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INSIDE COLUMN

Annual cash gifts

My dad has a knack for giving strange gifts. This past Christmas, for example, my brothers and I had the great fortune of receiving the ever-practical "multi-tool" — a gadget that functions somewhat like a Swiss army knife but better, of course. Other holidays have brought equally peculiar presents: an old-fashioned hand warmer, coke bottle glasses, language dictionaries and miniature internauts. The list could go on, but one gift in particular has become a standard for my dad. Over the past several years he has routinely handed us two-dollar bills on special occasions or on an off day when he is feeling particularly generous. This gift always comes with a piece of wisdom: "Don't spend it all in one place."

Packed with a hint of sarcasm, these words have become somewhat annoying because it's not that I have trouble finding a worthy investment, but that I can't bring myself to spend this money at all. Additionally, these bills have started to accumulate as they are tucked into the depths of my room, in purses and desk drawers.

Each time I open my empty wallet, Thomas Jefferson just stares back at me. For some time I operated under the misconception that this "rare" denomination of money was valuable. These bills do retain some value, of course — a Whipping two-dollars that is — but their rarity can really only be attributed to the fact that they aren't very useful.

After doing some research, I found that what actually keeps these two-dollar bills in circulation is the frequency at which people request them. Banks only keep them in stock as long as their customers request them. What really amuses me is that my dad actually goes to the local bank and requests these bills from the teller. A small part of me wishes I could be there to see the look on the teller's face when she says, "Can I have some Jeffersons?"

Whether he feels it is his patriotic duty to keep the two-dollar bill alive, I really cannot say but I do think that duty to keep the two-dollar bill alive, and it all started with Post-it Notes. The six-member team.entry video shows that it only takes a coin, a finger or even a shoelace tip to write on the sticky note. Wagener and his team-mates know they won't make millions off their idea. "At first, we wondered, should we patent it? But as part of the contest, you sign away any rights to any of the products," he said.

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Deer crashes through Chuck E. Cheese SIoux City, Iowa — Customers at Chuck E. Cheese restaurant got more than they bargained for when a deer crashed through the restaurant. The deer jumped through the window at the pizza restaurant at Southern Hills Mall on Sunday. No one was hurt, said Kris Walter, a mall spokeswoman. She said a couple of guys jumped on top on the deer and held it down until officials from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources arrived. The deer was injured but was able to be taken out of town and turned loose, Walter said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who is your favorite author and why?

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"J.K. Rowling, because she undermines the Christian faith."

"Dostoevsky. He makes me happy that I'm not Russian."

"Herman Hesse, for his thought-provoking novels and social commentary."

"John Keats. Liking her use of imagination and magic."

"Isabel Allende. I enjoy her use of imagination and magic."

"Bobby McKenna, because 'Encore in Chaunce' is the highlight of my day."

The Notre Dame Sailing Club practices team racing on Saint Joseph's Lake Monday. Students across campus are taking advantage of the warm weather in outdoor activities.

IN BRIEF

As part of Notre Dame's commemoration of the 27th-anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination, there will be a panel discussion today at 12:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103 about "Human Rights in El Salvador Today." The panel features Victoria Marina de Arévalo, a Supreme Court Justice in El Salvador; Neris Gonzales, a Salvadoran Catholic Church worker; Douglas Cassel, director of Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John D. French, associate professor of history at Duke University and visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute.

There will be a Ghana Reggae Coffee House tonight from 8 to 9 in the Center for Social Concerns' coffee house. The event features Don Savelle from the department of music and student Francis Insiodlo and Theo Osei-Anto.

Men's baseball will play Chicago State Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For ticket information, call 71471 6317-7356.

Women's softball will play Toledo Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Judge Victoria Marina de Arévalo will deliver a lecture entided: El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary. Thursday at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be in Spanish, but an English translation will be available. The event is sponsored by Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC) in the Kellogg Institute.

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

OCORRCTIONS

In the March 26 article entitled, "Novice eight squad means underdog," the quote attributed to AZ Tice should have been attributed to Alyssa Tice. The Observer regrets this error.

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ROTC blood drive will support troops globally

By BECKY HOGAN
New Writer

The Notre Dame community will have an opportunity to show its appreciation to American troops worldwide by participating in Notre Dame ROTC's third-annual blood drive today and Wednesday in the Navy/East Wing of the Paquerafter Center.

Lieutenant Colonel Gary Masapollo, who started ND ROTC's tri-military blood drive three years ago, said about 12 medical personnel from Fort Knox, Ky., will travel to Notre Dame to host the blood drive.

Navy ROTC cadets will also be working at the blood drive.

"It has been such a success in the past that Fort Knox likes to come back," Masapollo said. "Three years ago, they contacted us about coming up in the spring of 2005. ... They came in 2006, and now they are coming back in 2007."

The blood drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All blood donated at the drive will go to the Armed Forces Blood Bank, which supports military blood centers.

"There is a great need for blood in Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait," Masapollo said.

The blood obtained through the drive is needed not only by sailors, airmen, Marines and soldiers overseas but also prevents the Armed Forces from having to buy blood from the American Red Cross, Masapollo said.

"I think the blood drive is a great cause, because we don't have a dedicated source of blood for the Armed Forces blood bank, and we don't like to tap into the American Red Cross system," he said.

This year Notre Dame hopes to reach its goal of 100 donated pints of blood.

"The turnout from the Notre Dame community has been terrific — it's worth it for Fort Knox personnel to drive five hours and stay here overnight because of the amount of blood they get from Notre Dame each year," Masapollo said.

Most of the donations come from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, but the drive has received some donations from South Bend residents in the past, Masapollo said.

"If you give a pint of blood, it could go to a sailor's kid in Japan ... or a soldier on the battlefield in Afghanistan," Masapollo said. "There are kids who are 20 or 21 years old who decided to go into the Army or the Marines and — God forbid they need a pint of blood — it will be there for them."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task force reports given

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

In a brief meeting consisting solely of task-force reports, committee chairs laid out plans to further existing initiatives in the Campus Life Council's (CLC) meeting Monday afternoon in LaFortune.

Input task force chair and student body president-elect Liz Brown announced the online applications to join university committees are up and running.

"We've gotten several applications already, at least 15 to 20," she said.

Students can submit an application to be part of one of seven committees, such as the University Committee for Academic Technologies or the Advisory Committee on Academics and Student Life. The committees have student representatives selected by either the University or student body president.

Additionally, after discussing wording with peer advocacy, the "du Lac Abridged" pamphlet was finalized and will be printed after price quotes are collected. The pamphlet lists some of the most commonly violated policies of the student handbook "du Lac."

Student senator and task force on student concerns chair Danny Smith will meet with ticket office director Josh Berlo next week to discuss student ticketing for the upcoming football season. He said the ticket office will be releasing some information on student ticketing fairly soon.

Smith's committee has also been researching the use of podcasting at other universities and will be able to bring some information to CLC in the near future.

Bill Andriehek, student body vice president and task force on conduct awareness chair, said the CLC-approved letter regarding the gambling task force has been sent to vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In light of CLC's discussion on pornography in the residence halls last meeting, Heather Rakeczy, Gender Relations Center director, will speak to the task force next week to discuss the larger problem of the objectification of women.

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into direct contact with the wall. Kempf said: "Flusher, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused rupture in the transition point, 'that had been failing already,'" Kempf said.
The line ruptured at approximately 10 a.m., and the wind was moving northeast toward the CSG building. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wyliff said: "The University 'got the all clear,' just after noon, he said.
The gas main is made of cheaper but more durable plastic, while the 'tags' to the library is significantly older and made of steel, which apparently corroded over time," Kempf said.
The incident was just an example of the inherent possible problems of construction, Wyliff said. "The University had no plans to check all transition points because of the failure of one," Kempf said.
"There are older and newer parts to the system," he said, adding that the lines are owned by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). "We aren't going to dig up a lot of places to see if those aren't working. A lot of the campus lines have been replaced over time."
Still, Monday's rupture came on the heels of a more significant gas main leak in February. The last incident occurred Feb. 12 when a backhoe working to fix a water-line break struck a four-inch gas line. For nearly two hours, gas streamed up into the air in large amounts from a small area between Strepian Chemistry Hall, the Radiation Laboratory and the Heslibe Library. After that event, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he was concerned about "people getting hurt" in the event of any future gas main ruptures.
While the force of February's leak sent debris and water shooting into the air, Monday's was on a much smaller scale. "The other one was certainly a more significant leak," Kempf said. "It displaced a much larger amount of gas. This one you couldn't hear, and partly because it broke away from the open hole."
Crews first had to identify the location of the leak after smelling gas before they could uncover and fix it, Kempf said. NIPSCO crews fixed the leak by replacing a portion of the steel line with the newer plastic. NDSP director Phil Johnson said NDSP works with the Office of Risk Management and Safety and the Notre Dame Fire Department to establish command at an incident like Monday's gas leak. He said the first supervisor on the scene takes "instant command" and works to set up a perimeter. Johnson said NDSP removed its emergency-tape perimeter once NIPSCO finished it repairs. Construction work on the site continued Monday afternoon.
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British sailors held on entry charge

TEHERAN — Iran said Monday it was questioning 15 British sailors and marines to determine if their alleged entry into Iranian waters was "intentional or unintentional" before deciding what to do with them — the first sign it could be seeking a confrontation.

Britain’s Defense Ministry said they were seized in the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway flowing between Iraq and Iran, on Saturday, after two Iranian speedboats fired shots at their patrol boats as they were searching for weapons. The division line in the waterway, known in Iran as the Arvand River, has long been disputed.

Australian terror suspect pleads guilty

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Australian terror suspect pleaded guilty Monday to a war-crime charge of providing material support to terrorism.

David Hicks was the first detainee to face prosecution under military tribunals set up in the U.S. base in Cuba, directly contributing to the 1962 explosion last year, the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration found "flagrant violations" at a Pennsylvania coal mine just a week before the 43-year-old federal mine safety officials said.

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we know where we are headed. I hope we are going there." Such was the theme of "MVP in Uganda: Empowering or Impeding?" — an event that focused on the role of the community, the government and the MVP organization in helping try to pull African nations and people out of poverty.

"If you provide linkage then you are empowering," Nkuuhe said. "A man or woman who can feed a family is empowered. If we can help with the healthcare, then these people are empowered." In hopes of convincing the Notre Dame community to "take the message further" and to see the importance of empowerment, Nkuuhe discussed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). He was joined by David Siriri, the science coordinator in Ruhirwa, a village in the Kangi district of Uganda where the MVP was launched in March 2006.

The eight MDGs deal with different dimensions of poverty, including hunger, maternal health, environment sustainability, education, HIV/AIDS, gender issues, water and technology.

"We did come with a predetermined action plan. We sit down with the community and develop an action plan," Siriri said. Of those goals, the toughest to progress, he said, include achieving gender equality, reducing child mortality and improving maternal health.

"Those are very, very bad," he said.

Nkuuhe said the MDGs are on target for HIV/AIDS, citing a decrease from an 18 percent prevalence rate in 1992 to seven percent in 2002. While Nkuuhe said there is the potential to achieve the goals focused on hunger, gender equality and environmental sustainability, he noted increasing child and maternal mortality are more unlikely, he said.

"The mortality is off target. 140 children die before age five per 1,000 deliveries," he said. "In Ruhirwa, I think (David Siriri) and his team will be able to accomplish (the goal of decreasing child mortality) but for Uganda as a whole it's very difficult.

Reasons for the high mortality rates include lack of good health facilities, early marriage and frequent births, Nkuuhe said.

"There are currently 12 MVP sites in 10 African countries, including Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

"These are not chosen randomly," Nkuuhe said. "The answers you get from these villages can then be applied to...sub-Saharan Africa."

Though the UN Millennium Project had budget recommendations for the projects — 40 percent on health, six percent on education, 10 percent on agriculture, 10 percent on nutrition, 10 percent on water and 14 percent on infrastructure — some of the teams have to be tailored depending on the village.

"The people of Ruhirwa are going to measure the success of the project based on how successful we are in water," Siriri said. "Thus changes were made to the budget allocation from UN recommendations."

While Nkuuhe serves as an intermediary, Siriri works directly on the project in Ruhirwa.

"I live in the village in the middle of nowhere surrounded by banana plantations," Siriri said.

And for Siriri, little is more important to the success of the project than community involvement.

"We sit down with the communities...and we started with what we call quick-impact intervention," Siriri said, citing the distribution of 40,000 baskets to benefit more than 80,000 individuals as an important change.

But on the local level, such efforts are not the only health problems Ruhirwa citizens face. Siriri said that one of the biggest challenges is malnutrition.

"Banana is the main crop. Banana is the main food," Siriri said. "People depend mainly on bananas, but it is a fruit with not a lot of calories. And because of disease and poor soil, banana production has been declining. Siriri also cited water and sanitation, environment, energy, poor marketing structures, education and health as some of the biggest challenges in the area.

"We have the highest (male/na­si) prevalence in the western region," Siriri said.

The area also has a 10 percent prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, 30 percent prevalence rate of malaria, 5 percent prevalence rate of premature deliveries and 8 percent prevalence rate of mortality of children under one year of age, Siriri said. He said 30 to 40 percent of children are underweight and the nearest hospital is 30 miles away.

All of the MDGs emphasize community empowerment and involvement, Siriri said. Each member of the community is supposed to contribute $10 per year, though because of the labor and hard work by the villages, that number has been far surpassed. Siriri said.

"Everything that we needed for construction was contributed by the community," he said. "That's the kind of involvement we're talking about...We see ourselves as drivers of this process, but as facilitators."

Nkuuhe and Siriri's combined visit to campus was intended to show community members what can be accomplished through the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative in Nindye, a village in the Nkuhe sub-county and Mpigi District of Uganda.

"Notre Dame's efforts will focus, in a very special way on Nindye," Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dowd said. "We are partners. Notre Dame is a partner in the Millennium Villages Project. Notre Dame is committed to bring a partner and to learn the lessons of human development.

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create a team that best fits the hall," Kirk said.

Notre Dame is unique among peer institutions in that only seniors are allowed to be RAs. At Saint Mary's, sophomores or higher can apply to be an RA.

"Even if there are enough applicants from a particular hall, RAs are chosen from outside dorms to create a team that best fits the hall," Kirk said.

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Northwest readies to exit bankruptcy

NEW YORK — Northwest Airlines can begin seeking creditor approval of a plan to exit bankruptcy that values the company at an estimated $7 billion, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision puts the airline in the later stages of bankruptcy before it can emerge from court protection.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Allan Cropper said Northwest revised its disclosure statement to incorporate agreements reached Monday, the ruling said. The plan would be released to creditors along with a restructuring plan.

Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. wants to cancel all existing shares in the company and issue 27.78 new shares for each stock. The plan could be mailed to creditors as early as next week.

The Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes fell by 3.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 845,000. It was the lowest sales pace in nearly seven years and dimmed hopes for a rebound in the troubled housing market.

Economists have been watching the housing industry for a hint about where the economy is heading. The disappointing data came amid continued concern about the subprime mortgage market, which has been slammed by an increase in delinquencies in recent months.

This sent major indexes down throughout most of the session, with the Dow Jones industrials racking up triple-digit losses. Investors used the decline to buy some shares before the second-quarter ends on Friday, analysts said.

"The market is already worried more about economic growth than inflation, so I think you're going to see reactions like this," said Todd Salamone, director of trading at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "Overall it's pretty impressive from the comeback we had. There's been a whirlwind of attention about housing's effects on the economy. It just anything new and these pullbacks are buying opportunities here."

The Dow fell 11.94, or 0.10 percent, to 12,469.07, its lowest close for a front-month contract since Dec. 20.

Investors also are focused on a spate of economic data due this week, including Conference Board's consumer confidence survey on Tuesday and the gross domestic product report due on Wednesday.

"Investors are looking to figure out how things are going to shake out after a big move higher last week," said Mike Malone, a trading analyst at Cowen & Co. "Given the magnitude of the move higher we had last week, I don't find this to be overly surprising."

Oil prices rose Monday, with a barrel of light sweet crude up 63 cents to $62.91 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude prices have risen steadily on continued tensions between Iran and the West following Iran's detention of British naval personnel. Recent declines in U.S. oil inventories also supported the market.

Copper futures hit year-to-date high

NEW YORK — Copper futures hit their highest level of the year on Monday, boosted by high demand from China and short-covering, traders and analysts said.

"The May New York Mercantile Exchange, the most-active May copper contract rose 6.95 cents to settle at $3.1385 per pound, its highest level since Mid. 13475 in screen trading after the pit close, its strongest level since Dec. 12. Copper inventories in London Metal Exchange warehouses fell to 2,102,499 metric tons, down 0.4 percent from 2,116,050 on Feb. 12. This market is still being driven by the underlying fundamentals," said Darin Newsom, senior futures analyst with DTN. He noted that the May con- tract is fetching a higher price than July, a condition generally seen as a sign of tight supplies.

"We're seeing news stories to back this up — as Chinese demand continues to remain high," he added.

Copper's rally since late winter has coincided with a return of commercial buying. "This type of support is creating some noncommercial short-covering," Newsom added.

Meanwhile, April gold climbed $6.60 to settle at $663.90 an ounce on the NYMEX, while May silver rose 3.13 cents to finish at $13.47 an ounce. April platinum climbed $3.10 to close at $1,236.50 an ounce, but June palladium finished 50 cents lower at $339 an ounce.

In Nymex energy trading, crude oil futures climbed to a three-month high, closing just below $63 a barrel amid the rising international tensions with Iran and a rally in gasoline futures that was ignited by a fire at a BP PLC refinery in Whiting, Ind. The May crude contract jumped as high as $63.30 a barrel before ending 63 cents higher at $62.91 a barrel, the highest close for a front-month contract since Dec. 20.

April RBOB gasoline futures soared 6.94 cents to $2.0677 a gallon after hitting an intraday high of $2.07 a gal- l quaint.

Workers build a new KB Home, one of the nation's largest home builders, in Gilbert, Ariz., Monday. KB Home said first-quarter fiscal earnings plunged in a housing slump.
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participants were only in South Bend on Monday and failed to show up, the group did not have the luxury of time when it planned Monday's demonstration, said Larry O'Toole, a Catholic Worker from Marlavilles, Ill., and a 1984 Notre Dame graduate.

"It was a time frame thing," O'Toole said in a telephone interview Monday. "By the time we decided what we wanted to do, it was late Sunday evening and Monday's demonstration, said he, would have given the University's permission to do the re-enactment.

Senior Casey Stanton, one of the conference participants, said he received a permit from the University to stage the re-enactment because the Catholic Workers are not a part of "Notre Dame's bureaucratic processes."

"The University, however, reserves the right to restrict to members of the Notre Dame community the use of University grounds for demonstrations," Wycilff said. Outside groups, he said, can organize rallies on campus only by invitation by someone. Monday's demonstration did not have an invitation.

Instead, the Catholic Workers proceeded to re-enact the trial, read the letter and hand out flyers that said Notre Dame's ROTC programs are a compromise the Catholic value of nonviolence in order to fund their education.

The Army ROTC Battalion declined to comment Monday. The demonstrators also hung flags and banners from the Pasquerilla Center and the Clarke Memorial Fountain, a monument in memory of Notre Dame graduates who gave their lives in World War II. The banners were shortly taken down by NDSP officers.

Joe Mueller, a Catholic Worker from Cleveland, said he received a trespass notice from NDSP after he hung from the Clarke Fountain a banner that said "Blessed are the peacemakers."

"If you cross the warmakers, the University's reaction."

"They will immediately try to call Notre Dame's reaction," Jimenez said. "It saddens us to see one of the most preeminent Catholic character."," she said.

In addition to being the 13th president of the University of Michigan, Coleman is a distinguished biochemist. She served as a member of the biochemistry faculty for 19 years at the University of Kentucky and wrote many scholarly articles. She later served in administrative positions at the Universities of North Carolina and New Mexico before going to the University of Michigan.

Mary Sue Coleman
President
University of Michigan

"I am very much looking forward to addressing the graduates and their families," said the University of Notre Dame is an outstanding institution, and I look forward to my visit," Coleman will receive an honorary degree at the University commencement ceremony, the day after the Graduate School commencement.

"In all likelihood, this pattern of giving an honorary degree to the commencement speaker will continue in the future," Handy said.

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Study finds heart drugs as effective as stents

Dr. Marvin Konstam, chief of cardiology at New England Medical Center, right, speaks during the American College of Cardiology summit Sunday in New Orleans.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than half a million people a year with chest pain are getting an unnecess­ary or premature procedure to un­clog their arteries because drugs are just as effective, sup­porting a landmark study that chal­lenges one of the most common prac­tices in heart care.

The stunning results found that angioplasty did not save lives or prevent heart attacks in non­emergency heart patients.

An even bigger surprise: Angioplasty gave only slight and temporary relief from chest pain, the main reason it is done.

"By five years, there was really no significant difference" in symp­toms, said Dr. William Boden of Buffalo General Hospital in New York. "Few would have expected such results."

He led the study and gave results Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the April 12 issue.

Angioplasty remains the top treatment for people having a heart attack or hospitalized with worsening symptoms. But most angioplasties are done on a non­emergency basis, to relieve chest pain caused by clogged arteries crimping the heart's blood supply.

Those patients now should try drugs first, experts say if that does not help, they can consider angio­plasty or bypass surgery, which unlike angioplasty, does save lives, prevent heart attacks and give lasting chest pain relief.

In the study, only one­third of the people treated with drugs ulti­mately needed angioplasty or a bypass.

"You are not putting yourself at risk of death or heart attack if you defer," and considering the safety worries about heart stents used to keep arteries open after angi­oplasty, it may be wise to wait, said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic heart specialist and presi­dent of the College of Cardiology.

Why did angioplasty not help more?

It fixed only one blockage at a time whereas drugs affect all the arteries, experts said. Also, the
dogs treated with angioplasty are not the really dangerous kind.

"Even though it goes against intuition, the blockages that are severe that cause chest pain are less likely to be a source of a heart attack than segments in the artery that are not severely blocked," said Dr. Page T. Eller, a Vanderbilt University cardiologist who helped lead the new study.

Drugs are better today than they used to be, and do a surprisingly good job, said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

"It may not be as bad as we thought" to leave the artery alone, she said.

About 1.2 million angioplasties are done in the United States each year. Through a blood vessel in the groin, doctors snake a tube to a blocked heart artery. A tiny ball­loon is inflated to flatten the clog and a mesh scaffold stent is usu­ally placed.

The procedure already has lost some popularity because of emerging evidence that popular drug­coated stents can raise the risk of blood clots months later.

The new study shifts the argument from which type of stent to use to whether to do the procedure at all.

It involved 7,287 patients throughout the U.S. and Canada who had substantial blockages, typically in two arteries, but were medically stable. They had an average of 10 chest pain episodes a week — moderately severe. About 40 percent had a prior heart attack.

"We deliberately chose to enroll a sicker, more symptomatic group," to give angioplasty a good chance to prove itself, Boden said.

All were treated with medicines that improve chest pain and heart and artery health such as aspirin, cholesterol­lowering statins, nitrates, ACE inhibitors, beta­blockers and calcium channel blockers. All also were counseled on healthy lifestyles — diet, exer­cise and smoking cessation.

Half of the participants also were assigned to get angioplasty. After an average of 4 1/2 years, the groups had similar rates of death and heart attack: 211 in the angioplasty group and 202 in the medication group — about 19 percent of each.

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Illegal immigrants: A closer look

As University of California Professor Franz Frumman put it, "America needs the South's babies. Aspect of civilization wants sex, but does not want children."

1. "One cause of this problem is neoliberalism, described by John Paul II as a "purely economic conception of man (which) considers profit and the law of the market as its only parameters, to the detriment of the dignity and respect due to individuals and peoples."

2. In the 1980s, to profit from the devaluation of the Mexican peso, U.S. companies abandoned their U.S. employees and moved assembly plants to maquiladoras in Mexico just south of the border. Many of those later closed as the companies found cheaper labor in Asia. The resulting unemployment and the stagnation of the Mexican economy and government, both totally corrupted, lead many to enter the U.S. illegally. Companies in the U.S. employ them as an outsourcing in reverse. You can't outsource a restaurant job to a foreign country. So Presidents, Congressmen and officials send the cheap labor to the employers. This is applied neoliberalism. The real " illegals" are those politicians and those for whose benefit they betray their oath to enforce the law.

3. The Catholic Church respects the law, including immigration law. We . . . said it well in his comment on the ICE raids: 'The Catholic Church respects the law, including immigration law. We respect those . . . who have the difficult job of enforcing it. We do not encourage or help anyone to break the law. Americans have a right to public institutions, secure borders and orderly regulation of immigration. . . . We need . . . reform that will address our economic and security needs, but also regularize the status of the many decent undocumented immigrants who help our society to grow.'

Prof. Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. He can be reached at (574) 631-6982.

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Why is there a statue of Moses by the library? "First Down Moses" might seem like he's engaged in a benign football celebration. Only unlike most football players, who merely tackle their opponents and leave it at that, Moses has the disembodied head of his enemy underfoot. While I don't lose too much sleep over the fate of golden calves, the statue naturally brings up some questions about Christianity's, and even Notre Dame's, attitude towards other religions. In case you don't know the whole story, the golden calf was a makeshift idol created by the "children of Israel" when they felt abandoned by their God. When Moses returned from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, he was astonished by how quickly his people had given up on God and lashed out by destroying the golden calf. This is the story told for most people as far as they understand it. Already this gesture has serious implications for the attitudes of the Judeo-Christian religions towards other religions, but this is only the beginning of the collective wrath of God and Moses. God commands Moses to murder thousands of his own people despite just giving the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Moses and his followers unquestioningly oblige. Moses tells his most loyal followers, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" (Exodus 32:27). This mass murder is punishment for the "great sin these people have committed" that "they have made themselves gods of gold." (Exodus 32:31).

Whether or not the story is literally true does not matter as much as the fact that people accept its message as sacred. Why do we cast in iron the likeness of a man who supposedly spared thousands in the name of God? Isn’t this the same sort of religious extremism that underlies negative attitudes toward other religions? When I say thank you for the unbeatable dedication and effort put into the event. This means that you realize how profoundly an impact this collection has on those families genuinely lacking the necessities of life right here in northern Indiana. According to the Northern Indiana Food Bank website, over 120,000 Indiana families President poverty and are therefore at risk of hunger. Last year, in our second-annual campus-wide Canned Food Drive, 7,500 pounds of food were collected, setting the benchmark for the event. This year, with your help, we expect to double our efforts and surpass 15,000 pounds of food, a substantial contribution to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

The Canned Food Drive will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of Stepan Center this Saturday. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts in which they will drive out into the neighborhoods of South Bend to collect cans door-to-door. WVFI will DJ the event as groups return to campus to drop off their collected food. At the conclusion of the Canned Food Drive, Father Theodore Hesburgh will say a blessing over the collected food. Last year, I participated and it was a very rewarding experience. The community appreciates our efforts to fight hunger and if you help us, you will see for yourself how much just two hours can positively impact the lives of so many people. There are so many issues and problems in the world we often do not know how we can contribute to make a difference. One way is to think globally and act locally by joining us Saturday. Thanks to those who have volunteered to come out. If you haven’t signed up and are still interested, contact your dorm service commissioner as soon as possible or email Kerri Mikuska at kmikuska@nd.edu. See you Saturday!

Mark Mikuska assistant editor March 26

Students urged to help with food drive

ConfusingYEuniversity President Father Theodore Hesburgh will speak at the Peace Conference, which will be held in the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies will serve as an arena for young adults to present their research on the root causes of the above mentioned intractable conflicts of the world. Their contributions give lie to the fact that young adults cannot make a difference in the world around them. They prove that resolving atrocious human rights abuses and preventing them in the future can be as simple as erasing the lines that divide "us" and "them" so that all people in every corner of the world are treated by all others with respect because of their common humanity.

The conference formally begins at 5 p.m. on March 30 with an address by the keynote speaker on peace and conflict transformation. The panels and workshops will run throughout the day on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4:15 p.m. For a full list of the weekend's events, please visit http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/peace-con07.shtml

Laura Vilim assistant editor March 26

Peace conference strives for understanding

Government induced famine and economic ruin in North Korea. Authoritarian rulers in Burma. The use of child soldiers in Sudan of his own people (despite just giving the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill") and Moses and his followers unquestioningly oblige. Moses tells his
A message for Bookstore ballers — bring it

Prepare yourselves, Bookstore Basketball field, for me and my ilk are coming, and we are not happy. In years past, my teammates and I have made various attempts at Bookstore glory, only to end in failure. The team names and costumes changed, but one thing remained the same: Losing in the first round.

Like an abused but loyal puppy dog, we keep coming back for another kicking, year after year. However, in keeping with the old saying, if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again — and try again we will. Although the tournament is held in April, we tend to play more like March. For one thing, we’re a year older and a whole lot. I know I, for one, have spent many a late night watching reruns of some of the most ridiculous moments of NCAA action to the March Madness NCAA Tournament. After watching and learning from these Youtube clinics for anyone unfortunate to have to endure our team and I have been watching a whole lifetime’s worth of footage, including all six rounds of the March Madness NCAA Tournament. After watching and learning, we’ll be able to put on a basketball clinic for anyone unfortunate to have to endure us this year. In other words, bring a notebook to Stepan — school’s in session.

Similarly, we’ve spent our time twiddling our thumbs — on videogame controllers, sticks, that is. After hours logged on NBA Live 2007, I’m confident that the increase in fine motor control will translate to that extra touch I’ve been missing on my jumper, which will in turn allow me to keep it raining like April showers come Bookstore time. Even better, as the premier scoring threat on my team, I won’t even have to drop a Kobe Bryant- like 65 points for us to win — the games only go to 21.

You can forget about George Mason. Of course, you may be thinking, “Won’t all this trash-talking put a bull’s-eye on our backs, giving our opponents an incentive to come gunning for us like veteran NPA players focusing on hapless newbies on Lockout Level?” The answer, friends, is that it doesn’t matter: like a whoopee cushion, our team performs better under pressure. Come hell or high water, we are going to reach the exalted second round of Bookstore: 0-2 is not good enough.

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Much like Ben Stiller (left) found out in the film “Along Came Polly,” things can get a bit hairy on the court during the annual outdoor Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Legends of Notre Dame

Looking for something to do this weekend? Why not head over to Legends?

Here is what’s happening in your neck of campus this weekend.

Thursday, March 29:

Come out to see some legends in the making, “shamrock ‘n roll” at Best of Acousticafe at 10 p.m., then prepare to slam that whammy bar in a Guitar Hero tournament afterward at 12 a.m.

Friday, March 30:

Comedian Mike Birbiglia has been on “Letterman,” “Jimmy Kimmel!” and Comedy Central. Now he takes his side-splitting act to the Legends stage at 10 p.m., immediately followed by some retro hip-hop at Flash Back Friday: Old School Nightclub at 12 a.m.

Saturday, March 31:

The Multisensory Aesthetic Experience (MAE) rocks out at 9 p.m. accompanied by special guests The Hush Sound and New Atlantic. Afterwards, prepare for a color-coded Stop Light Party at 12 a.m. Wear red if you’re taken, green if you’re good to go, and yellow if you’re somewhere in between.
**DVD Review**

**Release of 'Children' fails to live up to film**

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Scene Writer

"Children of Men" was a film that was criticized when it was first released, its originating release, but, like the classic "Blade Runner" that it has been compared to, it's become a cult classic in the years since its release. The film's reputation will expand following its home release.

The film, directed by Alfonso Cuaron (who also helmed "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Y Tu Mama Tambien"), is about a future in which women are no longer able to bear children.

Theo Faron (Clive Owen) is a clerical worker who becomes embroiled in a scandal involving a young girl named Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey) who is discovered carrying a baby. Faron must help her escape to the safety of an off-shelf "Human Project," but they are blocked by the government and other forces from all sides.

"Children of Men" is a complex picture, though its almost overwhelmed down to a glorified chase film. Technically masterful, it brings a lot of ideas to the table, and, like most of the best science fiction, doesn't bring unwarranted attention to its dystopian future.

The characters fully inhabit this world and their fatalism is one of the most affecting aspects of Cuaron's many-layered themes. The acting is solid throughout, though it's Owen who gives the finest performance. He is aided by capable support from Julianne Moore as his ex-wife and Michael Caine especially, in a rare tough guy role.

The film was mostly overlooked at the major award shows and failed to garner a Best Picture nomination or any acting nominations at the Oscars. It was, however, nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay, but lost to "The Departed."

But like "Blade Runner" and "Brazil," its status as a cult film is already being solidified. Like those other left-field classics, "Children of Men" may soon be appreciated as Cuaron's best work — certainly, it's his most accomplished to date, at least from a technical perspective.

"Children of Men" comes to DVD in a one-disc widescreen edition with an anamorphic transfer that preserves the film's 1.85:1 aspect ratio. The picture is very clean and crisp, which accentuates Lubezki's stunning cinematography.

Mandarin House serves up great food, service

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Scene Writer

For those looking for a Chinese meal that's a cut above typical take-out, Mandarin House is South Bend's best bet. With excellent dishes served at reasonable prices, the restaurant overcomes its basic shortcomings, making it a popular choice among locals and Notre Dame students alike.

The food is reasonably priced — most meals cost between $10 and $15. The menu is a strength rather than a weakness, as it guides diners to the best dishes, which are also more popular dishes, which are also outstanding. Since most of the dishes are comparably priced to take-out, the excellent food is enough to recommend Mandarin House.

The decor isn't anything special, though the fish tank near the door is a nice touch. In fact, aside from some decorations hanging on the wall, there isn't much to distinguish Mandarin House as a Chinese restaurant — even the exterior is unassuming, with only a sign indicating the type of food served.

The dining area is essentially one large room with tables scattered throughout. There are no booths and many of the tables are removed from the walls — a possible problem for families or larger groups.

The food is reasonably priced, though some of the dishes are a bit expensive. The food is served almost instantly, which really increases the pace of the whole experience (though serving soups and teas slows it down a bit). The waiting staff, though friendly, also moves things along quickly, which might be problematic for some diners who like to enjoy their meal leisurely.

Overall, Mandarin House doesn't seem to have a lot going for it other than the quality of the food — but that alone is enough to recommend it. It's not an amazing dining experience and the decor and atmosphere is middling, but the service is prompt and attentive and the dishes are delicious, and really, those are the two essentials for those who have the time and mind to sit down and take in an excellent Chinese meal. Mandarin House is the way to go in South Bend.

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NBA

Miracle heave lifts Pistons to overtime victory

Nelson scores 18 as Magic hand Knicks fourth straight loss; Shaq passes Miller on points list in win over Hawks

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rashied Wallace forced overtime with a 60-foot buzzer beater, then added another key 2 to help the Detroit Pistons defeat the Denver Nuggets 113-109 on Monday night.

The short-handed Pistons needed a miracle just to get to the extra period — they trailed 95-95 with 1.5 seconds to play, and Denver only needed to put the ball into play at midcourt.

The inbounds pass, though, bounced off Allen Iverson and Tayshaun Prince, and Wallace threw up a desperation two-handed set shot that hunked in as the buzzer sounded.

Chauncey Billups led the Pistons with a season-high 34 points and 10 assists, Wallace scored 22 and Antonio McDyess added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Marcus Camby led the Nuggets with 24 points and added 13 rebounds, while Nene had 21 points and 17 rebounds.

Wallace hit another three-pointer, this one from a more conventional distance, to tie the game with a minute left.

After a Denver turnover, McDyess made a free throws to give Detroit a one-point lead with 27.6 seconds left.

Wallace then rebounded J.R. Smith's airball and hit two from the free-throw line.

The Pistons won despite missing two starters — Chris Webber and Richard Hamilton — with the flu.

Though coach Isaiah Thomas tried to somewhat downplay the importance of this game, time appears to be running out for the Knicks, who face tough games against Cleveland and Dallas this week.

During the first half of the game, the Knicks finally hit their free throws when it mattered. They shot 26-of-35 from the field and 10-of-31 from the free-throw line.

New York capped a 17-6 run with 5:24 remaining to lead 58-46. The game was still tied with 2:55 left.

But 20-second violations called by Smith just to get into the game, and Denver's first foul on Marcus Camby in the first quarter were enough to spark the Knicks.

Denver led 38-33 in the second quarter, but turned the ball over six times in the next eight minutes, setting up a 21-4 Denver run to close the half.

Smith had 12 points in the first half, including a reverse dunk that tied the score and a fast-break layup seconds later to give Denver a 44-42 lead.

Denver extended the margin to 62-50 midway through the third, but Detroit started forcing turnovers and got back into the game.

Denver needed two three-pointers from Smith just to get into the game, and Denver had two three-pointers in the first half.

Detroit took advantage of the two late games against Cleveland and Dallas this week.

Denver had 21 points and 17 rebounds.

While Josh Smith had 20 and Marbury made another pair of free throws to tie it up, but Marbury answered with a pair before Howard added another block on a drive by Robinson.

Orlando shot 61 percent in the first quarter to open a 23-21 lead. The game was still tied before Balkman had a pair of fast-break dunks in the 12th on the NBA's career list and 3-pointer with 1:06 to go, and finished with his second-best scoring night of the season for the Heat. Jason Williams had 14 points and Eddie Jones scored 13 for the Heat, who beat the Hawks 18th time in the last 21 meetings between the teams.

Salim Stoudamire had 22 points off the bench for Atlanta, while Josh Smith had 20 and Marvin Williams added 14 for the Hawks, who lost four straight.

The Hawks sent Miami to the line a season-high 45 times, largely because of their penchant for surrounding — then robbing — O'Neal.

Lorenzen Wright started at center against O'Neal, and picked up four fouls in his seven minutes. Shelden Williams came off the bench, drawing fouls in 15 minutes. EstebanBatista was called for five fouls in 13 minutes spent primarily guarding Miami's biggest man, and hit O'Neal so often in the third quarter that Jason Williams moved to the center's table to show how many free throws the Heat was able.

In the fourth, the Hawks asked Solomon Jones to take a turn — and he promptly fouled O'Neal four times in five minutes.

Hawks coach Mike Woodson got a technical for arguing with a call from 14:16 left.

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal goes to the basket in Miami's 106-89 win over Atlanta Mondays. O'Neal scored 22 points in the victory.

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Orlando snapped a tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference. Troy Battle added 14 points and Dwight Howard had 10 points, 14 rebounds and a pivotal blocked shot late in the game.

Heat 106 Hawks 89

Shaquille O'Neal scored 22 points to pass Hakeem Olajuwon for 12th on the NBA's career list and the Miami Heat finished off a four-game season sweep of the Atlanta Hawks with a win on Monday night.

O'Neal entered the night 10 points behind Olajuwon's total of 25,279, and passed the former Indiana sharpshooter with a free throw midway through the 25 remaining.

That was fitting, since the Hawks backed him early and often, sending him to the foul line a season-high 20 times. O'Neal made 12, another season-best, and finished with 11 rebounds for his sixth double-double.

Jason Terry scored 19 points, shot 6-for-9 and finished with his fourth straight 3-pointer.

Pistons forward Rashied Wallace makes a desperation 3-pointer to force overtime in Detroit's 113-109 win over the Nuggets.

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**NFL**

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Jones could face charges in Vegas shooting

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tennessee Titans star Adam "Pacman" Jones could face felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a shooting at a strip club in February.

Jones would face a felony charge of coercion and misdemeanor battery charges in the 5 a.m. shooting at Minxx, police Lt. George Castro said Monday.

Castro said detectives haven't determined who fired the shots that wounded three people, one critically, outside the club during the NBA All-Star game weekend.

Castro said the request for charges will be submitted to Clark County district attorney David Roger no later than the end of the week. Roger will be asked to consider charges against the 23-year-old Jones and Robert Reid, 37, and Sadia Morrison, 24, whom Castro described as friends of Jones.

No arrest warrants have been issued, and an investigation will continue into whether another person might have been involved and fired the shots.

Castro characterized Jones as an instigator of a scuffle inside the club that led to the shooting outside. "Was he an inciter? Yes, he was," Castro said.

Lawyers for Jones have denied Minxx club co-owner Robert Susnar's account that Jones arrived and left the club with the shooter. After 500 hours of reviewing video-tapes and interviewing witnesses from the club, Castro said police were unable to establish a relationship between Jones and the shooter.

Jones was questioned by Las Vegas police and released. Two club security guards and an unidentified woman were wounded in the shooting. One guard, who was paralyzed from the waist down, was transferred last week to a rehabilitation hospital.

The other guard and the woman were not seriously wounded. Jones' attorney Worrick Robinson of Nashville, Tenn., had no comment before Monday's police news conference.

Another Jones lawyer, Manny Arora in Atlanta, was out of the office and did not immediately respond to a message from The Associated Press.

The pre-dawn shooting followed a scuffle that broke out in the club when dancers on stage were showered with thousands of dollar bills, according to a police search warrant.

Susnar said the shooting happened after Jones threatened to kill a bouncer, whom the club owner said was intervened when Jones allegedly attacked a dancer who grabbed money on the stage.

**IN BRIEF**

No criminal wrongdoing in Tillman's death, military says

WASHINGTON — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded Monday.

Defense officials and a partner of reports released Monday on the 2004 incident, however, did not rule out criminal action by those who provided misleading information as the military was investigating the killing.

They said, however, that they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up.

Army and Defense Department investigators said officers looking into Tillman's death passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers.

NFL commish to establish new disciplinary measures

PHOENIX — One day after yet another NFL player was arrested, commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday a stronger player conduct policy will not be completed at these league meetings.

By next month, however, Goodell expects to have in place the stricter plan and hopes to make some disciplinary decisions before the April 26-29 draft.

"It's a complicated issue and there are no simple answers," Goodell said, adding he planned to meet with coaches and owners in a day or so to discuss player conduct. "We want to find out what is working well with the clubs and what is not working, get a set of best practices so they can implement them on a local basis."

"We're expecting discipline will be stepped up," he added.

NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has expressed his support of a tougher disciplinary policy.

Bettsman thrilled of opposition to fighting in NFL

TORONTO — NFL commissioner Gary Bettman says fighting is part of hockey and believes some people have been "running off a little too fast on this topic."

"My view on fighting hasn't changed," Bettman told The Canadian Press on Monday. "We've never taken active steps or consid­ered eliminating fighting from the game."

"I've always taken the view that it's a part of the game and it rises and lowers based on what the game dictates," he added.

While Bettman seemed OK with the game's current stand on fighting, he's concerned about the larger safety issues.

"The discussion that we've been having is about player safety and injuries," said Bettman. "We've had a number of injuries resulting from fighting recently.

around the dial

**NHL**

Devils at Islanders

7:30 p.m., Versus

**NCAA MENS BASKETBALL**

West Virginia at Mississippi St.

7:00 p.m., ESPN2

Clemson at Air Force

9:00 p.m., ESPN2

**Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007
NCAA BASKETBALL

Durant leads All-America team

Associated Press

If Kevin Durant and Greg Oden play only one season of college basketball, it will have been as All-Americans. The freshmen were voted to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday, the first members of their class so honored since 1990.

The 6-foot-9 Durant, who led Texas to the Big 12 title game, was selected by 17 of the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly top 25. Oden, the 7-footer who helped Ohio State to its first No. 1 ranking in 45 years, was joined on the team by seniors Alando Tucker of Wisconsin and Acie Law IV of Texas A&M, the first Associated Press All-America team Monday, the first season in college of the best freshmen ever.

"There's no question Kevin deserves every individual accolade that he will receive," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "But the one thing I respect most about Kevin is that he is the ultimate team player. He really doesn't care about the individual numbers and awards. All he cares about is the success of his team. When you're around a guy like that, it makes coaching him a joy."

Alando Tucker of Wisconsin and Acie Law IV of Texas A&M played in 1972, the only unanimous choices ever before the NCAA tournament.

"It's just younger guys coming in and just playing basketball, not worried about age or anything," he said.

"Every time I look up to each one of them," Oden said. "They have the right to make choices about what they want and what they feel is best for their university."

Heath was fired Monday after Arkansas went 9-19 in 2007, losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year.

"The decision to make a coaching change was difficult due to the respect I have for (former coach) Stan Heath," athletic director Frank Broyles said in a release. "He represented the University of Arkansas with professionalism and integrity...."

"I'm a little surprised, but in this business, universities have the right to make decisions," Heath said. "They have the right to make choices about what they want and what they feel is best for their university."

"I am not very big on individual numbers, but I am very humbled to be included on the Associated Press All-America team," he said. "When you look at the other four guys who are on the team, I am honored to be named with them. I have so much respect for how each one of them has led their respective teams and handled themselves, both on and off the court. I look up to each one of them."

"I'm not sold that the rule is right or wrong, but I think it shows you the impact and the influx of how many great players are out there," said Ohio State coach Thad Matta. "I think that's why there's so much parity nowadays in college basketball."

"I'm just surprised," Oden said of being selected. "Just with how things went, I didn't really play a whole season, and I know there are a lot of other guys with better numbers than me. I'm just surprised, but I'm honored and the best I can do is keep on playing."
Pro-Bowler Spikes traded to Philadelphia

Associated Press


"This is something that has been brewing," Bills general manager Marv Levy said. "Takeo is a good person, but we wanted to strengthen our defensive tackle. They've been looking for a linebacker and I think they wanted an experienced backup quarterback."

A nine-year NFL veteran, Spikes was slow recovering last year from a right Achilles tendon tear he suffered in Week 3 of the 2005 season. He's scheduled to make $9.5 million ($4.5 million this season) over the final two years of the six-year contract he signed after joining the Bills as a free agent.

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Dhani Jones has never been the playmaker the Eagles needed and Matt McCoy struggled last season before losing his job to Omar Gaither. The Eagles also lost free agent Shawn Barber to Houston.

"Takeo Spikes is a proven playmaker in the National Football League," Eagles general manager Tom Ileckert said. "He's the second high-profile Bills player to be traded this offseason and also the second starting linebacker the team has lost. Buffalo dealt running back Willis McGahee to Baltimore and linebacker London Fletcher signed with Washington earlier this month.

Walker started 15 games and was tied for second on the Eagles with six sacks, and had 56 tackles. Three of his sacks came Oct. 8 against Dallas, and he tied an Eagles postseason record with two sacks in a loss at New Orleans.

With the addition of Walker, the Bills bolster what had been an inexperienced defensive tackle position last season.

Bills wide receiver Jauron Spencer said Monday night for defensive tackle Darwin Walker and a 2008 draft pick.

Former Buffalo linebacker Takeo Spikes runs during the Bills' 17-16 loss to Indianapolis at home Nov. 12. Spikes was traded Monday to Philadelphia in exchange for tackle Darwin Walker and a 2008 draft pick.

TODAY! Panel Discussion "Human Rights in El Salvador Today"
12:30 pm - Hesburgh Center, Room C103
Panel: Judge Victoria Marina de Avilés, Neris Gonzalez, Douglass Cassel, and John D. French
Chaired by: Karen Richman, Director of Migration and Border Studies

Eucharistic Liturgy Honoring Women of Service in Latin America
4:00 pm - Church of Loreto, Saint Mary's College
Celebrant: Rev. John Korsmar, CSC

Thursday, March 29 Annual Romero Lecture "El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary"
8:00 pm - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Judge Victoria Marina de Avilés, Supreme Court Justice, El Salvador
(presented in Spanish, with English translation)

Kellogg Institute
Irish nab second at regatta

Sailing

The Irish, in the classic St. Joe's Lake wind shift, have finished third in the Chicago Invite Regatta a success. On Saturday, eight races in both the B and D divisions were completed in shifting winds. Wind gusts were above 20 knots "around" and triangle windward leeward were sailed. On Sunday, four races were sailed in each division.

Matured.

Sailing for Notre Dame, Karen Wiborg and Louise Eich crowded the Notre Dame novice boats in the Irish two-boat finished first in the B Division.

Wisconsin captured the overall trophy for both A and B Divisions, as it placed first among the 11 entered teams. Notre Dame finished second, followed by Iowa, Chicago, Miami, and John Carroll in the top-five. Michigan, Toledo, Western Michigan, GLMA, Notre Dame-two and Iowa completed the field.

Men's Rowing

Girls' Teams

The Irish girls' teams and Grand Valley State competed in a series of races at the Illinois State Championship on the varsity level. Notre Dame's first and second varsity teams eked out a win against the Irish counterpart from Grand Valley's team.

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Matsuzaka impresses in five no-hit innings

MLB

SARASOTA, Fla. — Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched seven strong innings that left him silent and dissatisfied. The Red Sox's celebrated rookie walked five Cincinnati Reds and fell short of his own expectation for himself Monday.

That expectation, manager Terry Francona said, is "perfect.

It doesn't disappoint, even in a spring training game when he doesn't allow a run, a hit or a runner past second base."

After Boston's 5-0 loss, Matsuzaka stood at the floor in the visitors' clubhouse for some time. It's not the way he wanted his last full tuneup for his first major league season to end, especially for a player the Red Sox invested $107 million because of his ability to avoid such struggles during eight seasons.

The usually cooperative pitcher refused to talk to reporters and issued a statement.

"This time of year I think the content of my pitching is more important than the result on paper. I am not happy with the content of my pitching today," he said. "I threw a lot of walks and wild balls. It was tough on my (fielders) to defend and to get into a good rhythm on offense. It's something I think I want to pay attention to in the regular season.

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Francona said the right-hander was fine physically after throwing 104 pitches, his spring training high. He's expected to throw 41-46 pitches Wednesday in Philadelphia in his last exhibition game.

"Even though he probably did talk about the fact that he wants to leave," Francona said. "He didn't give them anything. There's a lot of ways for him to get outs.

He warned against reading too much into a game in March even though Matsuzaka's outings are scrutinized heavily by reporters.

"He doesn't have the right to have spring training because of every camera and all you guys," Francona said with a touch of sarcasm. "This is a spring training game in Sarasota."

"Let's just ease off." Besides, there were some impressive parts to Matsuzaka's work. The Red Sox fielded nearly their full regular lineup and he struck out six, including his last batter, and held better control in his final inning.

"He very much kept us in the game," pitching coach John Farrell said. "Some of the counts were a little bit of a struggle for him, but I think, overall, he kept his composure to the point of not letting an inning unravel.

Matsuzaka threw an unusually high 43 balls and had trouble controlling his fastball. But when batters do make contact they usually make outs; he hasn't given up a hit in his last 10 innings.

Of the last 37 batters he faced, 30 made outs, six walked and one reached on a catcher's error by Jason Varitek against the Reds.

Thirteen of the 30 outs were strikeouts.

The hitless streak began last Wednesday.

Islam, My Life, and the Clash of Civilizations

An engaging and entertaining presentation by a mining town's son.

Alex Kronemer, Co-Producer of the PBS Film, Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet, and co-founder of Unity Productions Foundation (UPF)

Born in a small town in Western Pennsylvania, Alex will share stories from his unexpected life, and his work to promote peace through the media. Clips from his forthcoming films, The Rise and Fall of Pluralism in Medieval Spain and A Prince Among Slaves - The True Story of an African Prince Enslaved in the American South will be shared.

Wednesday, May 28th, 2008

7:00pm at Browning Cinema DPAC (free & open to public)

Alex Kronemer, who grew up during the 'rust belt' era, went on to earn a Master's Degree from Harvard University in theological studies and is a frequent writer and lecturer on religious diversity. He has published essays in numerous newspapers and journals and has been a CNN commentator on several topics including the clash of civilizations and the rights of Muslim Americans.

This event is part of the International Week.

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This past Sunday, these 11 candidates for Full Communion completed their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic Community.
**Bikers battle tough course**

Special to The Observer

**Cycling**

Notre Dame had a strong showing this past weekend at races hosted by Michigan State and Michigan. Saturday's race near East Lansing featured a 4-mile loop with a mile of dirt road with high jumps, an oddity for road racing. The muddy, rough dirt section tore the races apart but proved to be exciting and fun for those racing. Pam Peterson and Meghan Johnson rode very strong in the Women's B race, staying with a hard chase group most of the day, finishing second and third, respectively. Mike O'Connell, in key situations, tipped both of them in favor of the Irish. In the final match of the round robin, the Irish were paired up against Iowa State. With the powerful attacks of Northwest's Kevin Grossestreur, Arthur Kinsey and Mike Nijepyl, the Irish were unable to defeat the Cyclones in three sets 25-13, 25-17, 15-23.

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**Men's Volleyball**

On Saturday, No. 6 Notre Dame ventured to Marquette for its final day of conference competition. With their national ranking and seed, the Irish proved to be a challenge for the Irish, turning the tables on the Irish, 25-22, 27-25. The Irish will host the next match — the 25th-annual Classic — this upcoming weekend, at Gymnastics Michigan.

**PHOENIX**

Marshall Faulk's decision was easy after spending last year working for the NFL Network: At 34, his body is fourth in combined yards rushing list, 33 yards behind Jim Brown, who at one time was the standard for the position. Faulk, the 2000 NFL MVP, is fourth in combined yards receiving are the most ever among running backs. "Just being around the game last year, I realized how much I love it," Faulk said. "But my health is everything. And I didn't want to return if I couldn't get through a full season. It all came together when a close friend asked me 'How many 34-year-old running backs are there?'" Faulk started at San Diego State, where he rushed for 800 yards and seven touchdowns in his first game, and led the nation in rushing for a freshman. He was the second pick overall in the 1994 draft by Indianapolis and was offensive rookie of the year that season. He was traded by the Colts to St. Louis in 1999, where he became part of "The Greatest Show on Turf" with quarter- back Kurt Warner and receivers Isaac Bruce and Tony Holl. The team won the Super Bowl after the 1999 season and was upset two years later by New England in a Super Bowl that many critics thought the Rams would have won had Faulk carried the ball more often.

Faulk noted Monday that he had an unusual role in the development of that team: the injury during a 1999 exhibition game in San Diego to Trent Green that forced the Rams to go with Warner, an undrafted, unlabeled free agent backup at quarterback. "There's kind of an unspoken rule among veterans in those games that when the play is over, you stopped," Faulk said. "I was blocking on Rodney Harrison and we had some things going between us. But I kind of let him up and he kept going and he hit Trent. So when Kurt was forced to play, I kind of felt responsible and really wanted to make up for it."

In that 1999 season, he ran 1,381 yards and a 5.5 average and caught 87 passes for 1,048 yards.

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**Irish**

March 27 @ 5:00 pm  March 28 @ 5:00 pm

Eck Stadium

Free Admission for All ND, SMC, and HCC Students

**Irish Baseball**

**Irish**
Brey

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Whether Brey leaves or not, the Irish will still have to replace guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter. Both were All-Big East first-team selections this season, averaging 15.3 and 17.1 points per game, respectively. McClarney will help replace some of these offensive holes — he was averaging 10.3 points per game before his suspension — but his traditional role as point guard most likely belongs to rising sophomore Tory Jackson.

Jackson took over the starting position when McClarney left. As the season wore on, Jackson became more comfortable in his new role. Brey used Jackson off the bench even when McAlarney returned. But Jackson’s offensive energy and his ability to get hot and stay hot from behind the three-point line. The unknown factor with Ayers is whether he can develop into a more complete player than a spot-up shooter. If he can enhance his play with penetration or shooting to create opportunities for others, he could be a key element to the table.

With Notre Dame down seven in the Big East tournament semifinals against Georgetown, Brey went to his bench and inserted Ayers, raising the Irish to a 72-64 victory in the Big East tournament quarterfinals. On the strength of Ayers’s 14 points off the bench, Brey helped the Irish develop a complete team with a total of four players averaging at least five points per game.

McClarney and rising sophomore Zach Hillesland are the coaches’ best friends. Both bring different strengths to the table. Hillesland is a coach’s best friend. He is a fundamentally sound player with a high basketball IQ who does all the little things that do not show up in the box score. Whether he starts a key screen, boxing out on rebounds, or playing good defense, Hillesland is a key part to Notre Dame’s success.

If he can develop the mid-range jumper like McClarney to replace what they lose in Falls, McClarney will most likely start as more of a shooting guard, while Jackson captains the offense.

Besides Jackson and McClarney, Notre Dame has two other returning starters for next season. Rising sophomore Luke Harangody (11.2 points per game) and rising senior Rob Kurz (11.6 points per game) will helm the Irish backcourt with rising junior Luke Zeller (3.8 points per game) coming off the bench to replace them.

One thing the big men need to improve upon for next season is offensive consistency.

During the season, whenever Harangody would have a big game, it seemed Kurz’s numbers were down and vice versa.

With the departure of Falls and Carter, the Irish will need offensive output at all times from their big men.

Presumably, this leaves the fifth spot, the small forward position, open in the starting lineup. The likely candidates to fill this spot are rising juniors Zach Hillesland or Ryan Ayers. Both bring different strengths to the table. Hillesland is a coach’s best friend. He is a fundamentally sound player with a high basketball IQ who does all the little things that do not show up in the box score. Whether he starts a key screen, boxing out on rebounds, or playing good defense, Hillesland is a key part to Notre Dame’s success.

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Byrd helped the Irish develop the good team chemistry this season that enabled them to compete with anyone they came across. Assuming he returns next season, he will have a solid foundation to build Notre Dame into a force again next year in the Big East.

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Following in the No. 2 spot, freshman Camille Gebert defeated Calvin senior Kari Lipinski in three sets, 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1.

The Belles did not fair as well in the third and fourth matches of the day. Saint Mary’s sophomore Mary E. Campbell fell to senior Allyson Logan of Calvin College. After winning the first set 6-4, she dropped the second and third 6-3 and 6-1, respectively.

Belle’s freshman Lisa Rubin could not avenge Campbell’s loss. Calvin freshman Rachel Striker defeated Rubin 6-3, 6-3.

Senior Tara O’Brien rallied for the Belles to clinch the victory by defeating Knights’ freshman Kehey Bushhouse 7-6 (6-2), 6-0.

Stevenson said that he was pleasantly surprised with the way Grace Gordon performed against Calvin. Gordon — a senior from Wilmette, Ill. — is not typically on the starting lineup but moved up to the No. 6 singles position. Gordon defeated Calvin freshman Rachel DeGroot in straight sets, surrendering only three games in the process.

Playing in their second conference match together, Gebert and McAvitt crushed Lipinski and Strikerweda 8-1 to earn their second doubles victory.

Playing in the No. 2 doubles spot, Campbell and Rubin suffered an 8-5 loss to Calvin’s Logan and freshman Jill VanVeen. In the final match of the day Gordon and O’Brien lost 8-4 to Geenan and DeGroot.

Saint Mary’s improved to 2-0 in the MIAA while Calvin fell to 2-1.

The Belles will continue play this weekend at the Wheaton Invitational. Stevenson said the team hopes to maintain its undefeated conference record next Tuesday, when they take on Adrian on the road.

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tion," he said.

The Irish will get an oppor-
tunity to cure what ails them
beginning tonight
against the Chippewas. The
MAC squad is just
11-10 on the
year despite
boasting an
impressive victo-
ry over a Stetson
team that beat
Notre Dame two
weeks ago and took two out
of three from South Florida
earlier this month.

On the other hand, they
were also swept in three
game series against Kansas
State and Southern Illinois.

Central Michigan is led by
receiver Tyler Stovall, who is
slightly less of a challenge.

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Irish take on Central Michigan, Chicago State

Team looks to improve out of bullpen after struggling against South Florida in 2 of 3 conference games at home

By CHRIS KHOREY

Sporst Editor

After a frustrating series against South Florida in which it dropped two out of three, Notre Dame (11-11, 1-2 Big East) will try to work out the kinks this week against Central Michigan today and Chicago State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Although Irish coach Dave Schrage said he doesn’t have any particular goals for the mid-week non-conference games, there were two clear deficiencies that led to the losses to the Bulls — clutch-hitting and the bullpen.

In Sunday’s 9-1 loss, Notre Dame stranded 14 runners on base. The Irish pounded out 13 hits and put at least two base runners on for six straight innings between the third and the eighth, but got their only run on a solo home run by shortstop Brett Lilley in the top of the first.

Gus are getting hits with nobody on base, but when they get guys on base they have bad at-bats,” Schrage said.

The coach, who tried everything from hit-and-runs to double steals to sacrifices in order to manufacture runs Sunday, said the only real cure to the clutch-hitting woes is to have players execute with runners on base.

“You have to get some guys to step up and want to be up in clutch situations,” he said.

Schrage could say the same thing about the bullpen.

On Saturday, Notre Dame’s pitchers Joey Williamson, Jess Stewart and David Mills gave up a combined nine runs as the Irish fell 13-10. Then, on Sunday, relievers Brett Graffy, Kyle Weiland and Eric Maust gave up seven more in just three innings of work.

Schrage said the bullpen struggles surprised him, since relief pitching had been an Irish strength for most of the season.

“It’s been good in the past,” he said. “But we didn’t get it done the past few days.”

Schrage said he hopes his relievers will snap out of their funk, but he wouldn’t guarantee anything.

“If I could see into the future,” he said, “I’d put a depth chart.”

Fair game

With the lose of key players, Weis not yet sure of future starters

By CHRIS KHOREY

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After four spring practices, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis doesn’t have a starting lineup.

And that’s just the way he wants it.

Weis said at a post-practice news conference Monday that the Irish, who must replace 13 starters from last year’s squad, have not established a depth chart yet.

“There’s just guys we put out there first and guys we put out there second,” he said.

Weis said that rising fifth-year seniors like defensive end Trevor Laws, center John Sullivan and tight end John Carlson are relatively secure in their starting positions, but in other areas Notre Dame is “not even close to being able to set up a depth chart.”

“We don’t look like the Bad News Bears out there,” Weis said. “We just look like a team that’s in the fourth day of training camp. That’s actually an off-handed compliment. I’m not out there saying, ‘Oh my God, what are we going to do?’”

The most high-profile position battle for Notre Dame’s is at quarterback, where rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomore Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer and early-entry freshman Jimmy Clausen are competing to replace Brady Quinn, who set 36 school records over his career.

Weis said the offense is being executed with all four quarterbacks at once to ensure that all four are on a level playing field.

At two other positions where players, Weis not yet sure of future starters

Bases are loaded with two on and two out in the top of the first. "Some guys are moving up and some are moving down, on a daily basis," Weis said.

Despite the nebulous nature of the Irish lineup and the amount of youth on the team, Weis said this spring has been similar to his past two in South Bend.

“So far it’s been good in the past,” Weis said. "Guys are getting hits with nobody on base, but when they get guys on base they have bad at-bats," Schrage said.

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