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"We started this roofing project last year and were unable to complete it due to inclement weather," Hambling said.

Hambling issued an e-mail to Regina residents with a schedule for construction, which is set for completion by the end of this month.

"O'Loughlin is also undergoing similar work and everything from Regina and that work side is said to be cleaned up by May 2," he said.

Some students have found leaks in Regina dorm rooms.

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**Festival to celebrate writers**

Three women will read, discuss works

By BECKY HOGAN

The University's first women writers' conference, "A Festival of Our Own," begins today and will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of female authors Wednesday and Thursday.

The conference, sponsored by the Department of English and the Creative Writing Program, will feature three female writers — Alice McDermott, Katherine Vaz and Lily Hoang.

Tonight features a public reception and with excerpts from McDermott, followed by a question and answer session. Wednesday night's highlight is a panel discussion, including all three writers and moderated by Sayers and senior Meghan O'Donoghue. The conference will finish with readings on Thursday night from Vaz and Hoang.

"We thought it was a natural for Notre Dame. So many students are of Catholic background and are practicing Catholics," English professor Valerie Sayers said. "We thought it would be really interesting to see how women depict Catholicism in their writing."

Many who will open tonight's events, is the winner of the National Book Award and the American Book Award for her novel "Charming Fireside: African Roots in Every Garden," is based on the old African tradition of fireside readings.

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Tim Russett, moderator of "Meet the Press" and Washington Bureau Chief for NBC News, discussed journalists' responsibilities while interviewing political figures and gave the audience an idea of preparation involved for interviews in his lecture "When Politicians Meet the Press" as the keynote for the 25th Red Smith Lecture Monday in Washington Hall.

Robert Schmuhl director of Notre Dame's John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, said Notre Dame President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh introduced the lecture in 1983 to commemorate Walter W. "Red" Smith, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1927 and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976, also attended the lecture.

Red Smith's son, Terence Smith, introduced Russett, saying that this lecture is relevant to Indiana's current political climate.

"The timing of this lecture tonight with Tim Russett is pretty extraordinary, right in the heart of the most dramatic primary campaign that this country has seen in decades," he said.

Russett said his mission is to learn as much as he can about the guests' position on issues before-hand and take the opposing side while maintaining a civil atmosphere on the show.

"I'm in a position to call them out and try to bring them back to..."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Dining Hall Doldrums**

I’m usually not prone to rant. When I’m frustrated with something, I try to reason it out, think rationally, take a deep breath before venting out loud. I’ll complain, but I try to avoid rants. There are exceptions. When one of my teams does something I don’t like, I make sure the TV hears about it. And I absolutely cannot tolerate dining hall indifference.

This phenomenon has happened to everyone. On your way across the dining hall towards your next delicious menu item, you run into this guy standing stock-still smack in the middle of everyone’s way, he’s slowly turning in circles as if he’s awe at the plethora of food at his disposal. He hasn’t the foggiest idea what his stomach desires. When I get stuck behind this guy, I make sure to restrain myself from upending his tray so hisuppleshakes in his face.

I’ve developed a fool-proof route through the dining hall that ensures I never miss a special dish. (For the purposes of this column, I’m talking about South; North’s layout is such a disconcerting quagmire that navigating it with any kind of premeditation is a complete shot in the dark.) I enter on the right. If I see a line by the Chinese food, I know it’s General Tso’s Chicken day and my search is over, if not, I swing around the traffic cone. Passed the Mexican line, I’ve seen everything there is, I’ve made my decision and I proceed to get my food.

I’m not saying everyone has to follow this pattern, but there needs to be premeditation before entering the dining hall. If your game face isn’t on, everyone around you will know it, and you’ll essentially be racing a traffic cone.

I’m not perfect. I’ve done it. I’ve been that guy who was overwhelmed by the choices and gaped at the different options available to me. I partly blame the convergence of more than one delicious food on the same night. You can’t serve peppered flank steak on the same night as General Tso’s. It’s not fair to ask college-age kids to make that choice.

The final flaw I see most often is that people don’t keep their head on a swivel. The dining hall is a cross- crossing, zig-zagging trail map of paths to and from different food stations. Everyone needs to imagine they’re running a crossing route — keep your eye on the ball, or the food, but use your peripherals as paths to and from different food stations.

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Benedict: Smart and savvy

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- A theologian recalls the then-cardinal's deep understanding of Protestantism. A former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican was impressed by his interest in all things American.

Those who have met Pope Benedict XVI say the nation who knows and admires much about the U.S., but also sees a culture in need of moral guidance.

"I was very impressed by his lucidity and the grasp of the issues, both historical and contemporaneous," Wells said.

Benedict, a former theology professor, has made ecumenical outreach a cornerstone of his papacy, although he has upset some Protestants by affirming that the Catholic Church is the "true" church. The pope is holding a prayer service with Protestant and Orthodox Christian leaders Friday night at a Manhattan parish.

Benedict will address the scandal during his trip and "will try to open the path of healing and reconciliation," a likely forum could be when Benedict speaks to priests during a Saturday morning Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican’s U.S. ambassador, told The National Catholic Reporter that a meeting of the pope and victims is "within the field of possibility."

Karl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic lay fraternal group, said Benedict doesn’t get enough credit for his part in instituting reforms in the U.S. church in 2002 and doesn’t get enough credit for his part in instituting reforms in the U.S. church in 2002 and 2003. At the time, he ran the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which reviewed all molestation cases against clergy worldwide.

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Anto said.

In Africa, when [tribe] members returned at night, they would sit around the fire, and elders would lead the conversation, giving advice of one sort or another, he said.

The talk will take place at 6:30 around the fireplace in the CoMo lounge. Event organizers invited members of faculty, including University vice president John Affleck-Graves, to act as the elders and mentor the Northerners around the fire, Ossei-Anto said.

The finale of Africa Week, Africa Night, will take place at 7:30 Saturday in Washington Hall.

"Africa Night is the embodiment of what Africa is," Ossei-Anto said, "The night is a showcase of African culture: drumming, singing, dancing and anything that is part of the joyful and rich culture of Africa."

The show consists of different performance groups both on and off campus, including African, Brazilian and American groups. These groups demonstrate the America Week themes of "African Roots in Every Garden," Ossei-Anto said. "For example, Latin dancers will salsa to some East African music," he said. "The night serves as a reminder that Africa is not just poverty. There is so much history and culture, and we want to promote it on campus."

Theo Ossei-Anto Africa Week organizer

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Billy Sayers is a Whiting Writers Award winner and author of two novels, "Mariana" and "Saudade," which focuses on how martyrdom is experienced in the New Testament.

In Indiana University-South University and has taught at University of Washington Hall.

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Colombia: The Church as Peacebuilder

Wednesday, April 16

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hussey Center for International Studies Auditorium

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President, if what you are wrong? What if we are not greeted as liberators, but occupiers, and with a long, protracted and bloody battle [and] insurrection, particularly in the Baghdad area? He said, "I disagree. That will not happen."

Russert stroked questions that journalists must thoroughly prepare for their interviews. He said he reads several publications to inform himself about the subject.

"It is essential that I do what I did not do when I was in college," he said. "I had been taught that if I read my lesson before class, show up in class on time... read my notes after class, the exam would be easy. They were right. I did not (do that), but it is what I do now, every day and every week.

With the variety of news sources available today, including political biased pundits and "pamphleteers," Russert said the public, and not only journalists, should listen to multiple points of view.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S. ally wins Italian primary election**

ROMA — Montinari Silvio Berlusconi won a decisive victory Monday in Italy's parliamentary election, setting the colorful former prime minister on course for a third stint as premier.

"I'm moved, I feel a great responsibility," he said in a phone call to Rai public television while monitoring election results at his villa outside Milan. Italian news agencies said he had a lead of nearly 5 percent.

Berlusconi capitalized on discontent over Italy's stagnating economy and the unpopular Romano Prodi's government.

**Red Cross criticizes U.S. detainee policy**

ABU, Afghanistan — The Red Cross criticized the way the U.S. handles prisoners at the highly secretive Bagram military base, saying Monday's report would allow detainees to introduce testimony in their defense.

The criticism of the prison, which few outsiders have seen, goes to the heart of the system, the group said. The report said detainees do not even know why they are being held. Kellenberger spent a half day at the prison during a one-week visit to Afghanistan that ended Monday.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Delta, Northwest Airlines to merge**

ATLANTA — A person familiar with the negotiations says Delta Air Lines' and Northwest Airlines' directors have approved a deal for Delta to take over Northwest and create the world's biggest carrier.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement was expected later Monday, said the boards of both companies gave the deal the go-ahead.

The announcement will come a year after the long-expected Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Both carriers are losing money and facing competition from the four much-smaller airlines that have filed for bankruptcy or gone out of business in recent weeks.

**Polygamist sect faces custody trials**

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Texas officials who for months have sought to seize a polygamist retreat in a remote area just north of the Mexican border said Monday two of the women who were on the list of 416 children to be taken from the state Friday were freed.

The Department of Family Protective Services agency filed a petition Friday to have the 15-year-old Butcher and 19-year-old Holt, the two women, removed from the Children's Protective Services agency.

Joyce Butler and Susan Sheehan, who live in the Jornada compound, had been placed in state custody after they were located during a raid on a Shilie militia stronghold in Basra.

**Iraqi troops free British journalist**

CBS News reporter found and freed after capture in Panjab in captivity

Associated Press

IRAQ — Iraqi troops freed a kidnapped British journalist on Monday after finding him hooded and bound in a basement of a house in a Shiite militia stronghold in Basra.

British reporter Butler's rescue after two months in captivity was a sign of improvement for the Iraqi military, which has been strongly criticized for its effort to impose order on Iraq's second-largest city, an oil hub 340 miles southeast of Baghdad.

It came on a day in which nearly 40 people were killed or found dead nationwide — half of them in bombings or found dead nationwide.

When asked by al-Askari on Iraqi television if the Iraqi army was strong, Butler said it was "brilliant."

"The Iraqi army stormed the house and overcame my guards and they burst through the door," Butler said later. "I had my hood on, which I had to have on all the time, and they shouted something at me and I pulled my hood off."

Security commander Lt. Gen. Mohan al-Fihrai said Butler was sitting on the floor with his head covered by a sack and his hands tied when the troops stumbled upon him.

Butler had been held since Feb. 10, when masked gun­men seized him and his Iraqi interpreter from Basra's Sultan Palace Hotel.

The interpreter was released within days, but Butler remained in captivity despite claims by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al­Sadr's office that it was negotiating with the kidnappers for his release.

Harith al-Fihrai, a director of al-Sadr's office in Basra, said the kidnappers had rejected their efforts and threatened him over the issue.

"The kidnappers have nothing to do with the Sadrist movement," he said.

In London, British Foreign Secretary David Milliband thanked the Iraqi security forces "for the professionalism of the task they have undertaken" and said Butler was in the care of the British consulate in Basra.

CBS News spokeswoman Sandy Genelius said the net­work "was incredibly grateful that our colleague... has been released and is safe."

The gratitude was eagerly accepted by the Iraqi govern­ment, which has been embarrassed by the failure of a major offensive that began on March 25 to dis­lodge militia groups from Basra.

Iraqi security forces were surprised by the ferocious resistance mounted by the outnumbered militants, despite artillery and air sup­port provided by U.S. and British forces.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Indiana's juvenile detention rates high**

MUNSTER, Ind. — Just three states jail a higher percentage of their kids than Indiana, an advocacy group says in a report on the well-being of children.

Indiana's juvenile incarceration rate of 41.4 per 100,000 children in 2006 trailed only Wyoming (60.6), South Dakota (54.4) and Montana (56.4) for the highest rate of juvenile detention in the country. The U.S. average was 21.3 per 100,000.

Indiana's Department of Correction reported a rate of 41.4 in 2006.

Michael Petit, the group's president, said Indiana's high incarceration rate stemmed at least partially from the state's poor ranking in other areas examined in the report such as child welfare expenditures, infant mortality and births to teen mothers.

**J.K. Rowling testifies in copyright case**

NEW YORK — J.K. Rowling testified before a packed courtroom in a lawsuit to block publication of a Harry Potter lexicon, telling a judge that the book amounts to a "wholesale theft" of nearly 20 years of her hard work.

"I know I've made enough money. That's absolutely not why I'm here," Rowling told the judge in U.S. District Court.


Rowling claims the book is noth­ing more than a rearrangement of her own material and told the judge it copied so much of her work that it amounted to plagiarism.

"I think it's atrocious. I think it's sloppy. I think there's very little research," she testified Monday. "This book constitutes wholesale theft of 17 years of my hard work."

She also said she has recently started work on her own encyclope­dia but does not expect to complete it for two or three years because she wants to do it right.

D.R. Books' lawyer, Anthony Falzone, has defended the lexicon as a refer­ence guide, calling it a legitimate effort "to organize and discuss the complicated and very elaborate world of Harry Potter." The small publisher is not contesting that the lexicon infringes upon Rowling's copyright but argues that it is a fair use allowable by law for reference books.

The nonjury trial will be decided by U.S. District Judge Roberts Patterson Jr., who must determine whether the use of the material is legal because Vander Ark added his own interpretation, creativity and analysis. The testimony and argu­ments could last most of the week. Rowling will spend her breaks in the seclusion of a jury room, away from fans of her wildly popular series.

The trial comes eight months after Rowling published her seventh and

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Scientists: Quake to hit California by 2037

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California faces an almost certain risk of being rocked by a strong earthquake by 2037, scientists said Monday in the first statewide temblor forecast.

New calculations reveal there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will strike in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

"It basically guarantees it’s going to happen," said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 72 people, injured more than 9,000 and caused $25 billion in damage in the metropolitan area.

The damage created by an earthquake depends greatly on where it hits. A 7.1 quake — much stronger than Northridge — hit the Mojave Desert in 1999 but caused only a few injuries and no deaths.

California is one of the world’s most seismically active regions. More than 300 faults crisscross the state, which sits atop two of Earth’s major tectonic plates, the Pacific and North American plates. About 10,000 quakes each year rattle Southern California alone, although most of them are too small to be felt.

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Threatening messages close 3 midwest colleges

St. Xavier University, Malcolm X College, Oakland University shut down due to graffiti

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A message sprayed in a university bathroom — "be prepared to die on 4/14" — left not just the college’s campus empty Monday, but also those of two adjoining high schools and a pair of nearby elementary schools.

After the precautions were taken at St. Xavier University on the city’s southwest side, Malcolm X College evacuated students and canceled daytime classes Monday after a similar threat was found in a bathroom at the campus west of downtown. And Michigan’s Oakland University was closed Monday because of threats, a graffiti mentioning April 14.

The closures, two days before the anniversary of the Virginia Tech killings and two months after the deadly rampage at Northern Illinois University, illustrate the challenge such threats pose to school administrators, who have to decide just how seriously to take them.

"I can see why they’re doing it for the safety of the kids. But I see it as over the top," said Lynn Ruggiero, whose daughter is a freshman at one of the high schools that shares a campus with Xavier and closed Monday.

Ruggiero said she figures whoever wrote the threat "is getting a certain satisfaction" from putting thousands of Chicago students out of class. Still, she knows school officials have a hard time pleasing everyone: "If they hadn’t closed, people would have said, ‘How come you didn’t?’" St. Xavier and Malcolm X are located about 15 miles apart, and despite the fact that the threats had similar wording, there was no indication they were related.

Chicago police spokesman Monique Bond said the graffiti at St. Xavier was widely publicized over the weekend, and also contained in updates the college placed on its Web site.

While St. Xavier decided Friday to close until further notice, classes at Malcolm X resumed late Monday afternoon after bomb-sniffing dogs swept the campus.

Oakland University, an 18,000-student state school about 20 miles north of Detroit, planned to resume classes Tuesday. The graffiti that prompted its shutdown also made a reference to "4/14" but didn’t specify a type or time of an attack, university spokesman Ted Montgomery said.

School administrators’ decisions about handling threats can be made easier by having a plan in place that outlines how to deal with the chain of command, first responders, communications and alarm systems is vital, Consalvos said, and allows administrators to decide when to monitor a situation and when to shut down a campus.

"I don’t think you can be cavalier about the seriousness of any threat," Consalvos said. "At what point do you have to get out of causing chaos. And he said he worries that threats were regularly used to close down institutions. And be said he worries that the closures could encourage other people who get a kick out of causing chaos.

"At what point is it serious and at what point do you have to go on with it," Fiegel said.

Craig Fiegel district superintendent

Evedena Lee was one of a number of students arriving for class Monday afternoon at Malcolm X. "The thing I would like to say is that the school had never been locked down. Despite disappointment that she may have wasted a trip to campus, she had no problem with the decision to close the school, particularly so soon after a gunman opened fire and killed five students and himself in February at NIU, about 65 miles west of Chicago.

"I think people have issues nowadays," said Lee, 30. "You can never be too cautious."
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**Zimbabwe**

**Court rejects election appeal**

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Associated Press

HARARE — Zimbabwe's High Court rejected an appeal Monday for the immediate release of presidential election results, dashed hopes for an end to the paralyzing political crisis and prompting the opposition to call a nationwide strike.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai says he won the March 29 election outright and has accused President Robert Mugabe of holding back the results to try to maintain his 28-year grip on power. Independent tallies show Tsvangirai won, but did not receive enough votes to win. Apartheid-era laws stack the deck the president's party supporters would force the election commission to release the results after a 36-day wait. The commission, which published results for parliamentary and local elections within several days of the election, said it can't release the presidential results until it investigates electoral anomalies.

In rejecting the opposition petition, the court ruled that the commission's explanation was "legally valid," and said the electoral body "has not strayed from the law."

Government spokesman Bright Matonga praised the ruling and dismissed charges the court was biased. "The electoral commission should be allowed to do its job," he said. Tsvangirai accused the election commission of working for the ruling party. "Now, for the next three or four weeks, [the commission] will drag the time, while people get beaten and while a new electoral environment is being created," he told South Africa's independent e-tv station.

The opposition and human rights groups said ruling party militants have been waging a campaign of violence against opposition supporters ahead of a possible second round of voting.

Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights said it had documented at least 130 attacks on opposition or independent poll monitors. Two people were killed and 29 hospitalized with serious injuries, director Irene Peterson said.

The MDC called a nationwide strike for Tuesday that would be the first major protest since the election.

The police have banned all political rallies, and opposition officials said Tuesday's action would be a quiet, nonviolent protest against street protests.

People are not going to get beaten. They are going to be in their homes, expressing their dissatisfaction," Nelson Chamisa, MDC spokesman. "People are not going to work. They are going to be in their homes, expressing their dissatisfaction."

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Associated Press

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The U.S. and Israel have blacklisted Hamas for its history of using some 250 Israelis with suicide bomber attacks and its refusal to renounce violence and recognize the Jewish state.

Israel's top leaders are boycotting Carter during his nine-day Middle East trip, in part because plans to meet later in the week in Syria with Hamas' exiled supreme leader, Khaled Meshaal.

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I have no problem with drinking per se. On the contrary, it can not only be un­tisful, but positively good. Enjoying a beer can make you a humbler, more grateful, better person. Ben Franklin said beer is proof that God loves us and wishes us to be happy. There are surely other proofs, like a baby’s smile, but good beer can help one realize that behind all appear­ances in this vale of tears, the ultimate reality is joy. Didn’t Humorist write that ale does more than Milton can justify God’s ways to man? Cathedrals can boast, among others, Chesterton and Walker Percy as able apologists for beer and bourbon, respectively. David Allan Coe couldn’t have written The Greatest Song Ever (“... I was drunk the day my Mom got out of prison”) without some liquid inspiration. I trust teetotalers as little as I trust vegetarians (Hitler was both, by the way), and as C.S. Lewis observed, there’s a certain sort of evil man who wishes to deny others the honest delights he’s given up himself. We’re right to be suspicious about condemna­tions of drinking.

You’ll have to be dumb or dishonest, though, to believe that recent condemna­tions of drinking in these pages — or those that appear almost annually I have been directed toward this sort of drinking, that goes with gladness of heart and bonhomie. Nor is it just the amount of consumption that’s been criti­cized. There are all kinds of drunkenness, after all. There’s just-lost-my-job drunk, just-got-engaged drunk, servant-man­on-leave/leib/liberty drunk, bourbon/can’t-cope-with-life-drunk, etc. The sort of alcohol abuse I saw most often at Notre Dame, though, and the sort people find most annoying, is look-at-me-ar’n’t-I-cool drunk. And if you wonder how you can tell, I promise you it’s not too hard. Plus, I’ve been there myself.

The recent criticisms of alcohol abuse at Notre Dame — it’s unhealthy, it’s immoral, it’s inconsiderate, had deci­sions often follow — have been some­what amusing. News Rash, Earth to responsible people: those whose actions you’re criticizing don’t care. In fact, these criticisms just reinforce their deci­sions to drink. These consequences of drinking just make it all the more attractive to them. They think they’re being quite transgressive, after all. Do you think they really didn’t know some­one else has to clean up their messes, and someone else has to listen to their noise?

What I’d argue instead is that acting like you’ve just discovered alcohol and want everyone to see, far from showing the world how cool you are, actually just suggests — strongly — that you were terribly sheltered at high school. Whenever I saw someone at Notre Dame who began half his sentences with “I was sooooo wasted...” I thought, “Mommy still tucks him in when he’s home.”

I’m not suggesting it’s good to go through high school drunk. But better high school than college. The immaturity associated with binge drinking and related behaviors is more age-appropri­ate for high schoolers. High school’s largely a waste anyway, needlessly long and hardly challenging (I say this as a high school teacher).

But college should be different, right? I deeply regret that not every day I spent at Notre Dame was special, the kind I remember with glee. I wish I made more of the opportunities I had there — even academic ones. With no fiber of my being do I wish I’d spent a single night stumbling around drunk at The Linebacker, acting like an ass, full of bravado, sure I could light a fire on that road that goes out to Bend deserves. He can be contacted at gregpy@hotmail.com. I welcome the inevitable hate mail. But please, when you tell me how many keep you and your bubs have “killed”, or how much time you spend at whichever dives, explain why I should be impressed. And do try to write without the heavy snarky sarcasm — “You’re awesome, I wish I could be like you” — that lately has seemed like the only method of communication in this newspa­per. It’s not very clever, or funny.

Greg Yatarola is a 1999 alumnus. He directs the discriminating drinker to the beer & wine place right next to the gas station on that road that goes out to T.G.I. Fridays. It’s better than South Bend deserves. He can be contacted at gregpy@hotmail.com. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

T.V. and friendships

I write in response to Nikki Huiras ("Why stop at alcohol?" April 14) and her claim that television is detrimental to student academics, health and social lives. Despite the fact that I'd like to point out that she is illegitimizing a large group of people majoring in Film, Television, and Theater, I would like to refute many of her claims.

First of all, considering our high graduation rate, Notre Dame students are hardly falling. I myself watch television several hours a day, but I am far from falling and that is despite the fact that I watch "America's Next Top Model." I also resent the insinuation that I would be boring because I watch a lot of T.V. I think T.V. has helped me learn more about the world through things like news and the History Channel, therefore becoming better informed and therefore interesting. Second, as far as the fact that T.V. is bad for your health by impairing vision and encouraging weight gain, it is true that T.V. can do that, but I would argue that spending hours sitting around reading and doing homework can do the same thing. I think most students make sure they fit physical activity into their lives. Finally, T.V. has helped my social life in many ways. Often, T.V. is a way for me to instantly connect with someone I have just met. We discover we like the same show, have long conversations, get together to watch shows, become best friends. When I was traveling in Switzerland I made friends with an Australian girl over conversation that began due to a mutual like of the show "Friends." We still remain great friends a year later. I have connected with my mom as we watched "Gilmore Girls" together, laughed over "The Office" with my dad, bonded with my sisters over "Son and Kate Plus 8," just as Nikki connected with her grandmother with religious T.V.

I don't make any claim that T.V. is completely good, but it is certainly not quite the demon that Nikki makes it out to be. Therefore, I will end my comments as I watch reruns of "Full House" and reminisce about the good times I had watching it with my sisters while growing up.

Molly Rivard
Wells Family Hall
April 14

Abortion not a Holocaust

First of all, I don't want to discuss pro-life vs. pro-choice in this letter but rather the usage of the Holocaust in connection with abortion. Coming from a country which was engaged in the mass-killing of Jewish people under Hitler, Austria, I was surprised to what extent the Holocaust is used for pro-life propaganda here in the United States. I was even more surprised when I read the sentence "Though educating everyone about the Holocaust of our time is essential..." on the homepage of Notre Dame Right to Life (http://www.nd.edu/~prolife/legislation/). The Notre Dame pro-life group should consider a few facts before using the term: Abortion is not the result of a centuries old Anti-Semitism which culminated in the Holocaust; the Holocaust is not comparable to the total war launched by the Nazis. Abortion is not comparable to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. The singularity of the Holocaust is not comparable to any other event in human history. Hence it is disrespectful to the dead and to Jewish people to consider abortion as a Holocaust. It is morally wrong and in my eyes disgusting to trivialize the suffering and death of millions of people who died during the Nazi terror regime in order to use it for certain propaganda purposes. I don't know if it is either a lack of historical knowledge or simply an intellectual shortcoming to connect the Holocaust with abortion, but I know that it is absolutely inappropriate for a group at a high profile academic institution like Notre Dame.

Florian Ploczek
graduate student
off-campus
April 14

GOP misunderstood

This is a direct response to a letter recently written to The Observer titled, "GOP not pro-life" (April 9). Francisco, I find what you wrote not only appalling but also irrelevant. You, as so many people interested and involved in politics, make such generalizations about Republicans — we only care about whites, upper-middle and upper class people, Catholics, men and ourselves (people exactly like us). Please read clearly — you are wrong. Maybe you should realize that we care about our nation, its status, and the people living in it — all of them. How can you say that "Catholic pro-lifers" do not care about women, those being tortured, the poor, the environment, or those around the world who need our help? That is ridiculous, I guarantee they overlap on more occasions. Do not be so inclined to think that people who feel strongly about not killing babies and are pro-life have no other views. They even care about Liberals like you and only want you to understand their views; they are not just trying to be a "beacon of light and truth" like we do when we argue our opinions. Overall, what I must say is if we want to talk about generalizing political parties, then you, as a liberal, must care about babies and our nation's security among many other things. I, on the other hand, will simply say your argument is completely flawed; also, you may want to think twice about writing such statements that make not only you look bad but your beloved Democratic party. I am pretty sure even Hillary Clinton wouldn't make such a dumb and untrue statement. Oh, and just so you are aware, my vote goes to John McCain for the 2008 presidency not just because he is pro-life.

Kevin Kimberly
freshman
O'Neil Hall
April 9

Ticket prices too high

It's that time again. The ice has thawed, spring is in the air, and student ticket booklets have gone on sale. The Administration has simplified the process by making the switch to an online exchange (for a $5 surcharge), but its policy of raising student demand remains the same. When the class of 2008 arrived for their first season in 2004, season ticket books were $159. The cost for the upcoming season is $195, nearly a $40 increase in four years. This year's cost is down from last season due to the fact that the Irish only play six games at home in 2008, but the reduction from last year's total of $208 is only thirteen dollars. Watching the home opener last year was certainly worth about $13. Although the student body is grateful for the fact that we have the privilege of guaranteed season tickets, it is disheartening that the University continues to habitually raise prices for a good that they know full well has an inelastic demand, while they continue to raise costs for tuition. Let's hope that Coach Weis and the boys in blue and gold provide some justification for the University's shameless financial excesses.

Ryan O'Connor
junior
abroad
April 14

Think your opinions are good enough for the dimming hall?

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Girl in the Glee Club

I just listened on iTunes to a great version of our Victory March. Unfortunately, it was by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It sounded great because it was co-ed. I LOVE our Glee Club but with women being over 50 percent of the student population, shouldn't it be co-ed?

Alex Calabrese
sophomore
Cl '95
April 17
AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DAVE MATTHEWS

Dave Matthews, the popular vocalist and guitarist best known for fronting his eponymous Grammy-winning rock band, has been actively campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama (D-Il.). Matthews spoke with The Observer last week about Obama, politics and his band’s recent music projects before taking the stage at Indiana University for a free acoustic concert promoting Obama’s campaign, attended by over 17,000 students. Guitarist Tim Reynolds accompanied Matthews at the Indiana concert. Reynolds is Matthews’ long-time friend and playing partner who has played at Notre Dame’s Legends club twice in recent years.

“It’s an interesting time,” said Matthews about the 2008 presidential race. “It’s been about 40 years since we’ve had a candidate that really inspires young people in a large way.”

Matthews publicly announced his endorsement of Obama in February, via a letter to fans. Matthews’ campaign activities for Obama are not his first foray into politics. Dave Matthews Band played on the 2004 “Vote for Change” tour with artists such as R.E.M. and Bruce Springsteen. They also played at President Bill Clinton’s Inaugural Ball in January 1997.

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Matthews was passionate when speaking to reporters about why the 2008 campaign offers many young people the opportunity to engage in politics.

“The candidates are really interesting in this race and may well inspire kids to change their minds and get more involved,” Matthews said. “I think the young vote, in a sense, is the most important vote because it’s the vote for their future. They have the most at stake and they have big ideas. Getting those qualities involved in the political system will improve it.”

Matthews, who spent part of his youth in South Africa under apartheid, was impressed by Obama’s March 18 speech in Philadelphia on race in America in the wake of the fracas over videos of sermons given by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama’s former pastor from Chicago.

“I admired his response to the scandalous allegations about him being connected to the state-
ments of his pastor,” Matthews said. “I thought his response was to make it into an opportunity to discuss race relations, rather than react and start defending himself. It was a beautiful speech. I was surprised by the eloquence of it — in the midst of all that scandal and the sort of fast-editing of news channels — that what he said cut through so beautifully.”

Matthews believes that Obama’s eloquence on America’s race relations is a major factor in his admiration of the Democratic senator.

“Race] is an issue to me that has been swept under the rug in this country,” Matthews said. “Somehow people don’t feel it needs to be addressed, we just pretend it’s somehow past and that we’ll get over it eventually. I think the way [Obama] addressed it was incredible, actually.”

Reynolds publicly supported progressive Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich in his 2004 and 2008 campaigns for the Democratic Party’s nomination for president. Matthews was quick to point out that he supports Kucinich as well. “Dennis Kucinich is awesome,” said Matthews, adding that he and Reynolds “agree on political issues more than disagree.”

Outside of his political activities, Matthews has been busy as of late, including talking with the Dalai Lama in Seattle and recording a new studio album with his band. Reynolds joined Dave Matthews Band in the studio for the first time since 1998. Reynolds has been happy with the recording process so far. “It’s really great,” Reynolds said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

“We [DMB] are laughing a lot, which I think is important,” Matthews said about his band’s current studio work. “We’re all writing together.”

Dave Matthews Band, a member of the RCA label, last released a studio album in 2005, produced by Mark Batson and entitled “Stand Up.” Reynolds and Matthews released a live album of their acoustic show at Radio City Music Hall in 2007. Their current recording sessions are different than for “Stand Up,” Matthews said.

“It’s a change right now,” Matthews said. “It’s difficult to be an organization, a group of people, in a gang that stays the same for so long. There’s a lot of crap that comes along with it. This time, for whatever reason, it’s really open and we’re in each other’s faces a lot. It’s good.”

Green Day and Goo Goo Dolls producer Rob Cavallo is turning the knobs for DMB this time in the studio. Matthews has been impressed by Cavallo’s work.

“He’s just sort of slipped in like one of us,” Matthews said. “He’s very subtle. I enjoy having him there. He’s very involved in the whole process. We’re all very calm in there and the music is what seems to be inspired.”

Reynolds, who last played at Legends in February with his band TR3, played a seventeen-song set in front of a capacity crowd at Indiana. The set was highlighted by a lush rendition of the Dave Matthews Band rarity “The Dreaming Tree,” Reynolds’ solo on his instrumental song “Stream,” and a funky take on “Save Me,” a track off Matthews’ 2003 solo album “Some Devil.”

Reynolds and Matthews, when they’re together, bring out the best in each other. Backstage, Reynolds and Matthews were amiable with Obama staffers and other reporters, ribbing each other good-naturedly and laughing in the Hoosiers’ locker room under the Assembly Hall bleachers.

Matthews first met Reynolds in the late-1980s in Charlottesville, Va., where Matthews was a bartender and Reynolds was an older, well-known local musician. Soon after they met, Reynolds and Matthews began to play music together, with Reynolds eventually encouraging Matthews to begin his own band. How does Reynolds explain the unique chemistry between these long-time friends? “It’s the Einstein equation,” said Reynolds with a laugh.
Sailing head to Pre Nats

Special to the Observer

Sailing

Notre Dame placed fourth at the NCAA, College Championships at Minnesota's Columbia Yacht Club this weekend. The Irish competed for the pre-national competition in Los Angeles in two weeks.

The Irish made a clean sweep edging out the Irish were Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota. Trailing the Irish were Northwestern, Toledo, Chicago, and Michigan; Michigan State, Iowa and Ohio State. The Irish team finished third and the B team sixth in their division races.

Earlier, the club had the past nationals in team racing, to be held this summer in Newport, R.I. The results are even more impressive given that most of these sailors are college students.

Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame finished 21st in the NCAA Collegiate Volleyball Sport Club Championships over the weekend, a drop-off from top-10 finishes the past two seasons.

In the opening round of play in the tournament held in Dallas, the Irish played a strong match against Utah. Behind the middle hitting of sophomore Alex Dame and Reddit, the Irish played to a tie against Valley State. The Irish rushed to an early lead against the Lakers, largely in part to the attacking and blocking of right side, Tim "Sleepy" Goldsmith.

The lead was never given up as Notre Dame cruised to a first round win.

The Lakers were apparently not ready to head home yet and pushed back, taking the second round and forcing the match to a third. Notre Dame refocused and controlled the final game, taking the match, 21-12, 21-15, 15-9.

In the last match of the season, Notre Dame faced off against Marquette. Marquette jumped to a large early lead that car­ ried into the second, 24-20 and facing game point, Notre Dame dug deep and served to knock the Golden Eagles out of the tournament.

Notre Dame cruised to a game win, 21-14. After a back and forth affair, Marquette won a close third game. Under the leadership of Coach R goaltino the Irish closed out their season.

Bowling

This weekend, Notre Dame traveled to Oberlin, Ohio, to participate in Oberlin's College Championship Tournament. Kent State and Ohio State were a close third and the Irish made a clean sweep of those two schools, 21-25, 15-9.

On Sunday, the Irish faced Grand Valley State in the second game of the weekend. The Irish started strong, but the Lakers had the upper hand in the first half ended with the Irish losing, 5-4.

Notre Dame fell to the Boilermakers, 21-15 and 25-21, but Notre Dame found the back of the net eight times, and senior bomber led the Irish with 5 goals, and O'Neill, with 2, both of whom added two. Harchut and Durkin completed the scoring, and Betty O'Neill made 7 saves in the cage.

The Irish will head to Portland, Ore., for the National Tournament on West Quad May 1.

MLB

Kevin Millar Totalled filled his head as a cleanup hitter, and Matt Albers stepped out of the bullpen to give the Blue Jays the starting rotation. Together, they carried the surprising Baltimore Orioles back home.

"We're all in this together, and the team's performance this week-

Rugby

Notre Dame's rugby club fell short 14-7 to Michigan State this weekend in Elkhart, Ind. Andy Mullen registered the only try for the Irish, but Dem Greive scoring on the conver­sion. The game was tied at the half, but Michiana dominated the scrums in the second half and controlled the pace of the game.

The Irish will return to action home this Sunday as they host Ohio State at 1 p.m. on the West Quad.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame won the Midwest Division Championships last weekend in Dayton, Ohio, and secured a bid to the National Tournament in pool play. The Irish faced Washington University of St. Louis in the first round, winning 16-1. Maggie Hyde kept the game close, but the Irish, 10 players scored in the game.

All Kurk and Kat Memminger scored three goals each for the Irish. Kelly Horner and Cristina Romano each scored two. Betty O'Neill and O'Neill, with 5 goals, and O'Neill, with 2, both of whom added two. Harchut and Durkin completed the scoring, and Betty O'Neill made 7 saves in the cage.

The Irish loss caused a three-way tie in pool play. In order to win a one-game playoff, Notre Dame had to win a one-game match to a third. Notre Dame "Sleepy" Goldsmith. In the last match of the sea­

Notre Dame tied a career high with three hits for the Orioles, 6-1 at Camden Yards.

"I am here for whatever the team needs," Albers said. "I'll probably be back in the bullpen the next couple days and I will be ready to go. I'm really excited just trying to help this team win. That's the main thing." Alex Rios had a pinch-hitt, and Matt Albers stepped out of the bullpen to give the Blue Jays the starting rotation. Together, they carried the surprising Baltimore Orioles back home.

They outpitched us, outf­played us," Baltimore manager John Gibbons said. "But we hung in there and we fought until the final out and we made a score."

The Irish gave up three runs and hit 10 in six innings. Although he worked out of several jams, the right-hander paid dearly for his poor pitch to Millar.

"I just hung a curveball," said Millar. "That's all you can say about me." McGowan said. "He crashed it."

McGowan is 0-3 in seven career appearances at closer for Baltimore and owns a 7.45 ERA at Camden Yards.

"I guess you could say they hit me pretty well," said Millar. "I was kind of sitting in the bullpen deciding that I was a little bit better than that."

McGowan hit a two-run RBI single in the first inning for Toronto, Millar singled in a walk off and scored to win and the Blue Jays score remained tied until the top of the sixth, when a two-out walk to Nick Markakis.

Harry Potter and Betsy Hernandez added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Plates 6, Dodgers 4

McLouth extended his season-opening hitting streak to 13 games with a two-out, two-run home run in the sixth inning of the Dodgers' 6-4 win against the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

"I was trying to save the win for countryman Hiroki Kuroda, who made his Dodger debut yesterday. That's why I gave up a one-out single to Jose Bautista and a two-out triple to Adam LaRoche before getting a groundout and a deep fly to left for the right-handed pitcher for all his efforts this season.

McLouth is one of three players to open his team's first 13 games this year, along with Kansas City's Billy Butler and the Dodgers' James Loney. Loney's streak is the Dodgers' three-longest to open a season since the team moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in 1958. Steve Garvey hit in 21 straight in 1978, one year after Ron Cey opened the season with a 17-game run.
Beasley leaves Kansas for NBA Draft

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — After putting together one of the best freshman seasons ever, Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA. Kansas State's All-American freshman announced Monday that he will skip his final three seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the No. 1 overall pick.

"It's time to take my game to the next level," Beasley said as his family and several teammates looked on. "I think I proved myself over the course of the season. I just think it's time for new challenges."

Beasley dominated his lone college season, averaging 26.5 points and becoming just the third freshman in NCAA history to lead the nation in rebounds at 12.4 per game. He had the second-most rebounds and third-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament victory in 20 years.

Beasley also was a consensus All-American, was named Big 12 player of the year and finished second to North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough for numerous player of the year awards.

An agile, 6-foot-10 power forward, Beasley is exceptionally versatile, able to power his way inside or step out to the perimeter, shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc.

NBA officials came out in droves to watch him play at nearly every game and some general managers spent three to four days at a time in Manhattan, leading to speculation that Beasley would be the No. 1 overall draft pick if he left school early.

Millions of dollars awaits Beasley in the NBA, but it still wasn't an easy decision to leave school.

He spent the weekend debating whether he should stay or go, talking with family, friends and coaches about the NBA. It wasn't until Monday morning, just hours before his self-imposed deadline, that Beasley made his final decision.

Beasley said at the start of the season that he wanted to play at Kansas State for four years, that he had made a commitment and wanted to earn a degree. He started hinting that he might not sit around early in the season and ultimately decided the money was just too much to pass up.

IN BRIEF

Nuggets' Anthony charged with drunk driving

DENVER—NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony was arrested early Monday on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, hours after his worst game of the season.

The Denver Nuggets forward was arrested on Interstate 25, police said. He was alone in the car and pulled over for weaving and not dimming his lights.

Detective Shawn Hahn said Anthony failed a series of sobriety tests. He was charged with DUI, then taken to police headquarters before being released to a "sober responsible party," Hahn said. Anthony is due in court May 14.

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In February, Anthony was ticketed in Colorado for driving 25 mph over the posted speed limit. A hearing is set for next month.

Henrick Motors ends drought in Phoenix

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the first seven races this season, a car not owned by Hendrick Motorsports went to Victory Lane.

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Henrick Motors ends seven-race drought

Lei sets new record at the London Marathon

LONDON — Martin Lei set a course record of 2 hours, 5 minutes, 15 seconds to capture his third London Marathon in four years. His victory came despite wind and rain that hit the field late in the race and a slightly altered route because of a gas leak on a road just over Tower Bridge.

Eritrean Mekonnen of Germany captured the women's race in only her second marathon attempt, winning by 25 seconds.

While the weather ruined prospects for a world record, this was the first time the top three finished under 2:06. It was also the first time in 4 1/2 years any one other than Haile Gebrselassie brake that mark.

Gebrselassie holds the world record at 2:04:26.
Allegations against Olympic dismissed

Associated Press

Track and field's world governing body dismissed doping allegations against former Olympic sprint champion Maurice Greene, throwing its support behind the man who once held the 100-meter world record.

Greene also denied the accusations, which were made by a witness in a U.S. government investigation into sports doping and reported this past weekend in the New York Times.

"None of this is new," International Association of Athletics Federations spokesman Nick Davies told The Associated Press. "There is no reason to take action against Maurice."

Davies said the IAAF would continue to use Greene as one of its goodwill ambassadors to promote the sport in the run-up to the Beijing Olympics.

"With every ambassador we do an immediate check with the doping department," Davies said by telephone from IAAF headquarters in Monaco. "In this case they said, 'No, we don't have anything.'"

The Times reported that the witness, Angel Guillermo Heredia, identified as Source A in the documents — agreed to be a cooperating witness when investigators confronted him with evidence of his own drug trafficking and money laundering. The newspaper said Heredia provided prosecutors with the names of elite athletes, including 12 Olympic medal winners, who allegedly used performance-enhancing substances, and also provided documentation.

Among his clients, the Times said Heredia identified Greene, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and five-time world champion who never previously has been linked to doping. Greene, who retired in February, never failed a doping test.

Greene told Britain's Daily Telegraph that he had met with Heredia but did not receive or use any drugs.

"This is a bad situation for me," he was quoted as saying in Monday's edition. "My name's coming up in something and it's not true. ... I have met him before and when he was talking to me, I told him I don't believe in this stuff."

Edgar Renteria joked that he didn't know English when asked if he had a moment to talk about the struggling Detroit Tigers.

The reporter then replied in broken Spanish: "This was like a Dream Team in Laketers. Why are the Tigers 2-10?"

In any language, the team with baseball's worst record and second-highest payroll is stumped for answers.

"I don't know," Renteria said Monday before Detroit hosted the Minnesota Twins.

The Tigers were a popular pick during spring training not only to play in the postseason, but to win their first World Series title since 1984.

History is not on their side.

No team that started 2-10, as Detroit did, has won a World Series and just three rallied from such a rough start to even be in the playoffs: the 1951 New York Giants, 1974 Pittsburgh Pirates and 2001 Oakland Athletics.

"All of baseball is surprised and alarmed at what's going on with the Tigers," Twins outfielder Michael Cuddyer said. "But nobody in this clubhouse and nobody in this league is writing them off."

"When you know the type of players they have, you know they're not going to stay down for long." That's the Tigers are hoping because their payroll is nearly $139 million.

Detroit's top acquisition, Miguel Cabrera, is not the only one off to a poor start, but his lack of production stands out because the team decided to pay him $132 million-plus over the next eight seasons.

Cabrera averaged 32 homers, 115 RBIs, .318 batting average and 150 runs combined seven starts.

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With his three All-Star teammates out, Rajon Rondo had 28 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Boston Celtics to a 99-93 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night in what may have been Isaiah Thomas' final home game as Knicks coach.

Boston improved to 65-16 despite giving Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen the night off. Sam Cassell added 22 points for the Celtics, who learned during the game they will face the Atlanta Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

Nate Robinson scored 26 points, and David Lee had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who fell to 23-58 and need a win in their season finale at Indiana to avoid tying the franchise record for losses, last matched two years ago during Larry Brown's lone season.

Donnie Walsh, who replaced Thomas as team president earlier this month, has said Thomas will finish the season as coach before he decides on next season. Walsh said he has no timetable, other than wanting the team to finish the season, but the speculation involved means he probably needs to announce his decision much sooner.

Thomas, who was booted during pregame introductions and in the final minute, wouldn't say if he even wanted to be the coach next season, only that he's always done whatever the Knicks have asked of him. He added before the game he wouldn't be thinking that this could be the end.

"I haven't really let my mind go to that place," he said. "Whatever Donnie wants of me and whatever he wants me to do, I'll do."...

Brown lifts Cavaliers 91-90 over Sixers; Wizard's backups knock Pacers out of playoffs; Bulls beat out Bucks

The Cleveland Cavaliers rallied from 12 down early in the second half with a 17-2 run and held off the Philadelphia 76ers 91-90 Monday night, outscoring the starters 70-47.

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Johnson makes season debut in Giants-5-4 win

Associated Press

Randy Johnson had a hard time finding the strike zone in his season debut, eight months after back surgery.

Seaso n. He finished at 90 fastball. Manager Bob Melvin topped out at 93 mph with his 28, before his August operation — then Rowand followed with an RBI double to left and Johnson made a good enough pitch to repair a herniated disk each of the past two seasons. Last year, he had only 3.5 months of spring training and believes he rushed back too soon. He also had surgery on his right shoulder in mid-2006.

San Francisco starter Jeff Samardzija allowed five runs — three earned — and six hits in five innings.

The Giants loaded the bases in the third for the first time against reliever Chad Qualls (10-1), who allowed Ray Durham’s tying RBI groundout followed by Bengie Molina’s go-ahead sacrifice fly.

Keiichi Yabu (11-1), who pitched after undergoing den tal surgery in August, had worked two scoreless innings for his first win in nearly three years. He beat the Giants on May 20, 2005, with the Oakland A’s.

Comer Jackson drove in three runs for the Diamondbacks, who had their six-game winning streak snapped Sunday against the San Diego Padres when they played seven consecutive games for only the second time this year.

Johnson walked slowly to the mound, held up one finger to a 2-0 lead after Jackson’s two-run homer in the first. He was one of only a few left-handed batters who short sleeves on a blustery Bay Area night. When he pitched, the temperature was 52 degrees.

Jackson also added an RBI double in the fourth, putting the Giants up 5-1 with all his pitches while inducing Seattle’s batters into weak groundouts and flailing swings. Only one ball was hit past the warning drive from Yuniesky Betancourt that Mark Teahen made a leaping catch in left center to end the inning.

Other than Seattles in multiple Seattle runs threatened against Greinke.

"Just letting them put the ball in play for the most part," he said. "As long as they aren't hitting it or getting on base, that can be aggressive for the most part. It's been working out so far.

Greinke left the Royals during spring training 2006 for the second to extend his career-best hitting streak to 13 games. Former Mariner Jose Guillen followed with a double to deep right-center and two batters later Miguel Olivo, another former Seattle player, homered to left-center on a 2-2 pitch. It was Olivo’s first homer since Sept. 12 with Florida.

"You feel so good playing behind our pitching staff right now you want to do everything you can for them," Butler said.

The Royals added another run in the seventh as Seattle’s bullpen continued to struggle. Sean Green took over for starter Jarrod Washburn starting the seventh and allowed two singles and a walk to load the bases. Ryan Rowland-Smith took over and gave up an sacrifice fly to David DeJesus, but escaped the inning without further damage.

Kansas City scored again in the eighth off Roy Corcoran. Second baseman Jose Lopez dropped a throw in the dirt for one of a potential inning-ending double play, and Olivo and John Buck had consecutive singles to plate another run.

Washburn’s only problems came in the second, when the Royals forced the left-hander to throw 42 pitches for the most part. It was Olivo’s first homer since Sept. 12 with Florida.

"Just one bad pitch," Washburn said. "I was guessing myself, but I wish I wouldn’t have thrown a changeup in that situation. Seattle’s only run came in the third when Ichiro Suzuki barely beat out a double-play attempt, allowing Brad Winn to score from third.

Athletics 2, White Sox 1

Greg Smith’s pitches gave the Chicago White Sox plenty of trouble. The rookie’s move to first had them thinking the wrong way, too.

"I’ve been able to do a lot, really, I don’t try to pick a guy off. If he gets picked off, fantastic," Smith said Monday night after earning his first major league win by pitching the Oakland Athletics to a 2-1 victory.

When I was with the Diamondbacks, they were really big on shutting down the running game," said the left-hander, who came to Oakland in the deal that sent Dan Haren to Arizona. "That’s what I’ve incorporated and every so often I’ll pick a guy off.

Making his second big league appearance, Smith (1-0) gave up one run and six hits over seven innings on another cold night at U.S. Cellular Field, where the gametime temperature was 42 degrees. And he got some run support against Greinke.

"That’s one thing we’re kind of going at each other with," Butler said. "You never knew what was really going to happen at the plate in this game," said the left-hander to Dye leaning at first. "That’s one thing we’re kind of going at each other with," Butler said. "You never knew what was really going to happen at the plate in this game."

Smith was able to thwart former Seattle player Nick Swisher from driving in a run with a quick throw to first and catching him leaving early.

"It was fun seeing some of the old guys," Swisher said. "It was a little different to go out and play against them."

Chicago entered the game with the highest-scoring offense in the majors, and batted up 11 runs against Detroit on Sunday with bases-loaded homers by Paul Konerko and Crede.

"They’ve been swinging good. I saw the two grand slams yesterday," Smith said.

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A-Rod hits homer No. 521 in Yankees' 8-7 win over Rays

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez reached another milestone. Robinson Cano made sure it came in a victory.

Cano's pinch-hit homer snapped an eighth-inning tie, and Rodriguez hit No. 521 to match Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Willie Mays on the career list during the New York Yankees' 8-7 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

"It definitely humbles you," Rodriguez said. "I'm at a point in my career where you do some things and you start touching some of those names. It's hard to believe."

With shortstop Derek Jeter back in the lineup, Yankees starter Ian Kennedy cruised into the seventh inning with a 7-2 lead before he was hit on the right hip by Jason Bartlett's line drive.

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"I'd like to have the A-Rod one back because up until tonight he hadn't gotten me before," Sonnanstine said. "But he's one of the best hitters in baseball."

Crawford got the Rays to 3-1 on a sacrifice fly in the third. Eric Hinske hit a run-scoring double one inning later.

"I love the fight," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "We've got to stop making the mental mistakes that prevent us from winning games like tonight."

Tigers 11, Twins 9

Finally, the Detroit Tigers lived up to the hype at the plate.

Ivan Rodriguez hit a tying two-run triple in a six-run eighth inning then scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly to lift the high-priced Tigers to an 11-9 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night for their first win at home.

"That's what everybody expected from this lineup," said Carlos Guillen, who drove in three of Detroit's 10 runs in the sixth and eighth innings.

"But we have to be more consistent because it's a long season."

The Tigers, whose payroll is nearly $139 million and trails only the New York Yankees, won for the first time in seven games at home and improved to 3-10 overall.

They scored a season-high 16 hits.

"You saw a little of what the Tigers can do when you don't make mistakes," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We couldn't stop them."

Detroit still has the worst record in baseball, but that didn't stunt its feel-good night.

Rodriguez pumped his right fist and screamed with joy when he saw his clutch triple and clenched his throwing hand again as he slid home just ahead of the tag on Jacque Jones' liner to left. The Tigers sold 32,000 tickets on the crisp, cool night and many fans booted early and often as errors and weak at-bats helped Minnesota take a 9-4 lead after hitting in the seventh.

But for the several thousand supporters that stuck around, they had a chance to cheer wildly as Detroit won for the first time after trailing following the sixth, seventh or eighth inning.

Justin Morneau — one of four Twins to drive in two runs — hit a two-run single to help the Twins score four in the seventh to take a five-run lead.

It wasn't enough. Rodriguez hit a solo homer in the home half off right fielder Benard Span's glove.

In the eighth, Magglio Ordonez hit an RBI double and Guillen had an RBI single before Rodriguez hit his two-run triple.

"The most glaring point of the game was the fact that a club was 2-10, gets within one then give up four and battles like they did," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "I think that says a lot about this team.
**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**McFadden ready for life in the pros**

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — From the outside, it looks like an ordinary building. A small one-story building sits a side street near the Arkansas State Fair Grounds. It’s a bright, sunny Saturday in this low-income community. The neighborhood is quiet.

Serp inside the front door, and enter a different world.

The office of Darren McFadden — or more specifically, the world of Mini Muhammad. From the hallway and the cramped living room, she tells the story of her superstar son — the biggest name in this year’s NFL draft.

"We’re all having fun. We’re all happy for Darren. He done broke his silence," Mini Muhammad says. "We normally have excitement, but he’s brought something different to us.

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McFadden’s family is used to the limelight.

"Darren is in Tampa," she says. "He was just in Boston — I kept getting him mixed up. He was just in Boston Tuesday, and he was somewhere else Friday.

In a couple weeks, McFadden will be one of the first players drafted. We want him to get out there and be the best in what he’s doing out there....really, it hasn’t even dawned on us about Darren going out there. It’ll dawn on us, until I’m there at the thing."

Mike Conley Jr. represents McFadden, stands outside the house a short while later.

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The pitching staff will have to be at its best against a Wildcat offense led by junior shortstop Tammy Williams. Williams is leading the nation with an astounding .325 average on the season to go along with seven home runs and 26 RBIs.

### SMC TENNIS

Belles to battle Bethel in conference match

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will take on the Bethel College today in a cross-town rivalry match for their second of four home matches in a row. The Belles (6-9, 2-3 MIAA) are coming off a conference win against Tri-State this Saturday where they beat the Thunder 8-3. The Lady Pilots have played two matches since opening their spring season, going 1-1 and moving their overall record to 10-4. Against Tri-State Saturday the Belles managed to show the consistency they have been lacking this season. Winning two of the three doubles and sweeping the singles, Saint Mary’s managed to grab the second conference win they had been looking for since beating Olivet 9-0 on April 1.

“Tri-State was a good win for us, and I think we can get a few more in a row this week,” sophomore Camille Gebert said. “We hope to keep our momentum going right up to the conference tournament.”

Leading the doubles was the No. 1 pair of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who won their seventh match this season with an 8-1 win over Tri-State’s Amanda Waddely and Dana Dunham. The No. 2 duo of Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed fought back against Kara Kauflman and Amanda Steiner after struggling early in the match, but were unable to be on a full recovery, losing 8-5. Freshmen Franca Peluso and Jessica Kossinski defeated Stephanie Steiner and Jen Wall 8-5 to win the doubles division for the Belles.

In singles, Saint Mary’s success continued with each match. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-1 for her seventh win this spring. Hurley, at the No. 2 spot, carried on her strong season with thirteenth win, improving her record to 13-2 on the year. The Belles will play the Lady Pilots at 4:00 this afternoon at Saint Mary’s for the Belles’ third home match this season.

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NBA Boozer, Jazz defeat Rockets

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz averaged losing their home opener by running away with the final six games and put themselves in position for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Jazz beat Houston 105-96 on Monday, pulling even with the Rockets in the muddled Western Conference standings with one game to go in the regular season.

Houston was the first team to visit Utah during the regular season and also the last. The Rockets won here Nov. 1, spooling Utah’s home opener, but the Jazz ended up clinching the season series 2-1 by winning Monday. The Jazz went 37-4 at home, where they hope to be playing this weekend in the first round of the playoffs.

“It changes every day, so we’ll see what happens,” said Carlos Boozer, who had 21 points and 11 rebounds in his 51st double-double of the season Monday. “The competition is phenomenal in the Western Conference.”

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Jazz guard Ronnie Brewer dunked in the third quarter of Tuesday’s 105-96 Utah win over Houston.

The Jazz and Rockets could end up meeting in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year. Houston closes the regular season at home Wednesday against the Clippers. If the Rockets win Wednesday and the Jazz lose to the Spurs, Houston would host the first two games of a series against Utah.

The Jazz would prefer to make just one trip to Texas this week.

“Somewhere along the line, we’re going to have to learn how to win on the road some way,” Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

Utah could tie San Antonio with a win on Wednesday and own the tiebreaker by winning three of four against the Spurs.

The Rockets, who have lost two straight after winning five in a row, never recovered after Utah’s 35-point second quarter.

Mehmet Okur added 12 points and 13 rebounds and Deron Williams finished with 17 points and nine assists for the Jazz, who won for the sixth time in seven games and finished with their best home record since winning 38 games in 1996-97.

Tracy McGrady and Luis Scola scored 22 each for Houston, which fell short with a late rally after trailing by 17 at the end of the third quarter. The Rockets made six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to make it closer, but couldn’t overcome Utah’s huge lead.
c HEY. I don't know why the catch phrase is so funny.

Michael Mikuska

Lollskates

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National Geographic

The Creeper

The curious male Creeper avoids the shadows as it tunes to identify the most inflated potential female mate.

It's slowely approaching from behind quietly, in true Creeper fashion he does not introduce himself or seek to draw it's attention to the inflated female in hope of approval.

The inflated female is adequately inflated and has no friends available to drag her away, success!

Crossword

Across
1. The "if" in the equation: "F = ma" 55. One always on the lookout for a deal
6. Director's cry, or a statement about 17 Across and 11 and 29 Down
14. Noodle
e.g. 39. Dumps on
41. Galilean's guitar
24. pencil
56. Longtime Yugoslav chief
66. Flood preventor
67. List ender
68. Play to the back of the audience
69. Lornangs

Down
1. Sailor's hook
2. Nebisco cookie
3. King who was the father of Cordelia
4. Moneybags
5. Starting pitcher
6. Places to park
7. Saturnine
8. New Look designer
9. Answer in angel
10. Oversead shut
11. Transparent packaging material
12. Color meaning "caution" on 13 Across
13. 12-Down
14. Guitar (hit maybe)
15. 28 Money since 2002
16. 29 Taco alternative
17. How many"?
18. Company VP/Spray
19. 61 The Creeper's
20. 2 Nabisco cookie
21. 67 List ender
22. 8 New Look designer
23. 66 Longtime Yugoslav chief
24. 56 Longtime Yugoslav chief
25. 35 How many"?
26. 31 Dumps on
27. 29 Taco alternative
28. 28 Money since 2002
29. 29 Taco alternative
30. 17 Glam rockers' accessory
31. 17 Glam rockers' accessory
32. 32 Tiptop
33. 33 Extended family
34. 34 Stereotypical tattoo
35. 35 How many"
36. 36 Company VP/Spray
37. 37 Former speaker
38. 30 Coal bed
39. 39 Dumps on
40. 39 Dumps on
41. 41 Galilean's guitar
42. 42 Succeed in life
43. 43 Kind of can
44. 44 It fills barrels
45. 45 Freshly
gastric juices,
and traps
46. 46 Make believe
47. 47; Brad Garrett, 48; Julie Christie, 67
48. 48; Julie Christie, 67
49. 49 Answer in anger
50. 50 Beat, biblically
51. 51 Take as a given
52. 52 "Wonderful"
53. 53 Wedding band, maybe
54. 54 "Wonderful"
55. One always on the lookout for a deal
56. Longtime Yugoslav chief
57. 57 Hotel room
58. 58 Saturate
59. 59 Pull in
60. 60 Watering holes
61. 61 The Creeper's
62. 62 Director's cry, or a statement about 17 Across and 11 and 29 Down
63. 63 The Creeper's
64. 64 It fills barrels
65. 65 Longtime Yugoslav chief
66. 66 Flood preventor
67. 67 List ender
68. 68 Play to the back of the audience
69. 69 Longings

WILL SHORTZ

Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Michelle Gellar, 31; Robert Carlyle, 47; Phil Ochs, 47;鐵心武, 47

Happy Birthday: As long as you don't get caught up trying to keep up with everyone around you, you'll be fine. The worst thing that can happen when you are or who you are to others. Focus on reaching your goals. Think forward, not backward, and you will win the future—now clearly. Your numbers are 1, 3, 30, 36, 43, 50

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are in a high cycle and can build incredible, perhaps even and future prospects. Children will respond well to you, as your roles click into focus. Progress will be yours. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let emotions lead you in the wrong direction. You can lose the best of both worlds if you are precious and choose your options appropriately. Don't go over someone's head if you don't like something. Use proper channels. Power is within reach. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more confrontational and force you make your targeted steps, the more you will attract fun-loving individuals to share your space. Love is in the picture as Black oat for someone you think is special. Use your voice and take action. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A top may not stay on as planned. An earlier opportunity individual can help you decide what you want or find in what you get. You will have more trouble taking things for granted. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let emotional matters get to you, instead, clear misunderstandings quickly. You have lots to gain if you are efficient! When congestion comes into the picture, you can test someone's head and make a conscious. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your seriousness will work in your favor with personal sense or matters concerning your house. However, lighten up regarding friends, business and entertainment. Someone from your past can help you restructure something you used to enjoy. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let emotions cloud the way of doing things that could lead to interesting events or meetings sometime you may partner with personally. Also, don't talk about money and sex. A trip will help you build confidence and put you in an authoritative position. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go about your own business and don't be forced by someone who knows or knows everyone. Your tone may be neutral and make decisions based on what you know is true. A quick trip will prove you are right. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen and observe. Now is the time to come across as a know it all. Complaints are likely if you are too bright or serious in your actions and decisions. Listen on the silent right. 1 star

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give in to pressure, especially the kind that might cost you financially. You can sample your way into a key position. Someone who ended to donate or let someone else handle your cash. A trip will help you knowledge. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are in a high cycle and can build incredible, perhaps even as a key position. Someone who ended to donate or let someone else handle your cash. A trip will help you knowledge. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Those caught up in your waves, peers or colleagues or fellow students. Think about all you need to know to succeed. Listen and don't be fooled by empty promises. You are not as powerful as you think. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and bright and tend to take on too much. Ability and determination will lead you to victory. You are aggressive, imaginative and a specific. Watch out for any groups.

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by Mike Aitkens and Jeff Kline

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Men's Lacrosse

Four-year starter Kemp stars, provides leadership in net

By SAM WERNER

As the season rapidly comes to a close, senior captain Joey Kemp reflects on his experience as a four-year starting goalkeeper for the Irish and looks forward to the opportunities available in the future.

"My experience with my team has been great. There is no greater feeling than playing the sport you love with forty-five of your best friends," Kemp said. "The camaraderie that we share can't be replaced."

A two-time All-America honoree, Kemp was named the 2007 Great Western Lacrosse Conference's Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year. He currently ranks first in Notre Dame program history in career goals-against average and holds a .618 save percentage and 26-11 overall record. This season Kemp's effective goalkeeping skills have allowed his team to maintain a 7-2 record and a No. 11 national ranking.

Kemp has been a crucial member of the Irish squad since his freshman year when he relieved senior goalkeeper Stewart Crossland in Notre Dame's narrow loss to Cornell. The Potomac, Maryland native appeared in all 11 games that season, and with nine starts, Kemp was named the Great Western Lacrosse Conference rookie of the year.

"My favorite Notre Dame memory would have to be my first start. We were playing in front of nearly 10,000 fans," he said. "The atmosphere was incredible. We won the game 9-7 and to get your first career victory against a team with such rich lacrosse tradition as North Carolina is something I won't forget."

Kemp cites both his brother C.J., the 2002 OWLL player of the year for Fairfield, and his hometown as strong influences on why he began to explore the sport.

"I started playing lacrosse in 2nd grade. My older brother played goalie so like any other younger brother I imitated my older brother," Kemp said. "Lacrosse is very popular in Maryland, especially the area that I live in. It is very common to see kids throwing the ball in the front yard or shooting on a goal after school."

After discovering his natural ability for lacrosse, Kemp attended Georgetown Prep.

SPORTS

Baseball

Rockets come to Eck to face streaking ND

By LORENZO REYES

Notre Dame's early season struggles seem like ages ago.

For the Irish (21-9-1, 10-2), the top of the Big East standings.

A.J. Pollock and junior pitcher David Phelps are hanging around the cellar in the top of the Big East standings.

The Irish winning streak has run 10 of its last 11 games.

Freshman first baseman David Casey bats in Notre Dame's 3-3 tie over Manchester on April 9.

The Irish enter today's game against Toledo on an eight-game winning streak.

The power threat in the Irish lineup is junior Evan Sharpley who leads the squad with seven home runs.

Softball

Irish travel to take on No. 14 Northwestern

By SAM WERNER

The Irish travel to Evanston, Ill., tonight to take on No. 14 Northwestern in a challenging Big Ten road trip.

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Underdog uses defense to overcome height disadvantage, net upset win

By JAY FITZPATRICK, MICHAEL BRYAN, MEAGHAN VESELIK, & PETE REISENAUER

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