Campus reacts to Virginia Tech massacre

ND students directly affected by shootings through ties to VT

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Virginia Tech is more than 500 miles from Notre Dame, but the effects of what reports call the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history have been felt here on campus.

A lone gunman shot and killed more than 30 people and injured dozens more on the Blacksburg, Va., campus before committing suicide Monday, according to Associated Press reports. Officials told AP that the gunman killed two people in a dormitory approximately two hours before staging a separate attack on a classroom building.

Nearly 30 people were estimated to have been injured, according to area hospital officials, CNN reported.

The Notre Dame community is saddened by the tragedy, Assistant Vice President of News and Information Dennis Brown said Monday.

"Our prayers go out to any people affected," Brown said.

Notre Dame will hold a memorial Mass for the victims tonight at 10 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Brown noted that members of the administration know people at Virginia Tech and said the University sends its support and prayers.

Students reported hearing the news through various sources throughout the day Monday, with some sending messages of support and prayers.

"I can appreciate that for students it's very unsettling when there's a drop in the rankings," he said.

"But he was also faced with difficult questions about the university's handling of the emergency and whether it was enough to warn students and protect them after the first burst of gunfire. Some students have questioned the university's readiness to respond to tragedy."

More than 30 victims killed in United States' deadliest mass shooting

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart, leaving the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The bloodbath ended with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains with unspeakable tragedy, perhaps forever.

"I can appreciate that for students it's very unsettling when there's a drop in the rankings," he said.

"And so it's not at all — it's very understandable that students would be upset by that decline and that there be a certain amount of conversation and dialogue going on within the Law School community as a result of that."
INSIDE COLUMN

What if...?

I don’t know how much you have been following the developments from the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech on Monday. Personally, I really haven’t been, at least not as much as I probably should.

The television in my room is not glued to CNN and I don’t really know all that much about what happened.

But I know that at least 32 people died Monday, and at least 28 people are injured. I know that Monday’s tragedy was the largest mass shooting in United States history. It was the largest mass shooting in the history of the United States.

I’m not going to be that guy who sits here lecturing about how our values and morals as a society have gone downhill, and how this shooting is just more evidence that society needs to reform religiously, as I heard some television pundits say yesterday afternoon.

I’m not going to speculate on what compelled the gun man to do what he did, or on what could have been done to stop this tragedy from happening.

But, I am going to pose a couple of questions. What if this happened here? What if — instead of at Virginia Tech — this happened at Notre Dame?

Could you imagine the panic that family and friends would be feeling, while they wait to see if you are alive? Could you imagine the panic that you would be feeling while you try desperately to find your friends, to see if they are still alive? What would you have done if you could have done something to stop something like this?

I can’t really give you any answers. I can’t really answer those questions myself.

The entire situation seems so distant to where I am, sitting in my dorm room, listening to the song "Twister," getting ready to go to dinner and writing this column.

I’m pretty comfortable right now — the most I have to complain about is my Residence Life-issued chair — and the whole idea of the largest mass shooting in United States history is pretty far from my immediate consciousness.

President Bush gave an address a few hours ago, in which he called for prayers to go out to the victims of this tragedy. I’m not going to tell you how to spend your prayers (I think it’s kind of silly for either me or President Bush to dictate what you do in your spiritual life), but I would recommend spending a few minutes thinking about this tragedy today.

No, it’s not on the grand proportions of 9/11, but it is the largest mass shooting in United States history (I still can’t get over that fact). What if this tragedy happened here? What if you were a victim? What if your best friend were a victim? What if someone you loved were a victim?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT OTHER MASCOT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ND?

Jared Zenk
sophomore
Billon
"A priest. Maybe Father Hesburgh."

Pat Kennedy
sophomore
Morrissey
"A can of Natty Light."

Corey Arvin
sophomore
Morrissey
"Ghost riders."

Jimmy Wilson
sophomore
Alumni
"The Lagoon Creature."

Justine Duffy
freshman
Lyons
"A squirrel."

Caitlin McKinney
Junior
Welsh Family
"According to Kaleidoscope McDaniels, a gremilin."

OFFBEAT

Woman runs marathon in space
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — She traveled around the world almost three times and was harrassed to a treadmill so she wouldn’t float away.

NASA astronaut Sunita "Suni" Williams completed her version of the Boston Marathon on Monday — more than 210 miles above Earth.

"I’m done! Woo hoo!" Williams said Mission Control after running 26.2 miles on a treadmill at the international space station.

Already traveling at 17,500 mph, Williams started the race on time at 10 a.m. EDT with race No. 14,000 taped to the front of the treadmill as the space station passed over the Pacific Ocean. She finished, unofficially, 4 hours, 23 minutes and 46 seconds later as the station traveled over Russia.

The 41-year-old astronaut, who grew up in the Boston area, had kind words for the temperamental treadmill, which has had its share of breakdowns.

Rabbits cause road block
BUDAPEST, Hungary — Five thousand rabbits blocked a highway Monday, tying up traffic after the truck that was carrying them collided with another vehicle and overturned. Neither driver was hurt, but some 500 rabbits were killed, authorities said.

The M1 highway — the main road between the capitals of Hungary and Austria — was closed for hours while authorities gathered up the animals.

Highway Patrol Lieutenant Viktoria Galik said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be cholesterol screenings taking place from 7:30 to 10 a.m. in 234 Grace Hall. No appointment is necessary.

Bethany McLean, a senior editor and writer for Fortune magazine and the co-author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," will speak tonight at 7 in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza about the lessons learned from the Enron scandal.

Notre Dame women’s softball will play a doubleheader against Western Michigan today at 3 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

Notre Dame baseball will play Toledo today at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame women’s softball will play Ball State Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host "Merengue con Ramzi Bashara" Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at 295 Beaeghe. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Beginners are asked to come from 8 to 9, social dance from 9 to 9:30 and advanced from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is $4 for the night or $35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
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bitterly complained they got no warning from the university until an e-mail that arrived more than two hours after the first shots rang out.

Wielding two handguns and carrying multiple clips of ammunition, the killer opened fire about 7:15 a.m. on the fourth floor of West Ambler Johnston, a high-rise coed dormitory, then stormed Norris Hall, a classroom building a half-mile away on the other side of the 2,600-acre campus. Some of the doors at Norris Hall were found chained from the inside, apparently by the gunman.

Two people died in a dorm room, and 31 others were killed in Norris Hall, including the gunman, who put a bullet in his head. At least 15 people were hurt, some seriously. Students jumped from windows in panic.

Alec Calhoun, a 20-year-old junior, said he was in a 9:05 a.m. mechanics class when he and classmates heard a thunderous sound from the classroom next door — "what sounded like an enormous hammer."

Screams followed an instant later, and the banging continued. When students realized the sounds were gunshots, Calhoun said, he started flipping over desks for hiding places. Others dashed to the windows of the second-floor classroom, kicking out the screens and jumping from the ledge of the floor to walk out of the room. The rest were dead or wounded, she said.

"I'm not saying there's a gunman on the loose," Flinchum said. Ballistics tests will help explain what happened, he said.

Sheere Mixell, a spokes­woman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the evidence was being moved to the agency's national lab in Annandale. At least one firearm was turned over, she said.

Mixell would not comment on what types of weapons were used or whether the gunman was a student.

Young people and faculty members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive. Many found themselves trapped behind chained and padlocked doors. SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault rifles swarmed over the campus. A student used his cell-phone camera to record the sound of bullets echoing through a stone building.

Trey Perkins, who was sitting in a German class in Norris Hall, told The Washington Post that the gunman barged into the room at about 9:50 a.m. and opened fire for about a minute and a half, squeezing out about 30 shots.

The gunman first shot the professor in the head and then fired on the students, Perkins said. The gunman was about 19 years old and had a "very serious but very calm look on his face," he said.

"Everyone hit the floor at that moment," said Perkins, 20, of Yorktown, Va., a sophomore studying mechanical engineering. "And the shots seemed like it lasted forever."

Erin Sheehan, who was also in the German class, told the student newspaper, the Collegiate Times, that she was one of only four of about two dozen people in the class to walk out of the room. The rest were dead or wounded, she said.

She said the gunman "was a normal-looking kid, Asian, but he had on a Boy Scout-type outfit. He wore a tan button-up vest, and this black vest, maybe it was for ammo or something."

**The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.**

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Dame's final ranking.

"There was some indication that we were applying to more schools, so even though the volume of our applicant pool was the same or even lower, whether or not the head count was the same was more difficult to determine," she said.

She said it was too early to tell if the pattern would last.

For many students, however, the drop is already a sign of high potential where Notre Dame should be excelling, instead it is declining, at least in relative terms.

"To me, when there are things that are holding it back from the potential that it has, that's kind of frustrating when you know it could be so much better than it is," said Jerry Peshel, a third-year law student.

"It's great alleviation, but shouldn't it be better?"

The complaints are varied, with some wondering about the five-year delay in the opening of the Law School (now slated for 2009); and others criticizing what they call inadequate upgrading of the current building.

Class selection

The overriding complaint, however, has been class offerings.

Melissa Nunez, a third-year law student, said the school had too many property law classes and the cancellation of other classes in the days before semesters were set to begin as serious issues not fully addressed.

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Questions from many students center around the number of corporate law classes offered by Notre Dame in relation to the number of classes offered in other sections of legal teaching.

O'Hara, whose specialty is in business and corporate law, declined to say if she felt the proportion of corporate law classes compared to the total number of offerings was adequate. Instead, she said the size of the Law School restricts both the number of faculty members and available classrooms — a concern that the new building will meet.

"It is the area of the curriculum that we didn't like about not being able to offer more courses," she said.

But whether the Law School is doing enough with its current resources is an important question, Kiani said.

"I think there are classes, I just feel sometimes there's not as many classes as should be there in terms of what you really need to practice law," he said. "They don't have enough courses dealing with the transactional side of things."

What's more, Kiani said, the Law School should try to use more undergraduate classrooms at different times to create more flexibility in scheduling. With six main classrooms in the Law School, he said, allowing undergraduate courses to be taught in the Law School and graduate courses to be taught in undergraduate settings would allow law students an ability to register for classes that might otherwise conflict.

That, he said, is one of the major things that could be fixed but hasn't been.

A more general concern among students said they had was with the amount of Notre Dame professors visiting other law schools this year — something they said seems to have had an effect on the variety and quality of the courses offered.

"We have an outstanding faculty, so it's really disappointing that our faculty would be attracted to other law schools and that they're remaining away from us," said O'Hara.

"Within the legal academy, it's a fairly common culture for law schools to hire visiting professors. ... It's in a sense a compliment to the visiting caliber of our faculty."

But according to Kiani and Jim Paulino, a third-year law student, the school's ideology and strong Catholic focus — including classes on canon law — only diminish its overall teaching quality.

The requirements of Ethics I and Jurisprudence, for instance, amount to watered-down classes with minimal practical use and don't treat portions of the subject matter.

"The class was a joke, the course was a joke, the grading was a joke, the whole thing was a joke — and that's what makes Notre Dame, quite different, like a mockery of our intellectual," Paulino said. "I think it's embarrassing that they would waste my money as a student and my time as a student to take these things that really make no difference from professors who really don't teach you anything."

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Faculty evaluated

That potential includes a slow of young faculty members with Supreme Court clerkships on their resumes.

Many students noted the Law School's young faculty as a significant boon to the students and the institution as a whole, but wondered if such success wasn't being promoted fully.

"Notre Dame's reputation in the legal community, at least among law school colleagues, has not improved, despite a lot of these excellent, outstanding young faculty," third-year law student Derek Muller said.

Muller, who said he worried about an overreaction to the US News and World Report rankings, said the administration was not vocalizing support for young faculty members to the extent that it should. Nonetheless, he stressed caution to those criticizing O'Hara.

"When people tie the US News rankings to the current performance of a dean, it only makes the law school look very bad in the eyes of the legal community," he said in a follow-up e-mail to his interview. "The rankings are kind of the like of 100 [pointed] grade in the room, but it's generally true. I don't think they're focusing on that program that isn't getting enough of the respect they deserve. There's nothing practical to anything that we do here, except for the trial advocacy program, and it looks like that program is not getting enough of the respect it deserves."

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South Korea

Nuclear reactor shutdown likely

Hopes renewed that Pyongyang will comply with disarmament agreement

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea may be moving away from its stance against shutting down its main nuclear reactor, now that the Bush administration has signaled its willingness to talk, sources in the U.S. and South Korea said Tuesday.

The Bush administration has pushed for Gonzales to testify as soon as possible, and the long-scheduled hearing is widely viewed as the attorney general's last chance to quiet a controversy that has prompted calls in both parties for his resignation.

But experts were cautious about chances for creating that 20,000-strong force, noting South's leaders have reversed course previously after announcing vague agreements for action in Darfur.

French presidential bids underway

PARIS — A week before the French begin elections, the dozen candidates moved into the final campaign stretch like a band of rag tag political war­riors, insulting and picker­up­votes.

National News

Bush pushes Denis to extend funding

WASHINGTON — President Bush, prodding Congress to extend the Iraq war without calling troops home, said Monday that Democratic leaders owe it to veterans and their families to pass the war-spending bill he wants.

If the North complied, that would be its first move toward stopping production of nuclear weapons since 2002, the start of the latest six-party talks.

The North is believed to have produced as many as a dozen atomic bombs since then, and conducted an underground test detonation in October.

Pyongyang said last week that honoring its pledge was contingent on the release of money frozen in a separate financial dispute with Washington blacklisted a bank where North Korea had accounts. The funds were allegedly used in money laundering and counterfeiting.

The money was freed for withdrawal last week, but it's unclear when the North will move to get its $25 million.

On Monday, an unnamed South Korean official said South Korea could temporarily suspend rice shipments to North Korea in an effort to increase pressure on the North to shut down the atomic reactor.

"We can't just ignore and do nothing if... North Korea doesn't take initial steps to disarm as agreed in February at six-nation nuclear talks, the official said, according to the Dong-a Ilbo newspaper. Other daily papers carried similar reports.

The two Koreas were set to begin talks Wednesday in Pyongyang to discuss the North's request for 400,000 tons of rice.

South Korea periodically sends rice and fertilizer to the impoverished North, which has relied heavily on foreign handouts since the mid-1990s when natural disasters and mismanage­ment devastated its econ­omy and famine led to the deaths of as many as 2 million people.

An official at South's Unification Ministry, which deals with North Korean affairs, said "nothing has been decided yet."

The official spoke on cus­tomary condition of anonymity.

Gonzales Proceedings postponed

WASHINGTON — Senators postponed testimony by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in the aftermath of Monday's deadly shootings, delaying his chance to defend contradic­tions about fired federal prosecutors who have testified credibly.

The Bush administration has been inappropriate after the shootings in southwestern Virginia. He delayed Gonzales's appearance until Thursday.

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Gonzales has struggled for more than a month to clarify what he described as only a limited involvement in the purge that Democrats believe was politically motivated. A group of conserva­tive activists joined the chorus Monday, urging Gonzales to step down for having "debased honesty as the coin of the realm."

The White House maintained its support for Gonzales. "I think the attorney general has been perfectly honest," White House spokes­woman Dana Perino said Monday. And Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, defended Gonzales from the polit­i­cal backlash by noting, "This is a town of jerks."

Gonzales accepts responsibility for some of the confusion, acknowledging in written testimony that "at times I have been less than precise with my words when discussing the resignations."

He also ordered the Justice Department to release more than 5,700 pages of e-mails, schedules, memos and other documents to show that the firings were not improper.
VENezuela

Countries at odds over ethanol at energy summit

Associated Press

PORLAMAR — President Hugo Chavez attempted to derail a U.S.-Brazil ethanol agreement as hostage to energy summit talks on Monday, offering his own development plans for South America, using Venezuela’s vast reserves of oil and natural gas.

Despite Chavez’s clash on ethanol with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the two leaders and their foreign ministers signed an agreement on ethanol last month to promote its production in the region and create international quality standards to allow it to be traded as a commodity like oil.

Chavez has pledged to provide an alternative to the U.S.-Brazil ethanol agreement, which he calls a “cartel” that would monopolize arable land and starve the poor — concerns shared by his Cuban ally Fidel Castro.

The United States and Brazil are the world’s two biggest producers of ethanol — the alcohol-based fuel made from crops such as sugarcane or corn. They signed an “alliance” last month to promote it in the region and create international quality standards to allow it to be traded as a commodity like oil.

Chavez has not said what he would do to oppose that plan, other than to lobby his foreign relations adviser to Silva, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush criticized Cuba and Venezuela for their leaders’ newfound opposition to increased ethanol production.

“Mysteriously, for reasons I can’t explain, they did a complete about-face,” said Bush, the brother of U.S. President George W. Bush.

Without mentioning Venezuela by name, Jeb Bush said the United States needs to boost ethanol use because much of the petroleum consumed by America comes from nations that consider themselves “enemies of our country.”

Venezuela’s information minister, William Lara, dismissed Bush’s remarks as part of the “open, clear and persistent intention” of the U.S. government to create a negative image of the energy summit being hosted by Chavez.

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A woman leaves Eli Lilly and Company's corporate offices Monday, Lilly's first-quarter earnings s...
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ings from his girlfriend, a Virginia Tech alumna, around 10 a.m. LaFratta confirmed that his girlfriend's sister, a current Virginia Tech student, was safe, as well as the safety of several close friends.

"When I first heard, they were reporting there was only one death," LaFratta said. "I thought, 'It's a really sad event and I want to know what is going on.'"

Soon, the news coverage took a personal tone. LaFratta said he eventually heard that one acquaintance had been killed in the first incident in the dorm. By Monday night, LaFratta said he had seen pictures on television of his slain friend.

He said he knew the friend from Virginia Tech's marching band, where LaFratta played trumpet.

"I've heard from other friends," she said. "It makes you realize that it could happen anywhere, on any college campus."

"It makes you realize that it could happen anywhere, on any college campus," Erin Smith, a senior, said. "I've never felt unsafe at Notre Dame." Smith said it was hard to know what is going on.

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Charter schools in New Orleans now embraced

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jared Lamb knew his students were floundering. Parameters were set in place for a long time, but everything changed when Hurricane Katrina struck.

"The tests are a patch here, a patch there," Lamb recalled. "But they're not a patch. It was blood, and it helped them prepare for the test, so I have no complaints."

At schools across Louisiana, the LEAP standardized tests determine which students are in fourth and eighth grades and account for 40 percent of their grade stakes. Teachers prepare students for the test, but in the city's notoriously dysfunctional public schools after Katrina, "I believe we should be held accountable. The only way we can do it right now is through standardized tests," said McDaniel, a principal Gary Robichaux.

Before Katrina, city schools were plagued by mismanagement, a shortage of qualified teachers, crumbling buildings, poor student attendance and frequent spates of violence. Educational officials said Katrina, which flooded 80 percent of New Orleans, created an opportunity for the flagging public school system to right itself, with charter schools as a centerpiece. Advocates preach patience. It will take time, they say, for the experiment to bear fruit.

"Starting a charter school in the best of circumstances is difficult. Starting one in post-Katrina New Orleans is even harder," said Andy Smarick of the Chicago-based DuSable Institute of Charter Schools in Washington, D.C.

Before the Aug. 29, 2005, storm, charter schools accounted for only seven of the city's 126 public schools. Today, 31 of 56 operating schools are charter schools, which will open in the next school year.

An estimated 56 percent of the city's roughly 25,000 students are now in charter schools, according to designates in the New Orleans Charter Schools for New Orleans, a nonprofit group supporting charters here. The system, educators say, is no longer in the experiment phase.

"I get really tired of that term 'experiment,' because experi-
The heavy burden of a golden dome

I had the pleasure of going to mandatory loan counseling last Wednesday morning as part of the process of getting everything finished for graduation. While the kind folks who ran the counseling did everything they could to make this reality as painless as possible, the enormous cost of college in this country was immediately made tangible before my eyes. If everything goes according to plan, I will be paying off my education at Our Lady’s University until 2022.

Fifty-four percent of Notre Dame undergraduates take out some kind of loan to finance their education. According to the College Board, last year the average tuition fee for four-year private universities increased by 5.9 percent, a rate 2.1 percent above that of inflation. Two months ago Notre Dame announced that tuition for the 2007-08 school year would be $35,187, an increase of 5.4 percent from this year. With costs increasing at a rate significantly higher than inflation, more and more students are unable to receive higher education. A recent report by the U.S. Senate’s Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance found that due to rising costs, an estimated two million qualified students from 2001 to 2010 will conclude that college is just not an affordable option.

College costs are increasing at a rate only exceeded by those of health care, and like health care, costs are out of control in part because those who consume the product are not directly responsible for paying for it. For Notre Dame students, most of us either have family members who pay for our education, receive scholarship money of some sort, take advantage of federally subsidized loans or take out loans freshman year that we will pay off in the distant future. I do not believe that “the system” is somehow taking advantage of students — in fact, it is our parents, donors and taxpayers who are being royally screwed in this scheme.

As students, we get to live in a fantasy world for four years that allows us to spend our days taking classes on Japanese pop culture, going to a different bar every weekend, trying to convince other students to give up eating meat, eggs and milk and writing uninteresting columns for The Observer. Our tuition goes to fund a sweet new football training building, speakers on every subject from all over the world and landscaping that puts some botanical gardens to shame. Along the way, while our non-student peers are working to support themselves, we get to “find ourselves” as we skip the classes we are supposedly paying to attend to instead watch daytime TV and sleep until noon. I’ve heard Notre Dame referred to as a “Catholic theme park” before, and it is important to remember that our four-year pass comes at great cost.

It’s no wonder that universities are encouraged to increase their spending at such a high rate when students don’t actually see the money leaving their pockets that pays for the massive stone entrance to campus, the new digital visualization theater/planetarium at Jordan or poorly attended film festivals at DPAC. There is so much extra cash being generated that Student Union Board could afford to put $65,000 it couldn’t spend into a new endowment instead of giving it back to the University to lower tuition. That amounts to almost $1,000 per undergraduate after counting interest paid from student loans. I don’t know about you, but I’d rather have the cash right now than listen to Ana Gasteyer talk about her declining career.

I chose to go to Notre Dame, I chose to pay the tuition price I was offered and I chose to stay here when the price went up. I’ve loved my time here and the freedom to do whatever I want in this country was worth the worthwhile use of my $40,000 a year. Notre Dame, as we all know, is a very well run business, and there is only one way to keep a business running smoothly: you must claim to represent its customers/students, and that is what our beloved student government. My co-workers at The Observer often criticize the Student Senate for being ineffective, and I’ve heard multiple student senators tell me that they want something to do. Unlike student governments at other universities, ours is mostly an advisory body.

As such it has an established role as a voice of the student body and for oversight of the administration on behalf of students. It only makes sense that the student government should use its power and legitimate position in this area to vigorously monitor unnecessary spending on the part of the University and push for more transparency in pricing, such as locked-in tuition for students, so that the price they agree to at acceptance is the same price they graduate.

We get to enjoy ourselves for four years, get a degree from the best university in the land and then face the hard truth of the real world. Our parents, alumni and University staff may seem to want us to press us on grades, jobs or loans, but they are the ones who pay most of the cost to maintain our paradise of 8,332 students. They trust us to make the most out of our opportunities here, and the least we, and the Student Senate we elected, can do is fight to keep that money from being squandered. We not only owe it to them, we owe it to the 2022 students of the Class of 2022 who might decide not to join our family because they can’t afford the $40,000 a year.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In all affairs it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you consider of potential merit or value." - John Dryden

Bertrand Russell
British author and philosopher
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The hidden victim of the Imus scandal

Thursday was a watershed moment in the world of radio. Don Imus, nationally syndicated host of the Imus in the Morning show, went over the racial slur that he made toward the Rutgers women's basketball team. The comment and the fallout from the statement, as "nappy haired hos," was appalling and indefensible. The women's basketball team has been victimized by this remark and the pain inflicted should not be trivialized.

The other, less obvious victim of this scandal is the American public. Imus' actions have not cast a shadow on his career. CBS and MSNBC removed Imus, and politicians including Barack Obama and Harold Ford (politicians), I might add, that Imus vigorously supported in their bids for office have refused to ever appear on his show. I wonder, however, if this fallout is genuine.

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An acronym you can get behind

This week is supposed to be LGBTQ Awareness week, but developing awareness is going to prove difficult with such a haphazard acronym. This contrived array of letters makes every article seem as if a drunken reporter continually passed out on the keyboard.

Acronyms are the death of us all. KOTNB or UNICEF or having a multiple letter, think N Double A? CP.

If the leaders of this body are tied to letters like Q, giving gay rights a powerful acronym may prove to be a game of Scrabble that Milton Bradley wouldn't be able to finish. For those open to changing the acronym, there is always HATS (Homosexuals Asking for Tolerance and Sensitivity), but perhaps a more pragmatic solution is a simple rearrangement of the difficult letters: "QBLT" Now that sounds fashionable and delicious.

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Lives lost in Iraq war anything but 'wasted'

What on earth is wrong with our society today? Where has the respect for human life gone? The comfort level of the American public is at an all-time high.

I write this letter with much frustration and anger in response to Will McAuliffe's column, "10 that Children behind," April 16, which referred to the fallen soldiers in Iraq as "wasted lives." While McAuliffe probably intended for his column to argue the need for the end of the war, his mode of argument completely undermined his effort.

Rather than honoring those who have valiantly served and given their lives for a country they love, McAuliffe labels these lives as "wasted." McAuliffe justifies this insult by senselessly claiming that he is "certainly double-sided" the war's death toll is not a number and does not mean as much as they must have "lots of work left on their plate." He simply can't excuse me, dear William, but just because you are 22 years old and have yet to derive any contentment from your life does not necessitate that anybody else is in that same boat with you. And on that note, I would like to pose the question: If you kicked the bucket tonight, would your life have been a waste? While for the sake of argument you might respond in the affirmative, "I certainly doubt" that in your heart of hearts you truly believe that. Contentment doesn't come with time, nor is it something that is given or merited. Rather, contentment is a decision: One is and will only be content with the life one has if one truly believes that what one has accomplished by his own will is worth the time and effort he has invested in that achievement.

I strongly believe there is no "right" or "wrong" way to live your life. This is a personal choice and the only one who can truly believe that. Contentment doesn't come with time, nor is it something that is given or merited. Rather, contentment is a decision: One is and will only be content with the life one has if one truly believes that what one has accomplished by his own will is worth the time and effort he has invested in that achievement.

I was disappointed to read Sarah Valbusa's letter in last Friday's Observer ("Sheenan not in line with College mission"), in which she criticized the decision by Saint Mary's to invite Cindy Sheehan to speak. Valbusa gives two reasons for her disagreement: (a) that Sheenan "misrepresents" the war and (b) that her facts are "false." Valbusa has questioned the administration's motives for inviting Iraq, criticized its management of the war and expressed frustration with the overall leadership of President Bush. The facts are that the administration's case for war was wrought with misinformation and deception, no weapons of mass destruction were ever found in Iraq, countless innocent civilians have been and continue to be victimized and the US military has become embroiled in acts of civil disobedience to further its cause.

Valbusa offers no support for her claim that Sheenan's criticism is based on false facts. Sheenan has questioned the administration's motives for invading Iraq, criticized its management of the war and expressed frustration with the overall leadership of President Bush. The facts are that the administration's case for war was wrought with misinformation and deception, no weapons of mass destruction were ever found in Iraq, countless innocent civilians have been and continue to be victimized and the US military has become embroiled in acts of civil disobedience to further its cause.

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Three pennies for your thoughts, any­one?

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In addition, the overall stage aesthe­tic is perfect for the material. The stage is often bathed in red and blue hues, and Mac and his miscreant crew wear garish bright gangster zoot suits. In addition, in keeping with the play's theme of oppressive poverty, much of the cast is decked out in costume reminiscent of the "Derelictes" clothing line from the film "Zoolander." A few costumes even include beer cans bolas made out of empty Keystone Light cans.
The play also has a strong cabaret influence. Fans of the musical "Chicago" will love "Threepenny," as it possesses a similar feel at times. In fact, the musical was written by composer Kurt Weill and playwright Bertolt Brecht and debuted in Berlin in 1928. Indeed, it is believed to have inspired "Chicago." Despite all the grimy glamour onstage, there is a lot more to "The Threepenny Opera" than meets the surface. Director Anton Juan wanted to use the show as a platform from which to expound on social justice issues such as world poverty. He started with the set itself. Without a doubt, the play's unforgettable central image is the set, which resembles a giant face.

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O.A.R., which plays in South Bend this Sunday, is often tagged as the successor to groups like the Dave Matthews Band and has continued to focus on musical prophetic visions. Jerry DePizzo, the band's saxophonist, spoke with The Observer to discuss the band's past and its strong outlook for the future.

Tell us about the album. How's it been playing live?

DePizzo: It's been playing real well. We've developed some of the songs to be staples of our concerts. We've developed a lot of solos, which we manipulated them to fit to fit the live environment. That's a whole different arrangement to fit a live environment. We didn't focus on when we recorded the album. We do so that when you come to a show, the songs are certainly different from the album version. This is something the band loves. It's a nice way to love to switch it up and vary it up. We've given people something a little bit different for the live show.

What's it like as a band to have songs from a few years back that you can play and so every night relive the memories of the times when the song was new?

DePizzo: Just to see the reaction of the crowd every night is a great thing. People ask if we got tired of playing a song but it's not like that. We have one song that we have to play and that's the one to play. We really don't see it as a burden but I really don't. People get so excited and so happy when you play it, so why wouldn't you? And the other side of it is that we switch it up and change it up every night. It's never the same when we play it. I don't think we've played songs the same way twice, ever.

This keeps it fun and fresh for us. We build it and adapting and changing it, and this keeps it fresh for us. I think it's a good idea that the band's responsibility to give the fans something new every time. Marc [Bangerter] does a lot of improvisation with the lyrics. Some nights when the show gets a little crazy, half the lyrics are improvised, because half the solos in the band, I don't play the same solo twice, ever. I think that's why I don't like to memorize things. Also, it keeps everything fresh and different.

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DePizzo: Fifty fifty is that one that has really taken a life of its own. It has really developed into one of the band's strongest songs that we do live. That was one that really surprised me going into the tour because it wasn't a song that we played exceptionally well when we went in to make the record. Now, it's a really powerful song that has a lot of impact.

What w as it like when the band realized they had sold out Madison Square Garden?

DePizzo: It was great! The thing was, we had played the Garden in January of 2006 and we were very, very pleased to fill it out the first time around. That was a surprise to us; we didn't think we'd have that kind of success there. This time was a little different. We had sold out Garden last year, we expected to do it this year and so we raised the bar.

We're certainly glad that we did it again. We actually sold a few more tickets this year than last year, which is something we didn't do the recording and the filming, so there was a lot of pressure put on us to sell out and when we did, we breathed a sigh of relief.

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DePizzo: It's definitely an accomplishment. It's a notch on the belt. We continue to keep putting notches on the belt and reaching, going for goals we want to attain and we want to achieve in our career.

How does it work then that the whole band can be doing their own thing and still come together to tour?

DePizzo: That's the chemistry. It's what makes us, as well as any band, that we are. It's what you can get with a bunch of session musicians. It's the camaraderie, the years of brotherhood and friendship being on stage, learning how to be a band and learn to work something that can't be replicated.

What are the band's immediate plans?

DePizzo: We are on a spring tour right now. We have a West Coast tour in June, then the summer tour in July.
**NBA**

Heat fall to Celtics with big help from Jefferson

Carter’s triple-double helps Nets take down metropolitan rival Knicks; Gasol’s contributions help Grizzlies defeat Spurs

Associated Press

At Jefferson’s jump hook with one-tenth of a second left lifted the Boston Celtics to a 91-89 win over the Miami Heat on Monday night in the Windy City and regular-season finale for both teams.

Delante West scored 28 points, while Jefferson finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds for Boston. Rajon Rondo added 17 for the Celtics.

Jason Williams hit his first five 3-point tries — he finished 5-for-6 — and scored 16 points for Miami, as did Jason Kapono. Shaquille O’Neal added 14 points and Michael Beasley scored 10 for the Heat, who went with some unusual lineups in an effort to rest key players before the playoffs.

Dwyane Wade had eight points in 3:47 shooting in 23 minutes for Miami.

Miami gave the members of its regular rotation fewer minutes than usual. All five starters played between 23-25 minutes, none of them besides Eddie Jones seeing any time in the fourth quarter.

Instead, this was a night where the likes of Doleac, Chris Quinn and Earl Barron got plenty of play. And, in perhaps his final season for the Heat, they still couldn’t escape without an injury.

Forward James Posey, a key 3-point shooter and defender for the defending NBA champions, sprained his left wrist and shook off after colliding with Rondo with 5:44 left in the second quarter. Both players were moving toward a loose ball, hit awkwardly and Posey fell hard to the court, immediately grimacing and grabbing his arm.

Miami finished its home schedule

13-24; Boston was 12-29 on free throws this season, matching last year’s mark.

Standings-wise, the game was irrelevant. Miami will finish as the Eastern Conference’s fourth seed and will either in Cleveland or Chicago when the playoffs open this weekend. Boston will finish with the worst record in the East and the second worst — ahead of the hapless Memphis Grizzlies.

But the Celtics, namely coach Doc Rivers, still showed plenty of fire.

Rivers picked up a technical foul midway through the third quarter for arguing a second-three call against Jefferson, and his team responded with a 24-9 run over the next 9 minutes. Games 3-pointer from in front of the Heat bench capped the burst, and Rivers punctuated it with a fist pump as the Celtics took a 75-62 lead.

The Heat battled back, taking the lead on Posey’s putback with 1:17 left, but that would be their high score. West’s jumper tied it at 89 with 55.2 seconds left before Jefferson delivered the winner.

Nets 104, Knicks 95

Vince Carter had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and the New Jersey Nets clinched at least the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the New York Knicks Monday night to complete a season sweep.

New Jersey is still hoping to catch struggling Washington for the No. 6 seed and face Atlantic Division champion Toronto in the first round. The Nets (40-41), who have won three straight and set a franchise record with the worst record in the East, finished their season Wednesday night at home against Chicago.

Bostjan Nachbar added 19 points for the Nets, who won their sixth straight at Madison Square Garden and 10th in the last 11 meetings overall against their rivals across the Hudson River.

New Jersey has won 22 of the last 23 games in the series, including two victories in the last four nights, and is 20-4 against New York in the regular season since acquiring Jason Kidd.

Steve Francis scored 26 points and Merlly Collins had 23 for the Knicks (32-49), who are limping to the finish. They have lost a season-high five straight and need a victory at Charlotte on Wednesday to avoid losing 30 games in a season for the first time since finishing three straight seasons from 1984-87.

The highlight for the Knicks was a brief appearance by Jamil Crawford after he missed the last 22 games with a broken right ankle.

The Knicks’ second-leading scorer was expected to miss the rest of the regular season after he was injured in late February, but was activated and played the final 30 seconds of the third quarter.

But Stephen Marbury, David Lee and Ronaldo Balkman were still sitting, and they were watching the way by starting center Eddie Grry, who didn’t play in the second half because of a strained right hamstring.

The rest of the night belonged to the Nets, with Carter and Kidd receiving loud ovations. Carter had his second triple-double this season and fourth of his career, while Richard Jefferson added 15 points and Mikki Moore scored 14.

Grizzlies 101, Spurs 93

Pau Gasol scored 25 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and had six assists to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

Gasol connected on nine of his 15 shots to lead five Grizzlies in double figures.

Both teams were without key players. Spurs Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili took the night off because San Antonio was no longer playing to enhance its seed in the West. That left four used Spurs such as Jackie Butler and James White starting their first games of the season.

Memphis starters Mike Miller and Darnell Stoudamire didn’t play because of knee injuries, and rookie Rudy Gay left in the second quarter after aggravating an ankle injury.

Chucky Atkins scored 19 for Memphis, while Dahntay Jones finished with 16 points. Tarence Kinsey had 12 points, and Smotrudnei Swift added 10.

Richard Finley led the Spurs with 17 points apiece, while Butler and Bene Udrih scored 12 each.

Grizzlies grabbed 10 boards.

San Antonio, which trailed by as many as 21 early in the fourth period, got the deficit under 10 with 5:18 to play, and eventually got within 91-86 on Butler’s 15-footer with 3:19 to play.

But San Antonio, which never led in the game, could put no closer, dropping its second game in as many nights.

The Grizzlies, who also defeated the playoff-bound Denver Nuggets on Saturday night, have won two straight, matching their longest winning streak of the season.

Memphis held a 36-43 lead at the half as Gasol scored 20 points, including a 43-footer as time ran out in the second period. The T-foot Spaniard ran off the court with his arms outstretched like an airplane before pumping fists with Swift.

Atkins added 10 points for Memphis. No Spurs were in double figures, while White and Robert Henry registering eight points apiece.

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**Boston Marathon**

Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya crosses the finish line in Boston Monday as he wins the 111th Boston Marathon. Cheruiyot finished the 26.2-mile race in 2:14:13 for his third Boston marathon win.

**Cheruiyot defends Boston Marathon title**

Associated Press

BOSTON — The runners were soaked, the pavement slippery, and Robert Cheruiyot knew exactly where trouble was waiting along the Boston Marathon route.

So 48 hours before the start of Monday's race, after his more traditional training was complete, the defending champion headed to the course to test the traction of the finish line. It was at the end of the Chicago race, 26 miles and 384 yards in, that he slipped — nearly costing himself a race, if not a career.

"I don't want myself to think about falling down in Chicago," Cheruiyot said. "So when I run, I don't stare at time." Kenmore Square to win in 2:29:18, winning by 20 seconds and sending Latvia's Grigoryeva, who set an overall second-place finish. Grigoryeva, who set the course record in Los Angeles last year, needed to the stands to grab a Russian flag just before crossing the finish line.

Top American hope Deena Kastor fell back after stomach problems diverted her from the course for a minute near the midpoint. Kastor, the defending London champ, Associated Press

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The big Easy, bidding for his first tour win since 2004, lost his chance on No. 17, driving into the hazard behind the green for a bogey.

Federer pressures ATP to save Monte Carlo Masters

MONTI-CARLO, Monaco — Roger Federer is making another push to save the Monte Carlo Masters from being downgraded.

The top-ranked Swiss said Monday that the ATP, which is planning to restructure its 2009 calendar, is moving too fast.

"Many people are worried, and because they are worried, I think we should just wait for a minute here," Federer said.

The ATP wants to trim the Masters schedule from nine to eight tournaments by cutting Monte Carlo and Hamburg and adding Shanghai.

Both Monte Carlo and Hamburg, which are two of the main clay-court warmup events for the French Open, would remain on the tour but no longer with Masters status. They are both using the ATP.

"Before we move too quickly in a bad direction, let's have a meeting all together," Federer said.

The Pacers will close their season at Atlanta Wednesday. Carlisle said it will be business as usual, but his gloomy demeanor made his words a tough sell.

"You don't approach it any different­ly because you're out of the playoffs," Carlisle said. "You come in and you try to get better and you try to win those last couple."
Cycling

Hamilton returns after 2-year ban

Associated Press

Tyler Hamilton feared his return to competitive cycling, unsure what to expect in his first race in the United States after a two-year doping ban.

After the first stage of the Tour de Georgia on Monday, the former Olympic gold medalist was encouraged.

Hamilton was 56th, finishing in the middle of a huge peloton about 2 minutes behind the stage winner, Daniele Contini of Italy. Contini finished the 97-mile ride from Peachtree City to Macon in 3 hours, 24 minutes, 26 seconds.

Hamilton is attempting to reclaim his place among the elite in cycling after his suspension in September 2004 for blood doping, the transfusion of extra blood that can increase endurance. He has been racing in Europe since January but Monday was his first sanctioned race in his home country since the 2001 San Francisco Grand Prix.

Hamilton has continued to protest his innocence, but he seemed relieved to again have the chance to talk about racing.

Hamilton said his comeback was slowed by a bout with flu symptoms that developed into bronchitis in March, but the 2004 Olympic time trial champ says he hopes to use this long race to build momentum for the Tour of Italy.

Hamilton acknowledged he does not yet know if, at 36, he can return to his top form. “I’ve never taken two and a half years off from racing and come back,” he said. “Your guess is as good as mine. I feel I’m heading in the right direction.”

The troubles faced by Hamilton, 2006 Tour de France winner Floyd Landis and others have hurt the sport.

Hamilton’s return was considered a tabula rasa subject by some.

“No comment on that,” said Doug Ollerenshaw, who finished second Monday, when asked how Hamilton was received by other racers.

Hamilton said before the race he was prepared for a possible icy reception from some of his peers, but he said Monday he had no problems.

“It was really special there at the start line this morning,” Hamilton said. “It was nice that there were a lot of people encouraging me and welcoming me back to racing. That was nice.”

Hamilton is the captain of the Tinkoff Credit Systems team, a new Italian-Russian team. He brings valuable experience to the team as a former teammate of Lance Armstrong and a racer who has won stages in the Tour de France and in Italy. Contini is Hamilton’s teammate.

Hamilton said this week he is motivated by what he still considers to be unfair treatment of him in the doping case. He made only a passing reference on Monday to “the situation in 2004” as he talked about his comeback.

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American cyclist

The fourth and fifth days take the racers through the mountains of north Georgia, including the grueling Stage 5 run from Dalton to Brasstown Bald Mountain, Georgia’s highest mountain.

The relatively flat courses on Tuesday and Thursday favor sprinters. Hamilton, at his peak, would be expected to make his move in the mountains.

On Monday, Hamilton said his focus was on his teammate’s stage victory.

“For me it was really emotional seeing Contini there at the finish line,” he said. “I knew once he was there in the breakaway he had a chance to win, and I just had my fingers crossed the whole day.”

U.S. cyclist Tyler Hamilton gestures his innocence in a blood doping investigation with his fists during a press conference in Switzerland in 2004. Hamilton returned to racing after a two-year ban.

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Tuesday evening, April 17, 10:00 p.m.
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The Tampa Bay Lightning are finding ways to make Martin Brodeur look ordinary. Vincent Lecavalier scored his fourth goal of the playoffs, and Brad Richards and Vinny Prospal each tallied their first in helping the Lightning beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 on Monday night in Game 3 of their first-round Eastern Conference series.

Johan Holmqvist, who has rebounded from a shaky NHL postseason debut to outplay Brodeur the past two games, stopped 30 shots as the seventh-seeded Lightning took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is at Tampa on Wednesday night.

Brodeur, a three-time Stanley Cup champion, entered the playoffs with a 1.99 career goals-against average, but has given up three in each of the game's first three. Tampa Bay also owns three of four regular-season meetings against the goalie, who won a league-record 48 games.

Lecavalier scored his power-play goal on a sharp-angle shot that appeared to catch Brodeur by surprise in the first period. He had an assist on the winner, which Prospal scored from in front of the net with 6:29 remaining in the third.

John Madden and Zach Parise scored for the Devils.

Brodeur's experience and strong track record are the main reasons many expect the Devils ultimately to win the series, however the 28-year-old Holmqvist is making it interesting in his first postseason appearance.

The Devils outshot the Lightning 9-5 in the opening period, but were 0-for-3 on the power play and failed to take advantage of a two-man-advantage they held for over a minute after Tampa Bay's Martin St. Louis went to the penalty box for high-sticking.

Holmqvist rebounded from allowing five goals on 24 shots in a Game 1 loss to make 34 saves in Tampa Bay's 3-2 victory in Game 2 at New Jersey. He was solid again Monday night, even after the second-seeded Devils tied it at 1 on Madden's goal with 2:33 left in the second.

The Lightning goalie kept the game from getting away with a huge save as time expired in the period, rejecting John Dowd from point-blank range and setting the stage for an exciting third period.

After Richards gave the Lightning a 2-1 lead just 69 seconds into the period, New Jersey countered with Parise's goal that deflected off Tampa Bay defenseman Dan Boyle three minutes later to give Brodeur another chance to take over the game.

Sabres 3, Islanders 2

Thomas Vanek and the Buffalo Sabres forwards stayed down only so long. After two games where most of the offense came from the defense, Vanek, Daniel Briere, and Adam Mair all connected in the second period Monday night to lift Buffalo to a victory over the New York Islanders and give the top-seeded Sabres a 2-1 lead in the first-round, Eastern Conference playoff series.

The Sabres, who led the NHL with 308 goals, scored six while splitting the first two games on the road. Buffalo outshot the Islanders 36-24, including a 17-7 advantage in the second period.

The Islanders, who were outshot 10-0 in the opening stanza, finally scored off a 3-on-2 break with 3:23 left in the first period when Mair's goal made it 2-1.

Sabres forward Vincent Damphousse answers in the second period in a span of 7:39.

Trent Hunter and Ryan Smyth answered in the second period in front of a towel-waving and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. It wasn't enough, despite 32 saves by Rick DiPietro in his first home game in three weeks following a bout with post-concussion syndrome.

When Randy Rhunstistle was whistled for tripping with 1:54 left, the white towels stopped waving and came flying down to the ice.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday on Long Island. Game 5 is back in Buffalo on Friday.

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MLB

Soriano injured as Cubs cruise to win

Cubs outfielder Alfonso Soriano grabs his injured hamstring after attempting a diving catch in the fifth inning of Monday’s game.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The limp was clear as Alfonso Soriano dragged himself up the stairs, out of the clubhouse and into the night. His immediate future is a bit murky, though.

On a night when the Chicago Cubs shook up their lineup, Soriano got shaken up.

He left in the fifth inning after injuring a hamstring while attempting a diving catch in the fifth inning of Monday’s game.

"I don’t like to get hurt," Soriano said, when asked if he’s worried. "I know that I’m not going to be able to play tomorrow, so it’s sad for me because… I like to play every day. We’ll see how I look tomorrow."

Chicago, which was 0-7 against the Padres last season, led 3-0 in the fifth when Clay Hensley (0-3) lofted a fly to shallow center with a runner on third and one out. Soriano raced in, dove and rolled over as he trapped the ball.

Soriano then got up and skipped while attempting a throw. Trainer Mark O’Neal tended to him, and Soriano walked off gingerly under his own power.

The initial diagnosis was a strained left hamstring, and the Cubs hoped to know more after an MRI exam on Tuesday.

Even if the test reveals no tears, Soriano thought he would miss at least five days. "I believe that it’s not bad, it’s not that bad," he said.

But when asked if the disabled list was a possibility, Soriano wasn’t quite as confident — even though the pain had subsided a bit.

"I don’t know yet, but like I said, I feel a little better now than in the past," he said.

Soriano, who signed a $136 million, eight-year contract, and Jason Marquis were key components in the Cubs’ offseason makeover. Marquis (1-1) allowed one run in six innings to win for the first time in three starts since signing a $21 million, three-year contract with the Cubs.

"He was aggressive," San Diego’s Adrian Gonzalez said. "He went after you, and we didn’t take advantage of some mistakes that he did make. It was to his benefit."

Chicago began the night last in the NL Central at 4-7 and entered with five losses in six games, and manager Lou Piniella shook up the lineup.

The biggest change was moving Jacque Jones from right field to left and dropping him to sixth in the batting order. Matt Murton started in right, batted cleanup and delivered two hits and two RBIs.

Piniella said before the game he was simply “changing things up a little bit. Nothing more, nothing less.”

He also said one move that is not under consideration at the moment is moving Soriano out of center field, even though he entered with a .234 average and no homers. Of course, the bigger issue afterward was his health.

“He made a heck of an effort on that ball,” Piniella said. “He cheated in a little bit on the pitcher and got a good jump on it and made a really good try.”

His teammates put forth their best effort, finishing with sea­son-highs in runs (14) and hits (14). Hensley gave up 10 runs and 11 hits in five-plus innings.

“I got into trouble a little bit with trying to locate a fastball outside that was running over the plate,” he said. “Their guys came out swinging.”

Marcus Giles had one of the few bright spots for the Padres, hitting a three-run homer in the ninth off Will Ohman, who has a 9.00 ERA.

Run-scoring singles by Derrek Lee and Murton gave the Cubs a 2-0 lead in the first, and Michael Barrett hit a two-run homer as Chicago scored four in the fifth to make it 7-1.

Mark DeRosa added a homer leading off the sixth against Hensley, and Cliff Floyd hit a three-run drive off Mike Thompson later that inning.

But the Cubs left Wrigley Field hoping Soriano’s injury isn’t severe.

“I’ve had some injuries in my career, and I know when you sign a contract the last thing you want to do is get hurt,” Floyd said. “Hopefully, it’s not that bad, and we’ll get him back as soon as possible.”
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FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 4:00 p.m.  Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
- 5:15 p.m.  Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 6:15 p.m.  Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m.  Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 9:45 a.m.  Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- Noon   Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 1:00 p.m.  Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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this season. The No. 8 Belles (1-3 MIAA) will use their sophomore pitching duo of Kristin Amram and Calli Davison — who have combined for an ERA of 2.03 this season — to stop the Thunder’s power hitting. Amram and Davison combine for the second-lowest ERA in the league in pitching, a spot above the Thunder’s deep staff (2.43 ERA).

Tri-State has been especially deadly on its home field so far this season, posting a 7-1 record on its turf. The team’s only loss was an 8-6 slugfest with Indiana Tech March 26.

Saint Mary’s will be looking to turn around their record on the road against the Thunder. Three of the Belles’ four losses have come in their six road games so far this season. However, team members said delaying the game a week gave them time to get ready for the trip to Angola, Ind.

“I think it’s giving us more time (to prepare). When they cancel a game it gives us a little more motivation to go out there and win even bigger than we wanted to in the first place,” freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson said.

Saint Mary’s has not played since April 10 when the Bello split a doubleheader with Calvin to pick up their first conference win of the season by coming behind to win in extra innings.

Last season, the Belles swept Tri-State 6-5 and 6-0 but played the Thunder at home in both contests.

“The odds are really good that it’s going to be the same this year,” Peterson said. “We have really great team chemistry and we really want to work together to come out on top.”

Saint Mary’s will have a chance to show off that team chemistry and turn around its early conference woes starting at 3:30 this afternoon.

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SMC TENNIS

MIAA first place on line in K'zoo

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Speen Writer

Saint Mary’s can take conference lead with victory this afternoon

Saint Mary’s will travel to Michigan this afternoon with a chance to tie Kalamazoo for first place in the MIAA. The Belles come in to the contest with a conference record of 4-1 — one game behind Kalamazoo, which currently sits atop the top with a record of 5-0.

Though the Belles did not play the Hornets during the 2006 season, they did not have much luck when facing Kalamazoo in 2005, the last time the two teams met with their conference records on the line. The Hornets shut out the Belles 9-0.

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The Broncos travel to South Bend for a break from Mid-American Conference play. Western Michigan is 3-5 in MAC action, and the squad has hovered around .500 for most of the year.

Junior catcher Becky Bartosz, batting .313 with four home runs and 17 RBIs, leads Western Michigan offensively. As a team, the Broncos have struggled at the plate, hitting only .205 on the season.

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Pitcher Kyla Sullivan has been effective for the Broncos this season, despite a mediocre 8-9 record. The junior has posted a 1.38 ERA on the season to go with 84 strikeouts. Sullivan just has not received the run support from her teammates needed to post a winning record.

A key for Notre Dame in today’s matchup will be drawing first blood — the Broncos are 11-2 this season when scoring first.

"We’ve been working on jumping ahead in the first three innings," Bargard said.

"A huge key to our success is making things happen and taking momentum right off the bat."

The doubleheader is the start of a very busy week for the Irish, who will play eight home games before Sunday night. Notre Dame plays single games against Ball State and Valparaiso Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, and has doubleheaders scheduled against Big East opponents Louisville and South Florida for the weekend.

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**BASEBALL**

Irish look to stay hot for home matchup with Rockets

Squad attempts repeat of strong performance after G'town beatdown

By FRAN TOLAN

Sports Writer

After winning a conference series for the first time this season, Notre Dame looks to maintain its momentum as it heads into a showdown with Toledo at Frank Eck Stadium today.

Irish coach Dave Schrage said his team has been inconsistent this season, rarely putting together a sustained period of quality play.

"When we start to play well, we tend to lay back," Schrage said. "Our job as coaches is to make sure that doesn't happen."

The Irish have only won back-to-back games three times this season — including a four-game win streak from March 17-23.

In an 11-2 dismantling of Georgetown Sunday, Schrage said his team failed to remain focused for the entire contest after scoring 11 runs in the first four innings.

"Even today, we got one hit after the last five innings," Schrage said. "You have to play all nine innings."

Against Toledo (16-13), the Irish will send sophomore right-hander Brett Graffy to the mound with hopes of recapturing the solid play that allowed them to blow out Georgetown Friday and Sunday. Graffy is 2-2 with a 4.45 ERA in 11 appearances this season.

He will take on a Toledo lineup that boasts five hitters whose batting averages are above the .300 mark. The Irish offense will take on Toledo senior righty Todd Thomas, who has a 4-2 record to go with a 6.61 ERA coming in to the contest.

The Irish pounded out 29 hits in the three games against Georgetown and look to continue to rake against Thomas, who has given up 47 hits in 32 2-3 innings pitched.

Schrage said he is confident the Irish will maintain their intensity during the first of two mid-week games before they take on West Virginia this weekend.

"We have won three out of four," Schrage said. "I don't think we'll lay back."

The Irish will also face off against Fordham Wednesday before the three-game conference series with the Mountaineers.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI**

Doing work

Mike Bramante and Do Work advance in blowout; No. 3 Castlepoint also wins Monday

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

An impressive performance on both sides of the ball by Do Work led the squad to a 21-7 victory over 5 Guys Doing It Better than Diddly Ever Did It. Do Work performed well on both sides of the ball, out-rebounding 5 Guys and keeping the speed of the game high.

Do Work captain Mike Bramante was the leading scorer, dropping 12 points and handling. Bramante led the fast break as well and completed many quick and accurate passes to teammates Joe Bramante, Pat McGHugh, Bill Schramm and Eddie Fitzpatrick.

"It's our game," Bramante said of the fast break.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles face conference foe

After week off, team is ready to challenge league rival Thunder

By REBECCA SINGER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (14-4) will finally get its chance to battle MIAA nemesis Tri-State (19-5) with an opportunity to climb the conference ranks.

The Belles were originally scheduled to face Tri-State Saturday, but the game was cancelled due to cold weather. Tri-State, which currently sits in third place in the MIAA, is 3-1 in conference play. The Thunder have the second highest team batting average in the league at .369. The Belles are close behind in third, hitting .356 so far.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

ND begins busy week against Broncos today

Irish will begin 8-game homestand today with WMU doubleheader

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writer

After dropping two of its last three, Notre Dame will try to get back on track at home today against Western Michigan. The Irish (20-14, 9-1 Big East) will face the Broncos (13-14) in a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m. at Ivy Field.

It has been two different seasons for Notre Dame in 2007, with the team stumbling out of the gates to a 9-12 start. While the Irish struggled to score and had inconsistent pitching in the early season tournaments, Notre Dame has turned around its season since returning home and starting conference play.

The Irish have won 11 of 13 since their home opener, including nine of their last 10 in Big East play. Pitchers Britney Bargar and Kenya Furumama have been lights out at home, and senior Stephanie Brown has led the Irish offense's transformation into a dangerous lineup from top to bottom.

"Right now we're making things happen," said Bargar, a sophomore. "We have done a good job putting the ball in play, and taking advantage of other team's weaknesses."