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Survey recipients — chosen at random, according to assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research Mark Gunty — were asked to go through six pages of questions that mainly focus on the student's observations or on personal experiences with activities like instant messaging, browsing Facebook and downloading pornography, playing "graphically violent" video games and various forms of gambling.

A final write-in section is available for the student to detail his or her opinion on the positive and negative effects the listed activities can have on a person's ability to form healthy relationships. Responses are kept anonymous, according to the survey's introduction.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Youngstown, Ohio

Long before Jim Tressel became the quarterback of Ohio University, he was a buttoned-up hero for a city needed on the border of Ohio and Pennsylvania. This is a city that was put on the map after he led the Penguins to five national championship games...or was this city already on the map for other reasons?

If you travel 300 miles east on 80/90 you will arrive in Youngstown, Ohio. A place nationally known to some as "Mob-town U.S.A." or the Steel City, Youngstown is a very special place securely located between the two more well-known cities of Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Its convenient location allows residents an easy shopping or sporting escape in either of these cities.

But is an escape really necessary? Upon arrival in Youngstown, you will immediately notice its striking skyline. Interestingly enough, Youngstown has in someway touched your daily life. Chances are, however, you know someone from Youngstown, own something from Youngstown, or the city has in someway touched your life.

The name DeBartolo obviously rings a bell or two, but did you know this family of donors has its roots in great steel city? Or do you remember that kooky Congressman Jim Tressel Trafficante? The fashion police would have arrested him for his animal-like faux hair if the government hadn't gotten to him first, and although he was expelled from Congress and went to jail for taking government bribes, he was my state representative.

Natives have a special place in their heart for a horse and buggy, nor is it about the non-economic booming days of yesterday. Youngstown these plastic grocery-holding crates on wheels are simply mere imitation.

The view expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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St. Ed's

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IN BRIEF

Haitian writer and musician Jean-Marc Pasquet will discuss his latest novel, "Libre toujours" in a lecture titled "Shamanic Poetry: Magic Realism, Voodoo, and Creole Literature in Haiti" today at 3:30 p.m. in 1C-103 Hesburgh Center.

A conference titled "The Liturgy of the Hours: Public Prayer of the Church as Foundation for Christian Spirituality" will take place from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in rooms 103-104 of McKenna Hall.

The film "The Rocky Road to Dublin," which documents daily life in Ireland, will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in room 129 DeBartolo Hall. A discussion, led by English professor Luke Gibbons will follow.

"Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire" will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. in room 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The Chicago-based country band Great Southern will perform at Legends Friday at 10 p.m. Admission is free with a ND, SMC or HEC student ID.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3-4:30p.m. Thursday in room 239 of the Mendoza College of Business.

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

OFBEAT

Cross-dressing robber
given away by myonos

MONTREY, Calif. — A man's pantyhose led to his arrest, authorities said. An unshaven man wearing a black evening gown, fishnet stockings, calf-high boots and a black wig robbed a USA Gas Station Monday morning, authorities alleged.

The armed man stuffed $290 in cash into an ensemble-matching black purse.

"I've been with the department for 22 years, and this is the first time I've heard of this happening anywhere here," police Lt. Phil Penko said.

About 35 minutes after the robbery, police officer Chad Ventimiglia spotted a black Saab with fishnet pantyhose hanging from the front driver's side door, dragging on the ground, investigators said.

Student volunteers find stash in New Orleans home

NEW ORLEANS — Trista Wright was spending her spring break cleaning out hurricane-damaged homes when she discovered some unusual papers among the muddy plastic board and debris.

I started raking it out of the air conditioner vent. I thought it was garbage and I was going to shovel it up, but I bent down to pick it up, and it was a stack of $100 bills, and then more and more kept coming," the 19-year-old said Tuesday on CNN.

By an unofficial count, it was more than $30,000.

Wright and fellow students notified the organizers of their church mission, who told the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office.

The woman who owned the house, who has asked that she not be identified, was as shocked as Wright.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

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McCafferty family members organize first Father Mike Run

Event commemorates former law school professor, University presidential candidate Father Michael Dillon McCafferty

By RYAN SYDLIK

Notre Dame students, faculty and administrators will lace up their running shoes Saturday to honor the memory and contributions of Father Michael Dillon McCafferty in the first-ever Father Mike Run.

The run will be held in conjunction with the Fr. Mike Show on Friday, a sketch comedy and talent show produced by Notre Dame Law School students. McCafferty was serving on the law school faculty when he died at the age of 40 in 1987 of lymphatic cancer. He was a "triple Domer" having received a bachelor's degree in government and international studies in 1969, a juris doctor in 1973 and a master's degree in theology in 1974 from the University. He was ordained a priest in 1974, and he was appointed assistant dean of the law school in 1979 after joining the law school faculty in 1978. He was also responsible for the Sunday evening Law School Liturgies, and he was even a finalist to succeed University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as University President before his death.

The run is a three-mile race that snakes through campus, beginning and ending at Notre Dame Stadium. Registration for the event can be done online by e-mailing bveith@nd.edu or by showing up at the stadium at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The Father Mike Run was started by members of his own family, off-campus junior Brian Veith, Welsh Family sophomore Tricia Cronin and Farley freshman Courtney Dorger. Veith is McCafferty's nephew while Cronin and Dorger are his nieces. Six other of McCafferty's 22 nieces and nephews are Notre Dame graduates. Veith said many of their family members will participate.

"We felt we should get something together to celebrate all of [McCafferty's] gifts," Veith said. "Veith said he hoped at least 200 people would show up. "We realize that it might start small," Veith said. "Hopefully, we get the snowball rolling and maybe it will just get bigger."

Veith, Dorger, and Cronin also expressed that they intend for the run to become an annual event.

"It is nice to have a potential tradition to remember him," Veith said.

Because most current students are not familiar with McCafferty, Dorger viewed the event as a way to introduce him to a new generation of students.

"I think it's nice that someone like that is still going to be recognized," she said.

Veith, Dorger, and Cronin were all very young when their uncle died and they see the run as a way to become closer to him.

"We never actually got to know him personally," Cronin said.

University administrators, including University President Father John Jenkins, Senior Executive Assistant and counselor to the President father Jim McDonough, Law School Dean Patricia O'Hara, all lent their support in organizing the event, Veith said.

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Perry to be 'knighted'

Special to The Observer

Catherine Perry, associate professor of Romance languages and literatures at Notre Dame, will be decorated with the insignia of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques at a presentation ceremony at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Morris Inn.

Richard Barbeyron, French consul general from Chicago, will conduct the ceremony.

Perry was appointed a Chevalier ("knight") in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques earlier this year by the French Ministry of National Education.

Created in 1808 by Napoleon I, the Palmes Académiques originally was designed to honor outstanding members of the faculty of the University of Paris. Membership later was expanded to include people beyond the French university system, including other nationals and French scholars living outside the country whose work promotes French language, culture and educational activities.

Perry, who specializes in French literature of the 19th and early 20th centuries, also serves as undergraduate advisor for the Program in French and Francophone Studies at Notre Dame. She is a faculty fellow in the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.
Greek
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system in recent years — but Belushi and Blue are not entirely
in the past. The tragedy of the February 2005 hazing tragedy at
Chris University, in which a 21-year-old student died while pledging for the Chi Tau
Delta Phi Epsilon (DPE) chapter, led to the diminished integrity of fraterni-
ties and sororities throughout the country.
Although paddles and partici-

tion in activities, such as the Golden Dome, remain, Greek fraterni-
ties and sororities are alive and well at several competitive institutions of higher learning. Nonexistent at Notre Dame, organizations like Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Delta Delta exist — if not thrive — at other Catholic universities.

At Villanova University, a Catholic college located outside of Philadelphia, a small number of students, only one third of all female students, are members of one of the school’s national fraternities and sororities.
The college ranked 50th in the 2006 U.S. News & World Report list of "Most Students in Sororities." Fraternities are also prevalent though somewhat less popu-
lar and generally on the male population affiliated with one of 10 fraternities.

Santa Clara University, St. John’s University, St. Joseph’s University of Pennsylvania, DePaul University and Creighton University are other Catholic colleges with officially recognized Greek systems.

A Greek critique
Georgetown University has reduced many of its fraternities and sororities since the 1960s, but this has not stopped such organizations from flourishing there. A Sept. 19, 2000 article in The Daily correspondence, said though unoffi-
cial, "local chapters of nation-
wide and international fraterni-
ties and sororities turn to snotbery, snotshyness, conformity, intolerance and the desire to "escape life" through alcohol and sex. "It was almost like the frater-
nities were plagued by some innate gravitational pull — drawing their members away from high ideals towards social baseness," he said.

Though many social fraterni-
ties and sororities engage in altruistic endeavors and service projects — which do correlate with Jesuit ideals — there are other aspects of Greek life which are not aligned with such standards, Steck said.

"The Jesuit ideal of cura personalis, or care for the person, refers to two ideas: educat-
ing the whole person in body, mind and spirit, and educating each person in his or her own spiritual reality," he said in the column. "Can the kind of social relations required ... really allow the indi-

dividual, as an individual, to flourish?"

Absent and abandoned On March 22, 2001, Santa Clara University announced a two-year plan to completely "phase out" its entire Greek system by June 2003 — a deci-
sion that affected fewer than 10 percent of the student popula-
don. Professor Paul Locatelli said the university's Greek system was off-

it was just the Jesuits — it was the Catholic Church that opposed fraternities at Catholic universities."

The decision at Santa Clara followed a five-month frenzy of the university's Greek organiza-
tions by a committee with facult-

days to fail. In a Feb. 6, 2006 article in The Fairfield Mirror, University President Michael A. Garvey explained that a "sorority make or break" statement reached in 1967 by an assembly of Catholic university leaders said colleges aligned with the Church require "a true autonomy and academic free-
mom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, and self-directed individual autonomy itself." The statement emphasized the need for Catholic character at the uni-

versities, but left individual administrators the choice to come to their own independent decisions.
The College of the Holy Cross, Fordham University and Notre Dame join Georgetown, Fairfield University and Boston College as Catholic schools that do not recognize fraternities and sororities as official and affiliated institutional organiza-

ions. Contact Katie Perry at kperry5@nd.edu

WE WANT YOUR INPUT: THE LIBQUAL+® SURVEY

In March, the University Libraries of Notre Dame, along with many other academic libraries, will be conducting the third national on-campus survey designed to assess library service quality. The survey is sponsored by the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries.

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On Tuesday, March 21, an invitation to participate in the survey will be sent to all undergraduate students, all graduate students, and faculty. On Monday, March 27, those same students and faculty will receive an email message containing a personal survey link. Participants should be able to complete the survey in about 15 minutes.

WHY SHOULD I ANSWER THE SURVEY?
The survey is designed to help the University Libraries and other academic libraries evaluate the effectiveness of our services in meeting the needs of students and faculty. The survey is anonymous and will be used only to improve the quality of our services, both internal and external. We value your opinion. Please take the time to complete the survey.

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No special knowledge is required to complete the survey. However, as part of the survey, you will be asked to rank the importance of various characteristics, such as graduate or undergraduate, faculty rank, or discipline of study or work.

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CGRATULATIONS!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran agrees to talk with U.S. on Iraq
TEHRAN, Iran — Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that he approves of talks between U.S. and Iranian officials on Iraq, but warned that the United States must not try "to bully" Iran.

His comments came hours after President Bush spoke in favor of such a meeting, saying American officials would show Iran "what's right off the table in their activities inside of Iraq.

Khamenei said that "if the Iranian officials can make the U.S. understand some issues about preserving the security, then it will be forbidden," he said in a speech in the northeastern city of Mashhad, attended by thousands of demonstrators.

President Bush speaking during a news conference Tuesday in the Brady Press Room at the White House, Bush said there will be "more tough fighting ahead" in Iraq.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that American forces will remain in Iraq for years and it will be up to a future president to decide when to bring them all home. But defying critics and plunging polls, he declared: "We're not going to lose.

The president rejected calls for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, chief architect of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Listen, every war plan looks good on paper until you meet the enemy," Bush said, acknowledging mistakes as the United States was forced to switch tactics and change a reconstruction strategy that offered targets for insurgents.

He also rejected assertions by Iraq's former interim prime minister that the country had fallen into civil war amid sectarian violence that has left more than 1,000 Iraqis dead since the bombing last month of a Shiite Muslim shrine.

"This is a moment the Iraqis had a chance to fall apart and they didn't," Bush said, crediting religious and political leaders with restraint.

The president spoke for nearly an hour at a White House news conference, part of a week of efforts to ease Americans' unhappiness with the war and stem low Republicans' anxiety about fall elections. He faced skeptical questions about Iraq during an appearance Monday in Cleveland, and plans another address soon on Iraq.

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The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children worked with the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Postal Service, Red Cross and other agencies to find the thousands of children separated from their parents or guardians during Katrina's landfall Aug. 29 and Hurricane Rita hit just a few weeks later.

IRAQ

Troops to stay in Iraq for years

President Bush expects American involvement in Iraq to continue indefinitely

Associated Press

100 gunmen storm Iraqi jail, kill 20

Local News

Three hurt in detonator accident
CRANE, Ind. — Several hundred detonators exploded prematurely at Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center Tuesday, injuring three civilian workers who were unpacking them.

The explosion went off in a room where the workers were taking film away to Bloomington Hospital for treatment of cuts and burns. The other suffered puncture wounds to the face and hands and first-degree facial burns and was treated at Crane's medical clinic.

1010 gunmen storm Iraqi jail, kill 20

— even though U.S. and Iraqi military officials said last year that the area was no longer an insurgent stronghold.

The insurgency's strength, spiraling sectarian violence and the stalemate over forming a government in Iraq have led politicians and foreign policy experts to say Iraq is on the brink or perhaps in the midst of civil war.

In all, 33 prisoners were freed, including 18 insurgents who were detained Sunday during raids by security forces in the nearby villages of Sareal and Arab, police said. It was the capture of those insurgents that apparently prompted Tuesday's attack. The 15 other inmates were a mix of suspected insurgents and common criminals.

In an Internet posting Tuesday night, the winged replica of the Mughal-era Shura Council, a militant Sunni Muslim insurgent group, purportedly claimed it carried out the operation. The posting said the group killed 40 policemen, liberated 33 prisoners and captured weapons.

The claim was posted on the Iraqi News Web site. Neither the higher casualty toll among policemen nor the captured weapons could not be inde-
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...by an informed decision," Staud said.

Assistant Director of ACE, Colleen Garvey said an appli­
cant's talents and skills are strongly considered in the appli­
cation process.

"Let's say Nashville calls us up and says, 'I need a math teacher
who will also coach basketball and help out with an after-school
program," Garvey said.

"So then we go through every single applicant and whoever
best fits that match is who we select."

Jessica Maciejewski will be

...teaching at a Catholic school in

...Rio Grande City, Texas next year.

She believes her placement is

...based on her experience study­ing

...abroad in Chile, her ability to speak Spanish and her interest in

...working with the Latino community.

In addition to possessing certain

...skill sets, Staud considers it neces­

...sary for ACE teachers to have a
desire to be teachers in a

...Catholic school setting.

"Ultimately, we are looking for people 

...who are passionate about

...serving through teaching, who want

...to change the world one child at

...a time."

John Staud

...director

...Alliance for Catholic

...Education

Notre Dame graduate Jim

...Bacsik, who teaches second

...grade at Saint James School in

...Savannah, Ga., said the living sit­

...uation gives him a chance to share

...his initial teaching experiences with

...others who face similar chal­

...lenges.

"Living in a commu­

...nity of teachers provides a unique

...sense of support," Bacsik said.

"Every day, you know that

...you have people who are ready

...and willing to listen to your sto­

...ries and have great advice to

...share."

Staud said that many people

...coming into the program are not

...sure whether or not they want to

...make teaching their career. The

...experience of teaching, plus a

...master's of education degree can

...be a benefit in most fields, Staud

...said, but he estimates about 60

...percent of ACE teachers stay in

...the education field.

Maciejewski believes the ACE

...program will be a good stepping­

...stone to the opportunities she

...will pursue when the two-year

...program ends.

"I definitely want to teach for a

...while," Maciejewski said. "But I

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Energy costs depress wholesale prices
WASHINGTON — A huge drop in energy costs helped push prices at the wholesale level down last month by the largest amount in nearly three years. But with the cost of gasoline rising again, the reprieve could be short-lived.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that wholesale prices fell by 1.4 percent in February as food and energy both recorded big declines.

"It's not the optimal situation, to be launch­ing this summer," said Jim Allchin, co-president of the Microsoft Windows division that includes Windows.

Microsoft to delay release of Vista
SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. will delay the release of its new Windows operating system until January 2007, missing the holiday sales season and throwing some PC makers and retailers into a flap.

The delay in Windows Vista — caused by Microsoft needing more time to enhance security and other functions — will come as a blow to Microsoft partners who were looking forward to a new operating system to boost holiday sales.

Windows Vista is Microsoft's first major update to the company's flagship operating system since Windows XP was released in late 2001.

"It's not the optimal situation, to be launch­ing the next-generation version of Windows right after the big holiday sales season," said analyst Wilcox with Jupiter Research.

The company will release some versions of the new operating system for big businesses by November as planned, but the consumer version will be postponed until January, said Jim Allchin, co-president of the Microsoft division that includes Windows.

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The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group representing ethanol producers such as Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Pacific Ethanol Inc., said the industry's challenges and their influence on gasoline prices are being overstated by the association sent an angry letter to the Energy Department last week, questioning the "unthoroughness of its research and accusing it of creating "unnecessary fears in the marketplace."

Still, ethanol-related wor­ries hang over the U.S. mar­ket, contributing to a 42-cent-per-gallon increase in unleaded gasoline prices in the past month.

The average retail price of gasoline in the United States is $2.51 a gallon — the highest level since October — and some ana­lysts say $3 is a possibility by summer.

Wholesale prices for ethanol, meanwhile, have surged to roughly $2.75 a gallon, or about 50 cents per gallon higher than usual, according to the Oil Price Information Service of Wall, N.J. Because ethanol makes up one-tenth of every gallon of unleaded gasoline, and it is blended, this windfall for ethanol producers ends up costing motorists an extra 5 cents per gallon at the pump.

High prices will spur more ethanol production — there are 33 new plants under construction — but some minor near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association and the author of the letter sent to the Energy Department.

Dinneen said the company is taking steps to mitigate the problems, such as filling ethanol storage tanks on the East Coast before sum­mer arrives and contracting barges that can ship ethanol down the Mississippi River and then up the Atlantic seaboard.

Energy analysts said it is unclear whether ethanol producers can manufacture and distribute enough supply once U.S. refiners phase out the use of a petrochemi­cal called methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, which enables gasoline to burn more completely and thus more cleanly, but carries some public health risks.

Supreme Court blocks investor suits
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Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the court, said the companies "ene­abled gasoline to burn more cleanly, but carries some public health risks.
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Gundy, who also sits on the Cyber Vice Task Force, said the purpose of the survey is to provide the task force with a grounding in the empirical evidence of gender-related issues, in order to address the gaps between the issues each group is addressing.

As a result of the $75,000 grant awarded by the Center for Cybersecurity at the University of Notre Dame and other organizations, the task force is working on a new study to establish awareness among employees who work there. The task force, along with the Notre Dame Security/Police Force, has conducted several focus groups to better understand the problem of Internet and in-person gambling at Notre Dame, according to Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk.

"We think it’s a great opportunity to talk about something that’s a concern to a lot of people on campus," Kirk said. "We want to do something meaningful to make a difference."
American authorities suspected former president Estrada was receiving government secrets from FBI agent Michael Drewniak, an FBI analyst, accused of revealing U.S. government secrets.

Estrada, who was toppled by a popular revolt in 2001, previously acknowledged receiving American government assessments of Philippine political events from Aragoncillo, a 21-year Marine veteran who became an FBI intelligence analyst in 2004.

"The notice said that my telephone calls with Aragoncillo were wiretapped," Estrada told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "The wiretapping was authorized by the court."

Aragoncillo was arrested in the United States last year. He has been charged with conspiring to reveal government secrets, acting as a foreign agent and improperly using FBI computers. Those charges carry a maximum sentence of 25 years.

"I have not been charged with espionage, which carries the maximum penalty of capital punishment," Estrada said, adding that there was no suggestion he was under investigation.

Estrada, who was under house arrest while on trial for corruption charges and was to testify on Wednesday, said he assured American authorities he would not comment on it, As reported by Philippine Daily Inquirer, citing Attorney's Office in Newark, N.J., has refused to comment on the alleged wiretapping, which was first reported by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, citing government sources.

"Even if that were so, I would not comment on it," Drewniak said last week. Estrada is under house arrest while on trial for corruption charges and was to testify on Wednesday. Prosecutors say he amassed $77 million in illegal gambling payoffs, tax kickbacks and other payoffs, tax kickbacks and other payoffs.

"I'm confident that history will vindicate me from these charges by a conspiracy of the elite church leaders and thieving politicians," Estrada said.

**Castro welcomes back Cuban baseball team**

HAVANA — Cuba's baseball team arrived Tuesday from San Diego, as "a victory against the U.S. restrictions would prevent any winnings in baseball," said an opposition leader, as part of the defense. Thousands of school children, workers and other baseball fans cheered as they streamed by. At the homecoming celebration, Castro personally greeted each player, giving each a commemorative wooden bat manufactured in their team's honor. The players, in turn, returned to Castro the huge Cuban flag he entrusted to them before their departure, as well as two baseballs signed by all team members.

Castro said he had personally watched every single game they played, and "enjoyed, along with millions of citizens, of your feats over there."

But even bigger than winning the right to participate in the "unfair" was that there were no defections as some had predicted early on, said Angel Iglésias, the former of Cuba's National Institute of Sports.
Suicide of academic isolationism

It just so happens that the finest professor I ever had while I was a student at Notre Dame taught the two-semester Arts and Letters Core course. Not coincidentally this course was also the occasion of significant and lasting personal and intellectual growth on my part (you know, the kind that is always advertised in admissions brochures, but that no one honestly expects to experience.

That professor no longer works for the University — to its loss — nor does Core now exist as anything but a fading echo of its prior aims. It has since been modestly redirected into submission by a coalition of shortsighted students unable to understand its value and of professors lacking the skill and insight to teach it properly. What passes for Core these days (the "College Seminar") is really just an excuse for professors to once again teach in their own disciplines and perhaps a few pet interests.

This is very much a sign of the times, because Core in its uncompromised form was one of the University's most demanding courses in terms of professorial ability. It required a special kind of instructor — one able to step outside of the narrowness of his own discipline, possessing no appreciation for and skill with interrelationships and holding no small amount of life-wisdom. But what should have been an occasion for the University's greatest minds, those who incarnate Notre Dame's mission, to step forward (the late Robert Varca, who was among these and who did teach Core, notwithstanding) more often fell on the shoulders of those who happened to be of lowest departmental rank.

The rage of Core is regrettable (and a sore point for me, as you may have noticed), but I'd draw your attention to it now because it is indicative of the greater and self-exacerbating trend of academic specialization, where each disciple strictly isolates itself from its neighbors (in no small part to their steep learning curves) and of the consequent losses to our society and culture.

Computers, and their maintainers, are an excellent practical case study of the phenomena since almost everyone interacts with computers on a daily basis, but rarely thinks twice about it. Consider programmers — the men and women whose chosen task it is to mediate between the world of information, communications and algorithms and the normal people who try to use these processes to improve their daily lives.

Programmers are typically trained in advanced math, computer architecture, methodology, a half-dozen programming languages (ideally) of varied properties and (if they are lucky) project management and team coordination. With hard work and about seven years of practical experience, a programmer with this foundation can become adept enough to produce very high quality work — as long as its intended audience is another programmer.

You will never find a Computer Science student — even at the most advanced schools — studying art, architecture, psychology, sociology and politics as part of her primary training. Even in schools that take a stab at including courses in other disciplines — like Notre Dame with its philosophy and theology — there is almost no one in the Computer Science department who makes any attempt at linking these ideas. No colleges churn out programmers who are very good at the mechanics of their art, but who nonetheless miss the point of the entire endeavor. After all, how can someone design software for humans lacking a sound understanding of how people relate to the world around them?

It is any wonder, then, that most software programs create more problems than they solve? Or that so many user interfaces — for all the quality the code beneath them are — garbage? I have encountered individuals who feared their computers, because the machines behaved in ways that they could not understand, and demanded that users bend to their needs rather than the other way around. And so, while the computer does indeed have the potential to completely reshape the way we work with information, because almost no one in the field the vision to take it to this point, the modern computer is stagnating as a glorified electronic desk.

Of course, the program of study that I have outlined above is impractical in the unforgiving business of higher education. If we acknowledge the problem, then we must also acknowledge that some influencing factors will change more readily than others and that the thrust of runaway specialization is too difficult and far reaching to propose a simple solution to it. However, we must nonetheless demand that the University cease to ignore it, and that the rich resources of this institution and of its many departments be put to the task of seeking a better way to embrace interdisciplinary study, lest the quality of a higher education itself altogether perish.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last you create what you will." — George Bernard Shaw, Irish author
Feingold motion creates divide

Stunt is irrational. Bush’s actions warrant censure

Last week, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin brought a resolution to the floor of the United States Senate asking for the immediate resignation of President George W. Bush. Feingold cited the president’s “illegal use of executive privilege” as the main reason for bringing the resolution to the Senate floor. To censure the president for something that helps maintain the security of this country is absolutely ridiculous. Feingold is merely Don Quixote fighting his imaginary giants, when in reality they’re only windmill props.

Censure is a congressional procedure, which reprimands either the president of the United States or a member of Congress. No loss of power occurs when one is censured, it is merely used as a political tool to publicly condemn someone’s actions. Only one president has been censured, Andrew Jackson, and his censure was overturned once Democrats assumed control of Congress.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy was censured following his reckless attempts to identify and expose alleged Communists in America. While McCarthyism is the most famous of the 1950s and President Bush’s use of the NSA to conduct domestic surveillance might appear similar, the intent behind their actions are drastically different. McCarthy sought to use his position as a U.S. senator to serve his own personal views without any thought of the consequence. President Bush, on the other hand, used his domestic spying program to protect this country from those who would seek to destroy it and its citizens. The intelligence collected by the NSA as part of President Bush’s program clearly benefits the national security interest of this country and was not used for personal reasons or abuse of power. Do you really think President Bush’s approval rating would be hovering in the mid-30s if he had accessed any of his political opposition’s communications?

Unfortunately, this president is now the last current time to call for censure, and that he has a chance of succeeding in his resolution, he must first convince the rest of us that when he�, this is no longer about protecting our nation’s security interest but about his own personal political advantage.

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Filmmaking duo redefine action genre boundaries

By TAE ANDREWS

As the box office and critics celebrate the Wachowski brothers' return to the big screen with "V for Vendetta," they have redefined the action genre. "V for Vendetta" is a film that is both a blockbuster and a philosophical exploration. It combines action, special effects, and philosophical elements to create a truly original work.

The Wachowski brothers have been able to achieve a rare happy marriage between box office success and critical acclaim. They are known for their innovative filmmaking techniques and their ability to combine action with philosophical ideas. "V for Vendetta" is a perfect example of this.

The film is based on Alan Moore's graphic novel of the same name. Moore is a master of combining graphic novels with philosophical ideas. "V for Vendetta" is a film that is both entertaining and thought-provoking.

The film is about a one-man rebellion against a fascist government. The protagonist, V, is a symbol of resistance and freedom. The film is a call to action, and it challenges the audience to think about the power of individual action.

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Ronald Reagan's behind-the-scenes battle

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Alan Moore stands with Frank Miller as one of the pioneers of the modern graphic novel. Before their respective seminal 1986 works "Watchmen" and "The Dark Knight Returns," comic books were regarded as telling children's fare. Moore's sophisticated and literate approach, however, elevated them into the status of genuine art and brought critical acclaim and commercial success to comic books. He remains one of the medium's most respected writers and continues to produce work to this day.

Moore started as a writer for DC Comics by lifting one of the company's most obscure heroes, Swamp Thing, out of the muck and grime of obscurity. His work on the series elevated its status and brought the maverick writer critical acclaim, which allowed him to branch out into new ideas. 1981's "V for Vendetta" was among his first major works, bringing to life a dystopian vision of the future that Moore would explore in depth throughout the 10-part series. "Watchmen," for Vendetta" was essentially a serial, though it was one of the writer's first forays into a more defined narrative.

Moore's most famous and well-remodeled work is undoubtedly 1986's "Watchmen," which was originally released as a monthly 12-part series. Often cited as the "Citizen Kane" of comic books, Moore's complex work set a new standard in depth, sophistication and social awareness, altering the public perception of what a comic book could be.

At the same time that Miller was returning to traditional graphic V is a nihilistic anarchist who uses terrorist tactics to undermine a fascist government. After starring opposite Keanu Reeves as Agent Smith in the Matrix trilogy, Moore makes the transition from anti-anarchist protagonist to one that is as credible as the masked V. In addition, Natalie Portman stars as Eve, a woman whose chance encounter with V inexcisely winds their fates together. In a hilarious torture sequence, Eve's long locks of hair are shorn off. While most would question the decision to shave Natalie Portman's head, the gambit pays off in the apt hands of the Wachowskis. Portman turns out to be the perfect Eve, the necessary rock to a shaggy V, since Demi Moore in "G.I. Jane.

The distinctive features of Wachowski cinema are all over "V for Vendetta." The brothers create action movies that challenge the viewer to think. "Watchmen" and "V for Vendetta" combine cross-media style (like fake newspaper clippings) and filmic tendencies in its complex, archetypal narrative. Each chapter is bespoken by passages from everyone from Nietzsche to Bob Dylan to Einstein, demonstrating the breadth of Moore's cultural (and pop cultural knowledge). "Watchmen" remains the gold standard of graphic novels, and remains a powerful and pertinent work two decades later.

Moore has worked on various projects. He has written stories featuring mainstream characters like Batman ("The Killing Joke"), a scathing reinterpretation of the Joker's origin) and Superman ("Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow?"). He has also released original pieces like "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," which casts various famous characters from literature as a supergroup.

Despite his substantial work since "Watchmen" is probably "From Hell," a hirsute revision of Jack the Ripper. A massive work that runs well over 500 pages, "From Hell" is annotated throughout, demonstrating the depth of Moore's study.

Moore has since washed his hands of all film translations of his works, including "For Vendetta." Since much of his early work is now in the hands of others, it is up to Moore to control over whether or not his work gets turned into films.

Regardless of his disinterest in Hollywood adaptations of his books, Moore remains one of the torchbearers of the modern graphic novel and one of the medium's most respected scribes.

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LIFE'S a stage for V and this is his dressing room as envisioned by Alan Moore in the original 10-part graphic novel "V for Vendetta," published in 1981.
Imagine a world in which the most powerful country of its age, asks — say, demands — complete obedience from its citizens. Dictators are under order every night.

"Those caught breaking curfew will be prosecuted without leniency or exception," barks High Chancellor Adam Sutler, the totalitarian regime's leader, over giant video screens and televisions wired into every home in the country. This world is the reality faced by citizens of Great Britain in director James McTeigue's "V for Vendetta," a film architected by Larry and Andy Wachowski — the masterminds behind "The Matrix" and its two sequels. Based on a graphic novel of the same name written by Alan Moore, "V for Vendetta" offers a dark, dystopian vision of a corrupt government that wills its subjects to act, think, and feel in line with their ruler's iron fist.

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"V for Vendetta" is a mile­stone marker for a young actress that has already established herself at the forefront of her generation. Long gone is the "1812 Overture" while blowing up a brick building — a renaissance man if there ever was one.

Remarkably, Weaving channels every word of the speech. The Wachowski brothers' screenplay has been deemed one of the closest interpretations of Moore's 1988 graphic novel. Self-proclaimed fans of Moore's work, the Wachowskis wrote a first draft of the script in the 1990's, before starting work on "The Matrix." Several changes, mostly in the third act — have been made to the plot to update it for the early 21st century, as well as for purely dramatic reasons when translating the original story to the screen.

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But the Wachowskis and McTeigue — previously the first assistant director on "The Matrix" films — have succeeded in delivering a no-holds-barred, visceral film experience. "V for Vendetta" is thought-provoking and succeeds as much on the strength of its characters as its impressive set pieces — enough to be remembered as a rarity among modern action films.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

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**New York 114, Toronto 109**

In a season where little has gone right, chalk up one huge win for the New York Knicks.

Rookie Channing Frye left the Knicks after he was traded to the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night with a sprained left knee ligament. Teammate Nate Robinson seemed to know Andre Barrett indwell.

Barrett was racing upward with a little more than 9 1/2 minutes left when Robinson, chasing him from behind, appeared to try to swipe the ball away. Barrett lost his balance and fell into Frye's leg.

**New Jersey 112, Washington 100**

Richard Jefferson scored 21 of his 27 points after halftime, and the New Jersey Nets broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter, beating the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Jefferson shot 11-for-15 over three quarters. Peja Stojakovic provided 18 points and nine assists to help the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Indiana Pacers Tuesday night.

**Spurs 100, Golden State 96**

Tony Parker scored 29 and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to victory over Golden State on Tuesday night.

San Antonio has a half-game lead over Dallas in the Southwest Division and owns the best record in the Western Conference.

Derek Fisher scored 27 points to lead the Warriors, who have lost 15 of 17 road games.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich drew two quick technical fouls and was ejected by referee Scott Foster and angering the bench area 4:54 into the second half. Foster also called a technical on Duncan, which led to a 63-59 lead for the Warriors with 5:59 left in the third quarter.

Sacramento 105, Seattle 96

Ron Artest scored a season-high 34 points and the Sacramento Kings beat the Seattle SuperSonics Tuesday night for their 14th straight home win.

The Kings' home-winning streak is the second longest in franchise history. Since Artis Gilmore, who had double-doubles, the Kings are 11-0 at home with wins in the lineup and 16-9 overall.

Artest made 10 of 18 shots, hit 11 of 15 free throws and added eight rebounds and six assists.

**Utah 107, Phoenix 99**

Andrei Kirilenko had 22 points, a career-high 18 rebounds and blocked four shots in the second half as the Utah Jazz rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns Tuesday night.

Deron Williams finished with 17 points and 13 assists and Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur also had double-doubles for the Jazz, who avoided a season sweep by the Suns.

Steve Nash had 20 points and 10 assists to lead the Suns.

Phoenix was just 12-43 from the floor in the second half and lost consecutive games for the first time in almost two months.
**NBA Standings**

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**NFL**

Adam Vinatieri, right, signs autographs following Patriots training camp practice in Smithfield, R.I., in this Friday, July 26, 2002 photo. Vinatieri agreed in principle to a deal with Indianapolis according to sources close to the Colts.

**Vinatieri close to signing with Colts**

The Indianapolis Colts are switching from the NFL's most accurate kicker to the best in the clutch.

Taking a key piece from its rival New England, Indianapolis agreed in principle to a deal with Adam Vinatieri, a person close to the Colts said Tuesday night. Vinatieri, who twice hit winning kicks in the Super Bowl for the Patriots, replaces former Pro Bowl kicker Mike Vanderjagt.

Terms of the deal were not immediately available.

The source confirmed the signing with the AP on condition of anonymity because an official announcement had not yet been made. Messengers left the Patriots and agents for Vinatieri by The Associated Press were not immediately returned Tuesday night.

The Patriots allowed Vinatieri to test free agency rather than putting a franchise designation on him, which would have cost the team $2 million next season.

"It just didn't feel like the right thing to do," coach Bill Belichick said last week at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

"We considered all our options and decided not to tag anybody." Vinatieri, 33, had been named the team's franchise player twice, including last year, when he was paid $2.5 million.

Vanderjagt spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the Colts after playing in the Canadian Football League. He scored a franchise-record 995 points and made 217 career field goals in 248 attempts, the highest accuracy rate (87.5) in league history.

In 2003, Vanderjagt made all 37 of his field goal attempts and set the NFL record by extending his consecutive field goals streak to 42.

But twice in his career he missed critical field goals in the playoffs. In January, he badly missed a 46-yarder in the closing seconds, which would have forced overtime with eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh.

At Miami, in January 2000, he missed a 49-yarder wide right that would have won the game and sent the Colts into the second round of the playoffs.

Team president Bill Polian acknowledged last month it was unlikely the Colts would re-sign Vanderjagt, an unrestricted free agent.

**In Brief**

**Iowa State hires McDermott as new hoops coach**

AMES, Iowa — Northern Iowa coach Greg McDermott was hired Tuesday by Iowa State, jumping from the Missouri Valley Conference to the Big 12 after three straight NCAA tournament appearances with the Panthers.

McDermott, 41, was at Northern Iowa for five seasons. Before his arrival in 2001, Northern Iowa had made one appearance in the Division I NCAA tournament.

McDermott replaces Wayne Morgan, who was fired Friday after the Cyclones missed the postseason with a 16-14 record. The terms of McDermott's contract were not immediately available.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard interviewed two candidates: Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Rob Jeter and McDermott.

McDermott is a native of Cascade, Iowa, and played at Northern Iowa.

**Abraham sent to Falcons in three team trade**

NEW YORK — John Abraham finally got what he wanted Tuesday night when the Jets traded the Pro Bowl defensive end to the Atlanta Falcons in a three-way deal with Denver. The Jets had placed the franchise tag on Abraham for the second straight year. Both sides made it clear they wanted to part ways.

The Jets wanted to get involved for the much-anticipated trade to finally take place. Denver and Atlanta swapped No. 1 picks, with the Broncos getting the 15th overall selection and the Falcons getting pick 29. Then the Broncos sent that pick to the Jets in exchange for Abraham, the player's agent told The Associated Press.

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**Germany anxious to take on the U.S.**

DORTMUND, Germany (AP) - It's only an exhibition soccer match, with the underdogged United States squad as the opponent. Still, Germany is filled with angst.

German fans, stinging from a 4-1 loss to Italy, are antsy heading into Wednesday's World Cup warmup against the Americans. So Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann and his players — who have been heavily criticized on several fronts — are treating the game in bumblebee-colored Signal Iduna Park as more than a prep match.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Eagles oust No. 1 seed in second round of tournament

Dorsey hits six three-pointers, matches BC record in NCAA play

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Boston College made Ohio State the first No. 1 seed to exit the NCAA tournament in the women's basketball tournament game by hitting six 3-pointers and finishing with 24 points, leading eighth-seeded Boston College to a 79-69 second-round upset of top-seeded Ohio State.

It was the biggest surprise of the tournament as the Buckeyes (29-3), a much-debated pick for the top seed last weekend, couldn't produce when it mattered most.

Purdue defeated UCLA in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament on Tuesday night.

Connecticut 79, Virginia Tech 56

Connecticut's star seniors came up big to get the Huskies back to the NCAA regional semifinals in a familiar place: back in their home state.

Ann Strother had 22 points and six 3-pointers, and Barbara Turner dominated inside with 18 points and 16 rebounds as the second-seeded Huskies routed No. 7 seeded Virginia Tech 79-56 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The win sends the Huskies (31-4) into the regional semifinals for a 14th straight season. UConn stands a good shot at getting to a ninth Final Four because the Huskies will play their next game, against Georgia, in Bridgeport, Conn., about a 90-minute drive from the UConn campus in Storrs.

UConn led by double digits for most of the game thanks to a pivotal 20-2 run in the first half that included three 3-pointers, and seven turnovers by the Terps.

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Defending conference champs tee off season

Mattia caps with final round 74, places 20th overall in tournament

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team shot a final round 339 to finish 13th this past weekend at the Shamrock Invitational hosted by Winthrop University.

The tourney, which took place at the Par 72, 5842 yard Tega Cay Country Club in South Carolina, was the first of six spring events for the Belles, who won the 2005 MIAA championship during the fall season with an average of 342.6 and placed sixth in last year's NCAA Championships.

Elon's Samantha Widmer shot an individual best 228 (+12) in the 72-player field, leading Elon to the overall team victory with a combined score of 934 (+70).

The Belles' M e g a n Mattia shot a team best 243 with rounds of 82, 87 and a low round of two-over par 74 to finish tied for 20th in the three-round event.

"Mattia's performance was the finest round I have ever seen a Saint Mary's player have when considering the conditions and time of year."

Mark Hamilton
Saint Mary's head coach

Mattia, one of four graduating seniors joined by Bellino, Fantom and McQueen, emphasized the need for the team to have the "confidence to go out and perform the way we know that we can."

The seniors hope that confidence helps them perform well enough to earn the Belles' fourth consecutive berth to the May NCAA Championships in Orlando.
Media

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new restrictions for media cov­
ering Notre Dame sports.
Notre Dame assistant athletic   
director Tim Tessalone said the   
policy change part of a larger   
plan to increase the quality and   
traffic of Notre Dame's official   
athletic Web site.

"Their issue is that... Irish   
Illustrated is making money by   
showing those sites, and it wants   
to make money by show­

ing this," Freeman said.

On both illustrated.com and   
Irish Eyes, a member of the Scout.com recruiting   
network, most videos are limi­
ted to only those users who pay   
a monthly or annual fee.

Subscribers to both   
illustrated.com and Irish Eyes pay $99.95 a   
year or $9.95 a month.

Freeman said the athletic  
department was trying to direct   
traffic away from his and other   
Web sites toward the offi­

cial Notre Dame site (und.com), which offers an "All Access Pass" for $6.95 a month that allows subscribers live   
streaming video and audio of Notre   
Dame sporting events.

As a result of the emerg­
ence of recruiting Web sites that record entire press   
conference events and offer them to   
subscribers on the Internet,   
Freeman said "All Access Pass"   
sales have doubled.

"Any media entity collecting   
any sort of video or audio materials... from Notre Dame   
Athletic Press conference event   
meetings may use that material   
only within a seven-day period   
following the event... with a limita­tion of up to   
three minutes in length from any   
single event," the Jan. 31   
statement said.

Response

The statement sparked criti­
cism and concern among mem­
bers of the Internet media who   
cover the press conferences, who   
feel their subscribers will be   
important and relevant   
information.

"We're disappointed that   
they're not allowing all our fans   
to watch (the press con­
ference) on our sites," said   
Freeman, whose site began uploading   
thing is, it's sort of strikes me as   
unfair to Notre Dame's Part because they're   
limiting putting one of their   
greatest spokesmen, Charlie   
Weis, in front of recruits and   
fans on our site."

But if the video is available   
on und.com, as Heisler said   
may happen, Notre Dame fans   
will be able to profit from the   
video as well as offering it to   
Irish Eyes.

Freeman said the University   
likes to "defend" the seven-day   
rule, but specifically   
applications for the rules   
applying to the broadcast rights   
television stations to ND's   
football games. "We're feeling   
that we have the rules   
dealt with recruiting Web sites   
in their entirety."

"Our feeling is in the same   
same SEC has some rights to   
their games, but Notre Dame   
their site ought to be able to   
find that."

Frank said the athletic   
department is "not thinking   
about it," but that   
has not arisen there either and   
with players, and so as   
we were able to do some   
of those things, I think that's a   
good thing.

"I think we have an excellent   
relationship," he added. "We   
will continue to produce full   
video of player interviews and clips   
from Notre Dame."

"I don't think it's every   
opportunity for us that's being   
lost," Freeman said. "I think   
we have an excellent   
relationship."
ND Women's Swimming

Irish squad unlucky in NCAAs

Swimmers battle injuries and tough competition in tournament

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

There was no extra luck for the Irish on St. Patrick's Day when they competed in the NCAA championships held in Athens, Ga. from March 16-18.

On the famed Irish holiday, two of the team's three swimmers who qualified for the championships, junior Katie Carroll and sophomore Claire Hutchinson, fell victim to a virus that spread throughout multiple teams at the tournament. It couldn't have come at a worse time for Notre Dame.

Carroll was forced to swim two of her three events, including her best event—the 200-meter IM—under the influence of the virus. Carroll was a favorite to earn All-America honors in the 400-meter IM and with good reason as she held the fifth seeded time in preliminaries. The effect of the sickness was obvious, however, as Carroll's final time was her preliminary time, dropping her all the way to 38th place.

"To train all year for one event and then get so sick the night before was really frustrating," Carroll said. "It was frustrating knowing that I wasn't able to perform at my best. It was tough not just for me, but it was tough because I didn't represent the school as best I could."

Carroll did not walk away from the event empty handed as she garnered All-America honorable mention honors, her third straight year to earn at least All-America honorable mention. Thursday evening, Carroll finished the 200-meter IM in 2:00.48, the fastest time in school history on a yard-measured course. Carroll also earned All-America honorable mention in the 200-meter IM when she finished in 14th place in 2005 and ninth place in 2004.

Hutchinson, competing in her first ever NCAA championships, was also forced to swim two of her three events after she got sick. After finishing 38th in the 500-meter freestyle on Thursday evening with a time of 5:11.91, only 16 seconds behind her season best, Hutchinson competed in both the 400-meter IM and 1:05.60-meter freestyle while under the weather. Hutchinson, however, did not let the virus stop her from posting the sixth fastest time in school history in the 1:05.60-meter freestyle as she took 25th place with a time of 1:06.92.

"The virus affected the girls tremendously," coach Carrie Nixon said. "Katie had a shot to win the whole thing and for her to come out 13 seconds slower is devastating especially because her focus all year has been on that event. As for Claire, for her to turn around on Saturday (in the 1:05.60-meter freestyle) and swim so well was amazing."

Although it was clear that the virus affected Carroll and Hutchinson's performance, both swimmers showed their desire and toughness just by competing on Friday and Saturday. After spending Friday afternoon in the hospital, the two swimmers returned Friday evening to finish their events. Carroll and Hutchinson were the only swimmers affected by the virus to get in the pool on Friday and Saturday.

"Tough is the perfect word to describe what they did, and it really shows the quality of their character," Nixon said. "It was a very inspiring thing, and it got a lot of compliments from other coaches and swimmers."

Julia Quinn, the only Irish swimmer not affected by the virus, turned in an impressive performance as she finished in 20th place in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:15.24. Her time was the seventh fastest for the event in school history and just off her season best time of 2:14.27. Quinn also finished in 33rd in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:03.63.

Although Notre Dame was hoping for a better performance at last week's NCAA championships, they walked away from it knowing they can improve and are motivated to show just that. "We're capable of so much more than what we showed last weekend," Carroll said. "I think we're going to show a lot of people that next year."
Baseball

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The Raiders increased their advantage again in the seventh inning. Third baseman Ian Biedenharn led off the inning against Notre Dame reliever Tony Williamson and walked. Then, designated hitter Brian Shoup laid a bunt down the first base line. Both Williamson and Cooper went for the ball, leaving first base uncovered and, although second baseman Ross Brezovsky tried to cover the bag, Williamson’s throw ended up bounding into right field. Biedenharn advanced to third on the error.

“We had a miscommunication between our first baseman and our pitcher, which created a bad situation,” Mainieri said.

The next batter, rightfielder Amin Abusaleh, singled, driving in Biedenharn and putting the Raiders up 4–1.

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Questions, optimism mark start of spring practice

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Charlie Weis kicked off the beginning of the spring football schedule Tuesday at Notre Dame's annual spring media day, saying the team's optimis­tic for the coming weeks will be to raise the team's expectations.

"I think that last year the football team just didn't know at this point whether they were going to be any good or not," Weis said. "I'm hoping they're not satisfied with the season they had last year. I know that I'm not satisfied with the season that we had last year."

Weis said he installed a large banner in the Guglielmino to help motivate the Irish players. The sign reads, "9-3 is not good enough."

"I'm hoping this time around that raising the expectations should be a rather simple task," he said. "We return 17 guys that are basically starters — nine on defense and eight on offense. We should expect a much higher level of performance this spring."

The goal was one of four Weis highlighted for the team's 15 prac­tices over the next month leading up to the annual Blue-Gold game April 22. The first practice begins today at 5 p.m. at Carter Field. He begin by saying he will con­centrate on dividing his time equally between different aspects of the game in the coming weeks, not solely focusing on the offense.

"I probably didn't do a very good job being a head coach last spring," he said. "I think I did a pretty good job being an installer of the offense, but I don't think I did a very good job as a head coach. This year, I think I'll be able to spend more time on special teams and more time on defense than I did last year."

Weis said his second goal is to "self-scout" his own team to elimi­nate unnecessary plays and improve in several areas.

"We've explored the 2005 sea­son, and there's some obvious dedications that slip out in the face," he said. "We have to fix the problems we had last year. We also have to expand our packages."

ND ATHLETICS

Changing regulations

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Subscribers to Notre Dame recruiting Web sites used to enjoy the privilege of down­loading unbridged, 60-minute press conferences with Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis. But as spring football practices begin today, an hour with Weis has become "Three­Minutes with Charlie."

IrishIllustrated.com, a mem­ber of the rivals.com recruiting network, is calling video highlights from press confer­ences just that, as Web sites are now packaging highlights of Weis' press conferences into condensed versions for viewers after the University announced it was restricting outside media access to the coach.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish take first loss of season

Team registers wins over JMU and Loyola

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end. On Sunday, the Irish felt the pain of defeat as they suc­cumbed to the Northwestern Wildcats 21-12 in their first loss of the season.

The Irish came out of the gate fired up, quickly gaining 6-2 and 8-4 leads early on in the game. It seemed that the Irish were ready to exercise the ghosts of seasons past — most notably last season's 20-12 loss to the Wildcats — and 8-4 win against one of the nation's top teams a year ago.

But the tables turned soon after Notre Dame met Northwestern. The Irish fell to the Wildcats 21-12 in the first half, as the Wildcats outplayed the Irish in the second stanza.

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Infielder Brett Lilley waits in position during Tuesday's game against Wright State, a 4-2 Irish loss.

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