Students scramble for advisor appointments

College of Arts and Letters reports difficulty accommodating flood of scheduling questions

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

As students scramble to put together class schedules for the fall semester, some advising offices on campus are so swamped that advisors are forced to turn away students seeking guidance before they register for classes next week.

While the undergraduate advising office in the College of Arts and Letters had openings earlier this month, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Ana Preacher said scheduling has become increasingly difficult since so many students are struggling to squeeze in last-minute meetings with their advisors.

"Our priority is seeing students, so we try to see everyone who walks through the door," Preacher said. "There are only four of us in the office, though, so if we get a rush of students, we may simply run out of time to see them."

About 45 percent of non-freshman undergraduates have majors in the College of Arts and Letters. Advisors try to pack every student into their schedules, but the large number of requests sometimes makes this impossible, Preacher said.

The University's award-winning First Year of Studies (FYs) program has been ranked one of the best in the nation — pairing every first-year student with an advisor. Approximately 45 percent of non-freshman undergraduates have majors in the College of Arts and Letters, according to the College of Arts and Letters reports difficulty accommodating flood of scheduling questions.

Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Ann Mooney has announced that Robert Lueger will be the third and final candidate in the search for the College's new vice president and dean of faculty. Lueger, a professor of psychology and former Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Arts and Letters at Marquette University, is scheduled to address the College community during open forums April 18 and 19. The scheduled times of the forums have not yet been announced by the College.

Lueger's events at the College will mirror last week's open forums with the College's first two candidates — Saint Mary's religious studies professor Joe Incandela and Dean of Faculty at Colgate College and Saint Mary's alumnus, Jill Tiefenthaler. One forum will be open to faculty members and a second forum will invite stu...
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There is no legal way?

These last few weeks I've been disheartened by the conflict and the rage with which some people view the undocumented Hispanic worker one can find behind every shoebox, every mop, and every draping on the floor.

I saw a man on television saying he didn't have a problem with immigrants as long as they entered the country legally. If this were the only misunderstanding between him and my 5,000 friends yesterday, I wouldn't have worried as much, because there is a simple cure for ignorance.

I could've just told this man there really is no legal action the undocumented immigrants could've taken.

I was born and raised in El Salvador, and I could tell him exactly what happened behind the walls of the U.S. Embassy down there.

To do it the bureaucratic — yet diplomatic way — the campesinos would have to open an account with one of the banks affiliated with the Embassy, and pay a $100 deposit to set up an appointment four months into the future.

That deposit does not guarantee a visa, though.

The campesino — someone with a 40 percent chance of living below the poverty line — now needs to present his valid credit card, an employer statement, and receipts for promptly paid utilities in the last few months.

The campesino is talking about live in rural areas, in houses made out of mud and clay, and the bus fare to the city, to the Embassy, is a luxury they cannot afford.

One hundred dollars is thus an insurmountable amount of money to them, and if they were foolish enough to use it to set up an appointment at the Embassy, it would be money lost.

It would be a waste because everybody knows a campesino will never get a legitimate visa, because everybody knows he cannot afford an airline ticket or a hotel, and because everybody knows all the Embassy wants are tourists who can go to Disneyland and spend $10 on a hot dog.

They then brave the desert sun, and the roaring river, and most importantly, the unwelcoming eyes, because at the end of the day, these are all things they can understand, unlike hunger and oppression.

Yesterday, the immigrants and their friends walked under the sun again, without being scorched.

Yesterday, 3,000 people, myself included, stepped outside in quiet harmony, in sympathy with the millions of undocumented workers that face hostility in Congress.

Across the nation, similar marches and nonviolent demonstrations took place, and as I watched the news at night — witnessing hope and a human rights movement bloom before my eyes — I concluded spring had just begun.

The children yesterday were enjoying the weather, unaware of the political unrest surrounding their parents.

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His Mexican mother immediately scolded him, made him pick it up, and put it in her pocket.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT A SUNNY AFTERNOON ON THE QUAD?

Kirstie Koch
freshman McGlinn

Amy Wilhelm
freshman McGlinn

Pat George
freshman Siegfried

Andrew Smith
freshman Dillon

Catherine Martinez
freshman Canavan

Aiden Fitzgerald
freshman Knott

"Making Amy chase my thieve around South Quad"

"Playing football is a good excuse to not do my homework."

"Showcasing my football skills to all the ladies on the quad."

"I like having playtime with my friends."

"Anything because I love sunny days on my birthday."

OFFBEAT

Alaskans get their pizza by air

NOME, Alaska — Last Christmas, residents of the Yupik Eskimo village of Savoonga added a special dish to their everyday fare of whale, walrus, reindeer and berries — fresh pizza flown in from Nome, 170 miles away.

A tiny delivery joint, Airport Pizza, opened several months earlier just steps from Nome's busy runway, and many of Savoonga's 700 residents were eager to try something different.

Nome's first and only pizza parlor was just steps from Nome's bustling downtown, and because everybody knows all the Embassy wants are tourists who can go to Disneyland and spend $10 on a hot dog.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group seeks to improve relations
Shappell, Andrichik to present report to University Board of Trustees

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Student body president Lizzi Shappell focused Monday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting on improving student/alumni relations in the upcoming year.

Shappell and former student body president Dave Baron will travel to Washington, D.C. May 4 to present a report to the University Board of Trustees regarding their administration.

Shappell asked COR for input to help prepare for their presentation and to begin the discussion on student/alumni relations.

"This topic carries over to student body vice president Bill [Andrichik] and my administration," Shappell said. "It deals with the student/alumni relationship that we're working to improve. We want to get more students on the online alumni contact network. I hope to get more in touch with alumni, and have receptions for football games."

Senior class president Emily Chin said while student/alumni connections often develop during junior and senior year, a time when students receive e-mails about working with alumni to get internships or to help with career options, she would suggest trying to connect earlier with underclassmen.

Hall President Council (HPC) co-chair Bryan Lowery said dorms involve their own alumni in a number of ways, and the level of alumni involvement varies greatly by dorm.

"Morrissey Manor had a reunion after a football game last fall that attracted 200 alumni, and the Alumni Center made that happen by supplying contact information," Lowery said.

"There are variances across the dorms for alumni relations," Lowery said. "It is not necessarily a priority for dorms to put someone in charge of alumni correspondence. But maybe a yearly newsletter for alumni to hear about what we've been up to could be beneficial."

Junior class president Bridget Keating said the Golrish search engine made student/alumni relationships possible for organizations like the sailing club and Circle K service organization. She said she'd like the possibility of more clubs being able to take advantage of alumni connections.

In other COR news:
- COR confirmed John Bush as the Student Union Board (SUB) chief controller for the upcoming year.
- Carolyn White was confirmed as co-director of SUB, effective next fall after her return from spring semester in London.
- Steve Cartwright was confirmed as a COR liaison from VOICE, the student advisory board for the Center for Social Concerns. Cartwright promises to bring the perspective of the local community, since the CSC relates closely with local leaders.
- There are a number of issues, especially involving the community just beyond Notre Dame, that this group (COR) might be interested in," Cartwright said. "I might be able to bring to COR the issues community leaders bring forth as well as those of the Center.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders anticipate College fundraiser

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will reach 390 by mid-May, but he said he does not want that number to exceed 415. Usually between 45 and 47 percent of students who accepted to the College choose to attend. Because the applicant pool was so large this year, the danger of having too large a class is a possibility, Brown said, although it is not probable.

The reason for the increased applications is due to the College increasing storage space in the cafeteria brochure and the issue of hours for Burger King.

The resolution also brings up a frequent student request discovered by the Senate committee: the need for more closet space in the building for student groups to live on-campus at the College. If students maintain a 3.0 GPA, they are then accepted into Saint Mary's as sophomores.

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best-selling novel depicts "Christianity as the bad guy and we and our personal beliefs and our personal desires are superior." Welborn explained that Brown is not the first to publish a work that attacks established Christian belief.

"Beginning in the late 19th century, there have been countless controversies with Holy Cross College students to take one class per semester at Saint Mary's and also live on-campus at the College while enrolled as a Holy Cross student. If students maintain a 3.0 GPA, they are then accepted into Saint Mary's as sophomores.

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"What bothers me is the number of people who allow this book to shape their sense of early Christianity, shape their sense of art," Welborn said. "For a long time I've been quite puzzled by the popularity of 'The Da Vinci Code,'" she said. "In fact, I would say that 'The Da Vinci Code' functions as much of a distraction to Christian truth."

"The Jesu s of The Da Vinci Code" is a Gnostic-Gospel-type portrayal and one that Welborn said is exceedingly inconsistent with the teachings of the New Testament. Welborn said she fears the release of "The Da Vinci Code" film will only propagate false teachings and worsen the situation that the book has produced, she said.

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Welborn said with the upcoming release of the film, it seems to her that "The Da Vinci Code" is destined again to be a work that attacks topic in popular culture.

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that there is a growing number of local businesses that could help students develop "meaningful relationships with the South Bend community." The resolution also brings up a frequent student request discovered by the forum: the need for more closet space in the building for student groups to live on-campus at the College. If students maintain a 3.0 GPA, they are then accepted into Saint Mary's as sophomores.

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Concerns want to alert incoming freshmen of the dangers posed by third-party websites and illegal downloading and file-sharing.

They intend to give cautionary information to new students during Freshman Orientation.

Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty discussed his meeting with the Office of Information Technologies to create a "database of student leaders.

Under this new site, prospective student leaders could fill out online applications and committee members could then sift through the database to find candidates for various positions.

Flaherty said it was highly likely that the database would be in place by next year.

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in the College does what it can to ensure that attendance is financially possible for students. According to Brown, the total financial aid awarded to the class of 2010 in freshman scholarships at this time is between $16 and $1.8 million. Incoming freshmen won't be the only new students at Saint Mary's in the fall. Numbers are also up for transfer applicants. Even percent more applications have been turned in by potential transfer students than last year, Brown said. However, the numbers for the College's Latino Student Union, which with Holy Cross College are down at the moment. The past three years, approximately 50 students have participated in the program, which allows first-year Holy Cross students to take one class per semester at Saint Mary's and also live on-campus at the College while enrolled as a Holy Cross student. If students maintain a 3.0 GPA, they are then accepted into Saint Mary's as sophomores.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Returns reveal close election in Italy
ROME - Exit polls indicated Monday that the Italian parliamentary election pitting center-left incumbent Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was too close to call.

Projects showed Berlusconi's coalition leading in the Senate, but the two sides running neck-and-neck in the lower Chamber of Deputies.

Based on 95 percent of ballot 'Neos' sampling, Berlusconi's alliance won 158 Senate seats, compared with Prodi's 151. The margin of error was between 1 and 3 percentage points.

Also, the projections did not account for six small parties that could sway the vote.

Turnout was about 84 percent, the Interior Ministry said.

Africa pledges to improve education
MAPUTO, Mozambique - African leaders lashed out Monday against foreign aid and called for increased spending on education.

The proposal was a top priority for some of the world's poorest continent.

"I know how in Washington prevention means force," Bush said at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. "It doesn't mean diplomacy."

The bus was heading to a military strike against Iraq. Bush did not rule out the use of force, but he said he would continue to use diplomatic pressure to prevent Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon or the know-how and technology to make one.

Several weekend news reports said the administration was studying options for military strikes, with the possibility of using nuclear bombs against Iran's underground nuclear sites.

Karma victims return home to vote
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hundreds of Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Texas and other states boarded buses and traveled to Louisiana on Monday to cast early ballots in New Orleans' storm-delayed election for mayor.

The election officially is April 22, but residents scattered around the country by the storm will be able to vote at satellite satellite voting centers set up in Lake Charles, Shreveport, New Orleans and seven other cities around the state.

"We need to be a part of the political process," said Cara Harrison, an evacuee from the flood-devastated Ninth Ward.

LOCAL NEWS

Bus accident injures five students
INDIANAPOLIS - A car collided with a school bus Monday, injuring five students to the hospital to check for possible injuries.

All drivers and students in age from 6 to 18, were released after being examined or treated for bumps and bruises at Methodist Hospital, said Karen Carlin, a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan School District of Indianapolis, on the south side of Indianapolis.

The bus was carrying 15 students to the BNE Learning Center, an alternative school that serves students, including some with learning or behavior problems.

JAPAN

N. Korea to resume arms talks

Japan conference rekindles hope of nuclear disarmament amid recent pessimism

TOKYO - A Chinese diplomat said Monday that North Korean negotiators were warning toward a resumption of international talks on ending the nuclear weapons program, but that the top U.S. envoy said he had no plans to meet directly with his counterpart from Pyongyang.

North Korea has shown ''some'' signs of positive commitment, China's top nuclear envoy, Wu Dawei, said after meeting twice with the North Korean delegation on the sidelines of a two-day security forum in Tokyo.

"We are discussing how to make some progress, he said without elaborating. "We are discussing what should be done to achieve a breakthrough."

Wu's comments were some of the first positive statements in a flurry of diplomatic meetings that have otherwise produced little progress in resuming talks, the suspended six-party nuclear talks.

Those talks include the United States, the two Koreas, China, Japan and Russia.

North Korea has boycotted the dialogue since November, citing what it calls a hostile U.S. attitude illustrated by financial sanctions Washington imposed on North Korean companies for alleged financial crimes.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill has urged North Korea to return to the talks but said no plans to meet one-on-one with the North Korean side while in Tokyo.

"The North Koreans have not yet decided to return to the talks," Hill said after arriving at Tokyo's Narita airport, adding that both countries held unproductive meetings on the matter in January and March.

"I'm not sure there's much more I can talk to them about," he said. "Everybody else is in, so we're waiting for them."

The North's chief delegate, Kim Kye Gwan, said Monday he was prepared to meet with the United States.

North Korea agreed in the six-nation talks that would begin next month to abandon its nuclear program in exchange for aid and security guarantees, but the talks floundered and there has been little progress on implementing the accord.

North Korea has refused to restart talks unless the financial restrictions imposed on a Macau bank and North Korean companies are lifted, but Washington maintains the sanctions are unrelated to the nuclear talks and will stay in place.

The presence of delegates from all six nations involved in the talks at the private conference in Tokyo has raised hopes they could find a way through the impasse.

The forum's agenda will focus on energy, verification processes regarding the North's nuclear program and ways to ease tensions on the Korean Peninsula, according to its sponsor, the University of California, San Diego.

For several days, delegates from Japan and South Korea have met with their North Korean counterparts and each other but have made little progress.

Immigrant rallies swarm U.S. cities

ATLANTA - Tens of thousands of immigrants spilled into the streets in dozens of cities across the nation Monday in peaceful protests that some compared to the movements led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and farm-labor organizer Caesar Chavez.

"This is the moment, the moment that we have to seize," said Rev. James Orange of the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda in Atlanta, where police estimated that at least 50,000 people marched Monday morning.

At the Mississippi Capitol, 500 demonstrators sang "We Shall Overcome" in Spanish. In Pittsburgh, protesters gathered outside Sen. Arlen Specter's office to make their voices heard as Congress considers immigration reforms.

Groups in North Carolina and Dallas called for an economic boycott by immigrants to show their financial impact.

The rallies had a noticeable impact on production at Excel Corp. plants in Dodge City, Kan., and Schofield, N.Y., a spokesman for the nation's second largest beef processor said. He said there was a slowdown, but the company had no intention of taking action against workers who were gone for the day.

"We assume they will be back at work tomorrow," spokesman Mark Klein said.

Atlanta police estimated that at least 50,000 people, many in white T-shirts and waving American flags, joined a two-mile march from a largely immigrant neighborhood Monday morning.

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Wal-Mart seeks corporate bank

Retail empire promises FDIC that it will not enter branch banking industry

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — An executive of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Monday defended federal regulators the company's proposed expansion into banking as a parade of objections were pared to make the case against the move.

The Federal Reserve will hold public hearings by the Deposit Insurance Corp. on a branch banking application drawing a wave of opposition to the move by the world's largest retailer. The company insists that consumers and retail banks have nothing to fear and is pleading to stay out of branch banking and consumer lending.

Some 300 institutions operate branches in New York and the company says it doesn't want to compete with them.

"Wal-Mart is absolutely and unequivocally committed not to engage in branch banking," Jan Thompson, president of Wal-Mart Financial Services, testified at the first day of the hearings. "In fact and in practice, Wal-Mart is clearly committed to supporting community banking, not undermining it."

Thompson said the parent company would not differ the "branch bank and will formally commit to protecting the bank against loss and maintaining its capital."

Opponents are not convinced. They portray Wal-Mart's proposed regional bank house bank — which would handle the 140 million credit card accounts and electronic check payments the company makes each year — as leading eventually to full-scale banking with retail branches that would destroy local banks.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart already is too big; they say, with 3,900 stores nearly saturating the market, market and unrivaled dominance, as big as in retail and retail banks and a national base. Wal-Mart's record in communities across America reveals a company that ruthlessly wipes out important community businesses," Greggart said.

In an unusual alignment, the bank industry, unions and consumer groups have come together to make the case that a Wal-Mart bank would unfairly concentrate power over retail and small-business lending in one company that is already the biggest business in many small towns and rural communities.

But Wal-Mart's proposal has its supporters, too, including the American Financial Services Association, which represents credit card issuers and other consumer lenders, and the Salvation Army and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which receive donations from the retailer.

Supporters say a move by Wal-Mart into banking would benefit consumers by lowering fees and prices in an industry needing more vigorous competition.

Nearly 70 witnesses are testifying, both for and against Wal-Mart's application for federal deposit insurance for a state-chartered bank in Utah. In FDIC hearings on Monday and Tuesday in Arlington, Va., and on April 25 in Overland Park, Kan.

Bush asks China to deflate currency

Bush also mentioned the issue of the widespread copyright piracy of American movies, music and computer software as another trade issue he would discuss with Hu.

In advance of Hu's visit, top economic officials from both countries will meet in Washington on Tuesday at the 17th annual meeting of the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, which was created to smooth trade problems between the two nations.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman will head up the U.S. delegation while Vice Premier Wu Yi will lead the Chinese delegation.

U.S. trade officials who briefed reporters Monday said they expect Tuesday's discussions would cover the areas of copyright piracy, where American companies claim they are losing billions of dollars.

In Brief

Wage increase ends transit strike

DENVER — Trains and buses started rolling again Monday to the delight of thousands of Denver-area commuters who had to find another way to get to work during a weeklong transit shutdown.

"I'm incredibly happy," said Rebecca Popowit, 22, who does not own a car and had to walk or used the metro's, pared-down bus service that still ran during the strike. "Grocery shopping was a bit of a pain because I had to lug it all back home."

The Regional Transportation District's 1,750 union votes are striking drivers and train operators walked off the job April 3 after rejecting a contract offer that their union leaders had recommended. The strike shut down all train service and more than half the bus routes in a seven-county area.

On Friday, the workers overwhelmingly approved a new contract with the same overall wage increase but a larger initial raise.

Market anticipates Alcoa earnings

NEW YORK — Stocks closed narrowly mixed Monday as investors looked past rising oil prices and awaited a sample of first-quarter earnings from Alcoa Inc. after the closing bell.

There were no new economic reports to feed the market's obsession with whether the Federal Reserve will extend its series of interest rate hikes to fight inflation. Recent trading has been skittish amid investors' split opinions on how much growth the economy can manage.

A fresh rise in crude oil prices tumbled futures above $68 a barrel, as the market grew nervous about mounting political tension over Iran's nuclear weapons program and about an oil embargo to China by Russia. Crude jumped $1.35 to settle at $68.74 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"I think one of the concerns about the oil market is that we continue to see energy prices go," said Arthur Hogan, chief market strategist for Jefferies & Co. "It's going to be hard to get the market to really rally this week with oil starting at $68."

Hogan said the weakening bond market may also hinder investors' confidence, but added that Wall Street could see a lift from a solid corporate earnings report. Alcoa led the way with a sharply better-than-expected quarterly profit.
Multitudes of people across the nation marched Monday to support immigration reform. Immigration has proven to be a divisive and hard issue, but one that must be addressed. The Senate has stalled on a bill that would have allowed for "guest workers" to enter the country temporarily. The bill would also have opened up avenues for illegal immigrants currently living in the nation to pursue citizenship. The House has already passed a harsh bill that calls for the conscription of a large number of illegal immigrants and changing the status of illegal immigration from a civil violation to a felony. The stalled senatorial bill contains very practical legislative solutions. Illegal immigrants exist. They do so in great numbers and have a significant role in our economy — to the tune of eleven million workers. Many illegal immigrants have been already integrated into American society, and the only thing separating them from their legal colleagues is a piece of paper. It is often argued that to provide any sort of amnesty or road to citizenship for illegals is wrong, because it allows to choose a law to go underenforced, lets people who violate the law get off unpunished and encourages more people to break the immigration laws of this country. This sounds theoretically valid and it is true that we should not encourage laws to be broken, but the point ultimately fails. The prior argument is one that applies theoretical reasoning to a practical problem. In the purely abstract, one should not allow the laws of a nation to be ignored, should punish violators and prevent similar future transgressions; practically, we must deal with the fact that we have a very large number of illegal aliens working in this nation, with more coming, and that they are not going anywhere soon. A practical solution to the problem is to allow "temporary workers" to enter the country, in order to encourage immigrants to cross legally, and to allow illegal immigrants already in the country and working in the United States to make themselves naturalized. As it is impossible to remove the vast number of illegal workers, it permits them to further integrate themselves into American society. If workers are intent on entering America, and are willing to do so legally, it makes sense to offer them a way of doing so legally — hence the "guest worker" proposal. This way the government can exert more control over the nation’s borders.

The House bill is entirely unethical. The erection of a security wall seven hundred miles long simply evolves from a siege mentality that is harming this nation. September 11 changed the way Americans viewed the world, and in many ways for the worse. It is important that we were made aware and more vigilant, so that such a tragedy can be guarded against. However, a sense of panic has attended the American population ever since and has a raised many Americans to adopt a scared circular view of the world, one that centers upon feelings of constant threat and danger imminent. Walls divide people and foster ill will. The creation of the proposed barrier would only promulgate the view that America cares nothing for poor third-world nations and is desperate to keep them out.

The proposal to make illegal immigrants felons is as appalling as it is cruel. This would create millions of felons overnight, who if caught would swell our already overcrowded penal system. Many children entered America illegally with their parents — are they to be felons too? Are they to suffer for obeying the commands of their parents, as any good child should? The felony proposal, as well as the wall bill, is motivated by fear. America is seeking to protect itself by adopting overly severe measures. Hard severity only belies vulnerability. America is only considering these options because she fears terrorists entering the country or immigrants taking jobs.

Immigration is a good thing and should not be feared, but rather encouraged. The nineteenth century saw waves of Italian, German and Irish immigrants. They at first were despised and feared by segments of the population because they were different and would work for less. More than a century later, America has largely absorbed these immigrants and joined their culture to the existing one to create something very unique. That is the beauty of America — we are a collection of cultures and peoples that have synthesized to form something that belongs to no one ethnic group or culture. America is an idea. We should be excited to show it to the world and welcome its adherents to come join us. Sometimes changes to the established cultural or economic norm are unavoidable, but it would warm us more to close ourselves off like hermit crabs. Open and friendly intercourse between millions and peoples leads to mutual goodwill — just as it does in individuals. The Athenian statesman and orator Pericles delivered the following stunning lines on the openness of democracy during his moving funeral oration: "Our city is thrown open upon the world and we never expel a foreigner and prevent him from seeing or learning anything of which the secret is revealed to an enemy might profit him. We rely not upon management or trickery, but upon our own hearts and hands." Yet some in America would seek to manage and control our openness to the world using the trachyaphobia of fear.

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Dear Notre Dame student body

Hello. My name is Jason F.C. Laws and I am not a current member of MAC. I write to you as a minority Notre Dame student leader and in response to past articles about MAC (Minority Affairs Committee) and the Rob Lindley, Jr. article written last Friday, April 10.

I want to clarify my stance regarding the MAC Amendment Senate meeting, at which I was in attendance. My disagrement remains with the insensitivity expressed by Senator Anderson regarding the decision of the committee to make MAC permanent. Thankfuly, concrete examples of slipshod phrases such as "shut down" or "it can wait" have been appropriately addressed already. Furthermore, Rhea Boyd's opening statement to the three years of MAC's work, which expressed her support for the committee and its members, was cited in Lindley's playful and clever reference to the Constitution as a "punching bag" and a desire to leave the meeting at a considerate time.

My challenge for those former Senators, our new Senators and all who read this article is to view MAC and the amendment to make the committee permanent as more than a simple document to be proposed, voted on and passed. See the faces of your fellow Domers, who are constantly underrepresented in our political processes. Our MAC members worked tirelessly this year to give a voice to Student Government to minority Notre Dame students. As Boyd stated in her opening statement, the first year minority members of the student body have had an undelivered and uncompromised voice in Student Senate. "Policy implementation such as the Cultural Competency Resolution and a talk by famed rapper Chuck D." I hope you will recognize that Student Government desired to include the interests or affairs of minorities in the Notre Dame Student Government mainstream agenda. However, much of that hope and trust in our student government was shattered as the MAC amendment was objected and the minority members of the Notre Dame community were again marginalized.

Passing the amendment to make MAC permanent before the end of the Barrett/Shappell administration could have sent a concrete message to all minority students and the student body that Student Government is committed to being fully accountable and representative for and representing the student voice. Unfortunately, the student voice is not being heard in Lindley's testimony to the viewpoint, he emphasizes that "It may take a week, [or it may take months," to address giving MAC permanent status. However, the Barrett/Shappell administration must begin to understand the fears of the former administration to be accountable for such an impertant task or to make more changes to the Constitution. I understand, as a former member of the Constitutional Government, the importance of having a "Body Constitution to its current form, that a single amendment "can" wait.

"I trust the leadership that Lizzzi Shappell and her new administration brings to the office. I simply offer the suggestion of increased sensitivity from leaders around the issue of giving all students a voice on this campus. Realize that a deeper look into the pain so clearly expressed by our Minority Notre Dame students and the pain and anguish that many of your fellow Domers suffer in their daily lives. What I ask of you in this letter will require you to dig deeper into your heart and soul and to re-open a matter of which I was in attendance. My disgust remains with the insensitivity expressed by Senator Anderson regarding the decision of the committee to make MAC permanent. Thankfuly, concrete examples of slipshod phrases such as "shut down" or "it can wait" have been appropriately addressed already. Furthermore, Rhea Boyd's opening statement to the three years of MAC's work, which expressed her support for the committee and its members, was cited in Lindley's playful and clever reference to the Constitution as a "punching bag" and a desire to leave the meeting at a considerate time.

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While "Brokeback Mountain" has generated significant media buzz even preceding its release, the film recently received a different kind of national attention as arguments about same-sex marriage spread across newspapers, film awards were distributed, and media coverage began to acknowledge that even in a social atmosphere that does not mean that our culture is free from the preconceptions regarding homosexuality.

The primary fear appears to be is that the reception of "Brokeback Mountain" has now replaced the slang use of "Brokeback' at the basement of a man's companions in the building. While "Brokeback" chatters in the Gonzaga basketball arena was a quaint and not only runs contrary to the images that are most prevalent, but associates homosexuality with America's ultimate guy— the cowboy. Even if the critics' acclaim has not yet had a significant role in Hollywood films. The problem for most people seems to stem from the fact that in this film homosexuality creeps outside of its socially sanctioned world of stereotypes. As soon as representations of gay men stop being limited to 'questions with the impeccable fashion sense that we typically see in media representations, they suddenly become threatening.

Instead of subsequent variations of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy"'s Fab Five picking out a new wardrobe for some clueless bachelor or "Will and Grace"'s Jack's affinity for Cher, "Brokeback Mountain" presents its viewers with a depiction of gay men that not only runs contrary to the images that are most prevalent, but associates homosexuality with America's ultimate guy—the cowboy. Those who cannot reconcile homosexuality with a lifestyle outside of the stereotypical portrayed in the mass media are often the most disconcerting aspect of the film for people who cannot reconcile homosexuality with a lifestyle outside of the stereotypes typically portrayed in the mass media. The most disconcerting aspect of the film for people who cannot reconcile homosexuality with a lifestyle outside of the stereotypes typically portrayed in the mass media is often the most disconcerting aspect of the film for people who cannot reconcile homosexuality with a lifestyle outside of the stereotypes typically portrayed in the mass media. That's so foreign involvement, specializes in mixing the...
SP gaming standard

powered weaponry are another key for success, which new gamers are left in the dark about. But perseverance is key here, and players who stick with the online will find an enjoyable, rewarding experience. "Syphon Filter" is the PSP's driving game at the moment, featuring a well-developed and satisfying multiplayer and single-player campaigns. For people with - and even without - a wireless connection, a more enjoyable experience will be hard to find.

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reunites for 'Hearts'

the character's also largely responsible for the fresh feel to this drama. Breaking with tradition of popular cinema, Justin is a somewhat accidental hero, lacking in the self-awareness and bravado typical protagonists.

Flemens approaches this role with subtlety in order to convey Justin's mild-mannered but emotionally complex personality. Though ultimately Justin exhibits courage, it is clear from his performance that his every action is mediated not by the overwhelming sense of rightness and masculinity that drives so many of Hollywood's heroes, but with the same sensitivities that he tends to each one of his precious plants.

Likewise, Weisz, proving herself worthy of the Academy Award for her role in "Marriage of Figaro," is engagingly sympathetic. This woman, brought up in a society that frowns on such things, becomes a fierce protector of the man she loves, even if it means putting herself in danger.

The characters are also the most compelling in "The Constant Gardener." The film is as much about their relationships as it is about the secrets they hold. The gardener's relationship with Justin is complex and multi-layered, as is Justin's with his wife, Tessa. The film explores these relationships in depth, creating a sense of mystery and suspense that keeps the audience engaged.

Ultimately, "The Constant Gardener" is a masterfully crafted film that explores themes of love, war, and the human condition. It is a gripping tale of love, loss, and the power of the human spirit.

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Mulder, Cards christen new home with win

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MLB

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Thome stays hot while White Sox big bats use three home runs to hand Detroit its second loss in their home opener

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Apparently, the new Busch Stadium is both a hitter’s and pitcher’s park. At least for Mark Mulder.

The Cardinals’ left-hander threw eight strong innings and hit his first career home run to help the St. Louis beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 Monday in the first major league game at the $356 million edifice.

Scott Rolen’s two-run double in the fourth off Tomo Ohka (0-1) gave the Cardinals the lead for good and Albert Pujols hit his fourth homer, a drive to the left-center power alley estimated at 445 feet.

The day began on a festive note, with Pujols and Chris Carpenter, the NL MVP and Cy Young Award winners, throwing out dual ceremonial first pitches to retired Cardinals greats Willie McGee and Bob Gibson.

It stayed festive most of the day for a sellout crowd of 41,936.

Bill Hall’s two-run homer in the seventh was the only damage off Mulder (0-1). Hall was 3-for-4 with a double of doubles, for Milwaukee, which has lost two straight after a 5-0 start that put the Brewers in first place in the NL Central.

Mulder allowed seven hits in eight innings, struck out five and walked one. He also was 2-for-3 with a double on a hop off the center-field wall and a walk _ _

Later he limped off the mound after hitting a first inning home run in Houston Monday afternoon.

"One-and-7 obviously isn’t the way you want to start,” Tracy said.

"But the Dodgers’ team I managed last year started 2-2 and we won 71 games. So it’s not a large enough sample size of games. It doesn’t mean this is the kind of team we’re going to be for the next six months.”

Tracy’s Dodgers were 427-353 in five seasons, or 44 games above .500. And nearly half of that edge came from being 20 games above .500 against the Pirates _ 27-7.

"It was a good ballgame — just a bad outcome,” Leyland said.

Leyland, who led Florida to the 1997 World Series title and was a two-time NL manager of the Year in Pittsburgh, is back in the dugout for the first time since quitting in Colorado following the 1999 season.

Lance Berkman is greeted by third base coach Doug Mansolilli after hitting a first inning home run in Houston Monday afternoon.

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New Jersey at Chicago, Seattle at San Antonio, Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team record OT points

Toronto 37-32 8 82

Western Conference, Central Division

Buffalo 48-24 6 102

Boston 29-35 14 72

Montreal 40-28 9 89

New Jersey 42-27 9 93

Washington 25-40 12 62

Atlanta 38-32 7 83

Tampa Bay 42-31 5 89

NY Islanders 34-38 5 73

NY Rangers 44-22 12 100

Carolina 51-21 5 100

Anaheim 41-24 12 94

Minnesota 37-35 7 81

Edmonton 39-27 13 91

Colorado 42-28 8 92

Calgary 44-24 10 98

Dallas 51-22 5 107

San Jose 40-26 11 91

Detroit 54-15 8 116

St. Louis 21-42 14 56

Columbus 32-41 4 68

Nashville 45-25 8 98

team record OT points

Clemson 24-8 482

North Carolina 27-7 491

South Carolina 27-6 478

Alabama 25-10 480

Texas 24-11 483

Miami 24-0 482

Arkansas 25-8 463

Vanderbilt 21-11 467

Old Dominion 21-4 469

Southern California 25-14 459

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NBA

Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., NBA TV

New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., Comcast

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team record OT points

NY Rangers 44-22 12 100

Philadelphia 47-24 11 95

New Jersey 47-27 9 93

NY Islanders 34-35 5 73

Pittsburgh 26-44 13 51

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team record OT points

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Western Conference, Northwest Division

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Calgary 44-25 13 95

Colorado 42-29 8 92

Edmonton 39-27 13 91

Vancouver 41-23 14 89

Minnesota 37-35 7 81

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team record OT points

Dallas 51-22 5 107

Anaheim 41-24 12 94

San Jose 49-29 11 91

Los Angeles 48-34 5 80

Phoenix 38-36 5 77

College Baseball

Top 25

No. team record OT points

1 Cal State Fullerton 29-0 494

2 North Carolina 27-7 491

3 Florida State 31-4 490

4 Arizona 28-4 482

5 Rice 24 485

6 Texas 24-11 483

7 Florida 24-4 482

8 Alabama 25-10 480

9 South Carolina 27-6 478

10 Mississippi State 25-6 477

11 Georgia Tech 25-8 475

12 North Carolina State 27-6 473

13 Arizona State 25-10 468

14 LSU 24-11 465

15 Arkansas 25-8 463

16 Vanderbilt 21-11 467

17 Old Dominion 21-4 469

18 Southern California 25-14 459

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24 Coastal Carolina 19-8 443

25 Kentucky 25-6 441

NCAA Men's Lacrosse

DURHAM, N.C. - DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results prove the players did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party.

No charges have been filed in the case.

"There is no DNA evidence that shows she was touched by any of these boys," said Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents one of the team's captains. The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance at the party. The woman told police that three men at the party dragged her into a bathroom, choked her, raped her and sodomized her.

The Associated Press does not name alleged victims in sexual assault cases. The allegations have led to the resignation of coach Mike Pressler, the cancellation of the lacrosse season and the suspension of one player from school.

The case also led to days of protests on and off the Duke campus, and some of the players have moved for safety reasons.

According to court documents, only lacrosse team members were at the party. Authorities ordered 46 of the 47 players on Duke's lacrosse team to submit DNA samples to investigators, who compared them with evidence collected from the woman.

Because the woman said her attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested. It was not known whether investigators tested for DNA other than the players'.

Cheshire said the report indicated authorities took DNA samples from all over the alleged victim's body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

"They swabbed about every place they could possibly swab from her, in which there could be any DNA," he said.

District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA analysis prove inconclusive or fail to match a

DNA tests prove negative in Duke case

Lee signs with Cubs for $65 million

CHICAGO - NL batting champion Derrek Lee and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a $65 million, five-year contract, a deal expected to be announced Tuesday.

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Late last week, Lee said he would break off negotiations for the rest of the season if the sides did not reach an agreement by last Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Williams appeals drug suspension

NEW YORK - Ricky Williams and his lawyer met Monday with NFL counsel Jeff Pash, seeking to have the league overturn a positive drug test that could cost him the entire 2006 season.

The league, which doesn't acknowledge drug tests until there is a final determination, had made no comment on the appeal. Williams' lawyer, David Cornwell, acknowledged that the hearing was taking place, but had no further comment.

The results of the hearing won't be made known immediately but if the positive test is upheld, it would be Williams' fourth violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy, meaning at least a one-year suspension.

Previous positive tests were for marijuana, which Williams acknowledged using. But the latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

Crisp out for 10 days with fractured hand

BOSTON - Boston Red Sox center fielder Coco Crisp has a fracture on the base of his index finger on his left hand and will be sidelined for at least 10 days.

Crisp's hand will be immobilized in a splint for 10 days and then revaluated, team medical director Dr. Thomas Gill said Monday. No surgery is needed to treat the injury, sustained when he tied to steal third base Saturday in Boston's 2-1 victory at the Baltimore Orioles.

"Once sufficient healing has occurred, Coco can begin batting and return to baseball activities," Gill said in a statement.

The 26-year-old Crisp, a switch-hitter who throws right-handed, was acquired in January from Cleveland after Johnny Damon signed with the New York Yankees. Crisp is batting .333 (8-for-24) with a double, triple and six runs scored.

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Kings’ Robitaille to hang up skates

Los Angeles’ all-time leading scorer set to retire at season’s end

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Luc Robitaille, the highest scoring left wing in NHL history, will retire at the end of the season, the Los Angeles Kings said Monday.

Robitaille, the Kings’ career leader in goals, will hold a news conference Tuesday to discuss his decision.

"Tomorrow is the opportunity for the Kings and Luc Robitaille to acknowledge his Hall of Fame-caliber career and give him an opportunity to address his decision to retire from the game of hockey," said Michael Altieri, the Kings’ vice president of communications.

Altieri declined further comment.

Robitaille, who turned 40 in February, has 15 goals and nine assists in 62 games this season, his 19th in the NHL. He has 606 goals and 726 points for 1,394 points in 1,428 regular-season games with the Kings, Pittsburgh, the New York Rangers and Detroit. In 159 playoff games, he has 58 goals and 69 assists. He helped Detroit win the 2002 Stanley Cup.

"It came to a point after 19 years he felt it was time," said Pat Brisson, Robitaille’s agent. "Some mornings he wakes up and says, ‘Should I or should I not,’ since he is so passionate for the game.”

Robitaille has made a career of breaking records at his position. He scored the most goals in a season for a left wing with 63 in 1992-1993. He is also the only one to record eight straight seasons of at least 40 goals.

"He’s going on his own terms," Brisson said. "He is walking out with his head up."

The native of Montreal played on Canada’s gold-medal winning team at the 1994 World Championship. Robitaille scored the winning goal in a shootout, giving his country its first world title in 33 years.

In January, the fan-favorite nicknamed "Lucky" broke the Kings’ franchise record for goals with a hat trick in a win over Atlanta.

"He’s given this organization so much, and an identity," Brisson said. "The L.A. Kings logo is right next to Luc Robitaille. His face is recognized in L.A. as being one of the best athletes in this town."

Robitaille broke into the Kings in 1986 and was the NHL rookie of the year. He spent most of his career in Los Angeles during three stints with the Kings. He returned to the team for the 2003-04 season and had 22 goals in 80 games.

"This is where I started my career and this is where I believe I will end my career," Robitaille said in 2004. "This is where I belong. This is my home."

But he was benched for four games in December by former coach Andy Murray, who was fired last month.

And then he was held out again for three games last week by new coach John Tortorella.

Robitaille was back in the lineup Saturday against Anaheim.

"When he was scratched this year, he was extremely frustrated and disappointed," Brisson said. "I don’t know if he has to go through another year where it could be more and more like that.”

MLB

Big Papi signs new four-year deal

Ortiz signs $52 million contract extension with Red Sox on Monday

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz agreed to a four-year contract extension with the Boston Red Sox on Monday, a deal that will guarantee the American League MVP runner-up about $52 million.

The deal keeps his powerful bat, bright smile and sharp wit in Boston’s clubhouse without the possibility of him departing after the 2007 season, when Ortiz could have become a free agent. But he loves Boston and didn’t want to be besieged by suitors.

"You have a lot of people coming right at you," he said during a news conference at Fenway Park. "I feel this is my house and I’ve got to protect this house."

The designated hitter was in the last year of a $12.5 million, two-year extension he signed in May 2004. That deal called for a $6.5 million salary this year and gave Boston an option for 2007 that currently was valued at $14 million, with a $1.4 million buyout.

While the final numbers of his new deal were not immediately available, the sides discussed an agreement that would include a $2 million signing bonus, keep this year’s salary the same and add annual salaries of $12.5 million from 2007-10. The Red Sox would get a $12.5 million option for 2011 with no buyout.

"I want to finish my career as a Red Sox player," Ortiz said. "I’m going to be around for a while. I’m pretty sure New England is going to take this as good news."

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein certainly did.

"I can’t think of a player who contributes in so many ways," Epstein said. "He’s a guy with a smile on his face. He sets the right mood for the team in our clubhouse. ... It was just an easy decision for us to give the extension."

Had Ortiz become a free agent, Epstein said the player would have had a lot of options "that would have made it difficult, for him to stay in Boston."

The new deal was 98 percent complete during spring training.

Since Ortiz joined the Red Sox as a free agent from the Minnesota Twins, he and Manny Ramirez have developed into perhaps baseball’s top power duo. Ortiz led the AL with 148 RBIs last year.

They combined for 68 homers in 2003, 84 in 2004 and 92 in 2005, when Ortiz’s career-best 47 were one fewer than New York’s Alex Rodriguez, the AL leader. Ortiz and Ramirez became the first teammates in major league history to each have 40 homers and 40 doubles in one season in 2004. Last year, they totaled 270 RBIs.

Ortiz is one of Boston’s clubhouse leaders, smiling and joking with teammates. He also is one of baseball’s top clutch hitters, leading the league last year with 21 game-winning RBIs, while 19 of his homers gave the Red Sox a tie or the lead.

In Boston’s first six games this season, five of those wins, Ortiz has one homer, four RBIs and a .292 batting average. The Red Sox had Monday off before Tuesday’s home opener against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Since joining the Red Sox, Ortiz has been the most productive addition at the plate since John Henry became owner in 2002 and Epstein took over as general manager in 2003.

Ortiz was fifth in the AL MVP voting in 2003 and fourth in 2004 before finishing second to Rodriguez in a tight vote last year.

In those three seasons, Ortiz leads the majors with 388 RBIs, is second with a .600 slugging percentage and fourth with 119 homers.

In the previous six years in the Twins organization, Ortiz spent just two full seasons in the majors, hitting 282 with 10 homers and 63 RBIs in 2000 and 272 with 20 homers and 73 RBIs in 2002.
Men’s rowing takes three of four from Purdue

**Special to The Observer**

The Notre Dame men took three out of four races from Midwestern rowing powerhouse Purdue University at the April eighth State of Indiana. The racing, set on the turbulent waters of Eagle Creek Reservoir, included several school versus school challenges for men and women crews.

In the past five years no Notre Dame men’s crew has taken a race from a Purdue boat in the annual ND-PU challenge. This year’s racing paid witness to the dedication and preparation of each crew on Notre Dame’s team. The racing began with Notre Dame’s novice 4 of coxswain Radhika Deva, (stroke) Craig Wiberg, Tomas Castillo, Joffenh deSauza and Matt Napierski defeating Purdue’s four-man crew with a time of 7:39.

Coming in second was Tara Morin’s crew of Nick Kleeberg, Dan Murphy, Brandon Carroll and Jordan Frankel, who at 7:39 finished just two seconds behind the Purdue 4. Notre Dame’s powerful novice 8 of coxswain Bryce Chung, (stroke) Karol Gresliak, Thomas Mazzacavallo, Andrew Malley and Nick McNutt, Bob Bowen, Taylor Donaldson and Matt Degnan led from start to finish and crossed the line in 5:52 with open water of almost a boat-length between them and the best finisher of Purdue’s three traditionally strong novice crews.

In varsity racing, Notre Dame’s second Varsity 8 battled back and forth with Purdue’s second Varsity 8 and tied the eight crew on an adjusted course. The race finished with (cox) Julie Lambe’s crew of (stroke) Scotty Campbell, P.J. McArdor, Evan Donahue, Michael Lucas, Nicholas Blasky, Andrew Baker, Michael Luthias and Michael Giordano finishing in 5:02 to outdistance Purdue’s best finisher (5:05) by just a boat-length. Notre Dame’s top boat, the first Varsity 8 of (cox) Gigi Gutierrez, (stroke) Dan Pearson, Nick Mathew, Jake Blakely, Tedd Hawkes, Steve Mahler, Kane Pithey and bowman Nick Catella, suffered the only loss of the day against Purdue’s highly regarded Varsity 8 crew. The Purdue V4 (5:51), which a week ago defeated nationally-ranked Temple University in San Diego, held off the sprint of the fast-charging Notre Dame V8. The line-up for the race is just more than a boat-length.

Notre Dame’s Varsity 8 stroke seat Dan Pearson commented, "We were greatly encouraged but not satisfied with our team results. Taking three of four races from a program like Purdue is a great accomplishment for Purdue but in our Varsity 8 is hungry to rate Purdue’s top boat. We will see them twice more this year, and we intend to do more than just give them a good race. We want to sweep Purdue about as we did last year, with all four boats that we put out to race."

Notre Dame Varsity coach Pat Butler and Novice coach J.P. Oleksiuk were similarly encouraged and remain optimistic for the second half of the racing season.

**Cycling**

Eleven members of cycling team traveled to Kalaramazoo, Mich. to compete in a pair of races at Western Michigan University this weekend, building on last week’s success, the Irish again claimed more wins and top finishes.

Saturday’s race featured a long flat road race that finished with multiple loops. Three team riders competed in the 27-mile Men’s D race, as sophomore Peter Nisler, in only his second race, unleased a strong sprint and rode away with the victory. Three Irish riders started in the 40-mile Men’s C race, as sophomore Peter Nisler, in only his second race, unleashed a strong sprint and rode away with the victory. Three Irish riders started in the 40-mile Men’s C race. Freshman Andy Stevens once again won the race, claiming his fourth individual victory this season. The final four Irish riders on raced in the 55-mile Men’s B race. As usual, the line-up for the race appeared as if he would win as he approached the finish line, but crashed hard after the rider in front of him slid out in the final corner. Tim Campbell took the victory. Three Irish riders started in the 40-mile Men’s C race.

The race again in two weeks at the regional competition, held at the University of Illinois. This will be the final race of the season, and the team hopes to take away a few more victories and finish the year ranked in the top 10 in the 35-school conference.

**Men’s Water Polo**

The men’s water polo team hosted its annual Alumni Tournament in Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend. The Irish started off the weekend slowly, losing their first game to Michigan State 9-5. The Irish beat on Sunday. The Irish came out and defeated Michigan State earlier this year but were plagued with turnovers and defensive lapses in the tournament opener. There were two goals against the Spartans earlier this year but were plagued with turnovers and defensive lapses in the tournament opener. There were two goals against the Spartans earlier this year.

In the tournament finale, the Irish staged a comeback with tough defense and opportunistic offense. The Irish took the lead late in the third quarter and kept it for the rest of the game, for a 13-11 victory. Greg Szweczyk, Zhanwei Khaw and Tom Fletcher all contributing to the solid win. The Irish played the ‘38” squad Sunday morning and used the game as a learning experience for the younger players on the team.

In the tournament finale, the Irish were matched against the Chicago Club Team, who had beaten Michigan State earlier on Sunday. The Irish came out fired up and ready to play as the first half ended in a 2-2 draw. With shifting defense, a well-balanced offense and several pressure blocks from goalie Scott Tagwerker the Irish went on to win 7-4. Mike Silbakez, Colin Dunn and McNicholas had outstanding performances in the win.

**Equestrian**

Molly Schmiegme, claimed first place in intermediate fences at Zones this weekend and qualified for Nationals. Schmiegme will join Kelsey Ostberg, who won the Zones earlier this year but were plagued with turnovers and defensive lapses in the tournament opener. There were two goals against the Spartans earlier this year but were plagued with turnovers and defensive lapses in the tournament opener. There were two goals against the Spartans earlier this year.

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TENNIS

Haas advances in U.S. men’s clay court play

No. 5 seed won in two difficult sets against Spaniard Hernandez

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Fifth-seeded Tommy Haas started fast and then had to push hard in the second set before beating Oscar Hernandez 6-1, 6-4 Monday night in the first round of the U.S. Men’s Clay Court Championships.

Third-seeded Bobby Ginipri played Albert Montanes in a later first-round match.

Haas, who won the title here in 2004, breezed through the first set in 25 minutes before Hernandez stepped up in the second set. He broke Haas in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead, but the German broke back in the seventh game.

Haas took charge of the match when he went up 5-4 after he had Hernandez down love-40. The Spaniard fought off two break points but lost it at the third break point with a double fault. Haas then served for the match and won it at the second match point when Hernandez’s return of serve sailed wide.

Haas, ranked 27th in the world, extended his match record to 21-5 this season. He played Hernandez for the first time.

“I didn’t know what to expect from him,” Haas said. “You could have put 20 players up there and I couldn’t have picked him out. I asked a few friends and they said he was a typical clay-court player. I decided to play a little clay-court tennis at times and to get aggressive.”

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Sandman

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was great.”

In his first tournament of the season, the Administrative Augusta State Invitational, Sandman carded a three over-par 219, tying for 25th place in one of the nation’s most competitive fields.

“I really can’t imagine any one playing better golf [than Josh] right now,” Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said. “With everything he’s gone through, in addition to making the transition to college, he’s just been outstanding.”

This weekend at the Bellmaker Invitational, Sandman got into a rhythm again, shooting a three under-par 69 in Sunday’s final round to finish the tournament at four-over-par 230. That was good enough for a second place tie with fellow team member Cole Isban.

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In fact, the one thing that Sandman didn’t do well — putt — is the thing that Kubinski feels he’s best at now.

“Josh is a tremendous putter, he just didn’t have it [at times this week],” Kubinski said. “He’s very solid throughout the bag, but I think his strongest suit is his putting. Despite the obstacles of being a freshman competing against upperclassmen, Sandman has been able to hold his own. In his six rounds this year, Sandman has a 73.17 scoring average. That places him just behind senior Mark Baldwin, junior Cole Isban and senior Scott Gustafson for the team lead.

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Dame won the game 4-1 on April 7 last year thanks to a three-run homer off the bat of then-Irish senior Liz Hartmann.

The Cardinals arrive with an overall record of 9-16 (3-5 in the Mid-American Conference) after dropping a pair of games at Western Michigan. During the short series, Ball State had trouble getting to Broncos pitcher Krysten Shumaker. Notre Dame also struggled to Booth, combining with the senior for a team ERA of 1.69.

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Saint Mary’s also took the first game 8-5 as Bethel committed six errors in the contest. Holme tied the score at 2-2 in the bottom of the first on a sacrifice fly. The Belles jumped ahead 4-2 in the top of the second as Calli Denson singled and Saidi scored. In the bottom of the fourth, Saint Mary’s secured three runs to extend the lead to 8-2.

“The Pilots caught a glimmer of hope in the bottom of the seventh whenhitch delivered an RBI base hit, but second baseman Katie Fornoch grounded out to first to end the game.”

Sullivan said the game over Bethel was hitters’ contest. Saint Mary’s faced Belles’ former head coach Anna Welsh. Sullivan played under Welsh in 2004 when the Belles earned their first MIAA tournament victory.

“I wanted to beat her, but she is my mentor,” Sullivan said. “The reason we won those games is because she taught me so well. She taught me to be better than I was.”

Saint Mary’s faces Calvin College at 3:30 p.m. at home.

The doubleheader will bring an end to an eight-game run the Belles have battled through in four days. The stretch started with a sweep of defending MIAA champion Alma. Saint Mary’s then split a doubleheader with Rockford Sunday.

Fusaro said Saint Mary’s goal was to go at least .500 in the eight games. With the two wins Monday, the Belles have already assured achieving that goal, as they are 5-1 in the first six contests.

Sullivan said the team set against Calvin is important for the Belles not only because they are the last two games but also because they are a conference game.

Fusaro says that Saint Mary’s will look to continue the success they have had in the past three days and finish off strong.

“Our goal was to stay intense and stay up,” Fusaro said. “To be as intense and as loud in the first game against Alma as in the last game against Calvin.”

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Belles take third in Spring Fling

Meagan Mattia leads team with 162 in two-day tournament

By BECKI CORNER
SporWriter

The Belles captured third place this weekend in the annual Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling.

"You've got two guys at the top of the order who are really setting the tone for us," Mainieri said. "Brett Lilley really fired up (against South Florida). It just goes to show how important you can play when Bret Lilley plays the way he's capable of playing, we've got a much better team." Paul Mainieri
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Saint Mary's two-round total of 661 was only one stroke shy of second-place William Woods University, and the Belles edged out Wisconsin Eau Claire for third place by only one stroke.

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Saint Mary's was the top individual placer for the Belles, tying for seventh with a two-round total of 162 (80-82). Many of the returning Belles had played the Ironwood Course more than a few times, and Belles coach Mark Hamilton stressed confidence and course management.

"My advice was to play as 'clean' of a round as possible," Hamilton said. "Just try to stack up the pars."}

Mattia was not the only Belle to stack up the pars. Senior captains Kirsten Fantom and Nicole Bellino led the team by example on the first day, with scores of 84 and 83, respectively. The Belles were able to keep their scores low despite a 23-degree wind chill Saturday and rain the previous day that made the course play much longer than its listed 5,842 yards.

"Playing tough conditions throughout this spring helped us the first day," Hamilton said.

Saint Mary's cut seventeen strokes from their first round total to record a 322 on day two. Freshman Alex Sei's second round four-over-par 76 from the five spot led the team charge. It marked the low round for the Belles for the tournament. Her birdie-birdie-birdie finish cemented her in a tie for 13th place overall.

Sei described her success as a combination of a few good rolls and good course management.

"I made a few great puts and did my best to stay on the fairways," she said. In addition to Mattia's 82 and Sei's 76 in round two, the Belles were also bolstered by solid scores of 82 from sophomore Katie O'Brien and an 84 from Fantom Sunday.

Despite the third-place finish and recent successes, Hamilton stressed that his team still needs to work on a few areas before the NCAA Championships later this spring.

"We still need to tighten things up and be a little more precise around the greens in order to challenge the top three teams in the country," he said. "That will be our focus for the next couple of weeks."

Captain Kirsten Fantom echoed her coach's concerns.

"For our coming tournament we still need to work on our short game," Fantom said. "More practice will improve our confidence in our ability to make shots around the green, which is key."

The Belles return to action next with the SMC/Bethel Invitational on April 19.

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Korpi

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"Against us, (Chicago State starter Jonathan) Koh halched pretty well and (Oakland) knocked him around," Mainieri said. "It doesn't matter who we're playing. We respect all our opponents, and we respect Oakland."

Koh threw eight innings and allowed six runs on 11 hits in a 6-4 loss to Notre Dame April 4. He surrendered nine runs on 14 hits in 7.2 innings Sunday.

Mainieri said he is confident about Notre Dame's chances in the game because of the team's top two hitters in the lineup. First baseman Craig Cooper will lead off for the Irish and third baseman Brett Lilley will bat in the No. 2 hole.

"Cooper has been hot for a long time. Ever since we put him in that leadoff spot, he's sparked our team," Mainieri said. "He's playing like a top player in the conference should play -- which is what we always thought he was."

Cooper is batting .429 on the season with a .612 slugging percentage thanks to three homers, seven doubles and a triple.

Lilley had his best series of the season this weekend against South Florida. He was 9-for-13 with four runs and an RBI (7-for-7, three walks in his first 10 plate appearances) in Notre Dame's three-game sweep of the Bulls. The performance lifted his batting average on the season to .333.

In the series, Cooper and Lilley combined for 18 hits; the Bulls had 25 hits total in the three games. Cooper has an 11-game hit streak, and Lilley enters on a 10-game hit streak of his own.

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**BASEBALL**

**Rollin’ home**

12-game stand at Eck begins today with Oakland matchup

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

No. 21 Notre Dame (22-8, 8-1 Big East) begins a 12-game home stand against Oakland today at 2:05 p.m. and looks to extend its winning streak to 13 in the midweek non-conference matchup at Frank Eck Stadium.

"We'd like to just keep it going," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said Monday. "We're playing extremely well."

Oakland senior right-hander Kevin Hail will throw for the Golden Grizzlies (7-20, 4-0 Mid-Continent Conference). Hail is 0-4 in five starts (12 appearances) with a 13.10 ERA. He has given up 46 hits and 14 walks in 22.2 innings.

Irish sophomore left-hander Wade Korpi will start for Notre Dame. Korpi is 2-1 on the season in five starts with an ERA of 2.53. He has 44 strikeouts in 32 innings.

Irish senior infiel ders Meagan Ruthrauff and Sara Schonauer led a high-powered Notre Dame offense into the matchup. Schonauer, who was 4-for-9 Sunday against Pittsburgh, played a key role in the weekend's onslaught, as the team posted 21 runs and hit five homers in two games. Notre Dame won the first game 7-0 and the second contest 14-4.

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The Irish also used the long ball effectively the last time they met Ball State. Notre Dame sophomore pitcher Wade Korpi delivers a pitch during his win over Ball State April 5. Korpi will start tonight for the Irish against Oakland.

**SPORTS**

**Men's Golf**

A new ring to 'Enter, Sandman'

Freshman makes a splash in his first two appearances for squad

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

In a matter of just two weeks, Notre Dame's Josh Sandman has gone from unknown freshman to one of the hottest golfers the Irish have seen in a decade.

Sandman, from Southeast Gifford High School in Greensboro, N.C., was forced to sit out the fall season due to an injured back, but in his two collegiate tournaments this spring he has shown why he was one of the top prep golfers in the nation.

"I was excited just to get the opportunity because I haven't really felt 100 percent," Sandman said. "The trainers finally cleared me to go, and it seems to be working."

**ND SOFTBALL**

Cardinal bats meet Irish pitchers

Booth returns to mound after throwing a complete-game shutout

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (23-12, 7-1 Big East) will take a brief break from its Big East schedule to play Ball State at 5 p.m. today at Ivy Field.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles sweep Bethel with two 8-5 victories

Saint Mary's takes both games of teams' annual meeting at ND

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It seemed like Saint Mary's had lost its momentum in the top of the fourth inning of the second game of Monday's doubleheader with Bethel at Ivy Field.

Bethel freshman Staci Hitch homered for the Pilots, tying the game at two with her two-run blast. It got worse for Saint Mary's when Bethel jumped ahead in the top of the fifth with two RBI singles for a 4-2 lead.

But the Belles answered Bethel's call and came back to complete a sweep of the doubleheader, winning both contests 5-3.

In the second game, Saint Mary's fought back in the bottom of the fifth when Belles' first baseman Kasia Rashid singled in two runs, tying the score at four. The Belles' Sarah Meisle had reached on an error by Pilot shortstop Brittany Beneker, and Saint Mary's Ashley Fusaro and Nicole Linn followed with singles to load the bases.

Freshman right-hander Kristin Amram then helped her own cause, reaching base on a Bethel error. Fusaro went home to tie the game in the sixth, but Saint Mary's answered once again.

Fusaro gave the Belles the lead for good in the bottom of the sixth with a bases-clearing double in the gap that gave Saint Mary's the decisive 8-5 advantage. Saint Mary's Martha Smid started the inning off with a single, and the Belles' Audrey Ganas reached on another Bethel error.

Meisle then walked to load the bases for Fusaro.

Fusaro said the batters who

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**SMC GOLF**

Megan Mattia led Saints' at a third-place finish at this weekend's Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling.

**TENNIS**

Tommy Haas advanced in the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships Monday.

**CLUB SPORTS**

Notre Dame men's rowing won three of four races this weekend in the State of Indiana Regatta.

**NHL**

Los Angeles Kings' all-time leading scorer Luc Robitaille will announce his retirement tomorrow.

**MLB**

David Ortiz agreed to a four-year contract extension with the Boston Red Sox Monday.

**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Lawyers said Monday DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper.