Administrators question Facebook postings

Faculty, staff at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's view students' profiles

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

As a growing number of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students poke, post and tag their way into the Facebook universe, administrators on both campuses are taking a closer look into the social-networking Web site—in some cases, creating their own accounts and viewing student profiles.

Facebook, created two years ago by Mark Zuckerberg, has exploded in popularity across college campuses nationwide. And since the only requirement for membership is a “.edu” e-mail address, virtually any staff member with a University e-mail address can join.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said there is no formal policy “that would prohibit or require” the use of Facebook in discussions for students.

“The Facebook Web site has grown so quickly that no one can say for sure what it will become in the future,” Kirk said. “And because this is the case, it forces us to take a more cautious approach to Facebook’s potential. What if the site expands to include something beyond its current capabilities? What if it becomes a forum for discussions that we don’t want anyone to see?”

After giving a brief introduction to Facebook, Jenkins fielded questions for nearly an hour in a forum arranged by the Graduate Student Union in Bolliardo 101.

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Grad students engage academic freedom issue

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

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February 2004 — Harvard University student Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook.com

March 2005 — An Oklahoma University student is investigated by the Secret Service after he mentioned assassinating President George W. Bush in his user profile

October 2005 — Fischer University expels a student who publicly criticized a prominent campus security officer on Facebook

January 2006 — A gay student at John Brown University, a Christian college, is expelled for posting photos of himself dressed in drag

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Wedding bells toll as graduation approaches

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame seniors Victoria Wittner and Dan DeMassa first discussed marriage while studying abroad in Innsbruck near the end of sophomore year. While Wittner and DeMassa—who began dating at the beginning of that year knew they were right for one another, they decided not to take any definite steps towards marriage until graduation drew near.

And drew near it did. As the two drove to DeMassa’s Cleveland home the first weekend of the fall semester, they approached a roadside spot where they traditionally stopped to kiss. DeMassa flipped on the car’s hazard lights as he pulled over, and while such a stop was hardly unusual, Wittner knew something was going to happen.

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College completes self-study

By MEGAN O’NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Two years of research and self-analysis will come to a head at Saint Mary's today as representatives of the Higher Learning Commission conclude a three-day campus visit as part of a reaccreditation process.

Led by Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White and Director of the Center for Academic Innovation Pat Pierce, the College compiled a 134-page self-study report that examines the progress of the institution over the last ten years and its direction in the future.

Pierce described the report, two years in the making, as a "really unique one ... very different from accreditations in the past."

In the past, the report has been more like an inventory of the College, Pierce said, and included data such as the number of students enrolled and the number of volumes in the...
Three phones and counting ...

If only my cell phone had nine lives...

This year, I learned that nothing in life comes easy. All college students are faced with daily challenges and, as part of the growing up process, need parents to support them without the help of their parents. Some things that seem simple can just drive you crazy. What specific simple thing I am referring to is the almighty cell phone. I have had the unfortunate experience as to break/drop/lose/damage my cell phone multiple times this year. Was it my fault? Well, yes, sometimes it was. Dropping the cell phone down multiple flights of stairs was all me. Some things, though, were out of my control. I mean who put that toilet there?

Going against my parents’ advice, I guess a belt clip would avoid all of the dropping and mishandling, but what in that?

For me, it is hard enough to keep track of my cell phone, but trying to get a new one entirely in South Bend is a nightmare. It has taught me to appreciate the essence of the cell phone and protect it with my life so I don’t have to go through that ordeal again.

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CLAP anticipates response to report

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

After presenting a report on the living wage to University officials on March 8, members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) will get to hear the administration’s response in a meeting scheduled for Friday — appropriately, the end of Notre Dame’s Week of Action.

CLAP lead organizer Kamaria Porter said the meeting, which includes representatives from student government as well as CLAP members, is the first official feedback the group will receive from administrators since distributing the report asking for the institution of a living wage to University officials was made.

"We’re not quite sure how the meeting will go, but we’re looking forward to having a response," she said. "It’s always nice to know that our concerns are being heard and addressed."

Porter said Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Bob McQuade, Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers and possibly University President Father John Jenkins were expected to attend the meeting.

"As detailed by the report, a living wage is ‘the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour work-week to support a family of four,'" Porter said. "CLAP hopes it comes out of the semester — if not Friday’s meeting — with the creation of a joint task force made up of students, campus workers, administrators and potentially alumni.

"The task force could bring together the scholarly minds in theology and economics, the administrators who deal with budgeting, the students who genuinely care and have been researching this for quite awhile, the workers who are affected by this and who do not currently have a voice and the alumni who are invested in what happens at this University," Porter said.

Harvard University instated a similar joint task force to support their campus living wage movement, on which Porter said CLAP modeled their idea. Notre Dame’s task force would work to finding a living wage while still maintaining an ‘effective and efficient university,’" Porter said.

Porter said she doesn’t know what will happen at Friday’s meeting but said CLAP will remain optimistic and open-minded.

"CLAP has done a lot of talking up to this point, so now we’re ready to listen," she said.

As part of the Week of Action, Porter also said CLAP Day. The group will work to raise awareness of its cause and encourage students to sign a living wage petition, Porter said. She said the petition currently has approximately 600 signatures.

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Robert Putnam
Professor of Public Policy
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Sunday, April 2 at 4:00pm
Jordan Auditorium Mendoza College of Business

Robert Putnam’s book, Bowling Alone, seems to have struck a chord with many concerned with the decline of civic engagement in the United States over the last thirty years.

A question and answer session will follow Professor Putnam’s presentation.

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Students aid social service agency

Notre Dame students win Indiana Careers Consortium competition

Special to the Observer

Four teams of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, Loras College and Indiana University South Bend weren’t told much about issues facing the Marshall County Neighborhood Center in Plymouth, Ind. — only that it was having difficulties meeting the needs of the community’s changing demographics.

With that limited information, and in the spirit of the first case competition hosted by the Indiana Careers Consortium earlier this semester at Saint Mary’s, their task was to fill in the missing pieces through research and then offer solutions.

One of the oldest social service agencies in Marshall County, the Neighborhood Center, a United Way agency, was founded 23 years ago and currently runs a food pantry; provides clothing, furniture, appliances, household goods and toys; and offers life skills, budget counseling and energy assistance.

While most of these services have always been offered there, a recent restructuring of the center’s board of directors resulted in a new goal. Rather than simply handing out charity, the center now strives to foster independence among its beneficiaries.

"Because of our changes, we needed help creating a new public image and revising our internal structure and fundraising efforts," said Jerry Nikitas, the center’s director.

That’s where the students came in. But, under the guidelines of the competition, they weren’t told exactly what was needed unless they asked the right questions.

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Seniors Chelsea Horgan and Ryan O'Larey knew from the beginning that they would one day marry. They met at a Keenan Hall dorm party in the spring of their sophomore year and got engaged the following fall when O'Larey proposed on the Dumbo ride in Disney World. A week into their relationship, O'Larey said, “So this is what I feel’s like to fall in love.”

Two years later, that conclusion has only been reinforced. “From that point on, it was pretty much settled in both of our minds that we would eventu­ally get married,” he said. “When we knew, we knew. I would say I was completely comfortable asking Chelsea to marry me the first time after the first week of our relationship.”

Though she acknowledged some people might think junior young to give or receive proposals of marriage, Horgan echoed O’Larey’s certainty in their decision to get engaged. “We never really gave a thought to postponing the inevitable, so we were willing to get engaged really early,” she said. “It was something we have always been serious about, and we’re more and more excited to get married.”

Horgan and O’Larey will marry in July.

Seniors, when Ryan and Jonny Struemph can’t remember exactly when they first talked about marriage, but like Horgan and O’Larey, they quickly grew sure they wanted to spend their lives together.

“It was probably earlier than most people would expect,” Struemph said. “When we got into a relationship, it felt right from the start.”

Junior Daralee Thomas said she first spoke of marriage with her fiancé, Indiana University junior Zach Hughes. Since they began dating in college, their relationship developed over long phone conversa­tions – a condition that she said prompted them to get to know each other much deeper than if they had been physically together.

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**International News**

Ex-Libyan warlord disappears

ABUJA, Nigeria — Former Libyan warlord Charles Taylor slipped away just after Nigeria reluctantly agreed to transfer him to a war crimes tribunal, and the White House suggest­ed Tuesday they were not upset.

The Nigerian government said Taylor van­ished Monday night from his villa in the southern­ city of Calabar, where he had lived in exile since being forced out by U.S.-led forces in 2005 peace deal that ended Liberia's civil war.

The announcement came three days after poisoning fears mounted as a result of the possibility he was again in Nigeria, which refused to cooperate with Washington over a peace deal that ended Liberia' s civil war.

President Olusegun Obasanjo — under pres­sure from Washington and others — agreed to surrender Taylor to a U.N.-backed tribunal. He would be the first African leader to face trial for crimes against humanity.

One million protest French labor law

PARIS — More than one million people poured into the streets across France and stirred­ ers disrupted air, rail and bus travel Tuesday — even as the Élysée Palace offered a compromise.

Injuries in the capital were tallied at 46 demon­strators and nine police officers.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy later invited some 200 police officers, some still wearing their protective gear, to the Interior Ministry for wine and snacks.

**National News**

Moussaoui offers self-testimony

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Ali Gaido conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui offered last month to testify for prosecutors against himself at his death-penalty trial and told agents that he did not want to die in prison, according to last-minute testimony Tuesday.

The bizarre testimony capped a trial that has seen more than its share of the unusual over three tumultuous weeks. Introduced as part of a brief government rebuttal case, this testimony may be the firmest evidence the 33-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent hopes for a pardon through execution and could provide fodder for the closing argu­ments of some accusers and Moussaoui's court-appointed defense attorneys.

War-crimes trials trouble Court

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices appeared troubled Tuesday by President Bush's plans to hold war-crimes trials for alleged terrorist attack plotters — Republicans have been urg­ing the president to bring in new advisers with fresh energy. The Court has been asked to decide if he can be put on trial with fewer legal protections before a type of military tribunal last used in the World War II-era.

**Local News**

Indiana ups security for Final Four

INDIANAPOLIS — Tens of thousands of Final Four visitors coming to the city this week will see an expected increase in security along with Hoosier hospitality.

"We have to inconvenience people a little more than we wish we did," said Gov. Mitch Daniels. "But I think we'll walk the balance between safety and fun as well as we can be." 

Indianapolis hasn't hosted a Men's Final Four since 2000 — a year before the 2001 terrorist attacks heightened security for many venues.

**Israel**

Olmert declares party's victory

Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert visits Jerusalem's Western Wall after exit polls pre­dicted a Kadima party victory in Israel's general elections Tuesday.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared victory for his centrist Kadima party in Israel's elections Tuesday, vowing to act on his campaign promise to draw Israel's final borders and "painfully" uproot Jewish settle­ments with the Palestinians as a basis.

Staying below a massive portrait of his mentor Ariel Sharon, Olmert addressed chanting Kadima members after exit polls and media reports of early results pre­dicted the party would have enough seats in par­liament to form a ruling coalition.

Building on the vision of Sharon, who formed the party shortly before suc­cumbing to a devastating stroke that left him in a coma, Olmert claimed mandate to withdraw from much of the West Bank and set Israel's borders as he has said he will do by 2010.

The turnout was the low­est in Israel's history, and the results showed voters turning away from conven­tion­al political parties to an assortment of third parties with agendas ranging from pension rights to the legalization of marijuana.

The aftermath will likely be a period of difficult negoti­ations between Olmert and potential coalition part­ners.

"Today, Israeli democra­cy has spoken its piece in a loud and clear voice," Olmert declared, "Israel wants, Kadhima," which means forward in Hebrew.

Olmert said he was ready for new peace talks and was prepared to make painful compromises — as uprooting some Jewish settle­ments in the West Bank might be — to achieve this in an agree­ment with the Palestinians.

Olmert has said he would govern only with parties that accept his program, and projections showed a center-left coalition captur­ing 61 to 65 seats in the 120-member parliament. The hawkish parties fell far short of their plan to win enough seats to block Olmert's program.

As Israel held its election, the Palestinian parliament approved a new Cabinet led by the Hamas militant group. The outgoing Palestinian Prime Minister Jamil Hamdy told Al­Jazeera television that he opposed Olmert's plan. "Such a plan definitely won't be accepted by the Palestinian people or the Palestinian government," he said.

Allies of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a moderate from the Fatah Party, called for immedi­ately renewing talks on the internationally backed "road map" peace plan under the auspices of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which he heads.

Olmert has said he sup­ports the road map but will not want indefinitely for a peace deal and would move unilaterally after a reason­able period of time.

Turning to the Palestinians, Olmert said, "We are prepared to com­promise, give up parts of our beloved land of Israel, remove, painfully, Jews who live there, to allow you the conditions to achieve your hopes and to live in a state in peace and quiet."

"The time has come for the Palestinians ... to relate to the existence of the state of Israel, to accept only part of their dream, and to stop terror, to accept democracy and accept compromise and peace with us," he said.

Bush names Bolton new chief of staff

WASHINGTON — Struggling to revive his troubled presidency, President Bush replaced longtime chief of staff Andy Card with budget direc­tor Joshua Bolten on Tuesday.

Before being named budget direc­tor in 2003, Bolten was Card's deputy chief of staff for policy, a colleague of such senior aides as top political strategist Karl Rove and White House counselor Dan Bartlett.

"He's a man of candor and humor and directness, who's comfortable with responsibility and knows how to lead. No person is better prepared for this important position," Bush said of Bolten. "He's a man of candor and humor and directness, who's comfortable with responsibility and knows how to lead. No person is better prepared for this important position."

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Jenkins said he agreed with the
prepared statement sent to him
by graduate students and their
point that the principles he articu­
lated in his addresses were not
completely clear. The addresses
were intended to start the dis­
cussion, not deliver a final deci­
sion, he said.

"My initial talk was meant to
affirm both academic freedom
and Catholic character," Jenkins
said. "Obviously they have to be
affirm both as a part of any [Catholic]
University.' Father John Jenkins
University President

Jenkins restated the importance of
all contributors to the debate and
denied that any
group has a particu­
larly strong influ­
ence based on its
financial power.

"You cannot say to the alumni,
'We'll do exactly what you want,'
but you can't say that to the stu­
dents or faculty either," Jenkins
said. "I think it is wrong to say
we better not do what we think
is right because we'll lose
money. But this is the very
reason we are here as uni­
versities. They rely on people
outside the university to support
what they're doing. What we do is,
in a large extent, based on the fact
that people support us,
financially and otherwise."

Jenkins repeated
he has not
made a final
decision on the statue of next
year's production of "The Vagina
Monologues." He did, however,
explain how he feels repetition
can imply endorsement.

"If the political science depart­
ment invited President Bush to
speak five years in a row and did
not invite an equally prominent
Democrat, wouldn't everyone
say that the political science
department favors
Repub­
cilans?" Jenkins said. "No
sharp lines can be drawn here,
but we need to be conscious of
that and use discretion in mak­
ing judgments."

Graduate students also dis­
cussed a number of situations
that they believed could poten­
tially pose problems if academic
freedom is restricted at Notre
Dame.

Jenkins said artistic freedom
should not be limited, saying
while art is sometimes provoca­
tive, that is acceptable for a uni­
versity.

While he said it would be
appropriate to cover an obscene
artwork if children were passing
through the gallery, he also con­
irmed the artist's right to create
the work and display it within
the bounds of the University.

Another student questioned
whether a chemical engineering
dissertation would be allowed if
bone cell tissue from an aborted
fetus was used.

Jenkins said these types of sit­
cuations could be problematic.

"I don't think we would do that
if there were some fundamental
values that institutionally if we
don't affirm, we should cease
calling ourselves Catholic," Jenkins
said. "I don't know that particular case, but I do feel that
there is a conflict, because
Catholic view says that's a
human being, and you shouldn't
destroy humans for research
purposes."

Jenkins could not stay to
answer every question but
thanked students for their inter­
est and input.

He also urged members of the
Notre Dame community to con­
tinue to share their views with
him.

"As [Irish author] James Joyce
said about Catholics, 'Here
comes everyone.' We want a
diversity of views," Jenkins
said.

"I think we're a better university
with wider views, with a more
vibrant face.

"If the Catholic institutional
identity is going to be main­
tained, someone once told me
it's going to be maintained at
Notre Dame."

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Fed resumes rate-raising campaign  
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve's new boss, Ben Bernanke, has the same concern as the old boss — that inflation could flare up. So interest rates are likely to move higher.

Bernanke, at his first meeting as Fed chairman, reiterated backing costs to a five-year high and hinted that an additional interest rate increase could be in store. In doing so, Bernanke stuck to the script written by his predecessor, Alan Greenspan, who had run the central bank for 18 years.

"The more things change, the more they remain the same," observed economist Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Wrapping up a two-day meeting Tuesday, Bernanke and his Fed colleagues struck a mostly positive tone, saying the economy "reboun ded strongly" in the January-to-March quarter from an end-of-year fall. But Fed policymakers raised concerns about the potential for inflation to take off.

Consumer confidence rises in March  
NEW YORK — Americans' optimism in the economy rebounded in March, sending a widely followed barometer of consumer sentiment to a five-year high, a private research group said Tuesday.

The Conference Board said that its consumer index climbed 4.5 points to 107.2, the highest level since May 2002, when the reading was 110.7. Analysts had expected a reading of 102.

The latest measure was up from a revised 102.7 in February, which was down 4.1 points from January, the board said. The index is based on responses from a random survey of about 5,000 households conducted across the United States in late March.

"The improving economic indicators' assessment of present-day conditions is yet another sign that the economy gained steam in early 2006," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement. "Consumer expectations, while improved, remain subdued, yet still suggest a cooling in activity in the latter half of this year."

The upbeat report on consumer confidence is an encouraging sign for retailers, whose sales of spring fashion have been been uneven amid cool temps. Economists closely track consumer confidence because consumer spending accounts for two thirds of all U.S. economic activity.

Prosecution rests in Enron trial  
HOUSTON — Federal prosecutors rested their fraud and conspiracy case Tuesday against former Enron Chief Executive Jeffery Skilling and other members of the Enron executive team.

"We're looking forward to getting our case out there — the live case in front of the jury — and telling reporters outside the federal courthouse in Houston about what happened," said Joel Altmann, a prosecutor on the case.

Their defense teams will begin presenting their case in the premier trial to emerge from Enron's rubble Monday, but other witnesses are likely to be overshadowed by the main event, when Lay and Skilling take the stand.

"We are anxious to get our story told," said lead Skilling lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, his client at his side.

Prosecutors declined comment, as is customary during a high-profile trial.

Lay and Skilling will enter the defense phase a little lighter because U.S. District Judge Sim Lake approved a government request to drop several charges against them for which it had presented no evidence. Two counts of securities fraud and one count of lying to auditors remained.

Skilling were dropped, leaving 28 criminal counts against him. There is no account of securities fraud against Lay was dropped, leaving six in his case.

Lay denied routine requests from the defense for acquittal.

The dropped counts against Skilling stemmed from allegations the former chief executive signed a fraudulent quarterly report submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission, lied about Enron's health during a first-quarter earnings conference call, and signed a statement to auditors that vouched for forged financial statements.

The count against Lay that was dropped was growing from allegations the company founder lied to analysts about Enron's finances during a conference call.

GM lays off hundreds of employees  
DETROIT — General Motors Corp. laid off several hundred white-collar workers Tuesday as part of a plan to bring its ailing North American operations back to profitability.

It was the first round of a 10,000 job cuts, which should take GM's work force to 200,000, down from a peak of 250,000 in 2000.

The layoffs are GM's second major jobs-related announcement since October, when GM warned that it was losing $2.5 billion a quarter and was cutbacks by 20 percent in the next year. It was the first round of salaried workers it would offer buyouts of between $35,000 and $140,000 to its 113,000 U.S. hourly workers, GM Salaried workers aren't eligible for those buyouts.

Chuck Moore, a director at the Detroit restructuring management firm Conway, Mackenzie and Danley, said he wouldn't use the money to carry or buy Enron stock on margin. That case will be tried without a jury before Lake, beginning later in the month. Prosecutors believe there is "a chance" that the most valued employees will walk out the door on their own and GM will have difficulties attracting new employees.

Herta said GM's timeline for layoffs is based on the requirements to run the business. The size of GM's salaried work force is similar to one of its key competitors, Ford Motor Co., which has around 45,000 salaried employees. But Ford is in the midst of its own restructuring, and Moore said GM can't keep up.

"They have to cut in every area possible," Moore said. "The number of employees they have right now is still substantially higher than what their current market share will support."
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plurary situations, but cautioned that students must be prudent with what they reveal on their profiles.

"I just don't think there's much on the communication of privacy on Facebook and students are misguided if they expect privacy on a public medium — that would be a misunderstanding," Kirk said.

Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoup would not specify how many in his office have Facebook identities, but said "at least one of us" has a Facebook account.

"I'd say every couple of weeks someone is accessing Facebook from the Office of Residence Life and Housing," he said.

So what exactly do University administrators do on Facebook?

"I'll give you an example," Shoup said. "Say a student comes in and says 'I've never been underage in a bar,' and I said 'So if I pull you up on Facebook, would you see something on your profile that's a problem?' And they said 'sure,' and I might pull them up, and if they have a picture of themselves in a bar, I think that would be a problem." Kirk and Shoup both stressed that they are not using Facebook as a tool to uncover potential DuLac violations. ResLife has not taken punitive measures based on the content of a student's profile; Shoup said.

"I'm not going to sit here all evening to see if people are violating policy, but if a student has been accused already, I might take a look and check out Facebook," Shoup said.

But administrators and rectors alike are aware of Facebook and — in light of national news stories about the dangers of the third party site — becoming increasingly skeptical of it. Farley rector Sister Carinne Etheridge, who does not have a Facebook account, said she is aware of Facebook's pervasive uses on college campuses, thanks to a cautionary e-mail she received from Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman earlier this semester.

The e-mail included a copy of a news story about administrators at Pennsylvania State University who used Facebook to track down and punish students who stormed the football field after Penn State's win over Ohio State last fall. Etheridge said, "It was more FVI," she said. "(Poorman) sends us things periodically..." Etheridge said the information from Poorman did not indicate that similar actions would be taken by the University, but the e-mail strengthened her resolve to watch Facebook.

"The other thing I worry about with Facebook is that things that students do put on Facebook that are not appropriate could come back to them when they're trying to get a job... I think that's a real shame to be up for a really great job but to find that someone can access that Facebook account and have a picture of themselves with revealing clothing," Etheridge said. For Navy ROTC (NROTC) units, Facebook is not a private site. "Like I said, it's public domain," he said. "If someone sees something on Facebook, they can access it. It's just up to the students..." Etheridge said that students must be prudent with Facebook accounts. She said she has received "numerous e-mails" from Navy ROTC units at other universities around the nation, most of which advise Morris to "check and see what your midshipmen are posting on Facebook."

He said he's only had to speak with "one or two" midshipmen about their profiles. If he finds a profile that has questionable photographs on it, he will call the midshipman into his office — but no punitive measures are taken. "It is not the advisor talk to them and say 'Hey, I happen to be surfing Facebook today, I saw your site, are you sure your mother or grandmother would be OK with you have on there?'

What Notre Dame students and midshipmen must remember, Shoup said, is that Facebook is not a private site. "I rarely just go in to look around," Russell said. "I just don't have the time." Facebook is also accessed by department chairs, like nursing department chair Linda Zoeller. She has an account on Facebook and said two or three others in her department have Facebook accounts. "I have every right to be on Facebook's privacy page," Zoeller said. "I'd say every couple of weeks someone is accessing Facebook from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Jeffrey Shoup
director
Residence Life and Housing

Linda Zoeller
chair
Saint Mary's nursing department

"I have every right to be on Facebook as much as anyone else. That's something I'm entitled to do like any other person with a 'edu' address." Zoeller said in an e-mail. Zoeller has not taken punitive action in regards to what she has seen on Facebook. Instead, she uses the site as a point of discussion in her classes, warning students that the corporate world's potential predators could be roaming the site and reminding students that Facebook is not a third party site — becoming increasingly skeptical of it. Farley rector Sister Carinne Etheridge, who does not have a Facebook account, said she is aware of Facebook's pervasive uses on college campuses, thanks to a cautionary e-mail she received from Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman earlier this semester.

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Jeffrey Shoup
director
Residence Life and Housing

'House, apartment or dorm a mess and you don't feel like cleaning? Call Dustbusters Cleaning Crew to do it for you! Call 732-948-6508 to set up an appointment.'
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Facebook user logs on six times per day, another Web site spokesman told the New York Times in January. Facebook’s magnetism has drawn its largest following from students, who register with school e-mail addresses to set up personal pages on which they can post photo albums, class schedules and personal information such as political affiliation and sexual orientation. The site’s users can also send private messages, join groups or upload albums to another user’s “Wall” — an interactive and ongoing personal message board.

Students often feel comfort making confidences about possibly embarrassing photographs or including candid information on their Facebook profiles. Private information can usually only be accessed by a “Friend” or schoolmate. Additionally, all Facebook users must have valid “edu” e-mail addresses.

But students are not the only people with such addresses. University administrators, professors, police officers, coaches and students can also have college e-mail accounts — and non-students have begun to use Facebook as an investigative tool at campuses across the country to find clues.

The issue has become so rampant that the interactive online encyclopedia Wikipedia now features the topic. "Facebook’s use in investigations." College administrators have begun to warn students to remove “inappropriate” material, as employers might search their profiles. Coaches worry the Web site might cause trouble for student-athletes bound by a stringent NCAA code of conduct.

The Hanover Police Department in New Hampshire admittedly uses Facebook as a tool for tracking down suspected student lawbreakers at Dartmouth College, according to a Feb. 3, 2006 article in the school’s student newspaper, The Dartmouth. Police Chief Nicholas Glaccene said the department “maintains a collection of Facebook accounts” — which were created after police caught a number of e-mail addresses from the College for that specific purpose.

According to its Terms of Use, the Facebook is available for “personal, noncommercial use only.” But unless users implement the necessary privacy settings in their profiles, information published on Web site is public — a scary thought for students who wish to keep their Facebook world at a safe distance from the real world.

Alcoholics not-so-anonymous
According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an “overwhelming majority” of all college students — 48 percent — have used alcohol. Not surprisingly, the pervasiveness of the habit is often chronicled in the Facebook profiles of undergraduates and of age drinkers alike.

Students have recently faced disciplinary action for alcohol violations at some universities not for possession of a substance or intoxication, but rather for incriminating Wall posts, group affiliations or published photos.

Fifteen North Carolina State University students were charged with alcohol offenses last fall because of pictures posted on their Facebook profiles, according to an Oct. 29, 2005 article in the school’s student newspaper, The Daily Technician. That November, four students at Northern Kentucky University — a dry campus — received $50 fines for posting photos that showed students drinking from a keg at a dorm party.

Students’ unseen acts of misconduct have also been punished by campus administrators. In October, the Berry College campus police broke up a freshman party on campus after a student jokingly sent the chief of police an invitation through Facebook.

In November, Emory University officials slapped members of the Facebook group “Dobbs 2nd Alcoholics” with conduct code violations. A popular Emory dorm group, “Woodruff-Wasted,” was also investigated. In a Nov. 22, 2005 article in the Emory Wheel, the group’s creator said members only discussed “having fun in Woodruff” and said no photos of students drinking were ever posted on Facebook.

Other offenses
In February, four Syracuse University students were forced to meet with a judicial committee and placed on disciplinary probation for creating the Facebook group. "Clearly [instructor’s first name] does..." "he asked what she’s doing over.” Members personally identified through a Facebook thread at the group site.

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Reagan defense secretary Weinberger dies
Conservative statesman remembered for role in ending the Cold War, involvement in 'arms-for-hostages' controversy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Casper W. Weinberger, who oversaw the Pentagon's biggest peacetime spending increase as President Reagan's defense secretary and later was indicted for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, died Tuesday. He was 88.

Weinberger had been hospitalized in Bangor, Maine, with a high fever and pneumonia brought on by his age, according to his son, Caspar Weinberger Jr.

President Bush called him "an American statesman and a dedicated public servant" who strengthened the military and helped end the Cold War. "This good man made many contributions to our nation," the president said in a statement.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said, "He left the U.S. armed forces stronger, our country safer and the world more stable a generation ago than when he took over a cumulative $2 trillion in defense spending increase as President Reagan's defense secretary and later was indicted for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, died Tuesday. He was 88.

Weinberger served as President Nixon's budget director and was given the nickname "Cap the Knife" for his efforts to slash government spending. Yet Weinberger's best-known role may have been as Reagan's defense secretary, when the classic cold warrior presided over a cumulative $2 trillion in military spending.

Determined to ensure U.S. strategic strength to counter the Soviet Union, Weinberger pushed Congress to fund such programs as the Strategic Defense Initiative, Midgetman programs as the Strategic Soviet Union, Weinberger oversaw the Pentagon's biggest peacetime spending increase as President Reagan's defense secretary and later was indicted for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, died Tuesday. He was 88.

Weinberger occasionally spoke of his wife and two young children. "Peace alone is not enough.

He'd earlier rejected independent counsel Lawrence Walsh's plea-bargain offer to testify against his longtime friends and colleagues — including Reagan — and plead guilty to a misdemeanor.

Weinberger had said he was innocent of all the charges and considered the indictment a political attack.

After the pardon was announced, Walsh alleged that "the Iran-Contra cover-up, which has continued for more than six years, has now been completed."

Weinberger's son said Tuesday, "My father was just a world diplomat, a No. 1 great American patriot. He always stayed the course. He always had beliefs, he held to those beliefs."

In 1993, Weinberger, a self-described "frightened newspaperman" — he was president of the Harvard Crimson — joined Forbes to become the magazine's fourth publisher. In 1993 he was named chairman of Forbes Inc.

Weinberger occasionally spoke on current affairs in recent years. In 1996, he criticized then-Defense Secretary William J. Perry for refusing to announce publicly that the U.S. would defend Taiwan if China fired missiles at the island.

He told a Nebraska group in 1999 that despite victories in the Cold War and Gulf War, the United States still faced threats.

"Peace alone is not enough. Peace can even mean slavery sometimes. Peace and freedom is what we have to have," Weinberger said.

In 1983, he argued that a force of U.S. Marines stationed at Beirut's airport was too small and lightly armed, calling them a "disaster waiting to happen." On Oct. 22, 1983, 241 Marines and sailors were killed in attacks on the barracks.

Former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, left, shown sitting beside President Ronald Reagan, center, and Secretary of State Alexander Haig, right, died Tuesday at the age of 88.

Associated Press

BOONVILLE, Ind. — A judge on Tuesday sentenced a former Indiana state trooper to life in prison for the murders of his wife and two young children.

Democrats earlier this month convicted David Camm of three counts of murder for the September 2000 slayings of Kimberly Camm, 35, and seven-year-old Bradley and five-year-old Jill.

At the same time Camm's trial was under way, another jury across the state was bearing testimony that led them to convict an ex-convict in the same killings.

Prosecutors said the two men conspired to carry out the shootings.

"This jury should have heard the whole story of Charles Boney as the killer of my family," Camm said tearfully in court Tuesday. "I do not understand this, and I never will."

Prosecutor Keith Henderson, who tried both Camm and Boney, said he did not believe Camm's emotional plea.

"Justice has been done here," he said. "This case is closed."

Because of evidence restrictions, jurors in Camm's trial were not told that Boney, 36, was convicted in January.

State trooper gets life

Indiana officer killed his wife, two children

Camm was first convicted in 2002 and sentenced in 1992 to 195 years in prison, but the state appeals court overturned the verdict, ruling that testimony about Camm's extramarital affairs had unfairly biased jurors.

The prosecution's case centered on the double-murder scene. Camm's wife, Kimberly, and her two children, seven-year-old Bradley and five-year-old Jill, were found dead on Dec. 22, 2000.

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Boney was charged with conspiring with Camm, convicted on three counts of murder and sentenced to 253 years in prison. He was linked to the case last year by DNA evidence on a prison sweat shirt bearing a palm print at the crime scene.

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Boney's conviction and prosecutors' allegations that Camm protected his daughter — something he was not charged with — will be central to an appeal Camm's attorneys have said they intend to file.
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UN hears consensus in Iran nuclear debate

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Iran has proposed setting up a nuclear fuel production facility within its borders with international help, the Iranian Embassy said Tuesday, as diplomats reported that the U.N. Security Council was "very close" to an agreement on how to confront Tehran's suspect program.

The new Iranian proposal is an alternative to Russia's offer to host Iran's nuclear fuel production as a way to ease concerns that enrichment conducted in Iran could be used to develop weapons. Iran maintains its atomic program is for generating electricity.

Russia said its enrichment offer was contingent on Iran resuming a moratorium on domestic enrichment, but the Iranians rejected that link.

"In terms of satisfying its needs, Tehran cannot remain dependent on international suppliers," the Iranian government said in the statement. "Iran would welcome the creation of an international nuclear fuel center on its territory with the participation of other countries and in the framework of an international consortium."

It was not clear whether the offer differed from one that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made before the U.N. General Assembly last September. At that time, he offered foreign countries and companies a role in uranium enrichment inside Iran. Iran also reiterated that Security Council intervention in the dispute would "escalate tensions, entailing negative consequences that would be of benefit to no party."

Nonetheless, the five veto-wielding members of the Security Council said Tuesday they were nearing a deal on a proposed statement addressing Iran. Russia and China have so far opposed a proposal from Britain, France and the United States that would demand Iran comply with demands that it suspend uranium enrichment.

"We have reached agreement on the bulk of the text, so there was movement on all sides, and now we need to see whether we can cross this last bridge but we're very close."

John Bolton
U.S. Ambassador

CHINA

Pope may visit China for maiden Vatican trip

Associated Press

HONG KONG: Pope Benedict XVI told a delegation from Hong Kong he will visit China in what would be an extraordinary papal visit to the communist nation, but he said the trip's timing depends on "God's wish," media reports said Tuesday.

One of the Vatican's goals is to restart official relations with China, which forced its Roman Catholics to cut ties with the Holy See in 1951 after the officially atheist Communists took power. People can worship only in government-controlled churches.

But millions of Chinese belong to unofficial Christian congregations that Beijing cannot control, let alone control, and the Vatican has refused to recognize the Chinese government's appointees as cardinals.

Pope John Paul II, the most-traveled pontiff in history, was unable to visit China during his 26-year papacy. Pope Paul VI made a three-hour stopover in Hong Kong in 1970 when it was a British colony.

"Please come to China to bring peace to our region," the newspaper reported in a front-page story.

"Hong Kong is part of China and perhaps he should come here as a first step," Hong Kong's South China Morning Post quoted Zen as saying.

The delegation included Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai, who told the pope Monday, "Please come to China to bring us love and democracy." Lai's Apple Daily newspaper reported in a front-page story.

The pope responded, "I will come," the newspaper reported.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spirit of inclusion appreciated

Sometime recently, I was walking through my dorm and came across a rather large rainbow flag inscribed with the words “Spirit of Inclusion” hanging in my dorm lobby. My first reaction was shock. Never in a million years did my first reaction was shock. Never in a million years did I expect to see a rainbow flag decorating a dorm on this campus (excluding students’ private rooms). My second was deep gratitude.

I am a senior and have been out on this campus for a little over three years now, and have been involved with the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Concerns on youth and violence against women have been inspiring. I appreciate this change and that persistent student groups on these issues even until her senior year. Her investment in challenging us on these issues is beyond popularity or filling a role. Redfield is disadvantaged by situations in which people cannot tell stories of victimization nor seek adequate her to this anger. I foresee that the changes the dialogue she has facilitated will make this campus better for all our daughters and sons.

I always get most of my admiration for being a single issue close to my heart. As many African American students could testify to, when I arrived here I know that fitting in was not a possibility. Boyd has reoriented a path to not only uplift the images and stories of minority students but also to invite majority students to enter conversation about cultures different from their own. Her push to create cultural competency is a tool that fits our role as an academic institution. We should value the amount of love, curiosity and care that Notre Dame students have for people who are so complex as we do for books and intelligible codes. Boyd realizes the potential of a university education to prepare people for life in diverse communities, not only a career. In her legacy stands the most interesting coat collection dorm competition, a campus wide sleep out for homeless, food program for social services and a half marathon for social concern. In her story stands the most interesting coat collection dorm competition, a campus wide sleep out for homeless, food program for social services and a half marathon for social concern. In her story stands the most interesting coat collection dorm competition, a campus wide sleep out for homeless, food program for social services and a half marathon for social concern. In her story stands the most interesting coat collection dorm competition, a campus wide sleep out for homeless, food program for social services and a half marathon for social concern.

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Kamaria Porter

Black, Irish and Catholic

For making social action accessible to the students here who are still struggling.

Tiffany Thompson

senior

Welsh Family Hall

March 28

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One's dignity may be assailed, vandalized and brutally mocked, but cannot be taken away unless it is surrendered."

Michael J. Fox

actor

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

THE OBSERVER

Mislabeled ones

In the final stretch of my column this series of column

career here at Notre Dame, I would like to take the opportunity for the second time to uplift some of the senior members of our community who have impacted this campus and taught me more than I ever knew. It means to be a student of Our Lady’s University. Considering that we find ourselves in the last week of Women’s history month, I think of the presence of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, historian and the best discipline in my - study and the corner of the phrase, "Well-behaved women seldom make history here and surely will in their career of life."

Jackie Clark is one of the first people I met at Notre Dame and I have had the real privilege to watch her develop and make mistakes during her tenure. Second only to maybe Madonna in reinventing her look, Clark can do no wrong. Before really knowing the result, she takes a swing. This in itself is rare, yet Clark couples her courage with social concern.

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I could not leave this column without mentioning Julia Fitzpatrick. Her parking practices aside, I have really benefited from seeing how she integrates prayer with social reflection. Whether it was planning a social justice rally, going to the School of the Americas, talking about her experience in Egypt or canvassing for votes on campus, Julia had a way to work with Fitzgerald because of the confidence and care she brings to such work. In her actions, one can sense that something deeper than ideas drives her. I suspect it is her faith and commitment to human dignity. I am also refreshed by her study of 2011 and plans to work on something related to the Middle East — engaging the other for peace and understanding.

Women make great leaders, teachers and counselors. We are blessed here to have these and many more Notre Dame students. No mistake, the mishap, take the lead and change our world. I am honored to have worked with, learned from and hope to receive my degree in their company.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major and is excited for today’s Presentation. She congratulates Paul Graham, who told her to apply for Viewpoint to long ago, on her writing this weekend. She can be contacted at kporter@nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

In the most simple manner I can think of, that GLBT students are embraced and recognized as part of the Notre Dame community and that discrimination and intolerance are not welcome in our halls. For that, I am incredibly grateful.

I recently found out that these flags were offered to all the hall residents but only a handful agreed to display them. For those who did, I would like to say thank you. For those who have not, I would like to ask you to reconsider. It could make all the difference in the world to a GLBT student living in your hall to see this symbol of acceptance. I can only imagine, if the flag had such a strong impact on someone like myself who has come to terms with my sexuality, what kind of impact it may have on the students here who are still struggling.

Tiffany Thompson

senior

Welsh Family Hall

March 28
The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is a community-based worker organization composed mainly of immigrants with low-wage jobs in the tomato fields of Florida. The CIW focuses its efforts towards achieving respectable working conditions and living wages for these traditionally oppressed people in the region, as well as the right to be heard by those in power. The CIW set out to achieve these goals, going door to door, chasing tomatoes from the fields they worked in. In 2001 the CIW announced a nationwide boycott of Taco Bell, whose parent company Yum Brands was found to be one of the largest buyers of their tomatoes. Four years later, in March of 2005, Taco Bell agreed to meet all the demands of the CIW. This huge step, however, applies to less than one percent of the tomatoes picked in Florida. Having won the battle against Taco Bell, the CIW is currently pressuring another fast-food giant, McDonald’s, to take responsibility for the workers’ rights of their supply chain. In the fall of last year, the CIW and the Student Farmworker Alliance (SFA) sent letters and postcards to McDonald’s asking for compliance to their demands. McDonald’s response was to sidestep the issue by supporting a new bogus organization called Socially Accountable Farm Employers (SAFE). The credibility of SAFE as an organization to “audit and certify fair, lawful farm labor practices in the agriculture industry” is called into question when looking at their corporate ties, in particular to McDonald’s.

In comparing McDonald’s to SAFE, many similarities appear between the two. Handling media work for SAFE is CBR Public Relations, a company who lists McDonald’s as one of its major clients and cites their corporate ties, in particular to McDonald’s. Clearly SAFE may not be quite as secure for the workers as its name implies. William E. Gladstone once said, “Justice delayed is justice denied.” The CIW has communicated with McDonald’s through negotiation, but no change has been made. Seemingly inspired by Gladstone, the CIW is now turning to more direct action to fight for the rights that every human being deserves.

Starting this past Sun., March 26, the CIW launched The Real Rights Tour, designed to travel the country educating students, among other allies, on the situation in Florida. Included in its destinations is our own University of Notre Dame. This Thurs., March 30, from 12:1-1:45 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library, the CIW will be presenting their experiences in the tomato fields and educating on the McDonald’s Campaign. They will then continue on, concluding their tour with a rally in Chicago, Illinois this coming Sat., April 1, in which some Notre Dame students will be participating.

Someone once said, “If you educate people, they will come down on the side of justice.” As members of the Notre Dame family, we have a great opportunity here to educate ourselves on what we can do in the fight for justice.

Nate Gibson
Rosa Lopez
Carlos Santos
March 27

Pirate mascots offensive too

I would like to voice my opinion on the ongoing debate that has emerged amongst different factions at Our Lady’s University regarding the name of our sporting teams. I tend to agree with Paul Richards, Sinead Hoyed, etc., in the attack on our mascot. This issue is very important to me, for being a sports fan I, too, am under constant assault of an unfortunate depiction of my people’s history. My father, you see, was a “pirate.”

Buccaneering has a long and rich history in the Bochonowski family. The ugly word “pirate,” however, harkens back to days when men with ships looted and pillaged and generally raising a ruckus. While there certainly is swashbuckling involved in the life of a buccaneer, the word is clearly associated with the negative aspects of the occupation.

Let me tell you, every day on the playground was terrible on the psyche of a young boy. “Where’s your eyepatch?” others would sing. “Where’s your parrot!” some kids would say.

Indeed in this day and age, pirates are forced into the main profession of their ilk—the service industry. Unfortunately, this industry is almost completely reliant on tourists, mostly Americans, who have no idea what real pirates are like. Therefore pirate movies and rides perpetuate an image of the drunken, makeup-wearing, pillaging sort. While there is drinking, there is very limited pillaging. And there is absolutely no makeup.

Myles Brand recently stated that, “The NCAA objects to institutions using racial/ethnic/national origin references in their inter-collegiate athletics programs.” If this is true, we must take one step further. We must get rid of every mascot that can possibly offend anyone.

I personally find Seton Hall’s mascot offensive. We cannot possibly stop there. My friend Robert’s father works at a ranch—change Oklahoma’s mascot? My friegen second cousin was mauled by a mountain lion—I say for her sake change Penn State’s mascot.

Stop the madness. We wouldn’t want to offend anyone.

Jim Bochonowski

‘Fighting Irish’ moniker testamen to character, not slur

Paul L. Richards’ letter on March 22 has gotten our Irish up, so to speak, by suggesting that the “Fighting Irish” nickname is offensive. As proud Irish-American Catholics and proud sons of Our Lady, we believe that the term “Fighting Irish” has become an indication of Notre Dame’s pride in and respect for her heritage, rather than a mere epithet.

We agree with Richards that the nickname “Fighting Irish” originally arose as a slur directed against Irish-Americans in general and the largely Irish-American student body of the University of Notre Dame in particular. We do not deny that the term has its roots in anti-Catholic and anti-Irish prejudice of the worst kind. However, we contend that the term “Fighting Irish” has taken on a dramatically different meaning in the decades since it was coined.

Since it became the official Notre Dame nickname in 1927 (at the behest of then-University President Rev. Matthew Fisher Hall), it exemplified the ability of our sports teams to succeed through determination and commitment to excellence. We believe the “Fighting Irish” nickname is a vital part of Notre Dame’s heritage. Rather than perpetuating a stereotype or shaming an ethnicity, the nickname represents Notre Dame’s character of triumph against all odds. We are proud to be known as the Fighting Irish, and hope it ever remains as an emblem of Notre Dame’s fighting spirit.

Brendan J. Hanchan
Michael F. Vallery
junior
Kerren Hall
March 27
Pair two industry veterans with impressive portfolios and savvy to match, then throw in an up-and-comer for good measure, and the result is more than a sound investment — it’s a blockbuster. Actor Denzel Washington reunites with director Spike Lee for their fourth collaboration in “Inside Man,” a heist film in which Washington plays Detective Keith Frazier, a cop trying to catch up with a bank robber (Clive Owen) who always seems to be one step ahead.

As one of the finest actors of his generation, it’s no coincidence that Washington’s surname is identical to that of George Washington, the founding father whose visage is printed on the dollar bill — Denzel is money, plain and simple. Washington’s currency as an actor is his versatility, as his talents include recent turns as an embattled football coach in 2002’s “John Q,” a bodyguard with a raps, “I ain’t Denzel but I know I’m a star.”

As one of the best emerging actors in Hollywood, Owen holds his own opposite Washington as Dalton Russell, a criminal mastermind who has seemingly crafted the perfect crime.

Owen’s stock has risen sharply as of late. After developing a cult following in a series of short films produced by auto manufacturer BMW in 2001, Owen made his debut as a lethal assassin opposite Matt Damon in “The Bourne Identity” in 2002. He followed “Bourne” with “King Arthur” in 2004, and “Closer” later that year. Owen then played the character Dwight in “Sin City” in 2005, a ladies’ man and reuniting with director Spike Lee were nothing out of the ordinary for Owen, who has consistently impressed critics and audiences alike with his work in films large and small, from the gritty street level of “Malcolm X” to the high energy of “Sin City.”

Here’s some insider information on the “how,” “what,” “when,” and “where” of the “how” of this film. The Spike-Denzel combination is money in the bank, which provides for an interesting scenario when actor Clive Owen is added to the mix. Precisely because he is a bank robber trying to make off with money from a bank, in “Inside Man,” Owen seems to have taken a cue from rapper Ja Rule of the Oscar-winning hip-hop group Three 6 Mafia when J. Raps, “I ain’t Denzel but I know I’m a star.”

As one of the finest actors of his generation, it’s no coincidence that Washington’s surname is identical to that of George Washington, the founding father whose visage is printed on the dollar bill — Denzel is money, plain and simple. After teaming up for “Memoirs of an Invisible Man” in 1998, Washington put in excellent work as the titular character. Police Capt. Paul Ruggles (Clive Owen) is a tale so flawlessly told it could lure viewers to use anything, including my style guide, to get what they want from the film. While White brings a ruthless character, Police Capt. Paul Ruggles, it is a tale so flawlessly told it could lure viewers to use anything, including my style guide, to get what they want from the film. While White brings a ruthless character, Police Capt. Paul Ruggles, it is a tale so flawlessly told it could lure viewers to use anything, including my style guide, to get what they want from the film.
In a career that now stretches over two decades, director Spike Lee has established himself as one of America's premier filmmaker.

Lee's feature debut helped usher in a new wave of American independent cinema. Shot in 15 days on a budget of less than $200,000, "She's Gotta Have It" introduced the world to the 29-year-old director's considerable talent. Though the film was not as sharp, insightful and polished as Lee's later works, "She's Gotta Have It" has a quirky charm and energetic style that the director would never again quite capture.

Do the Right Thing (1989)

By 1989, Spike Lee had established himself as one of America's premier directors, and he fulfilled his promise with the masterpiece "Do the Right Thing." A pre-"Crash" examination of racism, "Do the Right Thing" bristles with gusto and righteous anger. Praised and criticized in almost equal measure for its passionately incendiary content, the film was nonetheless a box office success and helped pave the way for black directors like John Singleton ('Boyz N the Hood').

At once invigorating, difficult and ground-breaking, "Do the Right Thing" remains Lee's masterpiece and one of the best films of the 1980s. There are those who still feel that the film was robbed at the Oscars, where the uplifting and relatively uncontroversial "Driving Miss Daisy" took top honors.

"Malcolm X" (1992)

Lee's 1992 biography of the assassinated civil rights leader is as epic as they come, following Malcolm X's entire life over the course of 205 minutes. Anchored by an astounding performance by Denzel Washington, Lee's film manages to capture the civil rights icon as a difficult, complex and ultimately realistic man — the director neither makes him a larger-than-life figure nor demonizes him for his flaws. "Malcolm X" solidified Lee as a director of great talent and considerable vision, though the overall quality of his work dipped slightly in the decade following its release.

Summer of Sam (1999)

Noted critically as Lee's first film without a primarily black cast, "Summer of Sam" is more problematic because of its unfocused sprawl. Touting such acting talent as John Leguizamo, Adrien Brody and Mira Sorvino, the plot never quite gels. Though this multi-faceted narrative tableau is a trademark of Lee's style, "Summer of Sam" is one of his few films that never becomes quite engaging enough to sustain momentum over its considerable length. The atmosphere of paranoia and fear is suitably oppressive, but becomes wearing as the film surpasses the two-hour mark. Still, the director's ambition and conviction shine through (as usual), and his commitment to detail prevent "Summer of Sam" from being a complete failure.

25th Hour (2002)

A complex, difficult film starring Edward Norton and Philip Seymour Hoffman, "25th Hour" was the first Hollywood film to address post-9/11 New York City. Following a drug dealer's last day before he is to go to prison, Lee's film is a desperate search for hope, redemption and resolution in an uncertain world. Though anchored by the unerring performance of Edward Norton in the lead, "25th Hour" still did not live up to the director's admittedly high standards. Its manically aggressive style and visual overload was problematic for many, who saw the film as an example of the director allowing style to over-shadow substance. One of Lee's last forays into didactic cinema, it helped pave the way for 2006's "Inside Man."
Cinematic crime capers emerge as fresh film genre

By SEAN SWEANY

Cinematic crime capers have become a staple of the modern film industry. These films, often filled with high-stakes heists and thrilling chases, have proven to be a popular genre for filmmakers and audiences alike.

Looking back at the history of the heist film, it's evident that the genre has evolved significantly since its inception. From the classic heist films of the 1960s, such as "The Italian Job" (1969), to the more recent Examples of the genre, such as "Ocean's Eleven" (2001), it's clear that the genre has remained relevant and continues to captivate audiences.

"Ocean's Eleven" is perhaps the quintessential heist film, featuring one of the greatest living filmmakers, Steven Soderbergh. The film's innovative use of digital video and its fast-paced, action-driven plot set a new standard for heist films.

Another remake of "Ocean's Eleven" in 2001, titled "Ocean's Twelve," maintained the same level of excitement and entertainment. However, the film was not as successful at the box office as the original.

Directed by Steven Soderbergh, "Ocean's Twelve" follows the adventures of a group of thieves as they attempt to pull off a daring heist. The film is filled with music, humor, and action, making it a fun and entertaining watch.

The genre of heist films continues to thrive, with filmmakers pushing the boundaries of what is possible. Whether it's a classic heist film or a modern remake, the heist film remains a beloved genre for audiences around the world.

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NBA
Pistons win in possible championship preview

Bell drops career-high as Milwaukee heats up and routes Phoenix by hitting a team-record 18 three-point baskets

Associated Press
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons enjoyed beating Dallas so much that they wanted a chance at doing it again.

"I told Avery [Johnson] after the game that I'd like to see him seven more times, starting in about three months," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said.

If the Pistons (56-14) and Mavericks (54-17) do meet in June, their teams would be in for a 90 victory Tuesday night might play a crucial role in determining who gets the home-court advantage.

"Obviously, this is a very disappointing loss for us," a visibly upset Kevin Garnett said.

"We definitely gave ourselves a chance to win, we just didn't execute down the stretch."

With the win, the Pistons split the season series with the Mavericks and moved 27 games ahead of them for the league's best.

"This is a very big win, but we won't know just how big for a while," said Chauncey Billups, who scored 39 of his 31 points in the final three minutes.

"It might be huge, or it might just end up as another win."

The win avenged Detroit's worst loss of the season, a 119-88 rout in Dallas on Nov. 19. The Pistons trailed 40-16 after one quarter, and Billups wanted to make sure there wasn't a repeat.

"Dallas and Phoenix are the two teams that really make an effort to jump on you early," he said. "We're not even trying to guard them, but try to get some kind of offense going before they get too many baskets.

"It's a lot of fun to play games like that," Billups said, "especially when you're going up against one of the NBA's best teams, like we were tonight."

Dirk Nowitzki and former Piston Eric Dampier both scored 25 for Dallas.

"That's what it's all about as it gets in this league," Stackhouse said. "But we're going to look at this film, put it away, then go back to work."

The teams traded the advantage midway through the fourth quarter, with the Mavericks building a 115-96 lead. The Grizzlies cut the deficit to 13 points on a 3-pointer by Shane Battier with 1:07 left in the game.

Grizzlies had their seven-game winning streak snapped despite Gasol's franchise-record scoring total.

"I didn't want to let the ball go, and as Eddie Jones made a stab at the ball, Allen shot the jumper which bounced on the rim before dropping through," Shane Battier's rebounds fell as time ran out hit the backboard.

Allen led the Sonics with 20 points and five assists, one of seven Seattle players in double figures. Johan Petro finished with 15 points, while Rashard Lewis added 14 before being helped off the court with a leg injury with 3:12 left.

Earl Watson had 13 points and six assists for Seattle, while Chris Wilcox and Luke Ridnour each scored 11, Milti Moore scored 10 points and seven rebounds.

Jones had 16 points for Memphis, while reserve Mike Miller added 11. Gasol grabbed nine rebounds.

The Sonics scored seven straight points midway through the final period and held an 89- 86 lead with 5:21 left.

But Memphis retook the lead on a seven-turner that thus passed the franchise record, and back-to-back baskets by Miller. The Grizzlies held a 97-93 lead when Miller scored again on a fadeaway 15-footer with the shot clock running down and 1:07 left in the game.

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Danica Patrick and crew opt out of Toyota 300

After tragic death of rookie team member Paul Dana, the Rahal Letterman Racing Team withdraws from big race

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Danica Patrick said Tuesday the Rahal Letterman Racing team made the right decision in keeping both her and teammate Buddy Rice out of Sunday's season-opening race at Homestead-Miami Speedway after the death of rookie Paul Dana.

"I don't think you can ever question the decision that your boss makes," she said during a break in testing on Homestead's road course.

Referring to team co-owner Bobby Rahal, she added, "If he would have said 'race' or 'don't race,' I think he did a very, very good thing. This is life. We drive race cars, and it's what we love, and it's our job, but we don't walk out there a couple minutes afterward and say, 'I've forgotten already.'

"I don't think that anybody can critique the fact that he said 'don't race.' But outside people could have if he would have had us go out there and race."

Patrick and Rice both plan to race on Sunday at St. Petersburg in the second IRL IndyCar Series race of the season.

Dana, a 32-year-old rookie, joined the team this season and was scheduled to make his first start of Rahal Letterman last Sunday. Instead, he was pronounced dead two hours after crashing into the nearly stopped car of Ed Carpenter, who had hit the wall several seconds earlier.

Rice, the 2004 Indy 500 winner, remembered Dana as a driver with a lot of heart.

"He was a very nice guy. And, gosh, did he want it."

Patrick pointed out that Dana got his ride with Rahal by getting Team Ethanol to sponsor his No. 17 race car.

"Either you get a free ride or you bring a sponsor along," she said. "You can write your own checks, and you write your own ticket. He did the hardest thing; he got a sponsor to stand behind and give him a ride."

"They said, 'all right, Paul Dana, we believe in you.' I remember at the Christmas party, and I was sitting in a meeting with the team and I thought, 'What's going on here, is he going to drive for the team?' I was surprised, but he made it happen. Good for him. And you know what, he was proving he was driving the thing. I was a little scared because he was keeping up with us. I think he did better than I expected."

Rice, the 2004 Indy 500 winner, remembered Dana as a driver with a lot of heart.

"That guy put everything he had into becoming a race car driver." Rice said Tuesday.

"Obviously he got a little bit of later start than some of us; that's just the way of the course. I think he had a lot of drive, he had a lot of heart and he put everything he had into becoming a race car driver.

"Obviously, it was short but he got to do what he wanted to do and he made it to the top level."

Patrick said race car drivers understand that it is their job to race, even under difficult circumstances. She said there was no hesitation about getting back in the cockpit this week.

"Things are a lot more somber, and rightfully so," she said. "Obviously, it was short but he got to do what he wanted to do and he made it to the top level."

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**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

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**Eastern Conference, Northeast Division**

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- Ottawa | 48-18 | 6 | 102 | Buffalo | 44-21 | 6 | 94 | Montreal | 35-27 | 6 | 72 | Toronto | 33-32 | 6 | 72 | Boston | 28-32 | 12 | 69 |

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**

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- Carolina | 47-18 | 6 | 108 | Tampa Bay | 38-29 | 5 | 81 | Atlanta | 35-36 | 6 | 76 | Florida | 32-32 | 9 | 72 | Washington | 23-34 | 9 | 55 |

**Western Conference, Central Division**

- Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points |
- Detroit | 49-13 | 10 | 105 | Nashville | 42-21 | 6 | 82 | Columbus | 29-40 | 3 | 50 | Chicago | 31-39 | 11 | 53 | St. Louis | 20-38 | 12 | 52 |

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**

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- Calgary | 39-34 | 6 | 86 | Colorado | 39-26 | 6 | 86 | Vancouver | 39-38 | 6 | 84 | Edmonton | 36-31 | 12 | 81 | Minnesota | 32-32 | 7 | 71 |

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

- Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points | Team | Record | OT Points |
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### NCAA Basketball

- **IN BRIEF**

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**Oklahoma's Sampson bolts for Indiana**

Indianapolis — Indiana will hire Kelvin Sampson as its next basketball coach, taking him away from an Oklahoma team under the cloud of a recruiting investigation to lead one of the most prestigious programs in the country.

Sampson broke the news to his Sooners team Tuesday, the same day Indiana players were informed, one of the Hoosiers' relatives confirmed The Associated Press.

Details of the deal were being worked out Tuesday, said a person close to the talks, who requested anonymity because negotiations were ongoing. No news conference was scheduled.

"I was caught by surprise a little bit," said Taylor Griffin, a freshman forward for the Sooners. "He made the decision. I guess it's better for the program. I guess it's better for him."

The 50-year-old Sampson, AP's Coach of the Year in 1995, will replace Mike Davis, who announced last month he was resigning. Davis was 115-79 in six seasons and led the Hoosiers to the national championship game in 2002, two seasons after Bob Knight was fired.

The Hoosiers were 19-12 this year and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Gonzaga.

Stephanie Gilbert, who helped raise nephew A.J. Ratliff in Indianapolis, said the Hoosiers' spokesman called her Tuesday to discuss the change, first reported by ESPN. Gilbert also said it was likely Ratliff would stay at Indiana.

"He's looking forward to meeting him and getting to know him," Gilbert said. "He seems pretty happy."

Ratliff declined to comment on whether a team meeting was held. Two other key Indiana players had said after Davis resigned that they were apt to transfer.

"Once they meet with him, they'll probably need to see," Gilbert said. "I think, from the looks of it, they have a pretty good coach on their hands."

Oklahoma officials declined to comment Tuesday. Telephone messages left for Indiana athletic director Rick Greenspan and spokesman Pete Rhoda were not immediately returned.

Sampson leaves Oklahoma behind amid an investigation for possible recruiting violations.

**Associated Press**

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"I don't expect Gordon, who was placed on probation until Aug. 30, to turn into another Tony Stewart or Kurt Busch. But the image-conscious driver is committed to letting loose the emotion he's kept bottled up over the years.

"For many, many years I've been so reserved from controversy," he said. "I was just so concerned with what was this person going to think? and what was that person going to think? I was so worried about it.

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Spurs beat Clippers to claim conference lead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs vividly remembered what Elton Brand did against them three weeks ago.

They were not about to let him repeat it.

Duncan had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and did a lot of the heavy work in containing Brand on the other end of the floor Tuesday night in leading the Spurs to a 98-87 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Elton is having such a great season, he’s been an MVP candidate all year long, and we felt we should start there because he hurt us so bad last time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It worked out for us this time."

Brand led the Clippers with 20 points and seven assists.

"It was a huge key," Duncan said of containing Brand. "He really hurt us last time. We decided to come after him and make them change their game a little bit."

Chris Culliver added 22 points and 11 rebounds and Corey Maggette had 21 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for the Clippers (41-29), who lost for just the fourth time in 12 games and need only one victory to clinch their first winning season in 15 years.

Sam Cassell was held to eight points and seven assists.

"It was a little disappointing," Brand said of the Clippers' performance. "We built some confidence playing against this team. We felt like we should have won up at their place and lost in overtime, then we beat them pretty handily here, and with their full complement...Tony Parker, Ginobili, Duncan, everybody."

"But they played pretty well tonight. They made shots and we didn't. We didn't take it onto the court, and they got easy layups and easy shots."

The Spurs shot 39-of-73 (49 percent) including 10-of-25 from beyond the arc.

"Good win for us against a very good team," Popovich said. "But they played pretty well tonight. They made shots and we didn't. We didn't take it onto the court, and they got easy layups and easy shots."

The Spurs won for the seventh time in nine games despite the absence of leading scorer Tony Parker, who sat out because of a sore right shin. He was injured Sunday night during a 106-102 loss in Seattle, when he was accidentally kicked.

"It's really sore," Popovich said. "He can't push off or put any weight on it,"

Popovich said Parker might be available Thursday night when the Spurs play the Lakers.

"Tony's a really good player, but their offense is so easy to run," Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley said. "You dribble it down, you give it to Tim, and those guys are knocking shots down and making plays. That team is deep enough that it's OK."

If you miss Tim Duncan, then there's a difference. But you can make up Tony's 20 (points). And Finley's a starter anywhere else.

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over Anastasia Kugakolova. Other players contributing to the team’s depth are Taka Bertrand and Amanda Taylor. Bertrand defeated Martina Banikova 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2. Taylor followed the win with a 3-6, 7-6 (1), 1-0 (13) victory over Renee Joseph.

However, the Irish are trying not to focus on winning streaks or rankings.

“We have taken every match one at a time this season and not been caught up in anyone’s rankings,” freshman Keliy Tefft said. “Vanderbilt definitely has a great team, so we are hoping we play our best tennis.”

The Irish have not lost a doubles point this entire season, and they enter the match with two ranked doubles teams. The No. 3 pair of Catrina and Christian Thompson leads Notre Dame in doubles, followed by the No. 29 team of Tefft and sophomore Brooke Buck.

“We have had an awesome year in doubles and are hoping we don’t drop the point this whole season,” Catrina Thompson said. “If one team has an off day, we have two others that give our opponents difficult doubles matches.”

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson leads the team at No. 1 and holds an 11-3 record in duals matches this season. She is followed by No. 74 Christian Thompson, who had difficulties closing out her last match against Iowa’s Hillary Mintz.

Following its match against Vanderbilt, Notre Dame will return home to play Eastern Michigan on Friday.

“It will be nice being able to play at home again after being on the road during spring break and facing tough home crowds at schools like Texas A&M,” Tefft said. “So we will definitely take advantage of that when we face Eastern Michigan.”

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MLB

Cubs place Prior and Wood on disabled list

Associated Press

Mark Prior and Kerry Wood went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday along with the hopes of many Chicago Cubs fans.

Neither move came as a surprise, as both have been rehabilitating from injuries.

“Knew neither one of them would be ready for opening day,” Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. “Mark has been throwing again and has had no discomfort. Wood has been very, very good.”

Prior, who has not pitched in a spring training game, has a strained muscle in the right shoulder. Wood had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee this month to repair a minor cartilage tear. He began throwing shortly after that. He threw live batting practice Monday from a bullpen mound earlier this week.

Also at Cubs’ camp in Mesa, Arizona, Marquis Grissom announced his retirement after a 17-year major league career.

The 34-year-old outfielder signed a minor league contract in January and had hoped to make the team as a backup. But he batted just .200 in 17 spring training games.

“It’s been a pretty fun ride along the way,” Grissom said. “I came into spring training to thin this organization to really see if I could go out and play baseball again for another year. And I got that opportunity from the Cubs. It didn’t work out. Over a period of the last two, three weeks, I’ve been going in and out, strength-wise, body-wise emotionally, whether I wanted to do it, could I do it.”

Also, Kansas City claimed infielder Tony Graffanino off waivers from the Cubs. He was released from the team that traded him to the Red Sox eight months ago.
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house."

Notre Dame hopes its return to the Dome will help it prepare mentally for a team with a record that may conceal its talent.

"They're a very good team," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They haven't gotten a lot of wins thus far, but they haven't not been in any games this year. We've seen video of their games this year, and they've played very good games and stayed right with their opponents."

Three of the Bears' four losses have come by four goals or fewer, including two-point losses to No. 18 University of Massachusetts and last Saturday to Ohio State. They also lost to No. 7 Massachusetts 13-9 in a game which they trailed by two midway through the fourth quarter.

"This is a statement game for us, coming off a bad loss, to come back and get back on our feel," Driscoll said. "We've seen the type of offense they run all year in practice. We have to play a full game and play with the potential they have on our team has, and we can run with anyone."

If Notre Dame's effort at practice Monday is indicative of how the team will respond in today's game, Corrigan expects the Irish to be fully recovered from Saturday's loss.

"The guys came out and had a great practice [Monday]," Corrigan said. "How the team responded, the way they got back up, that's how that game you can ask — that's how you get better. We have to take what we can learn from the last game and expect to come out and play better."

Corrigan is confident his team can win at the highest level if it plays a mistake-free game and execute the bare fundamentals of lacrosse from start to finish.

"I don't think we need to do anything differently," Corrigan said. "We need to do things consistently. That's been our biggest challenge this year. We haven't continued to execute for 60 minutes the way we need to. We haven't put together the 60 minutes on both sides of the ball."

Driscoll believes the Irish are close to making that jump.

"We watched film and saw that we made some simple mistakes," Driscoll said. "Coach has told us that Brown runs the same style of offense as us, and it's all about execution."

Though Corrigan said sophomore midfielder Mike Podgajny will not be ready to play a full game, he will see action as he continues to recover from mononucleosis.

The Irish will also be without sophomore face-off specialist Taylor Clagett, who is recovering from a shoulder injury.

Clagett's absence Saturday critically hurt the Irish, as they lost 16 of the game's 22 face-offs and struggled to gain possession of the ball all day, managing just five goals.

Senior backup Steve Panos will make his third straight start at face-off for the Irish. After winning 9-12 against Bellarmine, Panos managed 2-15 against Hofstra, as he split time with sophomore Doug Hochtry.

"We'll continue to look for answers there," Corrigan said. "Steve has had one real good game and one where he struggled. We'll start with Steve and go from there."

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ND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Irish prepared for home opener

Notre Dame to play in first game at Ivy Field 24 games into season

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After starting the season with 23 consecutive road games, the Irish (13-10) finally take the field at Notre Dame, playing their home opener against Bowling Green (17-7) today at 5 p.m.

The Irish are coming off arguably their best day of the season so far, having swept a doubleheader against Western Michigan last weekend. Notre Dame won both games, but won both in very different, yet equally dramatic, fashions.

The combined no-hitter thrown by Heather Booth and Konya Feemoller in the first game and the eight-inning, 2-1 victory in game two showed Notre Dame's ability to win tough games.

Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf hopes to take this weekend's game and use it as motivation for her team against Bowling Green.

"I hope we can use the momentum from the weekend, but three days is a long time for softball," Gumpf said.

Bowling Green has had an impressive start so far this year, having already beaten No. 13 Washington earlier in the season. Going into Tuesday night's matchup with defending champion Michigan, Bowling Green has a seven-game win streak, including five shutouts.

Gumpf recognized the need for her team to be at their absolute best in this game, playing against one of the strongest Bowling Green teams in recent memory.

Although they have been strong defensively all season, the Irish will look to wake up their bats, as Notre Dame batters reached base safely only seven times in eight innings against Western Michigan.

The Falcons have a lineup that could challenge the Irish pitching staff. Bowling Green has three starting players hitting over .300 for the year, the most fearsome of whom is third baseman Gino Ilunga, the Bowling Green cleanup hitter currently batting .392 with a .662 slugging percentage.

Senior Heather Booth and freshman Brittney Bargar will most likely split the game against this potent lineup. While Booth has a 6-7 record, she owns a 1.70 ERA and a 1.23 WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched). Bargar has been a very consistent pitcher this year, winning seven of her first ten starts in her Irish career.

The Irish are 14-3 all-time in season home openers, and have beaten Bowling Green in six of their last seven meetings. More importantly, the Irish know they thrive on intensity — something that has propelled them to every one of their victories so far this year.

They [the team] knows they need to keep their intensity high because when we don't play with intensity, we don't win," Gumpf said.

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continued from page 28 tonight," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said of his rookie foursome.
Sophomore David Grunier started the game on the mound for the Irish, before being relieved after three innings of one hit, one walk, three-strikeout work.

Freshmen Brett Graffy, David Phelps and Sam Elam threw five innings — two innings each for Graffy and Phelps, one for Elam — before junior Mike Dury closed out a 10-pitch, hitless ninth.

"It played out exactly as we had hoped," Mainieri said of the pitching workload. "We have two mid-week games. This is when these young pitchers have to get the experience so that when we really need them down the line we're not all of a sudden throwing them out there for the first time."

Valparaiso (2-13) managed only two innings from starter Dallas Cashier (eight hits, six earned runs, one strikeout) before turning the ball over to a platoon of four relievers, who allowed four hits and four runs in seven innings of work.

The Irish hitters battled around the order in the second inning and left the frame with an 8-0 lead. Senior centerfielder Alex Nettey collected his 100th career hit and senior leftfielder Matt Bransfield sent home his 100th career RBI in the seventh-run deluge.

Sherrington Greg Lopez laid down a bunt with two men on base to score Nettey from third for the 2-0 advantage in open the floodgates. After a Cody Rizzo fly out, third baseman Brett Lilley singled in Dury — who had reached base on a double down the right field line — on a line shot to right for the 3-0 lead.

A Danny Dressman RBI single was followed immediately with a Jeremy Barnes RBI double to left centerfield to put the Irish up 5-0. Bransfield plated a run with a sacrifice fly and was followed by consecutive RBI singles by Ross Berzovski and Nettey to round out the inning at 8-0. Nettey was 2-for-4 with two hits and four runs in seven innings of work.

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The Irish opening the first inning with a run off Nettey from third for the 2-0 advantage to the bases loaded — sending three runners home for the 3-0 lead. Mike Dury — who had reached base on balls — was hit by a pitch — all with the bases loaded — sending three runners home for the 3-0 lead. Freshman Eddie Mendiolia and sophomore Chris Soriano were sent home by the walks after reaching base on back-to-back first drive singles, and Bransfield was walked home after he reached his base on balls.

"If they're hitting it, I'd rather have them hitting it than us walking them — which happened when we allowed a sophomore to come in at the very end so we could give him an inning," Mainieri said. "Valparaiso head coach Paul Twenge said."

"It was the sixth consecutive game in which we really played well."
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**BASEBALL**

Five pitchers scatter three hits in shutout

By KYLE CASSILY

A seven-run second-inning explosion — the second consecutive home game with seven men plated in one frame — and a three-hit shutout propelled Notre Dame over Valparaiso 12-0 on Tuesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (13-8) collected 13 hits — seven in the second inning alone — and got behind a planned rotation of five young hurlers — three freshmen, one sophomore and a junior — to scatter the three Crusader hits in separate innings. It was the fewest hits Notre Dame has allowed in a game since a 21-1 victory over Pittsburgh on May 16, 2006.

"The key of the game today was really the outstanding pitching, really the Kiddle corps was out there throwing

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

ND returns home to face Brown

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Coming off their most lopsided loss in four years, the Irish are hungry for a win. Notre Dame (6-3) will have its long sticks ready to go hear hunting as it invites the Brown Bears to their neck of the woods.

"Hofstra is such an intense atmosphere," senior defenseman James Severin looks for an open teammate in a Feb. 22 game against Penn. "It's definitely nice to sleep in your own bed, but now this is our field. They're coming into our

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**FOOTBALL**

Zbikowski to fight pro debut at MSG

Irish safety's decision won't affect eligibility

By KEN FOWLER

Irish rising senior Tom Zbikowski will announce at an 11:15 a.m. press conference today in New York City that he will make his professional boxing debut June 10 at Madison Square Garden. ESPN.com reported Tuesday.

His father, Ed Zbikowski, told the Associated Press the four-round fight will not jeopardize his son's NCAA football eligibility. Zbikowski, Notre Dame's starting strong safety and punt returner was unavailable for comment Tuesday, as was Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

The Chicago Sun-Times story on Tuesday.

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**NEWSPapers**

By DAN TAPETILLO

The Irish have proven themselves as one of the nation's top programs after remaining undefeated 16 matches into the season. However, Notre Dame will still face competition today as it heads back to the road to face No. 11 Vanderbilt.

"We have both had really great seasons and [we] know they have a strong lineup," junior Catrina Thompson said. "Every match is going to be a big one. It's a big game. We're going to show up and compete the best." Under the leadership of junior Amanda Fish, the Commodores (11-3) are coming off their third SEC sweep since the Pride beat them 7-0 in Starkville. After Vanderbilt swept the doubles point, Fish followed with a 6-1, 6-1 win.