Leaders take final bows

Saint Mary's Mitros, McIlfford proud of term

By LAUREN LAVELLE
News Writer

As Saturday's Board of Governance turnover approaches, student body president Kelly Mitros and student body vice president Susan McIlfford said they are pleased with the mark they have left on Saint Mary's. "I am very proud of the work we did this year," Mitros said. "We had a very successful year and I look back on it with satisfaction."

Both Mitros and McIlfford said they are proud to have completed most of the objectives on their platform, which included adding a Health and Wellness Commissioner to the Board of Governance (HOG) and spreading awareness about College history and working closely with Enrollment Manager Dan Meyer.

Mitros and McIlfford said they are satisfied with their involvement in the creation of the first annual Heritage Week — a series of events that raised awareness among students, faculty and staff.

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ND hosts student conference

Annual event studies issues, process of peace

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Given the service-oriented nature of many Notre Dame students, it's not uncommon for undergraduates to set their sights on changing the world. Organizers of this year's Student Peace Conference hope the weekend event will provide some answers for students stuck wondering where to begin.

Peace Conference Chair Kevin Walsh said the conference is tailored to students who have a "genuine desire" to live their faith and work for social justice.

"The presentations at the conference will both open your eyes to horrific problems that affect our global society and empower you with the knowledge that you have the ability to change it," Walsh said.

The annual conference begins with a banquet tonight and continues Saturday with nine different presentations. To fit the different presentations throughout the day, Walsh said organizers of the International Studies and Peace Conference at the Institute, the peace conference is planned and directed by undergraduate peace studies students.

Walsh said student interest has been high. So far, nearly 200 students registered to attend. While Friday's banquet registration is closed, all students are encouraged to attend presentations on Saturday, where registration is recommended but not required.

This year's conference, titled "Voice of Tomorrow, Changes for Tomorrow," highlights the role of youth in building peace. Urban gang violence, educational programs to handle poverty, and the impact of peaceful conflict resolution and identity discrimination are some of the issues the conference will touch on.

Saturday's conference will feature a presentation of Myla Leguro, nominee for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. The presentation will be particularly worthwhile, Walsh said. Myla will discuss her work in Bolivia and her participation in working with Catholic Relief to combat youth violence and religious conflicts in the Philippines.

For students interested in local issues, representatives from Take Ten and the Center for Social Concerns will speak at the conference.

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Musician Brubeck awarded a laetare medal

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Renowned jazz musician Dave Brubeck will receive the 2006 Laetare Medal, Notre Dame's oldest and most highly regarded award given to American Catholics — at Commencement exercises this May, the University announced Sunday.

The honor is given annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

"The composed energy of Mr. Brubeck's art helps us apprehend the fullness of creation," University President Father John Jenkins said in a statement Sunday. "His life and his music splendidly interweave the celebration of beauty with the imperative to worship."

The popular pianist has composed a number of jazz pieces, including "Take Five" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk." In 1954, the Brubeck's quartet graced the cover of Time Magazine following the release of their album, "Jazz Goes to College." The magazine called Brubeck "the most exciting new jazz artist at work today" and the creator of "suns of the strangest and loveliest music" in the history of jazz.

Larry Dwyer, jazz studies director at Notre Dame, said the Laetare selection reflects Brubeck's "consistently high level of musical achievement" through his professional career, which has lasted more than half a century.

"Brubeck's music always swings and always includes interpretive and profound levels of improvisation," Dwyer said. "Best of all, everyone — jazz fan or not — always enjoys listening to Dave Brubeck."

But Brubeck's reputation extends beyond the realm of jazz. The esteemed musician has composed and performed ballets, cantatas, solo piano pieces, a musical, an oratorio and a Mass — a testament of his deep allegiance to the Catholic faith.

In a June 2005 National Public Radio interview, Brubeck echoed the words of a Nez Perce chief..."
INSIDE COLUMN

The little guys

To all you March Madness Maniacs out there:

Were you as shocked as I was during the selection show? For the big upsets and the teams left out of the tournament — more appalling than any of those was the behavior of analyst Billy Packer. During the show, he offered to rate the teams in a threshold selection committee- chaired group, bemoaning the field's lack of power conference teams. As the interviews wrapped up, Littlepage wanted to offer his congratulations to the selected teams, but Packer wouldn't let the poor guy get a word in edgewise.

Let me say this about Billy Packer: He's an elderly, cantankerous, sourpuss of a man whom the game of basketball has long lost. Forget his choice words during the selection show — one could have anticipated the success of the mid-major teams this year. But CBS still needs to fluff up Packer, because of his overly critical, negative attitude while calling games.

Billy, we don't want to hear you whine about therizing of college basketball — coastal coaches, and refs — our family/friends/salaries are doing a good enough job of that.

The upshot that accompanied this jarring Saturday show has also created a serious problem with college basketball that has grown progressively worse in recent years.

The so-called "power conferences" have the NCAA in a vice grip, and it's only getting tighter. It's the power conferences that reap the financial benefits of commercialized college basketball — the national television exposure, the mass merchandising, and the NCAA Tournament revenues.

Sure, most of the teams in these conferences are really good to begin with, but the whole system creates a "rich get richer" dynamic that makes it difficult for a school on the fringe of notoriety to build up its program. Meanwhile, the power conferences are skewing the money to the best players, hire the best coaches, and construct the finest facilities. So much for the tenets of the college game, right?

This year, the tournament belongs to the little guys, the Patriots of George Mason University. Those guys embody everything college basketball is supposed to be about — teamwork, heart, and the love of the game. As NCAA basketball fans, let us hope that no amount of smelly corporate taint ever supplants these values.

By the way, my money's on GMU.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and do not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error in the March 30 edition of The Observer, the column "Well-Beat Women: Soldier Make History" by Laurel Theurer Ulrich was listed as taking place at Saint Mary's, when it took place at Notre Dame.

Due to an editing error in the March 30 edition of The Observer, chemistry professor Joel Holman was mistakenly quoted as saying students should make reconsideration visits to Paris. The program is not for undergraduates.

Due to a spacing error in the March 28 edition of The Observer, philosophy professor Albert MacNulty, felt his views were misconstrued in the article "Professors on moral dilemmas," I did in fact argue that national agents cannot but presuppose the practical authority of the premises of the natural law. I do not believe those premises are "inseparable." The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST APRIL FOOL'S PRANK YOU EVER PULLED?

Marie Ellen Ehovou
junior Regina-North

Ellen Riley
junior Regina-North

Calli Davison
freshman LeMans

Jim Bochowski
sophomore LeMans

Jon Boyle
freshman Fisher

Tim Smith
sophomore Fisher

Pat Moore

"I told my parents that I was expecting." "I tricked my teacher with the chalk and routine."

"When I wore a slings to school and acted like I broke my arm."

"Hiring Ty Willingham as coach. That one went a little too far."

"I told my parents that I registered [itself] a Democrat."

Members of Saint Mary's Club La Fuerza sponsored "Fast Food, Fair Trade" in Stapleton Lounge Thursday where members staged a presentation on the exploitation of farm workers.

OFFBEAT

College student lives in Wal-Mart for 43 hours

DE DES MOINES, Iowa — For spring break, some college students set out for sun-drenched beaches or cheap European cities. Skyler Bartels headed for the local Wal-Mart.

Bartels, 20, an aspiring writer and Drake University sophomore, thought he'd spend a week in a Wal-Mart as a test of endurance, using it as the premise for a magazine article. His college advisor liked the idea.

"I just intuitively thought, 'This is brilliant!'" said Carol Spaulding-Kruse, an associate professor of English. "I wasn't quite sure why, but it just sounded like a really good idea."

For 41 hours, Bartels wandered the aisles of a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Windsor Heights that's open 24 hours a day. He checked out shoppers, read magazines, watched movies on the DVD display and played video games.

Old Shakespeare plays to fetch millions of dollars

LONDON — A rare volume containing some of William Shakespeare's most famous plays, printed only seven years after his death, will go on sale for millions of dollars at auction in July, Sotheby's has said.

"Describing it as 'the most important book in English literature,' Sotheby's said it was printed in 1623 and contains 36 plays, half of which had never been printed before."

"The first Folio preserves 18 of his plays, including some of the most famous, which otherwise would have been lost for all time," said Peter Selley, Sotheby's English literature specialist.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sianammon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" today from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government, as part of the Catholic: Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door.

The 2006 Notre Dame student prefect peace conference, "Voices of Today, Changes for Tomorrow," will be held today and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Irish softball team will play Connecticut at 12 p.m. Saturday at Ivy Field.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face off with Dartmouth at 12 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame's Moose Krause Stadium.

The Irish men's baseball team will face-off against Pittsburgh at 12:05 p.m. Sunday at Frick Eck Stadium.

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

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Two years in the making, Saint Mary's debuts SMC-TV

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

After two years in the development stages, SMC-TV — an independent television station operated by Saint Mary's — went on the air Wednesday as the first student-produced television program in Saint Mary's history.

SMC-TV will air its programming on Tuesdays at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

The station is based out of the Huisking Family Instructional Technology Resource Center in the basement of the library and receives a large portion of its funding from the Huisking Family Foundation.

Senior Michelle Fitzgerald, co-creator and general manager of the station, worked with 20 faculty members and students for two years to make SMC-TV a reality.

Fitzgerald said she was proud of the first broadcast and has high hopes for upcoming productions.

"Our first broadcast went very well and my staff and I were excited to see a product on the air after almost two years of hard work creating the station," Fitzgerald said.

The broadcast was led by two anchors — senior Janet Brace and junior Erin Hanilin. The top stories included highlights from Midnight Madness, SMC Toastal and other campus locations.

"The quality and content was super," Fitzgerald said. "They had some small technical difficulties, but that is expected for a first broadcast."

The broadcast included "Art Talk," which profiled a visiting artist on campus. Future shows will include a program called "Community Forum" and coverage of campus events such as the Theology on Fire series.

A cooking show and morning workout broadcast are also in the works.

"We recognized the size of our endeavor and knew we had to start small," Fitzgerald said. "We will use this broadcast as a bench mark to improve on the quality of SMC-TV each week."

Keith Fowlkes, director of information technology and SMC-TV faculty advisor, was impressed with the finished product.

"The quality and content was super," Fowlkes said. "They had a lot of student talent involved, and the crafts are on point, as well as the scriptwriting and video production."

Fitzgerald said her long-term goal is for the station to continue to improve on the quality of SMC-TV each week.

"By placing a TV in a visible area, students will see the SMC-TV broadcast — gaining the maximum number of viewers for both the station and our advertisers," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said SMC-TV is not the only focus for SMC-TV. Other programs in Wednesday's broadcast included "Art Talk," which profiled a visiting artist on campus. Future shows will include a program called "Community Forum" and coverage of campus events such as the Theology on Fire series.

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"When I return to Saint Mary's in five years, I would like SMC-TV to be incorporated into a student's weekly life," she said.

"Additionally, I would like to see students interested in one or two specific programs outside of the campus news, watching SMC-TV as part of their nightly television ritual."

Fitzgerald is confident the work of the faculty, staff, and students who created the station will pay off.

"Most of all, I would like to see students credit SMC-TV with making them better informed and connected to what is happening on campus and what services are available," she said.

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and said, “the Great Spirit made us all.”

Science through DNA knows this to be true,” he said. “The very cells of our body know this to be true, and our great religions know it to be true. Our hope lies in the Great Spirit, the God of All Creation, that my particular faith calls the Holy Spirit.”

Born Dec. 6, 1920 in Concord, Calif. and raised on a nearby cattle farm, Brubeck first felt a rancher — though the musical pers­

sion did not enable him for long. By age four the young virtuoso had won a mother — a clas­

ical pianist and teacher — with his advanced keyboarding skills and simul­

taneously unnerved her with his unique improvisations. A music major at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.,

Brubeck met his wife of 63 years while playing jazz on a campus radio program. He graduated from the school in 1942 and was drafted into military service for two years during World War II. After the war, Brubeck attended Mills College to resume his musical studies. He formed the non-famous Brubeck Quartet in 1951.

Notre Dame announces its Laetare Medal recipient each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent on the Church calendar. The medal is inscribed with the Latin phrase, “Magna est veritas et praevalebit,” or “Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail.” The first Laetare Medal was awarded in 1853. Previous medal winners include President John F. Kennedy, rockstar Walker Percy and death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Carroll speaks out about captivity

BAGHDAD — The room was small, with a small adjoining bathroom and shower. She said her hands were tied behind her head. And the windows were frosted and covered with drapes.

On one occasion in Jill Carroll’s 82 days in captivity, the kidnappers brought her a newspaper. On another, they let her watch a little television. She had little idea what was going on in the outside world.

She says, “It’s important people know that I was not harmed.”

The 28-year-old American reporter’s hostage ordeal ended around midnight Thursday when she was left on a Baghdad street in front of a Sunni political party office. Wearing a green Islamic head scarf and a gray Iraqi robe, Carroll walked inside.

She was then driven 20 minutes to party headquarters, where she called her family and gave an interview to Baghdad Television before being handed over to U.S. authorities.

Nations work together on economy

CANCÚN — President Bush and the lead­ers of Canada and Mexico worked to iron out disagreements over trade and border security Thursday and to keep a North American economic edge against competition from rising powers like China.

The three leaders, dressed casually in open-collared shirts, strolled together among the ancient Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza before sitting down for an intense one-on-one meetings at a beachfront resort hotel. Mexican President Vicente Fox planned a lavish dinner for his guests.

**BAHRAIN**

At least 48 die in ferry accident

The al-Dana capsizes in Persian Gulf just a mile from Bahrain shore, 63 survive

Associated Press

MANAMA — A ferry carrying up to 150 people capsized Thursday night in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Bahrain, killing at least 48 bodies were recovered, the country’s coast guard said. About 63 other passengers survived. A passenger on board the ferry calling from his cell phone was the first to alert officials that the ship was listing, he said.

The official Bahrain News Agency said the ferry — the al-Dana — was on a nerves-making cruise that was to last several hours. It overturned less than a mile off the coast, officials said. Television footage showed the ferry listing but not sinking, with rescue workers walking on its brown hull.

U.S. helicopters and divers joined the rescue operation launched by Bahrain’s coast guard. Bahrain, a tiny island nation on the western side of the Persian Gulf, is home to the Navy’s 5th Fleet.

Boats brought bodies covered with white sheets to shore, and hospital workers hurried them to waiting ambulances. Scores of officials and relatives waited on the dock watching small rescue boats attempt to save lives. Rescue lights bring more bodies and survivors.

There was no indication of what caused the ferry to capsize in what appeared to be ideal weather conditions. The government dismissed terrorism as a cause, and the news agency quoted Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Mohammed Ben Dayna calling it an accident.

“It’s too early to say what caused the accident,” Ben Dayna said.

Al-Katem said an investigation was underway. The ferry’s owners said overloading could have caused the ferry to capsize, according to Bahrain television.

The passengers were thought to be a mix of Bangladeshis, nationals of other Gulf Arab nations and Westerners. Health Minister Nada Haffadh said al-Arabia television that survivors who arrived at hospitals included nationals of India, South Africans, Singapore and Britain.

Information Minister Mohammed Abl-Ghafr, interviewed on al-Arabia television, said the passengers included 23 Britons, 20 Filipinos, 10 South Africans and 10 Egyptians.

Haffadh said 24 people were hospitalized and that other survivors had been released upon arrival on shore. Television footage showed survivors appearing to be in shock and their hair still wet, squatting on the floor of a hospital. Many of them covered themselves with blankets. One male survivor was shown being treated for cuts to the head.

Interior Minister Sheikh Al Khalifa said most of the ferry’s passengers were employees of a Bahrain-based company. Al-Katem said there were 150 guests at a dinner party aboard the ferry. The guests, he said, ate dinner while the ferry was still docked and that up to 20 of them disembarked before it sank.

Cdr. Jeff Breslaw, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy, told The Associated Press that the U.S. military aided the rescue effort.

The Navy has had a presence in Bahrain for more than 50 years.

“We’re sending divers, small boats and a helicopters,” Breslaw said.
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about the school's history.
"Out of our term, I think I am most proud of what we did with Heritage Week," Mcllduff said. "It really raised awareness and let students beginning to learn more about our history, whereas in the past, students could [not] have cared less."

The week earned a lot of attention and positive feedback from the College community, Mitros said.

"I am so proud of the way the week turned out," Mitros said. "It was a huge success."

While Mitros and Mcllduff met success with Heritage Week, they said they also dealt with disappointments and criticism—most of which stemmed from the cancellation of the College's annual Pride Week.

"Most students try to pin the cancellation of Pride Week on us," Mcllduff said. "We did not have any hand in that process. It was the Student Academic Council that had the final say in that matter."

Other challenges for Mitros and Mcllduff included learning how to balance their office responsibilities with their class schedules as well as learning to handle different opinions among BOG members. But Mitros said these challenges were small compared to what some administrations have had to deal with in the recent past.

"We have been pretty lucky this year that there weren't really any huge issues that came up," she said. "Looking back on recent years at Saint Mary's, other administrations have faced so much more than we did."

While criticism has been minimal, Mitros and Mcllduff said they and students questioned the seriousness of their administration. Some members of the College community claimed BOG did not conduct itself in a professional manner. Mitros said it was not their intention to be unprofessional. Mcllduff said, "I would say our term was very non-traditional."

"Kellye and I took a path less traveled when approaching how to run a board," she said. Both women said they dealt with opposition by looking objectively at the criticism and their own actions.

"I think it is important to address a problem and acknowledge that I am human," Mcllduff said. "Constructive criticism is valuable because it helps me grow as a person and as a leader. Without it, I would have direction or a sense of where I need to improve."

While both women said the end of their term is bittersweet, Mcllduff and Mitros are ready to move on to other interests. Mcllduff also said she is ready to take on the challenge of being student body president.

"I am sad that my term as student body vice president is over but at the same time I am ready to meet with the new Board and to become next year's student body president," Mcllduff said. "I enjoyed this year and hope success continues into next year."

For Mitros, the end of her term coincides with the end of her years as a Saint Mary's student. While she hopes to remain an active part of the Saint Mary's community after graduation, Mitros said she will miss being able to serve her fellow students.

"To the students of Saint Mary's, I would just like to say thank you for a fantastic year," Mitros said. "One of the greatest pleasures of my life has been serving you and I hope you can also look back on this year with as much fondness as I do."

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Children's Defense Fund are speaking at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

The conference includes presentations on a wide variety of topics including immigration, human rights, religious conflict and peace through economic development. Interested students should check the Kroc Institute Website for a full list of presentations.

The peace conference promises to be a rewarding experience for all who attend, Walsh said.

The annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference works to enlighten students from the Notre Dame community and beyond on how to work for a more just and peaceful world," Walsh said.

"We hope to do so by confronting the very serious challenges to peace that we face and by envisioning real ways to overcome these obstacles," he said. "We hope the conference inspires students to transform this dialogue into action in their own daily lives and in their professional careers."

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Friday, March 31, 2006
New York — Renewed inflation fears left stocks mixed Thursday as new data on domestic product growth bolstered the Federal Reserve’s view that the economy remains strong.

Investors fretted after the Commerce Department revised its third-quarter GDP, which was raised to an annual growth rate of 5.7 percent from an earlier 1.6 percent estimate. The slowdown in growth — GDP grew at 4.1 percent in the third quarter — was blamed on an unexpected drop in government spending and business investment.

But while the final GDP reading matched economists’ expectations, the department’s deflator — an inflation indicator — rose 3.5 percent, above forecasts for 3.3 percent growth. Investors have been watchful for any hint of inflation amid signs that the Federal Reserve will keep hiking interest rates to control price increases.

“I think you’re seeing the market raising its estimates on economic growth, but that also may mean higher rates,” said Barry Gendreau, investment strategist at Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

“So we’re still digesting what all this means, and the result so far is a flat-to-lower yielding curve.”

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 65.00, or 0.5 percent, to 13,550 as of late Wednesday, after opening the session in positive territory.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index lost 2.64, or 0.2 percent, to 1,300.55, while the Nasdaq Composite index rose 0.36, or 0.03 percent, to 2,340.82, reaching its second straight five-year high.

Bonds continued falling amid concerns that rising yields will draw away interest in stocks, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumping to 4.86 percent from 4.80 percent late Wednesday. The dollar was mostly lower against major currencies, and gold prices rebounded.

Crude futures pushed past $67 per barrel and reached a two-month high as investors worried about political tension over Iran’s nuclear arms program and a fourth straight weekly drop in U.S. gasoline reserves. A barrel of light crude settled at $67.15, up 70 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Fears of higher interest rates were exacerbated as the Labor Department reported that weekly claims for unemployment benefits fell by 10,000 to 302,000 last week, and reached a two-month high as investors worried about political tension over Iran’s nuclear arms program and a fourth straight weekly drop in U.S. gasoline reserves. A barrel of light crude settled at $67.15, up 70 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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**Study findings show prayer does not benefit recovery**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The last time a U.S. government official quoted prominently on the subject of mushroom clouds, it was Gundolfo Rizzo talking about the risk of discovering too late that Saddam Hussein had a nuclear weapon.

On Thursday it was a Penangon official musing about the spectre of detonating a 700-ton explosion in the Nevada desert — a test blast dubbed "Divine Strake" that the official said might remind some of the day of open-air nuclear testing, before the blasts were moved underground to avoid the danger of radioactive fallout.

"I don't want to sound glib here, but it is the first time in Nevada that you'd see a mushroom cloud over Las Vegas since we stopped testing nuclear weapons," said James Tegnellia, head of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, a Pentagon body that is working on technical aspects of how to destroy deeply buried enemy weapons.

The United States stopped conducting underground nuclear tests in 1963.

Tegnellia's use of the term "mushroom cloud" seemed to unsettle some in Washington.

In an entirely different context, Rice spoke prior to the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 of the risk of waiting too long to confirm with complete confidence that Iraq had a nuclear weapon. The first confirmation, she said, could be a mushroom cloud over the United States. It turned out that Iraq had no active nuclear weapons program.

Five years after Tegnellia made the mushroom cloud remark to a group of reporters, his office put out a written statement stressing that Divine-Strake was not a nuclear blast, that it poses minimal health and safety risks to the public, and that there are no radioactively contaminated soils in the vicinity of the planned detonation.

"And the mushroom cloud?"

"All explosives, given the right thermal characteristics, can create a cloud that may resemble a mushroom cloud," the statement said, adding that the "Divine Strake" — scheduled for June 2 — may reach an altitude of 10,000 feet but "is not expected to be visible from Las Vegas," about 90 miles away.

Tegnellia said the Russian government has left him "avoid misunderstanding about the nature of the blast."
Model Naomi Campbell charged in Manhattan assault

Associated Press

NEW YORK— Supermodel Naomi Campbell was charged with assault for throwing her cell phone at a housekeeper after accusing her of stealing clothes when she couldn’t find a pair of jeans she wanted to wear on “Oprah,” prosecutors said.

She was released on her own recognizance and allowed to keep her passport after her lawyer argued that her famous face would prevent her from fleeing.

“She is probably the most recognized and prominent model in the world,” defense attorney David Breibart told a judge Thursday in Manhattan Criminal Court. “There is no place she could go and not be recognized.”

Campbell, wearing a white fur poncho, was arraigned on a charge of second-degree assault before Judge Richard Weinberg, who allowed Breitbart to enter Campbell’s apartment.

The judge said Scolavino, would have to give up her key to the apartment and issued an order of protection against Campbell, telling her she could not have any contact with the employee. He scheduled her next court appearance for June 27.

The assault took place at about 8:30 a.m. inside Campbell’s apartment, according to a criminal complaint. The housekeeper was hit in the back of the head and was treated at Lenox Hill Hospital, it said.

A woman who answered the after-hours media relations number at the hospital said no one was available to comment and that she could not provide any information on Scolavino.

Campbell was taken into custody shortly after police responded to the hospital to investigate the reported attack.

Facing a familiar sea of reporters and film crew, Campbell exited a Manhattan police station shortly after 4 p.m. in a scene that was part runway, part press walk. Scores of photographers, reporters and film crews had gathered to record her departure, she responded by flashing a quick smile.

In a statement, a Campbell spokesman said the supermodel was not responsible for any assault.

“We believe this is a case of retaliation, because Naomi had fired her housekeeper earlier this morning,” said the statement from J.R. Johnson. “We are confident the courts will see it the same way.”

This was not the first time the volatile Campbell, 35, was accused of reaching out and touching someone with a phone. In 2003, the supermodel was sued by a former administrative assistant who said Campbell had thrown a phone at her during a tantrum two years earlier.

In August 2004, in the same apartment, Campbell and her maid battled it out, with the worker claiming the supermodel slapped her across the face. Campbell accused maid Millicent Burton of instigating the fight.

Campbell was discovered at age 15 and launched a career that landed her in magazines worldwide — including the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. Campbell’s high-profile lifestyle has included appearances in music videos by George Michael and Jay-Z and a close friendship with Mandela.

The international modeling sensation has appeared in several films and dabbled in a musical career.

The mercurial Campbell has a reputation for angry outburs and abusive behavior. She pleaded guilty to Toronto in an assault charge for beating another assistant while making a film in Canada in 1998.

She also batted a cocaine addiction before reportedly getting straight several years ago.

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Free Softball Wiffle bats to the first 200 fans!

Saturday, April 1
@ 12:00 vs. Connecticut

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Irish

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Sunday, April 2
@ 11:00 vs. Providence

Jimmy Buffett Day!
Free shirts to the first 250 fans
Free tickets to early arriving fans
One Fan will win tickets to see

Jimmy Buffett in Chicago!
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**JAMAICA**

Nation swears in first female prime minister

Associated Press

PORTIA SIMPSON MILLER was sworn in yesterday as Jamaica’s first female prime minister, becoming the first black woman to head a Caribbean nation.

A Romford-born lawyer and the daughter of a Trinidadian dock worker, she will take office as Prime Minister with the promise of greater human rights and anti-corruption measures.

**GAZA STRIP**

Hamas ministers take office

Associated Press

The new Hamas government was sworn in yesterday, with the Palestinian Authority’s new prime minister Ismail Haniyeh promising a peaceful handover.

A suicide bomber killed four Israelis and wounded dozens more last night in an attack on a settlement near the Gaza Strip. Israel's military said it launched an immediate offensive to respond to the attack.

**Several Israelis killed by Palestinian suicide bomber**

Associated Press

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and now introducing DIESEL
North Carolina introduces lottery

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina lost its label Thursday morning to Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee, following the lead of 41 states which in 2003 made tickets at dawn.

More than 5,000 retailers statewide began selling tickets at 6 a.m., shortly after State Board of Education chairman Howard Lee bought the ceremonial first ticket at dawn.

"This is fantastic," Lee said, holding up the tickets at the lottery's Raleigh office. "This is a great day in the state of North Carolina.

By midday, Lee had given five tickets to North Carolina Teacher of the Year Wendy Miller, who won $10 that she then gave back to the state. It was part of the estimated $1.3 million in prizes paid out by mid-afternoon, lottery officials said.

Ticket sales by then had reached about $6.5 million, beyond the early $2 million estimate of lottery officials. Executive director Tom Shanker estimated that sales would reach more than $10 million for the day.

At least 35 percent of the proceeds from every ticket sold must go public-school construction, class-size reduction, need-based college scholarships and a voluntary prekindergarten program.

North Carolina will join the multistate Powerball numbers game in late May.

The lottery law also sets aside 40 percent of the proceeds for public-school construction, with the remaining 60 percent divided among the regions.

"It's painful to know you'll be treated equally under the law if and only if you happen to live here."

Arlene Isacson Gay rights advocate

Wildfires destroy homes in Amarillo

Eight homes destroyed, no injuries reported

Associated Press

AMARILLO, Texas — Two wildfires erupted Thursday in this dry and windy city, destroying eight homes and several structures before they were brought under control, officials said.

There were no reports of injuries.

About 440 acres burned, though estimates were difficult because wind gusts of nearly 40 mph grounded Forest Service aircraft, agency spokeswoman Traci Weaver said. The fires were 90 percent contained by Thursday afternoon, she said.

Several early burns in a junkyard, and authorities tried to evacuate homes in the area, but most efforts focused on protecting homes in the fires' path, said Amarillo Fire Capt. Bob Johnson.

"We did save a lot of structures, but it was moved."

Johnson said. "It kept jumping highways, too."

The temperature was in the high 60s with a relative humidity of 12 percent.

Weaver said the conditions are right for wildfires when 50 percent of the ground is dry and winds blow above 15 miles per hour.

Since Dec. 26, more than 11,000 fires have burned about 4.9 million acres and destroyed about 400 homes, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

"The fires were burning about 17 miles from the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly facility, but the westerly winds meant it likely wouldn't be a threat," said Robert Perry's office.

Amarillo, a city of 176,000, is about 120 miles west of Abilene.

Since Dec. 15, about 280 fires have burned about 335 miles northwest of Dallas.
Facebook: know what you’re sharing

They’re watching.
And don’t say you didn’t see it coming.

From your underage roommate’s tagged photos of her or his local bar to a friend’s membership in a questionable group, the material publicly documented on the Facebook Web site has finally caught the attention of University administrators who have created accounts and viewed student profiles.

From its seemingly innocuous beginnings of linking friends at colleges and universities across the nation, the Facebook has most recently morphed into a “watchdog” tool that allows administrators and law enforcement officials a glimpse into what many students falsely consider their private worlds.

While University officials have said they do not peruse student profiles in a quest to uncover dui arrests, Alcohol and Drug Violations, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said there is no policy “that would prohibit us” to utilize the Facebook in the disciplinary process – an ambiguous statement that clouds any future speculation.

At Saint Mary’s, monitoring of the site may have additional implications for students. Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said the College is preparing to “explore ways to utilize Facebook to communicate with students and to determine if these sites should be considered when hiring student leadership positions.”

At neither school has the administration done out public measures based solely on infractions spotted on Facebook – markings that shouldn’t have crossed. The outside scrutiny is far from illegal, since the only requirement for Facebook membership is an “.edu” email address. This allows administrators to “proxy police” virtually anyone who has had an “.edu” email address at some point in his or her life to access the site.

It’s important to note that as a public domain, Facebook requires users to be responsible for what they share and associate with — on the site. Given the examples of Facebook crackdowns at other universities paired with some Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s faculty and administrators’ admitted Facebook usage habits, it is ignorant to think that what you post on the site is for your friends’ eyes only. Unless you make it that way, that is.

Bottom line: Be careful.

You can’t keep administrators from trying to peek, but there are easy ways to protect yourself from their scrutiny. Re-set your private settings to only allow friends to view your profile. Un-tag your photos.

Remember that you aren’t the only face looking at your Facebook profile.

The Last Waltz

Nobody Likes a Dumb Blonde

Molly Acker

The last weekend marks St. Mary’s Senior Formal – a night which I have heard many friends mention as “drunk prom.” My friends and classmates are anticipating a great evening full of a sort of last hurrah with the cold rains, but I have made over the past four years. To be quite honest, I am not so excited.

I didn’t really want to go to the dance, but I found myself getting roped into buying a hundred-dollar ticket for an evening that doesn’t even include an open bar. For my friends convinced me to come by pulling out the “we only have a few more weeks” card. My great friends, who obviously know me even better, pulled out the “you’ll get to get a new dress and heels” card. I was sold.

I was even briefly looking forward to the night.

That was until the issue of who I would bring came up. I thought this would not be a problem. Not surprisingly, I checked to see if my boyfriend could come first. One would think this is a definite “yes.” Think again – it seems that first-year students must get homecoming tickets this time of year. I decided not to sweat it. I knew I would have had the best time with him, but I have some great guy friends that would also make really fun dates. I talked to a few them about it — they would love to come.

But have friends visiting the campus or attending baseball games that day.

So now I’m feeling pretty dejected.

Here I think I got it made with a great guy and my friends, but I can’t even get a date to some dance.

It then dawned on me that life has a big full circle. This is most likely the last dance I’ll need to find a date to go with and I’m having no luck. Can we say high school?

The month lead up to homecoming was a notoriously stressful time for me.

I’m posting a picture of myself in my shirt (a nervous habit of mine) looking all possible dates and making up reasons why none of them would ask me. If you didn’t go to the dances, not only were you not fulfilling your role in student government that requires you to attend events, but even worse, it was social suicide.

I have found myself waking up in cold sweats after having nightmares of what life was like in high school. Along with the pressure of finding someone to walk in the door with there are all the pictures. Everything was captured on film — he it the fashion crimes committed in shades of lavender, maroon, and blue, the date that was shorter than you or who couldn’t dance, the hairstyles with curls hanging all over the place.

I thought that I had put all of this behind me. When I was the cap and gown four years ago.

Now my friends and family are laughing at me. They think it is hilarious that I am having such trouble.

My dad called and said he’d be happy to go with me. I’m not even sure I could count on that.

With my dad history I’d turn into the Joan Rivers joke about the guy who was so ugly that she got stood up for the father-daughter dance.

Here I am, so fortunately have to wonder a good family, and friends, and my Facebook profile.

It is an all too fitting way to cap off the last eight years of my education and a perfect reminder of why it would be up to me to not make more dances. An event that lasts for only a few hours causes all these problems. Needless to say, I’m keeping my fingers crossed that some poor soul will be willing to spend his or her evening feasting on undercooked chicken, drinking cheap booze, and making idle chit chat.

Actually, though, I think I have a few good leads on dates. After all, that guy who finds the term “fighting Irish” offensive seems like a lot of laughs, and I doubt he’ll have anything going on on a Saturday night.

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Military contract not ambiguous

In response to Jonathan E. O’Reilly’s letter (March 28), O’Reilly’s statement that resignation anything regarding the verbal oath each officer takes upon accepting a Commission contract means clear to O’Reilly at the time of his commission, that was a failure of his ROTC staff, but I insist that the fact that currently the ROTC staffs are stressing the possibility of being held beyond the minimum requirement.

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William Sullivan 
United States Army 
March 28

Two sides to contract interpretation

Regarding the letter, “U.S. Army doesn’t honor ROTC contract” (March 28), I feel it is important to see the other side of the issue. When I resigned my commission after completing my obligatory eight years, I was subject to recall to either the active reserves or active duty. I could request resignation once my eight-year commitment was satisfied. I did resign at this point, and it was accepted.

However, officers who have completed their obligation are not guaranteed a non-active-duty position. If an officer resigns, the service may deny the resignation for the following reasons: not meeting service obligations or failing to complete service obligations. If an officer is in the inactive reserves, he or she must complete the required service.

Incidentally, this is also true of active-duty soldiers. If an officer resigns, the Army and serve their entire careers on active duty. If an officer is Regular Army, he or she has an indefinite obligation, unless he or she requests retirement. It’s not just an issue with Reserve commissions.

The key here is that anyone signing a contract needs to very clearly understand what resigation is a request which could be denied. This was not clear to O’Reilly at the time of his commission, that was a failure of his ROTC staff, but I insist that the fact that currently the ROTC staffs are stressing the possibility of being held beyond the minimum requirement.

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Two distant cultures — Irish and Ancient Greek — are brought together in the production of "The Burial at Thebes." Notre Dame students produced "The Burial at Thebes," directed by Andrew Faulkner, who represents the traditional and the untraditional.

The play centers around Creon (Sean Swaneey), who represents the traditional and rigid values of the state. A conflict arises when Antigone (Meg Trucan) disobeys an edict Creon issues regarding the burial of her brother, who died fighting against their state. Swaneey is a Scene writer for The Observer. The Irish and Greek cultures emerge in the production in diverse ways. Immediately noticeable are the costumes — some are distinctly Greek, some distinctly Irish. Antigone's white chiton is distinctly Greek, while Haemon (Andrew Hayes) sports a costume with Irish designs. On the other hand, Antigone's sister Ismene (Jennifer Melillo) wears a colorful costume that melds Greek and Irish influences.

Several of the actors in the play speak with an Irish lilt, which very overly adds an Irish bent to the play. Heaney's translation of the play adds some English idioms to the Greek tragedy, which also adds to the melding of the two cultures in the production.

"This production of 'A Burial at Thebes' is unique because it tells a story, which at heart is ancient Greek tragedy, with an Irish taste to it," Jim Schneider (Seamus Heaney) said. "The older characters in the play use an Irish accent, but the younger ones work with a toned down American accent. This difference helps build the tension between old and new, the traditional and the untraditional."

Another interesting facet of the production is the presence of the chorus. The chorus is an integral part of any Greek play, and they play a central role in the progress of the play. In "The Burial at Thebes," the chorus, composed of three women — Marisa Behan, Maureen Mulleen and Elizabeth Rogalski — who sing, dance and speak throughout the play. Their unaccompanied singing, dancing and singing add a unique dimension to the play as a whole.

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By GRACE MYERS  Scene Writer

"Ae Fond Kiss" is the story of an independent Scottish woman and a first-generation Pakistani man who fall in love in middle-class Glasgow. When their family and friends discover their love, scandal breaks and threaten to tear them apart.

The film addresses the issues of race, immigration and religion in multicultural Britain, beginning with the younger sister's class speech stating, "I reject the Western simplification of a Muslim." Indeed, the problems this family faces are anything but simple, focusing on how Muslims are viewed in British society during our modern age of terrorism. "Ae Fond Kiss" is indeed provocative, intense and fabulously up-to-date. It's a great love story by a renowned director.

Casim (Atta Yaqub) is the jewel of his tight-knit, first-generation Pakistani family. His parents have struggled greatly to raise and educate their children in a city they do not understand. The audience discovers that Casim's father is busy building an extension to their house, so that Casim can live there with his arranged bride-to-be, Jasmine. Casim is resigned to this fate, valuing the happiness of his family above all else. That is, until he meets Roisin (Iva Birthistle), a music teacher at his sister's school. She is smart, talented, beautiful and extremely independent. She is also white and Catholic.

Despite his fast-approaching marriage, Casim asks Roisin out, she accepts and they begin seeing each other frequently. She sees the club he deejays at and the space he dreams of turning into his own. Casim soon calls off his marriage to Jasmine, who has the homecoming of his dreams into his own club. Casim soon calls off his marriage with Jasmine. His family is devastated and is ashamed by the entire Pakistani community. Casim struggles greatly from the heartache he has caused, while Roisin tries to understand his situation despite not having had a family for many years.

One might assume that Roisin can lose nothing by this relationship (and indeed Casim suffers much more), but when Casim and Roisin move in together out of wedlock she is rebuked by her local parish priest and forced to resign from her teaching position at the Catholic school. Prejudice is rampant in both communities, with Roisin and Casim fighting to stay together. Finally, Casim leaves his family, knowing that it is, sadly, the only way he can be with the woman he loves.

"Ae Fond Kiss" is the first major film for both of the leads. Their inexperience is often evident and they sometimes do not quite carry the gravity of their role. However, their innocence helps them grow in many ways. The two sometimes seem nervous in a subtle way, indicating the feelings of a new romance. They grow more comfortable as the film progresses and have remarkable on-screen chemistry.

Director Ken Loach is an internationally acclaimed British director, who began working as a television dramatist for the BBC in 1963. Throughout the 1990s, he rose to international acclaim for his feature films containing highly provocative and often radical political messages. He is not afraid to display the worst aspects of society. But "Ae Fond Kiss" is not typical for Loach. It takes place in comfortable, middle-class Scotland, free from drugs and gangs, with characters that have ideals, hopes, dreams and a sense of humor.

"Ae Fond Kiss" may not be highly original, or a landmark piece for Loach, but it is a remarkable love story with a highly relevant call for tolerance.

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**Junkins: St. Patrick’s Day conflicts with values**

By BARE HEINYGIRL

University President Father Jim Junkins announced Thursday that the exclusion of St. Patrick’s Day from Notre Dame’s academic calendar will continue indefinitely due to deep conflicts between the popular Irish-American holiday and the University’s Catholic character.

Since St. Patrick’s Day — and its trademark green beer, clothing and vomit — occurs annually on campus every March, outside observers could easily believe Notre Dame endorses the holiday’s values, Junkins said.

“This decision has nothing to do with pressures from alumni or the Church,” he said, looking up from a cash pile of donations to lovingly stroke a framed photograph of Pope Benedict XVI. “The concern here is not with censorship, but with... well, yeah, I guess it is censorship. Deal with it.”

Adjustments to this year’s academic calendar — whose extended four-week Christmas break resulted in March 17 falling when students were away from Notre Dame for spring break — will soon be made permanent, Junkins said.

“With students gone, there won’t be anyone to embarrass the University by drinking in class or falling off balconies,” the president said. “That way, the University and I can celebrate the holiday the way God and Our Lady intended it — in an academic setting, like 339 O’Shaughnessy.”

Unlike in his recent addresses concerning “The Vagina Monologues” and the former Queer Film Festival, Junkins did not ask various campus constituencies for feedback about his St. Patrick’s Day choice.

“Can you believe faculty and students actually wanted all that time writing Viewpoint letters and e-mailing me about their opinions?” Junkins said incredulously. “Between flying my...”

**Ordinance bars students from city**

By REGINA GEORGE

Following months of tension between South Bend residents and Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students over off-campus parties and inflammatory stereotypes, the South Bend Common Council on Thursday passed a new housing ordinance banning students from living anywhere in the city.

Students living in houses or apartment complexes off-campus have until 11:59 p.m. April 1 to vacate the premises, and must take all of their belongings and vehicles with them. Assistant City Attorney Naus-Cheryl Splish said:

“Despite all the bitching about that amendment we passed last summer, we only got six real evictions out of it.”

So this will be like one huge eviction — we’re getting rid of all the snotty, spoiled, puking, fornicate brats at once!”

**SMC takes revenge on Shockular twosome**

By MEAGHAEAN O’NALLE

A group of Saint Mary’s students calling themselves Mommy’s Pose kiddnapped Notre Dame junior Alec Black and senior Erik Powerless from their respective residences Thursday morning and are holding the pair hostage somewhere in the Saint Mary’s tunnel system.

As such we have been forced to make matters into our hands. In a ransom note issued shortly after the kidnapping, members of Mommy’s Pose stated Saint Mary’s College and its students are the butt of the joke in a disproportionate number of Shockular comics.

“Saint Mary’s women are sick and tired of being portrayed as unintelligent jersey chasers who go around telling people they attended Notre Dame,” the statement read. “These images serve only to promote hurtful stereotypes in our community. Letters to the editor and complaints made directly to Mr. Black and Mr. Powerless have gone unheeded. As such, we have been forced to take matters into our hands.”

**Duve LeBaron reveals all**

By MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU

You know he’s a hardcore Kelly Clarkson fan. You probably guessed he forbid his female vice president from wearing heels. You may even know he sleeps over at Father Poorman’s house. But there’s still a lot you don’t know about outgoing student body president Duve LeBaron — and that’s all about to change.

In a recent interview with The Absurder, LeBaron revealed a side rarely seen by his adoring Notre Dame public, expounding on topics from his future political ambitions to where — in a pinch — he would hide his student senators’ dead bodies.

**New ad is aired by University**

**ND tops ‘Candle’ with God appearance**

By MOTHAT BOOZE

Amid much speculation during the last several weeks, administrators finally confirmed Thursday that the new University institutional spot, set to air during halftime of all 2006 Notre Dame football games, will star none other than God Himself.

“We’ve been in talks with Him for a while but didn’t want to let the cat out of the bag until it was a done deal,” University spokesperson Lon Highcliff said.

The commercial, according to...
INSIDE COLUMN

EAT FRESH

Hey, that long, rambling story you’re telling sounds just like my last Inside Column. I couldn’t help but overhear your conversation about how every time you really hate when Subway has a long line, and I have to say, it sounds just like my last Inside Column for The Absurder.

Our shared opinion regarding the unnecessarily long line that one must wait in to get a sub sandwich just proves that, while seemingly trivial, this issue needs to be published in a public forum to inspire others who share our views.

The Inside Column is perfect for such issues. While they aren’t placed in the same category as morally difficult problems like abortion, war and the potentially offensive nature of college mascots, these are things that affect student life directly every day.

I too began my story by setting up the somewhat necessary background for my story that was ultimately pointless and required continued interventions to keep the listeners/reader updated.

To quote my last column: “It seems like every time I walk by Subway there is an endlessly long line just to get a sandwich. Doesn’t anyone at Notre Dame eat anything else? I went to Subway once at 1 a.m. after a long night of studying and there was still a line. Granted, it wasn’t as long as it normally is at lunchtime, but I really just wanted a fried-turkey sub on honey oat bread with sweet onion sauce and having to wait for it just made me so mad, I drove all the way to the Student Union to write this column. Most of the time I’ll just walk by when the line is long, but every so often I’ll get in line and endure the long, boring wait just to get a sandwich. My freshman year roommate was always getting Subway, and she ran out of Fiji water so fast and would often try to mooch off of me.”

The things you said about wanting to improve the situation made me think that either you had read my column or that I really managed to tap into the pulse of student opinions about Subway on campus.

As I wrote in my last Inside Column: “The growing length of the Subway line, along with issues like academic freedom and gender relations, should be of great concern to students on campus. If Notre Dame wants to continue its continued growth as an academic institution, it should deal with this problem head on. Ropes to direct the line growth would be a temporary solution, but ultimately, the university should consider both expanding Subway and offering other food options to students on campus. Without continued emphasis on the variety of food options available to students outside of the dining halls, Notre Dame will lose a part of what has made it great over the years.”

I’m so glad that I inadvertently heard your thoughts on Subway. It tells me that in a small way, the Inside Column I was pressed into writing at midnight by someone from the News Department during a weak moment and produced in less than 20 minutes is really speaking to the student body.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are probably those of The Absurder, since we can’t remember which editor was too drunk to read this.

CORRECTIONS

The Absurder never makes mistakes. Ever. And if we did, we really wouldn’t want to hear about them.

Especially from little rants like you. Call us at 1-866-her Mr. Garrison from South Pole up.

“Go you to hell. You go to hell and you die.”

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

John Zabowski
Irish safety

“Hit people...in the face.”

Baby Finn
Irish quarterback

“Shave my arms.”

Farty Booney
Irish quarterback

“Secretly play interhall football.”

Shark Face
Irish wide receiver

“Brush my hair.”

Robby Burton
Irish offensive lineman

“Lasso Texas cattle...and ladies.”

IN BOXERS

Editor of the Irish Boxer will be shoving copies of their “newspaper” into students’ hands in South Dining Hall tonight from 5-8 p.m. Students who resist will immediately be labeled Satan-worshipping liberal baby killers.

The Irish men’s and women’s basketball teams will be hosting a noodle feeder pong tournament in the Joyce Center tonight from 8 p.m. until someone besides Chris Quinn or Megan Duffy makes a shot. The event is free and open to the public except the Leprechaun Legion.

The men of Keenan Hall will be staging a retaliation against their two p.m. today. Residents will be vomiting not only under the Zahn room’s window, but also on his bible under his desk and inside his pillowcase.

University President Father Jim Jenkins will be holding a town hall meeting for the University community to discuss Academic Freedom and Catholic Character on God Quad today at 4 p.m. Jenkins will not be in attendance; however, former University spokesman Fat Borin, will field questions in the president’s absence.

The PSA, CLAP, V-Day, AllianceND, College Democrats, College Republicans and Flight to Life will not be holding protests on the quad, in the Main Building or next to DeBartolo today. Apathetic students are encouraged not to notice.

The Notre Dame Fraudist and Advisory Services Department will host an open house titled “Don’t Be Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf” from 1-3 p.m. today. Director Bill lapuloomi promises not to look at your expense reports if you bring him a beer.

The Absurder employees Cyle Kastley, far left, and Smatthe Wedburgh, far right, exhibit it a very public — and strangely symmetric — display of affection.

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BEATOFF

Walking student detained

NORTH QUAD — A student was detained late Wednesday night for walking across the quad. An NDSP officer, who was on patrol, saw the student while perched on his ATV and eating donuts. The student was suspected of trafficking cocaine with intent to distribute.

While there was no visual evidence that would suggest the student was carrying an illicit substance, the officer on patrol had an itch on his cell which he took to be a sixth sense indicating that the student might be up to no good. The student was questioned and released, but NDSP is considering sending the case to ResLife pending the results of a 20-page questionnaire that was distributed to his peers. NDSP said they want to know more about how people feel about the incident before they take the next step.

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McFrien previews 'Code'

Famous Notre Dame prof defends himself against plagiarism charges

by BOLLY WIEFFLIN

Father Dick McFrien — the Notre Dame theology professor and nationally renowned CNN, NBC, ABC, CBS, Fox News andWNDU commentator who faced plagiarism accusations twice this year — held a commentator who faced work on the Thursday to Saturday, April 1, 2006.

The Absurder campus claimed his influence was most advisor for the film, and during adaptation of McFrien previews 'Code' from the movie in which he dam n."

"Frankly, my dear, I don' t give a dam n."

"Frankly my dear. I don't give a damn."

Father Dick McFrien cable news whore

Kidnap continued from page 1

In exchange for Black and Powerless' release, the police demanded the strip be discontinued in The Absurder and the newspaper be screened for any content that presents The College or its student body in a negative light. If their stipulations are not met by Monday, McFrien's Posse said, Black and Powerless will never see the "glint of the Golden Dome again but instead will remain eternally under the aura of the Bell Tower."

Police said they believe the hostages are being held somewhere below Le Mans Hall and are working to determine their specific location. Saint Mary's officials screened their phone calls and locked their office doors Thursday to avoid having to comment on the situation at this moment.

Animosity toward Black and Powerless has been building for months, and a large crowd of students assembled on the Le Mans green Thursday they might to express support for the kidnappees. "Those Shockoular guys are huge jerks," said sophomore Maighan O'Sullivan. "They took their jokes too far and now they are paying for it. I hope they never make it out of the tunnels alive."

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trustee endorsement to Rome and planning the 75th anniversary-of-my-inauguration gala, who has the time to look at all of that."

"If the president of the United States doesn't read, the president of Notre Dame shouldn't have to either."

Junks added he fully supports the goals of St. Patrick's Day — "The need to promote Irish-American heritage and to celebrate Irish-American history in an unequivocally shared by all at this University," he said — but "doesn't think the holiday is the appropriate means to achieve them."

"Given the divisive character and aspirations of Notre Dame, you can't have just any holiday on campus," Sacks said. "I mean, we wouldn't have Yom Kippur, or God forbid, Martin Luther King Day.""

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"Father Junkins's power trip has gone too far. I miss Monk lettering. I'm upset," Sacks said. "It's a power trip has gone too far. I miss Monk lettering."

Right to Sobriety student president James Sacks disapproved.

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Senior Mayen O'Brien admitted some of Black and Powerless' comics are funny but others are "wildly inappropri­ate."

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Sell your soul. Call News at 1-532-
Highcliff features a prospective student who visits a chapel every day to pray and makes a sizable cash donation. Then, on the third day, the student receives a visit from God who hands the student his Notre Dame acceptance letter, which emits a heavenly glow. God then smiles and says, “I'm off to the Dome to visit my mother. See you in the fall.”

The role of God was originally scripted for screen star Charlton Heston, who had agreed to do the part, but administrators wanted to do “Father Jim Junkins,” Highcliff said. Talks with God began in December, but did not conclude until after University President Father Jim Junkins’ trip to Rome in early February.

“It wasn’t until Junkins met with the pope that God seriously considered taking the role,” said Highcliff. "Once I knew — that’s what we call the pope around here — we’re very close — told God He should take the part, talks began to get aimed."

The pope told God the commercial would be good for His image and make Him more accessible to the people, he continued. Administrators are thrilled God has chosen to include Himself in the project, but there are other perks.

“We don’t need any special effects technicians, as God takes care of all that,” Highcliff said. "We didn’t want to give the impression that those who pray a lot don’t get in this University."

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Date of Birth: _____/ _____/ __________

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**Control**

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enough," he screamed. Then Cheis held up his left hand, covered in Super Bowl jewelry. "Kiss the rings," Cheis said.

**Notes**

CheisTV will be supported by money raised from The Shirt sales. Though some students are skeptical of purchasing the fan shirt in the future.

"If it's yellow, I'm not buying it. This year's shirt was the worst fan shirt I've ever seen," said every student.

The commercials for CheisTV will consist of Chuck Norris videos.

Contact The Cap at Precision@bymerips.com

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**CAA**

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"We have made a commitment to excellence in football, now it's time for basketball, and we think the CAA is the place to do it," Black said.

Since the move is effective for all sports, all Irish teams will now face the likes of Drexel, James Madison, Towson and Virginia Commonwealth.

"I just wish someone would acknowledge that we exist," Irish cross country runner Stephanie Badia said in response to the conference change. "Maybe the CAA is the place to do it. If George Mason can be famous this way, why not us?"

For Notre Dame basketball coach, the chance to play against the Fightin' Blue Hens of Delaware is the most exciting.

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**Losing**

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an 87-64 loss to Michigan in Ann Arbor in the second round of the NIT on March 20. The loss was the fourth overtime loss for Notre Dame this season.

"I know we lost to Michigan, but I'm proud of this group," Frey said. "They fought, they fought hard. We really are the Irish. They really are." Irish basketball players Failin' Balls and Mick Bornet walk off the court after another loss, probably at the last second.

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It has recently come to our attention that some tragically misguided Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students think they are too good for The Absurder. You know the type — the guy who brags to his friends that he only reads Shockular and PastyLand because our reporting is too "juvenile" for his refined tastes. Or the girl who scoffs at the debates in the Pointless section because they never mention "real issues." "I'm an intelligence reformer," Nick and Jessika. If this sounds all too familiar to you — yes, you ripping out the crossword puzzle, three words of which you will actually finish — consider this your wake-up call.

It's been scientifically proven true and again that journalists are not only drastically more intelligent than the rest of the population, but also happier, savvier, funnier, sexier, richer, more truthful, sexier, hotter and more attractive. Furthermore, these traits are multiplied when discussing journalists at the college level — one need only look at The Absurder's newsroom for evidence of this fact. Yet journalist remains one of the least-respected professions in America — right up there with lawyer, garbage-man and assistant rectors.

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We thought so. Think twice the next time you're tempted to declare yourself above The Absurder's standards. We know where you live, we know all your dirty secrets and we're not afraid to splash them across the front page. If only every profession could be so noble.

Fire Bailey Cheis

Don't get me wrong, I think our football program has been at its very best from Sundays to Fridays, but also happier, savvier, funnier, sexier, richer, more truthful, sexier, hotter and more attractive. Furthermore, these traits are multiplied when discussing Bailey Cheis at the college level — one need only look at The Absurder's newsroom for evidence of this fact. Yet journalist remains one of the least-respected professions in America — right up there with lawyer, garbage-man and assistant rectors.

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Laugh at Shockular, with my blessing

Looking down on Notre Dame from heaven, I have observed many many angry conversations among administrators, faculty and students about the content of certain "Shockular" cartoons. Even my chosen disciple, Bailey Cheis, has been prompted to keep Black and Erik Powerless' work and admonished The Absurder for running "offensive material.

But I say to you, my children, I am not offended by Shockular. Neither is my Son — who frequently appears in the comic: — and therefore you should not be either. While some might think Black and Powerless are overly rude, they serve the important function on campus of reminding you all not to take yourself so seriously. And while some of the strips certainly flirt with the line between appropriate and inappropriate, you remember there is some truth to every joke.

For example, the Nov. 1 comic poked fun at female students and their choice of Halloween costumes. Can you honestly tell me ladies, that you nor any of your friends use Halloween as an excuse to dress in ridiculously scanty clothing? I believe a quick search of your Facebook pictures would prove otherwise. And is there any topic more ripe for parody then the Notre Dame social scene?

Pointless section continues to serve as a wonderful forum for intelligent and honest discussion on seriously global issues such as the Iraq war and the Notre Dame mascot.

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Absurder Poll

If you worked for Scholastic, how badly would you want to kill yourself?

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Quote of the Day

"I know, right?"

Pike Jilloon
most powerful student on campus
FOOTBALL

Chéis achieves total control

By THE CAP

Notre Dame head football coach Barley Chéis has a long-term, acrimonious, high expectations and the respect of his fans. And now he has an absolute control.

ChéisTV, a cable network available to all on-campus Notre Dame students beginning next fall, will broadcast 24-hour programming to promote the football program's superiority.

"I win, it's what I do," Chéis said Wednesday from his throne in the Guglielmino Center. "Whether it's football or television, I win. I've never lost."

At any point during the day, a student will be able to receive messages and watch press conference re-runs with their "favorite Irish coach," a press release, a k.a. e-mail, from sports information director Bob Chalker read Thursday evening.

The athletic department sees the move as essential in maintaining the tradition and wholeness of the Notre Dame image.

"See, the thing we weren't comfortable with, in a sense — with the way things were playing out, we realized that student-athletes couldn't obtain information from other sources about coach Weis," Notre Dame assistant athletic director Jim Liesler, referring to Internet and print media sources that actually followed Notre Dame football, too. "And that wouldn't benefit all the parties involved, including the athletic department. We can't have any kind of well-rounded perspectives here."

"Our clear message gets the point across."

Chéis was out on campus Thursday promoting the television venture, showing brief clips as examples of the new work's programming. At one point during a slide show in LaFortune Ballroom, Chéis stopped the presentation and made three inattentive members of the audience do pushups.

"Nine and three is not good see CONTROL/page 6

SMC ATHLETICS

SMC starting its own football team like ND

By SMC PREDATOR Sports Writer

The Belles have had enough, and it's time for tradition to cross Business Route 31. Saint Mary's College is starting its own football team.

"Eleven national championships and seven Heisman winners?" Belles offensive tackle Jared Silverman, skeptical of Notre Dame's history of prominence, said Thursday. "Is that it?"

Saint Mary's president Darrell Rooney said he expects the College not only to break conventions with the announcement. He also promises the Belles will dominate their opposition — who could not comment immediately.

However, while Notre Dame has a national television contract with NBC, Saint Mary's plan will be broadcast on local South Bend cable channels and radio, according to Notre Dame athletic director Kevin Black.

Belles first-year coach Hannah Barbara said the enthusiasm of the fact that only 11 girls football is "young lady athletics" — came to the first tryouts.

"We're legends," Barbara said. "The fact that the College has finally given its girls the freedom to pursue football is pretty legit."

Recruiting expert Dom Menning said the Belles are already on the recruiting trail and are poised to secure 20 players from its annual top 100 list.

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ND ATHLETICS

ND joins CAA due to George Mason basketball successes

By PATRIOT ENVY Sports Writer

In a stunning move, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin Black announced Thursday Notre Dame would be leaving the Big East Conference to join the Colonial Athletic Association in pursuit of basketball greatness.

"As we watch George Mason in the Final Four this weekend, our fans can now realize that next year that can be Notre Dame," Black said in a press conference. "We expect nothing but the best from our basketball program, and this is the step in the right direction."

Black said all other Notre Dame sports would also be a part of the CAA — with the exception of football, because Irish head coach Barley Chéis refused to allow it.

"All of our teams will benefit from the competition of the CAA," Black said. "However, the senior leadership of the University decided football will not be joining the conference. The money received from the exclusive contract with NBC is essential to pay for and Chéis' salaries, in addition to helping some students."

The move comes in light of Mason's dramatic and historic run to the Final Four as a No. 11 seed, LSU and Florida, both SEC teams, and UCLA, a Pac-10 team, round out the Final Four. The Big East had just two teams in the Elite Eight and four teams in the Sweet 16.

"We felt the Big East wasn't good enough for us anymore," Black said. "At Notre Dame we hold ourselves to the highest standard, and the CAA is just that in basketball."

"It's good in other sports too."

The Big East had seven teams in this year's tournament, even more than the Irish didn't make it in after finishing 15-13 overall and 6-10 in the Big East. The Irish also failed to win a game in the Big East Tournament, dropping their first game to Georgetown. But Black maintained that Notre Dame basketball was doing just fine.

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FIESTA BOWL

Despite the huge hit her lover J.A. Mawk put on her brother Baby Fire during the game, Blaum is still committed to the relationship, according to an ABC interview, aired 25 times.

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DRINKING RANKINGS

Shoup claims top spot

ResLife director jumps to No. 1 after posting scandalous pictures on his Facebook profile.

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NOTRE DATING

South Quad, 7 p.m. Friday

In event sponsored by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, students can speed-date on the quad to find soulmates.

page First Base

FOOTBALL

PW 13, Notre Dame 0

Led by a stout defense, the Purple Weasels defeat the Irish in Notre Dame Stadium.

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The title of the film "A History of Violence" doesn’t lie—the film is raw, bloody and emotionally devastating. It boasts fantastic performances from a bevy of talented actors, and while the story gets lost at times in the sheer grittiness of the film, it is a deeply powerful portrayal of one of humanity’s most basic instincts.

"A History of Violence" centers on Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen), a seemingly normal everyman living in a small town in Indiana. His life changes radically when he displays a somewhat eerie proficiency for killing when his diner is almost robbed. His violent act, while portrayed as heroic, only leads to greater and more escalated violence in the world around him. His brutal exhibition eventually calls his identity into question and manages to tear his family apart.

The film displays a variety of types of violence, from heroic to senseless, youthful to sexual, and it reveals the destructive power in all of these forms. The story itself in the film, while important, is truly in place so as to allow violence to occur and wreak bloody havoc on the characters, revealing its universally damaging effects. Acting emerges as the greatest draw in "A History of Violence," with wrenching performances from numerous characters. Mortensen manages to balance the family man warmth and cold—blooded killing instincts that his character exhibits with great skill, while Maria Bello is a whirlwind of emotions as his wife Edie. Supporting comes from Ed Harris and William Hurt, who was nominated for an Oscar in the Best Supporting Actor category for his work in "A History of Violence."

Director David Cronenberg doesn’t shy away from showing graphic, disturbingly violent images. This unflinching portrayal of violence is alternately disturbing and powerful, and in what ultimately gives the film its gut-wrenching emotional impact.

"A History of Violence" is part of a recent trend in Hollywood—films based on graphic novels. The film is based on the work by Vince Locke and John Wagner and joins recent graphic novel—inspired cinema, like "Sin City" and "V for Vendetta."

The DVD of "A History of Violence" features a number of features that enhance the viewing of the film. There is audio commentary from Cronenberg that provides some insight into the film as a whole, and there are three features included as well. The first, "Violence’s History: U.S. vs. International Versions," compares the U.S. cut of the film to the more graphic international release. "Too Commercial for Cannes" looks at the film’s release at the French film festival, while the third feature "Act of Violence" provides the entire background on the film’s production.

A lengthy deleted scene is included on the DVD, and it includes optional director commentary. Along with this lengthy scene is the featurette "The Unmaking of Scene 44" which details how the scene was made and why it was ultimately axed from the film.

The graphic, brutal nature of "A History of Violence" can make it difficult to stomach. But the film provides a deeply moving commentary on the role of violence, not only within families but as part of human nature as a whole. The extras on the DVD add insight into the film’s purpose, but in the end, it is the film itself that stands alone as a somewhat complicated work. While viewers may leave the film with conflicting feelings, it is impossible to remain untouched by the raw emotional power of the film.
**NHL**

**Roloson makes 20 saves in 4-0 Edmonton win**

Senators blast Rangers 4-1; third-period rally sparks Detroit over Nashville; Afanasenkov leads Lightning past Atlanta

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**EDMONTON, Alberta —** Dwayne Roloson’s timing was perfect for the Edmonton Oilers.

Roloson made 20 saves for his first shutout with Edmonton, a 4-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings 4-0 on Thursday night that moved the Oilers into a tie with the Northwest Conference’s top place in the Western Conference.

“It’s important for any goalie coming into a new team to get his first shutout,” Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. “It couldn’t have come at a better time.”

Roloson, making his 12th start since a trade to Edmonton from Buffalo, said he has three goals in his last four games. “Rollie shut the door for us,” said Jaromir Jagr of the Oilers.

The 10th-place Kings lost for third time in four games to drop five points behind the Oilers, Anaheim and Vancouver.

“I’m happy it worked out on our side,” said Jeremy Roenick after his second game back with the Kings after sustaining a chip fracture in his right ankle.

Torre opened the scoring at 1:43 of the first period with his 29th goal of the season, and Samsonov made it 2-0 on a 2:59 left in the period.

Spaced out a power-play goal from Jagr, who, with his first goal in 14 games, completed the scoring in the period.

**Senators, Rangers 1**

The Ottawa Senators found a way to overcome the absence of three top defensemen — and keep NHL-scoring leader Jaromir Jagr in check and not letting him have his way to overcome the absence of many other top forwards.

The Senators blasted the New York Rangers 4-1, as a lack of effort, said Jeremy Roenick after his second game back with the Kings after sustaining a chip fracture in his right ankle.

Rangers coach Joe Torre was 0-for-6.

“We worked, we tried things, but collectively we weren’t on the ice and admitted he was in a cold.

“He is a big opportunity for the coach of the period. It could be an easily square all the way to have one’s sucking on the season on another two-man advantage early in the first, and Eaves made it 2-0 with his 16th on another two-man advantage at the 13-minute mark. New York countered less than a minute later on Tyutin’s backhand.

“Special teams are big,” Senators center Jason Spezza said. “That’s how you’re going to win games down the stretch.”

**Red Wings, Predators 2**

Brendan Shanahan and Jason Williams each had a goal and an assist in the third period to help the Lightning beat the Thrashers in the Eastern Conference playoff spot with a wrist shot.

Kris Draper tied it at 14:09, and Kris Draper scored at 12:29.

**Lightning, Thrashers 3**

Dmitry Afanasenkov and the Tampa Bay Lightning made a big playoff push Thursday night — at the Atlanta Thrashers’ expense.

Afanasenkov scored two goals to the help the Lightning beat the Thrashers on Thursday night, leaving seventh-place Atlanta seven points out of the final Eastern Conference playoff spot with 10 games left.

With the victory, Tampa Bay remained tied with New Jersey and Montreal for sixth place in the Eastern Conference with 83 points. On Thursday night, New Jersey beat Buffalo 3-1 and Montreal edged Washington 3-2 in overtime.

Right now, time is running out,” Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. “We don’t have any points to give to anyone. We will need some great performances from everyone.”

Tim Taylor and Paul Ranger also scored for the Lightning.

Taylor snapped a 22-game goal-scoring drought, and Ranger’s goal was the first of his 67-game NHL career.

Tampa Bay goalie John Grahame’s bid for his third shutout against Atlanta this season ended when Steven Stamkos scored from the blue line with 9:16 left. Vyacheslav Kozlov and Bobby Holik added goals for the Thrashers in the final 2 minutes.

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NBA Standings

Western Conference, Southwest Division

Golden State 30-40 .431 17
Sacramento 36-36 .500 12
LA Lakers 38-34 .507 10
LA Clippers 41-29 .600 6
Seattle 29-42 .400 10.5
Phoenix 47-23 .692
Portland 20-51 .299 19.5
Denver 40-32 .559

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

Chicago 31-40 .437 26
Milwaukee 36-35 .507 21
Cleveland 42-29 .592 15
Detroit 57-14 .803
Orlando 28-44 .364 20.5
Washington 37-44 .456 16.5
Miami 48-23 .682
Charlotte 22-52 .299 30.5

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

Philadelphia 32-36 .457 10
Boston 36-42 .477 13
Toronto 26-45 .366 16.5
New York 19-51 .271 23

Eastern Conference, Central Division

Detroit 57-14 .803
Cleveland 42-29 .597 15
Milwaukee 36-35 .507 21
Indiana 35-35 .500 21.5
Chicago 31-40 .427

NCAA Men's Lacrosse

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2 Clemson 16-3 2
3 Rice 15-5 3
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NCAA Men's Baseball

Top 20

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In Brief

Ochoa ties record for best round in an LPGA major

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. - Lorena Ochoa had only 100 or so people following her record round Thursday in the Kraft Nabisco Championship, which was fine with her. She was able to hear that familiar voice, her father urging her to attack the flags and stick close.

"Just like this," Javier Ochoa said to her after she began the first round with a 9-iron to 2 feet birdie. And she obeyed, knocking down flags on a calm morning in the desert, piling up birdies until she was in the record books with a 10-under 62 that gave her a four-shot lead over 16-year-old Michelle Wie.

We got all the attention and matched her best score on the LPGA Tour, a bogey-free 66 in which she played with poise and precision and had a birdie put on every hole.

Boeheim wants to see more teams in tournament

INDIANAPOLIS - Jim Boeheim wants more schools playing in the NCAA tournament, and his coaching colleagues appear to agree.

"I have a number in mind, I think it should probably be about four to six, somewhere in there," Boeheim said Thursday. "The problem really is that it shouldn't come down to logistics." The field expanded from 48 to 64 in 1985, then added a 65th team to the field in 2001 when the NCAA increased the number of automatic bids from 30 to 31.

Boeheim believes the rapid increase in Division I schools, to more than 300, and increased parity, as demonstrated by George Mason reaching the Final Four, indicates its time to include more teams.

Roddick continues slide with loss to Ferrer

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - Andy Roddick shanked a service return, sending the shot straight up, then took off his cap and used it to catch the ball.

Give Roddick credit for trying to make the best of a difficult day. He hit another bump in his bid to shake an early-season slump Thursday, losing to David Ferrer 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq 100 Open.

Roddick, who slipped from third to fourth in the rankings last week, has yet to reach a final this year.

"I feel a lot better leaving this tournament than I did a couple of days before this tournament," he said. 

"I feel like I'm on the verge of playing really good tennis again.

Roddick's biggest weapon - the serve - betrayed him against the 11th-seeded Ferrer. In the first set he made only 35 percent of his first serves.

Blue Devils await DNA test results

DURHAM, N.C. - The lawyers for Duke men's lacrosse players said Thursday that police and an outraged community will owe the team an apology after DNA tests are completed — tests they said will prove no one on the team raped an exotic dancer.

Four attorneys representing nearly all the 46 players forced to give DNA samples protested what they said was a presumption that their clients attacked the dancer or kept quiet about what happened. No one has been charged.

"We believe that the DNA will show that that this not true. We believe that a full and complete and fair investigation will show that it is not true," lawyer Joe Chesire said. Investigators are still collecting evidence, but District Attorney Mike Nifong has said in recent days he already believes a crime occurred. Even if the state crime lab's DNA analysis proves inconclusive or doesn't provide a match for any of the athletes, Nifong has said he'll have other evidence.

"If the only thing that we ever have in this case is DNA, then we wouldn't have a case," Nifong said Wednesday. This week, university president Richard Brodhead suspended the highly ranked team from play until the school learns more about the accusations.

Chesire said Nifong and police have created a mob mentality that has tainted the men "before the evidence has all come out in a way that they will never recover.

Nifong's office did not return calls Thursday seeking a response to the criticism.

Boise Stateamburger student Jacob Rennes calls for the firing of lacrosse coach Mike Pressler and athletic director Joe Alleva Thursday during an open mike protest in front of the university's administration building in Durham, N.C.

Associated Press

"I don't think the DNA is the case," she said after speaking at an outdoor protest near Brodhead's office. "Guys can wear condoms."

According to the application for a court order seeking DNA samples from the team, a nurse trained to treat rape victims, and a physician who treated the woman said they witnessed symptoms consistent with sexual assault. The document also includes details of a search of the house where the woman said she was raped for about a half-hour.

around the dial

NBA

Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m., ESPN
LA Lakers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Anna Benson asks for divorce from Orioles pitcher husband

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — Anna Benson has requested a divorce from her丈夫 Kris Benson, who was traded by the New York Mets to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Anna Benson, an actress and model who has posed topless, filed for divorce in Atlanta on Thursday. The petition for divorce claims the marriage is "irrevocably broken."

The couple has been married for seven years.

Benson initially protested the deal that sent him to the Orioles. But now he thinks the Mets did him a favor.

"I was a little upset because I enjoyed my time in New York and I feel like they had a good team coming into the season," Benson said in a recent interview. "But now that I realize the opportunity I have, it's going to be a good career move for me."

Now, it appears as if he will go it alone.

In 2005, his first full season with the Mets, Benson allowed three runs or fewer in 19 starts. He was 10-8 with a 4.31 ERA, but New York won 17 of the 28 games in which he pitched.

Despite those numbers, the right-hander was traded to the Orioles in January for pitchers Jorge Julio and John Main.

There was speculation that the deal was perpetuated by the behavior of Anna, who has her own web site and publicly discussed intimate details of their sex life.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya contended that Anna Benson was not a factor in the trade.

"New York is just a world of its own. I knew that coming in, but you learn that a little more when you get put in the spotlight like that in a negative and undeserving way," Kris Benson said. "It was a little frustrating at the time because people kind of believe what they read. For her it's been a little tough, because they kind of portray her in a negative light."

Anna Benson wore a provocative dress at the team Christmas party, and there was talk that she was considering posing nude for Playboy. Kris Benson bristles at the suggestion.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Marc Sawyer figures he won't sleep much this weekend.

The 21-year-old UCLA senior was flying with several friends to Columbus, Ohio, late Friday, then renting a car and driving three hours to Indianapolis. Once here, he'll don a blue and yellow outfit that includes colored glasses, gym shorts, a T-shirt, knee socks and a pompon to cheer on the Bruins in the Final Four before returning to Los Angeles 30 minutes before his first class Tuesday morning. Whirlwind trip? You bet.

"We're just running on adrenaline once we get there," said Sawyer, a San Diego resident who is president of The Den, UCLA's student athletics fan club. "We're not even going to want to sleep."

Thanks to a monthlong buildup, multimillion-dollar ad campaigns and celebrity-studded entertainment, this year's Final Four will be a far cry from the event's humble beginnings in 1939, when only eight teams competed for the title. This weekend, when an expected 100,000 fans descend on downtown Indianapolis for the culmination of a nationwide basketball frenzy, the tournament will have transformed itself into a full-out extravaganza.

"When a sporting event moves to the next level and becomes a big event, it's more than just attending the games — it becomes a destination point on everybody's calendar of events," said John Bowady, president of rEvolution, a Chicago sports marketing agency that partnered with the NCAA to promote various game packages. "I think (the Final Four) has moved into the realm of being a rival to the Super Bowl."

Included in the lineup is a free, two-day music festival headlined by Indiana rocker John Mellencamp and featuring last season's "American Idol" winner, Carrie Underwood.

The NCAA's Hall of Champions museum will be open for a marathon 180 straight hours to mark the governing body's centennial. Thousands of entertainment-minded fans were expected to visit an interactive festival at the Indiana Convention Center.

That doesn't count the scores of private parties, hospitality rooms and VIP events for special ticket holders and corporate partners who have shelled out thousands of dollars for all-inclusive Final Four packages. All the while, CBS will be broadcasting games on 11 jumbo screens throughout downtown.

"I think consumers expect more of a total fan experience now," said Vince Thompson, president and chief executive officer of the Atlanta-based Creative Presence Partners, which is working with the NCAA and Coca Cola Co. to put on the musical festival "Fans aren't the only ones demanding more. Big corporations use tickets to top sporting events such as the Final Four, the Super Bowl, the Masters golf championship and the Kentucky Derby to schmooze their best customers."

"The Final Four is becoming one of the premier events in the country from a corporate perspective," said David Lord, chief executive of RazorGator and PrimeSport, an online-ticket broker based in Los Angeles. "It's becoming more and more the approach of the big sponsors to leverage these events as opportunities to get close to their big clients."

RazorGator expects to send as many as 4,000 customers to the Final Four — half of them through corporate packages that include work meetings, a casino night and special appearances by top coaches and players.

Evolution's premier package costs $55,000 and includes 10 lower-level seats in the RCA Dome, a four-night downtown hotel stay and access to other VIP events.
NBA

Pacers honor Miller, fall to Phoenix, 114-104

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The capacity crowd that showed up at Conseco Fieldhouse to watch Reggie Miller's jersey retirement ceremony had nearly vanished by the fourth quarter.

That's because the Pacers didn't resemble the team Miller turned into a contender with his pinpoint clutch shooting.

Shawn Marion scored 29 points, Steve Nash nearly had a triple-double, and the Phoenix Suns beat Indiana 114-104 Thursday night to snap a two-game losing streak.

Nash finished with 15 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds.

"Miller Time" never came because the Pacers were out of the game so early. Phoenix led 58-44 at halftime and 92-78 at the end of the third quarter.

Phoenix entered the game averaging a league-best 108 points per game.

The Suns' offense was too sharp for Indiana's fourth-ranked scoring defense.

"They had some bigger guys," Marion said. "We were trying to force the tempo of the game. They couldn't run with us and it showed." Marion got no closer than nine points in the second half.

"They make your tempo," Indiana point guard Anthony Johnson said. "If you don't make shots, they can dominate you. We would put up a string of baskets and you look up at the board and you're still down by 12." Marion scores 29 to lead Suns, Indiana has lost 6 of 8 games

The Observer

Former Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller and his family raise his number 31 to the rafters during Thursday's loss to the Phoenix Suns.

Belles try to avenge defeat

Saint Mary's will face Olivet Nazarene and Wheaton this weekend

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sports Writer

Coming off its first conference loss, Saint Mary's will have a chance to get back in the win column when it takes on Olivet Nazarene at 2 p.m. today and Wheaton College at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Jack Schwarz Memorial Classic Tournament in Wheaton, Ill.

As this weekend's tournament is sandwiched between conference matches, the Belles players will have a brief reprieve from the pressure of the conference schedule. The team hopes to put that break to good use, senior Kristen Palombo said.

"Tournaments like this take the pressure off for a little while because we know that no matter what happens, it won't affect our conference standing," Palombo said. "We're able to try new things in these matches, and we're able to work on parts of our game that we might not be comfortable using in conference matches."

Saint Mary's will still be taking this weekend's matches seriously, though, and will be facing some difficult competition.

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Belles junior Kelly McCaffrey hits a shot against Albion April 17, 2005. Saint Mary's will play Olivet Nazarene and Wheaton this weekend.

Senior Elizabeth Maclellan, a two-time winner of the CC IW Player of the Year award, is currently the No. 2 player in the region.

The team, however, sees the benefits of playing against such strong competition.

"No matter what happens regarding the outcome, it makes you a better player," Palombo said. "You have to try harder, come up with shots you didn't know you had, and you have to expand your game."

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FROM THE 170S

In a March 2006 edition of The Observer, a page featuring a basketball game summary and a story on the former Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller's jersey retirement ceremony. The article also includes advertisements for upcoming events and a notice for a furniture model open. Additionally, there's a mention of a wrestling event scheduled for April 2nd.
Noir Dame will head south to Augusta, Ga. this weekend to take part in the Augusta State Invitational at Champions Retreat Golf Club. After finishing eighth at the Border Olympics March 18 and 11th at the General Jim Hacker Invitational March 13, the Irish are anxious to start competing for tournaments championships, and Irish coach Jim Kubinski said, there's no better place for that than Augusta.

Just the name Augusta brings to mind thoughts of championship golf," Kubinski said. "I feel we are ready to start playing our A-game, and what better place to do it than Augusta, Georgia."

Kubinski said he hopes this is the weekend where the team returns to the form it showed in the fall. "We had such a strong fall season, I just want the guys to match that this weekend," he said. "We played top-20 golf and now is the time to prove to everyone else that we're closer to the team we were in the fall than the one that's been playing this spring," he said.

Kubinski is going to tweak his lineup for the weekend, adding freshman Josh Sandman. Sandman's outstanding play in qualifying rounds this past week, according to Kubinski, is the reason for the move.

"We played in three (qualifying rounds) this past week and (Josh) finished behind only Cole [Ishban] and Scott [Gustafson]," Kubinski said.

Kubinski said Sandman's proficiency near the hole will help the Irish this weekend. "If we can play like I know we can play, we'll show that we're closer to the team we were in the fall than the one that's been playing this spring," he said.

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Irish sophomore Greg Rodgers puts in last year's Notre Dame Invitational. Notre Dame will travel to Augusta, Ga. for the Augusta State Invitational this weekend.

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**Women's Crew**

Rowers ready to churn waters of Mission Bay

Team travels to San Diego to participate in annual Classic

By TIM KAISER

Sports Writer

This weekend the Irish will travel to southern California to race in the San Diego Classic. The races, which will host over 3,500 competitors, will be held in Mission Bay in San Diego. Both men’s and women’s college teams will compete, along with club teams from all age groups. Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the event, which is one of the most popular the Irish compete in every year.

Rowing relies on its premier national events, like the Classic, to raise interest in the sport. College coaches use the Classic to scout high school programs for good rowers.

The Classic began in 1976, a joint effort between the San Diego Rowing Club and the ZLC Rowing Club for women, and the first event featured eight schools from the west coast and the Naval Academy. This year’s event will feature the Naval Academy, Washington, Long Beach State, San Diego State, UC-San Diego, UCLA, UC-Santa Barbara, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, Duke and Virginia.

The Irish will compete for the Jessop-Whittier Cup, the top honor for women at the Classic. The cup features eight-person races. Notre Dame’s probable varsity lineup will consist of coxswain Maria Romano and rowers Julie Sobolowski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Megan Boyle and Sarah Palanchock. They will look to improve upon last year’s time of 7:03.21, which earned them eighth place. Teams of Irish rowers will also compete in the JV and Novice races.

The Irish fared well in their last competition, winning six of seven races at the Lubbers Cup in Grand Rapids, Mich., despite hailstorms and turbulent water. Irish head coach Martin Stone said Martin Stone was pleased with his team’s performance and is looking forward to seeing what his team can do at the Classic.

“I thought we raced well and hard under hard conditions.”

Martin Stone
Irish head coach

“I’m happy how we handled the racing conditions, and I could see that each of our boats improved from the previous week.”

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The races begin at 7:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and end at 2:30 p.m. Contact Tim Kaiser at tkaiser@nd.edu

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

**Team opens conference season against Adrian**

**Belles split two games against Manchester earlier this week**

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Sports Writer

The Belles will play their first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) game today at 1 p.m. in Storrs, Conn.

The win was the Huskies' fifth of the season.

Steve D. Smith is one of the nation's foremost scholars in the area of law and religion and teaches in the areas of law and religion and constitutional law.
**Men's Lacrosse**

Irish offense ready to mow down Big Green

Irish defenseman James Severin cradles the ball in an 8-4 win on Feb. 26 over Penn State.

**Squad fresh off 11 goal performance in win over Brown**

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After an 11-5 victory over Brown Wednesday, Notre Dame looks to finish the week undefeated when they take on Dartmouth at Moore Krause Stadium Sunday at 12 p.m.

Notre Dame's 11 goals against Brown marked its largest scoring output of the season, and Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said he is looking for his offense to turn in a similar performance Sunday.

"(Against Brown), we did a better job of dodging and aggressively going to the goal," Corrigan said. "Also, when you play as many good defenses as we have, your offense starts to react to the defense rather than the defense react to the offense."

Another positive aspect from the Brown game was the vast improvement in face-offs. Although face-off specialist Taylor Clagett was still sidelined with an injury, senior midfielder Steve Pannos was effective, helping the team win 11 of 26 face-offs, a major improvement over the 6 of 22 face-offs the team won in its first game without Clagett — a loss to Hobart.

"Steve did a terrific job last week, and we really hope that he can do it for us again this week," Corrigan said.

After losing to the Pride, the team talked about the Brown game as a statement game. After sufficiently making their statement Wednesday, Corrigan said the Irish will look at Sunday's game as a momentum-builder.

"We know how important it is to have momentum going into league play," Corrigan said. "It's not just momentum for league play, though, because every game counts for the NCAA. The last two years we've been the seventeenth team in the 16-team NCAA tournament. If there's anybody who knows that every game counts, it's us."

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**Track and Field**

Team to host outdoor event

Distance runners to participate in Nike Stanford Invitational

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish team welcomes four regional foes Saturday to Moore Krause Stadium for the first outdoor home meet of the season.

The last time Notre Dame hosted an outdoor home meet was almost two years ago on April 3, 2004. The team hopes to repeat their effort in that meet, which earned Notre Dame 10 event victories.

"The early season meets are all about getting some good times under your belt and starting off the year in a strong way," said sophomore sprinter Zach Labrecque.

Labrecque will run the 100 and 200-meter races for the Irish Saturday.

Notre Dame will also see its first conference action of the outdoor season as DePaul comes to South Bend. The meet will feature the Blue Demons' second of the season after last weekend's performance at the Southern Illinois Spring Classic. Only one DePaul runner, freshman Gabe Harris, competed at Notre Dame earlier in the year at the Alex Wilson invite. Harris finished 10th in the 400-meter run.

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of business in the conference.
"We have amazing talent, motivation and team chemistry, and when we bring all of these aspects to the field we are one great ball club," Lenn said.
The Friars, who face Notre Dame in two games Sunday afternoon, also come to South Bend firing on all cylinders.
Before losing to Rutgers last weekend, Providence had reeled off eight straight wins to bring its record to 15-5 on the year.

Unlike the Huskies, the Friars have been winning games by big scores — including a 7-2 win over Villanova, an 11-1 defeat of Rutgers and a 16-7 blowout of Fairleigh Dickinson in recent weeks.

The Irish pitching staff has succeeded in shutting down big bats all year long and is confident it will be able to do the same with the Friars.
"As a whole, we always try to focus on keeping the ball in the park and giving our hitters a chance to win the ball game," Fuemmeler said.

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win three of the six singles matches to claim the win.
The two wins in singles came from No. 5 Kiki Stastny and No. 6 Katie Potts who has only lost once in dual matches this season.

"The whole team fought hard in the last match," Potts said. "We've also had a great season, so now we just need to play great tennis in the upcoming matches.

Eastern Michigan heads into the contest with an impressive 6-1 win over Ball State last Saturday. The Eagles now stand at 6-6 overall and 1-1 in the Mid-American Conference.

In the match, Eastern Michigan claimed the doubles point with wins from their Nos. 2 and 3 doubles. Playing at No. 2 for the Eagles was the duo of Catherina Besthorn and Elizabeth Syrova and at No. 3 was Faivia Micaiti and Laura Fernandez.

Leading the team in singles is Syrova at No. 1 and Aditi Krishnan at No. 2.

"Although [Eastern Michigan] isn't ranked as high as us, we never want to underestimate any of our opponents," Potts said. "We are expecting great matches from them.

The Irish feature two highly ranked doubles teams. Leading the team is the No. 3 duo of juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson at No. 1.

The Thompson's are coming off a 9-7 win over Vanderbilt's Amanda Fish and Amanda Taylor. Following the Thompson's is the No. 29 pairing of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft. The third Irish team is the twosome of seniors Kiki Stastny and Lauren Connelly.

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson leads the team at No. 1. Thompson is followed by No. 74 Christian Thompson at No. 2.

"We are really looking forward to playing at home after having several matches away," Nelson said. "Getting a win against Eastern Michigan will be a great way to start the upcoming series of matches on the road."

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JOCKULAR

Where’s O’Donnell? He said some “mighty ducks” challenged them to a high stakes scrimmage.

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