ND drinking habits not affected by ban

Officials: no decline in alcohol use since ‘02, but drop in consumption was not purpose of rule changes

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

In the summer of 2002, Notre Dame banned hard alcohol on its campus, and infuriated students said the changes in the University’s policy would not curb their drinking habits. Five years later, those students have graduated, but their successors are still upholding that vow, as the number of students that used or abused alcohol in 2002 approximated the 2007 figures, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE) said Tuesday.

Annie Eaton, an ODAE assessment counselor, said the number of students referred to her office dropped immediately after the announcement of the ban on liquor — but the full fall did not last.

“There was a change after the policy was implemented,” Eaton said. “Students were afraid of the consequences in the beginning. They did cut down on their alcohol use and abuse — a statistic that has remained “roughly consistent” in the last five years.

The University, however, did not expect the 2002 modifications to convert students to sobriety, Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman said.

“It was never our belief that the changes to the alcohol policy would solve all of our problems,” he said. “We have seen some drop in our binge-drinking rates since the changes five years ago, but there is clearly more work to be done.”

Rather than reduce the number of referrals, Eaton said the change was a “vestige” of their pre-existing practices.

Extended NDH hours satisfy diners

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Grabbing dinner has been a bit easier for busy students since North Dining Hall extended its weekday dinner time by an hour — and the responses to this change have been nothing but positive.

North Dining Hall General Manager Reggie Kalili said.

North Dining Hall extended its hours until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday after spring break. The extra hour was in response to student demand, because South Dining Hall on the campus has been named as one of the most crowded places on campus, Kalili said.

Reactions from students who use North Dining Hall (NDH) has generally been positive, Kalili said, and the dining hall staff has provided “positive comments” about the change as well.

Recent surveys at North Dining Hall have shown a sharp jump in the rating for “satisfaction with operating hours,” Kalili said.

The push to extend NDH’s hours has been in the works since 1998, when SDH began staying open until 6 p.m., Kalili said.

Kalili said he received comments about the change, Kalili said, because usage statistics revealed that South Dining Hall “wasn’t busy enough after 7 p.m. to justify having both halls open.”

Kalili said after taking into account the responses on last semester’s dining hall satisfaction survey, he was confident in the extended hours.

College celebrates SMC Tostal

Cane race, fireworks included in activities

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

As Notre Dame hosts its week of AnTostal events, Saint Mary’s is celebrating spring its own way — with SMC Tostal, which takes place today.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB), the event will feature bongo thumping and caricature artists, an outdoor picnic and a screening of “Dreamgirls” on the Library Green, among other activities.

This year’s event planners, juniors North Weller and Cassie Callon, decided to include canoe races on Lake Marian and a fireworks display over Angela Athletic Facility at dusk, in contrast to last year’s “concert-series atmosphere,” broadened with a performance by the band Planet Phantom.

“We decided to have the activities of the day centered around a heritage theme,” Callon said.

Earlier in the semester, SAB sent students a survey regarding what they would like to see at this year’s SMC Tostal.

The response to the survey was unfortunately underwhelming, Callon said, but students seem to be positive about the changes coming this year.

“We have heard a ton of positive feedback from the student body regarding this year’s activities,” Callon said.

Student Senate

Government to focus on action in upcoming year

Brown delivers State of the Student Union

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Delivering her first of three State of the Student Union addresses Wednesday, student body president Liz Brown urged members of the Student Senate to shift their focus from dialogue to action, challenging them to produce tangible results for the student body.

“GENE ARE THE DAYS WHERE STUDENTS ONLY HEAR ABOUT WHAT STUDENT GOVERNMENT talked about in their two-hour Senate meeting,” Brown said. “Dialogue truly has a place and a purpose in student government, but I look forward to a year where students truly believe we can use fruitful conversation as a basis for concrete, positive changes to student life at Notre Dame.”

The prolonged student body president elections in February — a process Brown referred to as a “spectacle” — fed negative impressions that the student government was focused more on dialogue than on results, she said.

Brown and student body vice president Mari Braun were elected by a majority vote in a closed Senate meeting after they failed to win the 50 percent plus one of the votes that was required in both the general
Words from the basement

Tonight is officially my last night working at The Observer. Bizarre, really, to think about a younger, wide-eyed version of myself, mousing into this office for the Frosh-0 Open House. And now, almost four years, countless 4 a.m. nights and more than 150 articles later, here I am, watching as the next batch of ambitious reporters take the reins.

I’ve always balked at the thought of writing an Inside Column after working at The 0 — too meta for my taste — but I feel like, just for tonight, it might be appropriate. After all, of the lessons I’ve learned the hard way in college, one of the most important came from this basement office.

A lot of people don’t believe how much work the writers and editors here put in. None of these people, however, have lived with me. Of perhaps, even casually encountered me. There was a time — called sophomores year — when my life was literally not my own. It got to the point when my then-boyfriend would critique whenever my cell phone rang, knowing that I was going to be unreachable for the rest of the night. The Observer was always my top priority, and I staunchly defended my decisions to drop everything (and everyone) to work when I was needed.

And then I got sick. Really sick. But I wouldn’t stop working. I barely slept. I survived on coffee and gum, but I still worked. And I had the people I loved most in life begging me to stop, to help them, to help myself. Somewhere in that mess, there was a breaking point. I honestly don’t remember what it was, but since then, I’ve Quit The 0 two. Effective, remember what it was, but since then, I’ve Quit The 0 two. Effective.

And now, almost four years, I’ve realized that yes, it’s all right to tell people no, people won’t hate you if you don’t always say yes. And you’re rolling your eyes by now. This is all quite melodramatic, I know. But I guarantee that many of you are dealing with the same problem, sooner rather than later.

As you start your first jobs, you’ll be expected to work longer and harder than the next person. Your boss will ask you to work late, work on Saturday, work on Sunday, work on Christmas — and many of you will say yes, afraid that it’ll mean the difference between a promotion and a pink slip.

As you start your families, you’ll be faced with the choice between board meetings or ballet recitals, conference calls or coughing kids. And what about making time for exercise? Church? Sleep? Priorities will only get harder to keep in line as we move through life, so now is the time to try to sort them out. Draw your boundaries, and prepare to defend them. It’s a lesson that took me four years to learn.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Amanda Michaels at amichaels@nd.edu.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PREFER PCS OR MACS?

Genevieve Neild
freshman
Breen-Phillips
"PC, because it's what I know."

Krystle Traude
sophomore
Welsh Family
"Macs, because they're just so cute."

Kyle Neary
sophomore
Zahn
"I have 10011001 01100001 0110011."

Leo Rubinkowski
sophomore
Stanford
"PC, because I'm computer illiterate."

Tashi Thomas
junior
Farley
"PC, because I hate Macs."

OFFBEAT

Ohio judge frees man after Bible quiz

CINCINNATI — A man arrested on Wednesday for allegedly trying to use a stolen credit card at a drugstore got a break from a judge after passing a sort of Bible quiz.

When Eric Hine appeared in court this morning, his attorney described him as a churchgoer, hoping the judge would set a low bond. Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge John Burlew was skeptical and asked Hine to recite the 23rd Psalm.

"He did it all six verses. Some in the courtroom applauded. Burlew was satisfied and released Hine on a $10,000 appearance bond, meaning he’ll have to pay that amount if he doesn’t show up for his next court date.

'Captain America' faces criminal charges

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A doctor dressed as Captain America was arrested after grabbing a woman at a bar and fighting with her boyfriend, authorities said. Patrons at the bar were dressed in costumes as part of a bar crawl Saturday night, police spokeswoman Jill Frederiksen said.

A man carrying a burrito and dressed as Captain America approached her, began to say dirty things and touched her inappropriately, police said. He then brawled with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Several patrons who had dressed as the super hero were asked to step outside so the woman could identify the suspect, Frederiksen said. She picked out Raymond Adamick, 24, police said.

After he was arrested, he tried to flush marijuana down a toilet at a police station, police said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Badin Hall will host its annual Badin Breakdown today from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad.

Leonardo Morlino, professor of Political Science at the Institute di Scienze Umane in Florence, Italy is speaking on "Hybrid Regimes and Democratization: Is There A Role for the European Union?" today at 4:15 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Room C-103.

The documentary "Helvetia" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Annexberg auditorium at the Studio Museum of Art. The 80-minute film examines typography, graphic design and global visual culture.

The Student Union Board is presenting Flogging Molly in concert tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. The event is open to all NS, SMC and HCC students with IDs at no charge.

The last AcoustiSafe of the year will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the basement of LaFortune.

SU will hold a free salsa dancing event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play the Mexican U-20 National team Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for kids 18 and under.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 631-2900.

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

International students struggle to find permanent employment, experience after graduation

By GENE NOONE

Job searching may be daunting enough to any senior on the verge of graduation, but to those who are international students, the task of finding a job in the U.S. is even more difficult.

Most international students struggle when trying to land a job in the U.S., said senior Yacinta Fanardy, from Indonesia.

Fanardy is one of the University's 275 international undergraduate students who, upon graduation, face the challenge of finding employment in the U.S. There are roughly 86 international students currently enrolled at Notre Dame, including 393 graduate-level students, said International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) director Bung Miquilbas.

Although some international students may choose to return to their countries after receiving their diplomas, Miquilbas said a large number decide to stay in the U.S.

"In our experience, most international students want the option of working in the United States after graduation, now they can, in most cases, always return to their home country for work," he said.

Many international students look for U.S. jobs with plans to live permanently in America, while some, like Fanardy, hope their U.S. job will give them the experience necessary to get a better job in their home countries.

"I hope to find a job in the U.S. and get some experience before going home for good," Fanardy said. "Most people would like to get some experience first before going home, and hoping, with that experience, they would be able to get a better job back home."

Getting that experience is difficult, however, because many employers aren't willing to go through extra steps required when hiring a non-U.S. citizen.

"Unfortunately, we have heard that many U.S. employers are reluctant to expend time and money to hire an international student," Miquilbas said. "Unlike U.S. citizens, international students face additional paperwork that some employers deem excessively burdensome."

For an international student to get a job in the U.S., he must undergo an extensive government process. U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) permits up to one year of practical training for international students in the United States. If a student wishes to work longer, he must apply to change his citizenship status. To do that, he or his employer must hire an immigration attorney to file for a new visa.

Even if a foreign student follows every procedure perfectly, he may still not get his visa since working visas are limited in validity and, for specialized skills, limited in the total number issued in the U.S. each year, Miquilbas said.

"There are not enough working visas for the number of students who want to keep working in the U.S." Fanardy said. "This is where the problem lies. There are not enough working visas for the number of students who want to keep working in the U.S."

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Miquilbas said the time and money are a worthwhile investment, especially for an employer trying to gain a certain international perspective or appeal to an international market.

"The Alumni Association and other campus departments routinely ask ISSA to help connect them with international students who possess a certain language proficiency or a geographic background that might be attractive for employers," Miquilbas said.

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

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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faction surveys, he decided to implement the later hours — choosing the period after spring break because the number of students who eat after 7 p.m. decreases in the winter months.

"On nicer days more people are out later and coming to the dining hall," Kalili said.

The new hours may not be permanent, however.

Kalili said if enough students don’t take advantage of the later hours this semester, they may not be offered next year.

While the dining halls track usage patterns electronically, the statistics for this semester will not be analyzed until after the statistics for this semester end, Kalili said.

"We’ll see how many people came in prior to the dining hall staying open until eight and see if more people are coming in than before and at what times," he said. "At the bottom line, that’s what it is — how people are using it."

Another option under consideration is having later hours up until fall break and after spring break, when temperatures are warmer, Kalili said.

Kalili said he was able to extend North’s hours by adjusting the labor schedule for dining hall cooks, monitors and service associates. Shifts were changed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. — to 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., which Kalili said has been generally well received by staff.

"We’ve been trying to move our labor around so we have people here when we need them and not occupy any overtime or additional labor," he said. "I don’t think it’s costing us anything at this point, but we’ll evaluate this at the end of the semester to see if that assumption is true."

Sophomore Jonathan Pooehuis, a Stanford resident and frequent visitor to North Dining Hall praised the effects of the extended hours.

"I like how it spreads out the eating schedule so that people eat at different times," he said. "It makes coming to the dining hall much more fun."

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election and the run-off election.

The subsequent impeachment and removal hearings for former Morrissey senator Greg Dworkan — who violated the Student Union Constitution by using the copy machine in the student government office for campaign purposes and displaying "Campaign to Abstain" posters without the permission of the Judicial Council or the Student Activities Office — added to those improvements.

"Over and over again, I hear criticism of student government's purported preference for dialogue over taking concerted action to positively affect student life," Brown said.

Brown urged the senators and the committee chairs to combat these perceptions. The members of the student government can change their negative opinions, Brown said, by "aggressively campaigning for improvements to student life — not by talking about how we can change students' preferences, but rather by stimulating positive changes that students will have no choice but to notice."

Brown said she and Braun have created a platform to spur these changes. By centering their ideas under five main areas — community relations, social concerns, academic environment, student government and student life — Brown said they can make changes and improvements that students will notice.

In the three and a half weeks since the and Braun took office, Brown said they have already made significant improvements — a rate of progress she said she hoped to continue next year.

Brown said she and Braun have met with the Center for Social Concerns regarding a community-based curriculum, and said they will work on an action plan for this over the summer. Preparations are also underway for a faculty-student debate series, which will pair students with faculty members to debate current events.

Brown and Braun are also working with Food Services to explore the possibility of a guest meal exchange program so students can convert their remaining meals for use by their visiting family members or friends.

Brown and she anticipated that a student government Web site would be created over the summer with message boards and forums so students can have access to their representatives.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bayrou won't support candidates
PARIS They wooed him hard, even leav­ ing messages on his cell phone, and on Wednesday he spurned them both.

Beaten but defiant, the third-place finisher in France's first round of presidential balloting said he would not throw his 7 million votes behind either conservative front-runner Nicolas Sarkozy or Socialist Segolene Royal, the two candidates still fighting for the top job.

Instead, Francois Bayrou said he will form a new party in the political center, setting his ambitions on the European Union.

The decision not to play kingmaker in the May 6 runoff will likely reshape France's political future — or kill his career.

Bin Laden behind February attack
CAIRO, Egypt — A top Taliban command­er said al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was behind the February 12 attack outside a U.S. military base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, accord­ ing to an interview shown Wednesday by Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Bin Laden planned and supervised the attack, the Taliban spokesman said, adding that the site of his wife, Hei bin Laden, planned that operation and guided him through it. The operation was a success, the Taliban told Al-Jazeera.

LOCAL NEWS

Student charged with making fake IDs
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — An Indiana University sophomore was arrested Wednesday with dozens of fake identification cards that showed up in at least seven other states.

Nicholas Richardson, 21, of Bloomington faces charges of counterfeiting and a misdemeanor charge of distribution of false government-issued identification, Indiana State Police said.

The agency began its investigation last month after seizing dozens of false IDs at local bars, liquor stores and grocery stores.

ISRAEL

Olmert rejects ground offensive
Five-month cease-fire given one last chance to succeed despite smuggling

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jerusalem — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert rebuffed top security chiefs on Wednesday rejected called for a massive ground offensive into the Gaza Strip following a renewal of rocket attacks on southern Israel by Hamas militant group.

The prime minister gave a five-month cease-fire one last chance to succeed, despite repeated warnings by military officials that Hamas has been using the lull in fighting to smuggle large amounts of weapons into Gaza. But Israeli officials warned of "harsh steps" if the rockets keep falling.

In a separate development, the government's chief watchdog said it would open a criminal investiga­tion into a 2001 government transaction that involved Olmert before he became prime minister. The announcement further weak­ened the embattled Israeli leader ahead of a potentially explosive inquiry report next week on last year's war with Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon.

Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced the Gaza truce last November, declaring an end to Palestinian rocket fire and Israeli attacks, including airstrikes.

Some Palestinian militant groups have continued sporadic rocket attacks but Hamas, which leads the Palestinian coalition government, has kept its distance from the violence. According to the Israeli army, militants have fired 230 homemade rockets at Israel since the truce, compared with about 600 launched in the four months before the deal. The rockets are used to cause terror­ous injuries since the truce.

On Tuesday, Hamas said it fired dozens of rockets and mortar shells toward Israel to avenge deadly Israeli army raids in the West Bank, which is not covered by the truce. Israeli counted only a dozen strikes.

Eight Palestinians were killed in fighting in the West Bank last weekend, and another was killed in a rare minute strike at a Gaza rocket squad. Palestinian officials said two civilians were among the dead.

With tensions rising, Olmert convened an emergency meeting of senior security officials Wednesday to discuss the response.

Meeting participants said Israel would limit its activity to "pinpoint" operations aimed at halting rocket fire and other threats — effectively maintaining its policy of recent months.

Olmert's spokeswoman, Miri Elisin, said there would be no large-scale military raid in Gaza for the time being. "They didn't plan any opera­tion," she said. "They decided to leave all options open." Hamas already has threatened more attacks, with its spokesman saying Tuesday it was ready to kidnap and kill more Israelis.

The head of the Egyptian security delegation, Colonel Durhan Hamid, met Wednesday with leaders of factions, including Hamas, Fatih and Islamic Jihad, and urged them to maintain the truce.

"I explained to them the dangers. I hope they are con­vinced," he told AP by phone.

Senior intelligence officials, including the head of Israeli Shin Bet internal security service, have warned in recent months that Hamas — which has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombing attacks — is preparing for all-out battle.

They say Hamas has used the lull to smuggle some 30 tons of explosives through tunnels from neighboring Egypt into Gaza. They also say Hamas has sent militants to train forбудинок. Senior military officials have called for a wide opera­tion in Gaza to pre-empt Hamas. Others, however, have questioned the wisdom of sending ground troops into Gaza's crowded urban landscape. Similar operations since Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 have failed to halt the rocket fire.

FCC orders report on TV violence

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday a correlation exists between exposure to television and violence in real life and that the government can take action on such programming.

The agency released a long-awa­ited, controversially charged report that lays out ways the government can respond to television violence — cable, satellite and broadcast.

The report contains suggestions for Congress, but it stop short of making specific recommendations.

The commission concluded that "exposure to violent programming can be harmful to children, and it also says that technology intend­ed to help parents shield their chil­dren from objectionable program­ming, such as the V-chip, is inade­quate.

The report indicates that Congress could develop a definition of excess­ively violent programming but that such language "needs to be narrowly tailored in conformance with judicial precedents."

Martin has been joined in his push for greater local using the airwaves by Democratic Commissioner Michael Copps, who wrote: "It is not an easy challenge to develop rules that pass constitutional muster, but given what amounts to a public health crisis at hand, I believe it is a challenge that must be met."
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ber of students who consume alco-
hol, Kirk said, the changes were
made to teach students about
healthy drinking limits "through
rules and regulations."
"Residence Life is intimately
involved in the students' educa-
tion, just like any other depart-
ment at the University — second
only to the faculty," Kirk said.
"And one of the things you'll learn
in college is how to act responsibly
and maturely."
He said the changes in the policy
clarified the guidelines his office
uses to intervene in cases where
a student's use or abuse of alcohol
may be destructive.
"Do [the changes] mean that the
use and abuse of alcohol among
students have declined?" Kirk
said. "No. I don't think so — but I
think we're better equipped with
the rules and regulations that we
have in place to address problems
and issues with the use of alco-
hol."

Unfulfilled prophecies
On March 18, 2002, Poorman
sent students an e-mail explaining
the upcoming ban on liquor and
other changes to the University
campus guidelines, including the
termination of dances inside the
residence halls.
"Hall staff spend a disproportionate
amount of time and energy
addressing behavior related to
alcohol," Poorman said in the
letter.
In the following days, students
voiced their dissatisfaction, rally-
ing more than 600 protesters out-
side LaFortune Student Center to
burn copies of ducat, the student
handbook, and tear signs that read "Save Digue.
A second demonstration brought
more than 100 angry stu-
dents to the steps of the Main
Building at midnight on a week-
day. Protesters hurled beer bottles
at the windows before scattering
at the arrival of Notre Dame
Security Police.
They also sent Poorman a peti-
tion with more than 4,000 signa-
tures and a letter that summa-
rized the thoughts and objections
of the student body, including
feats that taking hall dances else-
where would move off campus because
of the changes in the alcohol poli-
cy have proven to be mistaken," Poorman said. "Based on my
observations and my own experi-
ence residing in one of the male
dorms, I would say the halls are
unfulfilled traditions into which
the student body, including
myself, shall move off campus for
these students consum ed large
quantities of hard alcohol in a very
short period of time."
Poorman said the cause of the
changes was endless parties in the
campus on Corby Boulevard. He
was not seen for two months after
that night, until his body was found
in Saint Joseph River with a 0.244
blood-alcohol content — almost three times the legal limit for
drivers.
He said that leaving the party
alone on a wintry, icy
night, he fell into the river and
drowned. "The extent to which alcohol played a role in
this accident is not
known."
He said while he did not know
the exact circumstances of
Sharon's death, he did know
"there are dozens of students on
campus campuses across the
nation that die every year because
of alcohol poisoning."
"In a great many instances,
these students consumed large
counties of hard alcohol in a very
great short period of time."
Poorman said the forceful
action the University took
was "terrifying but essential because I've heard stories that you
would drive more students off
campus halls because it's the thing you do with
campus students did not change,
and alcohol policy, he said he "wouldn't trade living in Alumni." He also said the policy changes would
impact traditions of the halls,
standing traditions of the halls,
students in 2002 — but Poorman refused to

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"The firework display and
campus races will simply be rescheduled for another date
time before the end of the semester," Gallon said.
the University is taking to
address alcohol use and abuse on

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"Tostal was a practical
"Danceabounds" will be moved into
Vander Vennet theater in
the basement of the Student Center.
In case of rain, campus
campuses and communities, and all of
the activities are free.
"I'm really excited about SMC
Tostal," sophomore Jessie Sobczyk said. "Although I wish the
events were on a weekend so they wouldn't conflict with
classes and I could participate in
more of the events."
Delta emerges from bankruptcy

After 6,000 job cuts, nation’s third-largest airline reorganizes, restructures fleet

**New York** — It took almost two years and 6,000 job cuts, but Delta Air Lines Wednesday said that last received the approval it sought to emerge from bankruptcy protection as an independent company. On Monday, it plans to return, with new shares, a restructured fleet and lower labor costs, and take away the protection from creditors that the court provided.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. will again have to answer to shareholders, who likely will want to see results quickly. Delta estimates it will be worth $9.4 billion to $12 billion to reorganize. The nation’s third-largest airline slashed $3 billion in annual costs.

More than 95 percent of creditors voted in favor of the plan for Delta to leave bankruptcy as a stand-alone airline. That plan had been in jeopardy by a $9.8 billion hostile takeover bid launched last fall by Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways Group Inc. Delta successfully persuad ed creditors to back its blueprint to emerge from bankruptcy and reject the buyside.

Ed Bastian, chief financial officer of Delta Air Lines, spoke to the press after he exited bankruptcy court in New York Wednesday.

He said Delta’s success depends on its ability to grow its international routes, and that its expansion was by no means guaranteed. The international air travel marketplace is increasingly competitive, especially given the possibility of more competition on routes across the Atlantic and to China.

Now that it is leaving court protection, Delta may sell off its regional carrier subsidiary, ExpressJet, Lysenga, Ky.- based Comair, which has received poor marks for lost baggage and flight delays.

Grinstein said Wednesday not to expect any “immediate action” on Comair since the company has a new board of directors.

Delta’s board will also choose a successor to Chief Executive Gerald Grinstein, who plans to retire. Grinstein, who is 74, has said he will lead the two leading internal candidates are Chief Financial Officer Ed Bastian and Chief Operating Officer James Whitehurst.

Delta will celebrate its emergence Monday in Atlanta. Shares in the reorganized Delta, with the ticker symbol DAL, are scheduled to begin trading again next Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

"I feel elated," Grinstein said Wednesday. "For the 47,000 (employees) … they’re the ones who went through all the angst and made the sacrifices. It’s for them I feel extreme relief.”

Delta’s reorganization plan will give unsecured creditors between 62 percent and 78 percent of the value of their allowed claims as shares of new Delta stock.

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Quarter dogs cost a quarter; hence the phrase ‘quarter dogs.’ To understand this concept, you needed to have fulfilled Notre Dame’s six-credit math requirement, instead, you simply needed a post-midnight midnight trip.

By the end of your college career, aside from accumulating a staggering 150 credits, you undoubtedly consumed many a quarter dog. And with mere weeks until graduation, the ‘what if’s’ of the past four years irreversibly creep into the consciences of the senior class. If you could do college again, what would you do differently?

I asked some Notre Dame employees what they thought — what did they wish that the soon-to-be-graduates had done differently?

‘Hot dogs don’t have barcodes. You can’t scan ‘em,’ one late-night Huddle employee advised. He said that it was not uncommon for you and the other post-midnight inebriated to stumble over to the register and wave quarter dogs in front of the price scanner, then wait for the cashier to announce the total. Aside from your obvious oversight that a quarter dog always costs a quarter, your continued attempts to scan a barcode-less item created quite a scene — one that could’ve been different.

One late-night Sharrow employee said she’d seen it all during her shifts, flying in buzzs to people dressed as Power Rangers. Yet what she saw didn’t disturb her as much as what she heard — that she had been scratching out the “I-word.” So what did she wish that you did differently? She suggested, "If you can cous someone out without using one cuss word, then that shows that you’re an intelligent person.”

While Sharrow patrons littered LaFortune with their language, others littered the dining halls — literally. During a typical South or North Dining Hall lunch lunch, you and your fellow students essentially tableclothed the table after table with copies of The Observer or the Chicago Tribune. As one dining hall monitor said, "If the monitors didn’t recycle the newspapers, the dining hall would be buried under them.

And the monitors weren’t the only dining hall staffers equipped with suggestions. "I wish everybody would stop eating mustard,” one plate-scrapping dish cleaner said. According to this rubber-gloved worker, mustard is not the easiest-to-clean condiment. And what else did she wish you wouldn’t have done? Stuffed a napkin in your drink or stuck a fork in your apple.

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This professor suggested, “Stay awake.” He’d rather you nod along with his lectures, as opposed to nodding off. But sleep is an integral part of college life. And class isn’t the only unsuitable place to sleep; like ‘quarter dog,’ lofted beds aren’t the best option either. One Health Services nurse cited the obvious “pem-mouthing” and the not-so-obvious “lofted beds” as two of the guiltiest culprits of your visits to St. Liam Hall. This nurse’s “next around” solution to the ubiquitous falling-out-of-bunk problem — “just put some padding on the floor.”

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In hindsight, you can easily envision those words that you should — or shouldn’t — have spoken. You can see what — or whom — you should’ve paid attention to. You even can see what you should’ve disposed of, whether it is those already-been-read newspapers or those bad-for-you relationships. If you could repeat those four years, you undoubtedly make some modifications.

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Whatever your circumstances, it would be easy enough just to stumble out of here with your suitcases, exhausted and stressed out from finals, leaving your post—participation into next year's emptiness. I will miss the regulars, the empty roommates who used to be your best friends—and who are now driving you crazy—in the rearview mirror.

Don’t do it! Give your best effort toward summoning up the energy to say what you need to say. Tell someone you care, tell your friends, tell your parents. Thank your friends for their kindness. Offer forgiveness, or ask for it. Senior week and commencement offer graduates lots of chances to say “good-bye,” “thank you,” and “I’m sorry,” but the rest of us will have to make sure that such exchanges happen. And as local, national and global events have taught us just recently, there’s no point in waiting until some “appropriate” future time to seek peace, express gratitude or offer love.

Just this past Tuesday, even as the South Bend community was concluding memorial events for NFL player and Notre Dame alumnus, a police officer killed in the line of duty one year ago, Cpl. Nick Polizotto, also a South Bend officer, died after being shot while responding to a “shots fired” call at a local motel.

On Monday, nine paratroopers from the famed 82nd Airborne were killed and 20 more wounded in a suicide truck bomber attack their convoy during combat operations in eastern Afghanistan. Perhaps no more can even be said that hasn’t been said already about the shootings at Virginia Tech last week, or about the innocent people of Iraq or Darfur dying by the hundreds each week.

But don’t you hope that Cpl. Polizotto gave his young son a big hug before he left for work on Memorial Day? And the student from Virginia Tech who died so tragically and the soldiers who gave their lives in Iraq—don’t you long to believe that they each had called to happen home or e-mail their moms and dads, that they hadn’t just by horrible coincidence lost an ugly argument with a friend or family member?

Time is precious as the last, partial week of the semester approaches. Final exams, storage, travel and work all contribute to making this one of the less-appealing times of the academic year. But if you have even just a few minutes, ask yourself about what you need to call or e-mail or text message or speak to. If you have even just a few more minutes, take a look at some of the letters of Paul in the New Testament.

At the time of his writing, many people, including Paul, thought that Jesus returned to the end of the world was imminent. Paul’s letters reflect a concern to help believers figure out how to live when “day of the Lord” could come “like a thief in the night” (1 Thes. 5:2). In that same letter, he offers a plea to the Thessalonians that might help us, no matter how challenging our circumstances: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances” (5:16-18).

God willing, in a few weeks most of you will leave and some of us will stay, under much more peaceful circumstances than those we face. Your neighbors and fellow university members and armed forces have faced real wars. May you and we both find success this year. I say “make,” “not have,” because happy endings—differences resolved, love expressed, forgiveness received, gratitude articulated must be intentional, especially when you have three final exams and two papers and a lab and a room to pack up and a summer vacation to look forward to. It’s not just going to happen on its own, especially at this time of year. As Paul would say, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.’” (Col. 3:15)

If you are, or you worry, or concerned, or thankful, or you love someone...say so.

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Fracture’ breaks mold for murder thrillers

By JAMES COSTA

Gore Vidal once said of Los Angeles, "It’s unique in its bright horror." And after spending two hours in the theater watching Gregory Hoblit’s "Fracture," you begin to think the playwright is onto something. Unlike most of the typical crime thrillers, which open like a standard legal document, this gripping film with all the twists and shocks you’d expect out of an LA cat-and-mouse murder thriller. But it’s also a lot more intelligent, witty and far more thought provoking than most movies today.

The film’s basic premise is that very successful, entrepreneurial criminal lawyers, Ted Crawford (Anthony Hopkins), Gosling, David Strathairn, Rosamund Pike, Embeth Davidtz and Billy Burke attempts to murder his wife Jennifer (Embeth Davidtz). After the cops surround his home, he surrenders peacefully and acts extremely cooperative. He even gives the arresting officers the murder weapon. (Don’t worry, I’m not giving anything away. You can see all this in the preview.) Yet from here, everything starts to get confusing. A rising star out of the District Attorney’s office, Willy Beachum (Ryan Gosling) takes on the case just before he’s set to change jobs and join a major LA law firm. The film hits its stride once Beachum and Crawford meet and develop an intense rivalry of mind and cunning, a tension that runs through the rest of the film.

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While Hopkins is electrifying throughout the film, Hoblit does not overplay his role. He also does not place Hopkins and Gosling together gratuitously in scenes. This is both a good and a bad thing. It is good because it ensures that the film cannot be considered just another “Silence of the Lambs,” which became famous for the magic between Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter and Jodie Foster as a FBI agent in the original film. The downside, however, is that the Hopkins and Gosling do share strong scene chemistry. When they’re together, it truly riveting stuff.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Kingdom of Heaven’ rights its course on DVD

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

“The Path to Redemption” is an apt title for the special features of the four-disc director’s cut DVD of “Kingdom of Heaven.” Boasting a two-hour, 24-minute runtime, the robust documentary is a compelling and lavish look behind the scenes at one of the most intriguing Hollywood failures in recent years.

The 2005 film was supposed to be directed by Ridley Scott’s medieval age opus, an ode to Ridley Scott’s medieval age opus, an ode to the amazing success it once seemed. But in the end, the film became a gripping film with all the twists and shocks you’d expect out of an LA cat-and-mouse murder thriller. But it’s also a lot more intelligent, witty and far more thought provoking than most movies today.

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Tragedy of 'The Queen' truly fit for royalty

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Princess Diana's death was a key moment in British history. It shook the foundations of the social hierarchy and threatened the monarchy in a way that few events before or since have rivaled. The British director Stephen Frears' "The Queen" recreates the event in a meaningful and insightful way — the director creates a film that is about a family more than an event, while simultaneously producing what was easily one of the best performances of 2006.

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Gooden makes it rain over Wizards in 109-92 win for 2-0 lead; Mavericks even up series after two Warriors ejected

Spurs guard Manu Ginobili drives around Nuggets guard J.R. Smith in the first quarter of game two. The Spurs won 97-88 to tie the first-round series at 1-1.

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**MLB**

**Chicago Cubs lose Prior for entire season**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Left-handed pitcher Mark Prior will miss the entire 2007 season after surgery on his right shoulder, a setback that isn’t expected to finish his once-promising career.

The 28-year-old Prior had surgery Tuesday by noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. Andrews also worked on Prior’s rotator cuff.

"Obviously, Mark is done for the year," Chicago general manager Jim Hendry said. "From my conversations with (trainer) Mark O’Neal and John Boggs, Mark’s agent who talked to Dr. Andrews last night, Dr. Andrews feels comfortable that he will still have a career. This is certainly not career-ending.”

"He felt optimistic that he would be able to pitch next year. . . . At his age, he should not have a problem responding and coming back after a strenuous rehab.”

Hendry said it was way too early to set a timetable for Prior’s return or discuss what it means for Prior’s future with the Cubs. Prior started his rehabilitation program Wednesday, and it will continue into the offseason.

Prior has been beset by injuries since his first full season in the majors in 2003. He made just nine starts last year for the Cubs after three trips to the disabled list.

Prior was not on the Cubs’ active roster to start this year and was optioned to Triple-A Iowa after limited innings in spring training. He instead went on the minor league disabled list.

At extended spring training in Arizona, he pitched only two innings on April 12 before reporting discomfort in his shoulder.

"Obviously he had some things wrong physically and he’s getting them corrected," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said before Wednesday’s game against Milwaukee. "So, this is a step in the right direction.”

The injury was the latest problem for the struggling team. The Cubs, who have not reached the World Series since 1945, made many major changes in the offseason yet began the day in last place in the NL Central with a 7-13 record.

Kerry Wood, who teamed with Prior to nearly pitch the Cubs to the NL pennant in 2003, is back on the disabled list with tendinitis in his shoulder.

"Like Prior, Wood has been sidetracked by injuries," Hendry said. Wood said he would resume throwing this week. Wood has not pitched since a spring training appearance on March 25 when his arm felt weak and then stiffened up the next day.

**In Brief**

**Stewart unhappy with NASCAR debris cautions**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Two-time champion Tony Stewart liked NASCAR to professional wrestling and accused it of using bogus caution flags to shape races in biting comments made on his weekly radio show.

Stewart’s appearance on his Tuesday night show was his first since skipping a post-race press conference in Phoenix. He dominated Saturday night’s race but lost after a late exchange of leads with winner Jeff Gordon. Stewart said he refused interviews to avoid bashing NASCAR after officials throw four cautions for debris on the track.

"It’s like playing God,” he said on his Sirius Satellite Radio program. "They can almost dictate the race instead of the drivers doing it. It’s happened too many times this year.”

Stewart, who said he was fighting a fever and left the two-hour show early, went on to say fans are complaining about debris cautions and NASCAR isn’t listening.

Rutgers gives Stringer seven-year contract extension

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers women’s basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer will be paid the same base salary as football coach Greg Schiano under a seven-year contract extension announced Wednesday.

Stringer will earn $450,000 in base pay and could earn up to $500,000 in additional compensation under terms of the agreement, Rutgers said. Schiano signed an extension in February with $600,000 in base pay but a total compensation package worth $1.5 million per year.

The 59-year-old Stringer had one year left on her existing contract. This past season, Stringer made a total of $650,800, which included $322,400 in base pay and bonuses of $315,400 for leading the Scarlet Knights to the national title game, where they lost 59-46 to Tennessee.

The new deal will make her one of the five highest paid women’s college basketball coaches in the country.

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**NHL**

San Jose at Detroit

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**Rams trade fifth-round pick for Chiefs speedster Hall**

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams’ long search for a return man ended Wednesday when the team acquired Dante Hall from Kansas City in exchange for a fifth-round pick in this weekend’s draft.

"We have filled a need with one of the top players in football at his specialty, returning punts and kicks,” Rams coach Scott Linehan said. "Dante will fit nicely on our special teams and can be utilized as a receiver in certain situations."

The trade could have draft-day implications. The Rams had expressed strong interest in Ohio State’s Ted Ginn Jr., as much for his return ability as for his resume as a receiver. St. Louis also has several needs on defense.

As part of the trade, the teams swapped positions in the third round — the Chiefs moving up to 82nd overall, the Rams down to 84th.
Tim Hudson was masterful for eight innings. Against the feisty Florida Marlins, that wasn’t enough.

Miguel Olivo scored the winning run on a passed ball for the winning run 4-3 over the Braves Wednesday.

Associated Press

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MLB

Marlins rally in ninth for comeback victory

Phillies win fifth straight of season over Nationals; Sheets injured in 9-3 loss to Cubs; Rockies pound Mets with 20 hits in win

Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard shores a line drive in the sixth inning of a 9-3 Phillies win over the Nationals Wednesday.

"I know what I can do," the Rockies center fielder said, "I know what I have. I just need to work hard on my game." Restored to the top of the batting order on Wednesday, Taveras hit his first career season-high 20 hits as the Rockies broke out of an offensive drought in a rout of the New York Mets.

Twice, Taveras beat out bunts to energize big innings for the Rockies. "When I was benched, I worked real hard with the hitting coach," Taveras said. "It worked for the better. I was ready to play. You want to give your team a chance to win."
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- 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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Six Austrians receive lifetime Olympic bans

BEIJING — It took more than a year to punish anyone in the doping scandal that shook the Turin Winter Olympics. When the verdicts came down Wednesday, the penalties were unprecedented.

Six Austrian cross-country skiers and biathletes received lifetime bans from the Olympics for involvement in an organized blood-doping scheme — the harshest sanctions given to athletes by the International Olympic Committee.

And the case isn’t closed yet. Next month, the IOC will investigate the role of Austrian coaches, officials and doctors.

It’s the first time the IOC has disqualified athletes for doping violations without positive tests, and the first time athletes have been banned by the IOC for life.

Based on evidence seized in Italian police raids, the Austrians were found guilty of possessing prohibited substances and taking part in a doping conspiracy.

“It is a milestone,” IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said. The results of the Austrian athletes from the 2006 Games were annulled, although none won medals.

Those banned were cross-country skiers Martin Tauber, Juergen Pinter, Johannes Fider and Roland Diethart, and biathletes Wolfgang Perner and Wolfgang Rottmann. The six are ineligible for accreditation in any capacity at the Olympics — as athletes, coaches or officials.

The severity of the sanctions is motivated by the fact that these cases go further than straightforward possession of prohibited substances and methods and are clear instances where a network, including athletes, colluded to manipulate blood and to engage in doping practices,” the IOC said.

The IOC action applies only to Olympic competition. It would be up to the Austrian and international ski federations to suspend the athletes from non-Olympic events.

IOC vice president Thomas Bach, a German lawyer who led the internal investigation, said the probe will continue with hearings for non-athletes next month. He did not identify them. The IOC can also ban coaches and other accredited team personnel from the Olympics.

Also Wednesday, the IOC executive board endorsed President Jacques Rogge’s proposal for a Youth Olympics starting in 2010 for athletes aged 14-18, and reiterated that the IOC won’t pressure China on human rights or other political issues ahead of the 2008 Beijing Games.

The three cities vying for the 2014 Winter Games, Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Sochi, Russia — made public presentations with less than three months before the IOC vote.

Italian police raided Austrian team lodgings outside Turin on Feb. 18, 2006. The move followed a five-minute public reading of any certificate to the Hammes ND.'s

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we think that you can help us on defense, and here's where we envision you playing." He's done an outstanding job of communicating that message and getting these top, top players interested in coming to play for him.

Frank said he believed the four recruits Brown has nabbed so far would have had difficulty during pre-season coming after them if it was later in the recruiting process and other coaches had the chance to look and evaluate them.

But regardless of who he has coming in, Brown's success in the recruiting game will hinge upon how Notre Dame's defense -- a defense that finished 70th in total yardage allowed last season -- progresses this season.

"They may not be one of the top teams in the country, but if they can show significant improvement in stopping big plays, or as Brown likes to call them "explosives," and getting some "explosives" of their own, Brown and his defense could build the foundation for getting the Irish defense pointed in the right direction.

Then, maybe those recruits who Brown went out of his way to see Saturday will walk with him inside the tunnel and into Notre Dame's locker room. But even if they do not decide to come to Notre Dame, it will not be because Brown failed to try never got to show them.

Contact Chris Hine at chhine@nd.edu

Irish defensive Ambrose Wooden, left, and linebacker Toryan Smith, right, tackle running back Armando Allen during Notre Dame's annual Blue-Gold Game Saturday.

Sabres knock off Rangers

Associated Press
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Alexei Kotalik and the Buffalo Sabres proved one answer to the question of whether they are the elite team in the NHL.

It's a response that came through loud and clear in a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Wednesday night.

"I think we showed everybody we were ready," Kotalik said, as the Sabres went on to win their first round series sweep of the Southeast Division champion Atlanta.

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working its way up the Big East standings after a rough start.

Notre Dame (12-18, 6-8 Big East) took two of three from West Virginia at home last weekend and travels to conference leader Rutgers this weekend for three games over two days.

For his part, Pollock is second on the team with a .360 batting average, which has whacked three home runs and has 23 RBIs.

He has also personally scored 28 runs, a number that would be higher if it weren't for Notre Dame's struggles with runners in scoring position this season. Clutch hitting has been a thing in the Irish side for much of the year. Late March — when Notre Dame stranded 38 runners in three games — was the low point.

But Pollock knew the team would come out of it — which it has.

"It seems like things are really coming together," Pollock said. "Upperclassmen like [first baseman] Matt Lilley and [centerfielder] Danny Dresman are getting big hits.

Another struggle for Pollock this year has been adjusting to a new position. All through high school, he played shortstop, but when he arrived at Notre Dame, the coaching staff decided to put former third baseman Pat Burrell to shortstop and move Pollock to third.

"This is the first time I've played third base," Pollock said. "It's still a work in progress. I'm just trying to get comfortable."

Pollock said Lilley has helped him make the transition.

"He knows the ins and outs of playing third base," he said. "He's always helping me with where to play and things like that which I've never mastered yet."

Still, Pollock said the fundamentals are pretty much the same.

"You field the ball, and you throw it," he said.

Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Valparaiso Wednesday at Frick Eck Stadium, but the game was rained out.

The team will leave Friday for New Jersey for its week-end series with the Scarlet Knights.

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NHL

**Ducks upend Canucks 5-1**

**Pitch**

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"I just focused on working really hard and trying to become one of the best. Notre Dame was Bargar's last scheduled college visit, and it made the biggest impact on the high school star.

"I loved all the girls here and fit in well with them," Bargar said. "I couldn't pass up an opportunity like Notre Dame, it's an amazing place."

Bargar was a key addition against the Irish pitching staff in 2006, pitching second in the rotation and finishing with a 15-9 record. Bargar was named to the Big East honor roll that season and had an ERA of 2.92. Highlighting her rookie season was an eight-inning no-hitter against Big East rival Connecticut in April 2006, the first in Irish history.

Assuming her role as the ace of the pitching staff this season, Bargar has continued to elevate her performance and succeed. A power pitcher who has always been able to rely on her velocity, Bargar has become more effective this season by adding more pitches to her arsenal.

"I've learned a couple new pitches that have made me successful this year, including a drop and a changeup," Bargar said. "Physically, I've developed mentally and become much more mentally tough."

Bargar leads Notre Dame in the Big East with 16 wins and 176 innings pitched and is second in the conference with 174 strikeouts. She has pitched 19 complete games for the Irish, all while holding opponents to a .233 batting average.

Although only a sophomore, Bargar has evolved into a leader on Notre Dame.

"As a pitcher, we set the tone of the game," Bargar said. "I have to come out from the first inning on and have a positive start and lead by example."

Bargar will start for the third-place Irish in a crucial doubleheader Sunday against Big East leader No. 17 DePaul.

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**Hope**

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second baseman Maureen Healy said. "We still have some really solid players, but Saint Mary's has some slight advantages. While Hope junior Jessica Regnerus is hitting .540 in 87 at bats, the Belles' (1.353) top Hope hitter (.326) for team batting average in the league and have a solid and consistent hitter in freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, who is hitting .430 in 86 at bats.

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Crossword by Peter A. Collins

KALEIDOSCOPE Mc DANIELS  
LIAM MORAN

The Observer apologizes for the absence of Kaleidoscope McDaniel's.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Brisker (dance) s18
2. Matters of inti., 23
3. Cause for a sense
4. Accumulator fare?
5. Sammy Davis Jr.'s "Can" fare?
6. It
7. Point 4, it's a waste
8. It
9. It
10. Nimble
11. Like some questions
12. Checks in on
13. 1986 big
14. Menu heading 45
15. Monopoly square
16. Army NCO
17. Kind of battery
18. Vance Air Force Base site
19. Shoot over
20. Home money participant
21. Informational sign on an interstate
22. Some vets
23. VW front?
24. Brazilian dance
25. It
26. Prior to, in verse
27. 1978 Affirmed's
28. Tilted
29. Sound
30. Hootenanny
31. Informational
32. "Yeah, sure!" detective
33. Tainted
34. Bring into
35. Serif with meter
36. 1980's R&B comedy, informally
37. 55 Fix family
38. Ump's call
39. Moon of Saturn
40. Manual Comics hero
41. Affirmed's 1978 Triple Crown advocate
42. Prior to, in verse
43. Evidences exposure to ultraviolet light
44. Waterspout
45. Missile from a prangster
46. Period of years
47. Bruiser
48. 50 Big, in adspeak
49. "The faster the better"
50. A snack
51. After a comma
52. Mime
53. Unwilling to
54. Jumpl
55. "Take a look at us and think" 21
56. Classic name in "Women and..." 21
57. "Women and..." author 21
58. Ribald BBC sign on an umble
59. Unscramble these four jumbles,
60. Three times
61. Ump's call
62. A "stroke of luck"

DOWN
1. Actress Kelly
2. Cover in the kitchen
3. 1738 Handel opera set in Persia
4. Bill's explanation
5. Top of a clock
6. Wrap up by
7. "The faster the better"
8. 66-Across
9. "Abbr. after a comma"
10. Nimbly
11. "The faster the better"
12. Like some questions
13. Checks in on
14. Upbrads
15. Menu heading
16. Monopoly square
17. Army NCO
18. Kind of battery
19. Vance Air Force Base site
20. Shoot over
21. Home money participant
22. Informational sign on an interstate
23. Some vets
24. Titled
25. It
26. Prior to, in verse
28. Globe with olive branches, for the United Nations
29. Informational sign on an interstate
30. Some vets
31. Titled
32. Classic name in "Women and..."
33. Prior to, in verse
34. Popular antiainetu drug
35. "Yeah, sure!" detective
36. "Women and..." author
37. Son of Seth
38. 80's tennis star
39. "Women and..." author
40. Solar power
41. 80's tennis star
42. Suffix with pant-
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**ND SOFTBALL**

Pitching in blood, Bargar steps into leading Irish role

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

In a sport where its athletes aren't known for their toughness, Notre Dame pitcher Britteny Bargar stands out.

The sophomore workhorse, who leads the Irish in innings pitched and complete games, once took a hard line drive off her face in a high school game. When her concerned coach and teammates rushed out to help Bargar, she calmly jumped back up into the pitching circle and faced the next batter. Pitching runs deep in the veins of the Bargar family — Britteny's father Lance played baseball and pitched on the collegiate level as well.

"I started playing softball because of my dad," Bargar said. "He would always tell me stories about his games, and it made me interested." Bargar picked up softball at age eight, at first playing with her father and then joining a recreational league. She showed talent on the rubber from an early age and made an immediate impact as a freshman at Corona High School in California. Named team co-MVP as a freshman, Bargar was an integral part of a very successful Corona team.

"My high school career was amazing," Bargar said. "We were very talented, and I got to play with a bunch of girls I loved and became best friends with." The Corona team and Bargar had their best season in 2005, in her senior season. Ranked as high as third nationally, Corona reached the finals of the California Interscholastic Federation tournament. As a senior Bargar garnered several individual awards, including Riverside County player of the year. For her high school career, Bargar posted a sparkling ERA of 0.39, and tallied a 66-18 record.

Despite Bargar's dominance in high school, the hurler said she hardly thought about her future in softball until scholarship offers started coming in.

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**BASEBALL**

Fresh face

Notre Dame freshman A.J. Pollock has had no trouble adjusting

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

A.J. Pollock has always been confident.

Soon after he arrived last fall, a freshman just months removed from batting .462 his senior season at Regional Helbron Andover and Marlborough (RHAM) High School in Hebron, Conn., Pollock was sure he would be in the Notre Dame starting lineup come spring.

"I wanted to win a spot, and after the first couple weeks I knew I could play with anybody," he said.

Now, at the end of his first year in South Bend, Pollock is the everyday third baseman and second hitter for an Irish team that is slowly making its way into the conference.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles and Hope square off

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on Hope today to preface what will be a competitive MIAA conference tournament. The No. 4 Belles (20-6, 5-5 MIAA) and No. 2 Hope College (21-9, 9-1 MIAA) face off this afternoon at Gainey Field. The Flying Dutch have a .833 winning percentage in the conference, while the Belles are .500.

If inclement weather doesn't cancel the game again — the matchup was originally scheduled for April 4 — the Belles will finally have a chance to show Hope exactly why they are contenders for the MIAA championship.

"The delay in playing Hope has given us more time to prepare," freshman

**FOOTBALL**

Brown works hard for new defensive recruits

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

As the rest of the Irish made their way into the tunnel after Saturday's Blue-Gold game, defensive coordinator Corwin Brown decided he would take a little detour on his way to the locker room.

Brown cut through the slowly moving herd of blue and white jerseys, and the significantly less intimidating mass of reporters gathered outside the tunnel, to say "hello" to a few people — the potential recruits at Saturday's intra-squad game.

Brown has been hard at work this spring getting the word out to prospects that he is building Notre Dame's defense into a national force. And so far, Brown's hard work on the recruiting scene has yielded success. At this point last season under former defensive coordinator (and resident scapegoat) Rick Minter, the Irish had no recruits that verbally committed on the defensive side of the ball.

This season under Brown, four defensive prospects — defensive tackle Seantrel Thompson, defensive end Darius Fleming, and linebacker Anthony MacDonald and David Pudzusky have said they plan to attend Notre Dame for the class of 2012. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for irishyes.com, said Brown's work ethic is a big part of his early success.

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