Changes to Honor Code underway

Following survey, officials and students call academic integrity a difficult issue to analyze

By TERESE FRAILISH

When economics professor David Rucci announced to his microeconomics class that cheating had occurred on a recent exam, every student in the 150-person section listened as he proceeded to spend the entire class discussing academic integrity.

"I decided to speak about the problem of cheating at Notre Dame and what I perceived to be the general complacency of students in the course," he said.

Rucci was concerned about student quality — but he did not expect the response he got.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the student reaction, many of whom spoke up in class, met with me outside of class, or sent me e-mail messages indicating that they understood the issue," he said.

For all the debates over Honor Code revisions and turnitin.com — an online service that allows Notre Dame faculty to check student papers for plagiarism — academic integrity ranks low as a subject for dining hall conversation.

"It's maybe a bigger problem than students realize — we don't talk about it that much," senior Megan Caserlie said. Caserlie serves on the University Honor Code Committee, a student, faculty and administrator group that oversees the code and its implementation.

The current Honor Code, which the University periodically revises, commits students to a high level of honesty and requires that they report any cheating they observe.

Still, administrators have often wondered about the level of cheating at Notre Dame, although a variety of factors and underreporting previously made it impossible to compile an accurate campus-wide picture of cheating — and difficult to design remedies.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group votes to purchase NDBay

By KAREN LANGLEY

In response to the graduation of the NDBay.com founders, the Council of Representatives, voted at Monday's meeting to purchase the Web site as a student-used book exchange. The 8-7 vote concluded a two-week debate about the best plan for providing the student body with a way to purchase used books online.

The Council's discussions examined the options of purchasing NDBay from its founders, Chris Kelly and Aaron Wenger, or accepting an

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members pass new diversity resolution

By MARY KATE MALONE

The Campus Life Council passed a resolution to continue discussion regarding diversity and offered suggestions for next year's Council at its final meeting of the 2004-2005 school year Monday afternoon.

Former student body president Adam Istvan also updated the Council on the progression of the security task force — a committee seeking to establish a stronger communication between the South Bend Police Department and students. Ideally, the SBPD would e-mail students to alert them of crimes taking place off campus.

"We spoke with [Director of Security] Phil Johnson, and he has everything ready to go," Istvan said. "We've got South Bend Police Department on board, map files, graphers and the database for [an e-mail list]." Istvan told members the plan would be fully implemented the following week for graduation.

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Dome regilding sticks to schedule

By MARY KATE MALONE

The unexpected dusting of snow that sprinkled campus last weekend did not affect the regilding of the Golden Dome, despite the procedure's heavy reliance on ideal weather, said Jim Lyphout, vice president of Business Operations.

Since the procedure takes place during the summer months in order to avoid the chance of frost, which Executive Vice President John Affleck Graves has said could potentially cause major damage to the regilding, the weekend arrival of fall-like weather prompted some to fear the worst.

But Lyphout said there was a "zero percent chance" that the Dome would not be fully gilded when the scaffolding is removed for graduation on May 15.

"We will complete the tasks on schedule," Lyphout said.

The regilding process began on March 15. Intense opposition from the senior class caused the administration to agree to partially remove the scaffolding down to the Dome's base for graduation.

Lyphout said contractors will begin removing the scaffolding on May 6 according to schedule, allowing the Dome to be fully uncovered the following week for graduation.

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Springtime attracts prospective students

By KATIE PERRY

While most members of the Notre Dame community have already begun preparation for the annual end-of-semester exam, others are bracing for a large influx of students on campus.

"This week is our busiest week of visits for admitted students," University admissions counselor Jill Boruff said.

Notre Dame will welcome 165 families during the final week of classes. By the end of April, more than 400 families will have visited the University during this month alone, Boruff said.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions provides many services for admitted students.

The student's family is given the opportunity to meet with admissions counselors for a personal tour and request a host if they would like.

Prospective students, accompanied by family members, flock out of the Main Building before embarking on student-led tours of the University last week.

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Some places you have to experience firsthand. I've heard Europe is like that. You can see it in the movies, maybe get a postcard from a friend studying abroad, but it's really difficult to imagine the Eiffel Tower or St. Peter's Square without being there in person.

I think rock concerts are like that. An Incubus concert, for example, is something that's difficult to explain to the uninformed. It is acceptable to wear khaki and argue to an Incubus show? Of course. It's all about the attitude.

On campus, maybe the Dome is like that. Perhaps the Basilica, the Stadium or Touchdown Jesus elicits similar responses. It's hard to imagine a Notre Dame football game from the student section without actually being there.

But out of everywhere on campus where seeing is believing, I think LaFortune on any weekday night is the experience that is impossible to convey with words, picture or another technological invention. Midnight is probably the peak time for LaFortune aficionados. This is when quarter dogs go on sale, group meetings are concluding and people are making quick "LaFun runs" for a midnight smoke. While you're pounding out a paper in the Shakespeare reading room, you can see it in the movies, maybe get a postcard from a friend studying abroad, but it's really difficult to imagine Notre Dame LaFortune is an expedition that will last until the Huddle closes at 4 a.m. It's something that's difficult to explain to the uninformed. It is acceptable to wear khaki and argue to an Incubus show? Of course. It's all about the attitude.

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Selected SMC students will pursue summer projects

SISTAR program allows rising seniors to team up with professors to conduct research in a wide variety of fields

By LISA GALLAGHER
New WNTER

On April 14, four Saint Mary's student-faculty member teams were awarded a Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant through the Center for Academic Innovation (CIAI). The SISTAR Program is open to full-time faculty and students in all disciplines. The SISTAR experience is a model for graduate work or employment after college, and fosters the student's personal development as a confident, independent scholar. Each student pursues research and study for two months over the summer as a research assistant or Michael Flanagan at mflanag1@nd.edu.

"I am very excited about receiving the grant and grateful for this wonderful opportunity." Sinnamon Wolfe

"I truly believe this can get students interested in school again. I am so excited to get to work on this project," she said. "I really believe this research can have a great impact on teacher education at Saint Mary's College and on my own student teaching. This is going to be a wonderful learning experience for me and will have influence on my teaching career."

McGee and her faculty partner, Ella Derakhshani, associate professor in the French department and coordinator of the French program, will be accompanying sixteen high school students on their school-sponsored trip through England, Spain and France. McGee will be studying how the students interact with the different cultures, while Derakhshani will be looking at how much the students learn about the other cultures through the languages they have studied.

"I'm so excited." McGee said.

"I'm stoked." Contact Lisa Gallagher at lgallagh1@smc.edu

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25 students chosen for annual Camp Kesem

By TRICIA DeGROOT
News Writer

While some students are basking in the sun and playing on the beach this summer, others will be helping children cope with the effects of a loved one's cancer at Notre Dame's third annual Camp Kesem.

The weeklong summer camp was started in 2000 by students at Stanford University and instituted at Notre Dame in August 2003 by Adam Dell. Camp Kesem is a free camp for children ages 6 to 13, which allows campers to interact with children in a similar situation to their own while giving them a week to have fun and enjoy being young.

Lauren Thornton and Danielle Falkner are this year's co-chairs of the student support committee. Thornton first got involved last year after losing her mother to colon cancer in January 2004. She saw a sign advertising the camp the week she got back from being home with family and, not knowing much about it, applied and was accepted.

"This has been by far the best thing I have gotten involved with at Notre Dame," she said.

While Camp Kesem is not an officially recognized Notre Dame club, it is completely run and organized by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who work the entire school year preparing and planning the camp. This year, the camp's student support committee received close to 40 applications. From among those applicants, 25 counselors were selected, giving the camp a two-to-one camper-to-counselor ratio.

The program will be held at Camp Manitou-Lin in Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Notre Dame branch of Camp Kesem hopes to build a relationship with this campsite so the program can grow larger each year.

"Camp Kesem is magical, and I just hope that we can continue to provide this week of camp to these amazing kids," Thornton said. "These kids have had to grow up so fast and take on responsibilities that some kids in college don't even deal with, and for that they are truly amazing."

During the day, the camp is run much like an ordinary day camp — campers play sports, swim, explore nature and participate in other similar activities. At night, however, the counselors hold cabin chats, which give the campers the chance to talk about their parents and their cancer situations if they want to.

"I think the most touching story I have from last year comes from the last cabin chat," Thornton said. "Last year I was a counselor in the six-to-nine-year-old girls' cabin, and because of their young age, cancer had not come up in any of the chats until the last night of camp. The girls were talking about what they were scared of, and one started talking about the loss of her father.

"All of a sudden, all the little girls started saying the same thing, and before we knew it, we had seven-year-old girls comforting seven-year-old girls," Thornton said. "The girls were crying, and all the counselors were crying, but it was an amazing feeling to be able to share this with all those girls."

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Bush urges Saudi-princ to curb oil prices

Talks at Texas ranch also touch on peace initiatives, democracy, counter-terrorism

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush on Monday pressed Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah to help curb skyrocketing gas prices that are hurting American families and businesses, and a top adviser said a Saudi plan to increase production would have an impact.

"When you increase the capacity by a significant amount, which they are talking about, that can't help but have a positive downward effect on prices," said Bush's national security adviser, Steve Hadley.

As Bush and Abdullah met for several hours at the president's ranch, the Saudis presented him with an offer last week in a speech by Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi — to increase the kingdom's capacity to 12.5 million barrels per day by 2009 from the current 8.5 million limit.

If necessary, Saudi Arabia would eventually increase the kingdom's capacity to 16 million barrels per day. The kingdom now pumps about 9.5 million barrels daily.

The talks also included Middle East peace initiatives, the pace of democratic change in the former king and democrat and counterterror efforts.

But the president, aware that record-high gas prices are hurting his popularity, put that issue at the top of the agenda.

"The crown prince understands that it is very important to reassure the American people that the price is reasonable," Bush told reporters as he and Vice President Dick Cheney awaited the arrival of the Saudi crown prince.

Bush said he would appeal to Abdullah's self-interest, telling him that high crude prices could erode the long-term market for Saudi Arabia's biggest source of revenue. He said he would urge Saudi Arabia to make the necessary investment to increase its production capacity, especially in light of the fast-growing, energy-gorging markets in China and India.

"A high oil price will damage markets, and he knows that. I look forward to talking to him about that," the president said. "We'll talk about your country's capacity.

The president then pivoted to the domestic scene, pleading the Senate to follow the House and pass the comprehensive energy strategy he supports. "Now is the time for something to happen," Bush said.

Abdullah and his small entourage were nearly a half-hour late. Bush gave Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler a warm embrace and a kiss on both cheeks in welcome. Bush kept a firm, guiding grip on his guest's hand as they walked off the path, past a field of bluebonnets that the president took care to point out, to a new office building on a corner of the sprawling ranch.

Bush's goal of spreading democracy across the Arab world faces a difficult test in Saudi Arabia, a longtime ally ruled by a monarchy. Traditionally, Bush holds news conferences with visiting foreign leaders, but there was none during this visit because Abdullah rarely talks with the media.

The president got around that by enlisting the building well before Abdullah arrived and engaging in what was made to appear to be an impromptu exchange with the first lady.

Monday's meeting also marked another step in a quickening pace of U.S.-Saudi involvement in the Middle East.

Two weeks ago Bush met at the ranch with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and said Israel should abandon plans for new construction of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territories. The Saudis believe the administration's strong support for Israel harms prospects for Middle East peace.

**JAPAN**

Train crashes into housing complex, 57 killed

Associated Press

AMAGASAKI, Japan — A packed commuter train that was behind schedule and may have been speeding jumped the tracks Monday and hurled into an apartment complex, killing 57 people and injuring 440 in Japan's worst train accident in 20 years.

Investigators focused on whether excessive speed before slamming into the parking garage of a nine-story apartment building. Two of the five derailed cars were flattened against the building, and hundreds of rescuers and police swarmed the wreckage and tended to the injured.

"There was a violent shaking, and the next moment I was thrown to the floor ... and I landed on top of a pile of other people," passenger Tatsuya Akashi told NHK. "I didn't know what happened, and there were many people who were screaming.

Photos taken by an NHK reporter aboard the train showed passengers piled on the floor and some clawing for escape.

Police official Hiroshi Yumamizu said the death toll had hit 57, with at least 440 people taken to hospitals, including 137 with broken bones and other serious injuries.

It was not clear how many of the dead were passengers or if bystanders and apartment residents were among the victims.

The accident was the worst rail disaster in nearly 42 years in safety-conscious Japan, home to one of the world's most complex, efficient and heavily traveled rail networks.
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bers. Though many faculty and administrators believed cheating was not widespread on the Notre Dame campus, the survey results serve to shed light otherwise, associate provost Dennis Jacobs said.

"It's an enormous problem at Notre Dame," Jacobs said, "and an important role for the faculty officer for the Honor Code committee to play.

The survey queried 2,400 undergraduates and 250 faculty members about the severity of 20 different behaviors that constitute cheating, ranging from turning in the same paper for two classes to cheating on an exam. Jacobs said students were also asked if they engaged in cheating, and whether they would like to help report cheating they observed.

The University will not disclose any specific results, but Jacobs did say that the survey did cause create concern for some about undergraduate cheating. Jacobs said that about 75 percent of students on the survey said cheating was rare or occasional, but some form of cheating, though honor codes were shown to significantly reduce major cheating.

"I think many at the University feel that the Notre Dame students should be thought of as not comparable with the national statistics," Jacobs said. "They don't seem significantly better." Jacobs also observed significant disparity between faculty and student perceptions of cheating behavior, with students generally viewing actions as less severe than faculty.

Jacobs said the current Notre Dame Honor Code Committee is currently assessing the results and will gradually make data available to various officials.

The code changed
In addition to the survey results suggesting a serious cheating problem, administrators also became increasingly aware that faculty members were not following University procedures for reporting and reprimanding cheating offenses.

"Part of the system is breaking down," Jacobs said.

Current University policies call for teachers to refer cases to departmental honor committees that investigate allegations, hold hearings and issue penalties that determine cheating occurred. Reports on cheating students are also forwarded to the provost's office so that repeat offenders can be identified and disciplined further. But rather than follow a procedure intended to promote fairness but sometimes viewed as cumbersome, slow and unclear, Jacobs said faculty undercuts the reporting system to strike outside deals with students.

According to the fall 2004 survey, around one percent of the students surveyed said they had engaged in cheating behaviors, with students generally viewing cheating as less severe than faculty.

"In effect what we have are faculty who are acting dishonestly — it sets a terrible example," Thomas Flint, faculty officer for the Honor Code Committee, said.

In addition, Jacobs said some faculty also resented losing control over the situation and feared the possibility that a committee would issue a grade course the faculty member did not assign or agree with.

"It doesn't sit well with some faculty," Jacobs said. "It's a loss of control has been a concern.

As a result, many faculty members went unreported and administrators were left to guess at the real nature of cheating on campus. Last year, committees reported about 40-45 cases of cheating, Flint said.

Even when committees did convene, Flint said their operation varied from department to department, with some maintaining records and others taking a less serious approach.

"In some departments, the environment is almost not appropriate," he said.

Patricia Engle, a junior currently enrolled in the University Honor Code Committee, served on a physics department committee last year for one case. Engle said she was contacted about a month prior to the committee hearing and asked, "Apparently a case had come up and they didn't have someone," she said.

Some of the physics committee members had past experience with honor code violations. Engle said, while others, including her, were trained immediately prior to the hearing.

"Realistically, I think convening when it was needed was a good thing," she said. "We did our best not to be excessively intrusive." The student can still opt for a departmental committee hearing instead of signing an agreement and up to seven days after. The provost's office would also review cases and could increase overall severe penalties, Jacobs said.

"We have not removed any rights that students would have," Jacobs said.

Flint said this system might have potential side effects for students who might feel pressured into an unfair agreement but will begin rectifying the greater problem of unofficial student-faculty agreements.

"It's possible for very unfair punishments to be imposed by the faculty member (currently)," he said. "To effect what we have are faculty who are acting dishonestly — it sets a terrible example." Notre Dame will also develop more specific guidelines on penalties for various behaviors to help professors determine sanctions and promote continuity.

Last Wednesday, the Academic Council, an administrative body that oversees many academic matters at Notre Dame, voted to approve the student-proposed reforms, Jacobs said, and he added that he and others were hopeful that these changes could begin to alter the climate.

"It probably the largest change we've made to the honor code was implemented," Flint said.

Culture change
Honor Code committee members said they don't expect the code amendments to create an instant environment of academic honesty but that it sets a more succinct pledge: "We have not removed any rights that students would have.

Dennis Jacobs vice president and associate provost

"We need to be concerned about promoting a positive image," Jacobs said. "It has to be a very large effort." Over the summer and next year, Jacobs said the University will begin work on a variety of proactive measures for students and faculty. New honor booklets, written in more accessible language, will be produced separately for faculty and students, with relevant information for each group, he said.

"We have not removed any rights that students would have." Jacobs said. "Every member of the student, faculty and undergraduate and faculty community is expected to read those materials, but all officials say they are confident the University recognizes the problems and is taking the best steps to change the culture among undergraduates and faculty.

"We need to have a greater push on this campus," Jacobs said. "Every member of this student, faculty and undergraduate and faculty, we all are honest in the way we deal with one another." Contact Teresa Fralish at dcashe@nd.edu

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**Arthur Andersen settles with investors**

WASHINGTON — Bankrupt Adelphia Communications Corp. has agreed to pay the government $715 million to settle a federal fraud investigation, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Monday. Adelphia had depended on money in a fund that the government will use to compensate investors hurt by the fraud — making the settlement one of the largest of its kind, Gonzales said. As part of the settlement, members of the Bighas family, the company's founders, have agreed to forfeit more than 95 percent of their assets.

The company did not immediately return calls seeking comment. Adelphia is struggling under bankruptcy pro­tection since 2002, had offered to pay $725 million in its negotiations with the govern­ment. It disclosed in a regulatory filing last month that it was unclear why the agreement was for less than that.

**Gutierrez optimistic about U.S. economy outlook**

WASHINGTON — Rising energy prices, the loss of manufacturing jobs and soaring trade deficits haven't soured Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez's outlook on the U.S. econo­my.

"The economy continues to show momentum," Gutierrez said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press. Gutierrez, the former chief of cereal giant Kellogg, said he loved his new job and was surprised at the pace of the work. "There's so much work that we work very hard in the private sector, and we do. There's the perception that perhaps people don't work this hard in the public sector. That is wrong. This is a very fast-paced, 24-7, job," he said.

He also said he didn't believe the agreement, that textile business that we are part of the American Free Trade Agreement, known as CAFTA.

Gutierrez contend the agreement would help the U.S. textile industry by helping countries that already pur­chase yarn and fabric made in the United States. He said the Latin American countries would get a bon­us from CAFTA's elimination of all U.S. tariffs on their clothing products being shipped to the United States. If the Latin American countries don't get this benefit, they are likely to lose out in competition with China and its more efficient textile industry, he said.

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The Saint Mary's class of 2009 is "right on target" with the College's recruiting projections for this year, said Mona Bowe, Saint Mary's interim director of undergraduate admissions.

The College received 987 applications from 48 states and 10 countries. Bowe said a typical incoming class at Saint Mary's consists of 375 to 385 students. Thus far 237 have committed to enroll in the fall, she said.

The current first-year class fell short of the College's goal with only 375 women, falling the admissions office to make changes to its recruiting techniques.

"We didn't compromise academic standards, but we made some changes," Bowe said. "We added an extra mailing to encourage students to apply and worked closer with the financial aid office. We focused on establishing the relationship with the admission counselor and the student.

Boruff said students who visit the University as prospects — and then later enroll — are asked to serve as hosts for admitted high school seniors. Freshman Bill Archibald has given each student the decision making process and thus strives to highlight all that Notre Dame has to offer students and faculty members from several aspects of Notre Dame life and allow them to make the ultimate decision.

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Judicial Council president James Sullenger agreed.

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"Thirty hours a semester at $6.75 an hour is $200," student body vice president Lizzy Shappell said. "That would set up a situation in which we would need hardware costs, "Folini" said. "We would be stupid to do this and not market it, which would be another $2,000 for a year. Two hundred dollars is grossly under the forecast."

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offered from the Entrepreneur Club to start its own book exchange site. Discussions began with comments about the opportunity cost of NDBay.

"If you're in the NDBay paperwork then there is an opportunity cost of $15,000 for going with the Entrepreneur Club option," Student Union Board manager Jenny Flaherty said.

Kelly explained that this value is the amount of revenue that student government would have to fall if in the Entrepreneur Club's site were not running by the fall.

"We tried to be as conservative as possible to show the startup scenario," he said. "Students will lose $15,000 by not having an online company next year. You can get revenue from us because our site is already up. If you go with a rival, even if it is running by December, you lose opportunity cost, which is historical data on how much students have saved with our site.

Class of 2008 president Erin Mulholland asked about the numbers used to calculate student savings with NDBay.

According to Wenger, the figures were based on used book prices at the Hammes Notre Dame bookstore. He also noted that NDBay's price seemed to be an obstacle to its purchase.

"We would go lower than original because of $4,000," he said, "but as a compromise an offer couldn't be better work with you to incorporate the system. For $5,000, we would include our assistance for the first three months of the purchase."

Class of 2006 president Emily Chiu asked the NDBay representatives if they would seek other buyers if student government decided not to purchase the site.

"We think student government is the best option because we want (NDBay) to go further," Kelly said.

Class of 2007 president Bill Andrichik brought up differences between NDBay and the Entrepreneur Club's proposal regarding the actual book transactions.

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Taking any that apply into consideration, pick up a pair of dice and start rolling them. After doing some quick calculations in the CIA world fact book, consider that you had a three in one hundred chance of being born in the United States. Without doing the math (since I'm an Artist, not a Letters major), consider your chances of being born into a family above the poverty line. Consider your chances of being born into a family that has fostered your education to a point that you could handle yourself at Notre Dame. Finally, consider the odds that you would actually make it into a world-renowned university like Notre Dame. Look at a pair of dice and consider how lucky you are.

Next take a look at history and consider your place in it. You weren't born into the Middle Ages, born as a slave, or born into any other time than this. If you are my age, you were born after the invention of the personal computer. You were born after cable TV, the airplane, the automobile, modern plumbing and the Internet. Any "average Joe" with a library card and an ability to use Windows XP in this country has more information at his fingertips than armies of scribes or scholars during most of his/her lifetime.

All around you is a world filled with problems. Scarcity of resources, inequity of all kinds, hate, war and violence are rules of history as opposed to occasional exceptions. Our technology has unleashed the power of the atom, the microbe and the terrible possibilities of chemistry for destruction. Meanwhile the world is becoming smaller as our technology increases the speed of worldwide communication to the millennium. Our world is one of both great problems and unparalleled potential.

The phenomenon of human nature, history, economies, religion, war, peace, education and law all interest us in the unique field of politics. Although many within our generation may not even realize it, history has placed us one of its most political of time periods. In no time or place in the world have any people had the same ability to influence politics as we do. Google search an interest of yours, and there is more than likely an interest group in Washington actively lobbying on its behalf.

Each and every one of us is a highly-educated political actor with enough education and access to make a significant difference. This past year's election showed us that it comes down to old-fashioned grassroots politics. The swing of a few thousand votes in Florida or Ohio could change the history of the next one-hundred years when you think of the domino effect U.S. policy has on a complicated and interdependent global economy. So, in my last column, I won't try and push my conclusions on you. In fact, I have more respect for well-known campus liberals like Peter Quattrone or Kamaria Porter than I do for those who just sit on their hands and watch history pass by them. To say that each and every one of you at Notre Dame have the ability to change the world is not an exaggeration. A look at the mathematics of population and the reality of a politically polarized United States of America makes each and every one of you a potential political resource.

I've had a great experience sitting in my e-mail box throughout the year for my column. I was honored by letters to the editor and e-mails that responded to my column. I was honored that so many of you took the time to read my work. Take care and God Bless, God, Country, Notre Dame.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Catholic faithful and men and women of many different beliefs have lived through two emotional weeks. We stood vigil during the death of Pope John Paul II and his wake and funeral. We wept with the world during the funeral. We were one of the shortest conclaves in recent years. We experienced the exciting wake for the new Pope. We watched as white smoke poured out of the steeple of the Sistine Chapel and the bells of St. Peter's Basilica began their joyful peal. And we have lived through the first days and the inauguration of Pope Benedict XVI. During these days, we had an opportunity to live the most profound truths, which underlie the basis of our faith.

Our Church traces its origin to Jesus Christ, who gave the keys of the kingdom to Peter and who promised that his Father would send the Holy Spirit to guide the community of believers through the people and events of time and the moments of human history. During Easter Week, we heard so many stirring accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus and the discourses after his resurrection. After they had been formed in their faith, the believers went out to the whole world to spread the Good News of the Gospel and to baptize people who believed. In three weeks, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers and embellished them to live as Jesus did and to be witnesses to the Gospel.

The selection of the 264th successor of Peter — apostolic succession — means that teaching continues as the doctrine of our faith, its traditions and the sacramental ministry of the Church will be available to us as it will be to all people of every time and nation.

The believers who come after us will be initiated into a life that is as meaningful, just as we were. They will be baptized in order to live with Jesus forever. They will be strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit at confirmation and will know our joy as we celebrate the Eucharist around the Lord's Table. They will receive forgiveness through sacramental reconciliation.

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the strength of each Christian. The Eucharist strengthens us when we are weak and in need.

That's it. This columnist has had it. One man too many has drowned in self-induced misery, and that's it. He's dead, and the last one of his kind is now a dying breed.

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Multiple Oscar winners translate ‘Interpreter’ into hit film

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON

Having Academy Award winners as the director and the male and female leads by no means guarantees that a movie will be good, but “The Interpreter” is no disappointment. Sydney Pollack (Best Director for 1985’s “Out of Africa”) directs Nicole Kidman (2003 Best Actress for “The Hours”) and Sean Penn (2004 Best Actor for “ Mystic River”) in this fascinating thriller.

In “The Interpreter” Sylvia Broome (Kidman), an interpreter for the United Nations, overhears a whispered plot to kill a visiting African dignitary. Federal Agent Tobin Keller (Penn) is responsible for the controversial African leader’s safety, and he must decide whether or not to believe Broome’s tip.

This decision is easily made when people start following him. Keller must protect Broome while simultaneously trying to find out what secrets she has hidden. It is a race against time to try to crack the conspiracy before the dignitary arrives at the UN. The movie’s plot has many twists and turns, and as soon as audience members think they have figured out who the bad guy is, they find out they are wrong. There is one action sequence aboard a bus, and it greatly enhances the unique occurrence of several story lines and really highlights the filmmakers’ skill to capture many things on one screen.

“The Interpreter” is intriguing from start to finish. Only the ending leaves something to be desired — it is anticlimactic after such an exciting thriller.

The acting is excellent. Both Penn and Kidman are convincing in their roles, and the supporting actors make memorable contributions as well. Some lines are cliché and could have been written better, but they are delivered well and do not end up taking away from the overall dialogue.

The best part about the movie is its realistic subject. This is a story that could easily be imagined occurring today. The fact that the movie was shot inside the UN head quarters in New York greatly enhanced its authentic feel. UN staff members appeared as some of its extras. It was the first time that the General Assembly and Security Council chambers had been used in filming. Pollack had to meet with Kofi Annan to get permission, and all filming had to be done on the weekends so as not to disturb the day-to-day operations of the UN.

This film offers a fascinating glimpse into international diplomacy and the tenous ties that bind shaky relationships between states. It also gives an interesting perspective on revenge and its merits, or actually, lack thereof. “The Interpreter” is not a typical mindless summer movie. Anyone interested in politics or world events will greatly enjoy this intellectually stimulating film, as will those people who simply want to see a good suspense film.

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‘Amityville’ hits horror film cliches dead on

By MARK BEMENDERER

Superman and kryptonite. Hollywood and creativity. It often seems that if a flood of creativity washed over Hollywood, most of the executives and producers would implode from the burden. The reason is why every year the audiences are swamped with remakes, sequels and spin-offs. Some of them are quite good, but those are definitely the minority.

Along with adopting comic books as movies, Hollywood has found a profitable niche in remaking old horror movies. This is a potential goldmine — while horror movies are not exactly high-brow entertainment, many of them do hold a special place in the eyes of many people. However, the remakes tend to lose sight of what made the original special. The original “Dawn of the Dead” was considered to be a great satire, but its remake lost that social commentary. The “Aliens vs. Predator” movie had so many things wrong with it that it’s hard to begin describing them. Despite these mishandled translations, Hollywood continues to profit on these movies, and hence we have “The Amityville Horror” remake.

Based on a true story, “The Amityville Horror” tells the story of the Lutz family. Since the family is in a lower income bracket, when they find a terrible house at an amazingly low price, they don’t bother to delve too deeply into the stories of “ghosts” which inhabit it. This is too bad, because it is the bit of debasing which has revealed that the ghosts had a little more substance than first suspected.

It was hard to conceive of any of the acting in the film. Ryan Reynolds manages to be funny in serious situations, but he actually helps the mood instead of detracting from it. Fans of “The Shining” who assume something deadly serious can be. It should be noted that Reynolds looks nothing like a contractor, which is his role in the film. Still trim and very much in shape from “Blade Trinity,” he looks too much like a model instead of a husband and working man.

The rest of the actors also gave good performances, even the younger children. Children tend to be a tricky point in most movies, having had minimal experience acting, but the Lutz kids pulled their roles off well.

The problems with the film are not to be found in the acting but in the plot. This is the fifth Amityville, and the producers evidently felt that they needed to modernize the movie. In order to do so, they looked at unsuccessful current horror movies and went down a checklist.

Spooky kid? Check. Jump scares? Check. A promiscuous character? Check. To find out whether you might enjoy this movie, you should go down your own checklist. Do you want to see yet another spooky kid that seems to know what is going on and yet doesn’t do much? Do you like movies that crescendo into an anti-climax, and then jump out at the audience? However, despite these complaints, the movie was still enjoyable. For some, it might ruin the spontaneity of horror movies. But in a genre already filled with predictability, “The Amityville Horror” is solid enough to be enjoyable, if a little too closely derived from other Hollywood plots.

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**DVD REVIEW**

Audiences find no refuge from terror in ‘Hotel Rwanda’

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

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Perez shuts out Houston in 2-0 Pirates victory

Associated Press

After puzzling his own team all season, Pittsburgh Pirates left-hander Oliver Perez finally started foiling the guys wearing the other uniforms.

Perez developed into one of the NL's top left-handers in his first season-long slump to allow four hits over 7 2/3 mostly dominating innings, outpitching Roy Oswalt and leading the Pirates to their second victory in the last three, going 12-10 with a 2.98 ERA and six homers allowed in 19 innings.

"I forget everything tonight," Perez said. "I had to be feeding the strike zone. He's doing the little things now, not just trying to outpitch him. It was important game for us. We needed to win.

According to catcher Humberto Cota, Perez turned it around by changing his pitching pattern.

"He's been in the big leagues almost three years and the hitters know what we're going to throw. That's why they know he's got that great slider," Cota said. "So he's pitching with a little more focus, when he sees them moving up in the box for the slider, he's throwing the fastball. He's doing the little things now, not just trying to outpitch him.

The Pirates had a major league-worst 1-6 record, hitting a season-high four game-losing streak at PNC Park by dropping the second game of a four-game series against the Astros. The Astros not only couldn't hit Perez backward more — when he was 6-3 at Fenway Park last season, scored one in the first, two in the second and three in the fourth to open a 6-2 lead.

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"Our rotten luck is a little worse than our rotten luck," manager Phil Garner said.

Craig Biggio doubled down the left-field line with two outs in the eighth and a runner on first, but Paul Chavez was stopped at third when a fan touched the ball. Garner wasn't certain if Chavez might have scored on the play.

Orioles 8, Red Sox 4

B.J. Surhoff hit a two-run homer and Bruce Chen pitched a strong seven innings, leading the Baltimore Orioles over the Boston Red Sox 8-4 in a game Monday.

Brian Roberts went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a pair of stolen bases for the Orioles, winners of 12 of 17 games.

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Chen (2-1) kept the Red Sox batters off balance most of the night by mixing in a soft curve ball and a changeup. He allowed three run-scoring hits in six-plus innings, while walking three and striking out three.

Todd Walker led off the seventh with a two-run double to center.

Baltimore jumped ahead 2-1 in the second. Luis Matos had an RBI double after Jayson Werth walked and B.J. Surhoff singled. One out later, first baseman David Ortiz mishandled Germinio Gill's grounder, allowing Surhoff to score from home.

Baltimore chased starter David Wells (2-3) with three runs in the fourth. Surhoff homered into the first row of the right-field seats after Lepelle reached on an infield hit. Wells pulled up lame briefly after chasing down Lopez's slow roller and staggered gingerly back to mound. The trainer came out to check Wells, who led off the fifth with five more bases before leaving with a sprained right foot.

Wells, who shut out the Orioles on three hits over eight innings last Wednesday in Baltimore, gave up six runs and eight hits in just 3 2/3 innings. Wells entered Monday's game with a 15-inning scoreless string over his past two starts, both Boston shutouts.

Phillies 5, Nationals 4

This victory should have been a walk in the park for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Taking advantage of seven free passes offered by Washington pitchers — plus two errors — the Phillies built a four-run lead, then held on to beat the Nationals Monday night and end a three-game losing streak that dropped them into last in the NL East.

The Nationals have gone 4-6 since opening their first season in Washington.

Cory Lidle (1-2) went six innings, allowing three runs and hits, and helped himself with an RBI single. Rheal Cormier pitched the seventh, and Tim Worrell gave up a run in the eighth before giving way to closer Eric Gagne, who got the last four outs for his 250th career save.

The Phillies took a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth, then let most of it slip away against a Washington team that has scored 50 of its 88 runs in the seventh inning or later. The Nationals pulled within 5-3 on Brian Schneider's two-run triple in the sixth.

They made it a one-run game in the eighth when Jose Vidro led off with a triple after an 11-pitch at-bat and scored on Jose Guillen's sacrifice fly.

But Gagne came on with a runner on first and two outs and got pinch-hitter Gary Bennett to fly out to center.

In the ninth, Gagne gave up two-out singles to Brad Wilkerson and Nick Johnson before retiring Vidro on a fly to left for his fourth save.

Nationals starter Zach Day (2-2) allowed five runs — three earned — in 11 1/3 innings. He was hurt by some defensive lapses and his control.

The Phillies scored in the first on a wild pitch by Josh Rawley, who hit Matt Stairs leading off.

A two-out double by Mookie Wilson brought home Vidro and Williams for a 3-1 lead.

A throwing error at second on a pickoff attempt by John Mabry led to a sixth-inning run for Philadelphia as Eduardo Perez scored on a Alejandro De Aza single.

Two runs scored on the play. Wilson was out at second. Perez scored on a wild pitch by RAWH.
Stephen Jackson, left, congratulates Reggie Miller during Monday night's 82-79 win over the Boston Celtics.

Associated Press

DALLAS — With Shaq and Kobe broken up, it gets real now.

History of the era of Yao and T-Mac. It arrived in Game 2 of the play-offs.

Yao Ming scored 33 points on 13-14 shooting — with his only miss arguably being more of a turnover — and Tracy McGrady added 28, but it was their spectacular baskets in the final 1:06 that mattered most in Houston's thrilling 113-111 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

"It's a new series for us. We're definitely in the driver's seat," said McGrady, who is weary of being too optimistic after his team blew a 3-1 lead in his last playoff trip, two years ago with Orlando. "We've got nothing to stay grounded. We haven't done anything yet.

After controlling the opener and the first half of this game, the Rockets trailed 102-95 with 5:36 left when McGrady began a go-ahead run of six straight points with another of his amazing jumpers. After the Mavericks tied it at 109, Houston's dynamic duo came through again, with McGrady driving to the rim, then slipping the ball in Yao for an easy dunk with 1:06 left.

Dallas answered, though, when Dirk Nowitzki — who broke out of his series-long slump midway through the fourth quarter — faked McGrady several times and nailed a jumper from around the free throw line, with 1:06 left. Anyone who's seen the dynamic duo in the last season.

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T-Mac's 22-footer sends series back to Dallas

McGrady's 28-10-8 and Yao's 13-12-8 were huge as split at home, Dallas leading 69-64.

The series moves to Houston for Game 3 on Thursday night. The Rockets will be carrying a nine-game winning streak, while the Mavs will be reeling from their first consecutive losses under Johnson. They came into the playoffs 16-2 in his first five weeks since replacing Don Nelson and now have that many losses in three days.

The first concern for Dallas is getting Nowitzki going. He was 4-17 — and 9-36 for the series — when McGrady hit a 10-footer in transition with 7:09 left. He scored again on the next trip and put Dallas ahead 107-106 with 2:32 left on a jumper with Yao. Still, he finished 8-21 for 26 points. He had just two rebounds and committed three turnovers.

Five other Mavs scored in double figures, with Josh Howard putting up 17, Jason Terry 15 and Erick Dampier 14.

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McGrady still had his share of highlight-reel plays, though not as many as the opener. This time, he made Dallas pay for double-teaming him by swinging the ball around until finding the person left open by the second defender. Later, the Mavs covered him 1-on-1 with some decent results — until it mattered most.

Barry, including three straight 3s in the second early in the series, and 14 from Bob Sura, includ­ ing the 3-pointer that put Houston up 109-107.

It was only fitting that this game came down to the last shot considering how the teams fought on every possession. Someone wrote "Energy, Effort, Excitement" on a wipe board in Dallas' locker room before the game, and both teams embedded it throughout, much to the delight of 20,884 fans, the largest crowd in Mavs history.

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Pacers 82, Celtics 79

Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers climbed out of another hole, just as they've done all season.

Now they have home-court advantage in their playoff series with the Boston Celtics.

Miller scored 28 points and the Pacers beat the Celtics 82-79 Monday night for a 2-0 lead after he had just seven points in a 102-82 loss in the opener of their playoff series.

"After what happened in Game 1, we all knew we would come back in a big way," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said after they tied the series 1-1. "He is the guy you want on your team this time of year. We'll keep riding him as long as we can.

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Simple as that for a veteran who has seen just about every defensive approach in his 18 NBA seasons.

But he said he's not more emotional because this is his last season.

"Not at all. I'm locked into a great playoff series," he said. "I'm very encouraged how we played, for the most part."

That was no surprise to the Celtics.

"We knew the Pacers were going to come out with a better effort," said Paul Pierce, who led Boston with 33 points. "Reggie did a great job carrying this team."

Miller hit 9-18 of 31 shots after going 1-for-7 in the opener. The Pacers have needed him because of all the key players they lost for long stretches.

After the melee on Nov. 19 at Detroit when several of them went into the stands, Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season and the playoffs, and Stephen Jackson was suspend­ ed for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 15.

Then O'Neal missed 22 games with a sprained right shoulder before returning with just three games left. But said he doesn't expect to make his usual offen­sive contributions for the rest of the playoffs.

And starting point guard Jamaal Tinsley is still sidelined after missing the last 29 regular-season games with a bruised left foot.

Still, the team that made it to last year's Eastern Conference finals, where it lost to Detroit, managed to get the No. 6 seed in this year's playoffs.

"The fourth quarter was kind of how our season's gone, play­ing through adversity, going through ups and downs," said Jackson, who scored 16 of his 20 points in the first quarter. "Any adversity we go through is nothing to us now.

Boston had taken its biggest lead, 75-68, on Davis' basket with 8:21 remaining. But Indiana outscored the Celtics 18-10 in the fourth quarter, which began with the Celtics leading 69-64.

Antoine Walker, who had 19 points, hit a layup that put Boston ahead 78-74 with 2:41 left. Anthony Johnson's short jumper cut the lead to two and Indiana tied the game on Jackson's dunk with 1:41 to go. Then Johnson hit an easy layup and Pierce made one of two free throws, leaving Indiana ahead 80-79 with 56 seconds remaining.

Pierce had a chance to tie it, but missed a very long 3-point­ er with 3.2 seconds to go.

We were not as aggressive [as we were Saturday] and that's something we have to do offensively," Pierce said.

The Celtics also can do a bet­ ter job of speeding up the tempo and not get into the Pacers' pre­ ferred halfcourt style.
Dykstra accused of gambling, steroid use

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lenny Dykstra has been accused in a civil lawsuit of taking steroids and gambling illegally during his baseball career, according to a newspaper report.

Lindsey Jones, Dykstra's former partner in a lucrative car wash business, alleges in the suit that the former Philadelphia center fielder advised him to bet thousands of dollars with a bookmaker on selected Phillies games in 1993, the Los Angeles Times reported in Sunday editions.

The suit also includes a sworn statement from a Florida bodybuilder and convicted drug dealer who said Dykstra paid him $20,000 plus "special perks" during their eight-year association to "bulk up" the once-slim pitcher.

Dykstra's lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, told the Times the three-time All-Star "absolutely denies" the gambling allegation, calling it "unsubstantiated" and a "fabricated story from a disgruntled partner."

Petrocelli, citing Jeff Scott's criminal past, also said the steroid allegation was "not reliable or credible," and called the former bodybuilder "biased and aligned with Jones." In the past, Dykstra has denied using steroids.

Jones, seeking to regain interest in the car wash business, said in a sworn statement that the baseball wages were a form of payment to him, made "on the basis that Lenny would cover all losses, and I believed it as the winnings to live on."

The lawsuit, filed last year in Ventura County Superior Court, is in binding arbitration and a decision is expected this week.

Scott told the Times in an interview that he injected Dykstra with steroids "more times than I can count," and that Dykstra stepped up his steroid use in spring training of 1993 because it was a contract year.

That year, Dykstra led the National League in hits, walks and runs, nearly doubled his previous high in home runs, finished second in batting, and finished second to Barry Bonds for most valuable player and led Philadelphia to the World Series.

Baseball did not ban steroids until 2002, though the substances became illegal in 1991 unless prescribed by a physician.

In Brief

Roddick wins U.S. Men's Clay title

HOUStON — Andy Roddick might have put all that talk about him not being a good player on clay to rest.

Roddick completed a dominant week on clay Sunday by easily beating Sebastien Grosjean of France 6-2, 6-2 for his third U.S. Men's Clay Court title in five years.

"It's a challenge, it's something they said — I can't play on clay. Roddick said. "This is the stuff you live for. Sometimes you have to get a little chip on your shoulder. I'll definitely try to change that negative to a positive."

"I'm as confident as I have felt going over there," Roddick said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to take a good round here and take it over there against the guys that play on this stuff and that's how they pay the bills."

Roddick felt fit for the tournament despite playing in his first tournament in three weeks.

"I feel as good as I have," Roddick said. "I hit it training hard. A couple of weeks that I couldn't do much. I was just focusing a lot on off-court stuff and I felt it paid dividends this week. I felt I was moving really well.

Three Ball State football players drafted

MUNCIE, Ind. — Ball State's football team last season had more NFL draft picks than victories.

The Cardinals had more players selected — three, than Notre Dame, and more than Purdue and Indiana combined.

The picks of receiver Dane Ridgeway and punter Reggie Hodges, both by St. Louis, and safety Justin Beriault, by Dallas, gave Ball State a record three players taken in the draft this year.

Not bad for a team that won only two games.

"This is definitely proof that football is the ultimate team game," Ball State coach Brady Hoke said Monday. "In this game, you need to have 11 guys working together all the time, and you need to coach them to play the game. These three players were outstanding individuals for Ball State and we are proud of all the way."
Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash drives past Memphis Grizzlies guard Jason Williams in the Suns' victory Sunday in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series. Nash and the Suns are confident headed into Game 2 Wednesday, despite an injury to forward Shawn Marion.

"You know that fools gold you talk about, where you're kind of running along saying 'Hey, this is nice, 22-21, it's cool,'" Fratello said. "Then all of a sudden you get hit with four 3-pointers in a row. We have to learn from those type of things."
Telfair to be featured in new documentary

Trail Blazers rookie jumped straight from high school to NBA

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sebastian Telfair was the fourth high school player heading directly to the NBA — like Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett and LeBron James — one of the most publicized high school players to come out of one of the most publicized high school programs that year at Georgia Tech before he was selected fourth in the NBA draft. His half brother, Providence's Jamel Thomas, dreamed of NBA stardom but wasn’t chosen.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

University Health Center Temporary Closure and Move

The University Health Center will be closed to all services from 4p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2005 until 8a.m. on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005. The Health Center will be actively relocating to the old Campus Security Building during this time, so that the planned year long renovation of our present location may commence.

The "old" Campus Security building is located across the street from Rockne Memorial and the Burke Memorial Golf Course. Health Services will be located on the first floor beginning June 7th until renovation is complete. The building will be called the Student Health Center and OIT Annex.

Important Dates
Summer 2005 University Health Center Schedule

Friday, May 20th  4p.m. - Tuesday, June 7th  8a.m. - University Health Center CLOSED

New Location: Student Health Center/OIT Annex (Old Security Building across from Rockne)

Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 - Sunday, August 14th, 2005
Monday – Friday
Clinic Hours:  8a.m. - 4p.m.
Physician Hours:  9a.m. - 12 noon and 1p.m. - 4p.m.

**Pharmacy Hours: 12 noon - 4p.m. through Friday, July 29th
8a.m. - 4p.m.    July 29th through Friday, August 19th

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In a non emergency situation, services may be provided by a local physician, Med Point or at the emergency rooms of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center or Memorial Hospital depending on the student’s or visitor’s insurance carrier.

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"The worst thing you can do is take them all through practice and bring them in to a good situation and then all of a sudden say, OK, half of the offense goes over here, the other half goes over here. You almost defeat the purpose of why you practiced so much."

While supporting Thiesmann's reasoning, Montana said his first NCAA job was acquainted with Weis as a student: "I was a suitemate of a couple guys."

Before the game, each coach spoke to the team, with Thiesmann, Thiesmann and Zurcher speaking at Friday's team meeting and Brown giving the pregame speech on Saturday. Much of what they said revolved around the direction of the football program.

"When I talked to them today, I think the last week has been played by us. We've been right where you are. In 1986 when Lou Holtz came in, he was talking about all these great things that we were going to do, and he had a plan that he believed in him. It started that year, and a couple years later, they won the championship," Brown said. "The same thing was happening with us. I think those guys have to do the same thing. They have to believe in what's happening, and I think if they do, I think it's going to bring it back."

Yet, much of what the four coaches told the team transcended the playing field.

"We're trying to let these guys know at this experience, these guys are going to be the best four years of their life. After this, you're going to start paying mortgages, you're going to start paying car notes, having families and stuff like that, and all of a sudden, it goes a bit faster than it does in college," Zurcher said. "I just want to express to them if they'll enjoy their four years here."

With regards to the football field, the four seemed to be in agreement that Weis was the man to lead Notre Dame to where those close to the team or the school want it to be.

"Any time you bring in a guy like Charlie Weis, with all his experience, you know that you've headed in the right direction," Brown said. "I've tried to instill on the kids today is, Hey, you have to pay attention to this guy, you have to listen to him, and you have to believe in what he's saying, because he can take you to where you want to go."

However, Weis' greatest success thus far in his short tenure as head coach may prove to be something a community radio station was fragmented by the Tyrone Willingham firing around his team and his players.

"I think it's no secret I was angrier with the way the University handled Coach Willingham. I was a huge fan of Coach Willingham's," Zurcher said. "Saying that, I got a phone call a month ago from Coach Weis, and we spent maybe a half hour, forty-five minutes on the phone, and he reminded me so much of what Holtz talked about as far as bringing back an attitude, bringing back that winning desire."

"All of a sudden you had a coach telling you that he needs on you, mean players. Well, I kinda got excited. So when he asked me to coach, I was like, 'Coach?' I'm ready to suit up."

Without a doubt, the presence of the four coaches proved to be a memorable opportunity for the current Irish players.

"We talked about a lot of technique and football stuff, lots of stuff too. It was great having Zurcher here. He's like a mentor to me, so it was great to be able to talk to him," defensive MVP Trevor Laws said.

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, who played on the Gold team, echoed Laws' sentiments.

"Any time you can get advice from a great legend like that, you gotta take it all the time," he said. "I can get some insight on how to play the receiver position better from Tim Brown. It's something you want to listen to."

Ultimately, though, it may have been those who played here years ago who benefited most from the experience.

"This is probably one of the bigger thrills I've had in a long time. I had a ball. It almost makes me think about coaching. I never thought that I would enjoy being on the sidelines like that," Brown said. "It was a blast for me, and that's the one thing you want these guys to understand."

Despite early speculation to the contrary, Brown will not serve the team in any official capacity next season. Nonetheless, he, along with the other honorary coaches, expressed a willingness to give back to the institution.

"If we're given the opportunity to help in some way shape or form, I think every one of us would want to do anything we could to help the University of Notre Dame and help the young men here," Thiesmann said. In the end, Montana may have best summarized what it all meant, not only for the 78 players who participated on Saturday but for the roughly 4,400 current students and the thousands of alumni spread across the country.

"Notre Dame, whether you play sports or not, can be a tremendously rewarding place, and that's something that you'll always look back on," he said. "I still wish I was there here."

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Kelly McDavitt serves in a Monday match against Olivet. The Belles defeated Olivet in a 9-0 shutout.

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stressed throughout the year as a key to success.

"It's good to have another one like this," Palombo said. "It was really good to win 9-0. I definitely think we have some confidence back, and everyone is feeling really good." Stevenson also is pleased with the confidence level of the Belles right now. "We're hoping to win," she said, "and then it's a matter of getting as many people to win as possible, because it gets everyone's confidence up. We can't take away any of our matches, but we can still play to place higher for the conference tournament, so we have a lot of confidence going into it."

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Tri-State. Stevenson hopes to see the Belles past a similar performance against the Scots as they did Monday. "They also beat Olivet, so it should be a little tougher than it was today," he said. "But at least since I've been coach we've never lost to them."

Palombo also looks for Monday's success and confidence to carry into Thursday's regular season finale, as the squad turns its eyes to the MIAA tournament next weekend.

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Corey Mays lines up in Saturday's Blue and Gold game. Joe Montana and Chris Zurcher coached Mays on the Blue Team.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

JUCO star Calloway commits to Indiana

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Earl Calloway, a versatile junior college guard from Georgia, signed to play with the Indiana Hoosiers on Monday.

At 6-foot-3 and 175 pounds, Calloway led Georgia Perimeter College in scoring with 18 points per game. He also averaged 4.8 assists and 5 steals. He is the first junior college player Davis has signed since taking over as coach in September 2001 and the first JUCO player to join the Hoosiers since Lynn Washington in 1999. Calloway has also played one season at New Mexico under former Illinois coach Lou Henson and will have two years of eligibility remaining.

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton throws against Notre Dame last season. Orton's teammate, wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield, signed with the Carolina Panthers Monday.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts wanted more punch from their secondary, and they're hoping Marlin Jackson can fill that job with a knockout performance.

Jackson, the Colts' first-round pick, describes himself as a physical player, a perfect fit for a defense trying to change its image and a secondary that has consistently been the Colts' biggest trouble spot.

"I'm a tough guy who can cover and compete," Jackson said after being drafted Saturday. "I can make myself and my teammates better.

At Michigan, Jackson developed into the Wolverines' top cornerback and challenged wide receiver Braylon Edwards daily in practice.

Both were rewarded this weekend as first-round picks. The Colts took Jackson at No. 29, while Edwards went to Cleveland at No. 3.

Now the Colts hope Jackson can help improve their defense. Indianapolis' secondary has been a primary concern for years.

The rebuilding project began when team president Bill Polian arrived following the 1997 season.

He traded for Tyrone Poole and signed free agent Jeff Burris, both cornerbacks.

The next year Indianapolis signed free agent safety Chad Cota, and in 2001, Polian brought in cornerback Nick Harper from the Canadian Football League.

That trend has continued on draft weekends, when the Colts have used more than one-third of their total picks — 17 of 49 — on defensive backs over the last six years.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Stubblefield inks pro deal

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue receiver Taylor Stubblefield, a first-team All-American who was bypassed in the NFL college draft, said he will sign with the Carolina Panthers as a free agent.

Stubblefield set an NCAA record last season with 316 career receptions but was not picked in the two-day draft.

Within five minutes after the draft ended on Sunday, however, he had agreed to sign with the Panthers.

"That's what's held against me, but my production is what's keeping me in this," Stubblefield said. "I'm not drafted but expect to sign as a free agent.

Another player who was not drafted but expects to sign as a free agent was the Panthers' wide receiver.

"My agent narrowed it down to three or four and I went with the best situation as far as money and opportunity," said Taylor Stubblefield, Panthers wide receiver.

He wasn't invited to the annual NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis but played in the East-West Shrine Game and the Senior Bowl.

Stubblefield, who picked Carolina over San Diego and Tennessee, said he thought he was not drafted because of his height.

"That's what's held against me, but my production is what's keeping me in this," Stubblefield said. "I can't complain."

He was contacted by the Buffalo Bills, who offered a sizable signing bonus to make up for the lack of interest.

"The Bills made it real easy," Goldsberry said. "The situation to compete for the starting job was better and they offered me significantly more money. It worked out that the Lord took care of me today.

He was selected in the fourth round by Chicago, the 106th pick overall.
The stalemate in the second game. "We didn't do a good job of hitting ourselves and taking care of our opportunities to score runs," Lopez said. Oddly enough, Pierce also scored the first run of the game, and Djakalovic came up with the RBI, scoring Pierce with a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning. The ball was popped up into short center field, but miscommunication by the Irish outfielders allowed Pierce to easily score on the play. Notre Dame tied the game in the bottom of the seventh inning, with Megan Candi coming back from an 0-2 count to single up the middle and Liz Hartmann came up with the big RBI double to score Hartmann, and knocked her out of the game in the second inning.

"We came back and did much better [in game two], but even then we could have played much better," Gumpf said. "Heather [Booth] really had trouble finding the zone today, and that's usually not a problem for her."

Notre Dame remains at home to take on Northwestern (13-10) in a single-game matchup today at 5 p.m. The 15th ranked Wildcats — who have won 16 of their last 17 games — were scheduled to take on the Irish in a doubleheader, but both teams agreed to shorten the series to just one game.

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JOCKULAR

Inspirations for "The Shirt" — it was all yellow

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ACROSS
1. Frisk, in
2. With "down"
3. "Located in London"
4. "Cleared of"
5. First U.S. chief
6. "Hide hair link"
7. "No longer in"
8. "Price for"
10. "Hider's partner"
11. "Frigid bracelet"
12. "Bill of fare"
13. "Needle hole"
14. "Gut course"
15. "All riled up"
16. "Rich's partner"
17. "Say "Uncle"
18. "Network star"
19. On the ocean
20. "No longer in"

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Hitting the cut-off

A gust of wind gives team a 7-7 tie in shortened second contest

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Despite clinching their series against the Villanova Wildcats Monday morning, the Irish have a sour taste in their mouths.
Notre Dame won the opening game of the make-up doubleheader 9-4 — which started at 9:30 in the morning.
But, after an electric come-back, the second game ended in a 7-7, 10-inning tie because of the Big East's travel rule — which states that no teams can play an inning after 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
In the first game, sophomore right-hander Dan Kapala pitched his second complete game in a row. Kapala (3-1) earned his third win of the season after allowing four runs on eight hits and four walks. Catcher Sean Gaston — batting in the nine spot — blasted a two-run home run in the third-inning to give the Irish an early 3-0 lead. The round-tripper was Gaston's first of the season.
The Irish were lucky to get Greg Lopez takes a cut during Monday's doubleheader against Villanova. The Irish won the first game and tied the second.

SMC TENNIS

Belles dominate, cruise to 9-0 win

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

On the heels of two straight non-conference victories last week, Saint Mary's shut out Olivet College 9-0 Monday to not its first conference win since defeating Tri-State by the same score on April 5.
The Belles dominated the Comets (9-10, 1-6 MIAA), taking all but one set in every match. In an otherwise flawless team performance, junior co-captain Kristen Palombo dropped her first set 6-1 before settling down and ripping off consecutive 6-1 victories to win the match.
"The girl had no pace on the ball, and usually you don't get pushed around by number one singles," Palombo said. "But after I lost that first set I told myself, 'You're not going to win the rest of the match.' I was really happy I was able to comeback like that."
For the second time in as many weeks, sophomore Amestic Gavoor saw action, hitting in sophomore Mary Beth Pavela's No. 3 doubles slot due to Pavela's late classes. Gavoor worked with sophomore teammate Tara O'Brien for the doubles victory, but Pavela made it back in time to play and win her singles match.
"After rescheduling the match twice already this year, the third time proved to be a charm for the Belles, who coach Dee Stevenson said always enjoy their matches with the Comets — a team against whom the Belles have not lost since Stevenson took over the Saint Mary's program in 2003.
"They are a nice team," he said. "They have nice players, and a nice coach. It's always a pleasure to play them."
The win improves the Belles overall record to 7-9, while keeping them in fifth place in the MIAA at 2-4. More importantly than the numbers, though, Palombo said the win was able to instill the players with confidence — a feeling she has seen LOPEZ/page 22

FOOTBALL

Guest coaches relish chance

ND Softball

Notre Dame and Seton Hall split

Stenglein's 19 Ks not enough as Irish lose by tough run

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Staff Writer

Steffany Stenglein showed again why she is a dominant pitcher in the Big East, but the offense couldn't back her up.
Stenglein pitched nine innings and posted a school-record 19 strikeouts while allowing just three hits, but Notre Dame's offense couldn't solve Seton Hall (28-13, 13-3) pitcher Megan Meyer as the Irish 13-10, 11-11 dropped game one of its doubleheader against the Pirates 2-1.
The second-place Irish were able to salvage a split with the first-place Pirates, winning game two 11-1. Game one lived up to its billing as a matchup of the Big East's most dominant pitchers, with Meyer coming into the game with a 0.95 ERA and a 20-4 record and Stenglein with a 1.14 ERA and a 16-4 mark. Neither team manager managed offense against the starters, with the Irish collecting five hits off Meyer.
The difference came in the top of the ninth inning, when D'Arcy Djalokic got jammed on a pitch and popped the ball just behind first base for a blooper single that scored Katie Pierce from second. Meyer set down the Irish in the bottom of the ninth for the win.
"It was an unfortunate for us," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She really pitched great. I don't think she could have pitched any better. The first run was a miscommunication, and the