Saint Mary's searches for new VPs

Incandela, Tiefenthaler engage with students, faculty, administrators in forums

By KELLY MEEHAN

As two of the top three Saint Mary's administrators prepare to step down from their positions this spring—marking a new era at the College—students and faculty have the opportunity to meet two candidates vying for the position of vice president and dean of faculty at open forums this week.

Father John Jenkins, however, will participate in two open forums today and Thursday, as well as closed sessions specifically for faculty members. The candidate visits are part of a broader search to fill the vacancies soon to be left in the heart of the administration by current Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White and Faculty Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm—a gap that will give College President Carol Ann White significant shifting power over the school's future.

The search began when White announced on Jan. 28 that he was leaving the College to head Walsh College in Crawfordville, Ind. This announcement occurred only days after Timm announced she would leave Saint Mary's to serve as president of Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wis.

The vacancies left by Timm and White's departure will be filled prior to the start of the 2006-07 school year, said Mooney, who hopes to name the vice president and dean of faculty before the conclusion of the spring semester.

Although the specifics regarding the search for the vice president of student affairs have yet to be publicly released, Mooney, the search committee chair, said she plans to fill the position before August.

Despite being faced with the challenge of hiring two heads at once, Jenkins spoke with students, faculty, and staff members about his time at Notre Dame during a Fireside Chat sponsored by the Student Union Board in the Coleman Morse lounge Monday night.

University president discusses first year

By MAUREEN MULLEN

When U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt held "fireside chats" during the Great Depression, a living room radio was the closest the nation could get to its leader.

With University President Father John Jenkins, however, a Fireside Chat is an intimate, face-to-face affair.

Jenkins spoke with students Monday evening in the Coleman Morse lounge as part of the Student Union Board's series, "Fireside Chats." In the casual setting of armchairs and couches—complete with a

Runners prepare for Holy Half

By KATIE PERRY

Nearly 400 runners will participate in the second annual Holy Half Marathon this Sunday in a race spanning 13.1 miles— that's 52.4 laps around Notre Dame's famed football field or the length of 138.336 LaFortune parking lot size.

"We have four times as many entries this year than we did last year," race coordinator Kathleen Coverick said. "I think that ND kids love a challenge — and this race definitely gives them something to go after." Coverick said most of the

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders urge further input from members

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL

Only three days into their new positions, members of the Council of Representatives (COR) focused on establishing goals for the upcoming year at the group's meeting Monday night.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell urged COR members to bring issues to her attention as they settle into their roles.

"We set the agenda for COR," Shappell said. "COR serves as a cabinet for
After a few days. Mayor Antonio effect of such demonstrations. If the old to class.


Such massive demonstrations never seem to happen state-side, however. I would say this is why I was so heartened last weekend to see images of hundreds of thousands of Angelenos gathered in downtown Los Angeles protesting immigration legislation currently making its way through Congress. The rally was followed by a week during which teenagers successfully organized and staged school walkouts via the Internet and word of mouth. Some might find such protests threatening or disruptive. Indeed they are disruptive — one group of students attempted to close a freeway by running up an ramp. After a few days, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had to risk alienating his Hispanic base and tell students to go back to class. But that's the point.

No barrage of phone calls and no letter writing campaign could ever have the effect of such demonstrations. If the old saying stands true Congress received a 500,000 word letter on March 26: 1,000 words for each of the estimated 500,000 protesters who became the pictures that day. Pro-immigrant demonstrators' efforts cannot be ignored. The Latino demographic in the United States has long been powerful in numbers, but now it has proven itself to be powerful in the political arena as well.

It would be premature to label the pro-immigrant rights rallies in California and other parts of the country as an all-out success, but it will take weeks and many debates before any new immigration legislation is finalized.

They have proven, however, that such demonstrations are a powerful tool in a democratic society. There have been talks of compromise in Washington, of a possible guest-worker program by which immigrants run work in the United States legally.

Further, they provide hope that if we take the recent demonstrations as a example we can make ourselves heard on other pressing issues such as the war in Iraq.

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"Probably 10 miles, because I did cross-country in high school, but it was horrible." - Christina Hill, junior Walsh

"I would walk 500 miles, and I would walk 500 more..." - Szymon Ryzyner, freshman Morrissey

"To the dining hall."

"Sechfourteen-teen. It was glorious." - Missy Reidy, freshman Walsh Family

"I don't run. I power walk."

"I don't run. I fly."

Sophomore Nicholas McLees, president of Notre Dame's Swing Club, dips his partner, freshman Kaitlin Jensen, during a meeting of the Swing Club Monday night at the Rockne Memorial.

Jacob Owens, a 17-year-old South High School student, snagged a diamond-studded silver grill a couple of months ago for $200. "Everybody is getting grills," Owens said while hanging out at the food court at Tower City. He chose silver to set himself apart.

Owens sheds his grill to eat and at bedtime, but wears it for hours at a time to match his earrings.

High school teacher resigns after hickey incident

Missoula, Mont. - A Sentinel High School teacher, charged with mis­ demeanor for allegedly giving a student a hickey, has resigned.

Missoula County Public Schools said Dan Kucera, a business teacher, resigned several weeks ago.

Kucera was suspended in January. Police said Kucera put a 17-year-old male student in a head lock and sucked on his neck, causing it to bruise.

Kucera told KPAX television on Wednesday that he made a stupid mistake.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, graduate chair for Spanish, will give a lecture titled "Travessias: Imagining the Hispanic Caribbean from the Diaspora" today at 5 p.m. in 208 Nieuwland Hall. The lecture is part of the Spring 2006 Hispanic Caribbean Lecture Series "Encuentro Caribeño: Puerto Rico Isla Fronteriza" sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies.

Father Willy Raymond, national director of Catholic production company Family Theater Productions, will give a lecture titled "Young Catholic Hollywood" today at 7:30 p.m. in 127 Hayes-Healy Hall. It is part of the Center for Ethics and Culture's Spring Catholic Series "Hollywood Mission Field or Mission Impossible?"

The Annual Archishop Romero Mass, in honor of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, will be celebrated today at 4 p.m. in the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's College.

On Wednesday, Hector Dadirezi, former deputy in the Salvadoran Assembly, will give a lecture on Romero titled "Un hombre de Fe en Jesus de Nazaret" at 8 p.m. in the Heshburg Center Auditorium.

Barry Sharpless, the 2001 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, will speak on "Organic Azides: Later Bloomers" Wednesday at 4 p.m. in 127 Nieuwland Science Hall.

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

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Program to continue despite federal cuts

Notre Dame, home since 1991 to the National Youth Sports Program (NYSF), will continue the program this summer on a limited basis despite the elimination of federal funding.

NYSF will be held from June 15 to July 14 on campus, and registration will take place from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Charles Black Youth Center, 3419 W. Washington St.

Several University departments have pledged support to allow the program to operate this summer, though it will be able to accommodate just 250 young people, compared with 600 last year.

Established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1968, NYSF is a five-week sports enrichment camp for children ages 10-16 who live at or below poverty in South Bend and Mishawaka. They are transported to and from campus to learn the fundamentals of football, soccer, golf, swimming, basketball, volleyball and yoga, in addition to participating in drug and alcohol prevention, writing, math and science, career education and computer classes.

The primary objective of the program is to expose children who are at risk for health concerns such as childhood obesity to higher education and healthy lifestyles and provide educational remediation and supervision while encouraging their participation in sports. Children also receive free medical exams, insurance, USDA-approved meals and transportation. During its 15 years at Notre Dame, NYSF has served more than 3,200 young people from the South Bend area.

After 37 consecutive years of support, Congress eliminated all NYSF funding for 2006. Nationwide, more than 250 programs are in jeopardy of closing their doors.

Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns in conjunction with the Offices of the President, University Relations, and Public Affairs and Communication, has pledged support to continue the program this summer while alternative long-term funding is sought.

NYSF traditionally has been funded by the USDA, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the NCAA, participating institutions, and state, local and private contributors.

Additional registration information is available by calling the Center for Social Concerns at 574-631-5293.

Math group to gather at ND this weekend

Special to The Observer

More than 400 mathematicians will gather at the Notre Dame Saturday and Sunday for the 2006 Spring Central Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society.

A conference highlight is the 2006 Erdos Memorial Lecture, "Inhomogeneous Random Graphs," by Bela Bollobas, professor at the University of Memphis and fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, at 5:10 p.m. Saturday in Room 101 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Erdos lecture is an annual invited address made possible by a fund created by Andrew Beal, a Dallas banker and mathematics enthusiast. The lecture is named for the late, prolific mathematician Paul Erdos, who published more than 1,500 papers and developed the theory of random graphs.

A random graph is a collection of points, called vertices, in which some or all of the points are connected by line segments, called edges. Graphs can be used to model networks such as the World Wide Web (in which Web pages are the vertices and links between pages are the edges) and social interactions (in which people are the vertices and edges connect people who know each other). In one interesting graph, the vertices correspond to and from actors in a film. The graph is the basis for the trivia game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon."

Bollobas' lecture concerns graphs in which, for each pair of vertices, whether an edge is drawn between them is decided at random. These random decisions are made in such a way that there can be a wide variation in the number of edges that come out of the different vertices in a graph (just as there can be a wide variation in the number of links to a given person's social network). The study of random graphs has led to many interesting discoveries about the properties of graphs in general.

More information about the sectional meeting can be found at http://www.ams.org/amsmt- gs/2130_program.html.

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Liz Kozlow asked COR members to brainstorm ways to increase voting percentages and awareness of the Peer Advocacy program.

Senior class president Sheldon Dutes said he plans to bring a discussion of off-campus living to COR, as the majority of his class will reside off-campus next year.

With the future addition of four senators and a number of non-voting members who will be able to contribute input, Shappell said this year's COR promises to accomplish a great deal.

In other COR news:
• COR confirmed Matthew Russo as policy branch controller.
• Alex French was chosen as the director of communications, a non-voting position.
• As director of communications, French will work alongside chief executive assistant Liz Brown in managing the affairs of the student body president and vice president.

"As the fourth in command, I want to work to lighten the load of [Shappell, Andrichik and Brown] because they have a heavy load to manage," French said.

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University medalist passes on

Mary Elizabeth Carney of Lake Forest, Ill., a recipient of the University's Laetare Medal, died Sunday.

A Notre Dame benefactor and the wife of Thomas P. Carney, 1937 Notre Dame alumnus and chairman emeritus of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, Mrs. Carney, a native of Indianapolis, had suffered a stroke three years ago.

In addition to her contributions to the University, Mrs. Carney was active in numerous community service organizations. She served as president of the Saint Mary's Mothers of the Homeless Club, of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, the Lake County League, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Lake Forest Garden Club. She also served as secretary of the Lake Forest-Caucus and as a member of the Gordon Community Center Board.

The Carneys were awarded Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal, in 1986.

Mary E. McGuire and Thomas P. Carney were married Oct. 3, 1942, and years later she confessed that she could not imagine not being married to him. In a 1991 Chicago Tribune article, the late Marquette University basketball coach and friend of the Carneys, spoke of the couple's conspicuous love after half a century of marriage.

"I always felt (Thomas) treated her as a beautiful woman he was courting and hoped he would be able to marry," he said. "That gentle consideration for her, as if Tom didn't have any task more important than being her husband."

Survivors include her husband, as well as her four children, all Notre Dame graduates. Thomas Jr., '67, of Lake Forest, Ill.; Sheila Hopkins ('74) of Hingham, Mass.; James ('75) of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Janet O'Brien ('77) of Glenview, Ill.

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race.

Senior Tim Stawicki prepped for the Holy Half with the help of a routine he found in Runner's World magazine that includes "some sprints, some faster] medium distance runs and the ever-important long run."

"I've been training officially for about six weeks," he said. "But you could say that I've been training for the past two thousand plus days since I started running."

Stawicki completed his first marathon in Dublin during the fall of 2004 and went on to compete in the Chicago Marathon last October, but the Holy Half will nonetheless be a new experience.

"I have actually never run a half marathon, having jumped directly from the 10K to the full marathon in terms of racing," he said.

Senior James Ehlinger said Sunday's race would be "a good first step" towards his ultimate goal of running a full marathon. "I wanted to force myself into better shape," he said.

Ehlinger followed a nine-week training regimen that included a combination of long runs, speed work and cross training. Though he did not completely "stick to the schedule," Ehlinger said he still feels prepared for the race.

"During my training, I ran the longest I ever have — nine miles," he said. "I am looking forward to completing the Holy Half for my own personal achievement." Stawicki said he was unable to run the Holy Half last year, and "just had to sign up" for this year's race.

"Personally, it was a way to get started training for some more marathons without the hassle of having to devote three hours on Sunday to running 20 miles," he said. "This involves a significant decrease in time devotion — about half as much."

The 13.1 mile course follows two loops around the Notre Dame campus and is modeled off last year's route — which Coverrick said was "a little inaccurate."

"I've run the course with a GPS watch to try to make it as accurate as possible this year," she said.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. between South Dining Hall and Welsh Family Hall. Coverrick said those still interested in running the Holy Half can register via e-mail at holyhalf99@gmail.com or beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The event is co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Women's Running Club, Circle K, the Class of 2008 and the Class of 2006. Coverrick said a Council of Representatives grant would also help cover expenses.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australia to sell uranium to China

CANBERRA — Australia agreed Monday to sell uranium to China for nuclear power stations despite concerns that Beijing could divert the material to atomic weapons.

The country's foreign ministers signed two agreements containing assurances that China will not build bombs with uranium from Australia, which has 45 percent of the world's known deposits. No official estimates were available Monday, but the deal is expected to generate billions of dollars in annual sales.

"These agreements establish strict safeguards, arrangements and conditions to ensure Australian uranium supplied to China, and any collaborative programs or applications of nuclear technology, is used exclusively for peaceful purposes," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

Sharon to undergo skull surgery

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will undergo surgery Tuesday to restore part of his skull removed in previous operations after he suffered a debilitating stroke, the hospital treating him said.

The operation is to be conducted in the afternoon, the statement said. Sharon suffered the stroke on Jan. 4 and has not regained consciousness.

Hospital officials said last week that a decision would be made about whether to move Sharon to a long-term care facility. Experts agree that his chances of recovery are extremely slim.

NATIONAL NEWS

Scientists engineer artificial bladder

INDIANAPOLIS — A middle school principal was part of a group of scientists who announced Monday that they had grown a working artificial bladder in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for some tissue grown in the lab.

"This suggests that tissue engineering may one day be a solution to the shortage of donor organs in this country for those needing transplants," said Dr. Anthony Atala, the lead researcher. He said he believes the work provides a model for growing other tissues and organs.

Father leaves children in burning car

NEW ORLEANS — The father of two young children found burned beyond recognition in a sport utility vehicle will be charged with murder, police said Monday.

Darren Yun, 54, was found near the SUV with severe burns on his face, hands and legs, authorities said. He was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in critical condition Monday.

"This is the first time that a more intricate organ has been mostly replaced with tissue grown from the patient's own cells," said the lead researcher. He said he believes the work provides a model for growing other tissues and organs.

FIRETOWN — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty to murder and war crimes charges Monday before an international war crimes tribunal, denying 11 counts of helping to destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat.

Taylor at first told the court he could not enter a plea because he did not recognize his right to try him.

But after Justice Richard Lussick insisted, Taylor said calmly and slowly: "Most definitely, your honor. I did not and could not have committed those acts against the sister republics of Liberia.

Lussick accepted that as a not guilty plea and instructed the court to set a start date for the trial.

Although Taylor made his first court appearance in Sierra Leone, Special Court officials have requested that an international court in The Hague, Netherlands, host the trial. Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has expressed fear that Taylor supporters could use the trial as an excuse to mount another insurgency in her country.

Taylor said through his lawyer that he feared for his safety in Sierra Leone but wanted to be tried in the country of his birth. It would be easier for defense witnesses to appear there.

Desmond de Silva, chief prosecutor has said Taylor has no reason to fear for his safety.

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Sierra Leone

Taylor accused of war crimes

Ex-president of Liberia pleads not guilty to 11 brutal offenses amongst hostile crowds

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A former Liberian President Charles Taylor arrives at Monrovia's Roberts International Airport in Liberia Monday before being arrested and taken by helicopter to Sierra Leone.

Local News

Boy faces expulsion for using knife

STONEYBROOK — A 14-year-old student at Stoneybrook Middle School principal Connor Meadows he forgot that he had left the Swiss Army knife in his pocket after using it to whistle wood on March 2.

9/11 conspirator could face death

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal jury found Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui guilty of all charges Monday, completing his execution, deciding that his lies to FBI agents led directly to at least one death in the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The only person to face charges in this country for the worst ter-

The unanimous jury has heard testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attack, deserves to be executed for his role.

The testimony will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of the al-Qaida mission that flew four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Morrocan ancestry.

"By this verdict, the jury has found that death is a possible sentence in this case," court spokesman Ed Adams said.

On the key question before the jurors, they answered yes on whether at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligi-

Moussaoui would have been sen-

tenced to life in prison.
Scandal-plagued Republican DeLay intends to resign

Former House majority leader expected to step down in May or June, will not run for re-election

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texan touched by a lobbying scandal that embarrassment to him and some of his former top aides and cost the Republican his his leadership post, won't seek re-election to Congress and intends to resign, Bertholet officials said Monday.

They said DeLay would leave his seat in May or June.

It was not clear whether or how DeLay could remove his name from the November ballot, but if he did, party officials said he would presumably be able to select a replacement who could then run against Democratic nominee Nick Lampson.

Also unclear is exactly when DeLay reached his decision, but one official said the congress­man began informing close aides late last week. That was around the same time as a sec­ond former DeLay aide, Tony Rudy, pleaded guilty in a federal corruption investigation that has reached into DeLay's office.

DeLay was expected to dis­close his plans Tuesday at a news conference in Houston, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the congressman had not yet made that announce­ment.

Several officials said DeLay, an 11-term congress­man, called Texas members of Congress to tell them he was abandoning his re-election race.

"He'll resign," a former senior DeLay aide added.

In an interview with The Galveston Daily News in Texas, DeLay said his decision was based partly on troubling internal polling results, including a poll taken after the March Republican primary that showed him narrowly ahead of Lampson.

"Even though I thought I could win, it was a little too risky," DeLay told the Galveston paper. "The congressman told Time magazine Monday that he plans to make his Virginia condominium his primary residence. "I can do more on the outside of the House than I can on the inside right now. I want to continue to fight for the conservative cause. I want to continue to work for a Republican majority," DeLay told the magazine for its online edition.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, called his predecessor "one of the most effective and gifted leaders the Republican Party has ever known.

"He has served our nation with integrity and honor, and I'm honored to call him my colleague and friend," Boehner said.

DeLay relinquished the post as House majority leader last fall upon his indictment in Texas and decided in January against trying to get the leadership post back in an election-year corrupt­ion investigation involving a White House intern.

DeLay also was convicted of conspiring with lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

DeLay has denied any wrong­doing in both cases.

Earlier this year, DeLay had vowed to run a "very vigorous campaign" and win re-election.

But the congress­man's woes contin­ued to build over the past week.

On Friday, Rudy, DeLay's former chief of staff, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and promised to help, with the federal investigation of bribery and lobby­ing fraud relating to Abramoff. Rudy admitted conspiring with Abramoff — both while Rudy worked for the Texas congress­man and after he left the law­maker's staff to become a lobby­ist himself.

Rudy is the second former DeLay aide to plead guilty to federal charges in connection with the lobbying probe. Michael Seanlon, a former DeLay press secretary who later became a lobbying partner with Abramoff, pleaded guilty last fall to con­spiring to bribe public officials.

Rudy's plea makes no allegation that DeLay did any­thing wrong.

Just days before Rudy's plea, Abramoff — who is helping the con­gressional corruption investiga­tion in Washington — was sentenced to nearly six years in prison for fraud in connection with a separate case, a casino boat business deal.

DeLay's announcement Tuesday will trigger the end of a long career.

Called "the Hammer" for his hard-nosed approach, DeLay encouraged much of Bush's legislative agenda, including tax cuts, trade agree­ments and a Medicare prescrip­tion drug plan.

His brass-knuckled political tactics drew the ire of Democrats. Washington lobbyists and good-government types.

"His devotion to the cause has been hard as possible and not hold back," said Gary C. Jacobson, a professor of political science at the University of California at San Diego.

DeLay has worked tirelessly to increase the Republican majority in the House since the GOP swept out the Democrats in 1994. He raised tens of millions for Republican candidates and used his own leadership political action committee to shower cash on GOP hopefuls.

In 2002, he helped back the historic trend of midterm con­gressional election losses for the party controlling the White House; instead Republicans gained in the House.

He strongly armed a redistrict­ing plan for Texas that led to the defeat of five Democrats in the state in 2004. The House ethics committee rebuked DeLay for using the Federal Aviation Administration in the search for Texas Democratic lawmakers trying to avoid a vote on the redistricting proposal.

DeLay was unshakable. "I'm the majority leader and we want more seats," he said. Elected to the House in 1984 from the Houston suburbs, DeLay chafed under Democratic rule for a decade before the GOP seized control. Then, in 1998, he led the charge in impeaching Clinton over the sex scandal involving a White House intern.

He might have been House speaker in 1998 after Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., stepped down and Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., stunningly bowed out, but DeLay acknowledged that he was "too nuclear" to take the top job. He instead ensured that his deputy, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., became speaker.
Duke Energy expands into Midwest

Wholesomely approved the acquisition in early April, the North Carolina Utilities Commission said Monday that it continues to move forward at a healthy pace, said Paul M. Anderson, chairman of the board and formerly chief executive officer for Duke Energy, said in a statement.

Last May, Duke Energy agreed to pay $9 billion for Cinergy, forming a company with about 5.4 million customers and $25 billion in assets.

Cinergy Chief Executive Officer Jim Rogers said that a geographic reach few telecom companies have move the new company from North America, Europe and Asia, he wrote, the new company will have a national footprint with a reach of $1.7 billion (1.4 billion euros) — ahead of LM Ericsson's $19.9 billion (16.4 billion euros) in annualized pretax savings over half the savings will be available for comment.

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Market times despite late selling

New unnamed company will enjoy broad consumer bases in Europe and the U.S.

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Mooney said the search committee is seeking "someone who will recruit and retain a strong and diverse faculty, articulate and clear on academic strategy for the College, provide administrative leadership to the faculty and be a strong spokesperson and excellent communicator."

The primary role of the vice president and dean of faculty, according to White, is to serve as the chief academic officer of the College and to lead faculty to continue personal development through reviewing and improving academic programs and promoting quality teaching, scholarship and service.

This transition period within the administration comes while the College is facing several challenges as it strives to implement initiatives to continue the tradition of academic excellence — something White is confident his predecessor is striving to achieve, he said.

"I am sure the new vice president and dean of faculty, whomever that person is, will bring to the position personal and professional integrity, clarity of thought, a sense of humor and an affection for the College, our faculty, staff and students, a commitment to improving teaching and learning at Saint Mary's College, a devotion to the education of Saint Mary's women and a passion for helping her students grow and develop," he said.

While said he hoped the new vice president and dean of faculty would continue to expand upon the potential of the Center for Women's Intermural Leadership and remain enthusiastic about and supportive of the College's mission of fostering diversity while encouraging the Saint Mary's faculty and students to grow as both teachers and learners.

"We are an outgoing college, it is apparent among other members of the College community who say they embrace the transition. Anytime you bring new leadership there is an opportunity for new ideas and a new vision for the College," biology professor and search committee member Tom Plati said. "This is a critical point for the College to look forward to so as to address the demographically and for student engagement in shaping their educational experience."
Associated Press, men accused released Monday to The Observer Tuesday, April 4, 2006

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I probably should not write this article. I should probably take a moment, calmly collect my thoughts and speak more softly. But how many other libertarian-themed articles do you read? If you are a libertarian, you probably read a bunch. If you are not, however, this one is probably it. So in the wake of the Senate’s recent vote to raise the ceiling on U.S. borrowing authority to $8.965 trillion (an increase of $781 billion from last year) I have to say something loudly. I cannot take it anymore.

The vote passed the Senate along mostly party lines, 58-42. The legislation was the fourth time since 2002 that the government needed to borrow more money than allowed so as to again avoid defaulting on the federal debt. Now, according to the Congressional Budget Office, American taxpayers will be shelling out $217 billion this year on the interest accumulating on Washington’s loans alone.

Now, I am no fan of Bill Clinton and his sneaky rhetoric about a “budget surplus” (imagine, if you will, paying $20 for a gallon of milk, and instead of giving you change, the cashier excitedly proclaims he now has a “budget surplus” — if that’s a surplus, I’m Batman), but what has happened in the last six years? Does anyone out there besides me care that the Bush Administration’s completely irresponsible behavior is abhorrent?

And, the truth is, I blame you. Libertarians are very keen on the notion of personal responsibility. As a libertarian, I see politics as the following choices: more government or more liberty.

The problem is, when you consistently choose more government, it equals less liberty for me. You do not vote in a vacuum. Voting is exercising political power; it is a form of violence, like it or not, and my grandchildren will be paying for your irresponsibility.

Today, the United States proudly claims (yes, that verb is plural) almost half of the world’s military expenditures. In 20 years, Medicare will consume nearly 40 percent of our nation’s GDP (not federal budget, GDP). Our country is the world’s most powerful “superpower.” Does it truly matter how quickly we can destroy Saddam Hussein’s country when our “leaders” have sold so many Treasury bonds to China?

Debtors used to be thrown in jail when they could not pay for their poor choices. If debtors’ prison still existed, there would be no one left in Washington and I would be a happy man. However, instead of throwing them in jail, we are giving them permission to take more and more money that they have no intention of repaying. With reelection rates as high as they are, politicians feel far too safe in the hall­lowed halls of Congress. They do not fear their constituents anymore.

I am tired of the bickering between the wings of the (rela­tively) Party. I saw a poster in O’Shaughnessy that asked for grassroots volunteers to fight the extreme right and elect progressives into office. Because, obviously, once we kick the irresponsible, big-government imperialists out of office, the world will be better with the irresponsible, big-government socialists who will happily replace them. Dear liberals and conservatives. Please stop fighting. You are both to blame for this mess. Bush killed democracy? And, the truth is, I blame you. Libertarians are very keen on the notion of personal responsibility. As a libertarian, I see politics as the following choices: more government or more liberty.

I am not going to commit the sin of claiming outright that most Americans are capital-l. Libertarians. However, I do believe that most Americans do not want “progressives” in Washington. Most Americans do not want imperialism, or foreign nation-building or more socialism. On a broad scale, we historically distrust our smiling leaders — and with good cause. I am convinced that most Americans want peace, freedom and to be left alone; and while the majority of Americans may or may not be Libertarians, these sentiments themselves are strikingly libertarian.

Remember, politicians do not seek office simply to represent the voice of the voice­less. Leo Tolstoy wrote: “In order to get power and retain it, it is necessary to love power; but love of power is not connected with goodness but with qualities that are the opposite of goodness, such as pride, cunning, and cruelty.” Unfortunately, the people best suited to lead a nation are those who do not want the job.

I am not proposing some sort of cure-all solution, because one does not exist. I am simply asking — well, demanding — that you respect the choice that you have: more government or more liberty. Considering Nov­el Laureate Friedrich Hayek’s wise words that “in government, the scum rises to the top,” I ask you to be very, very wary.

The hand that feeds you can just as easily strangle you to death, and, if given the chance, it will.

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Keep the coach, build the program

This letter is concerning the decision to not renew Steve Bender’s contract as head basketball coach at Saint Mary’s. The decision to not renew his contract has come as a shock to many people inside and outside of the Saint Mary’s community. The basketball program has had its ups and downs (more downs than ups) in the past years on and off the court, but this year was different. The team was happy and competitive; it had its best season record-wise and was positive about last season and the upcoming one. The program finally had a strong foundation to build on. I am by no means implying that Bender was the single factor in the above successes, but he was a factor that strengthened the program. Therefore, the decision not to renew his contract as well as his assistant coaches even though the athletic department chose not to renew his contract.

Saint Mary’s athletic department has a “revolving door” for coaches. A coaching position at Saint Mary’s is only offered as a part time position which does give some reasoning why the department cannot keep coaches. This does not apply to why Bender’s contract was not renewed because he does not need another full-time job. It seems a coach is also never guaranteed a coaching position at Saint Mary’s is only offered as a part time position which does give some reasoning why the department cannot keep coaches. This does not apply to why Bender’s contract was not renewed. While e-mail does allow students to contact teachers outside of class time, it sometimes prevents the student from receiving the best set of the professor’s education. If a professor does not need another full-time job, why is he a teacher and does not need another full-time job? It seems a coach is also never guaranteed a coaching position at Saint Mary’s is only offered as a part time position which does give some reasoning why the department cannot keep coaches. This does not apply to why Bender’s contract was not renewed.

No place in professor e-mails, Forest said. Requesting lecture notes or asking questions of professors still hold office hours and allow questions in material that we intend to include on the exam.’”

For example, T missed class today. Did you cover anything important?” Hill said. “This is a mass lecture where we never, never take roll. The response: ‘No, we didn’t cover anything important, just went in and talked about unimportant material that we intend to include on the exam.”

“Anything that takes me longer than five minutes to answer, however, triggers a response of The Daily Cougar, the daily publication of The University of Houston. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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of game modes, but they manage to feel light compared to bigger predecessors. There is the Dragon Road, which is this game’s equivalent to a story mode. It is also in this mode that the rest of the locked characters are made playable. Following that is the Arcade mode, which is exactly what one expects from modern fighting games. There is a mode titled Z Trial as well, which is used to unlock cards and pictures within the game. Another friend with a PSP can play “Shin Budokai” competitively wirelessly, adding to the replay value of the game.

Once again, if you don’t know the difference between a Frieza and a Cooler, this game may not be for you. Based upon your love for either anime or fighting games, “Shin Budokai” may have some appeal. But for fans, this is the best portable Dragonball experience on the market. There is a mode titled Z Trial as well, which is used to unlock cards and pictures within the game. Another friend with a PSP can play “Shin Budokai” competitively wirelessly, adding to the replay value of the game.

Tom Joad, played by Henry Fonda (far right), travels across the country with the rest of his family during the Great Depression in this classic tale.

By BRIAN DOXTADER

A truly great film is both timely and timeless, at once encapsulating and simultaneously transcending its era. Director John Ford’s “The Grapes of Wrath” (1940) is such a film — a socially aware examination of the Great Depression and a moving story about a family’s resilience in the face of impossible odds.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by John Steinbeck, “The Grapes of Wrath” follows the Joad family on a trek from the Dust Bowl to California in search of a new life. Led by recently released convict Tom Joad (Henry Fonda), in one of his finest and most moving performances, the Joads struggle through the trials and tribulations of Depression-era America looking for work. The family includes the resilient Ma Joad (Jane Darwell), pregnant sister Rosasharn (Doris Bowden) and for a time, ex-preacher Casey (John Carradine). Through it all, the Joad family learns to endure and find hope in the confusion and stark reality of Depression-era America.

Everything about “The Grapes of Wrath” is a cut above. Nunnally Johnson’s adaptation of Steinbeck’s book is less depressing than the original text, but is still as emotionally affecting. The starkly beautiful cinematography by “Citizen Kane” photographer Gregg Toland is striking and effective. Ford always had an eye for composition, and it doesn’t fail him here, allowing for some truly wonderful shots — the camera, unfortunately, is often static (it was, after all, the pre-“Citizen Kane” days of complex camera movements), but the editing and framing make up for any other cinematic shortcomings.

Ford controls the film from beginning to end, and his sensitive performance is the centerpiece of a solid cast. He is galvanizing, inflecting Tom Joad with a haunted expression — yet there is a strange kind of power in his eyes, a sense of hopefulness that prevents his character from tumbling over the edge. The audience finds itself rooting for the Joad family, hoping their luck will turn around even as they get further and further away from their home. And unlike the novel, which ends on a disturbing and disquieting note, Ford’s film ends with a sense of enthusiasm about the future, a belief in the endurance of the human spirit.

Ford made his reputation on the Western, and although “The Grapes of Wrath” isn’t technically an oater, its setting and content lend themselves well to his grand style. While the director may have better films in his impressive canon (1939’s “Stagecoach,” 1956’s “The Searchers” and 1962’s “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valets”), few are as enduringly timeless as “The Grapes of Wrath.” The Joad family becomes an effective symbol of the Everyman, explained first by Tom to Ma Joad in the film’s most famous scene ("I’ll be everywhere. Wherever you can look") and then by Ma Joad to her husband: "We’re the people that live. They can’t wipe us out. They can’t lock us up. And we’ll go on forever. Pa ... 'cause we’re the people." Ford understood people with an insight and power matched by few directors before or since. "The Grapes of Wrath" will certainly endure as a snapshot of its time, but beyond even that, it will endure as a testament to the resilience and power of the human spirit.

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May Cry” series, is a playable character and plays a key role in the story that unfolds. He is also one of the most powerful and first-atained characters.

“Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble” is a straightforward medioque title. Some people may have fun with it, but it’s a disappointment when comparing it to its predecessors.

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The four-playered fighting action is fast and furious in Capcom’s “Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble.” However, the game fails to deliver on the franchise’s namesake.

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Angels bust and steal their way to victory after Cabrera's single knocks in winning runs. K-Rod earns first save

Associated Press

SEATTLE Orlando Cabrera's two-run single in the ninth inning lifted the Los Angeles Angels past the Seattle Mariners Monday in the season opener.

With the game tied 3-3, reliever George Sherrill walked Casey Kotchman. Jose Molina's sacrifice bunt moved Cabrera to third, and Tim Salmon advanced him to third on a groundout. Reliever J.J. Putz walked Chone Figgins, who stole second, scoring Cabrera's two-run single for the Angels.

"All of 2004, I was getting shot in the ankle after April. So this has been almost two years since I felt anything remotely close to this," Schilling said.

"This is what I was like in 2002." That year, Schilling won a career-high 23 games and was the runner-up in the NL Cy Young Award voting to Arizona teammate Randy Johnson for the second straight year.

Schilling began last season in the disabled list after surgery to repair a tendon in his ankle (from before the bloody sock in the 2004 World Series?). Schilling came back last season after coming back and terror Crowley said: "I'm 3-10 months before returning as a closer. He went 8-8 with nine saves and a 5.69 ERA — more than two runs above his career mark.

Boston, Texas 7, Texas 6

Big Papi and the Red Sox certainly like having the "old" Curt Schilling back.

Looking as good as he said he was going to look, Schilling struck out five of the nine batters he faced in seven innings in Boston's season-opening victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Schilling said he was strong after a 117-pitch outing in which he walked one and allowed only one extra-base hit, a two-run Homer by Hank Blalock in the sixth inning. His velocity was in the mid-90s at times.

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The 15 runs were the most allowed by the A's on opening day, surpassing the 14 the Philadelphia Phillies allowed in a 14-6 loss to the Washington Senators on April 17, 1945.

Hideo Matsui homered on opening day for the second straight year, hitting a three-run shot in the fourth. He finished with four hits and four RBIs.

Damon doubled twice and hit an RBI single in the second game to end an 0-for-16 streak on opening day as New York knocked Ace Barry Zito out after 1 1/3 innings, the shortest outing of his career. Zito tagged for seven runs and four hits, after being down for 59 pitches — the first time he hasn't lasted two innings.

So much for a close game in this matchup of two teams considered postseason contenders. Oakland general manager Billy Beane knew his team was in for a tough time starting the season against the Yankees.

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Cincy rolls out Reds' carpet to President, Cubs hitters show they've mastered the Bush throws ceremonial first pitch in pro baseball's oldest home; Braves dodge late LA charge with Langerhans homer

Cincinnati.

Cincinnati center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. presents President Bush with a bat after the Reds' home opener against Chicago in Cincinnati Monday.

Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins is greeted by the Philadelphia Phanatic in pregame ceremonies before Host St. Louis on opening day Monday in Philadelphia. Rollins extended his hitting streak to 37 games in the 13-5 win.

Associated Press

**CINCINNATI —** With another 16-run outburst, the Cubs showed they've mastered the art of the fast start.

Of course, finishing has always been this franchise's problem.

Chicago rolled to its fourth straight opening day victory Monday, 16-7 over a Cincinnati Reds team that could bring the president to town but couldn't stop the Cubs on fast-forward.

Matt Murton honored in a five-run first inning, and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth that sent most of the capacity crowd to the exits on a windy, raw afternoon.

"It went better than we could have hoped," said Murton, who was 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

"The only thing I can think is that we did the same thing last year and dropped the next two in Arizona," he added.

The Cubs set a franchise record for opening day runs in a 16-1 victory over Arizona last year, then wound up finishing in fourth place in the NL Central, right ahead of Cincinnati.

"In the sixth inning, it didn't seem like anything went our way," manager Jerry Narron said. "It was a nightmarish inning against anybody. You don't like to see that happen to anybody, especially your own team."

President George W. Bush threw a ceremonial first pitch at the invitation of new Reds owner Bob Castellini, one of his biggest fans, who was born in the Texas Rangers. No current president had ever thrown an opening day pitch in Cincinnati.

**Huston 1, Florida 0**

"The Astros began the defense of their first National League title with a shutout.

Robert Chen and Brad Lidge combined on a five-hitter. Craig Biggio doubled and scored on Matt Holliday's wild pickoff throw in the seventh inning, and Houston beat the Florida Marlins 1-0 to win the home opener for new manager Joe Girardi Monday night.

Coming off consecutive 20-win seasons, Lidge struck out eight in eight innings, walked one and allowed five hits to win for the 13th time in 14 decisions at home.

The rookie righthander, who started the ninth before Chris Reitsma, finished with three hits and two walks.

"It was a good start," said Lidge, who was 0-1 with a 7.20 ERA in his first major league decision.

Holliday needed to slide head-first into third for a double off a 3-0 pitch in the eighth inning, but it was a bang play, a 50-50 shot. We bang play, a 50-50 shot. We bang play, a 50-50 shot. We bang play, a 50-50 shot. He's also become the guy the Milwaukee Brewers turn to when they need a big hit to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on opening day.

Griffey delivered a pinch-hit, two-run single in the seventh inning and Milwaukee won Monday, spoiling Jim Tracy's debut as Pittsburgh's manager.

"Even with opening day being what it was, I was very calm, very relaxed," said Griffey, who homered and doubled in last season's opening-day victory at Pittsburgh.

Griffey's tiebreaking single Monday came off Damaso Marte, the winning pitcher in Game 3 of last year's World Series for the Chicago White Sox.

Brewers manager Ned Yost summoned Griffey from the bench with runners on second and third and one out.

"I knew him since the intent of him winning the game," Yost said. "You know, he's had such a great spring for us, he's such a veteran-type player who really is comfortable in those situations."

**St. Louis 13, Philadelphia 5**

Down eight runs with four outs left, Jimmy Rollins wasn't looking for a walk with his hitting streak on the line.

Rollins kept up the pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's major league record 56-game hitting streak with a double off a 3-0 pitch in the eighth inning, but it was the lone bright spot for the Philadelphia Phillies in their season opener on Monday.

Albert Pujols homered twice, Scott Rolen hit a grand slam and the St. Louis Cardinals' potent offense pounded out 17 hits in the victory.

"When Ryan Langerhans homered in the sixth inning, just about everyone at Dodger Stadium believed all it did was provide the Atlanta Braves another run in a one-run game," Yost said. "It turned out to be the difference on opening day."

St. Louis center fielder Skip Schumaker certainly looked comfortable in his first game as a major league outfielder and was the player thrown out at the plate when Tim Tschida missed a key call in the eighth inning.

"I was really scared for him, he's such a veteran-type player who really is comfortable in those situations."

With the Nationals trailing by one, Soriano certainly looked competent in his first game as a major league outfielder — and he was the player thrown out at the plate when Tim Tschida missed a key call in the eighth inning.

Joe Reyes' accurate relay throw to the plate beat a div­ ing Soriano, but replays showed new catcher Paul Lo Duca juggled and dropped the ball after applying the tag.
LPGA

Webb wins seventh major in whirlwind finish

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Karrie Webb emerged an unlikely winner after a whirlwind finish at Mission Hills when she made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff to beat Lorena Ochoa and ended a two-year drought without winning a major.

Webb went over the green with a 3-wood and flopped a wedge from 116 yards on the par-5 closing hole to an island green covered the flag, trickled toward the hole, went over the left edge of the cup, but instead of diving into the hole, caught the left lip and spun away. Wie crouched in disbelief, holding the hands over her head as she came up one shot short of a playoff. She shot 70.

That left it to Ochoa, who had gone from a three-shot lead at the start of a sunny afternoon to a two-shot deficit, another chapter in her growing legacy of being unable to finish the deal.

"Not this time. She made the eagle putt for 72 and headed for a playoff."

"I thought, 'I can't believe I have to play a hole after doing that.'" Webb said of her eagle on the 72nd hole. "It took me 15 minutes to calm down."

"And it took her only a little longer to earn the privilege of jumping into the pond, a tradition at this tournament."

Webb went over the green with a 3-wood and flopped a nice pitch to 7 feet. After Ochoa ran her chip some 15 feet by the cup and missed, Webb holed her birdie putt on the first extra hole.

"How to explain it all? "Destiny, definitely," she said. "Defending champion Annika Sorenstam never got to first base in her annual pursuit of the Grand Slam. She closed with a 70 to tie for sixth, one shot behind Juli Inkster (68). Sorenstam and Webb used to go head-to-head six years ago, with the 31-year-old Australian winning most of the major battles. Webb retooled her swing with Ian Triggs, and didn't have much to show for it. She had not won a major since the 2002 Women's British Open at Turnberry."
Cyclists ride Lavery's performance to victory at Purdue

Volleyballers qualify for nationals after upending three top-15 teams; women's water polo outflights Illini, falls to Spartans

Special to The Observer

Mike Lavery, Matt Prygoski, Tim Campbell and Andy Stevens represented Notre Dame in a two-man cycling race at Purdue this weekend in individual and team time trials Saturday and a criterium Sunday.

It was one of the most successful events ever for the Irish, as Lavery, team captain, beat the field by 50 seconds to claim first place. The Irish also captured first in the team event and took first and second in the criterium.

The time trial course Saturday was a 10.25-mile out-and-back style course, with a climb to the turn around point, and strong crosswinds. Riders were sent out on 30-second intervals for the entire course of 5/8 of a mile. The Men's C Time Trial went off first, Stevens, a freshman, rode hard and took ninth place, adding to his growing tally of NCAA points. In the Men's B, Prygoski and Campbell raced in the Men's B two hours later. Lavery got himself into an early three-man breakaway, while Prygoski and Campbell stayed in the main pack, working to slow the pace in Lavery's favor. With two laps to go, heavy rain set in, and Lavery and another rider in the breakaway slid out in a corner and crashed. Thanks to a combination of Lavery's strength in the field, both riders were able to remount their bikes, and Lavery was able to ride on to a second-place finish.

**Equestrian**

Equestrians Molly Schmieg, Alii Minifie and Alisha Wilkinson qualified for Zones at this weekend's HSAA Regionals. The four riders will next compete at Purdue this Sunday.

Schmieg took first in intermediate fences, with Caitlin Landuyt fourth and Jalla Burke fifth. LaDue and Campbell won zones' two-finish in walk-trot-canter, and Minnies finished second in open flat, with Kelsey Ostberg in sixth. Ostberg also finished third in open fences. Courtney Hofman finished fourth in walk-trot, Hayden Fischer fifth in novices, and Brittany Gragg and Piscopo fourth and sixth, respectively, in intermediate fences and intermediate flat, but did not advance.

**Women's Ice Hockey**

The Irish ended their season by taking two of three games in Chicago over the weekend. The Irish split a pair of games with Northwestern, winning 6-3 Friday before dropping a 4-2 contest on Saturday. The team then defeated a women's club team, Chicago Freeriders, by an 8-0 score later that day.

In Friday's contest, the Irish broke a scoreless tie 29 seconds into the third period. Senior co-captain Holly Law assisted fellow senior co-captain Jacky Kehler, who scored off a shot to the upper left corner of the net. Kehler capitalized on a rebound off a shot from Law later in the period to put the Irish ahead 3-0. Northwestern scored two goals in the second period, but the Irish were able to control the game, as Mindy Stack blanked the Wildcats in the second period.

Northwestern scored twice in the first two minutes of the third period to tie the game before freshman Lauren Becke scored unassisted for the Irish. Amy Wilhelmy, but Northwestern gained control of the puck and had an open goal 10 seconds remaining to win 4-2.

In their second game of the day, the Irish came out strong against the Frozen Snappers women's team. The already fatigued Irish were struggling against the physical play from the Snappers, but with her fourth goal of the weekend, put the Irish up 1-0 during the first period.

Notre Dame's Julia LaPointe took advantage of a power play, scoring the only goal of the second period to put the Irish ahead 2-0. With strong offense dominated the entire third period, putting six more goals on the scoreboard for the Irish. Knodler had a hat trick in the third period, and Law, Becke and Kehler each had a goal. Freshman defender Liz Lefebvre recorded two assists and solid defense for the Irish.

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**Football**

Notre Dame traveled to Shreveport, La., for the Midwestern Interscholastic Athletic Conference's Senior Bowl. The Irish took on the top teams in the Midwest and qualified for the first time in four years. After qualifying into the Top-25 rankings, the Irish were able to prove they belonged among the nation's elite.

The Notre Dame pool play on Saturday, the No. 21 Irish were up against some of the stiffest opponents of the season. Men's football

**Men's Volleyball**

**Notre Dame finished the season with a 5-2 record and upset victories over the Wisconsin Badgers, the University of Marquette, and No. 5 Illinois, and upset victories over the University of Wisconsin.** It marks the best finish Notre Dame has ever had at the Senior Bowl. The Irish did not let that happen again.

Game two played out much the same way as game one did. The Irish fell behind early and lost. On Sunday afternoon, however, the Irish did not let that happen again.

**Water Polo**

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**Florida wins NCAA Championship**

Florida players celebrate as head coach Billy Donovan holds the NCAA Championship trophy aloft in Indianapolis Monday night. The Gators beat UCLA 73-57 in the Final Four championship game.

**Florida wins NCAA Championship**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Game, set, match — and a championship, too — for Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators.

The tennis star's son dominated UCLA with 16 points, nine rebounds and a record six blocks Monday night to key a 73-57 blowout for Florida's first national title in basketball.

The championship for Billy Donovan's team comes 10 years after Steve Spurrier led the Gators to a title in that "other" sport. Spurrier is long gone, and the days of Florida being only a football school appear to be, too.

For 40 lopsided minutes, the Gators (33-6) were too big, too long and too quick for UCLA, which came up with a win short of its 12th national title on a night when legendary coach John Wooden watched from a hospital bed in LA after being admitted for an undisclosed illness that was said not to be serious.

Florida and Noah won by putting on a thorough display of versatility and unselfishness, a trademark of this team all season.

The Bruins (32-7) were on a defensive tear coming into the championship game, shutting down LSU's Glen Davis in the semifinals and allowing a total of 90 points in the last two games. Florida, though, was just too much to handle.

Noah capped it off with a monster dunk with 10 1/2 left. When the buzzer sounded, he laid flat on his back at halfcourt and let the confetti rain on him. His teammates were in a pile a few feet away and Donovan was sharing hugs with his longtime assistant Anthony Grant.

The Gators won this by taking it right to UCLA early, looking to Noah.

Corey Brewer and senior Adrian Moss down low, making the extra pass in the key and finishing with 21 assists, 10 of them from their frontcourt.

The scrappy junior Lee Humphrey, the only non-sophomore in Florida's starting five, spotted up for a couple open looks against a collapsing defense early in the second half.

Humphrey's first 3, 80 seconds into the half, gave Florida a 39-25 lead and forced Howland to call timeout. A sloppy offensive possession ensued, then Humphrey came back with another 3.

**IN BRIEF**

Maryland women excited to play in Final Four

BOSTON — During Maryland's last visit to this city, for a regular-season game against Boston College, coach Brenda Frese took her team on a surprise bus trip.

The destination was undisclosed. The players were puzzled.

But when they unloaded at the new Boston Garden, the site of the NCAA women's Final Four, the message was clear:

"If you want to come back here, the next time will be for the Final Four," Maryland guard Shae Drury recalled on Monday, a day before the Terrapins play Duke for the NCAA title. "That feeling was unbelievable. You just want to get back here no matter what.""Maryland (33-4) reached the title game by beating top-ranked North Carolina in the semifinals Sunday — its second victory this year over the Tar Heels, a team on one else beat even once.

Average MLB ticket prices have risen

Get ready to pay more to go out to the old ballpark this year.

Baseball ticket prices are up an average of 5.4 percent, and the Boston Red Sox have the highest average for the ninth straight season.

Tickets in the major leagues averaged $22.21, the Team Marketing Report said Monday, up from a revised average of $21.08 last year.

The NFL, averaged $26.95 last year, the NBA $45.92 this season and the NHL $41.19.

"From the standpoint of family entertainment, baseball remains very affordable compared against comparable entertainment," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"MLB is a special, but fairly priced, family fare."

French Open to award female, male champions same prize

PARIS — The French Open will offer equal prize money to the men's and women's champions for the first time.

Each champion will receive $1.13 million, the French Tennis Federation official in charge of prize money. "On the women's side, there has been a very positive change, with the arrival of many new stars."

Wimbledon remains the only Grand Slam tournament that pays the men's winner more than the women's champion.

The U.S. and Australian Opens have offered equal prize money for years.

"Once upon a time, there were only three or four dominant women," Simean said. "Now, there are 10 to 15 who can vie for a Grand Slam."
SMC SOFTBALL

Two for Tuesday matchup
Belles make up game against Robert Morris playing doubleheader

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The Belles take on Robert Morris today in a rescheduled doubleheader at 4:30 p.m. The game was cancelled last Tuesday, March 28, because of poor field conditions. Saint Mary’s is coming off a strong showing Saturday when they swept Adrian 5-0 and 7-0. Robert Morris traveled to Lebanon, Ill. this weekend for the two-day McKendree College Tournament. The Lady Eagles lost both of their games Saturday falling 3-1 to Williams Baptist College and 8-3 to the University of Illinois Springfield. Their two games on Sunday were cancelled because of rain.

Robert Morris (11-9) is ranked second in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) with a 4-0 conference record.

The Belles step on the field today with a 12-4 record overall and the confidence they have little time to prepare both physically and mentally. They will look to shut down the Lady Eagles as they did of Adrian on Saturday.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said that the team was on target both defensively and offensively Saturday. "The team came out ready to play," Sullivan said. "Even in tough conditions, and they never backed down offensively."

Saint Mary’s freshman outfielder Calli Davidson hacks away for the Belles April 2 against Adrian. Saint Mary’s beat Adrian 4-0 and 7-0 in the doubleheader.

Saint Mary’s junior Tara O’Brien said that her team came into their first two conference matches after weekend loss, but the Belles were able to turn that fact into a positive.

"We were all still lagging a little from this weekend as well as the long car ride to Alma, so it was really good to see that we can still win even when we don’t have our ‘A’ game," Palombo said.

Saint Mary’s junior Melissa Dingier and No. 6 Picking up wins for the Saint Mary’s in singles were No. 1 Kristen Palombo, No. 2 Kelly McDivitt, No. 4 O’Brien, No. 5 Kristen Palombo and Gordon and No. 4 O’Brien and Elizabeth Campbell swept the competition as they all won their matches in just two sets.

The team admitted that it was still feeling the effects of its two matches this past weekend, but the Belles were confident in their combination again as they search for their 13th and 14th wins.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles improve MIAA record with 8-1 victory

Team rebounds from weekend loss, raises league record to 3-1

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s returned to the winner’s circle Monday afternoon as it defeated conference foe Alma by the convincing score of 8-1. The win puts the Belles over .500 for the first time this season, and improves their record to 3-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). After opening the season with conference victories over Olivet and Adrian, Saint Mary’s lost its first conference match last week against Hope.

"I think we’re happy with how we played on Monday," junior Tara O’Brien said. "Especially considering that we didn’t play up to our potential, I think we did a real good job to beat Alma by so much." The team admitted that it was still feeling the effects of its two matches this past weekend, but the Belles were able to turn that fact into a positive.

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Saint Mary’s will have little time to rest after Monday’s match as it has a home conference match against Tri-State today at 3 p.m. Tri-State is 7-4 on the season.

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Bookstore Basketball

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Sophomore Steve Priyvara passes to a teammate during a Bookstore Basketball game last spring.

not take their selection to U: Got a Bad Draw, because I wanted to experience that one shining moment:,” freshman Nick Trapp, captain of “The Saints of Fort Washington” said. But despite hope for his team’s success, Trapp remains realistic about the Saints’ chances this year facing such a huge field.

“We have a lot of athleticism, but once we get into the later rounds I think our lack of size will end up hurting us against the better teams,” he said.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

SPORTS

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

First Pitch @ 4:00pm

The Top 32 Teams of Bookstore Basketball

1. U Got A Bad Draw
2. Jack’s Shorts
3. The Caged Bears
4. Club Fever
5. Clover Ridge Apartments
6. What Would Jeremy Crouch Do
7. Castle Point
8. Bad Boyz
9. Hannah’s Storm
10. KPMG
11. The Saltines
12. Rocco’s Pizza
13. Insurance Waivers
14. Malicious Prosecution
15. Taking a Paige Out of Indian Peaks
16. Craig Fencing Shoes
17. Shadows
18. The League of Shadows
19. PC Load Letter
20. Team Walk-On
21. Linebacker Lounge
22. Sparkle Motion
23. Team Walk-On
24. Huggie’s Place
25. Linebacker Lounge
26. Making Waves
27. Irish Peaks
28. Bad Boyz
29. What Would Jeremy Crouch Do
30. Take a Paige Out of Indian Peaks
31. Overrated
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10 to raise their record to 16-13. The Eastern Michigan offense is led by Ashley Strauss, who is hitting .383 with 19 RBIs. Strauss was named the MAC West's Player of the Week last week after belting three home runs, including a game-winning two-run shot in extra innings.

"This year the team plays with a lot of intensity and fire," Notre Dame's Stephanie Brown said. "We have an extreme amount of talent."

The Irish pitching staff will have its hands full with the Eagles' offense, but starters Heather Booth and Brittany Bargar have effectively shut down their competition so far this season. Bargar was named the Big East's Pitcher of the Week this week after recording a no-hitter against Connecticut Saturday. The eight-inning shutout was the first recorded in Notre Dame's history. "She is a fighter and she worked hard out there," said Booth, who raised her record to 7-6 on the season. The Irish offense is coming off a strong weekend performance at Ivy Field. The sluggers have put up 23 runs in their last four games including a 9-0 win against Connecticut and an 8-0 win over Providence.

We come to practice and continue to stay fresh on offense and defense," infelder Sara Schoonaert said. "I think right now things are really getting for us and we are having a lot of fun out there."

Brown, Notre Dame's lead-off hitter, has been unstoppable at home this season. The team had seven hits in 13 at-bats including three home runs.

The team will continue to look to the top of its batting order as well as a stingy defense to overcome the Eagles and move its home winning streak to seven. The streak dates back to a 7-3 win over Syracuse on May 1 of last season.

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NHL
Avalanche takes lead in division

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Denver tops Chicago 4-3 in comeback win

DENVER — For 59 minutes, the Colorado Avalanche were on their way to a bad loss. The final 58 seconds of regulation changed all that.

Dan Hinote and Rob Blake scored in the last minute, and the Avalanche moved within three points of the Northwest Division lead with a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

"This was big because we needed these points," Blake said. "I got a power play at the end and Danny made a strong move down the wall, put the puck to the net and it went in.

Blake scored two goals and became the 17th NHL defense-man to score 200. Andrew Brunette added a goal, and Joe Sakic had three assists.

Calgary lost one point off its division lead by falling in a shootout to Detroit at home Monday. Both the Flames and Avalanche have seven games remaining. Colorado will play its final three games on the road.

"It was a tremendous sense of relief to see the last goal go in," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. "We were thinking before if we could get it to overtime, then we got a free point and then we got a really lucky break after that.

Curtis Brown, Patrick Sharp and Rene Bourque had goals for the Blackhawks, who are out of playoff contention. "We made a generous gift to them," goalie Nikolai Khabibulin said. "They really needed one and we gave it to them."

Brown gave Chicago a 3-2 lead with 2:21 left in the third when he took a centering pass from Bourque from behind the net and sent a backhander over goaltender Peter Budaj's glove.

But with 2:03 remaining, Michael Barinka was sent off for cross-checking. Blake tied it 3-3 at 19:03, sending the puck through a pileup in front of the net and past Khabibulin.

Hinote scored from a tough angle after Sakic had dumped the puck into Chicago's zone. Hinote skated along the right boards and sent a shot off the back of Khabibulin's right pad and into the net with 12 seconds left.

"I only get the lucky ones," Hinote said. "I knew there was about 15 seconds left so I just wanted to throw it to the net and maybe get a faceoff down there. I wasn't trying to score from there."

"He's right," Khabibulin said of Hinote's goal. "That puck shouldn't go in. I'll take the blame for that one."

Chicago outshot Colorado 9-6 in the first period and showed some grit after Khabibulin gave up a rebound goal to Blake at 2:09. Sakic's wrist shot was stopped but the puck bounced right to Blake, who tapped it in for his first of the night.

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against the Cougars Tuesday.
"We might make a couple of changes and give some guys a chance to play, not because we're taking an opponent likely, but more because some of our guys have some nicks and bruises and we want to rest them up," he said.

One of those changes will be to start freshman Jeremy Barnes at shortstop instead of senior Greg Lopez. Barnes started at designated hitter Sunday against the Panthers and drove in the winning run in the ninth inning.

Mainieri said that Lopez's starting spot is not in jeopardy, but he wants to get Barnes' bat into the lineup any way possible.

"Lopez is a little sore and we want to rest him a little bit," Mainieri said. "I always felt that Barnes was a starting player and had the capability to be one of our best hitters and all-around players. The problem is that we had a full starting infield coming back and they're all good players.

The Irish pitching staff has been a catalyst in Notre Dame's winning streak, throwing two shutouts and allowing a little over two runs per game over the seven contests.

"When you look at our three weekend starters, Samardzija, Manship, and Thornton, I'd put them up against anyone in the country," Mainieri said. "Then Wade Korpi has really emerged as a solid fourth starter.

"I also like what I've seen out of our bullpen."

The Cougars have struggled this season, going just 3-17, but almost upset Kansas State on the road March 28, falling 8-7.

"Kansas State is one of the best teams in the country," Mainieri said. "(Chicago State) could be a very tough game.

Ball State is 14-11 this year and 5-1 in the MAC. The Cardinals beat the Irish last year, 14-5, at Frank Eck Stadium.

After the midweek games, Notre Dame will travel to Tampa, Fla., for a three-game Big East series against South Florida. The Bulls are new to the conference this season, and the Irish have only faced them once before, in South Bend in 2001. South Florida won that game, 6-1.

"We know they're going to be tough, especially at home," Mainieri said of the Bulls. "They're a Florida school and they've got good players and a good coach."

Both the Chicago State and Ball State games will begin at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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New arrangement of the circled letters to form the requisite answer, as specified in the puzzle instructions.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Ones called to an accident, briefly (8)
5. Pic (8)
9. Oval letter with a line through the middle (8)
14. Italian money, once (8)
15. Tramp (8)
16. Autos, maybe, once occasionally (8)
28. Be bedridden (8)
29. Onetime (8)
30. Cooktop (8)
31. Television knob (8)
33. Blood-typing and testing (8)
34. Holy Roman Empire (8)
35. Occasionally (8)
36. Make checks payable to: The Observer (8)
37. Show (8)
46. Info supplier for The Observer (8)
47. Couch (8)
48. Not now (8)
49. Jewish (8)
50. Bass's relative (8)
51. Cheese type (8)
52. "Hottest spot on earth." (8)
53. Demonic (8)
54. What is left of something (8)
55. "Loves You" (8)
56. Ceremony (8)
57. Get in over one's head? (8)
58. Hi (8)
59. Opposite of sale (8)
60. Tag on a sale term (8)
61. Provide, as with information (8)
62. Inhale (8)
63. Dish with tuna and cheese (8)

DOWN
1. "Do it or I..." (5,9)
2. Cooper (6)
3. Math class before calc. (6)
4. Clockmaker (6)
5. Under a pianist, e.g. (5,6)
6. Payment of respect (4)
7. Takes orders (4)
8. Coin action (4)
9. Bricklayer's tool (4)
10. "Johnny" (4)
11. Fencer's blade (8)
12. Clock sound (6)
13. Query (7)
14. "Farewell, my aim!" (10)
15. Sweetheart (9)
16. Highway through the Yukon (5,6)
17. Tall tales (8)
18. Rock (9)
19. Rose (9)
20. Popular vodka, informally (9)
21. Computer keyboard (10)
22. Television knob (10)
23. "Hotshot spot north of Havana," in song (12)
24. Blood-typing system (12)
25. Arabian (12)
26. Holy Shi'ta city (12)
27. Show interrupters (10)
28. Water lily France (8)
29. ''Loves You" (8)
30. French (8)
31. Before Waltz (8)
32. Opponent of self (8)
33. Resale (8)
34. Cheese type (8)
35. Workbench attachment (8)
36. Emergency (10)
37. Jewish (10)
38. Marian (10)
39. Take care of (10)
40. "What is left of something to make you look bad. Refrain from getting angry - by remaining composed you will end up looking good. Relax on your knowledge and business savvy."
41. "LEBBA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)"
42. Money matters must be taken care of. If you owe

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JUMBLE

BEFORE

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BULJEM

GOBUTH

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FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET YOUR JUMBLE, SEE PAGE 23.

Sunday's Jumble: Answer: BASSO TRAIT INCOME ADEGIO

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Jumbles: BASSO TRAIT INCOME ADEGIO

Answer: The exotic dancer quit because her paycheck

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Hoping for history

The world's largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament tips off today

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sports Writer

The coming of spring in South Bend has brought the return of a unique Notre Dame tradition — Bookstore Basketball. The tournament this year features 568 teams, a drop from last year's field of over 600 in the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world.

Executive commissioner Luke Maher attributed this drop in participation to the logistical challenges of such a large event. "It took a lot of momentum out of our marketing campaign," Maher said. "We learned from that for sure."

Since last year's tournament concluded, Maher has been working with the logistical challenges of such a large event. With executive board members Dan Carey, Christine Hedges, Brandon Marshall and Jim Rodgers, Patrick Schafer and Mary Sullivan, he has coordi-

Anthony Travel relied on defense in last year's title game, while the men's side featured sharp shooting.

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Irish pitcher Jeff Samardzija throws toward the plate during a 6-1 win over Pittsburgh March 31.

BASEBALL

Non-conference foes loom for Irish

Squad can continue seven-game streak

By CHRIS KHOREY

Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will try to extend their seven-game winning streak this week with non-conference games against Chicago State today and Ball State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (17-8, 5-1 Big East) is coming off a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh at home last weekend and hasn't lost since March 25 at Georgetown.

"It sure is going to win than lose," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm sure the players are aware that we've won several games in a row and I'm all for thinking about it, but you can't rest on your laurels. Just because you won the last game doesn't mean you'll win the next one."

Mainieri said he will make some lineup changes for the midweek games, especially since the situation, said a member of the coaching staff would return to the program history this season. "This is entirely a personnel manner," she said.

The Observer reported in Monday's edition that Bender was not retained as coach after leading Saint Mary to its best conference record in program history this season. Several players met with College President Carol Ann Mooney Monday to discuss the situation, said a member of the team who wished to remain anonymous. Specifics of the meeting were unavailable to The Observer.

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Irish pitcher Jeff Samardzija throws toward the plate during a 6-1 win over Pittsburgh March 31.

SMC BASKETBALL

SMC won't speak on Bender issue

Players met with Mooney Monday

By KEN FOWLER

Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Director of Public Information Melanie McDonald said Monday that the College could not comment on the specifics of the decision not to renew the contract of first-year head coach Steve Bender.

"This is entirely a personnel manner," she said.

It remained unclear what members of the coaching staff would return to the team for the 2006-07 season. McDonald said the athletic department would provide any support to basketball team members needed during the transition period.

"Our athletic director, Lynn Kachmarik, has always picked up where ever anything has left off, so I'm sure she is in complete control of the situation," McDonald said. "And this will not be a major detriment to Saint Mary's or to the basketball team."

Bender led Saint Mary's to an 11-15 record this season and a 9-7 mark in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) play. Bender was unavailable for comment Monday, and tele-

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