keep up their hot hitting against the Pirates.

Baseball

Notre Dame heads east needing Big East wins

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Senior Sports Writer

If the Irish are going to have a chance to turn around their season, they’re running out of time to do it. Notre Dame (12-19, 2-7 Big East) will travel to Seton Hall (13-17, 3-6) for a critical three-game set this weekend in desperate need of a series win.

After dropping two of three games to Rutgers last weekend, the Irish had another sluggish performance this weekend against Chicago State (1-23), escaping with a 6-4 win.

“Notre Dame has struggled finding consistency in pitching this season. Starters jun-

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