Groups wage campus labor debates

CLAP members will try to conduct sit-in

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Almost two weeks after Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves issued a statement firmly backing current University wage policies, on Monday members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) reiterated their demands — a $12.10 per hour wage for campus workers and the formation of a task force to address campus labor conditions.

Their statement, made Monday morning at a press conference in front of LaFortune, also called for

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Campuses attract students over summer break

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

South Bend's appeal skyrocketed once you remove the school factor — at least in the eyes of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students preparing to spend their summers working on campus at various opportunities offered through their respective schools.

Students have taken jobs doing anything from service projects to volunteering as tour guides this summer. Most of the summer employees will live on campus in reserved dorms provided by their school. Not all students pay room and board, however, as some jobs include housing.

Notre Dame junior Kyle Miller said he worked on campus last year as a hall manager for the Office of Residence Life and Housing and is planning on doing the same this year. He lived in Pasquella East, which housed graduate students primarily for the Ernst & Young program, a weekly program sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education (CCE).

"It was a fun and interesting job," Miller said. "The social life was a little more relaxed, but there is plenty to do as far as going to the movies, baseball games and other things. Most of the things students have taken jobs doing anything from service projects to volunteering as tour guides this summer. Most of the summer employees will live on campus in reserved dorms provided by their respective schools. Not all students pay room and board, however, as some jobs include housing.

Campus rally part of May Day event

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

As May Day rallies broke out across the nation Monday to raise awareness about immigration rights and fair wages, nearly 100 students, workers and professors staged their own demonstration at Clarke Memorial Fountain — bringing the national debate to a local level.

The "America Needs a Raise" rally was planned to address workers' rights both "here on campus and around the world," sophomore Joseph Murphy said.

The rally came after a mon-

Campus Life Council

Packets to warn new students of penalties

By KAITLYNN RILEY
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) members passed a resolution Monday supporting the addition of cautionary information regarding third-party Web sites and illegal downloading of files into the booklets distributed by each residence hall to incoming freshmen.

But the original resolution — introduced by Liz Kozlow and Jacques Nguyen, chairs of the Task Force on Social Concerns — was amended before it could pass with the council's support.

Kozlow and Nguyen presented a design for an insert that warns freshmen the Office of Residence Life and Housing has the right to use pictures and language on Web sites like Facebook and MySpace for disciplinary purposes. The insert also cautions

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Antennas to go up over summer

Cell phone reception should be improved

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Beginning next year, students will not have to worry about not being able to make a cellular call on the day of a home football game or searching their dorm room for a miraculous spot where they get sufficient cell phone reception.

Office of Information Technologies (OIT) chief tech officer Dewitt Latimer said that the "distributed antenna system" designed to enhance cell

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Distler awarded top honor

Double major chosen as 2006 valedictorian

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

During the week of spring break — while most students enjoyed a vacation from academic rigor — senior Catherine Distler spent every free moment writing her valedictory address.

As one of more than a dozen exemplary seniors nominated to give the class of 2006 commencement speech, Distler said she and the others selected were given three and a half weeks to write and submit a valedictory address. On April 24, Distler learned her speech was chosen as the May 21 graduation ceremony address.

"I was thrilled to find out, but it's also a very humbling experience because with the honor comes the realization that so many people were instrumental," Distler said. "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for friends and professors who helped along the way. I'm incredibly grateful to them."

Distler, a double major in anthropology and pre-professional studies, will graduate with a 3.94 overall GPA and a 4.0 major GPA. She recently decided to attend Johns Hopkins University for medical school following graduation. Distler said she wants to study medicine because it is "the pragmatic and compassionate practice of medicine that can
INSIDE COLUMN

Catholic

Science

In a recent debate over such important issues as religion and whether or not "Mission Impossible III" will suck, my friend and I ended up discussing the next logical issue: Catholicism and Scientology. I know what you're thinking: "Science?" "Religion?" Together? Can such a religion exist? Are the two philosophies too far removed from each other? We considered all the evidence and decided that Catholicism and Scientology can, in fact, exist in tandem; they belong together like Brad and Angelina, Demi and Ashton, even Tom and Katie themselves.

And of course, we all know the biblical implications of the ever-important silent birth. The historical and scientific evidence indicates a startling yet telling trend. Among those who had silent births: Moses, David and Jesus. Among those who didn't have silent births: Cain, Goliath and Judas. Coincidence? I think not.

Furthermore, a lot of people may have failed to realize that Scientology's founder, science fiction writer and all-around guru L. Ron Hubbard, may have actually been the second coming of Tom Cruise. Katie Holmes and John Travolta. After all, you can't spell "The Bible" with "J." Contact Brian Doxtader at bdoxtade@nd.edu.

Brian Doxtader
Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

Joel Steiner
sophomore
Stanford

Elizabeth Elliot
sophomore
Welsh Family

Katie Shakour
freshman
Welsh Family

Katie McCullough
freshman
Welsh Family

Erin Greenberg
sophomore
Welsh Family

Christina Shakour
freshman
Welsh Family

"The 10 person spoon train at the global night commute."

"Late night singing at the echo spot in front of Bond."

"Using jazz hands in Bookstore Basketball."

"The second my lips touched her face."

"When I got my kiss from Katy McCullough."

"Waking my sister up at 5 a.m. for some water."

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IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame softball team will face Loyola-Chicago today at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Cleveland State today at 3:06 p.m. in the Frank Eck Stadium.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will hold its Spring Concert today at 8 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome to this free event, but must reserve tickets by calling the Ticket Office at 612-2001.

Unchained Melodies will hold their Spring Concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is $2.

The End of The School Year Gospel Bash will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event costs $4 for students and $5 for general public.

The Saint Mary's music department will host a Spring choral concert Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The concert will feature performances by the Collegiate Choir, Bellacappella and the Women's Choir.

Household and miscellaneous items will be for sale to students and general public at the ND-Surplus sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon at 925 N. Eddy Street (next to the Robinson Center).

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

Contact Brian Doxtader at bdoxtade@nd.edu.
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the May 1 article "Korean red fox runs at University" reported Governor for Korea grown at Notre Dame in 1964. Korean is actually a 1968 graduate of the University.

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In the story "There is of course the argument that Scientology is a church for the rich. But that just means they represent the yin and yang of religiosity. And did you know that Tom Cruise, the face of Scientology, would speak to the Chicago Sun-Times for an interview. Anderson has one domestic violence-related conviction on his record. In March, he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

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were crucial in the incredible victo-
ry for tomato pickers," she said.
"We wanted to encourage the same for McDonald and Chipotle."

"In making the case" to tomato growers, professor Daniel Goodroo told the audi-
cience of immigrant
in America.

"Immigrants have a right to
their freedom. They come from
where they can work, but when
they can't find work in their coun-
tries, they have a right to come here where they can work," he said.

Groody said notwithstanding a
"right to control borders, but not
an absolute right"
when immigrants come to America "they shouldn't be dis-
couraged against because of the
color of their skin" or because
they don't speak English, he said.
"If we leave behind problems
for giving a cup of water to an illegal immigrant... then we
leave behind problems to keep
immigrants," he said.

"The history of the College Democrats rallied to raise
minimum wage in America."

"We can't take
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without working on cell phone
reception," Shoup said.

"We decided that maybe
giving this to freshmen and
work with the student orien-
tation staff in the dorms is the
top of the list," Kozlow said.

"They have been such impor-
tant part of my education," he said. "I am impressed and lucky to
have met so many Notre Dame students who blow me away."
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further response from University administration. CLAP members plan to occupy University President Father John Jenkins’ office this morning in an effort to meet with Jenkins and present him with petitions signed by more than 1,300 workers, alumni, faculty, students and parents who support CLAP’s demands. The sit-in is scheduled to last an hour.

“The administration is going to have to address our concerns,” said Nick Krafft, CLAP organizing member. “We’re demanding real dialogue.”

While he said the group has no “hard deadline,” Krafft said a lack of action from the administration would force the group to “take more drastic measure.”

CLAP originally called for these two changes March 8 when members presented Jenkins with a report on the living wage — defined by the report as “the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four.”

Jenkins and other top administrators, including Affleck-Graves, met with CLAP members March 11 to discuss the administration’s response to the report. In his April 19 statement, Affleck-Graves backed existing University policies, saying they provide a “fair and just” wage for employees.

In the Monday press conference, three CLAP members — two of whom were student body senators for the 2005-06 term — as well as one current and one former campus employee spoke in defense of the proposal.

CLAP organizing member Kelly Sawyer, added, “The positions that offer free room and board cost an average of $40 per night over the summer. Stuifbergen said the university is $2,000 short on housing, and there is already a shortage of workers. This year, the university is offering free housing to 100 workers.

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Interviews

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Summer

time we would be grilling

behind one of the dorms for our meals.

Saint Mary’s junior Rachel Sokolowski has worked at the College’s Fine Arts Summer Camp for the past three years. “I like staying on campus during the summer because of the scenery and the weather,” she said. “I love the camp and working with the campers.”

Lisa Peppers, assistant director for Internal Events in the Office of Special Events at Saint Mary’s, said some student employment opportunities include counselors at fine arts, athletic or academic camps as well as lifeguarding at the campus pool. Camp counselors live and dine in the residence halls with the campers, but other workers typically need to pay for room and board.

Assistant Director of External Events Jessica Stuifbergen said room and board cost an average of $40 per night over the summer. Stuifbergen said she typically hires 25 to 30 girls over the summer to manage events that occur on campus but are not College-sponsored. Three of these positions include “event managers,” a privileged position that includes free room and board. The “event managers” do all the leg-work once the organization gets to campus. “The positions that offer free room and board are highly competitive, and we usually have a large number of applicants.”

Stuifbergen said there were some easy jobs on campus for busy students. She said she hires four “lockouts,” which are students on-call to unlock doors for people who are staying on campus.

“Some of the jobs are good for students who are taking summer courses in South Bend,” she said.

And there is never a shortage of workers, Peppers said. “I usually have to turn people away,” she said. “There are lots of great applicants and always a good number of people who contact us.”

Some students take volunteering jobs over the summer months. Notre Dame senior Mallory Beyer will be working at the University’s Summer Institute for Student Teachers. “I felt like I could get more experience and I could get some money,” she said.

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Lisa Peppers assistant director Internal Events

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebel factions stall peace agreement

ABUJA, Nigeria — Darfur rebels have bickered among themselves, violated a cease-fire and even been accused of attacking peacekeepers. Now they risk being seen as standing in the way of an agreement to stop the bloodshed in one of the saddest places in the world.

With a midnight Tuesday deadline approaching after more than two years of talks here, Sudan's government said it was ready to take the blame for the delay with the rebels from the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

But the rebels, suspicious of the government's intentions, rejected the agreement proposed by the African Union. They said it did not guarantee enough political power for Darfur or provide enough detail on how it would be implemented.

"We are not ready to sign until the Sudanese give concessions to our demands," said Ahmed Altenin, a spokesman for one of two rebel factions.

Fiscal crisis cripples Puerto Rico

SAN juAN — Many basic functions of Puerto Rico's government were unavailable Monday as the U.S. commonwealth ran out of money and imposed a partial public-sector shutdown — putting nearly 100,000 people — including 40,000 teachers — out of work and granting an unscheduled holiday to 500,000 public school students.

The shutdown — the first in Puerto Rico's history — happened in late-minute attempts by members of the legislature and Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila to agree on a bailout plan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court denies appeal for pro-life ads

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday ended a decades-long fight over the use by anti-abortion protesters of "wanted" posters and other messages in clinics.

Activists who created Wild West-style posters and a Web site targeting abortion doctors said they were ordered to pay nearly $5 million in damages, and the court refused without comment to take up their appeal.

The 12 activists and two anti-abortion groups were sued under a racketeering law and the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which makes it illegal to incite violence and threaten abortion doctors.

A Portland, Ore., jury had first awarded $10.8 million in punitive damages, but that was reduced by several doctors and clinics $108 million in several awards.

Govemors push for health programs

NEW YORK — A national campaign by the state's governors is using everything from bike rides to the South Carolina good-guy smoking statutes to try and get Americans to eat and smoke less and exercise more.

"Across 50 states, you have innovations taking place that are changing the discussion," Arizona Gov. Mike Huckabee, this year's chairman of the National Governors Association, said Monday. "The health issue is beginning to eclipse the health care issue." 

Huckabee, who has explored the possibility of a presidential run in 2008, is visiting with a national advertising group in New York this week to talk about ways to get the message out.

LOCAL NEWS

Concerns surround Indiana primary

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of thousands of Hispanic immigrants skipped work and took to the streets Monday, flexing their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott that succeeded in slowing or shutting many farms, factories, markets and restaurants.

From Los Angeles to Chicago, Houston to New Orleans, the "Day Without Immigrants" movement spread despite participation divisions among activists over whether a boycott would send the right message to Washington lawmakers considering sweeping immigration reform.

"We are the backbone of what America is, legal or illegal, it doesn't matter," said Melina Lazo, who with her husband and their third-grade daughter joined a rally of some 75,000 in Denver. "We labor with our hands and bread. They need us as much as we need them."

Police estimated 400,000 people marched through Chicago's business district. In Los Angeles, there was no announced count, but one law enforcement official put it at about 300,000. Tens of thousands more marched in New York, along with about 15,000 in Houston and 30,000 more across Florida. Smaller rallies in cities from Pennsylvania and Connecticut to Arizona and South Dakota attracted hundreds not thousands.

In Los Angeles, protesters wearing white and waving U.S. flags sang the national anthem in English as traditional Mexican dancers wandered through the crowd. In Chicago, illegal immigrants from Ireland and Poland marched alongside Hispanics as office workers on lunch breaks clapped. In Phoenix, protesters formed a human chain in front of Wal-Mart and Home Depot stores. A protest in Tijuana, Mexico, blocked vehicle traffic heading to San Diego at the world's busiest border crossing.

Many carried signs in Spanish that translated to "We are America" and "Today we march, tomorrow we vote."
Mac are a growing security risk

Experts warn the computers can no longer boast of virus immunity

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Benjamin Daines was browsing the Internet when three years ago he noticed a couple of links that promised pictures of an unreleased Apple computer operating system.

"That was under the control of someone — or something — else," Daines was the victim of a computer worm.

Such headaches are hardly unusual for users of Apple Computer Inc.'s Windows operating system. Daines, however, was using a Mac — an Apple Computer Inc. machine software patched as being immune to such risks.

He and at least one other person who clicked on the links were infected by what security experts call the first-ever virus for Apple's Macintosh personal computer system that has shipped with every Mac since 1984 and has survived virtually "unscathed from the dreams of malware unleashed on the Internet in recent years.

"It just shows people that no matter what kind of computer you use you are still open to some type of attack," said Daines, a 29-year-old computer engineer who since the attack has made Macs invulnerable to such attacks.

Apple's iconic status, growing popularity and Macs are a growing security risk

Apple's iconic status, growing popularity and the computers' success has made them a growing security risk, an analyst said.

"It is a bit ironic," said Tom Ferris, a computer security consultant and a security track record at Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. "But it's the same with Windows-based systems. For a long time computer users were told that Macs were safer, easier to use and had fewer viruses than Windows.

"But the fact is, Windows is used by more people and therefore it is more vulnerable to attack," Ferris added.

Daines, for instance, was infected by a bug in a program called freecode, which was written by a Canadian computer security researcher as a way of testing Apple's security. The program, however, was written in a way that allowed it to be spread from one computer to another.

Ferris said he warned Apple about the vulnerability several years ago and that the company was criticized for being slow to respond to its weakness in its products.

"They didn't know how to deal with security, and I think Apple is in the same situation now," said Ferris, himself a Mac user.

Apple officials point to the company's battle against a virus that infected its operating system and knocked out Bay Area transit systems last fall as evidence that Mac users are no longer immune to the kinds of threats that have existed for years on desktop computers.

"The bottom line is we still have users who don't think of Apple as a security risk," said Arif Gurbuz, Apple Inc.'s vice president of Internet security.

The company was attacked in mid-February by a virus that was designed to spread through email and online chat systems.

The virus was able to spread to Apple users who had installed a program called freecode, which was written by a Canadian computer security researcher as a way of testing Apple's security.

The virus was able to spread from one computer to another by exploiting a vulnerability in Mac OS X, which is the operating system that runs on Apple's Macintosh computers.

The company, which has more than 25 million users worldwide, said it was working to patch the vulnerability as soon as possible.

"When you have a vulnerability like this, it is important to patch it as soon as possible," said Gurbuz.

The company released a patch to fix the vulnerability on February 21, and said it was working to release a fix for the other vulnerabilities as soon as possible.

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**Bolivia**

Army seizes natural gas fields

**Associated Press**

LA PAZ — President Evo Morales ordered soldiers to occupy Bolivia's natural gas fields Monday and threatened to evict foreign companies if they give Bolivia control over the entire chain of production.

Morales sent soldiers and engineers with Bolivia's state-owned oil company to installations and fields tapped by foreign companies — including Britain's BG Group PLC and BP PLC, Brazil's Petrobras Brasileiro SA, Spanish-American Repsol YPF SA, France's Total SA and U.S.-based Exxon Mobil Corp. The companies have six months to agree to new contracts or leave Bolivia, he said.

Vice President Alvaro Garcia Linera said troops were sent to 56 locations around the country.

Soldiers took over major gas fields and refineries and, in the eastern city of Santa Cruz where much of the industry is based, occupied some oil company offices, said TDF TV, news editor at the El Deber newspaper, one of Bolivia's largest. He said about 100 soldiers were guarding the Petroleum refinery just outside the city.

Morales, a leftist allied with Cuba and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in seeking to blunt U.S. influence in the region, had pledged to exert greater state control over the industry since winning election in December and becoming Bolivia's first Indian president.

"The time has come, the awaited day, a historic day in which we take absolute control of our natural resources," Morales said in a speech from the San Alberto field in southern Bolivia operated by Petrobras in association with Repsol and Total.

"The looting by the foreign companies has ended," Morales declared.

Brazil is Bolivia's biggest natural gas client, followed by Argentina, and Brazil's demand has been rising rapidly due to power generation, cooking and automotive needs.

Landlocked Bolivia must sell to its neighbors because it lacks a pipeline to ship gas to the Pacific Ocean and from there to Asia, Mexico or the United States.

The announcement follows a trend by oil- and gas-rich Latin American nations to exact a larger share of profits from extraction of the fossil fuels.

It comes as Ecuador argues with Washington over a new oil royalties law and less than a month after Chavez ordered the seizure of oil fields from Total and Italy's Eni SpA when the companies failed to comply with a government demand that operations be turned over to Venezuela's state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA.

Bolivia has South America's second-largest natural gas reserves after Venezuela, and all foreign companies must turn over most production control to Bolivia's cash-starved state-owned oil company, Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales Bolivianos, Morales said.

An Army spokesman did not immediately return telephone requests for comment.

Multinational companies that produced 100 million cubic feet of natural gas daily last year in Bolivia will be able to retain only 18 percent of their production, with the rest being given to YPF, he said.

Morales did not name the companies.

A Repsol spokesman said the company could not respond because it had not received official word of the announcement.

Petroleos de Bolivia officials did not immediately return messages seeking comment on Monday, a national holiday in Brazil.

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**Google-MS clash over search tool**

The next version of Internet Explorer, available in test form, includes a box in the corner that lets people perform an Internet search without going to a separate Web page, much like what's available from Google's downloadable "toolbar.

Users who download IE 7 will be assigned a search engine preference based on the previous version of IE, which is likely to be MSN Search. Google says it's concerned that Microsoft's own search engine is getting favored treatment, and said research it has sponsored shows that it's difficult to change the settings in the new browser to a rival search engine.

"The market favors open choice for search, and companies should compete for users based on quality of search services," Marissa Mayer, Google's vice president of search products and user experience, said Monday.

Gary Schare, director of product management for Internet Explorer, said Microsoft's goal is to let users choose the search engine they want. He also said Microsoft's feedback has shown that it's not difficult to change to a different search engine.

"MSN has a certain amount of (market) share. This is not designed to change this," Schare said. "This is designed to essentially keep the status quo.

Internet Explorer's main competitors, Firefox and Opera, both include similar boxes with the default search engine set to Google, although users can change to another provider.
How are we afraid of freedom?

Well, Notre Dame, the twilight of my college career is upon me. It is difficult to believe that after four short years I am on my way out, and after only eight short months, Live and Let Live or Die is, well, off to die.

Scott Wagner

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I am leaving this place now, so that I will agree with you that the “race card” is played too often, but it must be considered in this case. On top of this, I am a mother of a two year old, and it was not until after I read this column that I actually found out about this situation. So, I read the students what they may or may not see? Nearer, I naively dreamed, such people would not exist at Notre Dame.

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"[My teachers] were trying to beat me into submission. I fought back. And the fans tried to beat me into being a Beatle or an Engelbert Humperdinck, and the critics tried to make me into being Paul McCartney." — John Lennon

Greg Hill service editor April 27

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Race cannot be discounted as factor

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The truth can never die

It seems to me that some of my cherished colleagues may have missed the most important and most beautiful assertion Father John Jenkins made in his Land-O'-Lakes statement: "Catholic teaching has nothing to fear from engaging the wider culture, but we all have something to fear if the wider culture never engages Catholic teaching.... Like any university, we have a responsibility to foster intellectual engagement with various perspectives and forms of knowledge, but as a Catholic university, we have the added responsibility of fostering engagement among these perspectives and forms of knowledge with the Catholic intellectual tradition."

In other words, a Catholic university is where Catholic tradition and teaching encounter everything that the world brings to us, and it is everywhere that the world brings us to encounter Catholic tradition and teaching. The encounter is itself revealing, in his own journey toward understanding and divine love. It sets out alone and lights its own way and ours. In the world, truth and love can never die. It cannot be continually dying, constantly on the way out, because it is in harmony with the reality within which, from which, the world has its being.

We tend to forget that revelation is not an ideology; it is not we who defend truth; it is no longer a slight and ephemeral play that has so exercised our emotions shows a trace of fear or defensiveness, an inability to receive the light of spiritual development. Those who believe that students can live the dialectic fearlessly, even explicitly or implicitly telling Catholic students that they must not be trusted or be trusted with reason, that the light of Catholic understand­ ing shows a trace of fear or defensiveness, an inability to see that endlessly fruitful encounter, we begin to see through the light of revelation, within the light of Christian love and understanding that restrict our ability to receive the light of revelation, within the light of Christian love and understanding that restrict our ability to receive the light of revelation.

Let students decide

I am quite happy to see debate occurring on this campus in regards to academic freedom stemming from University President Father John Jenkins' statement. Whether someone is sitting in a seminar class, attending a lecture or even discussing social issues in a small group, she must confront differing opinions. In such settings, it is essential to listen and to discuss the viewpoints in order to make informed deci­ sions. One cannot remain passive and just assume that those in an administrative capacity will dictate how one is supposed to react. Fortunately, a top-tier school like Notre Dame has an administration that is dedicated to critical thinking by allowing discussion of various viewpoints. The Vagina Monologues played at the Arrow Student Festival. Granted, not everyone that watches the performance or attends a film screening will agree with what he sees, but a typical Notre Dame student should be of the caliber allowing him to formulate an objective opinion on the matter.

If the University should bow to pressure from such reactionary views as those of Professor Charles Rice, then many Notre Dame students would be seriously restricted in their viewpoints and only be further distanced from life outside the academic bubble. One should be thankful that former University President Father Theodore Hesburgh stood up for academic freedom of expression by chartering the Land-O'Lakes statement in 1967 that gives schools the right to present and discuss issues in a serious and academic manner. It is through his encouragement that Notre Dame has become a top-tier school today that continues to strive for a balance between academic rigor and spiritual development. Those who believe that students are merely empty vessels that can be filled with any material and will automatically equate it with dogma seriously underestimate the academic potential of top-tier students like those attending Notre Dame. Students should be given the chance to hear multiple viewpoints and then decide for themselves which one is right. Thanks to the courage of Father Jenkins, students will continue to have these experiences in the future that will allow them to listen, reflect and then decide for themselves.

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April 27

Faith has nothing to fear from reason

Father Jenkins, thank you for reaffirming the spirit of the Land O'Lakes statement on Catholic universities and academic freedom. It meant everything to me in my vocation to this place as a noble mission. For forty years Notre Dame have been able to dispel fear toward reason in the ratio-fides dialectic. Since then, I see the fides-ratio axis as the key to my own life.

Now, I believe that your reaffirmation helps Notre Dame students...
Roger Ebert once scoffed at video games, declaring they are not a valid art form. More toys than anything else, they could not compare to the intricate art found within films or painting.

Recent history is proving him wrong. Video games are increasingly permeating our society down to its very nuances. From the big screen to the small ones on cell phones, video games are making their digital presence known. When people can go watch Peter Jackson's remake of "King Kong," they play the digital monkey as soon as they exit the theater on their cell phones, the video game's cultural impact becomes slightly more evident.

Fans of video games have long declared their passion an art, giving legitimacy to their favorite pastime. While the art wasn’t as clear in the days of "Robotron" and "Pong," it has been made increasingly apparent in recent years. Titles such as the contemporary "Shadows of the Colossus" exhibit a clear sense of style and art, featuring dramatic vistas that typically flourished in examples of high-class art.

Hollywood has long recognized the value of video games, but only recently have they been treated with a degree of respect. For those who have seen the "Super Mario Bros." movie or "Double Dragon," Hollywood's intentions towards video games were obvious—they were an easy way to cash in on an established fan base. People who played video games weren't the brightest bulbs in the drawer, so they didn’t deserve a thoughtful picture.

This mentality has changed significantly, especially within the past couple of months. "Doof" represented a solid effort on Hollywood’s part to create a strong adaptation of the video game classic. Starring Karl Urban and the Rock, it was a science fiction action film that mimicked the art direction of the games, especially the "Doof III," incredibly well. While the result fell a little flat as—ironically—it tried to be more thoughtful than it's video game parent, it still represented one of Hollywood’s first attempts at treating video games seriously.

Another interesting recent example was the teen horror film "Stay Alive." Starring a cast of relative no-names and that kid from "Malcolm in the Middle," it covered on a video game that killed the people who played it. While the idea isn’t exactly original—being a mere mental leap from "The Matrix"—it still directly addressed video games and proved them a legitimate medium for entertainment, despite the fact that only gamers will killed during the unfortunate duration of the film.

Once again, the actual results were less than stellar. "Stay Alive" was fairly universally panned, but if it had succeeded, it would have spawned a video game based on the movie. While video games based off of movies aren’t original either, a video game based off a game that played a central role in a movie would have set a new precedent.

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Video games have in the past been considered to lack artistic merit. Recent movies and video games have shown elements that lend themselves toward the contrary, as they are becoming an increasingly artistic medium.

**Facing page**

College is a lot like the movies. I don’t mean this to invite the easy parallels to movies like "Animal House," "Van Wilder" or "Old School." On a deeper level, going to the movies is similar to the entire college experience. In both cases, you go to a place removed from the real world and experience something wonderful that only lasts for a short period of time. As is the case with both college and the movies, while you don’t want the experience to end, you’re also dying to find out what happens next.

After four years of working for Scene, I might have a slightly warped perspective on just how much life and entertainment intersect. The fact that I spend an inordinate amount of time watching El, going to movies or attached to my iPod just makes entertainment the lens through which I view most of my life. This might explain why there are—for me, anyway—a number of parallels between my time at Notre Dame and my favorite film, the French import "Amélie." Beyond the obvious French connection between their names, the way I stumbled upon what would become two extremely important parts of my life is fairly similar.

I was only vaguely aware of Notre Dame as a institution for higher learning, much in the same way that I was only vaguely aware of the existence of the film "Amélie" in America.

Only by accident did I finally discover both Notre Dame and "Amélie." I discovered Notre Dame when someone from my high school left his email address on my biology class whiteboard. I discovered "Amélie" when I turned my iPod into a portable "thing worth carrying around with you." In both cases, the actual results were less than stellar. "Stay Alive" was fairly universally panned, but if it had succeeded, it would have spawned a video game based on the movie. While video games based off of movies aren’t original either, a video game based off a game that played a central role in a movie would have set a new precedent.

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In some countries, Kings and Queens still exist and reign, as not all political leaders, but as figureheads — glamorous representations of the country's culture. Here in the states, on the other hand, we like to remember how we spiritedly defied the bloated bloody grip of the British monarchy during the Revolutionary War. However, while our current governing body is free from royalty, our culture certainly is not. Reigning from their estates in the high hills of Hollywood, the Kings and Queens of our culture are celebrities. In addition to informing us of the latest trends and keeping us entertained while we wait in line at the grocery market, the celebrities of today represent American ideals with their seemingly flawless looks and flagrant displays of wealth. While celebrities possess no substantial power over government (sorry, Martin Sheen) their latest films, songs and scandals act as virtual ambassadors of our culture, communicating to other nations what it means to be American. Like royalty they are worshipped. Their touch is that of King Midas' caliber as they turn everything they endorse to gold. Thirty-year-old girls construct shrines in their bedrooms as a tribute to their favorite boy bands and hunky young stars. We are humbled as the Prince and Princesses of Hollywood condescend to sign autographs, and with the appetite of paupers, we hungrily devour any scrap of celebrity gossip we can get our hands on.

However, America's kings and queens deviate from the rest of the world's most regal in various ways. For instance, in many cases royalty is called nobility, but we don't make that mistake with our royal family. Instead of destroying celebrity careers, stars in rehab, scandalous pregnancies, affairs and mental meltdowns seem to be just the ticket, especially if they garner an exclusive interview with Barbara Walters or Oprah Winfrey. Sadly, celebrities are presently marked more by mediocrity and luck breaks than any shred of nobility. Britney Spears epitomizes this new, essential feature to maintaining fame. After all, despite not having released any albums recently, she continues to bask in the limelight created by her marriage to millionaire-model Kevin Federline and her recent pregnancies. Then again, the constant quality of the music she does produce, perhaps we should be thanking Kevin for keeping Britney otherwise occupied. Additionally, it has become more lucrative to be a pseudo-celebrity than to become famous by displacing any merit. Less and less talent is required to achieve stardom. Where talent once led to fame which led to fortune, today beatles like Parus Hilton and Nicole Richie work backwards, transforming their inherited fortune into fame. Fortunately, they have yet to prove that talent can be bought. The explosion of reality television has also created a new breed of pseudo-celebrity. Reality stars have effectively prolonged their 15 minutes paralyzing their small, often humilitating stools into lifetime visibility — if not entire careers — these stars now pepper television programs and C-list movies. Working against natural selection, reality television has also provided opportunities for otherwise washed-up or terminally second-tier celebrities. It used to be that after a star had outlived her moment in the spotlight and was outgrown by more vivacious starlets, she would quietly retire to her mansion, placated by royalties. Unfortunately, survival of the fittest seems to be winking in the presence of reality television: star shows that actually have feature has-beens and never-quite-have-been stars, reviving and jump-starting their careers.

Sure there are no tea taxes involved, but all this considered, I can't help but feel a little like the Colonial Americans must have when they decided to break with King George. Perhaps, our current culture calls for us to revolt against today's reigning royalty with a good old-fashioned coup d'etat. Alternatively, we could simply step elevating talent-less figureheads, who have very little to contribute to us, to fame — after all they're just people. Occasionally in a few ways we might find ourselves sorry to see this ridiculous cycle of over-glorification continue.

With all of the stars that stand on the brink of mediocrity today, I shudder to think we will be subjected to once their careers inevitably crumble. It is probably only a matter of time before we're watching Kasey Kasem, some guy from "The Amazing Race", and Lindsay Lohan shock us all together in "The Surreal Life: 20" while Tom Cruise hosts "Cooking with Cruise: 50 Ways to Prepare the Placenta." Then again, it could be worse. After all, without our country's colorful court of celebrities, standing line at the supermarket would be an avoidable bore.

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Hudson delivers second one-hitter of career in 2-0 victory

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a two-run homer to ruin Johnny Damon's return to Fenway Park, leading the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 7-3 Monday night in the first game of the season between the two rivals.

Fans chanted "Johnny! Johnny!" after the Yankees center fielder watched helplessly from a few feet away as Ortiz's 11th homer sailed into the Red Sox bullpen in the eighth.

Damon couldn't do much with the previous batter either. He could only trot in to pick up Mark Loretta's single that broke a tie in the fourth-inning run.

Booser each time he came to the plate, Damon, who batted to the other side of baseball's biggest rivalry as a free agent, went 0-for-4.

It was a bad night for another former Red Sox player. Mike Myers, Boston's lefty specialist last year, crumpled the game after the single by Loretta, who had been in a 1-for-17 slump, and gave up Ortiz's drive on full count into a strong wind.

Another returning pitcher who had a more pleasant night was Boston catcher Doug Mirabelli, reacquired earlier Monday from San Diego where he had been traded for Loretta last December. Boston obtained him to resume his role as a knuckleballer Tim Wakefield's personal catcher after Josh Bard, who went to the Padres, had 10 passed balls in Wakefield's four previous starts.

Mirabelli also went 0-for-4 but didn't have a passed ball and threw out a runner trying to steal.

Mike Timlin (3-0) put the win with help from Jonathan Papelbon, who retired the side in order in the ninth with two strikeouts. Aaron Small (0-1) took the loss after going 10-0 for the Yankees last season.

Before the game, Damon, who spent the past four seasons with Boston, said, "I'm just really excited about taking the field" and he wasn't nervous.

Braves pitcher Tim Hudson throws a pitch Monday during the first inning of the Braves' 2-0 win over the Rockies.

Yankees lose in Damon's return to Fenway

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Cubs 2, Pirates 1

Matt Murton's RBI single in the eighth inning gave the Chicago Cubs a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates Monday night.

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**NHL**

Ethan Moreau of the Edmonton Oilers, right, gets knocked to the ice by the Detroit Red Wings’ Mikael Samuelsson during Game 6 of their first-round playoff series. The Oilers won the game 4-3 to take the series 4-2.

**Oilers defeat Red Wings, take series 4-2**

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers sent home the NHL’s best team in the regular season, rallying Monday night to beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-3 and win the first-round playoff series in six games.

Ales Hemsky scored twice, including the winner with 1:06 left in regulation time, capping a comeback from a 2-0 deficit after two periods. It was Edmonton’s first playoff series win since 1998 — and another huge early-round disappointment for Detroit.

Fernando Pisani also scored twice for the Oilers.

**Duke committee suggests reinstatement of lacrosse team**

DURHAM, N.C. — A Duke University committee recommended Monday that the school’s lacrosse team resume play next season, but said the team needed strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.

“Although the pattern of misconduct in recent years by the lacrosse team is alarming, the evidence reviewed ... does not warrant suspension of the sport,” a committee of seven faculty members wrote in a report.

Duke suspended the highly ranked lacrosse team play last month, following allegations that a black woman was raped and beaten by three white men at a team party where she had been hired to strip.

A grand jury has indicted two players on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual assault, and District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he hopes to charge a third person.

Daly discusses gambling debils in new book

John Daly says he has lost between $50 million and $60 million during 12 years of heavy gambling and that it has become a problem that could “flat-out ruin me” if he doesn’t bring it under control.

Daly discussed his addiction to gambling in the final chapter of his autobiography, “John Daly: My Life In and Out of the Rough,” to be released next Monday.

He told one story of earning $75,000,000 when he lost in a playoff to Tiger Woods last fall in San Francisco at a World Golf Championship. Instead of going home, he drove to Las Vegas and says he lost $1.65 million in five hours playing mostly $5,000 slot machines.

“If I don’t control my gambling, it’s going to flat-out ruin me,” he says in the book, co-written with U.S.做成的
Irish Wait to Hear Where They'll Go

By JOE QUINN
Space News

For the third straight year, Notre Dame won't have to worry about being on the bubble for the NCAA tournament, as the team secured an automatic berth to one of three regions with a come-from-behind victory in the Big East championship. Now all the Irish can do is wait and see whether the selection committee sends them to the Final Four.

Notre Dame's most likely destination is the Central Region, which is scheduled for May 18-20 in Orlando, Fla. or the West Region in Tucson, Ariz. For Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski, it's not where the Irish play, it's how they play.

"We had some stretches where we didn't play our A-game," Kubinski said. "I think we finally were able to play our best golf in the Big East championship, and hopefully we can keep that going.

"If the Irish hope to continue their hot streak, they will most likely need continued stellar play from both freshman Josh Sandman and senior tri-captain Mark Baldwin. Baldwin was one of four Notre Dame golfers that shot under par on the first round of the Big East championship. Sandman was the overall hero — sinking a birdie to break the course record on the final round.

"Scott has really been playing well," Kubinski said. "He has some trouble, but he's been striking the ball extremely well and I don't doubt that he won't be playing his A-game come May 18.

"Scott can get all his players to play up to their ability, he feels they have a good shot of advancing. At the same time, however, he knows it will not be easy as the Irish will face their toughest competition of the season.

"In the NCAA's, it's really the best of the best," he said. "It's going to be a challenge to advance, but right now I think we're playing as well as anyone in the country."

Fresh off their Big East championship, the Irish were named Golfweek National Team of the Week. But Kubinski emphasized the award meant nothing once the Irish stepped onto the course.

"We're very honored to be recognized like that, but at the same time, we still have to go out and play," Kubinski said. "They're not going to give us the victory, they're not going to give us the final four birth just because we were named Golfweek Team of the Week. We just have to go out and compete against — and hopefully beat — the best teams in the country."

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Pistons take series lead with win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks kept missing shots and mishandling the ball, Chauncey Billups kept hitting free throws.

Billups was 16-of-16 from the foul line and scored 34 points to send the Pistons back to Detroit with a 3-1 series lead. Billups led Milwaukee 109-99 in the first round of the NCAA playoffs Monday night.

The Pistons can finish off the Bucks with a victory in Game 5 Wednesday night in Detroit.

The Bucks had taken an 86-85 lead on Joe Smith's jump shot with 5:52 remaining in the game. But the Pistons answered with an 8-0 run, including back-to-back 3-pointers by Billups and Richard Hamilton, to put Detroit ahead 93-86 with 3:47 remaining.

The Pistons led 95-90 when Antonio McDyess was whistled for a technical foul — Detroit's second technical of the game — with 2:42 remaining.

Milwaukee's Michael Redd made the free throw and was fouled on the ensuing possession, hitting another two free throws to cut the Pistons' lead to 97-92 with 2:29 remaining.

But six straight free throws by Billups, combined with missed shots and mishandled balls by the Bucks, allowed the Pistons to put away the game.

Redd hit the free throw, and Tuni Kuko hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession. A fast-break layup by Charlie Bell cut the Pistons' lead to 44-38.

Notes:
- Wallace led the league in technical fouls with 19 in the regular season. He also was called for a technical in Game 1. Hamilton was fined $15,000 by the NBA on Monday for e-howe Redd in the mouth during Saturday's game. The league upgraded the flagrant foul from a penalty to one to a more severe level two. "Hopefully, I can talk to someone," Hamilton said. "$15,000? I don't understand that one." - The Bucks had nine turnovers in the first half, including five by Ford.

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Western Conference semifinals.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

**NBA**

**Mavericks sweep Grizzlies in series**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Dallas Mavericks wanted to get this one over quickly. They sure picked the right opponent.**

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and 10 rebounds as Dallas defeated San Antonio 102-76 on Monday, Dallas' first-best-of-seven sweep and an NBA-record 12th consecutive playoff loss for Memphis.

The Mavericks will face the winner of the San Antonio Sacramento series, which is tied at two games apiece, in the Western Conference semifinals.

"You always want to close it out when you have the chance," Nowitzki said. "We have some guys with some injuries, but I think we'll be all right in the second round."

Nowitzki, who averaged 32.7 points in the first three games, was 12-of-21 from the floor and 10-of-21 from the free-throw line.

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Jason Terry contributed 30 points for Dallas.

**Grizzlies stay close until the first half"**

The game was tied 2-2 and the Mavericks took control of the first half.

After a slow start, Larson scored 10. They were the only points in the first three games, matched by Denver.

The Mavericks outscored the Grizzlies 62-47 following an 11-4 run that was sparked by two 3-pointers by Nowitzki and steals by Nowitzki and Terry. Gasol lost the ball during the Dallas run when he bounced the ball off his foot on a dribble.

This proved to be the high point, as the Irish dropped two closely contested matches to Michigan State and Michigan, losing the latter mach 66-69 on the last play of the game.

**Sailing**

Wisconsin hosted the MCA Sailing Qualifiers this weekend.

The Irish were unable to convert their opponents to only one second half score. In the second round action, the No. 4-seed Irish tangled with No. 5-seed Northwestern, and Notre Dame won 15-5.

**Men's rowing**

Against Northwestern, the Irish made a strong move in the middle of the race to take the lead and gradually incised their way into the lead. With 200 meters to go, the Notre Dame crew pulled away with a sprint to finish with open water on the Northwestern crew, 6:22.4 to 6:26.4.

The Irish's top crew also bested the Wildcat competition. Julie Lambe coxed the first varsity eight in both the preliminary race against Notre Dame's second varsity eight and in the race against Northwestern's first varsity eight. Through the season, the first varsity eight has set the standard for the Irish crews by rowing faster than the competition in the second half of the race.

Against Northwestern, however, Lambe's crew of Teddy Hawkins, Nick Mathew, Jake Teitgen, Karol Grzesiak, Brian Howk, Chris Meulekem, Shane Houghue, Brian Callahan and laying out for score on offense. In the second round, the team won 73-4.0 to 73-7.2.

Notre Dame's novice eight defeated Northwestern's two best novice boats. In the first race, Steve Chong's crew of Andrew Matsic, Tom Mazzaracoveli, Brendan Jain, Mark Beck, Britt Boyen, Johann de Sousa, Taylor Donaldson and Matt Degnan defeated Northwestern's top novice boat by a score of 6:47 to 6:49.1. The Irish novice faced Northwestern's second crew later in the day and won 6:27.4 to 7:00.1 in a race that was decided early.

The most competitive race of the day was between the Irish's second varsity eight and Northwestern's "lightweight" eight. Julie Lambe coxed the crew of Scotty Campbell, Michael Lucci, Michael Lukus, William Blospy, Brandon Carroll, Michael Giordani, Nick Mathew and Anne O'Sullivan to a come from behind victory against the Northwestern crew. Only shortly before the race, the same Notre Dame crew defeated freshman team of DeV and in a preliminary race that ended 8:14.7 to 7:48.6.

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**CLUB SPORTS**

**Ultimate ends season at regionals**

Men's crew sweeps eight-man races versus Northwestern.

**Special in the Observer**

The curtain came down this weekend on the Notre Dame ultimate club as its season ended at the Great Lakes Regional.

The Irish women's squad, champions of the Illinois/Iowa sectional, opened pool play against Western Illinois. After trading the first two points downwind, the Irish took control and dominated the Leathernecks, winning 15-4.

Notre Dame continued its roll with another 15-4 victory over Indiana.

The Irish next played Michigan State for the right to advance to the championship bracket. Although MSU struck first, Notre Dame tied the score at 2-2 and then went on to rout the Spartans 15-3. Aggressive defense and smart passes from Shannon Morrison highlighted the team's play.

The Irish next faced Ohio State in the quarterfinals. The two squads traded downwind points as neither could build a lead. Notre Dame narrowly edged the Buckeyes, 12-11.

In the semifinals, the Irish squared off with Ohio. Despite dice movement among their opponents, the Irish won 6:27.4 to 7:00.1 in a 2000m course, and only shortly before the race, the same Notre Dame crew pulled away with a sprint to finish with open water on the Northwestern crew, 6:22.4 to 6:26.4.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish lose Big East lead after doubleheader loss to Louisville

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was unable to stay on top of the Big East standings Monday as it was swept in a doubleheader for the first time this season at No. 23 Louisville.

The doubleheader was a makeup of Sunday's rain-postponed games and marks the first time the Irish (34-17, 14-4 Big East) have lost three consecutive games since March 3.

"Any time you get swept it affects the team negatively," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We have to move on quickly and stay focused because this is going to be a tough week ahead of us." The Cardinals (34-8, 13-3) moved up to second place in the Big East standings and South Florida took over atop the conference leaderboard as the Irish have already secured their time the Irish (34-17, 14-4 Big East) have lost three consecutive games since March 3.

"Brown and Ruthrauff were definitely the most consistent offensively getting the momentum going." Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

The hit was only the fifth allowed by Notre Dame right-hander Heather Booth in her seven innings of work, but she was given no run support after the first inning. In the top of the first inning, Notre Dame third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff knocked a hard-hit ground ball through the left side of the infield to drive in Stephanie Brown and open up the scoring.

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, that would be the only time the Irish would hold a lead all day as they would surrender a run in both the seventh and eighth innings. Booth struck out seven batters and allowed two runs on five hits. But the lack of run support greatly hurt Notre Dame in game one, especially its inability to respond to the Louisville run in the seventh.

"I think we came out ready for most of game one," Gumpf said. "But we just didn't bring it to win in the seventh and ended up with the loss." Louisville 10, Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame was unable to rebound from the tough loss in game one against the Cardinals, falling behind early and failing to make any comeback in the loss Monday. Notre Dame threatened Louisville out of the jam.

Notre Dame righty Brittany Bargar started for the Irish, but failed to escape the first inning after being shelled for four runs on five hits after only two-thirds of an inning. Bargar could not work her way out of any jams in the game, falling into a bases loaded situation early in the inning. Gumpf sent in Booth, but she could not stop the onslaught either, surrendering another four runs before the game ended.

"Note Dame's offense did show some signs of life after the first inning with two runs in the top of the second driven in by second baseman Katie Laing and an unearned run scored by Sara Smith. But the run support the Irish could muster was too little, too late as the big first inning put the game out of reach and gave Louisville the sweep over Notre Dame.

Brown and Ruthrauff especially shine in the doubleheader. "Brown and Ruthrauff were definitely the most consistent offensively getting the momentum going," Gumpf said. "They have been hitting amazingly well all year and continued to do so in this game.

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Vikings
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But Cleveland State (18-29-6, 6-14 Horizon) beat Notre Dame (35-9-1, 16-1-1 Big East) at Frank Eck Stadium two years ago, in a season in which the Irish lost just 10 games and the Vikings won only 19. What's more, the squad topped Big Ten power Ohio State 7-5 April 26 in Columbus, Ohio. "They have my attention," Mainieri said.

Vikings coach Jay Murphy is expected to throw freshman right-hander Brian Long tonight. Long is 1-1 with a 9.11 ERA in 12 appearances (one start).

Mainieri will either throw left-hander Tom Thornton or right-hander Brett Graffy. Thornton hasn't pitched since being hit by a sharp ground ball in his start against Rutgers April 23. I haven't made the decision yet," Mainieri said late Monday afternoon. "But either way, Graffy is going to play a big role in tomorrow's game, whether he starts or comes in out of the bullpen."

Even if Thornton starts, Mainieri said the southpaw might not throw as many pitch­ es as he usually does. "I have to kind of see how it goes," Mainieri said. "Depending upon if it's a struggle or if it's easy for him determines [how long Thornton will pitch]."

Cleveland State's top hitter this season is senior infielder Steve Chinin. He enters the contest batting .378 with two homers, 22 RBIs and 18 runs scored. Chinin has a 444 on-base percentage and a .517 slugging percentage.

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"I knew that I would be drafted," Stovall said. "I tried not to go in with too high expectations ... because the draft is funny that way."

His time finally came in the third round when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected him with the 90th overall pick. He was the ninth receiver selected in the draft after Ohio State's Santonio Holmes, Florida's Michael Clayton (32 catches, 372 yards in 2005), Arizona State's Derek Hagan and Wisconsin's Brandon typography in the NFL. Stovall was a leading offensive threat for Notre Dame in his tenure in the NFL.

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"I'm feeling excited being drafted by Tampa Bay. It's the next step in my life," Stovall said. "[Buccaneers] coach Joel Gruden called me — might have been while they were on the clock — and he said, 'Welcome to the family.'"

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"I'm anxious more so than nervous," Stovall said. "I know they have a lot of veterans, and (they are an) experienced group."

Stovall said he would report to Tampa Bay Thursday to formally meet his new coaching staff. He has not spoken to Irish coach Charlie Weis, the former offensive coordinator for Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, a connection not lost on Stevenson.

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FOOTBALL

Recruiting trail heats up as top tight end commits

Mike Ragone announces at press conference he will accept Notre Dame's scholarship offer to play for Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Tight end Mike Ragone became the fourth verbal commitment of this recruiting season as the New Jersey high school star announced his intention to attend Notre Dame Monday morning at a press conference at his high school.

Ragone joins highly touted quarterback Jimmy Clausen — who verbally committed to the Irish April 22 — in a class that also includes defensive end Kerry Neal of Bunn, N.C. and linebacker Aaron Nagel of Lemont, Ill.

Ragone (6-foot-5, 230 pounds) caught 30 passes for 800 yards and eight touchdowns in his junior season at Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J. He runs a 4.5 second 40-yard dash and has earned a 4-star ranking (out of a possible five) by Scout.com.

"Ragone's an unbelievable talent," Frank said. "He's a tight end who can run away from defensive backs. He's just a tremendous prospect."

Irisheyes.com listed Florida State, Ohio State, Penn State and Southern California as schools which had offered scholarships to Ragone before he gave his word to Notre Dame.

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NFL DRAFT

Time to make a mark

Stovall excited to play in Tampa under Jon Gruden

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame wide receiver Maurice Stovall had a seemingly unconventional approach to Saturday's NFL Draft.

While he watched players being called with his own name still remaining on the draft board, it would have been easy for Stovall to grow overly anxious.

But the receiver remained calm — simply enjoying the time he was spending with friends and family waiting for his moment. With endless speculation about where Stovall might land — and what team could use his services — the receiver avoided any preconceived notions of where he could end up.

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Irish catcher Sean Gaston leads off first base in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Purdue April 25 at Frank Eck Stadium.

NOW SOFTBALL

Louisville 2, ND 1
Louisville 10, ND 0

The Irish dropped both games of a Big East doubleheader in Kentucky Monday.

ULTIMATE

Ohio 15 Notre Dame 14

The Notre Dame women's team lost in the national semifinals to the Bobcats.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Maverick's 102 Grizzlies 76

Dallas' victory keeps Memphis' worst all-time in the playoffs.

MEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame to take the head coaching job at Virginia Commonwealth. Preston was hired as Grant's replacement after spending much of his time at Notre Dame working with post players including Torin Francis and Rick Cornett.

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..."I told myself I wasn't going to watch (the draft)," he said Monday. "But I found myself glued to the television, which I would have thought I never would do."

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**Men's Basketball**

Assistant coach Lewis takes job with Gators

After six years with Brey, Lewis joins Billy Donovan at Florida

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