White keeps ‘unique’ role in mind

Under his watch, school has captured four national titles, attained best-ever Director’s Cup finish

By KEN FOWLER

White’s answer in the session took a measured approach to on-campus proposals and Basilica weddings are complete in 9-3 season.

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Jim Schellinger, a 1984 Notre Dame graduate and former mayor of South Bend, was elected in 1996 as lieutenant governor to Indiana’s executive firm’s president in 1996.

Jim Schellinger submits his official paperwork seeking Democratic nomination for governor in Indianapolis March 29.

Alum joins race for Indiana governor

By AMANDA GONZALES

Schellinger, a 1984 Notre Dame architecture graduate, has entered the race to become the 50th governor of Indiana with a "moderate to conservative Democrat" platform and a strong desire to serve the electorate, he said.

Born in South Bend, Schellinger would become the second University graduate to ascend to Indiana’s executive office. Joe Kernan, a 1968 graduate and former mayor of South Bend, was elected in 1996 as lieutenant governor to Governor Frank O’Rannon. Kernan took over the office after O’Rannon’s death in 2003. After Schellinger graduated with an architecture degree, he went on to work for CSO Architects — one of the top five architecture companies in Indianapolis — and became the firm’s president in 1996.

Schellinger said he hopes to defeat the Republican incumbent, Mitch Daniels, after he defeats his competition in the Democratic primary. State Senator Richard Young and former Congressman Bill Tonge.

“To put it simply, Indiana needs a governor that is experienced, fiscally responsible and delivers for Hoosiers,” he said.

Film chosen at Tribeca

By JENN METZ

Senior Daniel Negret was in attendance at the world premiere of “Towards Darkness” (Hacia la oscurecida) at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City Saturday, where he watched his family’s creative vision materialize on the big screen.

“Towards Darkness,” a 94-minute film, is an official 2007 selection in the World Narrative Feature competition at the festival. It stars America Ferrera of “Ugly Betty” fame.

Negret — who was born in Columbus — and his older brother, Antonio, founded their production company, Negret Films, last year. Headquartered in Panama, their parents serve as advisors, making their company truly a family-run business.

A Film, Television and Theatre and finance double major, Daniel Negret has background in both the business and creative side of filmmaking. In this undertaking, he steered more toward the business angle, working substantially during the pre-production stages with investors and actors, while Antonio — who wrote and directed the film — took the creative reins.

But there was some overlap of the two areas, Daniel Negret said.

“The project started the company with the goal of making films that I’ve always wanted to see,” he said.

“With our own company, we have the freedom to make these films,” he said, adding the company is “willing to take risks” with negative reviews.

Significant athletic events at Notre Dame under Kevin White

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SMC loses official, two professors

By MANDI STROME

A top Saint Mary’s official and two professors will leave the College in the next two months.

Chief Information Officer Keith Fowkes and communication and performance studies Department Chair John Pauley will finish their service at the College this term. In addition, communications professor Ann Plumondon, who has been at Saint Mary’s since 1981, will retire after fall semester next year.

Fowkes, who has been at Saint Mary’s for more than five years, completed his last day at the College Monday and will become the vice chancellor of

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Professor John Pauley speaks with a student at the College last month. Pauley will leave Saint Mary’s at the end of this semester.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Off the chest**

You know, I'm graduating this semester. It's coming up fast. As stated several times before in various places, as a paid Observer employee I am entitled to write an Inside Column. I reserved this Inside Column space solely for the purpose of cleaning house of all loose ends from my undergraduate years. Here is a list of things I need to get off my chest before I move on to a new chapter in my life:

- To James: I told you I'd turn in that receipt for a return sooner for the hat. I lost the receipt and the deadline passed. Sorry.
- To the security guard: I have tried very hard to emunctate clearly and vividly describe what my sandwich should be like in a non-demeaning way. However, you frequently seem sad as a collective whole. I have failed to cheer you. I'm sorry.
- To the ND chapter of Amnesty International: I signed up for your e-mail list when I was a freshman but never joined. However, I've been reading your frequent e-mails all the way through for four years. Also, thank you for the free pen.
- To the guy who runs the students with disabilities center: I'm sorry I signed up for the purpose of being a note taker for class and then stopped turning in notes after a few months. I'm sorry it wasn't anything to take notes on. I didn't put any hours into it. Sorry for the inconvenience. You seemed kind of poised.
- To Marty: My public declaration of your handwriting was fine. I'm sorry.
- To the old man who told me it wasn't safe to stand out on St. Mary's lake when it was frozen: I don't know who you are, but you really need to go sill to this day.
- To the dining hall swiper: I'm sorry I never used my meal plan and transferred it to the side of North where you can't pay to get some in, knowing fully well that I couldn't pay for him on that side, and then had you tell me to go to the other side, and then I just walked into the dining hall with him. That was wrong but also surprisingly easy.
- To my Drawing I teacher: I never paid my $70 art fee from 2005. But I e-mailed you about it and you never got back to me. So I'm sorry, but I'm not sorry at the same time, because we had to buy all of our art supplies anyway.

Thanks for letting me get that off my chest. I feel a lot better now.

Oh yeah, and thanks for reading CroissantWorld for the past two years. I hope I don't make you cry anymore. I love all of you yadda yadda.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Adam Fairholm at afairholm@nd.edu

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** **WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING STUDY DAYS?**

- **Cliff Harris**
  - graduate student
  - off-campus
  - "I'll be taking my take-home final, doing research, grading exams and watching the NBA playoffs."

- **Peter Hoffman**
  - graduate student
  - off-campus
  - "I'm going to be in the basement of FitzClik, making breakthrough discoveries."

- **Katie Mounts**
  - senior
  - off-campus
  - "Hanging out with Kathleen."

- **Kathleen Komicar**
  - senior
  - off-campus
  - "Hanging out with Katie."

- **Ryan Duffy**
  - senior
  - Stamford
  - "Sleeping and forming an alliance with Quad Duck."

**Members of the Notre Dame and South Bend community mourn South Bend Cpl. Nick Polizotto at his funeral, held in the Joyce Center Monday. Polizotto was killed April 24 while he investigated reported shootings at a motel.**

**OFFBEAT**

**Honey bun used to catch bear in West Va.**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Ending a 200-pound bear's nightly ramblings through a subdivision required just a trap and some tempting bait: a honey bun and bacon grease.

For three nights, the bear rummaged through garbage cans, climbed on porches and tore down bird feeders in the subdivision outside Clarksburg, said Gary Foster, a wildlife biologist with the state Division of Natural Resources.

Alarmed residents called the DNR, which advised them to leave the bear alone and keep their garbage inside. When that didn't work, DNR officials decided it was time to find a new home for the bear.

**Inmates take swipe at toilet paper cuts**

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Toilet paper is becoming a sought-after commodity at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility after officials began limiting inmates to one roll at a time to trim costs.

Officials say the prison has long had a limit, but they learned recently that it hadn't been enforced. Increased enforcement began this month.

Under the prison policy, inmates are restricted to four rolls of toilet paper each month or an "as-needed" basis.

Steve Schneider, public information officer for the prison, said officials also restated restrictions on other personal items, including soap and toothpaste, as a result of stockpiling and overuse.

The increased enforcement has angered many of the more than 1,600 inmates housed at the facility.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform tonight at 7:30 in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The Band will be joined by jazz musician Jeff Clayton. Tickets are $5 for the general public, faculty, staff and students.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against Illinois-Chicago tonight at 6:05 in Frank Eck Stadium.

The last day of classes at Notre Dame is Wednesday.

Finance professor Sophie Shive will deliver the lecture titled "Good Dollars Chasing Bad Dollars: The Impact of Venture Capital Funding on Industry Stock Returns" Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

Penny Peng, the mother of the first woman from mainland China to graduate from Notre Dame, will lead a presentation and discussion of her book "On the Great Wall," Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. This event is free and open to the public.

Purdue University finance professor Laura Frieder will deliver the lecture titled "Separating Up from Down: New Evidence on the Idiosyncratic Volatility — Return Relation" Friday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza as part of the Finance Seminar Series.

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

**CORRECTIONS**

Due to an editing error, a caption accompanying a picture of Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage in Holyoke, Mass., was incorrect. Due to an editing error, a caption accompanying a picture of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility after officials began this month. The observation was made during Tuesday’s game in Providence, R.I. The photo was actually taken last April 24 at Franklin Eck Stadium. The Observer regrets the error.

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become the vice chancellor of Information Technology and chief information officer at the University of Virginia at Wise, he said. The job’s appeal grew, he said, with its added proximity to his family in Tennessee.
Faculty and staff members held a banquet yesterday to send Fowlkes, his wife and their two children off amid good luck wishes and farewell hugs. Fowlkes said he will miss Saint Mary’s, especially the many friends he made during his five-year stint at the College.
"I hope I’ve helped Saint Mary’s to be a better place,” he said. "It’s been an honor for me to serve the college community at Saint Mary’s. I wish the College so much success in the future. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming years. Thank you guys for being friends and colleagues.”

The department of communication and performance studies must also deal with the loss of its chair, Pauley, who will take a job at Eastern University as the department head of communication studies.
Pauley said he wasn’t looking for a new job, but that a friend approached him with the offer. While initially he had no intention of taking the job, he said, his conversation with members of his church caused a change of heart.
"I really felt that I needed to be open to that possibility, so I went, and I was open and really felt that this was where God was leading me. So the rest, as they say, is history," he said.
While he is looking forward to his new job, he said he intends to stay in contact with the Saint Mary’s women that befriended him during his 16-year tenure at the College.
"I hope that the relationships that we have formed will transcend the fact that I’m no longer on faculty," Pauley said.
The administration was still searching for a permanent replacement Monday, he said, but it will appoint a temporary replacement for him in the interim.
The College’s third loss, Plamondon, originally planned to retire at the end of this semester, but when she heard that Pauley was retiring, she decided to stay and teach one more semester, Pauley said.
With the loss of two of its best-known professors, Pauley said, the department would be "in trouble" if it didn’t find suitable replacements in the near future, as the demand for communication courses and the size of the classrooms has increased.
Students in the communication and performance studies major expressed their sadness at losing Pauley, and many wish him well, including junior Natalie Grasso.
"Dr. Pauley has had a huge impact on my academic experience at Saint Mary’s," she said. "Though I was disappointed to hear of his departure from the College, I wish him all the best. Eastern University is lucky to have such a talented professor and honorable man coming its way.”
Sarah Barnes, a sophomore communication studies major, also expressed how much she would miss Pauley.
"After my freshman year, I actually transferred to Notre Dame, but after a semester there and after many discussions with Dr. Pauley, I decided to transfer back to Saint Mary’s," Barnes said. "He was a huge factor influencing me to come back to SMC. I am very sad that he is leaving, but I trust that he is making a decision that is in his and his family’s best interest. I also trust that Saint Mary’s will do the best possible job in the attempt to find a replacement for Dr. Pauley, although that person will have very big shoes to fill.”

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Rossman named top in senior class
2007 valedictorian will graduate with 4.0

Special to The Observer

Michael Rossmann, a double major in theology and economics from Iowa City, Iowa, has been named valedictorian of the 2007 Notre Dame graduating class and will present the valedictory address during Commencement exercises at 2 p.m. May 20 in the Joyce Center arena.
Rossmann earned a 4.0 grade-point average and was a member of the Dean’s List each semester. He also is a member of Notre Dame’s Arts and Letters Honors Program, International Scholars Program sponsored by the University’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Theology Honors Program, and Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society.
Among his service activities, Rossmann participated in six seminars through Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns and served as a volunteer at the Our Lady of the Road Worker Drop-In Center and Logan Center in South Bend.
He taught English in Uganda, where in 2005 he completed a program in Development Studies at the School for International Training in Kampala. He also studied abroad in Morogoro, Tanzania, and Krakow, Poland, where he completed programs in the Kiswahili and Polish languages, respectively.
Upon graduation, Rossmann plans to study for the priesthood, joining the Jesuits at the novitiate in St. Paul, Minn.
The Commencement invocation will be offered by Carlin Hebert, a civil engineering major from Bennington, Vt., who will graduate with a 3.96 grade-point average.

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

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills.

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should be doing better and should have better leadership," Schellinger said. "Running for governor is an opportunity to step out of our current political situation and take a greater social responsibility.

He said he is prepared to give Indiana what it needs to improve the state and obtain better leadership.

"One of my goals is making sure I listen to those people. I don't want to be Hoosiers want. I reflect a vision that reflects their values," he said.

Schellinger said he believes his major contributions to the Indiana University athletics department were to listen to the problems and ideas of his constituents.

"I will put forth common sense to solutions and tackle problems in order, work in the state and move it forward," he said.

His campaign co-chairs are Indianapolis Mayor Bart Lilly, U.S. Representative Julia Carson of Indiana's seventh congressional district, former Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Bob Schellinger, his brother who was the football coach at LaVallie High School.

The campaign is expected to formally launch in early March, with campaign events scheduled for March 8-10 in Indianapolis, March 15-17 in and April 18-20 in Indianapolis.

"To put it simply, Indiana needs to have better leadership," Jim Schellinger Democratic candidate for Indiana governor.

White, who is the current Athletic Director of the University of Notre Dame, said in a statement earlier this week that his stay has not been very bright.

White, who is currently in the midst of a yearlong contract extension discussion with Notre Dame, was fired by school president Francis X. Cuffe.

White's decision to leave the University of Notre Dame was made on Monday, Oct. 24, just after a meeting with school president Lou Anna Simon.

He was later named as the new athletic director of the University of Indiana, a position he has held since 2012.

White said in a statement that he has decided to leave the University of Notre Dame after three years as athletic director.

"I have accepted the resignation of my Athletic Director," White said in the statement. "I have decided to pursue other opportunities in the university community and will begin the search process to find a new athletic director.

White's final decision was made after extensive discussions with his family, including his wife, Laura, and their three children.

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Accepting reservations for graduation parties

More than those by any other athletic director in the country. He was the first to have an athletic director on the board of directors.

There are complaints by coaches and student-athletes about the current administration and its policies, according to several reports.

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The day, which was marked by a speech given by President Barack Obama, was a day to celebrate the best of American culture and its contributions to the world.

It was announced that a new statue would be erected in the downtown area of the city, which would be dedicated to the memory of James B. McLaughlin, a former mayor of the city.

Two weeks later, on Jan. 1, 2002, White introduced Willingham as Notre Dame's new football coach. That marriage lasted for three seasons, and White was faced with another tough challenge.

"To the people at the NCA, he's a man of impeccable integrity," White said of Willingham at the coach's introductory news conference. "To the recruiting leaders, he's a man of great integrity and a great respect for people. In attracting talent even while maintaining the highest SAT deals in the history of the university, the plenarian whose players love him.

Those virtues were not questioned in 2004, but Willingham's ability to market Notre Dame was questionable.

"But I think that's the right thing," White said in the news conference. "The right thing is that we have one more team in the conference and one more team in the country.

Willingham and the Irish will play their first game of the season against the University of Notre Dame. The Irish are favored by 7.5 points, according to oddsmakers.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

5 al-Qaida terrorists jailed for life LONDON — Five al-Qaida-linked men were sentenced Monday to life in prison for plotting to bomb a nightclub, power plants and a transit system in 2005.

The five, all British citizens, were convicted Monday of plotting to attack the London targets with half-ton stockpile of fertilizer after a yearlong trial in which prosecutors and an FBI informant claimed the group's leaders were British. It was Britain's longest terror case.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said that while the jury's decision was final, it left questions about the men's role in the plot.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former CIA Director George Tenet says the United States needs to revitalize the Palestinian-Israeli peace effort and do a better job leveraging its own diplomatic and economic clout to offset Iran's growing influence in the Middle East.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Tenet said discussions about Israel need to be broadened to consider the entire region — and an eye toward "cautiously and minimizing" Iranian political influence.

Bush to veto withdrawal timetable WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday he wants to work with Democrats on completing legislation to prohibit U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq but will carry through on his threat to veto any spending bill that sets a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal.

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LOCAL NEWS

220 prisoners transferred after riot NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Prison officials have transferred hundreds of inmates from the New Castle Correctional Facility in Indiana in a move toward giving some prisoners part to free up room in segregation units for inmates who took part in the disturbance.

Eighteen inmates who had been in segregation cells at the New Castle prison were transferred to the Miami Correctional Facility on Wednesday to free up space for the inmates involved in the riot, said Ann Hubbard, a spokeswoman for that prison, which is near Kokomo, officials said.

IRAQ

Increased troops meet greater violence

104 American troops killed in April in deadliest month since start of war

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Five U.S. troops died in weekend attacks, pushing the death toll past 100 in the deadliest month since the war began.

Since December, the military said, 92 American and British soldiers have been killed in Baghdad, and 216 Americans have died in the city. Iraqis said civilians also face growing violence.

The rising toll for U.S. soldiers also pointed to a potentially deadly trend as U.S. troops exposed American civilians to more dangers as they try to reclaim control of Baghdad.

All but one of the lastest U.S. deaths involved a suicide attacker in central Baghdad, where a nearly 11-week security crackdown has put thousands of American soldiers on the streets, making regular trips for both Shiite and Sunni extremists.

Meanwhile, Sunni militants have outgunned American forces in some parts of the city, often by more than a dozen-to-one margin.

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"It was exciting to be a part of something that also included something made by one of the greatest actors of our generation," Daniel Negret said.

The festival, founded by Robert De Niro, will continue throughout the week. Antonio Negret and his parents are still in New York, but the younger Negret brother had to return to campus to prepare for final exams. The judging of the competition will take place Friday. The film's production was a two-and-a-half-year-long process, Negret said, but the concept began long before — when his older brother was still in college.

"Towards Darkness," a bilingual film, follows the kidnapping of a young man (played by Roberto Urbina) in Colombia and is "the story of what a family goes through," Daniel Negret said.

The premiere sold out. They even had to keep this high expectations at a realistic level. "I saw a lot of people at the cinema on line and then was so excited," Negret said. Though the narrative is fictionalized, the film is a symbolic account of the "human side of a kidnapping," according to the film's Web site.

The film's shoot lasted 24 days on location in Panama. Daniel Negret couldn't be on location because it conflicted with his classes, but he flew to Los Angeles various times throughout the production.

"It was a bit surreal, being there," he said. Though he didn't have any new projects planned for the near future, he said "Our goal is to make more films eventually."

"As unrealistic as it sounds, sometimes you just need to pursue your dreams," Negret said. "We didn't know whether or not to go through with it because of money, but sometimes you just have to hold your breath and jump."

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be married in the Basilica during what would have been their senior year. They decided to wait so they could be "financially independent" of their parents, who supported the couple's idea to get married. Miller said. And, Miller said, their parents have continued to support them even after MTV unveiled a show documenting the troubles faced by engaged couples under 22 years old.

"Our families were surprised but they know that we know what we're doing," Miller said. "The show 'Engaged and Underage' came out a week after we were engaged, but that's the opposite of what we are — we have an obvious calling to each other."

Amir and Miller plan to be married in the Basilica, one of three venues available for weddings at Notre Dame, according to Basilica Wedding Coordinator Amy Huber. "Campus weddings that may be performed in the Basilica, the Lady Chapel (inside the Basilica), and the Log Chapel," Huber said.

Students, alumni, and staff — people with an "association with Notre Dame" — are the only ones allowed to get married in the Basilica, Huber said. While she fields many calls from seniors and graduate students, most weddings in the Basilica involve alumni.

"I think the reason why most alumini choose to get married here is because Notre Dame is close to their heart and a lot of times this is where they have made that connection with that special someone," Huber said.

Interested couples are also advised to book early, Huber said. She schedules weddings a year or more in advance — while 2008 has "a few dates open," 2007 is "totally booked."

Undergraduate students who choose to marry cannot remain in their residence halls, according to Molly O'Nell, rector of University Village, which provides housing for married students. Students that are engaged but who are not married are allowed to remain in their dorms.

"Undergraduate residence halls are intended for single students," O'Neill said. "Students who get married are therefore invited to move to University Village, to live among a wide variety of student families."

 Married students who decide to live in University Village are subject to similar conditions and rules as residence halls, but also benefit from events catering to married students, O'Neill said.

"We also follow many of the same rules that undergraduate dorms follow — except partners, of course," O'Neill said.

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Supreme Court sides with Microsoft

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sided with Microsoft Corp. on Monday, finding that U.S. patent law doesn’t apply to software sent out of the United States as a part of a redesign plan.

In a 7-1 decision, the court rejected AT&T’s position that it is entitled to damages for every bank panel it had acted in good faith in securing a promotion and pay raise for his girlfriend. He said had no plans to resign, but President Bush gave him a fresh endorsement.

Wolfowitz has no plans to resign

World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz didn’t write in the majority opinion. “The presumption that United States law governs domestically-oriented matters but not rule the world applies with particular force in patent law.”

WASHINGTON — World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz said he acted transparently in securing girlfriend’s promotion.

Consumer spending weak as gas surges

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending rose at the weakest pace in five months in March as gasoline prices gripped shoppers with little left over for other items.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that consumer spending on all items was up 0.3 percent for the month, the slowest increase since September 2003 when the economy was suffering the aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina.

“People spent more in March but may be enjoying it less as the rising price of energy is cutting into what they actually take home,” said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisers, a private consulting firm.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 58.03 points to close at 13,062.91. But even with the loss on the final trading day of the month, the Dow still posted a 5.7 percent gain for all of April, its best performance since April 2003, as investors put aside worries about weak economic growth to focus instead on strong corporate earnings reports.

The weaker-than-expected consumer spending report on Monday added to worries that the economy could be in danger of slowing out if consumer confidence falters further in the face of rising gasoline prices and a slumping housing market.

“Unless spending posts unusually large gains in May, the second-quarter consumer-spending number is practically guaranteed to be awful,” said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital. He predicted that consumer spending will rise at an annual rate of around 1 percent, far below the 3.8 percent rate of spending growth in the January-March quarter.

The government reported last week that the GDP expanded at an annual 1.3 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter, the weakest showing in four years, raising new worries about the durability of the current five-year-old economic expansion.
The final 10

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4. There are problems that only force can solve. Campus crime alerts ensure that we are constantly reminded of the general theme of wrapping things up, I’ll share with you this list of no particular order, the intertwining topics that never quite made it to full column status... Enjoy!

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8. In general, people at Notre Dame are genuinely and sincerely committed to doing the right thing. I’ve met many people elsewhere who engage in protests and activities without really understanding what they’re doing, but that is rare here. Despite accusations that Notre Dame students are apathetic, most of the people I know here are idealistic, informed and active people who are committed to making the world a better place.

9. The final 10...
Proud of strides made by gender-relations committee

Dear Members of the Notre Dame Community:

In April 2006, I formed an ad hoc committee to foster a wide-ranging discussion on our campus of gender relations, roles and ways to prevent violence against women. The committee discussed, and various members of the committee worked on a plan and produce, three events. In November, the student-produced play Loyal Daughters addressed issues of sexual assault and other forms of sexual coercion that affect members of the Notre Dame community. In February, two events were presented. The Edith Stein Project hosted a two-day conference, Toward Integral Healing for Women and Culture, focused on ways in which victims of violence may be healed, extending its discussion to healing of all who are negatively impacted by a social context which promotes eating disorders, pornography and sexual violence. Later in that month, a panel discussion, entitled Sex and the City of God, used an episode of the popular television series Sex and the City, to bring Catholic teaching into conversation with contemporary issues of sexual morality, feminism and relationships between women and men. Taken together and in conjunction with offerings of various departments such as the Gender Relations Center, I believe these initiatives were valuable in contributing to a deeper awareness of the tragic reality of sexual violence, a more serious engagement with questions of sexual morality, and a greater openness to addressing questions and issues with the resources of both reason and faith guided by the Catholic tradition. I am proud of the efforts of the committee as it worked together, sharing perspectives and plans. My sincere thanks go to the members of this committee for their commitment and service. I chaired the committee, and its members are the following: Gail Bederman, associate professor, History Eileen Bottig, assistant professor, Political Science John Casadini, department chair and associate professor, Theology Ann Firth, associate vice president, Student Affairs M. Cathleen Kaveny, John P. Murphy Foundation professor, Law School; professor, Theology Jean Ann Leiney, vice president and associate provost; professor, Psychology Carolyn Nordstrom, professor, Anthropology Ava Preacher, assistant dean, College of Arts and Letters Kathleen Pyne, professor, Art, Art History and Design Heather Bakunycz, director of Gender Relations Center; Student Affairs Dayle Seidensohn-Nuzzo, associate dean, College of Arts and Letters; professor, Romance Languages and Literatures Frances L. Shavers, chief of staff and special assistant to the President Gregory Floyd, student Madison Liddy, student Madeleine Byland, student Anamaria Scapera-Ruiz, student Danielle Thomson, student Emily Woodecker, student As we approach the end of this academic year, committee members believe there is still work to do. At our last meeting, the consensus of the committee was that the group should continue its work for another year, building on the successes of this year. I concur. We will continue the work of the committee for another year, replacing some members who are graduating or, for other reasons, can no longer serve. My thanks as well to everyone in the community who contributed to these discussions.

In Notre Dame,
Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University President

Society has progressed toward rejecting conformity

These days, it’s tempting to think individualism is dead here in corporate America. Spend a few minutes on the Quad and you can’t help but notice all the North Face jackets and the Ugg boots. And of course, don’t forget the white earphones wrapped around people’s heads, signifying their status as iPod groupies. On first thought, you might think the “i” in iPod represents individualism. But if you consider the millions of other people sporting the same device, you’ll quickly change your mind. The cynics see all this, too. The problem is they see only this, while ignoring how different people are today compared to past generations. There was a time, a few generations ago, when all the girls wore dresses and handbags and all the guys wore slacks and dress shirts. True, not everyone was wearing the same designer label, but almost everyone wore the same style. Thankfully, that’s not true today.

There was a time, a few decades ago, when drug use was not only cool and common, it was also expected. If you didn’t smoke dope, then you weren’t an individual. You were a goody-two-shoes rejector of it however we’d like. The “About Me” section of your Facebook profile is chock-full of my favorite quotes and snippets of poetry I’ve written. Even the insidious world of ilife contributes to our own individualism. iTunes allows us to access a greater array of music than any previous generation ever dreamed of. We can tailor our iPod playlists to our exact tastes and rock out to the beat of our own bass line.

Members of our generation not only have more freedom of speech, but we can prove it, too. Unlike past generations, we won’t have trouble identifying our differences. Our greatest challenge will be identifying — and building upon — our similarities.

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**Samurai’ simply stunning cinema**

There comes a time in every movie lover’s life when he or she realizes that only his friends read what he writes and everyone else ... well, they just don’t care.

These are the life and times of an assistant scene editor at The Observer. Some people have devoted most of their college career to this paper, whereas I made out like a stowaway and jumped onboard only this year. The experience has been fun heartwarming and all around scene-tastic. Working for the best, yet oft ignored section in the paper has made me realize that a good graphic goes a long way and not everyone will agree with you.

One of the foremost jobs of any Scene writer is to review DVDs. I’ve reviewed some good (“THX 1138,” “Patton”) and some bad (“Stick It,” “Night at the Museum”). These are the life lines to an end that which will bring stories and articles to you, that is if you’re a nerd like I am.), and I’m going into a discussion on what is called “author” theory in the biz of film studies, which — for those of you who know me — I think is mostly a load of horse dung.

Kurosawa, however, restores my faith that cinema can be masterfully done as both an art form and pleasurable in story. The samurai master not only composes and cuts shots together well, but he knows how to weave an engaging yarn that shifts from drama, to humor, to tragedy and all these little emotional peaks and crannies in between.

If I sound like a fan-boy, it’s because I am a fan-boy. The three-disc set of “Seven Samurai” may be one of the best DVD releases, well, ever. The people who run the Criterion Collection know what they are doing and have set the benchmark in film to DVD transfers.

My time at the Scene section of The Observer now comes to a close but I would like to leave The Observer with a few parting words.

In the immortal lines of Emmett: “Doc” Brown, “And so, The Observer now say farewell and wish you Godspeed. You’ve been good, a kind and loyal friend to me, and you made a real difference in my life. I will always treasure our relationship and think on you with fond memories, warm feelings and a special place in my heart. Your friend in time, Marty Schroeder.”

Whoever knew I could write something so touching.

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**The good, the bad and the ugly**

There are a lot of good movies coming out this summer: “Spiderman 3,” “Shrek 3,” “Pirates 3,” “Transformers” — and the list goes on.

Its summer of sequels it seems like every summer is the summer of sequels these days, which makes you wonder if there’s any creativity left in Hollywood, many of which will bring stories to an end that have been in progress for years, perhaps even as long as some of us have been in college.

While these will surely pull in billions of combined dollars and dominate news headlines (see tomorrow’s Scene section), I would like to take this chance to inform readers of some other lesser-known sequels premiering this summer that “could” be just as worthy of our money as any of the “tentpole” movies coming out in the next month.

**“Sort’s Up” (June 8)**

Maybe this isn’t exactly the sequel to “Happy Feet,” but it’s close enough. Here, animated penguins will compete at the Pennant World Surfing Championships in what is being termed an animated mockumentary. Shira Erroff (who’s in pretty much every movie these days) voices the under penguin in what is the third or fourth penguin movie to come out in the last few years. I’ll admit that penguins are cool animals, but somehow this one has gone far too far.

**“Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer” (June 15)**

I’ll admit, I haven’t seen the first movie, but that’s because it looked really, really awful. Pretty much every critic in America seemed to think so too, and the movie wasn’t the hit the studio thought it would be. And now they’re making a second one? Do we need to see more bad writing, poor effects and lame acting tarnishing the genre of superhero movies? Unfortunately, the answer is yes.

**“Underdog” (Aug. 3)**

This remake of the old television show where a dog receives super powers already promises to be a smash hit — in Disney’s pocket book. While the original cartoon was fun, and sometimes even funny, this looks like it will have fairly mediocre computer graphics and a storyline filled with so many spoofs that it’ll get lost along the way.

**“Daddy Day Camp” (Aug. 10)**

This sequel to 2003’s “Daddy Day Care” brings back none of the main original cast, instead placing Cuba Gooding, Jr. in Eddie Murphy’s role as the boss of a Day Camp for kids. Fred Savage (yes, that Fred Savage) directs what should be a poor sequel to what was originally quite an entertaining film.

Hopefully this list will help the discerning moviemaker keep in mind ALL of the sequels coming to theaters this summer and maybe even help whittle down the list to what needs to be seen in theaters (“Underdog,” anyone?) — and what might be a more of a wait-for-it-to-come-out-on-video thing.

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**Film studio have unique**

I didn’t arrive at Notre Dame as a film student, but I love it as one.

People have said that I’m obsessed with cinema, and they’re right — but why not? What other medium speaks to us with such force and power? It evokes emotion with such clarity and vigor that we are moved. No other medium is capable, on such a consistent basis, of making us laugh or cry — or to make us react in fear or anger or disgust.

I’m often asked if studying film as a discipline has infused me to it; if rigorous and detailed examinations of movies I love have made it impossible for me to simply enjoy them.

If anything, it’s been the opposite — I’ve spent much of my time here watching films, reading about films and writing about films, all of which has only deepened my appreciation. As with most things, understanding how something works only adds to the intrigue and sense of wonder — seeing a particularly well-made film can be a breathtaking experience.

There are few things more magical than being swept away by a great movie. I can remember sitting in theaters watching films like “Children of Men,” “The Departed,” “2001” and “External Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” with a sense of awe, while I thought to myself, “There are men and women out there who made this.” Men and women who dreamed of a great picture, and found a way to make it real.

When I interviewed legendary cinematographer Haskell Wexler earlier this
Criticism proves a hard pill to swallow

Although it positively reviewed her album, the ultra-fans misunderstood many comments in my review and reverted with lots of negative feedback. A few are legitimate comments, while the rest have been taken out of context to make me appear stupid. I have yet to meet anyone who looks after orphaned children is the optimistic per- son's "Oliver Twist," Boyd reassuring and heartwarming, it continues to remind me of my heritage, no matter how far I may have traveled from it.

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The movies that shape us

As far back as I can remember, movies have been the language I've never been able to understand. Over the years, I have had my fair share of filmmakers who have caused me to weep. The hardest events to review are those that take place on campus, since negative criticism can be taken personally and not objectively. The difference between reviewing a campus event and reviewing a movie, however, is that the makers of "Robin Hood" aren't likely to read my review at all—let alone take it as a personal attack. When that happens, however, it's easy to take the smallest amount of criticism personally.

But this shouldn't happen. Much like the rabid Kellie Pickler fans, calling someone a "slow-witted numbuck" doesn't actually address complaints against an individual. As we seep out on the stage and enter the world, there's one lesson that I would like to make sure Notre Dame graduates carry with them—graciously accept criticism. If a boss or co-worker doesn't like your report, that doesn't mean that you should go and write graffiti in the bathroom.

Instead, learn, listen and respect the opinions of others—even if they aren't the same as your own. And if you disagree, then find constructive ways to make your own voice heard—without resorting to attacking another person.

After all, we are headlining into the real world—not to recess.

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Cricket

Pakistan cricket coach Bob Woolmer, right, speaks to player Imran Nazir March 13 after a loss in the Cricket World Cup. Woolmer, 58, was murdered March 18 in his hotel room after Pakistan was knocked out of the Cup.

Drugging unconfirmed in coach's murder

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The top Jamaican policeman investigating the homicide of Pakistan's cricket coach said Monday he has not confirmed that Bob Woolmer was incapacitated by a drug before being strangled.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that a toxicology test on Woolmer's body showed the presence of a drug that would have incapacitated him.

Mark Shields, the deputy police commissioner in Jamaica, emphatically said his investigators have not concluded that Woolmer was drugged.

"No results and we have not confirmed anything," the former Scotland Yard policeman said in a text message to The Associated Press from his cell phone. "Work is ongoing."

Woolmer, 58, was found unconscious in his room in Jamaica and within an hour declared dead in a hospital on March 18, the day after his squad was upset by Ireland and eliminated from the World Cup. Police said he was strangled.

Shields said toxicology tests were done in Jamaica and sent with British police officers to a government-owned laboratory in their country, The Forensic Science Services, to be "independently verified."

Shields has not yet heard back from the British laboratory. He said he would not discuss whether the toxicology tests indicated the presence of a drug that could have incapacitated Woolmer.

An employee who answered the phone at the laboratory's headquarters in Birmingham, England, after business hours said nobody was available to comment.

The BBC's Panorama program did not identify the drug or the source of its information, and said toxicology tests were due to be given to Jamaican police next week.

In London, Scotland Yard said inquiries are being handled "independently and thoroughly." Shields said he wouldn't comment on the last-place Yankees, who are 8-17 this year.

Steinbrenner backs Torre decision

NEW YORK — George Steinbrenner has spoken: For now, Joe Torre has his backing to turn around the Yankees following a start the owner termed "clearly not acceptable."

Steinbrenner previously had refused to comment on the last-place Yankees, who are 8-17 this year.

"We're looking into a lot of factors and that's what we're looking into at the moment," Steinbrenner told the Associated Press.

Associated Press

Shields has said in the past that foreign investigators would examine theories that Woolmer may have been drugged. He said that would have made it easier to state a man as large as Woolmer, a former England test batsman.

"A lot of force would be needed to do that," Shields said the BBC. "Bob Woolmer was a large man and that's why one could argue that it was an extremely strong person, or maybe someone else, or maybe someone was in control of external injuries suggesting that there might be some other factors and that's what we're looking into at the moment."
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Completing the team were Denver Nuggets center Marcus Camby and guards Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Ilga Bell of the Phoenix Suns.

Bowen, a forward, received 42 votes, six more than Duncan, Camby, the Defensive Player of the Year, was chosen for the first time.

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Toronto beats Texas thanks to Halladay’s gem

Atlanta’s Hudson pitches well a day after the death of college teammate; Pirates down Cubs in late innings

TORONTO — Roy Halladay threw a five-hitter, Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 6-1 Monday night.

Troy Glaus and rookie Adam Lind also homered for the Blue Jays (13-12), who secured their third straight winning April with the victory.

Halladay (4-0) struck out eight and walked none in his second complete game of the season. He went 10 innings in his first one, leading Toronto to a 2-1 victory over Detroit on April 13.

Halladay has worked at least seven innings in each of his past five starts. He retired eight in a row between the first and fourth and 11 straight between the fourth and the eighth against the Rangers.

Toronto got to Vicente Padilla (0-4) for three runs in the second. Glaus led off with his third homer, Matt Stairs followed with a single and Hill homered into the second deck in left, his fifth. Padilla then retired three in a row to get out of the inning.

Lind hit a two-out solo drive to right in the seventh, his third. All three of Lind’s homers have come in the past four days. Padilla gave up four runs and six hits over seven innings. He walked four and struck out four.

Associated Press

Braves 5, Phillies 2

Tim Hudson honored college teammate Josh Hancock with another strong outing and Andruw Jones won it for the Braves with a three-run homer in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

Pitching with a “JH” on the front of his jersey, Hudson allowed only four hits in eight innings though he didn’t get a decision.

In the bottom of the ninth, Kelly Johnson led off with a single. Chipper Jones walked and Andruw Jones hit a towering drive into the left-field seats off Antonio Alfonseca (1-1). Chipper Jones also homered for the Braves.

Hudson was good friends with Hancock, the St. Louis pitcher who died early Sunday in a car crash. The two played together at Auburn in 1997, when Hudson was the Southeastern Conference player of the year and Hancock was a freshman.

Together, they helped lead the Tigers to the College World Series.

While Hudson failed to improve to 4-0 for the first time in his career, he has clearly regained the form that made him one of baseball’s top starters in Oakland. He struggled last season for the Braves, going 13-12 with a career-worst 4.86 ERA.

This season, Hudson has lasted at least seven innings in each of his first six starts, not allowing more than three runs in any of them. His ERA is 1.40.

Hancock’s death wasn’t the only loss on Hudson’s mind. The right-hander’s long-ailing grandmother also died over the weekend, and he’ll be heading to Columbus, Ga., on Tuesday for her funeral.

Pirates 3, Cubs 2

Jason Bay hit a one-out homer in the eighth, an inning after Pittsburgh tied it on Ronny Paulino’s double, and the Pirates came back from a two-run deficit to beat the Chicago Cubs Monday night.

Bay’s homer, an opposite-field shot off Michael Wuertz (0-1) that barely reached the right-field bleachers, was his fourth of the season and his 100th with the Pirates. Bay is the 20th player in club history to hit that many.

Salomon Torres, the Pirates closer who had been scored upon in six of his previous eight appearances, pitched a scoreless ninth for his eighth save in 11 opportunities.

Matt Capps (2-0) won it by pitching the eighth.

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ST. LOUIS — Rick Majerus got out of coaching three years ago because of health concerns. Now his biggest worry is putting Saint Louis on the basketball map.

Majerus replaces Brad Soderberg, who won 20 games in the last of his five seasons but failed to generate even an NIT bid his last three years. Soderberg addressed April 17.

Majerus, an ESPN analyst the last three years, agreed to a six-year contract Friday.

"I saw this as an opportunity," the 59-year-old coach said at a news conference Monday. "I don't think I forgot how to do it. I love practice and I love the kids and I like the game."

Majerus had led Utah to 10 NCAA tournament appearances in 15 seasons. He also has coached at Ball State and Marquette, and was a Milwaukee Bucks assistant. He has a career record of 422-147 with 15 postseason appearances.

"The coaching profession is a much bigger place today because Rick Majerus is back in it," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "Rick has proven time and again what it takes to win."

Majerus feels ready to take on the challenge of leading a school that last made it to the NCAA tournament in 2000. Rotund and nearly bald, Majerus thought his appearance " eerily " similar to that of the school's gnome-like Billiken mascot.

"I'm never going to wear a 42 regular," he said. "But I swim one mile every day and on a good day a mile and a half. I think my health is good, or I wouldn't do this. It would be too fair to them."

Father Lawrence Blondi, the school president, hired Majerus to elevate the school to top 50 status.

"Rick, I am sure, will tell you it won't happen overnight," Blondi said. "But it will happen. This is a truly exciting day for men's basketball."

Majerus inherits a team that finished in the middle of the pack in the Atlantic 10 and returns four starters.

"I just don't know the guys well enough," he said. "You don't want to panic in these situations. It's not about this year. It's about laying the groundwork for the program."

If he doesn't know his roster yet, the players know all about his health.

"I think he's going to move the program in the right direction," forward Luke Meyer said. "He's big, and his reputation precedes him."

Athletic director Cheryl Levick wanted to give Soderberg one more season but was overruled by Blondi, who envisioned the hiring of Majerus as a complement to the school's new $82-million on-campus arena due to open in November 2008.

"I'm a big supporter of Brad, but that has nothing to do with Rick," Levick said. "He'll take this program to the next level as we open up this arena. It's the perfect combination."

Majerus coached Utah to the NCAA tournament final in 1998, losing to Kentucky. He stepped down in January 2004 because of his health.

file until he entered a plea as part of a deal with prosecutors.

"If the information is publically available prior to April 26, 2007, the ongoing investigation could be jeopardized by efforts to intimidate or otherwise influence the defendant."

Radomski's attorney, John Riley of Hauppauge, N.Y., declined to discuss his client's testimony.

The court records were unaudited when Radomski, 37, pleaded guilty on Friday to elevating the school to top 50 dealing steroids, human growth hormone, ampheta-mines and other drugs to "dozens of current and former Major League Baseball players, and associates."

Schools said in a statement.

In exchange for a lenient sentence, Radomski also agreed to cooperate with the ongoing federal investigation as well as baseball's internal probe headed by former Sen. George Mitchell. It's widely expected that he will divulge names of players who bought drugs from him.
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The first game went scoreless until the third inning when Belles senior shortstop Sarah Miesle doubled to right center, driving sophomore pitcher Calli Davison home.

Adrian responded with a homer from sophomore Carmen Batway, pulling the Bulldogs into the lead at 1-1. The Bulldogs scored again in the fifth on a sacrifice fly. In the sixth inning — the Belles' most successful this season — senior designated player Laura Heline, Rashid, sophomore Cathy Kurczak and freshman Maureen Healy all scored unearned runs to vault Saint Mary's to a 3-1 win.

Belles sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram was dominant in the second game, fanning 10 batters while giving up seven hits in a 10-3 thrashing of the Bulldogs. Riding the momentum from game one, the Belles came out swinging. Rashid knocked a two-run shot to left — her fifth homer of the season. Healy scored on a wild pitch, and Davison scored an unearned run.

The Belles continued their spectacular play as Miesle drilled a grand slam in the second, freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, Davison and Healy scored on the play. Miesle and Peterson scored the final two runs in the game during the fourth inning on Heline's double.

In 2006, the Belles were 11-5 in MIAA — a win better than this season — but they are still content with their regular-season performance.

"We had momentum and I think we'll carry it to Alma and the tournament," Katie Rashid Belles first baseman

Katie Rashid
Belles first baseman

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just 1-5 in 2007, although he will send either senior lefty Wade Korpi or sophomore second baseman A.J. Pollack — the first two hitters in the Irish lineup — into the game-winning triple Sunday.

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Relay
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400 open. The only difference is the starting line and you have a baton in your hand.

Although the races themselves are similar, both Powell and Molnar mentioned mental discrepancies.

"The biggest difference is there's a lot more pressure in a relay because you're just running for yourself, you're running for your teammates," Powell said. "One bad leg can ruin the whole race."

"I just really want to show the other guys that I can run fast," Molnar said.

Even though the training for the race does not differ from the training for the open 400, one leg is not equal to another. The fastest athlete usually anchors the race and the second-fastest begins it. The second and third spots are interchangeable.

"You want to have a really strong leg to start off because you want to be in the race," Powell said. "We were having problems with that last year, we didn't have a strong lead-off and after the first leg we weren't in the race and we couldn't compete."

The difference between relay races leads itself better to some runners than others.

"Relays are really fun compared to a regular race," Postel said. "You definitely don't feel as tired when you run, there's a team aspect to it and your adrenaline's pumping more. You typically run better in a relay just because it's more fun. But sometimes I just like the idea of running by myself."

Molnar agreed with that sentiment.

"I really prefer the individual because the success is bigger than a relay," he said. "The success of a relay is split into four parts."

The competition to make a relay team is fierce, Powell said six or seven members were in a tight race for four spots since late August. But rather than hurting the team, the competition can serve to improve their running, he said.

"We're always competing in practice and always competing to be top runners," Powell said. "I think it's really helped probably everyone's performance.

Relays can also breed friendship. Powell and Postel, who have run the 4x400 relay together since Powell's freshmen year, live together off-campus. Powell lived off-campus last year and, when looking for a roommate, felt Powell would be a good fit.

"We'd been good friends since freshmen year, and it seemed like it would work perfectly," Postel said. "I've always kind of looked up to Ryan as kind of a leader and example, especially in running," Powell said. "I thought living with him would probably improve my running and overall lifestyle."

Heading into the Big East Championship meet, the team hopes to add to the Irish point total. To do so, they require the support of every member.

"Sometimes we speak about the relays, especially right before the competition," Molnar said. "We always shouted, 'Come on, lets win', all together, all members of the team. And it's like touching my heart and I'm gaining a lot of energy before the race. It's kind of helpful and the atmosphere is better if you run more relays."

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Fifth-year senior Ryan Postel is one of four Irish racers in the team's successful men's 4x400 relay.

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**NFL**

Five undrafted former Irish players sign free agent deals

Observer Staff Report

Four former Notre Dame players who were passed over during the NFL draft this weekend signed free agent contracts late Sunday night, and a fifth signed Monday.

Running back Darius Walker and defensive end Chris Frome signed with the Chicago Bears, wide receiver Rhema McKnight inked a deal with the New Orleans Saints. Tight end Marcus Freeman and defensive lineman Travis Letkio were picked up by the Baltimore Ravens.

Walker had a year of eligibility remaining but decided to forgo his senior season to enter the draft. During his final season, Walker had 1,267 yards rushing and was third on the team with 56 receptions for 391 yards. Walker also scored eight touchdowns his junior season — seven rushing and one receiving.

McKnight suffered a knee injury and earned a medical red-shirt in 2005. He returned as a fifth-year senior in 2006 and caught 67 passes for 907 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Freeman caught nine passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns in 2006, seeing action in all 13 games.

Frome returned from a season-ending injury against USC in 2005 to play in all 13 games last season.

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**TRACK**

Relay men thrive on teamwork

3 of 4 on squad that set school indoor record

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

Track and field is a sport filled with individual performances. Athletes compete against time, distance and themselves. In an arcane sport such as this, relays are the exception to the rule.

Rather than pitting athlete against athlete, relays combine the athletic ability of four runners with the skill of passing a baton between them at high speed. The Irish men's 4x400 meter relay fits the bill nicely.

The team — comprised of fifth-year senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordan Powell, junior Austin Wechter and freshman Balazs Molnar — has enjoyed great success this season. This is the team — with junior Rob Kueny running in place of Molnar — that set the school indoor record at the Alex Wilson Invitational earlier this season, posting a time of 3:08.38.

Rob Kueny suffered from an allergy problem that affected his running and breathing, the team picked up right where it left off when Molnar joined.

The new group of four ran its relay in 3:09.38 — the second-fastest outdoor time in school history — at Arizona State's Cliff Keen Invitational.

"We run just as fast, pretty much, with Balazs," Postel said. "As far as Bob versus Balazs, it's not going to make a difference.

The ability to switch runners may be due to the similarity between the legs of the relay and the 400 meter dash. The training remains the same for both events.

"You don't train for a relay. Period," Postel said. "A relay is just a juxtaposition of four 100s. There's no additional training for a relay. The only thing you train for on a relay — and I wouldn't even call it training — would call it practice, because training is something completely different than just practice — that would be just handoffs. You run a 400 relay just like you would run a

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**BASEBALL**

Fanning the Flames

**ND faces surging UIC in non-conference game**

By FRAN TOLAN

Sport Writer

After taking two of three from Rutgers this weekend in Piscataway, N.J., Notre Dame returns home today at 6:05 p.m., looking to cool off the red-hot Illinois-Chicago Flames, who have won 17 of their last 20 games.

The Irish are on a winning streak of their own, coming in on top in 10 of their last 13, including taking a majority in their last three conference series.

Notre Dame feels it is playing at its highest level of the season heading into the matchup with UIC, a team the Irish have beaten 23-of-29 times in the all-time series. Irish coach Dave Schrager said his team looks to continue its solid play until the Big East tournament, which will be held in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 22-26.

"This is what we needed to do," Irish coach Dave Schrager said after the Rutgers series. "You want to be playing your best baseball when it comes close to tournament time."

Against UIC (23-15), the Irish

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles gear up for tourney after sweep

Clutch hitting, strong pitching guide team in doubleheader

By REBECCA SLINGER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (25-7, 10-6 MIAA) proved it belongs in the league tournament by sweeping Adrian 5-3 and 10-3 Monday in Adrian, Mich.

The fourth-seeded Belles will face top-seeded Alma College (27-9, 14-2 MIAA) in their first matchup of the MIAA league and tournament this weekend. The Belles lost 9-1 in their first conference game of the season, and then lost 4-0 on March 31.

Belles sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid says the team's strong finish boosts its confidence.

"We had momentum and I think we'll carry it to Alma and the tournament," she

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**CLASSIFIED students base running during Notre Dame's 8-7 win over the Rockets April 17 at Frank Eck Stadium. The Irish face Illinois-Chicago today at Eck Stadium at 6:05 p.m. **

**Belles first baseman Katie Rashid stretches to record an out during Saint Mary's win over Adrian April 24. The Belles swept a doubleheader Monday at Adrian.**