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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Officers approve future budget

Sample of Student Union Budget Allocations 2006 - 2007

Total Allocation Total Allocation

Club Coordination Council $7,500 $7,500
College Readership N/A $81,000
Hall Presidents Council $45,900 $59,900
Off-Campus $2,500 $2,456.06
Sub $210,150 $217,000
Total Allocated $362,500 $481,243.06

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved a $481,243.06 budget Monday, up more than $100,000 from the $362,500 allocated last year. The increase can be attributed to both projected Shirt profits and the higher $95 student activities fee that will go into effect next fall, Student Union treasurer Steve Friend said. “Historically, we have only projected $100,000 of revenue from The Shirt,” Friend said. “This year we decided to allocate as much as we could at the present time — giving us $150,000 extra to play with.”

Friend said the latest projection for Shirt revenues is around $150,000. The student activities fee will also jump from $60 to $95 for the next academic year, a result of two Student Senate resolutions. Ultimately approved by the Board of Trustees in February, the increase will make the College Readership Program possible next fall. Two-thirds of the money from the student activities fee increase, totaling $81,000, is assigned to the Alumni Association, which votes for the recipient. The remaining $36,000 is available for other student organizations. Each organization must submit a proposal for the COR to consider. “We try to allocate as much as we possibly can within the student activities fee,” Friend said.

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Alumni rector receives award

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After 28 years as rector of Alumni Hall, Father George Rozum was honored and surprised with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a banquet in South Dining Hall Friday. “It’s very humbling because all I’ve done is continue to say I’d do the job of rector one more year and the years went by,” Rozum said. “I assume they think that I’ve done my job of being rector as the University, the students and the alumni would suppose that I should.”

The award is not given out annually, and Rozum is only the 12th person to receive it. His 28-year tenure as rector is a University record. Chuck Lennon, executive director and associate vice president for university relations for the Alumni Association, said letters were sent to former residents of Alumni to let them in on the secret. Alumni residents and Notre Dame alumni gathered Friday for the banquet to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Alumni Hall’s construction. In attendance were University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh and five Holy Cross priests who had Rozum as a rector when they lived in Alumni Hall as students.

Alumni Board president Tim Brady said nominations for the award are made by “a host of people,” and then the Alumni Association committee on internal activities makes recommendations to the whole Alumni Association, which votes for the recipient. “It is awarded on occasion of exemplary service to the University or the community,” Lennon said. Rozum is the first rector to receive the award. Previous recipients of the award can be found in the Alumni Hall Hall of Fame. See ROZUM/page 4

Third year architecture students, above, study in Rome in February. The program’s extra year prevents them from graduating with their entry class and registering for Senior Week events.

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Current fourth-year architecture students unable to register with their entry class

For most members of Notre Dame’s Class of 2006, Senior Week serves as a bittersweet conclusion to their four years at the University. But last week some seniors future fifth-year students with graduating fourth-year friends — discovered the tradition would not become a reality for them.

Senior architecture major Kate Donovan made this “disappointing discovery” last week when she realized the student ID card swiped to receive Chicago Cubs tickets — one of Senior Week’s highlight events. Donovan, like other senior architecture students, was told she was not eligible to participate in Senior Week since she will be a fifth-year student next year and not graduating this May.

“I was surprised more than anything,” she said upon receiving news that she would have to wait until the Senior Week of the Class of 2007.

Donovan and fellow senior architecture major Sonia Garcia said they were disappointed they cannot participate because many of their friends are members of the Class of 2006.

“I feel left out,” Garcia said. “I think it is kind of ridiculous that the Class of 2007 are not included next year.”

Donovan, who has held the position since 2000, said Pope-Davis was selected as interim vice president because he is an accomplished researcher who understands "the importance of research," Provost Thomas Burish said Monday. "He is the best qualified person to move in at this time." But Pope-Davis‘ appointment is intended to fill the position for just a year. The University has not decided what to do when Pope-Davis’ interim term ends. Burish said, and is considering a reorganization of his office.

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University forming plan for 2007-08

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Don Pope-Davis, Notre Dame’s current associate vice president for graduate studies and a psychology professor, has been named interim vice president for graduate studies and research, according to a University statement released April 20. He will begin his duties July 1 and replace Jeffrey Kantor, who has held the position since 2000.

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Short power, Internet outages hit campus

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Approximately half the buildings on Notre Dame’s campus were affected by a power outage and all lost Internet service for a brief period Sunday afternoon, Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

Kempf said the outage lasted for about 15 minutes. It started shortly after 12:30 p.m. and by approximately 12:45 p.m., power was restored to most of the campus.

Internet service was out from 12:33 to approximately 1:20 p.m. Buildings affected by the power outage included Knott Hall, Hesburgh Library, North Dining Hall, South Dining Hall, Farley Hall, Dillon Hall, Regis-Phillips Hall, Fisher Hall, Pasquerilla East Hall, Zahm Hall and LaFortune Student Center.

The cause of the power outage was a supply interruption from an external supplier, not a fault of Notre Dame’s on-campus power plant, Kempf said.

When the connection was interrupted, the Notre Dame system shed half its load to cover the shortfall so the electrical grid would not damage itself, he said. Notre Dame produces a portion of its own power at the campus power plant and buys another...
INSIDE COLUMN
The art of the nap

Everyone has a hobby. Some people love exercise, running mile after mile every sun shines. Other people collect things, searching around town for the next big purchase, putting their trophies in the hallowed spaces over their mantles. These activities, like most hobbies, involve one of two things: energy and money, neither of which I have much of at this point. That being said, I too have found a new love that fills the empty hours of my afternoons: napping.

Unlike most hobbies, where one must start from basically nothing and chase their passion with money or effort, napping requires no introduction, no training, nothing but a love of quality rest. In preschool, napping was encouraged as part of the curriculum — and I feel that it is high time to return to the mindset of our past.

With time and dedication, anyone can become a good napper. Also, the nap is timeless. At any hour of the day, at any time of the year, the napper can pursue her/his passion. Night or day, winter or summer, the nap is always available as the perfect leisure pursuit.

Napping, however, is not merely the pursuit of sleep and an absence of activity. Napping is a skill honed by years of practice. While anyone can take a great nap when exhausted, these fluke performances are not signs of napping prowess.

The true napper must learn to adapt to his surroundings, to push himself/herself into the optimal mindset no matter what the conditions may be. With two hours of free time, the committed napper finds a way to get it done. A great napper can sleep through the roommam's telephone conversations while the TV blares, and the best in the business could probably sleep through a rock concert in the rain.

While sleep is an integral part of the nap, a good nap is much more than sleep. Napping is about clearing your mind, finding relaxation amidst the strains of daily life. The best naps come while the sun is out, after one has found the momentary peace that contrasts with the momentary pain. I'm talking about taking a nap after one has found the momentary peace that contrasts with the momentary pain of getting ready to take on the world.

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

CLARIFICATION
In the April 24 edition of The Observer, the article entitled "Dakota goes to NYU" mistakenly had Malachia Onega and Michael Onega as students. In fact, they were members of the Class of 1991.

CORRECTIONS
Due to an editing error in the April 24 edition of The Observer, the name Jake L. Motta was mistakenly wri	

The Observer regrets this error.

CORRECTIONS

IN BRIEF
Class of 2006 Senior Week tickets will be on sale at the LaFortune Box Office today. Graduating seniors interested in purchasing tickets to the events must bring their Notre Dame ID to the Box Office between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

A part of AnTostal, the First Annual Dorn Olympics will take place today from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad. The events are free.

The Bookstore Basketball tournament will continue with round 32 at 6 p.m. tonight at the bookstore courts.

Notre Dame softball will take on Purdue at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Iby Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Bowling Green at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Group grants co-sponsorships

Allocations made for psychology honors society trip, The Show 2006

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) officers approved two co-sponsorships totaling $6,045 at their meeting Monday night. One will help fund a scholarship for a group of students to travel to a national psychology honors society convention, and the other will go to support The Show 2006.

The first co-sponsorship will help fund a trip for 11 members of the Saint Mary's Psi Chi Club to the Psi Chi Midwestern Regional Convention in Chicago, Ill. Psi Chi is a national honor society in psychology.

Saint Mary's students have attended the conference for several years, Psi Chi representative Jennifer Hanlon said. "Five Saint Mary's psychology [major] seniors will present research they have conducted throughout their undergraduate work [at the conference]," Hanlon said.

Athletic commissioner Anne Cusak motioned to pass the co-sponsorship for $1,045, which promptly passed.

The second co-sponsorship will help fund The Show 2006 — the largest annual concert event intended for all members of the Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross communities, according to the co-sponsorship application. Notre Dame junior Patrick Vassel presented the $10,000 co-sponsorship proposal to BOG. The estimated total cost of The Show for 2006 is $128,000.

"It's important to us that [The Show] be as much of a Saint Mary's event as a Notre Dame event because it shows new and returning members of this community what it means to be a part of each student body and the community as a whole," Vassel said. "From start to finish we really do everything possible to make sure that this is as much a Saint Mary's event." Following Vassel's proposal, board members discussed BOG's past financial involvement with The Show.

The board discussed placing stipulations on BOG funding of the event such as advertisement of Saint Mary's orientation weekend events like the Jamaica Shaka.

"That's one of the reasons that the Jamaica Shaka was so big last year because it was on all their flyers," student body vice president Maggie Siemietos said.

Former BOG treasurer Jillian Waters sat in on the meeting to help guide the new board members through their first co-sponsorships. "I think $10,000 is a lot," she said. "I think it's a great event and I think it should be one of the largest if not the largest co-sponsorships that BOG supports.

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis motioned to provide $5,000 with the stipulations that by the end of the school year The Show's committee find a Saint Mary's liaison as well as advertising the Jamaica Shaka on fliers. The board voted to provide the money with the stipulations after a small amount of discussion.

In Other BOG News:
• Student Activities Board president Claudia Teth announced there will be an 80s-themed dance this Saturday on the Library green.
• Student body president Susan McMillan reminded the board of a Chicago bus trip and Student Activities Board bus trip Saturday to the Dunes in Michigan. A sign-up sheet for both trips is at the front desk of the student center.

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College Readership Program. But that distribution — which makes the College Readership Program the only group to receive 100 percent of its requested funds — left some student groups unsatisfied with their share.

The Club Coordination Council (CCC), which this spring countered the allocation plan that accompanied the increase, continued to voice opposition Monday. "With the $15 increase, we heard that $10 would go to College Readership and $5 would go to everyone else," said Kerry Kilbourn, CCC president. "But we're not seeing the money."

The CCC saw no increase in allocation this year, despite a request for nearly $1,500 in additional funding.

Student justified the allocation for the College Readership Program, which will provide three national newspapers on campus daily next fall.

"The College Readership Program was a unique request this year," Friend said. "Unlike any of the others, it required full allocation, and that's why it was met."

Another contested allocation was that of the Hall Presidents Council (HPC). The HPC requested funding that totaled over $800,000 — almost twice the overall Student Union budget. HPC received the highest proportion of its request besides the College Readership Program.

Friend said while HPC was only allocated $45,000 last year, the group was reallocated quite a bit more. This year's $14,000 increase anticipates HPC will not need any more money at reallocation.

Though off-campus students will comprise a larger percentage of the student body next year, the allocation for the off-campus student organization has decreased. And Friend said the organization is not promised any more next fall.

"We don't have a priority list for reallocation," Friend said. "I can't guarantee that if off-campus comes in that they're going to get anything."

While few organizations have been allocated as much as requested, groups should be reallocated a smaller amount later next fall as revenue estimates were modest, Friend said.

"Our goal was to allocate as much as we could, and we allocated every bit of it," he said.

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portion from outside suppliers. Since the suppliers who pro-
vide approximately half of Notre Dame's power were cut
off, the campus lost about half
of its power.
Nine feeders tripped, which is
about half of the 20 feeders," Kemp said.
The feeders — lines that
supply power to clusters of
buildings — shut down as a
result of the temporary lack of
power. When the power was
restored, feeders went through
a reconnection process and
they came back on automati-
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"The loss of electricity was not
the only effect of the power
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dent for graduate studies and
research into two positions. If
split, one position would be
responsible for issues relating
to academics, while the other
would be responsible for issues
related to research. The
search itself will take
place in April.
"I anticipate a national
search for one person to fill
the role of vice president, or
two if it is divided," he said.
Pope-Davis was appointed
assistant vice president of the
Notre Dame Graduate School
in 2002 and was promoted to
associate vice president two
years later. He has also
served as a coordinator for
the Multicultural Research
Institute and is a director of
Notre Dame's McNair
Scholars Program.
He is the chair of Notre
Dame's Faculty Board on
Athletics and its NCAA faculty
athletics representative.
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include Chris Zorich (1991),
Walt Collins (1996), Jen
Renola (1997), Father John
Wilson (2001), Richard
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CAR bombs assail Iraqi casualties

BAGHDAD — A string of car bombs rocked Baghdad on Monday, killing 10 people and wounding nearly 80 in an apparent campaign to discredit Iraq's new leadership. At least 15 shootings.

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Policemen also discovered the bodies of 28 people in the capital and the northern city of Mosul. They included 15 police recruits from Ramadi who were kidnapped Sunday and slain by insurgents, police said.

The seven car bombs exploded over a five-hour period in six widely separated neighborhood areas across the capital. The first blast occurred near the Health Ministry and killed five people, Lt. Col. Falah al-Mahamedawi said.

Nepal king offers peace to protesters

KATMANDU — Nepal's embattled King Gyanendra on Monday reinstated the lower house of parliament and expressed his sympathies for those killed in weeks of pro-democracy protests, trying to avoid a bloody showdown between demonstrators and his security forces.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences for all those who have lost their lives in the people's movement," Gyanendra said in the address, broadcast on state television and radio.

Nepal's largest opposition party welcomed the king's conciliatory speech, saying any retaliatory shelling and whistles could be heard in the streets of Katmandu minutes after the 11:30 p.m. speech.

National News

Siraj faces trial for subway bomb plot in New York

NEW YORK — A Pakistani immigrant, angered by the war in Iraq and the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, plotted to bomb one of the city's busiest subway stations in 2003 to teach America "a good lesson," a prosecutor said Monday at a federal conspiracy trial.

The defendant, Shahawar Matin Siraj, considered striking several potential targets including the Vernazza-Narrows Bridge before settling on the Herald Square subway station, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd Harrison.

"In the summer of 2004, he could barely pass a bridge or subway station without planning to bomb it," Harrison said.

Defense attorney Martin Stolar told jurors his client was trapped by an informant who had infiltrated a Brooklyn mosque.

The government "created a crime where none existed," Stolar said.

Jury takes up Moussaoui's fate

LEXINGTON, Va. — Zacarias Moussaoui's fate was placed Monday afternoon in the hands of a jury that will determine whether he is executed for his part in the deaths of Sept. 11, 2001.

Jurors opened deliberations at 2:25 p.m. EDT, after final pleadings from the prosecution to "put an end to his hatred and venom" by opting for execution, and from the defense to spare him to prison for life instead.

The jury decided in 15 hours of deliberations over four days earlier this month that Moussaoui, 37, the only man charged in this country in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was responsible for deaths that day even though he was in jail.

Local News

Teen centers workers face sex charges

INDIANAPOLIS — Nine former juvenile detention center workers face sex charges for their part in the alleged sexual exploitation of teenage girls detained at the center between 2000 and 2005.

Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said Monday that the workers, ages 12 to 15 with love interests and gifts, including a teddy bear emblazoned with the words "I Love You," will be charged with neglect of a dependent and obstruction of justice for allegedly sexually abusing girls in a girl detention center located in Marion County located on the city's northern side.

Associated Press

Egypt

Blasts devastate tourist area

Attack occurs day after bin Laden's warning, al-Qaida involvement unconfirmed

CAIRO — Three nearly simultaneous explosions rocked the luxury resort city of Dahab on Monday, killing at least 22 people and wounding more than 23 people with serious injuries had been brought to his emergency room alone.

"There were just three loud bangs and people rushing around," McBeath said. Everyone is shaken.

Tourist attacks have become legitimate targets of his terrorist organization because of their support of governments that he said were conducting a "cruel war against Islam."

President Housni Mubarak, whose economy is heavily dependent on tourism, said the blasts were a "sinful terrorist act."

A witness, Serge Loussararian, told CNN that there had been "no warning whatsoever."

"Everybody is shaken." Security officials, who would not allow use of their names because they were not authorized to release information, said at least 22 bodies had been recovered.

Mr. Mubarak has said the militants who carried out the bombings were locals without international connections, but other security agencies have said they suspect al-Qaida.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said that it is unclear who is behind Monday's attack. U.S. officials have not ruled out the possibility that al-Qaida may be involved, but have no evidence showing that's the case.

No one has officially taken credit for the bomb, released Sunday, was in any way linked to the attack, said the counterterrorism official.

Bush calls deportation unrealistic

IRVINE, Calif. — President Bush is rebuilding lawmakers advocating a law-and-order approach to immigration, said Monday that those who are calling for massive deportation of the estimated 11 million foreigners.

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The president said he thought the Senate, which passed a reform bill in a two-week recess, "Justs just going to work."

In addition to speaking here, Bush was meeting Tuesday with a bipartisan group of senators at the White House to press his case.

In Irvine, Bush spoke in support of a stalled Senate bill that includes provisions that would allow for eventual citizenship to some of the illegal immigrants already here. Some conservatives say that would amount to amnesty.

"This is one of the really important questions Congress is going to have to deal with," Bush said. The president said he thought the Senate, which passed a reform bill in a two-week recess, "It's just going to work."

The Senate did its job here for five years or less, you're treated one way, and five years or more, you're treated another."

Standing in the center of a theater the round-type setting with an audience full of business people, Bush spoke sympathetically about the plight of foreigners who risk their lives to sneak into the United States to earn a decent wage. He said the U.S. needs a temporary guest worker program to stop people from paying to be smuggled in the back of a truck.

"I know this is an emotional debate," Bush told the Orange County Business Council. But one thing we can't lose sight of is that we are talking about human beings, decent human beings.

Lawmakers, with an eye on the Election Day in just over six months, remain far apart on whether to crack down on illegal immigrants or embrace them as vital contributors to the U.S. economy.

Bush said it's important to enforce border laws that are on the books and boosted that 6 million immigrants have been captured and turned back since he took office.

"You can be a nation of law and a compassionate nation at the same time," he said to applause.
**PANAMA**

President announces expansion of canal

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Panama's president said a planned expansion of the Panama Canal would define the waterway's "role in the 21st century" and on Monday called on voters to support a referendum to pay for the proposal.

The expansion to make way for huge new container ships that can carry twice as much cargo is expected to cost $5.3 billion — in a country whose government budget is $6.5 billion a year. It will be put to voters in a referendum later this year.

In a televised speech Monday evening, President Martin Torrijos said the expansion would be "the most important decision the canal and its role will make in the 21st century."

The biggest ships that can pass through the canal's current locks are known as "Panamas" vessels and can carry 4,000 cargo containers. They barely fit in the locks, which are about 108 feet wide.

The project calls for the construction of a third set of locks for water chambers that will allow the large "Post-Panama" class of cargo ships to use the 50-mile waterway between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

The president — whose father, Omar Torrijos, negotiated the 1979 treaty that eventually gave Panama total control over the canal — appealed to Panamanians to support the expansion.

The government's determination to widen the canal is fueled by the fact that newer, larger ships will seek other routes between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

"The Panama Canal route is facing competition," Torrijos said. "If we do not meet the challenge to continue a competitive service other routes will emerge that will replace ours. It would be unforgivable to refuse to improve the capacity of the waterway."

The Torrijos government also is counting on an economic windfall that would come from an estimated 7,000 jobs during the five-year construction.

Recent polls indicate that a majority of Panamanians favor the expansion, which the president said would be financed through canal fees and some bank credits. The contracts, he said, would not risk government social programs.

In 2005, Panama earned $1.2 billion from the canal for maintenance and other related services levied on some 13,000 ship crossings.

Panama took over the administration of the waterway on December 31, 1999, the day the U.S. military presence ended. The United States is the main user of the canal, followed by the 100 countries that operate in the South American countries and China.

Opponents of the expansion, among them former canal administrator Fernando Manfredi, point out that the project is unnecessary and costly because it depends on variables like the growth of maritime world trade, world economic fluctuations and even politics.

**VENEZUELA**

Chavez pushes to increase control

State-owned oil company proposes larger stake in heavy crude projects

Associated Press

CARACAS — Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez wants to further increase state control over some of the country's most promising oil projects in a move that is expected to allow him to squeeze corporate profits and speak foreign investment.

A proposal raised by state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA or PDVSA to take a larger stake in heavy crude projects operating in the oil-rich Orinoco River basin has yet to be spelled out. But analysts warn it is threatening to hurt long-term oil production in an area that potentially outstrips Saudi Arabia's proven reserves at a time when oil prices are rising on fears of depleting deposits and surging demand.

In comments published over the weekend, Eulogio Del Pino, a PDVSA director who oversees contracts with foreign companies, told the El Universal newspaper that Venezuela would like oil majors BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp., ConocoPhillips, France's Total SA and Norway's Statoil ASA to change four heavy oil upgrading projects into state-controlled joint ventures, known as "mixed companies."

While the offers have yet to be presented and any changes would need to be approved by congress, Del Pino said the government should "do the job completely and the participation of the state should be 51 percent."

Venezuela has already set a precedent for what it has in mind: earlier this month, it voided oil-pumping contracts with Thailand and two of the new mixed-company model that gives PDVSA a minimum 69 percent stake, sharply raised royalties and taxes and reduced potential drilling acreage by almost two-thirds.

"It's a matter of time," before Venezuela moves to impose similar terms on the hundreds of agreements that together produce about 600,000 barrels a day, said Juan Carlos Sosa, Venezuela's oil minister.

"It's very possible that production will go down," Sosa said.

He said the synthetic crude produced by the projects consists only of a fraction of total world oil supplies — currently at about 84 million barrels a day — and is unlikely to have a significant effect on the market.

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The Orinoco projects in eastern Venezuela differ markedly from the 32 oil fields where the state has already taken a majority share, because companies operating in the Orinoco own a significant part of the oil infrastructure in the area, Sosa said. In the other oil fields, the companies did not own such assets.

"It's going to be much more difficult," to calculate and compensate the companies for investments in the Orinoco if the government decides to seize them, he said.

Jose Torio Hardy, an oil analyst and former PDVSA director, said the private companies are also clearly the best at exploiting the reserves and it's in Venezuela's interest to keep them there.

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Most of the companies that have invested are not responding directly to Del Pino's comments, though most indicated discussion was ongoing with the government.

Have you owned a gambling business or have you had a gambling venture? If so, please share your story. As part of our research, we are interested in hearing about the issue of gambling.

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In Brief

Retired worker sues Exxon Mobil

TRENTON, N.J. — A retired steamfitter who worked for several contractors at various sites in New Jersey, among them Exxon Mobil, is seeking unspecified damages. Her husband is seeking unspecified damages.

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Microsoft battles Europe ruling

Software giant claims software the EU required them to release did not sell directly with Windows Media.
Turkey
Orthodox celebrate Easter, pray for peace
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Orthodox Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday, worshiping at candlelit services from Russia to Ethiopia before streaming families for outdoor feasts.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of 200 million Orthodox Christians, led prayers on Easter eve in the crowded Church of St. George in Istanbul. A flame brought from the site of Jesus’ grave in Jerusalem was passed from candle to candle.

The patriarch called for peace, telling the congregation, “We call for an end to the killing of one another, and we denounce the violence and fanaticism that threatens life.”

In Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulcher, hundreds of Orthodox Christians gathered for Mass. Candles glowed around the tomb where many believe Jesus was buried, and hymns filled the cavernous grotto-like church.

Orthodox Christians use a different calendar from Roman Catholics and Protestants, so their celebration of Easter usually falls on a different date from the rest of Christianity and always after the Jewish festival of Passover. Greek Orthodox Christians in Egypt and some 25 million Egyptian Christians also celebrated Easter on Sunday.

At the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI joined Orthodox religious leaders’ calls for peace and offered prayers for victims of flooding along the Danube River.

“In the joyous atmosphere of these days, I cannot not recall that many of these peoples, in Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria, are suffering because of the flooding,” he said, speaking from his window overlooking St. Peter’s Square to tens of thousands of pilgrims.

The disaster has forced thousands from their homes yet Orthodox Christians still managed to celebrate Easter. Romanian refugees held services outdoors in the flood-stricken village of Rast, where priests used an improvised altar in an open tent.

Similar services in other flooded Eastern European villages were accompanied by fireworks and even celebratory gunfire.

Easter celebrations, a blend religious and local traditions, typically include a spit-roast lamb dinner and a display of hard-boiled eggs, dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ.

In Cyprus, youths around the island lit traditional Easter bonfires to burn effigies of Judas — the disciples thought to have betrayed Jesus.

In Greece, Orthodox leader Archbishop Christodoulos said the church remains a source of defiance against the negative effects of globalization and domination of major world powers.

“The church is our hope for the future,” Archbishop Christodoulos
Orthodox leader

Istanbul — A 16-year-old American firefighter is fighting for his life after a Tel Aviv suicide bombing, and thousands are praying for him after an Internet appeal.

Daniel Wultz came to Israel with his parents, Tuly and Sheryl, to visit relatives on Passover. They live in Weston, Fla., north of Miami.

On April 17, father and son were eating lunch in Tel Aviv, where a Palestinian suicide bomber ignited 10 pounds of explosives at the entrance to the restaurant. The bomb killed six Israelis, two Romanians, a French tourist and the bomber.

Dozens of people were wounded.

Critically wounded, Daniel was taken to Ichilov Hospital. Doctors removed his spleen and a kidney and treated a serious leg wound. His condition remains critical, hospital officials said.

His father suffered less severe injuries but remains hospitalized.

The Wultzes, who have declined to speak to the media, asked their friends and congregation to pray for their son.

On Monday, the David Posnack Hebrew Day School in Plantation, Fla., where Daniel has been a student since elementary school, held a prayer service for him.

Rachel Keller, director of Judaic studies at the school, said, "Daniel is a most remarkable young man. He is a person of great moral convictions and has been a wonderful asset to our school."

In addition to praying for Daniel, the Chabad Lubavitch of Weston has set up a fund in his name.

The family’s request for prayers also went out over the Internet, where it reached Naomi Ragen, whose best-selling novels include “The Covenant,” a tale of Israelis whose lives are changed by terrorism.

“I got an e-mail from a woman in Dearborn, Mich.,” Ragen said, “who forwarded to me a letter she had received from a friend of hers. The message gave Daniel’s name and his age and asked that people pray for him.”

Scientists study energy in space
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With gasoline prices per gallon, scientists have just found the most energy-efficient engines in the universe — black holes, those whirling super-dense centers of galaxies that suck in nearly everything.

The jets of energy spewing out of older ultra-efficient black holes also seem to be playing a crucial role as zapping cops in large galaxies, preventing too many stars from sprouting. That explains why there aren’t as many burgeoning galaxies chock full of stars as previously expected, said scientists citing results from NASA’s Chandra X-ray Observatory that were released Monday.

For the first time, scientists measured both the mass of hot gas that is being sucked into nine older black holes and the unseen super-speedy jets of high energy particles spout out, which essentially form a cosmic engine. Then they determined a rate of how efficient these older black hole engines are and were amazed.

These black holes are 25 times more efficient than anything man has built, with nuclear power being the most efficient of man-made efforts, said study lead author Steve Allen of Stanford University and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

“If you could make a car engine that was as efficient as one of these black hole engines you could get about a billion miles per gallon of gas,” Allen said. “In anyone’s book that would be pretty green.”

The galaxies in which these black holes live are bigger than ours, the Milky Way, and 50 million to 400 million light-years away. One light-year is nearly 5.9 trillion miles. The black hole at the center of our galaxy wasn’t studied because it wasn’t gas­­rich and big enough so scientists couldn’t measure what was going in and coming out. Allen said.

The results were surprising because the types of black holes studied were older, less powerful and generally considered "bor­ing," scientists said. But they ended up being more efficient than originally thought — possibly as efficient as their younger, brighter and more potent black hole siblings called quasars.
The Red Rose Gala

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Together, the Notre Dame community stands united to end violence against women.

PLEASE JOIN US.
Improving relations, one can at a time

I’ve always been one to defend the police whenever peers complain about “the man getting them down” when what really means is “the police doing their job.” However, after seeing the NDSP do everything in their power to prevent the MCAT examinees from celebrating the completion of an eight-hour test that requires an entire semester (if not more) of preparation, I felt compelled to write a letter.

I firmly believe the Christian ideal of fraternity and love compassed the plan of salvation. Human logic can never completely comprehend or understand the divine. The divine is perfect, and hence the supreme and highest form of logic. In order for humans to be able to understand the logic of divinity, it would mean that our lesser, flawed logic would be able to contain and control the elements of this logic divine. Nothing that is inferior is able to contain that which is superior; thus, it is an impossibility for men to understand the logic of the gods.

The wise man, understanding that truth is present in all religions, and can never truly be found, does not turn away from the quest for divinity. He seeks himself and redoubles his resolve. The search for the divine is much harder, because instead of looking for truth within one tradition, the challenge becomes to search within manifold traditions. One must, like a prospector, sift dirt through his pan hoping to find nuggets of gold. Different principles are certain; traditions more relevant than others to their individual life and spirituality. People should go forth into the world with a mind open to receive God.

In a world similarly healthy approach to spirituality is to develop a fusion of religious ideas, and to mold them into a coherent system. Everyone must find out for himself what the divine is, what the human being is, what the universe is, and how the interconnection is achieved. The Hindu concept of the beauty and splendor of the divine is not the private possession of any single system.

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I also acknowledge the fact that NDSP’s role is not to improve relationships between the students and authority. However, with all the dialogues in place, I present my point:

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## In Brief

**Bush refuses housing scandal rumors**

LOS ANGELES — Former Southern California star Reggie Bush said there was nothing inappropriate about his family's living arrangement at a home owned by a man who reportedly sought to market him because they paid rent there.

"My parents leased the house, just like any normal family would," Bush said in an interview Monday. "It's kind of funny how this whole story is getting blown out of proportion."

- The Pac-10 said Sunday that it will investigate whether any NCAA rules were violated when Bush's family, including mother Denise Griffin, stepfather LaMar Griffin and brother Jovan Griffin lived in the Spring Valley, Calif., house while Bush was still playing for USC last season.

- The home was owned by Michael Michaels, who reportedly attempted to steer Bush toward signing with San Diego agent David Caravattas.

**Panthers refuse to match Bears' offer for Manning Jr.**

LOS ANGELES — The Carolina Panthers declined to match the Chicago Bears' offer sheet to cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., one day after he was arrested on suspicion of assault following a fight at a restaurant near the UCLA campus.

- A Panthers spokesman said the decision was unrelated to the arrest. Manning, a 25-year-old restricted free agent, signed a five-year, $21 million offer sheet with the Bears last Friday after three seasons with Carolina.

- Manning was arrested early Sunday after he allegedly hit a man in the face along with four or five companions at a Denny's restaurant in the Westwood section of Los Angeles, said officer Mike Lopez, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. Police didn't know what prompted the fight, or whether Manning knew the alleged victim.

**SMU hires former Tar Heel Doherty as hoops coach**

DALLAS — SMU hired former national coach of the year Matt Doherty on Monday to try reviving a program that hasn't gone to the NCAA tournament in 13 years.

- Doherty signed a five-year deal but terms weren't disclosed. Doherty, coming off a 15-13 season at Florida Atlantic, replaces Jimmy Tubbs, who was fired April 6 after two losing seasons and an internal investigation that uncovered NCAA violations.

- "I look at this as a destination job," Doherty said. "I didn't want to take a job to take another job."

- Doherty, who won a national championship as a player for North Carolina, broke into coaching with Notre Dame in 1999-2000. He took over the Tar Heels the next season and earned the coach of the year award from The Associated Press for going 26-7 and winning a share of the regular-season ACC title.

## MIAA Softball

**team** | **conf.** | **conf.**<ref>
- Hope: 8-1 | 21-11
- Albion: 8-4 | 20-15
- Adrian: 8-4 | 19-6
- Saint Mary's: 8-5 | 25-11
- Tri-State: 7-5 | 19-17
- Olivet: 6-6 | 20-10
- Calvin: 5-7 | 13-17
- Adrian: 4-11 | 12-24
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**around the dial**

**NBA**

Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m., TNT
Sacramento at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m., TNT
Heat hold off Bulls' run to take two-game lead

Wade scores 21, including game-clinching shot to stop Chicago's rally with one minute remaining in the game
Jenkins’ closing statement a serious misstep

University President Father John Jenkins, in his April 5 closing statement, delivered the name of Notre Dame to validate “The Vagina Monologues” movement, including the hetereonormative Queer Film Festival. In an attempt to justify the Monologues’ movement of which it is a part, he distorted the meaning of a Catholic university. “The Vagina Monologues” is the focus of his statement.

Jenkins failed for the first time that the “Monologues” oppose violence against women. “The Vagina Monologues” promotes that violence. First, the proceeds go to the SWCA, which inflicts pregnant women abortion, in which about half of those murdered are women. Second, the “Monologues” encourage such violence by objectifying women. The human person, as Pope John Paul II put it, is a “unified totality of body and soul.” The Vagina Monologues” fragments that unity by personifying the body and raping the woman to that part.

The “Monologues” present the vagina as an entity with which the woman should establish a “conscious relationship.” It includes such gems as: “If your vagina got dressed, it would be it. Be my clitoris. My vagina, my vagina,” “This mornic equation of a woman with her body part further objectifies the person who chose to perform the “Monologues” claim to oppose.

Jenkins would “suppress speech” only if it were “inert and inarticulate” or if it was “of little use.” In the Jenkins world, as one of those “diverse groups,” Bishops, incidentally, “should be seen not as external agents but as participants in the life of the Catholic university” (Ex Corde Ecclesiae). Application, Ibid. Jenkins Jan. 23 address said, of an anti-Semitic play, “I do not believe that such a performance could be permitted at Notre Dame.” The get the right. “Its anti-Semitic elements are clearly and outrageously opposed to the values of a Catholic university.” But what about “The Vagina Monologues” and the Queer Film Festival? The Jenkins Statement says that “The [Monologues] portrayments of sexuality (are) in opposition to Catholic teaching.” So they should be banned, right? Guess again. “It is essential,” said Jenkins, “that we hear a full range of views... but we must... bring those... views into dialogue with the Catholic... tradition. This demands balance... and the inclusion of the Catholic...” This year’s “[Monologues]” was brought into dialogue... through panels... which taught... that the creative contextualization of a play like “[The Monologues]” I can bring certain perspectives on important issues into a constructive and productive dialogue with the Catholic tradition.” Translating the jargon, his bottom line is, “I see no reason to prohibit” (The Vagina Monologues). So Jenkins, would bar the anti-Semitic play even with a panel. Such a play is a lie. But so are the “Monologues” and the Queer Film Festival. Jenkins should allow “The Vagina Monologues” if it is followed by a panel including the Catholic “perspective” as a debatable alternative. “The Catholic university... guarantees academic freedom... within the confines of the truth and the common good” (Ex Corde Ecclesiae, no. 12). That truth, a unity of faith and reason, includes the emboldening Catholic teaching on women and sexuality: it is objective and normative, not one of the “perspectives” that might be nonjudgmentally included in a panel at Michigan State.

Why do the “Monologues” and the Queer Film Festival get an easy pass at Notre Dame? In our politically correct culture, it is open season on Catholic sexual morality. That teaching can be advanced only as one “perspective” without any serious claim to objective validity. Jenkins, playing that game, confirms that political correctness is the operative official religion of Notre Dame: His statement patronized faculty and students with a self-centered concept of freedom, divorced from any duty to objectively truth. That concept corresponds to the “relativist” which, in Pope Benedict XVI’s words, “recognizes nothing as absolute and... leaves the I and its whims as the ultimate measure.” Incidentally, Jenkins’ encouragement of “Lay Daughters,” a proposed plan of uncertain content, his creation of a diverse and predictably useless committee to discuss things and his announcement of pereca guidelines for events, all amount to a fig leaf to cover an accommodation to the relativist, homosexual culture.

President Brian J. Shanley, O.P., got it right in banning “The Vagina Monologues” at Providence College. “A Catholic college” said Shanley, “cannot sanction the performance of works of art that are inimical to the teaching of the Church in an area as important as female sexual and the dignity of women.” Jenkins should have borrowed the Shanley statement. The Closing Statement is well named. It closes the effective phase of the Jenkins presidency. It involves no animosity or disrespect toward Jenkins to conclude, with regret, the sham reconciliation achieved.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crisis in Uganda an affront to Catholicism

What determines the Catholic character of Notre Dame? While recent campus debates are legitimate and important, I fear such confrontational discourse has disturbed the Notre Dame community from other issues which constitute a much more potent affront to the true message of a Catholic community. Father John Jenkins, in his April 5 statement, wrote in his apostolic exhortation Ecclesiae in Africa that the global Catholic community is called to engage in “an organic pastoral solidarity within the entire African territory.” Unfortunately, we have failed patently to achieve such solidarity, and modern depravities of the most abhorrent nature occur without notice or challenge from the majority of American Catholics.

For the past 20 years, northern Uganda has been besieged by a campaign of brutality and violence executed by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel group intent upon exterminating the young boys and girls, and expressing no desire for peace from terror. The LRA’s methodology is chilling, rebel leaders abduct children from their homes and force them to partake in the group’s ruthless crusade of death and destruction, often times against their own families and villages. Those who have managed to survive the LRA’s methodology are called to engage in “an organic pastoral solidarity within the entire African territory.” Those, including Bishop John M. Jenkins, are failed for the first time that the “Monologues” oppose violence against women. The Vagina Monologues” promotes that violence. The decisive moment came when a participant thought, “I didn’t have to find it. I had to be it. Be my clitoris. My vagina, my vagina,” “This mornic equation of a woman with her body part further objectifies the person who chose to perform the ‘Monologues’ claim to oppose.

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Tom Cruise scares me. I don’t mean the screaming, life-flashing before my eyes-type of scared. I mean scary in that uncomfortable, “oh-God-please-leave-me-alone” type of scared. If I saw him, I wouldn’t be in awe of his talent, or his wealth, or his gaudy movie-star lifestyle. I would literally be frightened.

It’s not that Cruise isn’t a good actor. I’ve enjoyed many of his flicks — some I would even place in my Top 5 movie list (Jerry Maguire is one of my favorites). But lately, Tom, you’ve gotten a little out there.

It all seemed to start with that fateful Oprah show. We’ve all seen it or at least heard of it. Cruise, age 43, made a hopped-up five-year-old jumping on the couch, grabbing Oprah and screaming, “I’m in love!” Some people praised Cruise’s outright disregard in self-dignity in claiming his love for Katie Holmes. To me, I found it just plain creepy. Cruise appeared to be completely out of his mind. Yeah, love will make you do crazy things. But not literally! Crazy things are thinking about some one all the time or going out of your way for someone like you haven’t done before — not things that will make a strong case for your candidacy for hospitalization.

But even with all that, I could deal with the moment Cruise was overcome with joy at his newfound amour with his young (age 27) significant other. But it didn’t stop there. Cruise spent the next few months spasmodically rambling about his life with Holmes and Scientology and seemingly whatever abstract thought came to his mind. Cruise increasingly made less and less sense until his blathering monologues finally became too much to handle.

There was talk of his relationship with Holmes as a publicity stunt, that there was a contract signed between the two that included having a baby. How much of that is truth is really unknown, but of course, there was fuss between Cruise and the family of his now-fiancée. Everything was the absolute height of drama for the Hollywood pair. And why not? Cruise’s on-camera dramatics had been making him famous for years — why stop there?

As fate would have it, Holmes became pregnant, and Cruise, in his typical fashion, freaked out. The spirituality of the whole thing was overwhelming, and Cruise yelled, and hopped and threw his arms up in excitement. All the while shrinking me further and further into my unhappy, depressive stage of fright.

Maybe I’m making a bigger deal of this than is necessary. But, I can’t help but look at Cruise in a completely different light. He joked about eating the placenta of his child. Eating the placenta?! Maybe Val Kilmer was right in the fighter-pilot flick “Top Gun” — Cruise “is dangerous.” Probably not dangerous in the literal sense — I don’t think Cruise would hurt anyone. But Cruise is definitely at least dangerous to my sanity. How would it look if every time I saw Cruise on screen I instinctively cowered into the fetal position? Probably not very good, and this is a problem.

Don’t get me wrong — I wish Cruise and his fiancée and their daughter Suri the best of luck, I really do. But this new version of Cruise — the rambling, yelling, eccentric Cruise is just a little too much “Vanilla Ice” and not quite enough “Mission Impossible” for me. And as much as it pains me to do so, I guess it’s just the thing I say goodbye to the Cruise that “had me at hello.”

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That crazy Cruise

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**VIDEO GAME REVIEWS**

Kamatari rolls into line

By TREVOR GASS

Namco keeps the ball rolling with its latest release in the Katamari series — the outrageously madcap yet enjoyably eccentric "Me and My Katamari." Not only is the game a dashing display of the undeniable prowess the Japanese process in the ways of proper English grammar, but it is also a testament to their ability to create ridiculously wacky, dangerously addictive video games.

In a spring break blunder of preposterous proportions, the charismatic King of All Cosmos inadvertently creates a tsunami that washes out a number of nearby animal inhabited islands. It is now up to the young Prince to set things right by creating specialized katamari islands to fit each animal’s needs.

Though the "Katamari" series has gained popularity since the release of "Katamari Damacy" for the PlayStation 2 (PSP) in September of 2004, it is still quite a niche game. For those unfamiliar, the premise is simple as rolling a snowball into a snowman. But instead of snow, the player picks up everything and anything in sight.

Me and My Katamari

Namco

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**Streetwise’ appeals**

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There is a fine line between continuing a successful franchise and blooding it dry. Capcom’s "Resident Evil" is an example of the former — it’s a game-of-the-year experience. But another of its recent releases, "Final Fight: Streetwise," is an example of the latter.

The original "Final Fight" was released back in the height of the arcade frenzy, where huddling in the dark with a bunch of guys around a glowing vertical video game unit was the epitome of cool for teenagers. A plethora of sequels followed quickly, but a nearly decade-long dry spell followed. Random "Final Fights" lit up the arcade scene as well as Super Nintendo and Sega Saturn, but there hasn’t been a new one in recent memory, and for good reason.

The "Final Fight" games fit firmly into the side-scrolling fighting games, much like "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." The latest iteration features a three-dimensional facelift, creating a fully 360-degree browsing environment. The controls are also updated, giving a complex collection of catastrophes under the player’s control.

The setting is still Metro City, the location of the original game. Most of the original social context is gone, including the original trio of playable characters. The player assumes control of the younger brother of the original fighter Cody. Kyle is an underground fighter who is recruited by his best friend, making ends meet by scrapping with other combatants. Cody has aged a bit since the first game and is unable to fight anymore. Kyle is a Rosenberg, Sinister, karate master.

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**Final Fight: Streetwise**

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While on Oprah Winfrey’s daytime television show May 23, 2005, Tom Cruise created a spectacle in declaring his affection for Katie Holmes. As the mass of the katamari grows, it is able to consume larger and larger objects. During the initial stages, attractive items to collect include umbrellas, lighthouses, Elephants, giraffes, and bananas. However, during later levels, ponies, cars, buildings, ocean liners and even the Eiffel Tower are ready to be consumed. Don’t wait the King of All Cosmos’ island-creating Royal Puff. Think of it as combining the excitement of professional snowball rolling with the satisfaction of competitive rubber band horseback riding.

As opposed to earlier katamari games where the sole goal was to turn a 100 million katamari into a 10-meter katamari, "Me and My Katamari" adds different variables that need to be attended to. When a small worker ant requests a sweet-as-sugar island for its queen, the pint-sized prince is charged with the responsibility of finding a candied katamari packed with enough sweets to satisfy the ant’s needs. Rating are awarded afterwards based on the relative happiness of the animal requesting the personalized playland.

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**DVD REVIEW**

### ‘Venom’ solely for horror addicts

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“Venom” is a hard film to review. Its artistic merits fall flat, with a ludicrous plot and unbelievable actors. However, that’s really irrelevant. The film is a throwback to the glory days of the slasher genre of horror films, movies that starred the iconic Jason Voorhees and Michael Myers. Those were the days where dialogue and plot was secondary to gallons of gore and excessive violence. The heroes were secondary to the villain itself, who had to be over-the-top and completely evil. On that criterion, “Venom” is a masterpiece.

The handprints of director Jim Gillespie are displayed on the mind behind the mid-90s slasher “I Know What You Did Last Summer”—evident in “Venom” as the gore is excessive, the plot is minimal, and the deaths are frequent. The actual characters fit all the stereotypes and are treated as mere fodder for the killer within the movie. There’s the small town girl who wants something more, the promiscuous girl and plenty of others. There’s nothing that hasn’t been seen before in a variety of ways.

Even the killer is a conglomeration of a variety of movie serial killers. Take a splash of the Creeper from “Jeepers Creepers,” a hint of Michael Myers from “Halloween” and a heavy dose of Jason Voorhees from “Friday the 13th”—and you have the killer in “Venom.”

The movie begins with an old woman digging up a suitcase in the basement. The suitcase pops open, revealing a nest of snakes. Having been locked up for an indefinite amount of time underground, the snakes are not too pleased and attack the truck driver, poisoning him as the car sinks into the river, trapping him in it. To his surprise, the suitcase pops open, revealing a giant truck as a secondary tool. It serves to grace by rolling the largest katamari. The replay for this game varies depending upon current gameplay progress. This setback can be combated by the fact that up to four friends can connect ad-hoc and race to grace by rolling the largest katamari.

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The Prince rolls the sticky katamari over a small town in the PSP exclusive “Me and My Katamari.” This innovative game features a strong, quirky sense of humor. A pleasantly quirky melodies are interesting but nothing spectacular.

Graphically, “Me and My Katamari” is much like its PS2 counterparts. Objects and environments are intentionally blocky and unfurrowed. Even so, the PSP lacks proficient processing power to render all the objects on the screen, requiring periodic loading pauses during maps.

The replay for this game varies depending upon the genre. Hidden throughout the stages are the prince’s cousins (also playable characters) as well as a wardrobe of items that can be equipped to create a customized character. However, level design is one area where this latest katamari hurts. Layouts are repeated multiple times throughout the game, offering only minor changes dependent upon current gameplay progress. This setback can be combated by the fact that up to four friends can connect ad-hoc and race to grace by rolling the largest katamari.

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MLB
N诺mar’s grand slam lifts Dodgers to victory
Jones breaks out of slump with three-run homer to cap up six in the eighth inning to help eliminate the Marlins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nomar Garciaparra hit a go-ahead grand slam — the ninth inning for his first RBI with the Dodgers, sending Los Angeles to a 6-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Andy Pettitte held the Dodgers hitless until J.D. Drew homered with one out in the seventh inning to tie the score at 1. Lance Berkman’s eighth-inch point was not big enough, and he hit a three-run home run in the ninth inning, and then the lefty retired Matt Holliday on a grounder to work out of the jam.

Arthur Rhodes allowed a run in a shaky sixth, then Tom Gordon pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

The top of Philadelphia’s order was particularly strong early against Colorado starter Josh Fogg (2-1) with Jimmy Rollins, Uley and Bobby Abreu going 3-for-5 with five hits and three RBIs in the first three innings to help the Phillies take a 5-2 lead.

Uley had three hits and a run scored as Pete Almado allowed two runs and three hits in his first major league start.

The Dodgers’ Phillips have finally shown some spirit at home, winning two straight at Citizens Bank Park for the first time this season. They lost eight of their first 10 games at home.

Cincinnati 4, Washington 2
The Reds pitched effectively into the eighth inning for his first major league win and the Cincinnati Reds rode some early offense to a victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Washington fell to 1-5 at home this season, and the Reds tacked on another run for his six-run start.

The Reds, who have won five of six, did more damage against the All-Star by stringing together four hits, including doubles by Felipe Lopez and Edwin Encarnacion. They were helped by an error on right fielder Gordon, who had trouble picking up the ball on a fly hit by Lopez’s hit caromed off a wall.

Hernandez has allowed 12 first-inning runs in five starts, and the Reds tacked on another in the second. Javier Valentin tripled past a diving Alfonso Soriano in left and scored on Lopez’s single.

Phillies beat Nationals, 11-3
The Phillies went seven innings, allowing four runs and eight hits. His ERA actually dropped, from 3.7 to 6.16. Washington has lost eight of his last 10 starts during Sept. 1, 2005.

Chicago Cubs, Florida 3
Jacque Jones hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run eighth inning and the Chicago Cubs rallied against Florida’s bullpen for a victory over the Marlins on Monday night.

Carlos Zambrano matched a career high with 12 strikeouts but remained winless in five starts this season because Chicago couldn’t muster any offense until he was out of the game.

Trailing 3-0 after getting just one hit off lefty Joses Vargas in the first 6-1-3 innings, the Cubs broke through in the eighth against relievers Matt Greiss and Josh Johnson (1-2).

Ex-Marlin Juan Pierre opened the inning with a double for Chicago’s second hit and Kenny Cedeno worked Heroes for a fourth hit before Johnon relieved and loaded the bases with walking Todd Walker.

Analis Ramirez then hit a thumper to center, but Marlins catcher Matt Treanor couldn’t hold onto Miguel Cabrera’s low throw as Pierre scored on the fielder’s choice to make it 3-1.

Johnson then struck out Michael Barrett before Matt Murton delivering a tying, two-run single. Jones, hitting just .200 entering the game and batted earlier after making an out, followed with his three-run shot to left, his third homer of the season.

David Aardsma (1-0) got the win with a scoreless eighth.

Ryan Dempster closed for his fifth save.

Florida took a 3-0 lead on Cabrera’s two-run homer in the first off Zambrano. Josh Willingham had an RBI double in the third.
NBA

Artest suspended for Game 2 against Spurs

Sacramento feels the forward was hurt by his past reputation after being penalized for elbowing Manu Ginobili's head

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ron Artest's reputation might have caught up to him at a terrible time for the Sacramento Kings.

The NBA suspended Artest on Monday for Game 2 of the Kings' first-round playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs.

Stu Jackson, the league's top disciplinarian, said Artest's elbow to Manu Ginobili's head in the series opener was egregious enough to warrant another suspension for the man who missed 73 games and the playoffs last season after one of the most infamous brawls in sports history.

But after their difficult playoff series against the Spurs, Sacramento coach Rick Adelman suggested Artest was hurt by his past reputation after being penalized for elbowing Ginobili's head.

"I think the Spurs are going to play the same no matter who's out there," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "When I look at the tape, I thought it's possible they'll send a message and upgrade it to a flagrant foul, but I had no idea they would suspend him."

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"I'm hoping that it's going to be a great crowd just like we had this weekend," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "Obviously, playing on national TV is a great opportunity, and I think everybody's excited."

The contest comes a day after Notre Dame jumped eight spots to No. 8 in College Baseball Newspaper's top-30 and six spots to No. 12 in Baseball America's poll. The team benefited as 22 of the top-25 teams lost at least one game last week, with 18 losing to lower-ranked squads.

"You'd much rather be recognized by the pollsters and the people in the community than not," Mainieri said. "The thing we have to guard against is living in the past."

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper earned Louisville Slugger national player of the week honors Monday after batting over .500 in the team's previous five games. Cooper furthered his now-22-game hit streak, batting .260 (10-for-19) with 13 RBIs, four homers and nine runs. He was 8-for-17 with three homers and nine RBIs in Notre Dame's weekend sweep of Rutgers (17-18-1, 7-8 Big East).

Mainieri will send sophomore left-hander Wade Korpi to the mound against Purdue. Korpi is 4-1 with a 1.80 ERA — No. 2 in the Big East — in seven starts. He has held opponents to a .208 batting average while striking out 58 and allowing 33 hits in 45 innings.

Purdue did not name its starting pitcher Monday. Boilermakers sophomore Allan Donato started the team's last mid-week contest, a 9-8 victory over Illinois State April 12. Donato started the team's last mid-week contest, a 9-8 victory over Illinois State April 12. Donato did not earn a decision in the game. He allowed four runs and six hits in four innings.

"Whoever it is, we'll get a little preparation for them and we'll get ready to go," Mainieri said. "My guess is that they're probably going to split up the game with a number of pitchers, but I don't know that for a fact."

Boilermakers infielder Mitch Hilligoss leads the Purdue offense from the top of the lineup. A third-team All-American in 2005, Hilligoss enters the contest with a .407 batting average, five home runs and 28 RBIs.

"Purdue has a really good team," Mainieri said. "We're expecting a real dog fight. We're going to have to be at the top of our game to be able to beat them."

Purdue first baseman Eric Wolfe hits third and enters batting .356 with four home runs and 33 RBIs.

Notre Dame has won the previous two match-ups in the series, including last year's 9-7 extra-inning victory at Coveleski Stadium in downtown South Bend. The Boilermakers dropped two of three games from Michigan in West Lafayette.

Irish right fielder Danny Dressman makes a backhand catch against Ball State in an 8-2 win April 12.

Designated hitter Mike Dury, left, celebrates with teammates after his home run in an 8-2 win over Ball State April 12.

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the second game Saturday, but moved to right field to give her arm a rest. Sullivan said the team hopes the rest will allow Amram to return to full power.

While the Belles’ scheduled matches against Goshen have been cancelled in the past two years, Goshen played Kalamazoo on Saturday and lost both games 6-5 and 2-1. The Maple Leafs are in a 21-game losing streak and have struggled offensively. They posted only three hits in their 9-0 and 3-0 losses against their rivals, the University of St. Francis, on April 15.

Goshen will look to rely on sophomore pitcher Erin Layman, who recorded a single against St. Francis and went one-for-three from the plate.

But Saint Mary’s hopes to shut down Goshen early. If the Belles can get an early lead, Sullivan said, she believes they will hold it.

The Belles head into their match against Goshen with the MIAA tournament only 10 days away. Sullivan said the team wants to finish the season off strong and look toward the postseason and the possibilities there.

“We want to secure our spot in the conference tournament,” Sullivan said. Saint Mary’s plays Goshen at 3:30 p.m. today at home.

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The Belles were led by a pair of seniors, as Megan Mattia shot rounds of 78 and 82 to finish with a team-best 160, while Kirsten Fantom finished with team second-best 175 after shooting rounds of 87 and 88. Mattia’s 160 was good for second place in the tournament, finishing behind Franklin’s Katie Towell, who shot a composite 152 behind rounds of 80 and 72.

Despite Towell’s performance, Franklin finished with a team score of 721, landing the team in a distant third. O’Brien finished the weekend with the median Saint Mary’s score, shooting back-to-back 88s to finish with 176. Senior Nicole Bellino, who shot a pair of 91s, and freshman Alex Sei, who shot a 94 both days, rounded out the Belles’ scoring five, finishing with total scores of 182 and 188, respectively.

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DUFFY'S GIRL'S Place in that Game Monday afternoon. Duffy's Girl fell 21-12 in the round of 64.

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Sparkle Motion 21

Duffy's Girl 12

Ty Martin dropped 10 points last night as Hugie's Place advanced to the round of 32 with a 21-12 win over Duffy's Girl.

Hugie's Place got off to a slow start as it struggled to find good shots against the 2-3 zone that Duffy's Girl had mastered. But with Martin leading the way the team came up with a 6-0 run to finish off the first half with an 11-8 lead.

"We started off a little slow, but once we calmed down and started playing our game we were fine," Martin said.

Martin was helped by his brother, Beau — who had three points — and Ernest Hernandez who played point guard and had five baskets of his own.

Andrew Crow, an outside shooter, rounded out the scoring for Hugie's up three.

Duffy's Girl cooled off after its quick start and struggled to keep the game close, but once Duffy's Girl was on the receiving end of an alley-oop. While not the prettiest looking shot of the game, it was good enough for Duffy's Girl.

"I just came off a screen and the ball was there," Andersen said. "I messed up the 'oop' part of it, but it turned out alright."

After a quick layup by Must Be 30!, the Saltines went up 20-14, Merino was able to find his shot, hit at least 10-8.

"I think we were tired from yesterday's game and it showed early on," Saltines forward Dan Ott said.

From there, however, the Saltines went on a 6-1 run to close out the half. Using their superior height and athleticism, the Saltines were able to speed up the game and open it up with a series of fast breaks to open up the three-point advantage.

At the start of the second half, both teams traded baskets. From there, however, Saltines again went on a 10-3 run to open up a 20-13 advantage.

That 20th point came on one of the more exciting plays of the game as freshman Carl Andersen was on the receiving end of an alley-oop. While not the prettiest looking shot of the game, it was good enough for Andersen.

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Sparkle Motion 21

Guards R Us 14

Darius Walker made his first — and last — appearance in the 2006 Bookstore Basketball Tournament Monday, as his Guards R Us fell to Sparkle Motion.

Sparkle Motion members knew they were in for a tough game when they saw freshman Carl Andersen walk out on the court.

"We know they were going to be athletic, so we just had to play fundamental basketball out there," Sparkle Motion's Chris Merino said. Merino's prediction came true as Sparkle used a team-oriented game to open up a quick 9-3 lead early in the first half.

Sparkle was able to move the ball very well on offense, while restricting the offense of Guards R Us. All five of the Guards players struggled from the field, missing early and often both from inside and out.

After another quick run by Sparkle fueled by fast-break layups, Guards was able to beat up from the field. Riding the hot hand of their two guards, Guards was able to close the Sparkle lead to 10-8 before Sparkle made a free throw to send the game to half-time 11-8.

In the second half, Walker was able to find his shot, hitting two quick long-range shots.

The story of the second half, however, was the tough play and hard fouls by both teams. With each team trying to establish dominance inside, neither avoided contact, and a number of players found themselves on the ground.

"I think we did pretty well out there — we're excited for the next round," Martin said.

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THE BEST OF THE REST

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long time. In recent years, the games between Valparaiso and Notre Dame have been blowouts. Since the 2003 season the Irish have outscored Valparaiso 45-1 in five meetings. The one run came on a wild pitch in the third inning of the April 23, 2003 matchup.

Along with their prolific offensive numbers, the Irish have held the Crusaders to four hits in the last six meetings and recorded at least one no-hitter each season since 2003. In 2004, pitcher Stephanie Stenglein threw a perfect game in a 9-0 rout.

Senior pitcher Heather Booth is coming off of her own perfect game Sunday against Rutgers. She will get the start in today’s game where she will look to continue her dominance against the Crusaders. “Every day is a new day and I hope that she takes the same thought process into the Valpo game,” Gumpf said.

The key to her success will be shutting down the top two hitters in the lineup — outfielders Ann Sievert and Karen Korb. Sievert, a senior, hits leadoff and has an on-base percentage of .320. Korb bats second and has 13 steals in her rookie season. If Booth can keep the two speedsters off the base paths, she will minimize the potential damage from the middle of the order. By working her full arsenal of off-speed pitches, Booth could keep Sievert and Korb off balance.

Gumpf said she wants to see the team get off to a good start offensively by staying patient and focused at the plate. Notre Dame will look to stay back on pitches to maintain offensive momentum.

“We tend to get too aggressive and pop up a lot,” Gumpf said. “I want to concentrate on hitting line drives and hard ground balls.”

As the pressure begins to mount towards the end of the season, picking up the win this afternoon would be crucial to keeping momentum down the final stretch. “I think you always feel a little extra pressure at this time, but I hope that at this point they want that pressure,” Gumpf said. “As the going gets tough we get even more motivated.”

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Dwindling draw

By JOE QUINN and DAN MORPHY
Sports Writers

Making no excuses, Rule No. 76 held on to an early lead to defeat Irish Buckeye 21-18 at McGilton courts Monday.

Rule No. 76 — which had three scorers with more than five points — was led by Jay Duzel with seven. Duzel went down hard in the first half, injuring his arm, but was able to overcome the pain to score four more points in the second half.

"They were some pretty big boys out there and they were bumping us around pretty good," teammate Tyler Martin said.

Martin slashed his way to see BOOKSTORE/page 21

Saint Mary’s Golf

Saint Mary’s places first in Franklin tournament

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Saint Mary’s ended its season on a high note Monday, winning the 2006 Franklin College Ladies Grizzly Spring Classic at the Legends of Indiana Country Club in Franklin, Ind.

The Belles took control of the tournament from the beginning, finishing the opening round Sunday with a total score of 344 — 14 strokes lower than their nearest opponent, Olivet, which shot a 358 on the day.

"I think that we knew we needed to play well, and we went there and got the job done," sophomore Katie O’Brien said. On Monday, the Belles again put together a strong outing and shot a composite 294, the third-best team score of the round. In part because of the large cushion Saint Mary’s had going into Monday, the team’s lead was never seriously challenged, and the Belles’ final score of 693 topped the seventh field by nine strokes.

Saint Mary’s head coach Erin McGlinn courts Monday. (Left, U Got a Bad Draw’s Chris DeVitt drives to the basket. Right, Pete Vandeventer, center, of Duffy’s Girl dribbles between Ty and Beau Martin of Huggie’s Place.

Belles take on Goshen in doubleheader play

Saint Mary’s faces last non-MIAA opponent

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The Belles head into their last non-conference game of the season today against Goshen, hoping to redeem themselves after a disappointing showing Saturday against Olivet. The Belles dropped both games on the road, 2-1 and 6-4.

Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said Saint Mary’s will turn to powerhouseike McKenna Corrigan, who gave the Belles their only run in the first game.

"We want to score early," Sullivan said. "And score often." Saint Mary’s showed power from behind the plate Saturday, Sullivan said, but Olivet was able to shut the team down.

Freshman right-hander Kristin Amram will work to once again be a force from the mound. Amram pitched the first three innings of the game.

Irish swing for another W

Irish have won 24 in a row against Valpo

By DAN MORPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has beaten Valparaiso the previous 24 times — and the Irish will look to continue this impressive streak when they visit the Crusaders at 5 p.m. today.

"I’m sure that Valpo knows about the streak too and that will make them want us even more," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. The Crusaders (18-25) are having their best season in a decade.

Saint Mary’s had going into today.

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