**CLAP presents wage report to administrators**

Write-up suggests the University implement a minimum $12.10 per hour pay for its workers

By AMANDA MICHAELS

In a two-hour saga of a Student Senate meeting broken by agenda inversions and seemingly constant motions to amend, senators passed two substantial resolutions Wednesday. But by the time the meeting was over, not surprisingly, there was a discussion on academic freedom — a recurrent topic during the past several weeks of Senate meetings that came to head Wednesday when a resolution presented on the subject was hotly debated and seemingly constant motions to amend, senators passed two substantial resolutions presented on the subject was hotly debated and seemingly constant motions to amend, senators passed two...
I've heard a lot of stupid things in my life. Lately, I've begun to lose my sense of what is intelligent — to the point that when my friend thought it would be a good idea to patented rotating toilet seat, I didn't tell him. He was an idiot.

My friends and I have started watching Elimidate on the WB at 1 a.m. Let me repeat that, Elimidate, 1 a.m., WB. I don't think I can watch in my dorm room next year. It hurts my heart.

We all do stupid things. We've been caught dancing by ourselves when no music was on. We've grossly exaggerated stories about a party right in front of someone who was there. Do you tell people when something like that happens? "Oh, sorry, I'm just out of my mind."

It could be worse. In fact, it has been much worse. See, some things don't seem like stupid things to say unless they are said at exactly the wrong moment. This is the part where I offer shameless examples.

The following are all completely true, and presented in chronologi­cal order for my convenience.

One seemingly innocent day in high school, I was walking with my friend lunch. We were late, and we were just about the only people in the courtyard. I'm not entirely sure of what I said over the course of that conversation, but I remember what she said in response: "That's retarded." The only other person within 100 yards of us? That's right a mentally challenged individual.

On graduation day of high school, my friend sat next to a guy who had his head shaved. Our class had more than 420 kids, so she didn't know him particularly well. The ensuing conversation went roughly as follows:

"I think it's really stupid that you shaved your head for graduation," she said.

"Actually, I have cancer," he said. "That's not funny. You shouldn't joke about that. My uncle had can­cer," she responded.

Of course, he actually had cancer.

Ouch. Throw the flag — that's a personal foul.

The most recent of what I call the "Oh crap," moments took place in North Dining Hall a few weeks ago. My friends had spent the previous night watching the popular "Donnie Darko," and were in the habit of repeating the quote, "Go back to China b." Well, apparently they were not aware that people of Chinese line­age also eat in North Dining Hall. I doubt that it's necessary to tell other stories involving the phrases, "That's gay," and "Are you blind?" I think you get the idea.

Now I'm not telling you to watch what you say. I'm not even telling you to be more sensitive about the feelings of others. I'm just telling you that if you go on Elimidate, I'll probably see you on there, because I watch that show. These people are almost as ridiculous as the people who read the Inside Column.

Oh crap.

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The library should satisfy students' desires, but I have no idea what those are... so I don't really have an opinion.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The 'Oh crap' moments

St. Mary's junior Katie Marr helps Linda Seifert with her taxes through the Tax Assistance Program, in which junior and senior accounting major students from St. Mary's and Notre Dame help anyone who requests aid.

IN BRIEF

The film "Pride and Prejudice" will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. today and Friday in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2800 for tickets.

Joyce Majiwa, chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya Chapter, will speak at Saint Mary's today at 5 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Her lecture is titled "Women and Leadership in Times of Change: A Personal Reflecti­on."

Musical virtuosos Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall will play acoustic bluegrass in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 for students and $31 for faculty and staff.

The conference "Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture" will begin today at 6 p.m. in McKenna Hall and will run through Saturday. The confer­ence will bring together undergraduate students from Notre Dame and other institutions to discuss the complexities of modern medicine.

The women's tennis team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The men's lacrosse team will face North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

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Library hours extended to accommodate midterms week

Students take advantage of Hesburgh Library's 24-hour schedule spurred by Jan. 25 Student Senate resolution

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

This week, students who study at Hesburgh Library do not have to face a deafening alarm warning them to abandon their studies by 2 a.m. With many midterms administered prior to spring break, the library has remained open for 24 hours since March 5 and will continue to do so until March 11.

Nigel Butterwick, director of User Services at Hesburgh Library, said Student Senate passed a Jan. 25 resolution to increase library hours, making a specific request to have the library open for twenty-four hours during the week of midterms. The resolution also requested the library remain open for 24 hours from Sunday at 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Thursday.

"We could accept that the exam week before spring break would result in significant use of the library especially during peak hours, but we have no evidence that this would be the case as a year long thing," Butterwick said. "I think we will be looking to make a similar arrangement next year in the autumn and then again in the spring for the week of midterms."

The library staff will look at the figures of students who have attended the library this week to assess whether there is a demand for study space in the library after its regular hours. Senior Erin Condon, who manages the computer clusters in Hesburgh Library, said there is typically not as much traffic in the library after 2 a.m. during this unofficial midterm week as compared to the week leading up to finals.

Carroll senator Jim Grace said the resolution was created to increase library hours in general.

"A lot of our peer institutions have their libraries open longer than ours," he said. "Many dorm study rooms are being converted into quads, LaFortune is more of a social spot and Co-Mo is usually packed," he said. "I live in Carroll, so I spend a lot of time at the library. When the bells go off at 2 a.m., I never feel like I have gotten enough work done."

Sophomore Michelle Chresfield made use of extended hours at the library several times this week while studying for midterms.

"It would be very helpful if the hours were increased and I think they shouldn't use those horns," Chresfield said.

Butterwick said increasing library hours on a permanent basis — as the resolution requests — is not feasible at present due to the limited number of staff and the extra costs that would result from such a change.

"It does cost money to keep the library open and it is even more problematic to have the staff to cover [longer hours]," he said.

To accommodate longer study hours this week, members of the library staff have been required to work overtime or work shifts they would not normally work, Butterwick said.

Butterwick said there is no alternative to keeping all floors of the library open because of the physical layout of the building. But as a long-term consideration, remodeling the first and second floors of the library would allow the library staff to keep one part of the library open for study, he said. This would allow the library to accommodate students who need to study past 2 a.m. without needing to open the entire library.

Grace intends to remain persistent with the goals of the resolution.

"We are going to stay in touch with the library and keep pushing [the resolution]," he said. "We're definitely open to compromise on the time."

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Juniors Megan Spokes and Bill Potthoff study for a Clinical Ethics test Wednesday in the Hesburgh Library. The library is open 24 hours this week to aid students studying for midterms.

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The National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference was founded nine years ago by a group of students at Notre Dame. It has since become a major event on the Notre Dame campus, drawing attendees from around the country to discuss ethical issues and to present their research. The conference is organized by the Notre Dame Law School and is open to students, faculty, and professionals in the field of bioethics.

The conference is held on the Notre Dame campus and includes a wide range of sessions, including keynote speeches, panel discussions, and poster sessions. Attendees have the opportunity to present their research and to engage in thoughtful discussions with other attendees.

The conference is a great opportunity for students to network with professionals in the field of bioethics and to gain valuable experience in presenting their research. It is a must-attend event for anyone interested in bioethics.

For more information on the National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, please visit the conference website.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Church in Uganda collapses, 27 dead

KAMPALA — A brick wall at a purply con­structed church in Uganda's capital collapsed on Wednesday during an evening thunderstorm, killing at least 27 peo­ple and injuring dozens, authorities said.

The Protestant evangelical church in a Kampala suburb was under construction, and part of a wall gave way, sending a wounded man and an infant inside the unfinished structure so they could conduct services, police Commander Grace Piryenyumwesane said.

"We’re going to investigate the poor building structure," he said.

Iran threatens the U.S. with 'pain'

VIENNA, Austria — Iran threatened the United States with "harms and pain" Wednesday if the U.S. tries to use the U.N. Security Council as a new and potent lever to punish Tehran for its suspect nuclear program.

Washington warned that Tehran has enough nuclear material to set off a war in the Middle East. The rhetoric reflected the intensity of the debate at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy’s board over a critical report on Iran's nuclear program. The meeting ended late Wednesday, allowing formally opening the paths to Security Council action that could range from a mild statement urging compliance to sanctions or even military invasion.

The meeting also set the stage for a potential struggle between Washington, which seeks harsher measures against Tehran, and Moscow, which advocates a softer line.

LOCAL NEWS

Students arrested in Ala. church fires

BIRMINGHAM — Three college students, including two aspiring actors known around campus as pranksters, were arrested Wednesday in a string of nine church fires that spread from across Alabama last month.

Federal agents said the defendants claimed that the first few blazes were set as "a joke." With the arrest, he said, "the faith-based community can rest a little easier."

Benjamin Nathan Moseley and Russell Lee Cloyd, 20-year-old junior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was also arrested.

Protests in Darfur

Khartoum — Tens of thousands of Sudanese marched through Khartoum on Wednesday, protesting plans to disarm U.N. peacekeepers in conflict-torn Darfur and demanding the expulsion of the top U.N. and U.S. envoys in the country.

The Sudanese government also increased its opposition to the deployment, with a top official warning that violence will only increase if U.N. troops move in to replace African Union peacekeepers.

"If the U.N. arrives the trouble will spread in the region," Mohamed Ehsamani, Sudan's minister of state for foreign affairs, said in Nairobi.

Sudan — began when two rebel groups rose up against rule by the Khartoum government, claiming discrimination against Darfur's ethnic African population. Government troops launched a crackdown, and Arab militias known as the Janjaweed began a campaign of violence, driving out, killing and raping the residents. The Sudanese government is widely alleged to have unleashed the Janjaweed, though it denies the accusa­tion.

Clinton speaks out on immigration

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a potential White House candidate in 2008, said Wednesday some Republicans are trying to create a "polar state" to round up illegal immigrants.

Clinton, D-N.Y., spoke out on the U.S. immigration policy after largely staying away from an issue that has divided Republicans in recent months and spurred a number of conflicting proposals.

Speaking at a rally of Irish immi­grant groups, Clinton criticized a bill the House passed in December that would impose harsher penalties for undocumented workers.

"Don’t turn your back on what made this country great," she said calling the measure "a rebuke to what America stands for."

The House measure would make unlawful presence in the United States, which is currently a civil offense, a felony.

Clinton said it would be "an unwork­able scheme to try to deport 11 million people, which you have to have a police state to try to do."

She called instead for immigration changes "based on strengthening our borders in order to make us safer from the threat of terrorism."

The senator also sent a four-page public letter to constituents outlining her views on immigration. In the letter, she shied away from specifics but said she supports allowing at least some of the estimated 11 million undocumented workers to earn citizenship.

Such changes should include "a path to earned citizenship for those who are here, working hard, paying taxes, respecting the law, and willing to meet a high bar for becoming a citizen," Clinton wrote.

Sen. Judith -Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has offered legislation that would create separate worker programs for illegal immigrants already in the country and another for future immigrant workers.
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specifically on how the University should address recent campus events related to "The Vagina Monologues."

"There will be a mixture of internal and external circumstances that prompt the examination of culture and acceptability of a particular academic program," it said. Whenever an academic program or activity is to be launched or is to continue, the institution and its student body must do so with care.

Knight said he did not feel that academic freedom was a sufficient rationale for allowing controversial events to be shown on a broader stage at a University.

"It's difficult to see what principles consistent with academic freedom could be relied upon to not allow a department to have a play performed in a more public venue because its content is deemed offensive," Knight said.

Several faculty members and students who attended the forum noted how the SMC-AAUP policy on academic freedom was a "striking" distinction between what a University and an individual can draw more attention to a principle for making this decision. It's difficult to see what things people need in face time. The criteria that constitutes endorsement of every member of a University can be — a "market orientation," he said. "To be an open circle the station had to go through the President's Council to obtain freedom of speech and expression. In the rare event that station officials cannot make a decision, a station advisory council consisting of faculty and staff members will make a decision."

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The weekly programming will consist of a news program to inform students about events happening around campus as well as two or three shows, including a possible exercise show and a cooking show. Knight said that student forums on various issues will also be sponsored and broadcast by SMC-TV.

"It's really just a 21st century version of being an informed human being," Anderson said.

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"I don't feel like much is going to happen," junior Megan Osbeger said. "I'm sure it will pick up, but I don't think the stuff (classroom) will ever see much out of it."

Regarding the differing opinions, Berdayes remains confident that SMC-TV will bring about academic change.

"And the communications department, we have been building on this for a long time on film production," Berdayes said. "So now there are going to be a lot of people around campus who will be able to go out and create their own productions."

"I'm really interested in having lots of ad time," she added. "Anderson, a member of student government, said she believes SMC-TV will be very helpful to advertising events on campus.

"The TV that is currently in the CyberCafe will be moved to the dining hall and a 14-inch TV will be placed above the dessert bar so students can watch SMC-TV while enjoying their meals," Fitzgerald said.

SMC-TV is based in the Husking Family Instructional Technology Resource Center, also known as the Computer Center in the base­ment of the Cashin-Leighton Library. Fitzgerald said the Husking family is "the primary source of funding for SMC-TV."

In addition to the nine students and three faculty members on the core executive team, about 20 other students are already involved in the project — all are busy drum­ming up interest among the student body for the new project when school resumes March 20.

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Two weeks from today, however, the wait will be over.

"There is officially no longer a hold up," SMC-TV General Manager Michelle Fitzgerald said. "As the President's Council granted us the permission to start broadcasting," SMC-TV is "strictly a student organi­zation," Fitzgerald said.

The delay occurred because the station had to go through the President's Council to obtain special status. A decision was made so the station will not have to answer to Student Activities Board to preserve freedom of speech and expression. In the rare event that station officials cannot make a decision, a station advisory council consisting of faculty and staff members will make a decision."

"To build a strong foundation to such a monumental issue as the name of the University, we wanted to make sure all the 't's were crossed and the 'j's were dot­ted — and the 'j's, too," said Fitzgerald.

Keith Fowles, director of infor­mation technology and SMC-TV faculty advisor, said those behind the station aimed to put the "best product possible" out for students.

"We were getting all our bases covered in terms of content and quality programming," Fowles said.

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"The only thing I know (about SMC-TV) is just the ads they run on TV," freshman Emily Perry said. "I'm definitely interested in how this is going to go." She added that the programming of SMC-TV will be more diverse once it goes on the air after spring break.

"SMC-TV is going to make a concerted effort to cover everything that happens on campus, just not the sporting events," Knight said. "Everything will be shown on the air in the form of a scrolling billboard of campus news and events — something that led us to believe that SMC-TV will be accessible to students not just from their dormitories in the dining hall."

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companies and farmers, announced Wednesday pushing to expand export opportunities for U.S. 

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associated press

vienna - opec said wednesday it would not consider abruptly pumping at current levels to ensure adequate supplies of oil to meet the extra demands of oil facilities from the middle east to nigeria and a confrontation escalates over iran's suspect nuclear program.

edmund daukoru, president of the organization of petroleum exporting countries, said the output quota would remain unchanged at 28 million barrels a day, but that the 11 nation cartel would keep close tabs on the situation in the period when demand traditionally eases between now and summer.

daukoru reiterated the group was preoccupied with prices that have hovered for months above $60 per barrel - well over the $40-$50 range that many opec members have called optimal - but he refused to say what price threshold would trigger action. 

"we are concerned that prices don't get out of hand - there's some sanity in price levels," daukoru said.

"one thing opec tries to do is preserve market stability," he added. "we have said we will continue to monitor closely, and depend on what we see we will do what is best for the market. we need to know more about demand." 

here is expected to slide by up to 2 million barrels a day in the second quarter.

but opec's decision to keep production levels steady won't bring beleaguered motorists any relief at the gas pumps, said jamil schenker, an economist with warburg mcage corp. here, retail gas prices could rise with the approach of the summer driving season because of higher transportation costs and expenses for ethanol blending. 

the refining industry is introducing ethanol as a substitute for methyl tertiary butyl ether, or mtbe, in summer blends of gasoline.

"we're not looking for a marked increase, but we could see prices rise beyond $2 per gallon," daukoru said.

"to do those things you must be living in extremis," answered petrocelli. "i did not go in and plead guilty to my crimes."

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"it stressed, however, "the market is fundamentally well-supplied with crude oil."

daukoru said opec's next meeting would be june 1 in caracas, venezuela. that country's oil minister, rafael ramirez, said he would try anew to push through a cut of at least half a million barrels a day.

iran's minister of petroleum, kazem vaziri haman, whose country is locked in a standoff with the west over its nuclear activities - insisted that tehran would not retaliate by halving or cutting back on oil exports. 

"so far there's no reason to reduce exports. iran has no intention whatsoever of reducing its oil exports," he said as the international atomic energy agency's 35

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fastow also said lay spread false information to enron employees and the public in late 2001 when he knew the company's finances were crumbling, contradicting lay's claim that he believed enron was healthy right to the end.

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"i believe i was extremely greedy and that i lost my moral compass and i've done terrible things that i very much regret," answered fastow, who has pleaded guilty to two conspiracy counts and agreed to serve up to 10 years in federal prison. 

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"We've been writing this for a month," she said. "We've been researching for over a year. We interviewed people from the Harvard Living Wage Campaign and we talked with the Georgetown Living Wage Campaign — both of which were successful."

The report identifies the concept of living wage — or "the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four," according to the report — as one supported by Catholic Social Teaching.

The report also references the popularity of living wage movements around the country, citing Harvard University, Georgetown University, Stanford University, Swarthmore College and Wesleyan University as examples of the more than 30 academic institutions nationwide currently paying a living wage to their workers.

To establish a living wage at Notre Dame, the report suggests a minimum $12.10 per hour wage, or $25,164 a year, for University employees.

"This wage would put employees above both the poverty level and just about the Food and Nutrition Service eligibility requirement for food stamps for a family of four."

The lowest-level Notre Dame employee currently earns $13,425, and "most of the lowest paid positions start at a level three minimum pay, earning $18,842 per year," according to the report. Though the achievement of this living wage was the organization's greater purpose, Porter said CLAP had three main goals in mind when distributing the report Wednesday.

"We want a meeting with Father Jenkins," she said. "We want Father Jenkins to make a public commitment to the principle of a living wage. [And] we want a joint task force of students, workers, faculty and administrators to address worker issues and come up with a just policy."

When asked if CLAP would follow the footsteps of the campus labor movement at Harvard and stage a sit-in, Porter said the group would, if it was "appropriate" and if Jenkins did not recognize CLAP and their requests.

"The University values Catholic Social Teaching and being a force for justice, we want a reasoned response and negotiation with people from all across campus," Porter said. Porter said no officials were available for comment at the time of the report distribution.

CLAP plans to present the petitions to University officials at a future time, Porter said, after administrators react to Wednesday's report.

After delivering the report to the President's office, Gomez said she felt empowered.

"I feel strong," she said, pumping her fists in the air. "It's a group of us making a statement. This is so important, and it should be to [the administration] too."

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Bush recognizes strained life in Big Easy during visit

President views devastation in New Orleans, says Congress must come forward with money for rebuilding efforts

President Bush shakes hands with students at College Park Elementary school in Gautier, Miss., Wednesday.

President Bush met with residents in his first visit to the area since Katrina.

The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the CORE COUNCIL FOR GAY & LESBIAN STUDENTS, is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Core Council web site http://corecouncil.nd.edu/

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, and can be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.

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Writer: 'Da Vinci Code' copied from my work

LONDON — An author who claims The Da Vinci Code, bestseller Random House at Britain's court Wednesday that there are major similarities between his nonfiction book and Dan Brown's crypto-religious thriller — but conceded there are substantial differences.

"We were writing historical conjecture, and Mr. Brown was writing a novel," said Michael Baigent, co-author of "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail.

"One would expect their perspectives to be marginally different, if not substantially different," he said.

Nonetheless, he said, the similarities were "fairly specific." Baigent and co-author Richard Leigh are suing "Da Vinci Code" publisher Random House at Britain's High Court for infringing the copyright of their 1982 book.

They claim Brown's blockbuster "appropriated the architecture" of their work, which explores theories that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, the couple had a child who is the bloodline survivor.

If the writers succeed in securing an injunction to bar the use of their material, they could hold up the scheduled May 19 release of "The Da Vinci Code" film starring Tom Hanks.

Random House lawyers argue that the ideas in dispute are so general they are not protected by copyright.

A lawyer for the publisher, John Baldwin, said many of the ideas in "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" did not feature in Brown's book, a mixture of code-breaking, art history, religion and mystical lore that has sold more than 40 million copies since it was published in 2003.

"Your statement that Mr. Brown reached all the same historical conjecture you did is fairly misleading," Baldwin told Baigent. "We were being unfair and inaccurate.

Baigent insisted that Brown "used the results of our historical conjecture.

"The Da Vinci Code" uses the tips of the teachings that were produced by the research that we did," Baigent said.

New Zealand-born Baigent was appearing for a second day of intense exchanges with Baldwin. At one point, he acknowledged using "inflammatory phrasing" in his witness statement.

"Is inflation your long word for being wrong?" said Baldwin.

In a day of testimony that some
times evoked a university seminar, the writer produced over well-thumbed copies of "The Da Vinci Code," seeking parallels and differences with "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."
Catholic social teachings

It may come as a news flash, but Catholic teaching is about more than sex and the right to life. It covers the entire range of human experience. But how much do you, yourself, really know about Catholic social teaching? If the answer is, “Not much,” don’t feel so bad. You have plenty of company. “More than in any other historical period,” said Pope John Paul II, “there is a breakdown in the process of handing on moral and religious values between generations.” Over the past four decades, religion classes at Catholic schools have focused on making collages or imparting the gospel of political correctness. The students, when they become parents, cannot pass on to their children what they never received. But now, help is at hand.

In his first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI included a reading list which could be a remedial study assignment. After affirming the need to build “a just social order in which all receive their share of the world’s goods and no longer have to depend on charity,” “Deus Caritas Est” listed the interventions of “the papal magisterium” in response to the changing “social problems” resulting from industrialization and later developments including “the growth of a globalized economy.” Several great popes have developed this teaching, starting with Pope Leo XIII’s “Rerum Novarum” in 1891. Pope Pius XI followed with “Quadrigesimo Anno” (1931) and Pope John XXIII with “Mater et Magistra” (Mother and Teacher) (1961). Pope Paul VI contributed “Populorum Progressio” (1967) and “Octogesima Adveniens” (1971), addressing especially the social problems in Latin America. John Paul II left a trilogy of social encyclicals, “Laborum Exercitium” (1981) on the dignity of work, “Sollicitudo Rei Socialis” (1987), and “Concordatums Amoris” (1991) which cautioned against the acceptance of a materialist capitalism as an alternative to the failed prescriptions of Marxism.

At times the guidelines in these documents have met with indifference or hostility from Catholics across the political spectrum, including National Review’s editorial “Mater et Magistra Not” in response to John XXIII’s Mater et Magistra.

Even a Notre Dame student would find it a daunting task to plow through all those papal teachings. Benedict, however, comes to the rescue by recommending the “Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church,” published in 2004 by the Pontificial Council on Justice and Peace. In 255 pages of text, with a detailed index, the Compendium synthesizes all those teachings, beginning with the foundation principle of the dignity of the person which arises from his creation in the image and likeness of God. From that dignity arise the organizing principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, both of which are affirmed in DCE. The Compendium covers the family, human work, economic life, the political and international communities, the environment and war and peace.

The Compendium provides a useful overview of the social teachings. But if you want a really short, but excellent, introduction, take a look at “Citizens of the Heavenly City: A Catechism of Catholic Social Teaching” by Dr. Arthur Hippler, director of the Office of Justice and Peace of the diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. In 154 pages, including notes, Hippler covers it all in a format suitable for individual or group study. The foreword, by Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, now Archbishop of St. Louis, praises the book for its “attention to the totality of the Church’s social teaching, beginning with the sources... and then progressing in a study of the social implications of the love of God and the love of neighbor.” Hippler covers, concisely and accurately, the what and the why of the teachings on family, capital punishment, the environment, war and peace, free speech and the common good as well as the just wage and economic justice.

The social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church provide the only coherent response to the dominant utilitarian culture. If you want to be clear about those teachings, Hippler’s book will do it for you. Its format is attractive. It is reliable and easy to read. With Benedict’s emphasis on the social teachings in DCE and elsewhere, with the convenient Compendium and with the appearance of accurate, reader-friendly books like Hippler’s, no one, especially at Notre Dame, has any excuse for ignorance of the rich and comprehensive social teachings of the Church. So take a look. You might be surprised at what you will find.

Prof. Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I found the article in Wednesday's edition of The Observer titled "Sixth impacts political choices, lecturer says" to be an interesting look at the politics of the Catholicism. However, I take issue with Dr. Smith's views on the relationship of Catholicism and Republicanism. His case is built on the stances of the Republican Party on what he calls "the five non-negotiable issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, gay marriage, and gay adoption." Let me first say that I find the Republican Party's defense of life admirable. I believe that our party is, to a greater extent than the Catholic party, the Christian party. The Republican Party is there for a growing minority who share these views. However, saying that these five issues are the only "non-negotiable" ones in Catholic faith mistakes Catholic teaching. I do not mean, however, to imply that any of these issues are a gay marriage. What is the point there for gay marriage being non-negotiable? Perhaps in discussing gay marriage Smith should consider that gay marriage is mentioned four times in the Bible, twice in the book of Leviticus, which also suggests that livestock should be used as sacrifices. One place where I take one major issue with Smith is on gay marriage. What basis is there for gay marriage being non-negotiable? Perhaps in discussing gay marriage Smith should consider that gay marriage is mentioned four times in the Bible, twice in the book of Leviticus, which also suggests that livestock should be used as sacrifices. I challenge readers to study the GOP's platform and decide if there is any logic on faith. I do not suggest the Catholic Party is without contradictions, but the Republican Party fails in essential ways.

Michael Folger

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I was out one night recently when I glanced at my watch and saw it read 9:32. This was great, except it was actually 12:09. Even though my watch was still working, I changed it to make sure it was accurate. I decided to get a new watch. But when you think about it, some things keep time better than even a watch. In my apartment, for example, when "Seinfeld" starts, everyone knows it's time for me to eat and watch my parents singing along to your favorite new song, you know it's time to find a favorite new movie. And when winter reaches its nadir in French word meaning "so frickin' cold outside even the penguins are wearing parkas" millions of men know it's time for the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

Forget FHM, Maxim and The Economist — if I want to see some of the great naked bodies in the world, I go to Sports Illustrated and The Economist — if I want to see some of the great naked bodies in the world, I go to Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. I'm crazy for suggesting Mr. T to be the leader of our country, but who better to be a leader than someone that scores of people admired as much as Mr. T? I'm sure he's a leader in his own right. Apparently it was while reading National Geographic that Mr. T first saw a hairstyle which now becomes one of his trademarks. The same hairstyle is sported by African Mandinka war leaders. Tall is how this popular news magazine called Mr. T. Mr. T has never shown himself to be afraid of or unwilling to put a hurt on a person who deserved it, but he's always made it clear that he was willing to show mercy. Frankly, anybody who would challenge Mr. T is a fool in my eyes, and Mr. T always protected the fool.

9. He's got a lot of kids. If there was one thing Mr. T. stood for more than anything it was standing up for kids — protecting them from drugs and bullies; making sure they had fun, scarecrows enough for them to beat the hell out of them when they were facing adults as a great equalizer. Whether it was in public service or private life, Mr. T. has always done just that. In his 1984 rap album titled "Mr. T.'s Choice," he said: "It's a powerful force that spoke to children and in adults. Some ways Mr. T. is still doing his thing with a new twist. He can often be seen discussing things and talking about community programs he's involved in on The Christian Science Monitor.

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**Grey's Anatomy**

By CHRIS McGrady

*Assistant Scene Editor*

No need to call the paramedics — that warm feeling in your chest isn’t a heart attack. It’s the sensation of enjoyment induced by season one of ABC’s hit show “Grey’s Anatomy.” The show, most accurately described as a more serious version of “Scrubs” or a very light-hearted attack. It’s the sensation of enjoyment.

"Grey's Anatomy" is a play on words of a book titled "Grey's Anatomy," which was originally written by Henry Gray and published in 1858 as an anatomical textbook used to educate doctors. This hints at the basis for the medical-flick favorite “Old School.” After graduating from medical school, Gray is stationed at Seattle Grace Hospital as a medical intern. Joined by an enthusiastic and embattled group of bright-eyed young docs, Grey begins to negotiate the complex task of working in a hospital.

Pompeo is joined by Dr. Derek Shepherd, a loony, smart and lonely brain surgeon played by Patrick Dempsey. Dempsey’s previous works include the HBO production “From Dusk Till Dawn” and ABC’s “Once and Again,” a role that made him an Emmy nominee. Dempsey is an outstanding actor and is one of the most important facets of the character dynamic that creates the complex beauty of "Grey’s Anatomy.”

Grey is joined by interns George O’Malley (T.R. Knight), Cristina Yang (Sandra Oh) and Isobel “Izzie” Stevens (Katherine Heigl), all of whom have their own strengths and personal struggles to overcome. O’Malley is the similar point of the group who can’t seem to get anything right. Before the first episode ends, O’Malley is nicknamed “007” for his license to kill patients on the operating table. Yang is the highly motivated Stanford grad and will do anything to get into the program. Further complicating the matter is Grey’s romantic relationship with Shepherd.

Then there is Grey. She is constantly second guessing herself and is torn between going with her gut-instinct and what protocol dictates. Grey constantly feels overshadowed by the legacy of her mother and struggles with issues of her identity as a doctor and her desire to stay within the program. Further complicating the matter is Grey’s romantic relationship with Shepherd.

"Grey’s Anatomy" centers around first-year surgical intern Meredith Grey, played by Ellen Pompeo, fourth from left. The show has enjoyed great acclaim on ABC.

*Grey’s Anatomy* has found that sweet spot in being serious. While other shows based on medical themes may have the audience in stitches (“Scrubs”) and others may make them feel like they’re on an IV of morphine (“ER”), "Grey’s Anatomy" has found that sweet spot in between, balancing the right amount of humor and drama to create an enjoyable and entertaining show.

**Cage’s latest effort misfires, wins no wars**

By SEAN SWEANY

From the very beginning of the film, it is clear that “Lord of War” is no ordinary movie. The opening credits depict the life of a bullet, from the manufacturing process to its firing from a gun. When Yuri Orlov (Nicolas Cage) begins his monologue immediately after this, there is hope that this Andrew Niccol-directed film will be different and insightful. Unfortunately, neither the film nor the DVD of "Lord of War" lives up to this promise.

"Lord of War" is to gun running as "Blow," the 2001 film starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, is to drug dealing. However, where "Blow" works on many levels, this movie is monotonous and dull. Cage plays a gun runner who strikes it rich at the end of the Cold War, when many small nations bought up all of the surplus arms from the war. In his business, he works with African warlords and competes against a rival arms dealer played by Ian Holm. Throughout, Orlov confronts the mortality of his profession while simultaneously hiding it from his supermodel wife, Ava Fontaine Orlov (Helena Bonham Carter), and an Interpol agent named Valentine (Elba Miles). In the end, although his world crumbles around him, Orlov comes to disturbing realizations about the necessity of his job for world order.

This movie has a multitude of problems. For starters, Cage’s acting is very one-dimensional, as usual, and he does voice-over work for much of the movie, limiting any chances for him to actually try to give a performance. The two-hour runtime becomes especially tedious since the scenes are very similar and do not give any new insight to the issues at hand. There are many various subplots, but none is truly developed to any satisfaction. In the face of these problems, the supporting acting in the film helps carry it along. Strong performances from Moynahan, Holm, Hawke and Jared Leto as Yuri Orlov’s brother help make Cage’s story more palatable. On the whole, the writing in the film is quick and witty, but it rambles on and leads to long and ultimately boring scenes.

Niccol, whose previous efforts include "Gattaca," attempts to make "Lord of War" into a picture that is provocative and powerful, but all of these problems cause the movie to simply fail along to its conclusion. There are chances for the film to redeem itself along the way, but "Lord of War" does not grasp them and as a result becomes a big misfire.

The two-disc special edition DVD of the movie is nicely packaged and presented, but there is a lack of substance in the way of special features. A "Making Of" featurette is the only worthwhile inclusion. An interactive weapons animation, boring director’s commentary and a useless photo album of stills from the movie round out the disappointing special features on the second disc.

In a technical blunder, during the transfer from film to DVD, a portion of the film was cropped off to create the DVD’s smaller aspect ratio. While there is no visual impairment to the film, viewers do not see exactly what the director intended. The distributor of the DVD, Lion’s Gate, has not released any media explaining this choice or any future remedies.

The ugly reality of arms dealers who make modern war possible is the intended subject of "Lord of War." In its progress towards this goal, the movie becomes bogged down by Cage’s acting, the story’s repetitive nature and a general inability to relate a coherent message. The DVD does nothing to help make the experience more enjoyable thanks to its technical glitch and lack of interesting special features.

"Lord of War" is a dud of a film that falls into the one viewing and done category.

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**Lord of War**

Widescreen Edition

Lions Gate

Released on DVD Jan. 17, "Lord of War," starring Nicolas Cage, left, and Jared Leto, follows an arms dealer who must confront the morality of his work.
**CD REVIEW**

**The Subways’ debut disc shows strong potential**

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Young for Eternity," the first album from The Subways, hit the shelves on Valentine’s Day this year, and while the album itself isn’t all about love, there is a lot of attention being paid to its songwriting, its minimalist music and swelling, catchy choruses. The Subways prove that they are a band worth watching.

The band started in Hertfordshire, England, and moved from relative obscurity to major success following their win at the Glastonbury Music Festival Unsigned Performers Competition in 2004. They found even greater mainstream success with the release of this debut album. The band was a hit in its native Britain and was a hit in its native Britain and has been gaining popularity since its release. The album itself isn’t all about love, there is a lot of attention being paid to its songwriting, its minimalist music and swelling, catchy choruses. The Subways prove that they are a band worth watching.

The Subways are a great new band and show huge potential for future success. The voices of Lunn and Cooper are better on some songs than on others, but overall "Young for Eternity" is an extremely enjoyable album that displays an intriguing range of musical diversity.

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**LEGENDS PREVIEW**

**Hot Mileden, Brian Klein & Trish Murphy start spring break on right note**

By ERIN McGINN
Scene Writer

Midterms are coming to an end, and spring break is only a couple of days away. Even though things are winding down around campus, Legends is still offering a variety of great entertainment. Kicking off the weekend are Hot Mildred and John Klein, performing tonight beginning at 10 p.m.

Hot Mildred is a student cover band that has been gaining popularity since its first started last spring. This will be its third performance at Legends this year. They cover songs from the 80s and 90s, as well as songs that are on today's charts, and are easily recognized as student favorites.

Hot Mildred is made up of four members: Senior Larry Bailey is the lead singer, graduate student Trish Murphy is the lead guitarist, and sophomore Eliza Sinnott plays the electric guitar. Although Hot Mildred has only been around since last spring, Bailey and Thompson have been playing together since 2003.

Hot Mildred does not write their own music, but it still has a lot to offer to the audience. It is easy to relate to their song choices, making them favorites for the college crowd. Tonight, the band will be playing a high-energy mix of songs, covering everything from U2 to Tom Petty, even including some Kelly Clarkson. With their excellent covers, the band should continue the tradition of wowing Notre Dame audiences.

John Klein, along with Micki Cascio, will follow Hot Mildred as the second act of the evening. Klein is a familiar face for AcousticAfe attenders, last performing at the Best of AcousticAfe on Feb. 16. Performing a mix of covers and original songs, Klein describes his choices as a Jason Mraz-John Mayer hybrid.

He is an established performer on campus, having participated in numerous PenCom productions and the annual student film festival. For this event, he is joined by Cascio, in her Notre Dame debut, on the bongos. Since meeting at RA orientation last year, Klein and Cascio had discussed the possibility of performing together and melding their expertise on guitar and percussions, respectively. This will be their first performance together.

Legends Concert

Hot Mileden, Brian Klein & Micki Cascio

Thursday at 10 p.m.

Recommended tracks: "Mary," "Oh Yeah," "Lines of Light" and "I Want to Hear What You’ve Got to Say"

What You’ve Got to Say,” a song that begins slowly and simply but gradually shifts to a fast, pounding chorus. It also showcases the fact that Lunn and Cooper share vocal duties, which give many of their songs a kind of "call and answer" feel to them.

The album moves on the punk-tinged "Holiday" and the commanding "Rock and Roll Queen," which is one of the band's more well-known singles. "Mary" exhibits a more unusual blend of folk and punk than many of the other songs on Young for Eternity and boasts an extremely catchy guitar line.

The heavy sound of "Somewhere" and "Young for Eternity" contrasts with the languid, calm sound of songs like "Lines of Light" and "She Sun."

The best songs on the album include "Oh Yeah," which opens with pounding drums and swelling guitar but transitions into a catchy chorus, as well as "I Want to Hear What You’ve Got to Say" and the uniquely catchy "Mary."

The Subways are a great new band and show huge potential for future success. The voices of Lunn and Cooper are better on some songs than on others, but overall "Young for Eternity" is an extremely enjoyable album that displays an intriguing range of musical diversity.
McNamara’s last-second three pushes Orange past Cincy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gerry McNamara has made plenty of big shots for Syracuse. This one might have topped them all.

The senior guard drove the length of the court and hit a 3-pointer with a half-second left, leading Syracuse to a riveting 74-73 victory over Connecticut on Wednesday in the first round of the Big East tournament. The Orange greatly improved their chances of earning an at-large NCAA berth.

“I think this, with the situation we’re in and under the circumstances, is probably the most important to me right now,” McNamara said. “This is the most important shot I’ve hit.”

With the Orange (20-11) trailing 73-71 and just more than 6 seconds to go, McNamara dribbled through the Cincinnati defense and hoisted a one-handed shot between the NBA-length of the court and hit a 3-pointer to secure victory.

“I didn’t think it was going down,” McNamara said. “I made sure I banked it. I made sure it went down because that’s what’s needed to win.”

Douglas’s guard Donald Copeland reacts after making a basket during Rutgers 63-48 set on Settle Hall Wednesday. Copeland scored 26 points, but the rest of his Seton Hall squad was only 6-for-41.

Rutgers upset Seton Hall as Donald Copeland puts up 28 points for the Pirates while teammates fall apart

Wednesday in the first round of the Big East tournament. The Orange, who lost their previous three games, will play top-ranked Connecticut in the second round Thursday. The Huskies (27-2) earned a first-round bye.

McNamara finished with 17 points on 6-of-15 shooting, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, and 9 rebounds, and Darryl Watkins had 15 points.

McNamara helped the Orange win a national championship when he hit six 3-pointers against Kansas in 2003, and scored 43 points against BYU in an NCAA tournament win the following year. But this shot was something else.

“Every kid dreams of making a shot,” McNamara said. “I’d glad I made it. More importantly, we won the game. That’s really all that matters here. Wemove on, and we need to.”

Coach Jim Boeheim angrily responded to comments by unidentified assistant coaches in Syracuse-area radio spots that called McNamara overrated.

“Without Gerry McNamara, we wouldn’t have won 10 games this year,” Boeheim said.

Rutgers 61, Seton Hall 48

Rutgers coach Gary Waters waited to see whether it makes the NCAA tournament. Copeland isn’t concerned.

“We feel we built a strong enough resume,” he said. “We finished top seven in our league and feel confident with what we accomplished in the regular season.”

Pittsburgh 61, Louisville 56

Pittsburgh’s big lead dramatic slowdown. The coach on the other bench had been through this before and he made sure his players knew that.

Girl Kramer scored 19 points and No. 15 Pittsburgh, despite not making a field goal over the final 13.5 minutes, held on to beat Louisville Wednesday night in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The sixth-seeded Panthers (22-6) appeared to be on the way to an easy win, leading 47-22 with 12:40 to play. Louisville (18-12), which trailed 39-16 after a horrible first half in its first Big East tournament game, started chipping away. A 16-1 run gave the lead down to 48-38 and what was left of the sellout crowd at Madison Square Garden was starting to get behind the Cardinals.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino had been through this before. He was the coach at Kentucky when the Wildcats wiped out a 31-point second-half deficit of the Orange and beat LSU 99-95 on Feb. 15, 1994.

“I told the team at the timeout with 1:35 to go in the game that this was exactly the situation I was in a few years ago and that we can do it, we can come back,” Pitino said. “We just have to take smart shots, treat every possession as if the game is on the line and we can win it. I actually did mention that game.”

The result didn’t turn out the same but Louisville did get the lead back in. 13, but the Cardinals didn’t score.

Aaron Gray made three free throws for Pitt to get the lead back to 13, but the Cardinals didn’t score.

Gray missed two free throws with 32 seconds left, Tugan Dwan hit an NBA-distance trey to make it 57-54.

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PHOENIX — Adam Stern hit 133 in 36 games for the Boston Red Sox in an injury-plagued 2005 season. Adam Loewen spent all of last year at Class A, leading Canada to an surprising 8-6 victory in the first round of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. "We like to tell everyone we can play baseball, too. Stern. "We’re not just a hockey country."

PHOENIX — Adam Stern hit an inside-the-park home, drove in four runs and made two sensational catches in center.

Loewen, a 21-year-old left-hander, gave up three hits and walked three but didn’t allow a run in 3 2-3 innings and got the victory. "He pitched a heck of a game," U.S. manager Buck Martinez said, "and he showed a lot of composure for a guy that hasn’t pitched about A-ball." Loewen escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first when Chipper Jones hit into a double play. "The team played unbelievably behind me," Loewen said. "I thought Chase’s ball was gone when he hit it," Bradshaw says, "you see it in a pillar of salt first?" That’s OK with Bradshaw. As usual, he did it to make you crack up. Bradshaw bares all in latest movie "What’s that you say? Should be good to get it out in that remaining games to stay alive in the 16-nation tournament.

IN BRIEF

Duke, UNC favored in ACC tournament
GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Atlantic Coast Conference tournament returns to Tobacco Road after a year in Washington, and not much has changed.

Sure, there are 12 teams instead of 11 and a handful of new players figure to leave their mark on the renewal of college basketball’s original conference tournament.

Yet some things always seem to stay the same. Duke and North Carolina again are the favorites, with several other teams scrambling to improve their chances of getting in the NCAA tournament.

Duke finished first in the regular season despite losing its final two games, followed by the surprising Tar Heels. ACC coach of the year Roy Williams did a masterful job guiding his young team to victories in its final seven games and 10 of the last 11.

Colorado and Montreal trade goalies
DENVER — Colorado and Montreal swapped goalies Wednesday with Jose Theodore heading to the Avalanche in exchange for David Aebischer.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Sutton considering return

Former Cowboys head coach promises he'll solve alcohol problem

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Oklahoma State basketball coach Eddie Sutton, who was involved in a drunken driving traffic accident in 1996 by glaucoma. In recent years, he had been overweight. Still, he remained upbeat, Olson said.

Associated Press

Before he suffered a life-ending stroke, Minnesota Twins star Kirby Puckett had tried to help others who have lost loved ones. He would often speak to his former wife and the woman he planned to marry. "I do want people to know that Kirby was a very happy man and that retirement gave him the opportunity to do things he always wanted to do," said Jodi Olson, who was to marry Kirby Jr., and that he had "a problem with alcohol." A test revealed that at the time of the accident, Sutton's blood alcohol level was near the legal limit. Nobody was seriously injured, although Sutton suffered a cut on his face. He has a prominent, U-shaped scar above his left brow.

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Owners strike last second deal with NFL

Agreement extends through 2011 season; new revenue-sharing component will cost franchises $850-$900 million

The real debate was between the owners themselves on the important issue of expanded revenue sharing.

Low-income teams say high-revenue teams have to contribute proportionately to the player pool because they can earn extra money from advertising and local radio rights.

Under the new deal, the top five teams will not contribute to the pool, which will be funded with the top half by the most, the second five less, and the third five less than them.

Still, two of the lowest-revenue teams voted "no."

The Horns contributed a little more, and they were the last to sign on.

Richardson of Carolina met with Tagliabue and put the ideas together.

NBA

Superdome sells out in Hornets' return to New Orleans

in talking about Katrina. They left talking about Kobe.

Kobe-Bryant scored 18 of his points in the first quarter, then 14 of his 22 in the second quarter, then 14 of his 17 in the third quarter.

The Hornets ended up with a win tonight.

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MLB

Selig withholds opinion on Bonds

Giants' slugger Barry Bonds coming under fire, releases statement

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bud Selig wants to read the book before making any decisions about Barry Bonds.

On a day when Bonds was in California for a child custody hearing, baseball kept buzzing about him Wednesday — specifically, about an upcoming book that describes in vivid detail the slugger's alleged steroids use.

Selig has no plans to meet with the San Francisco star. Instead, the commissioner will wait.

"I will review all the material that's relative in every way," he said. "Obviously, we've only seen parts of things."

"The book itself doesn't come out until the end of the month," he said in Phoenix at the World Baseball Classic game between Canada and the United States.

"But we will review everything there is to look at and at some appropriate time I'll have further comment, but I don't have any further comment at this point."

The Giants responded to Selig's comments by saying they would cooperate fully with the commissioner.

"The Giants fully support and will assist with commissioner Bud Selig's review of the circumstances surrounding the recent published report about Barry Bonds," the team said in a statement.

Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, posted a note on his Web site thanking fans for their support without mentioning the new allegations. His lawyer, meanwhile, questioned the book's credibility.

All around baseball, Bonds was topic No. 1.

Boston pitcher David Wells said Bonds should "be a man and come out and say that he did it" if he used steroids. Wells said Bonds "probably" used them.

"If you're guilty and you get caught, come clean. I think you can get a lot more respect from people than [by] lying," Wells said.

Roger Clemens offered another opinion.

"I worry more about the man's health than I do about him hitting home runs or whatever this witch hunt we're on," the Team USA ace said.

"I think he got hammered pretty good last year, and it seems to be happening again this year. I don't know if it's going to change anything," he said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said Bonds' Hall of Fame status was up to individual voters. He said the overall steroids scandal had given the sport "a black eye" and watered down the home run marks.
CINCINNATI — Stanley Burrell scored 22 points Wednesday, leading a long-range shooting attack that carried Xavier to a 75-66 victory over Massachusetts in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Xavier (18-10) went 10-of-18 from behind the arc in its stingiest 3-point defense. Burrell led the way, going 3-of-5 from beyond the arc in a balanced offense that featured five players in double figures.

The Musketeers will play Charlotte, the tournament’s No. 2 seed, on Thursday. They had a 78-65 victory at Charlotte on Jan. 14, before injuries sapped players in double figures.

Burrell scored 22 points to lead Xavier to a 75-66 victory at Charlotte on Thursday, March 9, 2006. The Observer • SPORTS

Sharp shooting effort vaults Musketeers over Minutemen

Antwyane Robinson leads Temple in rout of Rhode Island as Owls tack up season-high 13 3-pointers in revenge win

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Temple 74, Rhode Island 45

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SMU 61, Rice 59

Devon Pearson and Donatus Rukauskas scored 15 points each to lead SMU to a victory over Rice in the opening round of the Conference USA tournament Wednesday.

The Mustangs (13-15) will face No. 24 UAB, the tournament’s No. 2 seed, on Thursday. Bryan Hopkins, SMU’s leading scorer, was held scoreless for the first time this season after missing all seven of his shots, but he grabbed a season-high 16 rebounds and had six assists.

Morris Almond, a C-USA first team all-conference selection, led the Mustangs with 29 points on 12-of-17 shooting and hit three of his four shots outside the arc. His 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left cut the SMU lead to the final two-point margin.

J.R. Harrison added 13 for SMU. SMU led throughout the second half, but never by more than six points.

The two teams were tied at 46 when the Rice’s Gary Pfieffer connected for his only points of the game on a 3-pointer with 4:29 left in the game. Pearson helped the Mustangs pull away down the stretch with a streak of 8 points.

SMU jumped out to an early lead, thanks to Rukauskas, who scored 6 of the Mustang’s first 8 points. But SMU went more than five minutes without scoring, allowing the Owls to score 10 straight points.

SMU shot 50 percent in the first half, but was hampered by 13 turnovers, leading to 13 Rice points. The Mustangs committed 21 turnovers in the game.

Temple guard Dustin Salisbery, top, defends as Rhode Island guard Jimmy Baron trips during their Atlantic 10 tournament from behind the arc, scoring Jan. 14, before injuries sapped Associated Press

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Tournament committee faced with tough task

Chairman says '23 or 24' teams have already earned at-large bids, other 10 slots will be decided this weekend

Associated Press

The NCAA tournament's field of 65 seems to finally be coming together. Sort of.

Four days before the brackets are set, selection committee chairman Craig Littlepage said about two dozen teams are well positioned to receive one of the 34-at-large bids. That is a major change from two weeks ago when Littlepage acknowledged there were fewer "locks" than in past years.

If true, that could help alleviate some of the complaints bound to come Sunday night when the field is announced.

"The last two and a half weeks have helped in many situations," said Littlepage, the athletic director at Virginia. "Right now, I would say I could come up with 23 or 24 teams that have done enough and that's probably around the average." The committee comes up with when we take our first vote on Thursday. I feel pretty comfortable with the teams I would put down on paper."

But Littlepage has only one vote on the 10-member committee, meaning other opinions could still make this weekend more harried than usual.

Among the new issues the committee must contend with are:

- The unusually high number of "mid-major" teams that have better RPI ratings than those in the traditional power conferences, even better than perennial contenders such as Kansas and Kentucky.
- The unbalanced schedules in some conferences, particularly the 16-team Big East where teams face nine opponents once, three teams twice and avoid three altogether.
- Sorting through the logjam in conference standings, a phenomenon that has created more mediocrity than superiority.

Of course, there are also typical problems such as evaluating injuries, determining whether suspended players might be available when the tournament begins next week and deciphering late-season trends.

Yet in a topsy-turvy season that has helped the profiles of teams such as Gonzaga and George Washington, who are ranked high enough to merit consideration for a No. 1 or No. 2 seed, nothing about this year's process seems easy.

"I think we've become pretty sophisticated in evaluating the schedules they've played and the resumes they've put together," Littlepage said. "We've got to come to some conclusions about the rigor of the schedules they've played, home versus road success and trends." Instead of reducing the field, though, Littlepage and his committee have been dealing with an expanded group of contenders.

During a dry run last month, Littlepage said the committee realized there were fewer "locks" than normal this year. A similar scenario played out again two weeks ago.

But late-season surges, collapses and conference tournament results have helped narrow the possibilities. Littlepage said beyond the two dozen teams he personally believes are in the tournament, 28 or 29 others are still under consideration.

Thirty-one conference champions will receive automatic bids; the rest of the field will be comprised of 34 at-large teams and the number of contenders will likely drop as conference tournaments play out.

The Missouri Valley Conference has five good candidates to receive an at-large bid — Missouri State, Northern Iowa, Wichita State, Bradley and Creighton. Southern Illinois and Creighton. Southern Illinois received the automatic bid by winning the MVC tournament.

And the Colonial Athletic Association has three teams — North Carolina-Wilmington, Hofstra and George Mason — ranked in the RPI top 30. UNC-Wilmington beat Hofstra in the tournament title game to claim the automatic bid.

Syracuse forward Terrance Roberts dunks in a 74-73 win over Cincinnati Wednesday at the Big East tournament in New York.

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to hone his singles skills, and has spent the season working his way up the lineup. Specifically, he worked on his forehand to improve his overall success.

"Our assistant coach has really been working on changing my forehand from a closed stance to an open stance since my freshman year," Keckley said. "I'm just now reaping the benefits. ... I've benefited drastically from a few years of coaching.

Keckley is a native of South Bend and graduated from St. Joseph's High School, across the street from Notre Dame's campus.

"I was so close to home, but as everyone knows Notre Dame's like a bubble, you don't stray away from campus very much," Keckley said. "Overall, I guess you could say I didn't like Notre Dame as much my freshman year as I do now. I've kind of gotten over the whole "townie" thing and it is nice to have your parents close even if you don't see them very much."

Although he looked at Northwesterns and Virginia, Keckley stayed at Notre Dame for several reasons.

"I thought that Notre Dame was the best fit for me regarding both tennis and academics with the connections and the networking that Notre Dame offers," he said. "It was hard to pass up the opportunity."

At the age of three, Keckley started to play tennis and followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Jeff, who played collegiately at Indiana, too.

"My brother picked up a racket when he was eleven and as a younger brother I wanted to follow everything my brother was doing," Keckley said. "I can say it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't be playing or wouldn't be playing at this high of a level.

Keckley said the team concept is important to this year's Irish squad.

"The guys are really close," he said. "We spend a lot of time together, especially in the spring semester since we're on the road so much. They're a great group of guys who are always looking to put the team ahead of themselves. ... I think we just realized the team's potential for success this year and for years to come, and realized that in order to be great, the team must come first."

As a leader, Keckley's teammates often admire him.

"I look up to him as a junior, especially because he's Mr. August [in the Men of Notre Dame calendar]," said teammate Santiago Montoya. "He's being played really well and I look up to his tennis skills, but I also look up to the other part of his life."

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Irish junior Ryan Keckley takes a shot in Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Michigan State Feb. 15 at Eck Tennis Pavilion. Photo by Chris Golham

NCAA FOOTBALL

New facts come to light in rape case

Navy quarterback's alleged victim testifies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A midshipman who says she was raped by the Naval Academy's starting quarterback testified Wednesday that with her help academy investigators secretly taped an apparent admission of the assault.

The woman, who has not been publicly identified, said that she called Lamar Owens on the phone and an investigator listened as he told her he felt distressed about what he had done and considered killing himself.

"I didn't do it for that long, you weren't even awake," said the midshipman quoting Owens.

Owens, a 22-year-old senior from Savannah, Ga., was charged last month under the military code of justices, with raping the female midshipman in her dormitory room on Jan. 29.

The alleged victim testified at the beginning of Owens' Article 32 hearing saying he was just a "buddy" of the Navy Yard. Described by the academy as roughly equivalent to a civilian grand jury proceeding, the hearing will determine if there is sufficient evidence to go ahead with a court-martial.

Owens' lawyer, Steven F. Wroble asked her if it was possible that she had consented to sex, she answered, "I suppose."

Later, however, she said, "I wouldn't define it as consent if I can't remember it happening."

Still later, she said, "I don't believe I would have consented.

Both Owens and the woman are free to attend classes at the academy, but officials say they have taken steps to ensure their paths do not cross.

Owens guided Navy's football team to a 7-4 record that included victories over Air Force and Army and a victory over Colorado State.

C HEERLEADING

National safety group calls for rules changes

Serious injury leads to criticism of certain moves, high pyramids

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A national cheerleading group is calling for the suspension of certain aerial and tumbling stunts during this year's college basketball tournaments in response to a cheerleader's frightening fall from a 15-foot pyramid.

The injured cheerleader's coach on Wednesday criticized the action — which essentially bars cheerleaders from performing the high-flying tricks that many squads have been doing for years — as "devastating" and "senseless.

Effectively immediate, the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators recommended college conferences bar basket tosses and high pyramids without a mat. But cheerleaders would have until the end of this season to haul the mats around during tournament games, meaning they would have to omit those routines.

With the NCAA has no enforcement power, the NCAA, NAIA and other basketball tournaments require cheerleading teams to conform to its guidelines. And squads are likely to comply, since conferences could kick cheerleading teams out of games for breaking the rules.

"It'd be an unwise move for a coach or others to go against the committee," Jim Lord, the cheerleading group's executive director, said Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the Missouri Valley Conference barred its squads from such stunts during its women's basketball tournament, which begins Thursday. The MVC includes Southern Illinois University, which nationally televised conference title game Sunday came to a halt when cheerleader Kristi Yamouka lost her balance, toppled the wrong way off the human pyramid and landed on her head.

The 18-year-old sophomore had a concussion and cracked vertebra in her neck, but gave a thumbs-up after she was strapped to a backboard and cheered with her arms as her school's band struck up its fight song. She was released Tuesday from a hospital.

With Yamouka escaping serious injury, "we dodged a bullet," Lord said. "But one can't have another situation like that."

The national group's cheerleading coach, Jennifer Graeff, said that while her squads will comply with the restrictions, she questioned their necessity after what she called Yamouka's "unfortunate accident" doing a formation she is routinely done thousands of times a year.
Irish guard Colin Falls looks to drive during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to Georgetown Wednesday in New York.

"This team didn't pressure us at the midfield as much as Cornell, and that's one of the things we worked on for this game," Coyne said. Notre Dame beat Cornell 17-15 March 5. The Irish will next take the field against James Madison Sunday at noon at the Loftus Center.

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Irish coach Mike Brey made no mention of the team's struggle with no defender in front of them this season that his team was young and inexperienced and that the team's style limits Hoyas center Roy Hibbert's strong presence on the defensive end.

Hibbert grabbed 11 rebounds and added four blocks. "Hibbert is a presence and we need him to continue to be a plus," Thompson III said.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Blacked out**

Hoyas top Notre Dame 67-63 in first round of Big East tournament

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

NEW YORK — For a school with plenty of tradition, Notre Dame had some of it catch up with the team Wednesday in a 67-63 loss to Georgetown in the first round of the Big East tournament.

The loss was another Notre Dame defeat in a contest it had a chance to win in the final minutes. The Irish also lost a first round Big East tournament game for the fifth time in six years.

Coming out of a Georgetown 30-second timeout with 43 seconds remaining, the Hoyas ran down the shot clock before guard Brandon Bowman made an athletic left-handed lay up to give Georgetown a 66-63 lead.

Bowman led Georgetown with a career-high 25 points on 9-of-17 shooting. He also grabbed seven rebounds and four assists in 34 minutes.

"Bowman had a special performance. He was a bit of everything. He made shots, he made lay-ups and he had the ball in his hands," said Notre Dame center Torin Francis during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to the Hoyas.

At left, Georgetown's Jeff Green, right, elevates over Irish center Torin Francis during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to the Hoyas. Above, Irish guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket.

Team doesn't show up for game it could have won

NEW YORK — Apparently getting to the Big East tournament was enough.

Notre Dame showed no urgency, made no adjustments and had no chance against Georgetown in the first round Wednesday. And for a team that was in the Sweet 16 four years ago, laying down in New York is just unacceptable.

Of course, reaching this point was a success. The Irish did what most thought they could not — fight through a string of heartbreaking losses to win late and accomplish their preseason goal of playing at the Garden.

But Notre Dame should be embarrassed. At no point past an 11-0 run to open the game did this team appear on par with its opponent. It was worse than the team's

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**Women's Lacrosse**

**Squad destroys Lehigh at Loftus**

Irish top Mountain Hawks 20-4 at home

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sparta, N.J. — Freshman attack Jill Byers scored the first Irish goal just 17 seconds into Wednesday's game against Lehigh.

Notre Dame (5-0) then went on to score 19 more in a 20-4 blowout of the Mountain Hawks (1-2) at the Loftus Center.

Notre Dame scored six unanswered goals to start the contest, holding visiting Lehigh scoreless for the first 10 minutes of play. When the Mountain Hawks finally did score, the Irish were able to kill their momentum with 6-0 and 5-0 runs after each of their two first-half goals.

Lehigh's third and fourth goals were the only pair scored consecutively by the Mountain Hawks, but both were scored on a freshman goalie with many substitutes in the game. Goals by Irish reserves Caitlin Hom etown hero Keckley is having a breakout year of his own. "I love to compete, and being on a team that craves that win as much as I do makes tennis at Notre Dame worthwhile," Keckley said. "I wouldn't have it any other way."