Dissenters criticize Jenkins' statement

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Wayne Bishop, John D'Arcy, who issued a largely well-received closing statement permitting "The Vagina Monologues" on campus, prominent voices of dissent are beginning to emerge—including that of South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy, who issued a multi-page statement Thursday denouncing Jenkins' decision.

In his April 5 decision to not prohibit the "Monologues" came 10 weeks after he appealed to the University community in dialogue about academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

D'Arcy, who said three weeks ago he was "deeply saddened" by the decision, criticized Jenkins Thursday for not "adequately and fully" including Catholic teaching in his closing statement.

"My pastoral concern is not only because of the decision not to ban the play, but because of the inadequate and unfaithful approach that accompanied the decision," D'Arcy said Thursday in a statement that will appear in the April 30 edition of Today's Catholic. "It fails to give room to the great truths of the Church."

Jenkins responded in a statement Thursday, saying the public dissent — which heightened when an April 25 column written by law professor emeritus Charles Rice called for Jenkins' resignation — is part of a productive, ongoing dialogue.

"Otherwise, the voices of dissent present themselves louder than those of support," Jenkins said. "I continue to respect the opinions of those who have shared their voices publicly and privately with me and other members of the University."

D'Arcy, who spoke at Notre Dame Law School on April 21, predicted faster service by finals week.
INSIDE COLUMN

Thank you, everyone.

Barring a miracle or drunken mishap by someone in the Registrar's office, I will probably not be delivering any graduation day reflections in any public forums other than standing on a bar with a deck in my hand.

Given that this will probably be my final inside column, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank certain people on campus for making my four years at Notre Dame truly unforgettable.

For four years, I have awaken more times than not to Maurice. Zahn's head custodian, singing his pop songs in the bathroom or banging his vacuum into my door at 7 a.m. I'm sincerely honestly going to miss hearing, "Sam, Sam, what up man... Yeah, Ribs, Wabs, Yeah!" every morning. So to Maurice and all the hall custodial staff members across campus, thanks for putting up with us with a smile.

Officer Kelly, North Quad NENP night, paired women extraordinaires. No weekend was ever complete without seeing you in Zahn trying to find out who did whatever out on the quad. I've never seen someone 'handle drunken ideas with such grace and composer. If I had a vote, I would give you, and all the night patrol officers, a huge raise. Thanks for helping us make it home safe, because let's be honest, some nights that walk from IU to Library Circle seem like a marathon, and no one wants to spend the night in a bush.

Dining hall card swipers. Despite our differences over the years—the ideal of zurning Zahn does dances and body paint—you always manage a smile when we come in for a meal. You've actually convinced me in this last year that you know my name, even though you've probably been swiping off my ID. That's okay though, because hearing you say "Hello Samuel" actually eases the pain of knowing that I just spent $10 on the continental breakfast. So thank you for your smiles, and I hope they get you somewhere.

The Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs club put on "Dance Around the World" in the student center—a dance with many types of cultural music. Participants included Saint Mary's students as well as girls visiting for "My First Day on Campus."

OFFBEAT

Goose befriends elderly cancer patient

FERNAN LAKI, Idaho — A northern Idaho man diagnosed with terminal cancer says a usually cantankerous goose that befriend him on his walks has helped him live past doctors' predictions.

Last fall Bill Lytle's, 73, skin turned yellow overnight, and doctors diagnosed pancreatic cancer, giving Lytle only months to live. But Lytle continued his walks, having to cut them down to two miles at a nearby lake, where he met the goose who has inspired him to keep going even when he wasn't feeling well. The goose, about 30 pounds with a red beak and red feet, approaches Lytle when he calls and rubs his head against his arms. But it snaps at anyone else who gets too close.

NASA says reducing roadkill will save astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Picking up roadkill may save astronauts' lives. Kennedy Space Center managers said Thursday they have launched an effort encouraging workers to notify road-and-grounds crews when they see roadkill.

The theory is that removing dead animals could cut down on the number of val­

ures looking for meals at the 140,000-acre center, part of which is a national wildlife refuge. A vulture struck the fuel tank of space shuttle Discovery during last year's launch, but it didn't cause any major damage.

"We're trying to avoid that and by doing that we're trying to reduce the food source," said John Shafer, a scientist who works at Kennedy's environmental program office.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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The debate teams from legendary football rivals Notre Dame and USC square off for the first time at 4 p.m. today in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The topic will be "RESOLVED: That the University of Notre Dame should defeat the University of Southern California in the 2006 collegiate football contest."

The dean of the Yale University Divinity School, Harry Attridge, will give a lecture on "The Future of the Faith in an Age of Fundamentalism and Secularism." It will be held from 10-40 to 12:10 p.m. today in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Donald Crafton, chair and professor of film, television and the­
atre, will speak about "The Irish Movie Mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career" today at 3 p.m. in 424 Flanner Hall.

Antioch continues at 7 p.m. tonight at Legends with the Battle of the Bands. This event is sponsored by SLB, the Class of 2008 and Legends of Notre Dame. It is free and open to ND, SMC and HUC students with ID.

The SMC Irish Dance Club will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in The Little Theater in Moreau Hall.

The No. 17 Irish men's lacrosse team will face Ohio State at 3 p.m. Saturday at Moose Krause Field.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor­
mation about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Red Rose Gala blossoms at ND
Tonight's dinner and dance will raise money for YWCA and S-O-S

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

When University President Father John Jenkins announced his decision to disallow the fundraising aspect of "The Vagina Monologues" this year, organizers of the hotly-debated performance, members of Feminist Voice, the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination and Student Government officials united to plan an event in hopes of raising a portion of the $15,000 they had expected to get from the "Monologues" performance.

The Red Rose Gala, to be held tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight in the East Wing of South Dining Hall, is a result of brainstorming and months of planning by students dedicated to providing continued support for the YWCA and S-O-S — two South Bend organizations that have previously benefited from "The Vagina Monologues" ticket proceeds.

The Monologues performance, a domestic violence and chemical dependency shelter that is only one of a handful in the nation to allow both women and their children, S-O-S, South Bend's only rape crisis center, also runs a support group for victims of rape. Funds raised by the Gala will be given to these organizations to be used at their discretion.

"These organizations have come to expect and rely on this donation," said Kaitlyn Redfield, one of the primary organizers of the Gala. "It is unacceptable that survivors of rape and domestic violence and their children, members of our own community, be made to go without because of a political decision made by our University's president."

As of Wednesday, approximately 100 tickets had been sold for the event. Event organizers are hoping for a number closer to 500.

"We want to raise the $15,000 (in anticipated "Monologues" funds) back. Frankly, unless a miracle happens at the 11th hour and people suddenly become very generous or start buying tickets madly, this unfortunately won't happen," Redfield said. "Far more people will pay to attend "The Vagina Monologues" than will likely attend this fundraiser, and we can only charge so much for ticket prices and auction items. But, any money is better than nothing."

While the Red Rose Gala is primarily a fundraising event, Redfield and other event organizers hope it will help to raise awareness about some very important issues as well, she said. In addition to a live band, dancing, food and auction of items — such as a private tour of the tunnels, lunch with Jenkins in his office and hotel accommodations in Chicago, the event will feature speaker Cynthia Mahmood, a University professor and expert anthropologist in the field of gender violence.

"It is crucial that people on this campus understand that every 16 seconds, a woman is beaten in her own home and every 2.5 seconds a woman is raped," Redfield said. "In South Bend, these women and their children need a safe haven. The only locations available for them are the YWCA and S-O-S, and these organizations need our support to keep their doors open. As Catholics, as citizens of South Bend, and as members of the very privileged Notre Dame community, this is our responsibility." Tickets for the Gala are on sale all this week at the Lafortune Box Office. The cost is $15 for undergraduates, $25 for faculty and community members and $5 for the first 50 graduate students.

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Professor’s work set to make world premiere

By NICOLE ZOOK
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It's not every day Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students get the chance to witness a world premiere event, but starting tonight visitors to O'Toole's Auditorium will do just that. "Witness," an opera based on the Karen Hesse novel of the same name, was written and conducted by Saint Mary's music professor Zane Munn. The opera's world premiere begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Munn, who teaches music composition, theory and orchestration at the College, said she is excited for the work to open and believes both students and South Bend residents have a lot to gain from viewing the opera. "I hope people will love the music, be thrilled by the story, and understand that it has real meaning for our lives today," she said.

"Witness" tells the story of a Vermont town infiltrated by the Ku Klux Klan in 1924, focusing on the impact the group has on the lives of two young girls — one Jewish, one African-American.

Munn said the story is particularly relevant in today's "political climate," and that the "both fascinating and frightening" coalitions formed in the opera can "easily be seen" in America today. Munn also said the characters in the opera undergo profound changes and eventually come to know tolerance.

A "central issue of the opera is how characters can change in the midst of a community crisis," she said. "(The entire community) emerges as a more tolerant and diverse community, a better community."

Munn's nine-act opera version of "Witness" will feature a seven-musician orchestra, 20-voice chorus and eight lead vocal roles performed by Saint Mary's music students and singers from the community.

Munn said Saint Mary's is a great environment for a world premiere opera. "A hugely important first step in an opera's success is to have this first set of performances and an excellent DVD which documents the opera," Munn said. "Doug Boyer, the stage director, has contributed enormously to the likely survival of 'Witness,' because his stage pictures and dramatic vision have taken the music where it couldn't have gone on its own."

While many students may find opera an inaccessible art form, Munn said her opera — written in English — is both accessible and relevant to young people today, and encouraged them to find out for themselves.

"Opera really is much, much more than the music," she said.

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A FEW GOOD MEN/THE WHOLE WORLD YARDS GRUMPY OLD MEN/GROUPIER OLD MEN
Comedian/Writer/Producer
He's appeared in over fifty films and television projects and has established himself as one of the first-stand-up comedians to go on to have a successful dramatic film career.

Kathleen Madigan
May 12/13
She was the only comic on NBC's Last Comic Standing to go unchallenged by her peers. Voted Best Female Stand-Up at the American Comedy Awards- Kathleen's ability to talk about serious topics and draw insane conclusions is the reason she sells out comedy clubs and theaters across the country.
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OIT organizational communications analyst James Cope said the reason for the slowdown of e-mail clients like Webmail is not an increase in e-mails sent and received but rather an increase in concurrent users — more people are logging on at the same time.

"What has increased significantly is ... the number of connections to e-mail, so that the number of concurrent connections — different people connecting at the same time to email servers — has gone up 25 percent over the past year," Cope said. "It is a behavioral thing. People simply seem to be checking their email more frequently."

Sophomore Dee Galls said she checks her e-mail approximately 20 times a day, and sometimes it takes a few minutes to open.

"Especially lately it's been really slow logging in and loading up messages," Galls said.

Webmail is the preferred e-mail client for students because it can be accessed through any computer connected to the Internet since it is a Web-based service. The system has been available to the student community since it was installed three years ago.

Moser said other factors have contributed to the slowing down of the e-mail clients this semester. More people have wireless capabilities on laptops or Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), so they can log onto their e-mail at any time, she said.

Users also slow down the system by enabling an IMAP protocol on the server so they can access it from any location at any time. The system can become overwhelmed if users change the preferences on their e-mail client to check for new messages less than every 10 minutes.

Moser attributes the increase in daily usage to "the growing popularity of e-mail and waiting it instantaneously, like Instant Messenger."

OIT does have plans for improving e-mail service. Moser said. She hopes by next week they will begin to move the mail store to faster drives, a process that could take up to a week and a half. Moser said e-mail users should start to notice faster service in the middle of next week.

Over the summer, OIT administrators will work on long-term changes and improvements to the system to keep up with the increasing demand, Moser said.

English professor Dr. Norren Deane-Moran uses Eudora to access her e-mail. This semester, she sometimes has waited up to 15 minutes before she can read a message. Deane-Moran mentioned the delay to an OIT employee in her building recent-ly.

"I said, 'You know I could read a novel in-between the time I click and when [the message] comes up,'" Deane-Moran said.

Deane-Moran typically keeps her Eudora account open on her computer all day and notices her new messages open slowest between noon and four and at some hours during the night — times when people are checking their e-mails in mass numbers.

OIT has prevented some usage problems this year by enabling a spam firewall to block junk mail from entering the inbox of e-mail users.

"If we did not have the spam controls that we have in place, the system would be totally over­whelmed," Cope said. "Fortunately we filter out a lot of the spam mail that comes through campus."

Cope said through the e-mail clients must be improved to deal with the increasing usage of students and faculty, the system currently in place is still better at handling the communications needs of users than previous e-mail services.

"We've gone from e-mail systems that were routinely down to very highly reliable systems that from time to time may be a little bit sluggish because of the load, but are certainly for the most part available," Cope said.

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regarding the pastoral role of a bishop and his relationship to a Catholic university, also said it is his responsibility "as a shepherd" to point out that Jenkins' decision requires more informed consideration.

"Otherwise, our beloved Notre Dame will go down a road which it has always resisted traveling," he wrote.

Rice, like D'Arcy, not only denounced the decision on the "Monologues" but also criticized Jenkins' rationale, writing that Jenkins "distorted the meaning of a Catholic university" with "per­ sistent incoherence."

On Thursday Rice told The Observer Jenkins' decision "destroyed his effectiveness as a president." He again said Jenkins should step down, leaving the decision for his replacement to the University Board of Trustees.

Rice's piece appeared two weeks after Father Wilson Monkambe's 1,500-word letter to the editor in the April 11 edition of The Observer. The letter was printed from Father John Coughlin, who said he was "stunned" by Jenkins' decision. Coughlin declined to comment to The Observer Wednesday, and Coughlin was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Despite the consistent appearance of the dissenting letters to the editor, Rice said there was no coordination between the authors. His colleagues have said little in response to his piece. Rice said.

"Referring to John Paul II's 1999 papal document, Rice said the recent letters to the editor reflect a "studied reaction on the part of the people who have a concept of a Catholic university which is in accordance with Ex Corde Ecclesiae." Moser said he has spoken with priests on both sides of the issue about both his letter and Jenkins' statement. He said he feels he is most distinctly in the Catholic teaching of Arts and Letters faculty and said their differing opinions stem from opposing views on how to best enhance the academic reputation of Notre Dame.

"They [Arts and Letters faculty in support of Jenkins' decision] are deeply worried about what they think a decision to restrict "The Vagina Monologues" would mean for our academic reputation," he said.

But Moser sees it different­ly. He said not prohibiting the "Monologues" surrendered "our distinct identity and a great oppor­tunity to contribute to American higher education precisely because we are somewhat different because we are a religiously based institution."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China rate hike has global impact

Since October 2004 when the central bank, which goes into effect Friday, was the first to raise interest rates, oil prices, which surged in recent months in part on growing demand from China, fell. In the case of mining companies traded by China's rapid expansion, the demand for coal, copper and other commodities fueled by China's rapid expansion could slow.

Sunny vice president's sister slain

RAGHID, Iraq — Just two weeks ago, the woman whose vice president was attending the funeral of his brother, shot and killed while driving in the capital.

The two deaths underscore the risks far-Sunni Arab politicians who have agreed to join the political process. Last year, Al-Maliki broke with many fellow Sunnis and endorsed the new constitution after Shiites and Kurds promised to consider amendments.

WORLD & NATION

CONGRESS STRUGGLES WITH FUEL

Public anger over high gas prices causes leaders to take action in Washington

WASHINGTON Congress considered billions of dollars in new taxes on oil companies Thursday, looking for ways to punish the cash-rich industry and to discourage spottings anger over high gasoline prices. Senate Republicans also proposed a $100 fuel-cost rebate for motorists and taxpayers, and Democrats talked of suspending the 18.4-cent federal gasoline tax for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

But even as lawmakers jockeyed for political advantage on the volatile issue, the debate was widespread agreement among economists and energy experts that the government has few if any weapons to quickly drive down gasoline prices that have surged past $3 a gallon across much of the country.

"Unfortunately there's nothing, really, that can be done that's going to affect energy prices or gasoline prices in the very short run," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told a congressional hearing.

Still, lawmakers scrambled Thursday to put together a $100 billion tax package to help motorists cope with higher gas prices. The move was expected to add to the $288 billion in tax cuts already enacted since 2001.

Congressional anxiety in this election year is increasing as major oil companies begin announcing huge first-quarter profits. Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday its profit was more than $8 billion during the last three months, almost five times its quarterly profit for any public company ever.

"While ExxonMobil executives are popping champagne and celebrating their record profits, American families are popping antacids under the strain of seeing gas prices," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio. "The government has few if any weapons to quickly drive down gasoline prices. People are signing up for memberships at Costco, trying not to pay gas stations during the day, and they're driving much less. We need to provide real relief." Senate Republicans, meanwhile, unveiled a 10-point response to high fuel costs including a proposal to give millions of taxpayers $100 checks. They also proposed for the first time a federal law against price gouging.

"It's a bold package to help consumers. It's going to ease the burden," said Majority Leader Bill Frist, who promised a vote on the measures by next Tuesday.

"We are going to ease the burden," promised Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

But Democrats criticized the GOP proposal because it lacked attempts at short-term relief with oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, an issue that has divided the Senate for decades.

BULGARIA

U.N. credibility at stake over Iran

Associated Press

SOFIA — Iran seems determined to defy international demands to control its disputed nuclear program, so there has been no real breakthrough in the standoff with Iran, the United Nations said Thursday. "We have been trying to negotiate a comprehensive agreement," said Irina Bokova, the head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. "This is a very difficult process, but we are committed to achieving a comprehensive agreement." The United States has long sought the Security Council review now under way, but the powerful U.N. body is divided over what to do next.

Russia and China, both veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council, oppose sanctions against Iran. The United States, France and Britain say if Tehran does not meet the deadline, they will make the enrichment demand and other conditions compulsory.

LOCAL NEWS

Man charged in Evansville killings

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Authorities have charged a Vincennes man with three counts of murder in the slayings of a woman and her two children, police said today.

Daniel Ray Wilkes, 37, was being held in the Vanderburgh County jail today, Evansville police said. Vincennes police had picked up Wilkes the day before on a Pike County warrant for failure to pay child support, Vincennes Police Chief Robert Dunham said.

Public anger over high gas prices causes leaders to take action in Washington

Gas prices are shown at a Mobile gas station in Intercoourse, Pa., Thursday as pressure increases for Congress to take action on high gas prices.

Senator Harry Reid has proposed a 60-day suspension of the 18.4-cent federal gasoline tax on gasoline and 24-cent-a-gallon diesel tax. Revenue lost to the government, as much as $6 billion, would be made up by removing some oil-company tax breaks, he said.

Among the tax provisions targeted by both Republicans and Democrats was a measure that has allowed oil companies to save tens of millions of dollars through rules for oil inventories.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., proposed a $100 fuel-cost rebate for motorists and taxpayers. Democrats also talked of suspending the 18.4-cent federal gasoline tax for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

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Senators Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and Mark Udall, D-Colo., also proposed a $100 tax credit for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

Senators John Thune, R-S.D., and John Hoeven, R-N.D., also proposed a $100 tax credit for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

Senators Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Al Franken, D-Minn., also proposed a $100 tax credit for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

Senators Tom Udall, D-N.M., and Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., also proposed a $100 tax credit for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.

Senators Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., also proposed a $100 tax credit for two months to ease Americans' pain at the pump.
ND priest appointed to Foundation's board

Special to The Observer

Rev. Oliver Williams, C.S.C., director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business at Notre Dame, has been appointed a charter member of the three-person board of directors of the newly established Foundation for the Global Compact.

A non-profit entity that was launched last week, the foundation was created to help fund the work of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan first raised the notion of developing a "global compact of shared values and principles" in business at the World Economic Forum in January 1999.

He challenged world business leaders to "embrace and enact" a set of policies that would increase and diffuse the benefits of global economic development, especially for developing countries, through voluntary corporate policies and actions.

Annan's vision became reality 18 months later with the creation of the U.N. Global Compact.

The initiative sets forth 10 principles related to human rights, labor rights, corporate corruption and concern for the environment.

Companies subscribing to the principles are encouraged to make clear statements of support and to submit an annual report that includes concrete examples of good practices for other firms to emulate.

Joining Father Williams on the board of the Foundation for the Global Compact are the chair, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, and James V. Kearney, senior partner of Latham & Watkins I.P.

The board will oversee the foundation's goal of raising $1 million annually for recurring Global Compact activities such as outreach especially in developing countries, publications, translations, and the development of practical tools.

An associate professor of management, Father Williams specializes in understanding how the ethics of virtue might inform the ethical conduct of managers.

He is the author or editor of 14 books in the field.

In April 2002, Father Williams hosted the first U.S. meeting devoted to discussion of the Global Compact.

Co-sponsored by Notre Dame and the United Nations, the meeting brought together scholars, corporate leaders and U.N. representatives to advance knowledge of the compact and its implementation among U.S. corporations and higher education.

President of the University of Notre Dame stood with Dr. King and moved this country forward," Johnson said.

Hesburgh was present throughout the ceremony and gave a keynote address after the picture was unveiled.

"We are holding hands for what was America's greatest need," Hesburgh explained that the picture was taken more than 40 years ago during a prayer service at Soldier Field when King visited Chicago.

Hesburgh discussed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that he, as a member of the commission, helped to create.

He counted the Act along with the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation as the three most important American documents.

"I would hope that there would be more minority students at Notre Dame," Hesburgh said. "We are working on that."

Turning to the picture, he said, "We can create in this spot some sense of what it is to be a child of God. When God created us all, he wasn't worried about color."

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Undergraduate Male of the Year

Michael Ortiz – O'Neill

Joe O'Connell – Sohn

Brendan McCarthy – St. Ed's

Undergraduate Female of the Year

Lisa Rafter – Cavanaugh

Heather Vanhoegarden – PW

Anne Parrett – Harley

Grad/Fac/Staff Female of the Year

Chandra Johnson, director of Cross-Cultural Ministry and associate director of Campus Ministry, led the ceremony that unveiled the picture from its covering and blessed it with holy water.

"This picture is a symbol and a reminder for our University community," former student body president Dave Baron said.

He also spoke of the significance of hanging the picture in LaFortune.

"The LaFortune Student Center is pretty much the central pole for student life on campus," Baron said. "It is where we study, where we eat, where we talk and hang out. It is where we relate.

"This picture is a reminder for us to continue to reflect on our commitment to the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation and to live up to the promise contained therein.

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Fathers of the Year

Stanford vs. St. Ed's (H Ice Hockey Semifinals)

Peabody vs. PW (H Women's Flag Football Finals)

Sunrise & Sunset (H Men's Soccer Finals)

Team of the Year

St. Ed's Ice Hockey

Zahn Football

PW Football

Game of the Year

St. Ed's vs. LAF (Ice Hockey Semifinals)

St. Ed's vs. PW (Football)

St. Ed's vs. LAF (Men's Soccer)

Incident 발생

Zahn Football

PW Flag Football

Alumni Ice Hockey

Attention Graduating Seniors!!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel, communication within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions on campus.

Among our candidates, we will seek a Latino Recruitment Coordinator. Fluency in Spanish will be strongly preferred.

Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2006.

Please complete the Human Resources on-line application to be considered: Requisition #020060193
Enron defense blames investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Enron corporate media machine is covering the Enron defense by blaming investors.

The stockholders and creditors are not run scared as the scandal unfolded in 2001, dumping their Enron shares and refusing to lend money to the company and its purportedly healthy business units, according to former top officers of Enron.

"They have much more confidence into this type of reasoning. It's called blaming the victim," Enron's former top officers are quoted as saying.

"From this vantage point, Enron would have weathered the storm if institutional and individual investors, despite their staggering losses on the stock, had bravely clung to their shares, dismissing all the spooky news reports — another sinister culprit, along with short sellers, in the conspiracy theory being spun from the fraud trial in Houston."
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"The open ended text boxes tend to be forums for rants for or against an instructor, rather than an objective evaluation of the learning environment in a class, while the multiple choice questions are geared towards a crude numeric identification of "easy courses," Ramanan said.

Last week the Academic Council approved a process that "will unfold over time," Jacobs said, giving students a voice by including five additional questions to the teacher course evaluation (TCE) form. The administration currently uses TCEs to make personnel decisions, meaning students are not allowed to view the results.

The results of the additional five questions, however, will be part of a new, comprehensive description for students, and will not be used by the University as part of faculty evaluations.

"The responses would be represented in a way the students could see if other students were engaged in the course," Jacobs said.

Between 500 and 1,000 students are piloting versions of these questions this spring, Jacobs said. Students are asked to rate, on a scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree, statements such as "the assignments and activities of this course promoted my learning in this area," "I felt engaged in this course," and "the instructor was accessible to students outside of class time." The results are printed on bar graphs, allowing students to view the full range of responses.

Both students and instructors will benefit from this information, Ramanan said.

"Students who have an idea of the course's character ahead of the start of classes will be better prepared to engage in the kind of thinking that the instructor wants to promote," he said. "As such, I think that learning environments will benefit from this kind of resource, and that will in turn encourage the participation of students and faculty in providing information for this resource."

Information on the forms is also gathered from the instructor and registrar. The instructor answers questions about primary learning goals, use of class time, type of assignments, role of teaching assistants and type of reading materials. The registrar provides information on class size, college and year of students and number of times the class has been taught in recent years.

The committee envisions students logging into this resource with a NetID and password, Ramanan said.

Both the Student Senate and the Academic Council accepted the committee's proposal this spring. But because its implementation requires a number of campus offices, the registrar, institutional research, the provost office -- Jacobs could not set a date when the information will be available.

"I don't want to promise a particular timeline, but we're trying to put it in effect as quickly as it can," he said.

Jacobs, Ramanan and others have been formulating this project since January and both hope to see the fruits of their work in the near future. Ramanan praised the cooperation of the committee throughout the project.

"Everyone has kept an open mind and has provided a unique perspective," he said. "This has helped us to create a resource that provides a comprehensive picture of the features of a course for students, but does so in a way that will ultimately benefit both teaching and learning."

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Due to a production error, in yesterday's edition of the Observer several articles in the News section were not fully printed. Full text of these articles can be accessed online at ndsmcobserver.com. The Observer apologizes for the inconvenience.

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Habitat for Humanity is based upon what Fuller has described as the economic justice of Habitat's no-profit, no-interest work that is driven by a philosophy stemmed from Exodus 22:25, which calls those lending money to the poor to receive a charge interest nor act as creditors. Habitat homeowners are partners in the Habitat homebuilding process. They typically invest 500 sweat-equity hours into their home and then pay for the cost of the home at no profit to the partner. 

About 200 people have already registered online for Shack City, and walk-up registration will be allowed on site every day, according to Iafiligola. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come hear Fuller speak, even if they cannot participate in the camp-out. Habitat is currently a little over $1,000 shy of its $5,000 fundraising goal and is asking Shack City participants to obtain a minimum of $5 in pledges to support its cause.

"Fighting poverty takes personal sacrifices, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it can't be fun and rewarding — just ask anyone who has volunteered on a Habitat house project," Iafiligola said. "I hope Shack City won't be an end, but rather a spark for a lot of people to go on to help others. Let's not just talk about fighting poverty — grab a hammer. But first... let's sleep on it.

Shack City is just one of several Habitat sponsored events this weekend, a successful Keenan-Habitat Muddy Sunday Volleyball Tournament held last weekend served as a kickoff for the week. The official dedication of the Hauge House will be a combination of brick and limestone, similar to Le Mans Hall, the building's special rooms will include all wet and dry labs — particularly on the south side to let natural light in. The building will undergo an interior renovation once the new building is completed.

"In addition, there are eight small group meet­ings/conference rooms with seating for four to six people, as well as two small seminar rooms with seating for 10."

"I'm excited to see it go up," said Ashley Clark. "I think it will bring more people to campus, and better architecture at Saint Mary's." McDonald said the new building will undertake an in­terior renovation once the new building is completed.

"With the population increasing, it's important to keep buildings up to date. It makes Maude­la seem a lot smaller than it is, which is really crowded right now." Ashley Clark freshman

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This is my last column. Lately, I have heard the word "last" thrown around quite a bit. For the most part, it always seems to involve feelings of sadness. I suppose I wanted to write a column that interested people with small classes rather than more cleaning staff for cleaner buildings, raising the campus wage, notifying the Hooks should have an equal opportunity to work in the face of the issue. Until recently, the University has been relatively quiet regarding the issue. The response has been more muted than previous times.

I thought I'd leave that for the more erudite writers. Instead, I brought you why Weis is the right man for Notre Dame, tales from celebrating a White Sox World Series, why praying is important, why men no longer wear hats, etc. I figured that we listen to our peers' and professors' opinions on more serious topics on a daily basis -- who needs to hear about me? I highlighted the lighter, more social aspects of college, and have never regretted it.

As this is my last column, I suppose the topic of graduation is inevitable. In keeping with my trend of keeping things blithe, there is not much I can say about graduation except to celebrate in it. Spring in South Bend can be a lovely time of year, so enjoy the weekend with your family and friends. It is not as though you are saying goodbye, because after four years, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have become homes that will always welcome us back. Of course, this is not to undermine the fact that graduating is a big step in our lives. We are all about to embark on new exciting adventures, we will encounter vast changes, but this should also be a time of celebration. We accomplished a great deal in our collegiate careers, so have a celebration glass of champagne and say goodbye to your folks to the 'Backer to have some fun. As we approach our last days of class, senior week and commencement, many fond memories of the last four years come to mind. I look back on the time I have spent with a vast variety of people. Though we've seen each other at our best and our worst efforts to find myself looking back over these times with rose-colored glasses. I keep having funny reminiscences and can't help but thinking that if we hold on to these thoughts, we will maintain these close friendships forever.

Maybe it is just my own light-hearted nature that I have exhibited in my columns, but I believe that just because the time we have spent together is over, it is not necessarily time to get glum. Instead, I'd like to take heed of that famous humanitarian and comedian, Bob Hope, who so famously used to sing "Thanks for the memories...how lovely it was." I've certainly made some wonderful friends over the past few years. I thank The Observer for this great honor and opportunity. I will always remember the time I have spent here, and I appreciate your readership. I wish you all the best, and hope to be a national championship next year!

Molly Acker
Nobody Likes a Damned Blonde

CLAP has been working to raise awareness of its cause for most of this semester. After continued demands that Jenkins issue a public statement in support of a living wage, the group submitted an 11-page report to Jenkins, Provost Thomas Burish, Affleck-Graves and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman on March 8. Affleck-Graves' response came April 19 -- more than a month later. Until recently, the University has been relatively quiet regarding the issue. The response has been more muted than previous times.

Notre Dame is a Catholic university, furthermore, it is a university that prides itself on its efforts -- especially that which promotes social justice around the world. So Affleck-Graves' emphasis that dialogue regarding campus labor issues should take place between the University and its workers -- not students -- is nothing less than jarring. By implying that students should not be concerned with the employment conditions of the workers who serve this community daily, the University undermines much of what it stands for.

The wage issue is far from straightforward, a complexity that must make a multitude of factors into consideration. One thing is clear, however -- no University employee should ever work in fear. Affleck-Graves said, is "deeply disturbing." But just because the thought is disturbing doesn't mean the University should avoid it. We, as a University, can't simply look back over these times with rose-colored glasses. I keep having funny reminiscences and can't help but thinking that if we hold on to these thoughts, we will maintain these close friendships forever.

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Rice's critique unfair

Professor Emeritus Charles Rice expressed passionate and personal vehemence in his April 25 column about University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement ("Jenkins's statement a serious misstep"). That is unfortunate for two reasons. First, Jenkins may be the first University president in memory to publicly solicit input from the two principal constituencies — students and faculty — on a matter of import. Jenkins is an important and significant person in the history of our University. His two masters degrees — commerce and accounting — have increased by fifty percent above those in 1979, thus putting him well within the bounds of academic freedom at Notre Dame. And Jenkins will serve long and well as Notre Dame's president. We deserve a public dialogue on the subject of the selection of Father Andrew C. Hahn, C.S.C. as University President for two reasons. 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**MUSIC SPOTLIGHT**

**The ten finest albums of the semester**

By JOE LATTAL

Scene Coordinator

WVFI Station Manager Joe Lattal selected the Notre Dame Web radio station’s choices for best albums of the semester, a list that highlights the top independent and mainstream discs that have been released this year.

This year’s album choices were compiled from the best discs that arrived at the station in the past four months. While it includes several new acts, it also has its share of relatively new acts, some of whom have performed at Notre Dame.

Belle and Sebastian, “The Life Pursuit”

WVFI’s favorite group from Scotland just wrapped up a successful tour with Matador Records friends New Pornographers. Belle and Sebastian released “The Life Pursuit” just nine months after “PUSH the Furman to Open Old Wounds,” proving that they are as energetic as ever. Where does “Life Pursuit” rank among some of the band’s classics such as “The Boy With the Arab Strap” and “If You’re Feeling Sinister?” Every fan will disagree if this is their best, but what is certain is that this was the best CD to hit WVFI over the last four months.

Mates of State, “Bring It Back”

Having achieved great success with its last LP, Team Roo, the keyboard-drums duo has done it again. With this album, listeners are treated to a more mature Mates of State that is not afraid to venture forth from its staked claim on the pop map into a more varied territory. This feel good album is perfect for humming along on warm summer days with that special someone.

Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins, “Rabbit Fur Coat”

Rilo Kiley fans anticipated what Jenny Lewis’s solo project would sound like, and the result was more than agreeable. Featuring Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes), Ben Gibbard (Death Cab For Cutie, Crooked Letter and The Postal Service) and other talent, “Rabbit Fur Coat” is the complete package — full of more laid-back, Rilo Kiley tunes, some upbeat material and the all-country single of the year so far, “Rise Up With Fists”!

The album has been extremely popular and well-received and has stayed in WVFI’s top ten for nearly two months.

Margot and the Nuclear So and So’s, “Dust of Retreat”

When Margot played Legends in September as the opening act for Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the Indianapolis band immediately made a fan out of the 500 audience members. Since that performance, the band has earned numerous praises for its successful debut album. Not only did the band exercise its songwriting, but the studio album also offers solid indie rock, adeptly combining several influences.

I Love You But I’ve Chosen Darkness, “Fear is on Our Side”

Austin’s “I Love You But I’ve Chosen Darkness” debut CD climbed for eight straight weeks on CMJ’s Radio 200 chart. The opening track, “The Ghost,” sets the tone for the entire album. The music slowly swims through gentle chord progressions until the terrifying rhythm guitars and percussion enter. The song drifts into a chaotic chorus that escapes and returns liberally. Like the rest of the album, “The Ghost” is the most mysterious pop music listeners have heard since Interpol’s “Turn on the Bright Lights,” and as strong.

Yeah Yeah Yeahs, “Show Your Bones”

Karen O and the gang faced lots of pressure after the successful garage punk “Fever to Tell.” The New York band took a different direction with “Show Your Bones,” using a little more of a straight-edge sound.

Yeah Yeah Yeahs maintained punk credibility with rough tracks like “Cheated Hearts” and “Mermaids,” but it’s more refined rock dimension, which comes out clearly in the single “Gold Clock” as well as other tracks such as “Phenomena” and “Way Out.” The risky move proved successful as the band added other styles to its sampling besides going all out with screams and distortion.

Islands, “Return to the Sea”

After their explosion and subsequent dissolution of the Canadian Independent stars The Unicorns, two members continued on together to form Islands. While this new project is clearly influenced by the former band, it has a sound that is more mature and altogether its own. Including complex melodies with a sharp pop sensibility, a significantly darker overall tone and even a bit of hip-hop, this new formation is sure to please new and old fans alike.

Destroyer, “Destroyer’s Rubies”

Opening with an epic title track that clocks in just shy of ten minutes, Dan Bejar’s (aka Destroyer) latest effort, “Destroyer’s Rubies,” is a nearly flawless album. Combining jangly, meandering pop tunes with wonderfully spun and creatively clever lyrics, Bejar achieves greatness only hinted at on his previous discs.

Bejar, who is also a member of the critically acclaimed band New Pornographers, has been making solo projects through this moniker for several years and through several albums. “Rubies,” by far his most cohesive album, is easily one of the best discs of 2006 thus far.

The Stokes, “First Impressions of Earth”

The Stokes reaffirmed themselves with their latest album — possibly their strongest release ever — which came out in the first week of the year. Julian Casablancas’ vocals were cleaner and more comprehensible than ever before, guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. finally showed off their talent, bassist Nikolai Fraiture showed some personality, and Fabrizio Moretti’s percussion was heavier than ever.

With a more appropriate running time than their previous work and more different songwriting, the Stokes finally produced what fans have really been waiting for — a satisfying album from beginning to end.

Morrisey, “Ringleader of the Tormentors”

When Morrisey isn’t busy condemning entire nations or penning press releases, he actually makes fairly catchy music. “Ringleader” features more rocking tunes than Morrisey’s last release, “You Are the Quarry.” By always, his elegant voice shimmers whether he is pulling for romantic or aggressive effects. Morrisey’s uneasy elusiveness makes the typical rock star look like Wesley Willis.

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The Department of Romance Language and Literatures will present a student performance of “Miseria e Nobiltà” (“More and Nobility”) that will run both Friday and a Saturday night in the Philbin Studio Theatre.

Undergraduate students enrolled in the two-credit Italian theatre course will perform the show entirely in Italian. The play, directed by Professor Colleen Ryan and Jen Scheutz and Jen Testa, presents an illustration of life with Italian social classes of the late 19th century. Originally written in 1888 by Edward Scepatina, the famous Italian comedic master and master of the slapstick farce, the story was made into a film featuring the young Sophia Loren in 1954.

The tales chronic life with the likable scamp Moran, Felix Sceltaoncamacca. As an impoverished and unemployed man, Felix is convinced to masquerade with the rest of his family as nobility. Eugenia, a young noble, requests Felix’s disguise, for Eugenia is in love with the beautiful ballerina, Gemma. But Gemma is not noble and Eugenia’s family would not consent to such
brought Romance to DPAC

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"Miseria e Nobilita" ("Misery and Nobility") will be performed in the Philbin at the DPAC this week in Italian, sponsored by the Romance Languages and Literatures department.

Audiences are in for quite an entertaining evening as they observe Felice and the other characters' amusing antics in "Miseria e Nobilita".

Italian language and attend the performance. The characters are incredibly animated, gesturing a great deal and convey the events of the play through not only their words but also their body language — making the show something that everyone can truly enjoy. "Miseria e Nobilita" will be performed twice both days of its scheduled run. Shows are set to begin at 6pm and then again at 9pm on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $7 for faculty and staff, $7 for seniors and $5 for all students.

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PAIN IN THE NECK: Seemingly lost in thought, perhaps this priestly figure overlooking Dillon's west door is contemplating ways to rid himself of a pesky bird's nest.

SPORTS AND SQUIRRELS: Designs of football and campus wildlife adorn the double arches of Howard Hall. Nearby reliefs illustrate an owl and even a student crying over a test.

GUARD DOGS: Keeping watch over all corners of the "Dawg house", these gargoyles of Alumni Hall depict "Clashmore Mike", one of the football team’s original Irish terrier mascots.

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By DAN MURPHY and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

It was business as usual for U Got a Bad Draw, as the top seed defeated the Marksmen 21-9 Thursday at the Bookstore courts.

The Marksmen, the last unranked team remaining in the tournament, put up a good fight early but could not continue with their success. Bad Draw towered over the competition and used its power to drive the lane. The Marksmen had no foul early and often and soon found themselves in trouble. Bad Draw big man David Fitzgerald five points, five rebounds was 3-for-3 on free throw attempts, and Durant added more from the line. Devitt led all scorers on the game with eight points.

Jay Morris led the Marksmen with 13 points but had trouble hitting shots early, despite creating scoring opportunities to stay in the game. The Marksmen trailed by seven at the half.

"They were a pretty good team — they hung with us for a while," said Bad Draw’s Brady Quinn, who had four in the winning effort.

Quinn and Chindexum Ndukwe looked for the big play throughout the night. The two attempted two alley-oops but were unable to connect on both. Ndukwe also had a chance to end the game with an exclamation point, but his dunk attempt rimmed out and went out of bounds.

"He can get it there," Quinn said. "We are all just a little tired right now from lifting and running.

The game highlights all came from Bad Draw’s Big Three. Guard George Fisher, Fisher’s 5-foot-6 frame took a beating as the feisty sophomore put himself on the lane to take charges from Ndukwe and Ndukwe’s big brother, Fitzgerald. Fisher also managed to stay the upper senior offensive hand, which led to Fisher earning a jump ball for the Marksmen.

"He showed a lot of heart out there," he’s been doing that through the whole tournament," teammate Dan Djondo said.

Fisher finished with two points, and Djondo added two of his own. "We were happy with the performance overall," Djondo said. "Hopefully, we will be able to come back next year and earn ourselves a seed.

U Got a Bad Draw now moves on to the Elite Eight, only three victories away from collecting its second title in three years.

No. 5 Clover Ridge 21, No. 12 Rocco’s Pizza 18

Despite tallying 10 points, Brendon Collins couldn’t lead Rocco’s into the Elite Eight as it fell to Clover Ridge 21-18 Thursday at the Bookstore courts.

Collins scored four of the first five baskets for Rocco’s and remained hot throughout the contest. He was helped by teammates Kvern Crewevy (three points) and forward Chris Cavanaugh, who added two.

But bigger and stronger Clover Ridge team passed the ball with ease, spreading the offense as all five players dropped multiple baskets.

The team used its size as an advantage as it was able to get to the foul line nine times. John Carlson led the team, hitting five free throws on attempts. He had seven points in all.

The difference in the game was John Carlson — his monster play and hustle led us to victory," teammate Pat Devitt said.

Devitt, a Zahn freshman, had two buckets, and his brother Ed added five more. The siblings provided a height advantage and worked themselves into the flow against Rocco’s defenders.

"I thought we played them pretty tough," Rocco’s guard John Paul Lichon said. "They were a big team.

Rocco’s was able to keep the game close but couldn’t hit the big shot to take the lead. Crewevy played well down the stretch, hitting jumpers from behind the arc. But Clover Ridge’s Paul Ilagan answered with his own deep basket to ice the game and push his team to the Elite Eight.

No. 7 Mean Girls 21, No. 10 Saltines 12

With a victory put-back dunk, Pene Courtney finished off No. 10 Saltines’ 21-12 victory over No. 12 Mean Girls and sent his team through to the final eight with an exclamation point.

While Courtney’s dunk brought down the house, it was his freshman teammate point guard Carl Andersen who was the crowd favorite throughout the night. Displaying a variety of inside moves as well as a delicate outside touch, Andersen led the Saltines with seven points.

The only freshman member of the team, Andersen played much older. It was clear that the Saltines were his to lead and team members said they were thankful they were able to discover their star point guard.

I played against a couple of times at Rolfs, and we really needed a point guard so we asked him to play with us," sophomore Chris Lund said. "He’s better than some D-1 players I know. We’re just glad to have him.

It was not just Andersen, however, who contributed on Thursday night, as all five Saltines scored at least two points. In addition to some fluid ball movement that led to several easy layups, the Saltines were able to get inside the whole game through their big men Courtney, Lund and Bent Levy.

Our style is impregnable, our defense is impregnable," sophomore Dan Ott said. "We’re nasty.

While the final score indicated a lopsided victory, the game was close throughout most of the evening. After Mean Girls’ Nick Ortiz’s layup cut the deficit to 13-9, the Saltines went on an 8-3 run capped off by Courtney’s dunk.

The bigger problem for the Mean Girls came earlier in the game when they were unable to capitalize on some beneficial foul calls. After an aggressive style of play put the Mean Girls in the bonus with the score only at 4-2, the Mean Girls were unable to take advantage as they went down 1-4 from the charity stripe for the rest of the half.

"These are free points, and you’ve got to capitalize on those," Mean Girls’ guard Alex Klukshak said.

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For Sale

Rocco’s John Paul Lichon starts to drive towards the hoop against the Clover Ridge defense Tuesday at the Bookstore courts. Clover Ridge defeated Rocco’s 21-18.
Duke accuser previously reported rape

The woman who says she was raped by three members of Duke's lacrosse team also told police 10 years ago she was raped by three men, filing a 1996 complaint claiming she had been assulted three years earlier when she was 14.

Authorities in nearby Granville County said Thursday that none of the men named in the decade-old report were ever charged with sexual assault there, but they didn't have details why.

A phone number for the accuser has been disconnected and her family declined to comment to The Associated Press. But relatives told Essence magazine in an online story this week that the woman declined to pursue the case out of fear for her safety.

The existence of the report surprised defense attorneys, one of whom has sought information about the accuser's past for use in attacking her credibility.

Canadiens fall to Hurricanes

Carolina felt like it finally caught a few breaks and the Hurricanes can only hope they came soon enough to get their playoff run back on track.

Erik Staal scored a power-play goal 3:38 into overtime Wednesday night to give Carolina a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens as the Hurricanes avoided falling into an 0-3 hole in their first-round playoff series. Montreal's Tomas Plekanec was sent off for hooking 2:35 into overtime and Staal won it with a drive from the point that went through traffic and past goalie Cristobal Huet.

Huet said he lost sight of the puck and knew it was bad news when the ravenous Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 suddenly went silent.

"We needed the win," Staal said. "I didn't get as much wood on it as I would have liked, but I found the back of the net with a good screen in front."

NFL draft still holds uncertainties

Two days before the NFL draft, even the players who will be picked at the top are tired of listening to chatter and reading the gossip.

In other words, just get on with it.

"I don't want to watch television. I don't want to look at mock drafts. I just want it to happen."

Of all the top picks and there's a general consensus on the top 10 or 12, Leinart seems to be the one sliding in the final days, although no one is sure why.

"There's nothing to it." Selig said. "I don't want to watch television. I don't want to look at mock drafts. I just want it to happen."
Irish, Buckeyes set to square off in conference contest

By TIM DOUGHERTY  Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame (8-4, 4-0) GWLL hopes to spoil Ohio State's bid for a share of the Great Western Lacrosse League championship when the two premier Midwest programs renew their longstanding rivalry Saturday at 3 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Buckeyes helped keep the Irish out of the NCAA tournament in 2003 and 2004 with midseason victories that ultimately proved fatal to the Irish, as Ohio State (6-5, 3-1) represented the GWLL in the postseason.

But last year Notre Dame returned the favor, stunning the Buckeyes 16-5 in Columbus in the season finale for the Irish — knocking Ohio State out of a share for the league lead.

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**Track & Field**

**Team sends athletes to two competitions**

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

With several important competitions looming in the next few weeks, Notre Dame will send portions of its team to compete in both the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays and the Drake Relays Friday and Saturday.

A week before the Big East Championships, several Irish athletes are looking to post qualifying marks for the conference meet.

"This weekend, we want a few more athletes to qualify for the Big East," sprints coach John Millar said. "Those who have qualified already might just need to get a lighter workout in."

The "Gina" Relays, hosted by Hillsdale College in Michigan, will feature approximately 30 Notre Dame athletes.

"We should be able to get some good preparation in for next weekend," Millar said of the event. The Irish will also send runners to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Hosted by Drake University, the meet called the event "one of the biggest meets in the country."

"The only reason we don't send more athletes to the Drake Relays is because we have the Big East next weekend," Millar said.

The Irish will be well represented in Iowa. The men's 4x1600, 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams will compete, along with throwers Gerrit Kindt and Kyle Amen.

After adding four NCAA qualifying marks to their record last weekend at the Central Collegiate Championship and Oregon Invitational, the Irish are also looking forward to the NCAA Regionals, to be held May 26-27 in Knoxville, Tenn.

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**Women's Lacrosse**

**Irish return home to face Orange**

By ERIC RETTER  
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After a month on the road, No. 7 Notre Dame returns home for its final Big East game against No. 13 Syracuse Saturday at noon.

The Irish (11-3, 3-1 Big East) last played at home March 25, drubbing Canisius 18-2, and since have compiled a 3-2 record away from Moose Krause Stadium — including back-to-back 11-10 losses to No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Georgetown.

The team is looking forward to finally stepping out onto its home turf after the East Coast swing.

"It feels great," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think that it's great to be at home, especially since we're heading into a more difficult academic time so it's just good to have the consistency of not having to worry about packing again for another away trip."

Notre Dame will be led by senior attacker Cristy Foote, the only Irish player to ever score more than 200 career points and a finalist for the Tewaaraton Trophy recognizing the best women's lacrosse player of the year.

Foote has tallied 84 points this season on 57 goals and 27 assists, and her total point and goal totals are already Notre Dame single-season records. Her mark of 55 goals on the season places her second nationally, and she is just four assists shy of breaking the Irish single-season mark.

Foote is joined on the offense by sophomore Caitlin McKinney and freshman Jill Byers. McKinney has 51 points on 32 goals and 19 assists, while Byers has 41 goals and 18 assists for 59 points. It's the highest scoring trio in program history.

The Irish offense will face a similarly potent squad in Syracuse, which operates an up-tempo attack.

"They like to run and they're very athletic," Coyne said. "I think we've been pretty good against that." In the eight meetings between the two teams, the Orange hold a 6-2 advantage.

"We know that we're going to face Syracuse's best game."

Tracy Coyne  
Irish head coach

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**MLB**

**Matsui breaks out of slump, leads Yankees over Devil Rays**

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

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Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Hideki Matsui is breaking out of his season-long slump as a leadoff hitter for the New York Yankees, and he had a key hit in a four-run second inning Friday night.

Matsui, batting fourth for the first time in five big league games, drove a 1-2 fastball from Tampa Bay starter Dewon MacDonald over the right-field wall for the Yankees' first home run of the season and his second career home run in the majors.

"It's a good feeling," Matsui said through an interpreter.

The Yankees beat the Devil Rays 6-2 in their season opener. It was the second game of a six-game series.

The Yankees scored twice in the seventh inning for a 4-2 lead, and the Devil Rays couldn't overcome their errors.

"Matsui's home run was a big one," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. "He's having a good offensive night."

Matsui's two-run shot in the second inning capped a four-run outburst that gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead. It came with two out.

"He was hitting the ball well against the Devil Rays' bullpen," Rothschild said.

''I hit him 100 fungos,' he'll make that play 99 times,'" Devil Rays manager Joe Torre said. "That's why you love the game."

Matsui, who batted .217 in his first 17 at-bats, was 9-for-19 since then.

"He's not going to hit .320 in the majors. But he's a key player for us," Torre said.

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SMC TENNIS

McDavitt, Belles set for MIAA tournament

By KEN FOWLER and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

After losing 8-1 to both Calvin and Indiana Wesleyan Saturday, Saint Mary’s knows it needs to turn its ship around — quickly.

The Belles enter this weekend’s MIAA Championships at Hope College with a 10-10 overall record and 5-5 mark in league play, tied for fourth in the league with Hope. Hope beat Saint Mary’s 6-3 March 29 to win the tie-breaker for the No. 4 seed in the tournament.

“We’ve learned a lot from the matches we’ve lost,” Belles junior Kelly McDavitt said. “We’re going to try to go in with an open mind, stay positive and try to get a big win to make up for the losses we’ve had over the season.”

Saint Mary’s last win came April 12 against Kalamazoo, a thrilling 5-4 victory in which the Belles captured the final four singles matches on the court to top the conference foe.

McDavitt sparked the rally with her 6-4, 6-0 victory over Kalamazoo’s Laura Spencer for Saint Mary’s first singles victory of the match.

But since then — before the two losses last weekend — Saint Mary’s has lost to conference foe Albion and non-conference opponent Bethel.

“We all feel that we have the potential to beat the people that we’ve lost against,” McDavitt said. “It’s exciting to have a chance to beat them now, especially those who lost close matches — it’s a chance to show all the conference teams how talented we are and that we can be No. 1.”

Kalamazoo enters the tournament as the No. 2 seed with a 6-2 MIAA record and a 14-6 mark overall. They earned the tie-breaker with a 5-4 victory over Calvin (12-8, 6-2) earlier this year.

Alma (13-9, 8-0) is the top seed and Tri-State (9-7, 3-5) is sixth. Olivet (8-10, 2-6) enters No. 7, Alma (8-12, 1-7) is No. 8, and winless Adrian (0-12, 0-7) is at the bottom of the MIAA.

Friday’s matches will be held on Holland City’s Moran Courts and Holland High School Courts. Saturday’s matches will begin at 9 a.m. exclusively at Holland High School.

The MIAA crowns champions at each position in the lineup, awarding titles to six singles players and three doubles teams.

“I think we all have a good chance of winning our matches,” McDavitt said. “We’ve had to overcome a lot of injuries and mental struggles, but we’re all going in tomorrow with an open mind, take each match one step at a time.”

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Irish win rescheduled game against Valparaiso, 6-2

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame rebounded from its 7-4 home loss to Purdue Wednesday with a 6-2 victory against Valparaiso Thursday behind a three-run rally in the third.

A single by shortstop Sara Schoonaker and a fielder’s choice by Linda Koban set up Notre Dame’s first run of the third against the Crusaders (18-26, 5-11 Mid-Continent Conference), as Megan Ruthrauff’s single to right tied the game at two. Second baseman Katie Laing followed with a double to right, driving in two more Irish runs for a 4-2 lead.

Notre Dame had fallen behind early in the game after a two-run Valparaiso second. Irish starting pitcher Heather Booth gave up two runs in the inning — only one of which was earned — on a double and a single, but worked out of the jam by getting Crusaders center fielder Karen Korb to foul out to third base. Booth pitched a four-hit gem other than the second inning, striking out three and allowing only four hits in the game.

“Heather did have one inning when they got some hits off of her, but she got back in control and buckled down,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The third inning was proof of the intensity that the Irish have used all season to win games — something that Gumpf has told her team is necessary to its success.

“The hitters are really confident right now,” Gumpf said.

“We keep swinging at the good pitches and just do what we need to do to win.”

Notre Dame added a run in each of the next two innings, the highlight of which was in the top of the fourth when left fielder Gesaica Hadadgile blasted the Irish’ first home run of her career over the left field fence. Korb led off the inning with a hard-hit ground half up the middle for a single. Ruthrauff followed with a deep double to right field to drive in Koban from first.

Gumpf said the Irish played well against the Crusaders, especially after the second inning, as Booth allowed only one hit in the last five innings of the game.

The Irish will resume Big East play this weekend with double-headers against Big East newcomers South Florida and Louisville Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The doubleheaders will be two of the toughest tests for Notre Dame this season, as the Bulls and the Cardinals are second and third, respectively, in the Big East behind the Irish.

Notre Dame and USF each have only one Big East loss on the season, and the match-up will be crucial in deciding the top seeds in the Big East tournament.

But the Irish aren’t worrying about the Big East yet, knowing they still have tough competition ahead of them.

“I’m not looking past Saturday,” Gumpf said. “We have to take care of South Florida, and when we do that we have to take care of Louisville.

“This is going to be a big weekend for us.”

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“Maurice is going to get out early. He will do everything that you need. Where Weis told him to lose 25 pounds before the 2005 season, Stovall Sr. said his son was in a position to do so. With third receiver Troy Brown quickly aging (he will be 35 in July), Weis’ old friend Bill Belichick might be interested in Stovall’s services, Wright said.

“You look at the build,” Wright said. “The one thing teams are going to take away from Stovall is the jump ball ability.”

That same jump ball athleticism is attractive in Pittsburgh as well. Wright said the Steelers could target Stovall as a replacement for Plaxico Burress, the 6-foot-5 receiver who signed with the Giants after the 2004 season. But regardless of where Stovall lands, he will be fulfilling a lifelong dream for both he and his family. And Stovall Sr. said the most important thing is that he was able to reach this point after having the ball taken away from him in 2002.

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NFL DRAFT

LeVoir and Stevenson work out for pro teams

By KATE GALES
Associated Press Sport Editor

This weekend’s NFL Draft will shape the next few years in the lives of Notre Dame offensive lineman Mark LeVoir and Dan Stevenson.

LeVoir, a native of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Stevenson, from Barrington, Ill., have interviewed with almost all 32 NFL teams in anticipation for the draft.

"The most difficult thing is just the unknowing," LeVoir said. "You have no clue where you're going to go, what's going to happen.... You're going to be in one of the 32 NFL cities, but you can't plan or do anything until you know which one."

LeVoir started 36 straight games at right tackle with the Irish. He has traveled to Cincinnati and Chicago, and talked to most of the NFL teams. He began preparations for the draft immediately after Notre Dame's 34-20 loss in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2.

"All the pressure was prepared for pro day and personal workouts," he said. "Some guys chose to stay here — I chose to go down to Arizona for a change of scene."

Stevenson, a right guard, spent time in Houston preparing for various pro-draft events.

"I trained there for five weeks before the combine, went to the combine, came back to school and I just worked out here with our strength coach here," he said. "We had a pro day (on campus), and a couple individual workouts with teams that I did."

Stevenson has also talked to all of the NFL teams.

"It's no telling where you're going to go in the draft, where you're going to go and the kind of pressure is definitely something... You can't understand until you're there," Stevenson said.

Both linemen said it's hard to believe that Draft day is finally here.

"I still don't think it's really hit me all that much," Stevenson said. "Even at the Blue-Gold game last weekend, even that, it's hard to feel that your time here at Notre Dame is over and you're moving onto something you've obviously always dreamed of."

LeVoir, who is still living in South Bend, has experienced the same sense of a turning point.

"I'm just trying to focus on games and enjoy my last few days here at Notre Dame," LeVoir said.

An important part of their Notre Dame experience, Stevenson said, was Irish coach Charlie Weis, who proved a valuable resource as the two prepared to make the jump to the NFL.

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"What we've done so far has put us in position to have a very special season, but in order for us to finish the job, we have to get the job done over the next four weeks," Mainieri said.

The Huskies come into the series winners of seven of their last 10 and on an eight-game Big East winning streak. They are batting .297 and have outscored their opponents 270-140 this season.

On the mound Connecticut's ace, senior right-hander Nick Tucci, is 7-0 this season with a 2.15 ERA. Notre Dame will counter on the mound with junior right-hander Jeff Samardzija (6-1, 3.81 ERA) in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday, senior right-hander Jeff Griffith (2-1, 2.53 ERA) and sophomore lefthander Wade Korpi (5-1, 1.56 ERA).

Korgi, who usually starts in Tuesday non-conference games for the Irish, is expected to start Sunday in place of senior southpaw Tom Thornton, who was hit in the leg with a sharp grounder in his last start. Notre Dame's 14-12 win over Rutgers last Sunday. Thornton had X-rays on Monday and an MRI Tuesday — both came back negative — but Mainieri said the senior was at full strength.

Mainieri said he expects Thornton back on the mound next week.

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"One of the players on Anthony's Travel is our former catcher, Jill Bolensteiner," Freshman head coach of the Irish said. "We learned a lot about defending in the post from her and that's what we will have to do against them.

"We're the underdogs and that's a good position to be in." Team 17 captian Amy Leonard said. "In the third game of the Elite Eight, No. 4 Notre Dame in the Elite Eight, No. 4 Notre Dame will challenge No. 3 Powerhouse.

Rule No. 76 advanced to the Elite Eight by forfeit against Texas. Quiet and Nasty, which lost 7-0 this season, was disqualified for having too many volleyball players on the court. Teams are allowed a maximum of three varsity athletes.

"We haven't played our best yet in the tournament, but we're looking forward to playing our best against Powerhouse," Rule No. 76 captain Brenna Mannon said. Led by Anne Parrett, Powerhouse is fresh off a 21-10 Sweet Sixteen win over No. 14 We've got Skillz.

"Our center is coming back from a broken foot, so our game plan is to not have her re-break her foot," Parrett said. "It should be a good game. Both teams seem to be legit.

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She said that the Belles have looked forward to the post-season all year, and their energy is peaking now. "The motivation of making the tournament has really been carrying us through," Groll said.

The sweep of Goshen brought Saint Mary's win total to 25, giving the team its highest number of wins since 1984. Saint Mary's win over the Belles in the Elite Eight was the first time the Irish had ever won a non-conference game against a MIAA team.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said the team is looking to carry the momentum from the victories into the Kalamazoo game. "We are going to try and jump on them early," Sullivan said. "Swing a good strike." Saint Mary's pitcher and outfielder Bridget Grall agrees.

"We are going to look to perfect the little things," Sullivan said. "Make no mental mistakes.

"If Saint Mary's does not qualify for the MIAA tournament, they will be the last for Belles' seniors, Grall, Audrey Gajoor, and Megan Marenkovic. As the seniors head into the last few weeks of their season, Grall says they are focusing on what lies ahead.

"We are not focusing on the past at all," Grall said. "We are only looking to what the future may hold.

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GO IRISH!
BASEBALL
Irish, Huskies set to battle for control of Big East helm

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associated Sport Editor

With its school-record 23-game winning streak over after an 11-8 loss to Bowling Green Wednesday, Notre Dame will have to refocus this weekend as the team travels to Storrs, Conn. for a crucial three-game Big East series with second-place Connecticut. The Irish (13-3, 14-1 Big East) have a one and a half game lead over the Huskies (27-13, 13-3 Big East) in the conference standings. With just three series left in the Big East regular season, this weekend's set will go a long way toward deciding the conference champion.

"It's pretty apparent that either Notre Dame or Connecticut is going to win the Big East regular season title," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "If we want to call ourselves champions, we have to go to Connecticut and get the job done."

Mainieri said the series represents a shift in Notre Dame's schedule.

"This weekend we begin the third phase of our season," he said. "The first phase was mostly tournaments at the beginning of the year. Then we played a bunch of games at home, which was the second phase of our schedule. Now we're in the final stretch run. We have 10 of our next 14 games on the road."

Mainieri stressed the importance of the last third of the schedule in anticipation of the NCAA tournament.

Be sure to see STOVALL/page 20 for a look at this weekend's set.

NFL DRAFT

Stovall hopes to go in first round of Saturday's draft

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame receiver Maurice Stovall is selected in Saturday's NFL Draft, it will be the appropriate culmination of a four-year journey — one that moved from high potential to relative stagnation to, finally, climactic achievement.

This achievement is defined by a senior season where he had 69 catches for 1,419 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns. In two games that season — an eight-catch, 130-yard performance against Navy Nov. 12 and a 14-catch, 207-yard game against BYU Oct. 22 — exceeded his entire production from his junior season in 2004.

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See Also
"Lineman ready for draft day" page 21

Fasano tells teams he'll be tough guy and model citizen

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Anthony Fasano wants two different personas in the NFL.

The former Notre Dame tight end has told the Jets, Redskins, Cowboys and Patriots that he'll be a tough guy between the sidelines and a devoted member of the community off the field.

"I think I'm a real good teammate, where I can work with a lot of people," Fasano said. "And with the way I play, I'm a physical every-down player."

Ahead of Saturday's draft, Fasano has interviewed with a slew of teams in both conferences, mostly in the two Eastern divisions. He said he has tried to get across the first part of that sentiment to the teams he met with in preparation for the draft.

The 6-foot-5, 255-pound senior picked

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles battle for berth in the second season

Kalamazoo were the only two conference wins the Belles collected in the 2005 season. But Saint Mary's enters the weekend with a 23-11 record, including a 9-5 mark in league play.

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Bookstore Basketball XXXV

Fresh Five ready for Travel

By CHRISTINE HINE
Sports Writer

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The Irish scored three runs in the third inning to beat the Crusaders Thursday. The Irish look to secure a win in their first home game since March 25.

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SMC TENNIS

Irish, Buckeyes set to battle for control of Big East helm

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads on the road to take on Kalamazoo at 1 p.m. in its last regular season game, hoping to secure a berth in the MIAA tournament.

The Belles are currently No. 3 in the league, leading Albion and Olivet by one game. The top four teams in the conference earn bids to the tournament.

Saint Mary's last squared off with Kalamazoo last season when the Belles swept the Hornets 4-3 and 10-4.

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