ND student assaulted, left 7 miles from campus
Sophomore got into car on Ironwood Drive, said he was robbed, found early April 20; still in University Health Services

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

A Notre Dame student suffered a concussion and a broken right hand on April 20 after he was allegedly assaulted, robbed and left approximately seven miles from campus, St. Joseph county police said Saturday.

Sophomore Timothy Clarke, 20, said he left Tailgaters Sports Bar around 3 a.m. and got into a car with either two or three men near Nick's Patio on Ironwood Drive early in the morning on April 20. Clarke, a resident of Kreigh Hall, said he thought the men would give him a ride back to campus.

Clarke was walking on the side of Prime Rose Road about seven miles from campus, St. Joseph County Police Detective Phil Williams said.

At 4:30 a.m. a passer-by spotted Clarke lying unconscious. Police responded to the call and found Clarke approximately 6:45 a.m. and took him to Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Williams said the identities of the suspects are unknown and he and Clarke said they did not know why the assault and robbery occurred.

Clarke said Sunday he could not remember if he voluntarily got into the car or was forced into the car, but Williams said he would not likely charge the men with kidnapping or abduction if he finds them.

Clarke's account of what happened may not be 100 percent accurate, Williams said, because of memory loss. Clarke suffered from his concussion and other head injuries, and also possibly from alcohol he consumed that night.

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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New York Senator and Democratic presidential candi­date Hillary Clinton chal­lenged Barack Obama to a debate in Indiana and dis­cussed key election issues in a speech Saturday afternoon at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend.

"I am offering Senator Obama a chance to debate me on one on one, no moderators," Senator Clinton said. "Just talk to us for 90 minutes, asking and answering questions." We'll see what­ever rules seem fair.

Clinton said she is dis­appointed that Obama and she have only met four times in

Relay helps raise funds
Event collects over $50,000 for research

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

In a spirit of celebration and remembrance, the Notre Dame community walked together as the Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer in the Fifth Annual Relay for Life.

"The goal of Relay for Life is to raise awareness about cancer because it really is a disease that affects us all," public relations chair Adam Lamm said.

The event, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, honors and remem­bers victims of cancer. Although the final total has not been released, students, faculty and staff collected over $50,000 in donations according to the Relay for Life Web site. The final total will be much higher after corporate donations are included.

The Relay for Life was held on South Quad between Badin Hall and the Rockne Memorial Gymnasium.

"The location was really good, in the center of stu­dent life on campus," chair of the Student Committee Chris Pingel said.

Traditionally, Relay for Life is an overnight event, symbolizing that cancer endures. However, the event was scheduled to end at 1 a.m. in observance of University policy that man­ners, and traditions of a Holy Cross education in a public meeting Monday.

Moderated by vice president for College relations Shari Rodriguez, the three presidents spoke of the first time they encountered Holy Cross educa­tors, the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau and the benefits of a Holy Cross education.

All three said they try to apply Moreau's words "the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart" from his book "Christian Pedagogy" to their own institutions.

"We're trying to do as a Holy Cross Institution is having a seamless environment," Gilman said. "Learning doesn't just take place in the classroom."

Gilman said Holy Cross College Board of Trustees recently approved a new strate­gic plan that takes Moreau's writings into account. "Having reflected on some of the things Moreau said, education in really a holistic thing," he said. "The strategic planning that we've adopted really looked on the Holy Cross education that we are offering as a 10-year education not a four year edu­cation not a four year edu­
INSIDE COLUMN

S’more summers

Recently it struck me that this summer may be my last real summer. I have been told to calm down and that this is ridiculous. However, by this time next year, I will be a senior and facing graduation. I may be prepping, going to school or going through application processes for either of the two. “The Sandlot” summer—the life-changing kind of summer where you find your best friends and you live with them. Needless to say, team swag or a pair of FF Flyers, you can do anything—whether it’s kissing the life-guard, catching a baseball, making s’mores or talking on The Boost. The “Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants” and “The Baby-Sitters Club” summers are other coming of age summers, and they are full of sports, travel, kids, filmmaking and memorizing songs about the brain. It isn’t all fun and games, though, because the girls in both movies learn very serious lessons about themselves, their families and the world in hard way.

Then there is the pre-“Grease” summer. The one before the movie when the heroic Danny and cramp-inflicted Sandy meet mid-swim, fall in love and sing their way to a happy ending despite the social trials of high school life. “Saved by the Bell” summers were epic. Zach, Kelly, Screech and the rest of the kids enjoy baseball and applying sunscreen to guests. Even after Zach starts dating the boss’s daughter, he still manages to stay on the man’s good side. Morris does not just enjoy summer. He uses it to network.

But it’s “The Parent Trap” summer that truly serves as the model for a summer that is both fun and productive. Not only do Haley Milly and Lindsay Lohan triump both versions deserve to be mentioned. Here’s the time to enjoy this life that we have. It is done with. It’s over. When it’s over it’s over. Instant gratification.

Father Theodore Hesburgh delivers a speech during Father Ted’s Inaugural Fun Run/Walk for Upward Bound on South Quad Sunday. Upward Bound provides college preparatory opportunities and resources to South Bend high schoolers.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A TEST, PAPER OR PROJECT FOR A FINAL AND WHY?

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Andrea Archer
Claire Murphy
Meghan Paladino
Nick Hittler
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Zahn

“A test — 20 questions, true or false.”
“A project there’s more room for creativity.”
“None, because I have mono.”
“Test, because it’s over it’s done with. Instant gratification.”
“D. None of the above.”

OFFBEAT

Senator campaigns to ban replicas of bull testicles

TALLAHASSEE — They’re proudly displayed by any self-respecting bull, but dangling big metal ones on the back end of a truck could be banned in Florida.

Metal replicas of bull testicles have become trendy bumper ornaments in some parts of the Sunshine State, but state Sen. Carey Baker is campaigning to ban the orns.

Baker acknowledged that Florida lawmakers have more pressing issues, including huge revenue shortfalls, but said the state needs to draw a line on what's obscene before more objectionable adornments appear.


“I find it shocking that we should be telling people that have the metallic bull testicles … you’re now going to have points on your license for this,” said Geller.

Saints give 53-year-old a second chance to pitch

ST. PAUL — A 53-year-old knuckleballer named Jon Secrist isn’t giving up on his goal of pitching in pro baseball, and the St. Paul Saints are giving him another chance. Secrist was the oldest signed rookie in professional baseball.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

In the article “SMC security addresses recent safety concerns,” we wrote “Police encourage our guys to make contact with the police who made the compliant.” This should have been called back to explain what was found, that just good people were wholesale search, which should continue.

Sen. Klobuchar, assistant director of security
The Observer regrets this.

LOCAL WEATHER

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IN BRIEF

“The Use and Abuse of Holocaust Photography” lecture will be delivered today by Professor Susan Crane in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall from 2 to 4:15 p.m.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band’s Spring Concert will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets are free but must be reserved through the DPAC ticket office.

Baseball will play Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Frank Eck Baseball Stadium against Mississippi Valley State.

“Rumors,” the Neil Simon play sponsored by Sorin, continues Tuesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and proceeds go to Sorin’s fund for St. Jude Primary School in Uganda.

Collegium Musicorum spring concert will take place Wednesday at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DPAC, and will feature sacred and secular capella music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque areas. Tickets are $3 at the DPAC ticket office.

Screenings from the Angelus Student Film Festival will be shown at the Angelus Film Series on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema.

Assistant professor Paul Gao will speak in the Finance Seminar Series on Friday from 11:30 to 1:05 in the 339 Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Students organize canned food drive  
Collection for poor part of Earth Week activities to promote awareness

By EMMA DRISCOLL

Students collected canned food items from members of the South Bend community to be donated to The Food Bank of Northern Indiana in Saturday's Earth Week Canned Food Drive. "We basically go around and collect food from a bunch of neighborhoods in South Bend," co-coordinator Katie Day said.

Day said South Bend residents were informed about the Canned Food Drive by fliers passed out by student volunteers throughout the week.

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The collections will be coming at a good time for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. "Basically, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana has a difficult time meeting the demand for food right now because of a lot of collecting takes place in the winter months," Day said.

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The Canned Food Drive also calls attention to current events. "It is especially important this year because of the food and security issues going on worldwide are also effecting what's going on here," Day said.

Day said. 

The Canned Food Drive was one of several Earth Week events.

"We've had a really busy week, even more so than last year. We really expanded Earth Week," Students for Environmental Action (SEA) president Tracy Jennings said.

Jennings said.

The week kicked off April 19 with a tree-planting event in the Northwest Neighborhood before the Blue-Gold game, Jennings said. There was also a game day recycling at the game, she said.

Jennings said.

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Holy Cross

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Gilmian said Holy Cross College will try to make contact with potential students two years before they enter the institution and continue that contact for around four years after they graduate to emphasize the fact that education takes place outside of classrooms and outside of school.

Jenkins agreed with Gilmian's ideas that the teaching of Moreau's words does not occur solely in the classroom.

"The education of mind and heart is so central, it's really the most central thing to Holy Cross education, I feel," Jenkins said. "The principles that are articulated in Moreau's writings are present in the lives of those at these institutions."

Moreau agreed with her colleagues, saying while the mind is educated at Saint Mary's, but the heart is not forgotten.

She said when Pope Benedict XVI spoke to Catholic educators on March 11, she saw the difference in the way he thought and the way she thought. "Those who hear the gospel should as a result live differently," Jennings said. "I don't think when I graduated from St. Mary's in 1972 I realized the impact Saint Mary's would have on how differently I would live because of the gospel," she said. "I saw this over the years in my classrooms. I saw the difference in their lives."

She said a Holy Cross education isn't about just telling people how to live, but leading by example.

"It's not so much what we say but what we inspire," she said. "I think we do teach the mind and the heart but the proof is much more in the outcome."

Jenkins said Moreau would feel comfortable on the campuses if he were to have lived today. "I think he was a very pious person, a very determined person ... but a person open to the world," he said. "He could have sat in that little corner of France and done great but he simply thought of America. He embraced the future."

Moreau agreed with Jenkins saying Moreau was an innovative educator. "Moreau said we have nothing to fear from knowledge. It is essential to the development of human civilizations ... and in fact to the development of a mature faith," she said. "I think that has characterized Holy Cross higher institutions specifically... the ability to examine ideas from a variety of perspectives because we're not afraid of engaging the world."

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Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

April 28th and 29th

All Notre Dame Faculty and Staff will receive an additional 5%* off all regular and sale priced merchandise at The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Varsity Shops in the JAC, and at the Notre Dame Clearance Center on Ironwood.

Receive a tall Starbucks coffee from the Irish Ink Cafe with your faculty or staff ID at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on 4/28 or 4/29. Limit one per person.

* 5% discount is in addition to your everyday 20% discount. Faculty or Staff ID required. May not be combined with any other offer.

Valid in-store only. Excludes "the shirt", textbooks, gift cards, diploma frames, class rings, previous & online purchases, computer hardware & software, calculators, Steiner Memorabilia, Ladro, Waterford, & professional references. See store for further details.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and for making us your bookstore of choice.
Clarke could not provide a description of the car.

While in the car, Clarke said he realized he was in the car too long to be going back campus. He said he tried to call at least six people on his cell phone in the car between 3:40 and 3:45 a.m., but nobody answered.

Clarke said he was not sure if he was attacked in the car. The men may have hit him as he was trying to call people on his phone, he said.

Clarke claimed his wallet and his phone were stolen by the men. Clarke had credit cards and identification in his wallet, but had no cash. He said nobody has tried to use the credit cards since the incident.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said it is typically University policy not to publicize off-campus crime involving students. The University does release information regarding on-campus crimes usually in the form of e-mail alerts, but Kirk said an e-mail to The Observer that the University “usually doesn’t have the authority to release the details of crimes that occur outside the limited jurisdiction of the Notre Dame Security/Police Department (NDSP),” Kirk said.

But the University does make exceptions in certain cases.

“Very simply, if the University believes our students would be safer, better prepared, or better informed at first, I wanted to review the video before I talked to him again,” Williams said he could not obtain the video from Tailgaters until Friday.

According to the county police log, Clarke was only able to give police limited identification. Canarecci, who has been sheriff for six years, said this case is unique.

“That I’m aware of, it’s the first such abduction and assault of a Notre Dame student,” Canarecci said. “There have been thefts, there have been assaults but to actually pick someone up and beat him, I can’t recall that in many, many years.”

Canarecci also said he believes this type of crime doesn’t become a frequent problem and urged students to use caution when getting rides back to campus.

“The fortunate thing was he wasn’t hurt worse than he was,” Canarecci said. “I hope this doesn’t become more of a commonplace thing. I hope it’s just an isolated incident.”

NDSP director Phil Johnson contacted Canarecci Friday about the case and offered any assistance he could give. Canarecci said NDSP Sgt. Dave Dossman is now assisting Williams in the investigation.

“Since he had very little information at first, I wanted to review the event involving Clarke. The unfortunate thing is I can’t recall that in many, many years,” Canarecci said. “It’s a road that’s lightly traveled and it’s close enough to the city but remote enough where you can do things that you shouldn’t be doing.”

Williams described the location as a “swamp area” that had no buildings or homes around it.

“Where he was found, he could’ve been screaming and nobody would’ve heard him,” Williams said.

Williams said he reviewed video surveillance tapes from Tailgaters to track Clarke’s movements throughout the night. From what he could tell, Clarke did not seem overly inebriated.

“I didn’t observe him drinking a lot of alcohol,” Williams said. “I wouldn’t say he was completely intoxicated. He walked out pretty much like you or I would if he had one or two drinks.”

Williams said he spoke with Clarke after the incident on April 20, but did not speak with him again until Friday. Williams did not want to bother Clarke, because of Clarke’s condition, until he had more information.

“Since he had very little information at first, I wanted to review the University chose not to publicize the event involving Clarke,” Williams said the men who committed the crime were likely residents of St. Joseph County because Primrose Road is a dirt road in a wooded area that is hard to find for people unfamiliar with the area.

St. Joseph County Sheriff Frank Canarecci said juvenile crime is common near the spot where police found Clarke.

“It’s often the place where juveniles would go and drink,” Canarecci said. “It’s a road that’s lightly traveled and it’s close enough to the city but remote enough where you can do things that you shouldn’t be doing.”

Williams agreed that juvenile crime is a frequent problem and urged students to use caution when getting rides back to campus.

“Fighting the stereotype thing was he wasn’t hurt worse than he was,” Canarecci said. “I hope this doesn’t become more of a commonplace thing. I hope it’s just an isolated incident.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Father imprisons daughter for 24 years
VIENNA — Police have found a woman missing since 1984, who told authorities that her father had kept her in a cellar for almost 24 years and that she had given birth to at least six children after being repeatedly raped by him.

The 73-year-old father was taken into custody, said Irene Polzer, head of the Lower Austrian Bureau of Criminal Affairs, on Sunday. Authorities found the woman Saturday evening in the town of Amstetten following a tip, Lower Austria police said in a statement.

The 42-year-old woman told police that her father began sexually abusing her when she was 11 and locked her in a room in the cellar on Aug. 28, 1984.

During the 24 years that followed, she said, she was continually raped and gave birth to six children, the statement said. She said she gave birth to twins in 1996 but one died several days later; police said they were investigating.

Green zone attacked during sandstorm
BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite extremists hammered the U.S.-protected Green Zone Sunday in a frenzied salvo in weeks, apparently taking advantage of a sandstorm that blanketed the capital and grounded the American aircraft that normally patrol for launching teams.

Thunderous explosions resonated throughout the complex where armed men fired into the heavily fortified area in central Baghdad.

A Calder S.渠ner, Muqadi al-Sadr, meanwhile, rejected terms set by the Iraqi government for lifting a crackdown against his Mahdi Army militia.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama race not factor in worker votes
WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Sunday that race is not the reason he is leading in national polls, and he insisted he can win over uncommitted superdelegates by showing he is "best able to not just defeat John McCain, but also lead the country.

Speaking in a broadcast interview, Obama also brushed aside a story that said he was "fired up, Olympics-moving, a Canaanite Christian Clinton to debate the May 6 primaries in Indiana and North Carolina. "I'm not dorking, we've had 21 debates," he said.

Civil rights advocates protest verdict
NEW YORK — A coalition of civil rights advocates and law enforcement officials said they were "deeply disappointed" by the verdict in the Sean Bell case proved it is almost impossible to successfully prosecute cases of police misconduct, especially in homicide cases," said Siegel, an outspoken advocate on civil rights and law enforcement issues.

LOCAL NEWS

Neighbor describes accused as 'strange'
SOUTH BEND — A neighbor of a 16-year-old boy who was shot and killed in the handling of a police misconduct and brutality accusations at the acquittal of three officers involved in the shooting of a man with a knife on New Year's Day also calls him a "kind of strange.

"The verdict in the Sean Bell case proves it is almost impossible to successfully prosecute cases of police misconduct, especially in homicide cases," said lawyer Norman Siegel, former head of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The verdict underscores the need for systemic change in the way the New York handles these important and at times high profile cases, and to improve community relations," said Siegel, an outspoken advocate on civil rights and low enforcement issues.

AFGHANISTAN

Militants kill three in attack on president
KABUL — Militants firing rockets and automatic rifles attacked the Afghan president's car Thursday near Kabul on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday targeting the president, and refusing to vacate the grounds.

The gunfire apparently came from a group of men. They were arrested and smiled as he signed the ceremony but was thwarted by security forces. The Olympic victory over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Hijacked Blackhawk helicopters are used to play with another boy who has since moved away.

"I said, 'Do you want to buy a snake?' I said, 'I have a snake.'" He came down here one day with a snake wrapped around his arm and said, "Do you want to buy a snake?" I said, 'No, I don't want to buy a snake.'"

One of the men said, "Kind of strange."
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ing to Malloy, is a very strict doctrine.

"Under Christian auspices, the horror of war tried to be contained," he said. "It's the closest thing we have to trying to get a handle on reducing the violence and destruction of war."

Malloy said Christianity has embraced a third approach to warfare in its history — the Crusade, which originally began in 1090 under Pope Urban II, who wanted to find a common enemy around which Christian nations could rally.

Under the Crusades, there were horrors committed by both sides, and each side saw the other as the spawn of Satan, Malloy said.

The Crusades went hand-in-hand with the Inquisition, which conducted frequent purges and committed a number of atrocities.

While the Crusades and the Inquisition ended during the Enlightenment, "after 9/11, the great temptation in the face of terrorism is a return to the mentality of the Crusades and the practices of the Inquisition," Malloy said.

Malloy spoke out against the return to the torture practices used by the Inquisition.

"In subsequent conversation, there has been a strong consensus in rejection of torture," he said. "Waterboarding is torture and anyone who doesn't think torture is horrible, volunteer to be tortured."

Taking a just war approach is not an easy way out, Malloy said.

"It's a very demanding way of holding people accountable. It calls for an expression of consciousness in both the military and civilian leadership," he said.

Malloy stressed the long-term reality of confronting terrorism.

"This is a horrible topic to talk about, but it's not going to go away," he said. "Ten years from now, there will be terrorism, and there will be a fear."

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in direction for the country, but recognized how difficult the decision for the ticket is because of the historic nature of this campaign as a very strong candidate vies for the Democratic nomination against the first African-American candidate.

"I think we need someone on day one who can go into that Oval office, and as Commander-in-Chief start making the tough decisions that confront us around the world, and as president turn this economy around so it starts working for middle class and hard working families like you in Indiana," Clinton said.

The senator discussed outsourcing around the country and renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"We need a 21st century trade policy because what we had in the 20th century no longer works in the 21st century," Clinton said. "We are going to invest in the country, in America. We are going to start creating jobs again."

Clinton also promised to end the Iraq War in order to bring more money back to the American economy.

"Well, I am going to end that war in Iraq, and bring that money back home," she said. "We are going to start investing in America again."

Clinton said she would help create jobs in states like Indiana by taking subsidies away from oil companies and instead funding ethanol.

"I don't believe we ought to be subsidizing fossil fuels, subsidizing the oil companies that already make millions of dollars of profit, so we are going to put that money to work with clean renewable energy," she said.

Clinton also spoke about her health care plan, which would allow uninsured Americans to buy into the Congressional Health Care Plan.

"It's good enough for members of Congress, it's good enough for every Boomer and every American, and that you keep insurance if you have it, but if you don't you will be able to buy into it," Clinton said.

This speech in South Bend is one of several stops Clinton is making as she campaigns through Indiana before the May 6 primary.

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 SENIOR WEEK 2008 TOP 10 THINGS TO DO BEFORE GRADUATION

1. SATURDAY, MAY 10 - SENIOR WEEK KICKOFF BARBECUE, LEGENDS
2. SUNDAY, MAY 11 - CHICAGO CUBS GAME BUS TRIP, WRIGLEY FIELD
3. MONDAY, MAY 12 - GOLF OUTING, BURKE GOLF COURSE
4. MONDAY, MAY 12 - SENIOR BOWL TRIP, CHIPPEWA BOWL
5. TUESDAY, MAY 13 - CEDAR POINT BUS TRIP
6. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - SNEAK PEAK: STADIUM PRESSBOX & MORE...
7. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - COMMENCEMENT BALL, CENTURY CENTER
8. THURSDAY, MAY 15 - COACH CHARLIE WEIS SENIOR SENDOFF, LEGENDS
9. THURSDAY, MAY 15 - SNEAK PEAK: TUNNELS, LIBRARY PENTHOUSE (14TH FLOOR), & MORE
10. THURSDAY, MAY 15 - LAST VISIT TO THE BASILICA & GROTTO

TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE TODAY WWW. ND. ED U/ ~ CLASS 08
Venezuela's largest steel maker because he economy won't grow this year, largely due to the bank's initial assessment that double support for peace talks, the World Bank's billions of dollars in aid meant to shore up SA, for US$4 billion (2.6 billion) in exchange parent company, Luxembourg-based Ternium Domestic Product — currently at about $4 it will pay to shareholders to take over the donors did their part. growth was only modest, the bank said. Palestinian reform and development plan. The bank now estimates that the Gross last year. In the West Bank, where there was complete closure of the Gaza strip by Israel and Gaza sharply contracted because of the virtually Chavez ordered Sidor nationalized earlier "That, taking into account population growth, leaves per capita income static, if not lower than the previous year," the report said. The bank noted that the Gaza economy has sharply contracted because of the virtually completes closure of the Gaza strip by Israel and Gaza after the violent Hamas takeover there last year. In the West Bank, where Israel maintains a network of hundreds of checkpoints, gates and earthen barriers, GDP growth was only modest, the bank said. In December, donor countries pledged $7.7 billion over three years to help fund a Palestinian reform and development plan.

Workers strike over pensions

BP PLC shuts down pipeline system; group predicts $100 million loss per day

In Brief

Chavez threatens Sidor expropriation

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez is threatening to expropriate Venezuela's largest steel maker because he says shareholders are demanding excessive compensation for the company's nationalization. Chavez dismissed a request made by Sidor's parent company, Luxembourg-based Ternium SA, for US$4 billion (2.6 billion) in exchange for a 60 percent stake in the steel maker. Chavez ordered Sidor nationalized earlier this month, taking sides with workers who found the salaries and benefits his government has been paid to shareholders to take over the company. Chavez says he may expropriate the company outright if the two sides fail to reach an agreement.

Israel slows Palestinian economy

RAMALAH, West Bank — The Palestinian economy won't grow this year, largely due to Israeli restrictions on movement and despite billions of dollars in aid meant to shore up support for peace talks, the World Bank predicted Sunday. The bleak prognosis stands in contrast to the bank's initial assessment that double-digit economic growth would be possible if Israel, the Palestinian government and the donors did their part.

The bank now estimates that the Gross Domestic Product — currently at about $4 billion — will grow at a much slower rate this year compared to the rest of the industrialized world, and we want to protect and enhance those strengths — which we believe would be a challenge if we are not in a position to deal with another carrier in today's environment," Kemmer told employees. Although it reported an $80 million loss in the first quarter, Continental is widely viewed as the second-strongest U.S. carrier in financial terms, behind only Southwest Airlines Co., which has indicated it isn't interested in a merger. While Kellner ruled out a merger for the time being, Continental appeared to leave the door open to an alliance with another carrier. The airline has also indicated it would work together in many ways such an arrangement with AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, in which the companies would work together in many ways but not merge their operations. Airlines have been considering consolidation as a way to cut costs and raise fares in the face of record fuel prices. Delta Air Lines Inc. announced earlier this month it has agreed to buy Northwest Airlines Corp. in a stock-swap deal that would create the world's largest carrier. A Continental-United combination would have trumped Delta-Northwest in size. "Every U.S. carrier, including Continental, is under enormous pressure from record high fuel prices, a slowing U.S. economy and a weak dollar," Kemmer told employees. "In today's harsh environment, we must continue to adjust our business model to ensure we can once again grow and prosper." Continental expects to spend $1.2 billion more on fuel this year than it did in 2007. To cope with the added cost, the airline plans to take some older, less-fuel-efficient planes out of service over the next 12 months and to reduce its U.S. capacity by 5 percent beginning this fall. Ray Neidl, an analyst with Calyon Securities, said Continental's exit leaves US Airways Group Inc. as a potential merger partner for United. The CEOs of United and US Airways are both vocal proponents of airline mergers. But US Airways lacks the strong international routes that made Continental an attractive partner. A US Airways spokesman declined to comment, and a United spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment.

Continental says it will not seek merger
The very first "real" college football game I went to was this past September when Notre Dame played Georgia Tech. Two things stuck with me about it. First was the sense of awe that I got when I saw a stadium full of fans hanging on every play, which was definitely not the case in the Division I-AA games I'd seen. The second was that before the game, I heard more than a few fans chanting "Go Irish, beat 'gay' Tech," then laughing at their own cleverness at substituting "gay" for GA. Later that term, I heard that a few people were planning on demonstrating against homosexuality. I guess by wearing "Gay? Go to Hell" T-shirts around campus. In both cases, I rolled my eyes and wondered how people could act in such poor taste, but didn't dwell too much on it. Last week, I was asked to sign a petition to get the University to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause, something that students have been trying to get passed for about a decade. And as I thought back to those scenes from last fall, I realized that there was a common thread connecting them with the petition. By refusing to protect homosexuals in its non-discrimination clause, the University is doing the same thing as the people who use the word "gay" pejoratively or who are wearing "Gay? Go to Hell" T-shirts. All of them, simply put, are reducing a person's identity to their sexual orientation.

According to the University, adding the words "sexual orientation" to the non-discrimination clause could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation, possibly compromising its ability "to support Church teachings on sexual orientation and conduct," especially problematic since such a matter has "theological connotations." The governing bodies of the University, meanwhile, pay lip service to inclusiveness — as the Spirit of Inclusion reassures us, "we value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community" — but will not say so in any legally binding sense. In the meantime, the University tactfully reserves the right time that, to be sure, is very rarely, if ever, invoked to keep gay and lesbian students from taking classes, playing sports, getting scholarships and generally taking advantage of the many great opportunities afforded to them by the University.

I wonder then, how insisting that homosexuals are equally valued members in the community but refusing to give them the same legal protection that everyone else gets promotes a "Spirit of Inclusion." To define someone by their sexual orientation — whether for comic effect, for the sake of provocation or to refuse them legal protection from discrimination — is to judge them for one small aspect of their identity, not on the merits of their personality, intellect or character. Even the Church acknowledges that a homosexual person is not defined entirely by their sexual conduct. Such reductionism is a denial of basic human dignity. And it is therefore doubly insulting that the reasons that the University gives for doing so are ultimately practical (i.e. to prevent legal meddling in University affairs), though the theological implications are sometimes vaguely alluded to.

According to its mission statement, Notre Dame prides itself for instilling in its students not only "those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit which characterize educated, skilled, free human beings," but also imparting to them "a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good." We need look no further than our own university — in fact, no further than the book that contains these very statements — to see where a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good is lacking, all over two words.

I signed the petition, by the way.

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**WE'RE ON THE WAY TO SOLVING AMERICA'S OBESITY PROBLEM!**

**Quote of the Day**

"Old elephants limp off to the hills to die; old Americans go out to the highways and drive their thermometers to death with huge cars."

Hunter S. Thompson

**Observer Poll**

What are you doing this summer? **Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com**

- Being a beach bum
- Traveling
- Stuck in the office
- Summer school
- No idea

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I once heard a piece of wisdom that has now become frighteningly more applicable: Don’t do anything that you wouldn’t want to see covered on the front page of the newspaper. That is, when faced with a decision, imagine the consequences (with your name attached) as they’d be written on the front page of the newspaper. That brings us to the racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, anti-geekism, whatever that is so shockingly prevalent in our classrooms’ posts (was anyone truly shocked?). No, at least two Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities can’t deny that these are real problems. Instead of these thoughts being locked away in our minds, they have manifested themselves on this public forum and, honestly, it’s pretty ugly. I personally haven’t been attacked on Juicy Campus, but I cannot help but point out the most obscene, disgusting and utterly offensive thing I have found in the posts: the spelling and grammatical errors. This is Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. Come on, people. If you’re going to cruelly degrade another person or group in order to cover up your own insecurities, at least retain a shred of your own dignity and use spell check.

Rachel Bussey
more off campus
Apr. 24

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spellcheck ‘Juicy Campus’

Want to lower drinking age? Stop driving drunk

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On MacGyver vs. Matlock’s debut album the band achieves something that takes other groups years — they successfully meld several different styles into a homogenous sound.

"The Dog and the Wolf," is MV&M’s first CD — a joint effort between Notre Dame senior Pat Jaicomomo and Martin Kent (a student at Ball State). Jaicomomo is a musician from the word go. In addition to singing on the album, he also plays multiple instruments. Jaicomomo is a musician from

In fact, the band, despite having only two people, plays all their own instruments — drums, guitar, and bass, just to name a few. Jaicomomo is the lead singer of campus band Threat Level Midnight, and Kent is an audio major at Ball State, and was in charge of the entire mixing, mastering and recording process.

All 13 tracks off the CD are originals. Even the artwork of the album is done by the band. The CD opens with the instrumental track “I Hope to See You Soon.” This song sets the tone for the album. Rhythmic electric guitar and crashing cymbals fuse with just a slight air of electronica.

Although probably not one of the stronger efforts on the album, the song sets up the listener for the next song — "Heroes Don’t Call Themselves Heroes.”

This track opens with simple, if almost understated, piano. It is suddenly backed by some powerful electric guitar riffs, and then layered with some well placed electronic beats. Jaicomomo and Kent’s voices shine on this track, creating a song that is extremely well done.

Another highlight of the album is "The Jumping Off Place.” The song opens with some soulful acoustic guitar and heartfelt lyrics, but is more than just the average emo-ballad. The lyrics are impressive and though it is one of the less complex songs on the album, it is devastating in its simplicity.

"In the Grand Scheme of Things, Such as Geology, Ten Years Is Not That Much," might be the strongest song on the album. Its electronic beats and rhythms are unbelievably addicting, and the song extremely approachable.

The seventh track is "Oakleaf Drive,” and is one of the strongest on the album. When asked to pick one "single" from the album, Jaicomomo picked this one, although with some difficulty.

"Picking one single is like trying to decide which of your children is your favorite,” he said in an interview on Sunday, "but I would say that at this moment in time my favorite track is probably Oakleaf Drive. Over the past summer Martin and I lived in apartment in a kind of rough area of Indianapolis (actually the apartment complex itself was really the rough area). When he played me his first draft of this song I really felt like he absolutely hit the nail on the head with what it was like for us. On top of the lyrics I really love the different textures that ebb and flow throughout the composition.

The personal connection the artists have with this song definitely shines through, making "Oakleaf Drive" one of the album’s best offerings.

MacGyver Vs. Matlock’s sound is difficult to define. Part Fall Out Boy and part Early November, tangentially touched with Fall Out Boy’s emo-influenced lyrics, and finished off with wildly inventive hints of electronica reminiscent of The Postal Service and Death Cab for Cutie, MacGyver Vs. Matlock is the audiophiles dream. Make sure you listen to the album with good speakers and definitely in stereo — the band use of multiple channels adds a great deal of depth to the music.

This CD isn’t yet available in stores, but can be picked up for just $8 on the band’s website at macgyvervsmatlock.com. Consider adding this CD to your collection — it would be money well spent.

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**The Dog and the Wolf**

**MacGyver vs. Matlock**

**Label:** Self-released

**Recommended Tracks:** "Heroes Don’t Call Themselves Heroes," "Oakleaf Drive" and "In the Grand Scheme of Things"

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**Impresses with debut album**

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**By CHRIS MCGRADY**

Assistant Scene Editor

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**Monday, April 28, 2008**
Dear readers, friends, fans, enemies, apathetic readers and people who intended to open to the Viewpoint section but inadvertently opened to Scene instead,

This will be the last time I ever write to you. As a college student, anyways — I can’t promise I won’t make a cameo with a Letter to the Editor in the Viewpoint section at some point in my life as an alumnus.

Watching the days dwindle down on my remaining collegiate career, I feel much the same as I imagine a lame-duck president must while playing out the string of his remaining weeks in office, with the exception being, of course, that I don’t get to pardon anyone. Alright, well maybe The Rover.

Rover, I forgive you for your assaults on my section and apologize for laying the proverbial smack down on you guys. Much as General William Tecumseh Sherman did to the Confederate South during his march to the sea, my “scorched earth” rhetoric dehumanized your readership and fan base, and I’m sorry. Many times had to die to make our little war possible, and so I’d like to apologize to the environment as well. There, that’s better. Cathartic even. I’m glad I got that off my chest.

There’s a new breed replacing the old guard here at The Observer, moving in to run Notre Dame’s hottest student-run newspaper, and I trust they will take good care of you in the years to come. I leave you in their very capable hands.

In journalism, whenever you can’t come up with the words you want to express yourself with, you can quote someone famous. It’s great. In the words of the immortal Baltimore Sun columnist H.L. Mencken, “...as I look back over a misspent life, I find myself more and more convinced that I had more fun doing nothing than in any other enterprise. It is really the life of kings.” As I look over a misspent collegiate career, I realize that more than anything else I’ve done here at Notre Dame, I enjoyed nearly every minute of my time writing and editing for The Observer.

As such, I’d like to encourage anyone and everyone so inclined to write for The Observer. You get to put your voice out there, drop some knowledge on the masses and discuss hot-button issues such as the Virginia Monologues. Besides, if you’re like me, it’ll be no problem putting in late nights at the office because you probably aren’t doing homework anyway.

Working for The Observer is also a great way to pick up chicks (or duds, depending on your persuasion). I can’t tell you how many times attractive, buxom young jzebels have approached me at parties. The dialogue typically goes something like this: “Oh, you’re Tae Andrews? The Tae Andrews? I’m such a big fan of yours!” to which I invariably reply, “I get that a lot.” The point is, earning a few Observer bylines will quickly put you on a social prestige level approaching that of a football player or a trust fund baby. You can also create a pen name for yourself (in case you’ve been wondering, I’ve also graced these pages as the one and the same T. Edward Andrews). It helps keep people on their toes.

Sad as I am to leave, I feel I’ve accomplished just about everything I could have here at The Observer. Throughout my time, I’ve written a few good stories, a few truly awful ones and a whole mess of flatline articles that somehow made it to print. Regardless of how well we did, our stories were, as always, designed to inform, entertain and sometimes provoke. I hope you’ve enjoyed them. If you haven’t, feel free to crumple them up and I suppose I don’t need to tell you where you can stick them.

I also attained the No. 1 spot on The Observer drinking rankings (and if you think you’ve paried heartily, try hanging out with 50+ unimpeachable student journalists. In case you haven’t seen them, our Observer cups bear the motto, “The drinking team with the journalism problem.”).

All in all, I’ve learned a lot here at ND: how to man up, a profane set of different lyrics to the Michigan fight song, the value of a power hour, the value of service, how to love thee some Notre Dame, how to hate thee some USC, how to celebrate St. Patty’s Day, how to incorporate “Here Come the Irish” into my iPod workout playlist, what a special and unique place The Grotto is, why Stanford Hall has always been and will always be the premier men’s dormitory on campus, how important good friends are and why Notre Dame is the best college in the world.

To my fellow seniors preparing to become alumni, the underclassmen who still have remaining years of eligibility here at Notre Dame, I say this to you: enjoy it now, because you will miss it later. As for me, I’m off to explore the strange realm they call “the real world.”

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Nadal beats Federer, takes Monte Carlo

Associated Press

MONTE-CARLO, Monaco — Rafael Nadal won his first title of the season, defeating top-seeded Roger Federer yet again on clay to claim his fourth consecutive Monte Carlo Championship on Sunday.

The second-ranked Spaniard won 7-6 (7), 7-5, to improve his clay-court record over Federer to 7-2. "Winning four times here is unbelievable," said Nadal, who earned his 24th career title, "I feel like I have a great match. We always have good finals.

Nadal has won 98 of his last 99 matches on clay, with a loss to Federer in the 2007 Hamburg final the only blip. The Swiss star blew commanding leads in each set, breaking Nadal to lead 4-3 in the first and racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

"It's unbelievable," Federer said. "After playing the right way against him and then letting him back into the match, it was disappointing. Maybe I didn't play my best.

Federer committed too many unforced errors, surprising him on his forehand and letting Nadal back into the match. "He deserves to win," Federer said. "I'm pushing Rafa today, having the feeling I can beat him if I play the right way. And I think that's the feeling I didn't have after (Monte Carlo last year)."

Rafael Nadal, right, and Roger Federer shake hands after their championship match Sunday in Monaco.

Nadal is the only player in the Open era to win four straight titles at Monte Carlo, and the first since Anthony Wilding of New Zealand (1911).

Nadal has won 22 consecutive matches at Monte Carlo since losing to Guillermo Coria in the third round in 2003. Federer was the last person to take a set from him in the 2006 final. Nadal missed 2004 with injury.

The three-time French Open champion is 19-1 in clay-court finals, while Federer dropped to 7-8 on his least favorite surface. The 12-time Grand Slam champion has never won the French Open, the only major title missing from his resume.

Still, Nadal thinks Federer remains the best, despite a slower start to the season. Federer picked up his first win of the season last week at the Estoril Open.

"I think he doesn't get enough credit," Nadal said. "It's impossible to be at 100 percent all your career, he is still No. 1, the best in the world.

Rallying too much on his forehand, Federer also missed routine volleys at the net, and made 44 unforced errors.

Federer seemed poised to even the match after hitting some near-perfect winners down the line and taking a 4-0 lead in the second set. Nadal struggled to hold his serve in the fifth game, but turned the match around.

Nadal rallied to 4-3, and Federer had four consecutive errors in the eighth game to lose his serve at love.

A weak backhand let Nadal match the point and he took it at the first opportunity, before sliding on his back and raising both fists in the air.

Federer lost his serve six times during the match.

"The amount of times I got broken today wasn't what I was hoping for," Federer said. "But at least I was finally able to break him also on four or five occasions, which is the good part.

Federer won only 29 percent of his second-serve points, which even alarmed Nadal.

"A little bit strange because that's not normal, no?" Nadal said. "He's a big server.

Both players looked nervous on serve in the first set, swapping breaks for 1-1.

Federer saved a break point in the sixth game and dominated Nadal at the net in the seventh, breaking him to move ahead 4-3.
## Around the Dial

### NBA Playoffs

**Celtics at Hawks**
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### PGA

**Scott blows lead, then wins in playoff**

**Associated Press**

**Scott blow out of the sand trap on the 18th hole of the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament in Irving, Texas, Sunday. Scott won in three playoff holes against Ryan Moore.**

**In Brief**

League approves 'Pacaman' trade to Dallas

**Irving, Texas — Adam Scott felt he needed to make a statement by winning Sunday. He did, though, not quite the way he wanted to do it.**

**Busch cruises to victory under caution flag**

**TALLADEGA, Ala. — Kyle Busch fell a lap down midway through the race, and after raring his way back into contention, needed an awesome save to keep himself from triggering a massive crash.**

**Typical Talladega, he thought. Only this time, the crash happened behind Busch. Instead of leaving Talladega Superspeedway with a smashed-up car, he drove into Victory Lane. The kid who couldn’t conquer Talladega finally won at the hallowed track Sunday, and in this break-out season for Busch, it was only fitting that he counted to the victory.**

**I’d like to say that I’m smarter than I look, but that’s certainly not the case,“ Busch said. “Today was just due to having a great car. Getting a lap down, that was like, Oh, typical Talladega’s there. But I didn’t wreck today and I was definitely happy of that.”**

**UCLA's Shipp declares for draft, won't hire agent**

**Los Angeles — UCLA's Josh Shipp will enter the NBA draft, but the junior won't hire an agent, leaving him the option of returning to play for the Bruins.**

**Shipp averaged 12.2 points and 3.2 rebounds during UCLA's run to its third consecutive Final Four. The Bruins lost to Memphis in the national semifinals.**

**"After speaking with my family and with coach (Ben) Howland, I think I should test the NBA waters to get some feedback," Shipp said in a statement Sunday. "I feel like really can't hurt me at this time. I want to go through the process this year, which will serve as a positive experience for me in my future development."**

**Shipp is the fourth UCLA starter to enter the June draft, along with freshman Kevin Love, sophomore Russell Westbrook and junior Luc Richard Mbah a Moute.**
Men's Tennis
Irish knock off Seminoles for fifth straight win

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Irish remained hot in their first appearance since the Big East Tournament and pulled off their best win of the season with a 4-3 upset over No. 13 Florida State. With the win, Notre Dame ran its winning streak to five matches.

The Irish stayed hot early and won two of three doubles matches to win the doubles point. Junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Beth jumped out to a 3-1 lead against the Florida State pair of Bailey and sophomore Brad Mixson, but the Seminole pair tied it up 7-7 before Montoya and Roth pulled away for a 9-7 victory. The Irish clinched the point with a come-from-behind victory from the pair of junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhu, who defeated the Florida State pair of senior Sam Chang and junior Maciek Sykut. Chang and Sykut jumped out to a 4-2 lead before Helgeson and Parbhu rallied for an 8-6 win.

"Daniel Stahl has really made a lot of improvements," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of his freshman.

"The Seminoles tied it up when junior Chris Cloer defeated Irish freshman Michael Dier at No. 5 in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Irish responded with back-to-back wins from Helgeson and freshman Stephen Havens. Helgeson defeated Florida State's freshman Clint Bowles in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Bowles dominated the first set, 7-5, before Helgeson pulled away with a 7-5 win.

Havens matched Helgeson with a straight sets win of his own as he defeated Mixson 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 4 position. With the win, the Irish improved to 20-20 on the season.

The two wins gave the Irish momentum, but the Seminoles did not go easily. Sykut defeated Roth in straight sets 7-6 (6), 6-2 to bring the Seminoles within one at the No. 3 position. The loss dropped Roth to 10-19 on the season.

The Seminoles tied the match 3-3 when Chang defeated Parbhu in a match-up of nationally ranked players. Chang, ranked No. 90 nationally, won a tightly contested first set 6-4 and won to set the stage in a tie-breaker.

With the win, the Irish concluded the season with a 16-10 record. Notre Dame's previous win in the Big East Tournament earned the Irish an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, which the Irish have made the tournament in 17 of the past 18 years.

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SMC Tennis
Belles take fifth in MIAA Tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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Saint Mary's (12-10) took first in the MIAA Tournament while sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley both earned all-MIAA honors. It marked the first time since 2006 that Saint Mary's Belles were named to the all-conference team.

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101 was hot for the Irish on the mound, going seven innings in the doubleheader without giving up an earned run.

Game two of the doubleheader with the Friars began with Providence jumping out to a 2-0 lead early with two doubles off of freshman Jody Valdivia (8-7) in the first. Valdivia gave up four runs on five hits with five strikeouts and no walks in the loss.

Valdivia gave up two more runs in the fourth to bring on Bargar, who pitched the final 3 1/3 innings with one unearned run on three hits.

The Irish got back in the game on the force of an RBI triple from Fleury and an RBI game on the force of an RBI by senior Abiamiri, a defensive end, with the Friars never relinquishing the lead, winning 5-3.

A lot of opportunities were left on the bases for the Irish — they left 11 runners on base.

Sunday was senior day for the Irish, and they celebrated with a sweep of Connecticut (25-21, 11-7 Big East) in Melissa Cook Stadium.

Game one against the Huskies was not for the faint heart of Irish fan, as the Irish were trailing by a score of 5-1 in the bottom of the second.

The Irish came back quick­ly, however, evening the score at 5-5 with runs in each of the first three innings and a two-run second.

In the sixth inning with the score tied, freshman outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg blasted the ball over the center­field fence to take the lead.

The Irish scored twice more on Kohan's two-out double to right that scored senior second baseman Katie Laing and Smith after they had singled earlier to get on base.

Bargar had a workman-like outing for the Irish, giving up five runs on seven hits with three strikeouts.

The second game was a dif­ferent story, as this time it was the Irish jumping out to a three-run lead after three innings.

Smith and Fleury had RBI hits in the first and second innings respectively, before sophomore first baseman Christine Lux hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third. Lux went 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs for the Irish.

Bargar went the distance for the Irish again in the sec­ond game, allowing one earned run on four hits and walking two strikeouts.

Bargar added seven defensive assists in her 26th win of the season.

The Irish will next be in action on Tuesday with an away game against Valparaiso. The game will begin at 5 p.m. before the Irish will complete their Big East schedule with double­headers against Pittsburgh and Syracuse next weekend.

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forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six blocked kicks.

Laws, who played defensive tackle under former Irish defen­sive coordinator Rick Minter's 4-3 scheme and defensive end for current defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's 3-4, said he is more suit­ed to playing tackle for the Eagles.

"I looked at their roster a little bit, but I see there is a position for me to contribute. There is an opportunity for me to get in there and compete with some guys. I think it's a pretty good place for me," Laws said in a conference call with Philadelphia reporters.

Laws rejoins former teammate Victor Abiamiri in Philadelphia. Philadelphia took Abiamiri, a defen­sive end, with the 57th overall pick in last year's draft.

Laws said he is thrilled to be back with his friend and former teammate.

"We're real close friends. We were roommates for over a year. I talk to him on a weekly basis almost," Laws said. "It's really exciting to go to the same team as him."

The next Irish player drafted was Zbikowski, who the Ravens took with the 86th overall pick during the third round of the draft.

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Trevor Laws
former Irish defensive lineman

Zbikowski set the Notre Dame record for tackles by a defensive back with 300, eighth best in Irish history. He also had eight intercep­tions, seven forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries in his career. Zbikowski also returned three punts, two interceptions and two fumbles for touchdowns.

Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said in a press confer­ence in Baltimore that he wanted to increase the defense's size and speed, and that Zbikowski was part of that.

Newsome said Zbikowski is cur­rently slated as the backup safety and a backup punt returner.

"Those are some areas that we got hit pretty hard last year and we ended up tak­ing guys from the practice squad," Newsome said.

The final Irish player taken was center John Sullivan, 187th overall to the Minneso­ta Vikings. Sullivan was a four-year starter at Notre Dame, playing in 31 consecutive games before an injury sidelined him for the last two games of the 2007 campaign.

Note:
Former long snapper J.J. Jansen signed as a free agent with Green Bay and former running back Travis Thomas signed with Cleveland on Sunday night after going undrafted.
**MEN’S TRACK**

**Relay team claims three-peat**

By EUGENIA ALFONZO  
Sports Writer

The weekend for the Notre Dame men’s track team can be summed up in one word: dominance. With outstanding performances at the 99th annual Drake Relays and a strong showing at the Hillsdale Relays, the Irish will have a good chance of earning the top seed in next week’s Big East conference meet.

At Drake, history was made when the 4x1100 meter relay team of juniors Patrick Smyth and Dan Clark and seniors Jake Watson and Kurt Renninger took Notre Dame to TCU place for the third year in a row with a world-best time of 16:51.82.

“Every year we come out here and we always run this relay and we’ve been able to win it four of the last five so far of establishing a tradition now, so every year we look forward to every year,” Watson said. “But we have a strong mid-distance, distance program in general. That’s sort of where our orientation is as far as track and field goes. This relay is perfect.”

Other running performances included senior Austin Wechter placing 19th in the 400-meter hurdles and senior Brent Adams placing 13th in the 1,500-meter run. As for field events, seniors Mike Schubert and freshman Daniel Beewes placed 14th and 17th, respectively, in the shot put. Sophomore Brandon Denon followed close behind to place 14th in the discus throw.

At the Hillsdale relays, junior Blair MacJina reached his season-best jump of 2.10 meters, beating his previous jump by 3 meters. Sophomore Ryan Bell finished with top marks in the discus throw, placing 16th with a throw of 1.74 meters. Junior Tracy Morgan threw for the Irish as well, placing 14th with 46.46 meters.

Other field event performances included freshman Greg Davis who placed eighth in hammer throw, with a distance of 54.54 meters. Junior Jeff Mensch placed 17th in the same event with a throw of 51.16 meters.

As for running events, the 800-meter run was an event loaded up with Irish participants. Sophomore Cameron Eckert, Jack Howard, Jim Notwell and freshman Ryan Gamboa, Kevin Labas, Spencer Carter and sophomore Brian Steinheger all finished in the top 30 in a race that featured almost 100 runners. Eckert lead the pack of Irish, finishing fourth.

Junior Billy Rulaid and Senior Bob Kenney finished with top marks as well in the men’s 400-meter dash, placing sixth and seventh respectively and earning qualifying times for the Big East meet next week.

The outdoor season for the Irish will culminate in the Big East Conference championships at the Jumble Elliot Track at Villanova starting at 11 a.m. on Friday.

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**WOMEN’S TRACK**

**Irish athletes shine in weekend's relays**

By ALEX BARKER  
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Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to both the Hillsdale and Drake Relays this weekend, but it walked away with more than a few impressive results.

At the Hillsdale Relays meet in Hillsdale, Mich., the Irish shined with a number of top finishes.

In the 1500-meter run, senior Julie Opet grabbed the top spot with a time of 4:31.77. Marissa Treece, competing in her first meet since the World Cross Country championships, rounded out a solid Irish performance in the event with an eighth-place finish.

In the 800-meter run, senior Jacqueline Carter and sophomore Molly Sullivan took second and fourth-place, respectively.

In field events, the Irish had a strong showing, led by junior Mary Saxer, who won the Pole Vault with a jump of 13 feet, 1 1/2 inches. Sophomore Ilise Knautzen took third in the Javelin and sophomore Jamie Minor finished seventh in the triple jump.

At the Drake Relays, the Irish got quality performances from one of the two athletes that were sent to the highly competitive meet.

Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza grabbed sixth-place with her throw of 44.58 meters in the discus event.

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**ND fights to scoreless tie with Mexico U-20’s**

Observer Staff Reporter

Notre Dame played Mexico’s U-20 team to a scoreless tie in a physical friendly before more than 2,700 fans at Alumni Field on Friday.

In a game that featured 22 fouls between the two teams and saw Mexico draw three yellow cards to Notre Dame’s red card, neither team got off the post. The Irish did not score.

That started a string of good looks for Notre Dame, as rising senior Andrew Quinn manned the net during the first half, while sitting goalkeepers in the game, both of whom fared well. Rising senior Garrett Powlon set the game up in the final 20 minutes, as rising sophomore Alejandro Rojas and sitting sophomore John McCallum both scored goals.

As for running events, the Irish fought to scoreless tie with Mexico U-20’s.

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Men's Lacrosse

Irish win final home game

By Griffin Dassatti
Sports Writer

In its last home game of the season, No. 7 Notre Dame captured the GWLL regular season title with a 17-12 win over No. 13 Ohio State.

The victory pulled the Irish (11-2, 4-1 GWLL) into a three-way tie with the Buckeyes (9-4, 4-1 GWLL) and Denver for first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League, which the Irish won by virtue of a tiebreaker. The Irish came out firing early, scoring three goals in the first seven minutes, including one by junior midfielder Peter Christman just 51 seconds into the game. But the Buckeyes wouldn't go down easily. Following a time-out, the Buckeyes scored four straight goals to take the lead 8-7.

Despite this impressive offensive display by the Buckeyes, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he remained confident in his team's ability to adjust to the pressure.

"We knew it was going to be up-and-down and I wasn't concerned with the mentality of the team," he said. "A lot of times you would call time-out in that situation but I didn't call timeout because I wasn't worried." After ending the first quarter down 5-4, Notre Dame showed its coach that his confidence was not in vain, going on a 4-2 run of their own to go into halftime up 8-7.

Senior midfielder Michael Podgajny dominated during the run, scoring all three of his goals, two of which were assisted by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs.

The third quarter saw much of the same as the Irish extended their lead to 12-9 on goals by Krebs, who finished with four in the game.

"We'll only have to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific," Corrigan said. "We're glad that we'll only have to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific." Notre Dame closed out the game thanks in part to two goals by Krebs, who finished the game with three. Senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp made 12 saves.

Having secured the No. 1 seed in next week's GWLL tournament, the Irish will take on the Quinnipiac, a team the Irish beat 16-6 on April 18. Corrigan said after the game that the team is happy with the win but determined to keep their focus.

"Our job now is to have to work hard this week to prepare for it," he said. "A lot of times you would call time-out in that situation but I didn't call timeout because I wasn't worried." Denver and Ohio State are very good teams, excellent teams, and I think that not having to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific," Corrigan said. "We're glad that we'll only have to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific." Notre Dame will take on the Quinnipiac in the first round and take them down. We only have one game on the schedule right now, and we have to work hard this week to prepare for it.

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NBA

West's three with 5.4 seconds left lifts Cavs

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — King James lost his crown.

All right, so it was his burden.

Delonte West for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left. That shot, along with James' 34 points and 12 rebounds, led the Cavaliers to a 100-97 victory on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series.

"There's been some extracurricular activities going on outside and inside this series," James said, "but I've been able to stay focused."

The Wizards were ahead by a point with three minutes left in the first half when James drove to the basket, and Stevenson came from behind and swiped a hand out, clipping the Cavs' star with what James said teammates told him was a closed fist before tumbling to the court. James kept his balance and stepped toward Stevenson, who got up and stepped toward James.

They exchanged words, but that was it, before teammates stepped in between.

"If we were on the park, something definitely would have escalated," James said. "But, you know, I guess that's what they want to do. They want to hurt LeBron James this series. It ain't working."

Stevenson's take?

"That's how it goes," he said. "It was a big game for us."

The Cavaliers, who eliminated the Wizards in each of the previous two post-seasons, have control, with Game 5 on Wednesday at Cleveland.

James got help Sunday from more than just West, whose career playoff-high 21 points included five 3-pointers. Daniel Gibson made four 3s, and Ben Wallace had 12 rebounds — part of a remarkable 51-31 edge on the boards for Cleveland.

One small sequence that epitomized things. At the end of the third quarter, Joe Smith's three-point play followed two offensive rebounds and gave the Cavaliers an 80-73 edge.
**Irish win Big East yet again**

Sherry had back-to-back infield hits. Sophomore designated hitter David Mills came through with a clutch two-out single to drive in the tying run, and junior Amanda Feifer scored on the play to give Notre Dame a 4-3 win over Villanova on Monday.

The Irish, who have won 12 of their last 14 games, moved to 11-11 in the Big East and 16-16 overall.

**Notre Dame, led by coach Martin McKeown, captured their fifth straight Big East crown.**

Notre Dame senior catcher Lourdes Benitez led off the first inning with a triple, and after a balk, an infield hit, and an error, scored the game's first run.

The Irish went on to win 6-4, putting them in first place in the Big East.

**Notre Dame 8, St. John's 4**

Despite an unusually early start, the Irish bats woke up in a hurry and chased Red Storm starting pitcher Jared Yecker from the game before the third inning. Notre Dame tagged Yecker for three runs, providing a sizable cushion for Irish starter Eric Maust.

"They always say hitting is contagious so when you get guys at the top of the order hitting well, that's all you can ask for," McKeown said.

"All it takes is one guy to have a good at bat and get a hit and it starts rolling and all of a sudden you have 13 hits like we did today," McKeown said.

When he stroked a single to right field in the fifth inning, Brezovsky extended his hitting streak to 21 games, which is tied for the longest by a Notre Dame player since 1999.

"I could care less about hitting streaks as long as we're winning games," Brezovsky said. "It feels good to get a win the way we did after losing two in a row."

Brezovsky's hit put men on first and second for Beckford's double to center to give Notre Dame a 5-0 advantage.

The lead was more than enough for Maust, who retired the final eight in innings and ran his record to 5-1.

"He's throwing well. He goes out and gives it his all every outing and we have a lot of confidence in him," Brezovsky said.

Barnes was one of four Irish hitters with multiple hits in the contest. Irish senior right-hander Tony Longward worked the final 1.1 innings and did not surrender a run, lowering his ERA to 1.10.

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**Women's Rowing**

**Big East**

the hearts of the Irish (11-7, 4-1 Big East). It's gut-wrenching because when you put your heart out there, our sports psychology says it's agony or ecstasy," senior captain Caitlin Gagnon said. "I wouldn't want it any other way, but right now I'm just going to go out there and put everything out there. That's the hardest part, to work that way. I just hope that you give everything you can." The Irish started with a bang, scoring the game's first six goals in the first half, but it also teeters you inside because you wish the ball would have bounced your way, and especially as a senior, it's really difficult.

The Irish finished with 123 points, followed by Louisville (92), Syracuse (92), Georgetown (85), Rutgers (47), Connecticut (44), Villanova (44) and West Virginia (28).

The Irish had an opportunity to take the lead from the Hoyas, but after a defensive stand, Cotterman's hit put men on second base.

The Irish ended the game with a 13-11 win, their first of the season.

**Notre Dame started with a bang, scoring the game's first six goals in the first half.**

Eight seconds into the first of two three-minute, non-sudden death periods, both teams were held scoreless, and gives it his all every out­

irregardless of whether or not Brezovsky was called out at the plate trying to score from second.

"When they started getting possession off the draw, then Kaeuester, their best player, stepped up and started killing us at the end of the first half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think we tried to take her out of the mix and she faced-guard her off the draw. I mean we were definitely trying things, but they're a good team. We're not two-top-10 teams for no reason."

Georgetown would tie the game at 11-11 on Allie Hubschman's third goal of the game at 18:31 and take a 13-12 lead with the first of the rem­

Once the momentum began to swing in Georgetown's favor, as the Hoyas, down 9-2, began a 6-1

At the plate, an Irish senior catcher Lourdes Benitez singled to left.

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FOOTBALL

Four former Irish stars drafted by NFL teams

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Four former Notre Dame players were taken during the 2008 NFL Draft this weekend: John Carlson, defensive lineman Trevor Laws, safety Tom Zbikowski and center John Sullivan.

Carlson was the first Notre Dame player selected, going in the first round (18th overall) to the Seattle Seahawks. "I knew very little about the Seahawks and what they do there," Carlson said. "I was so excited to get in there on Thursday and start learning." Carlson said in a conference call with Seattle reporters.

Laws finished his Irish career with 100 catches, 1,093 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. The 6-foot-5 fifth-year senior said he can contribute at the next level as both a receiving and blocking tight end.

"At Notre Dame, I had a dual role," he said. "That's what I want to be—a tight end that can block and can catch the ball."

Laws said he was prepared to wait until the second day of the draft, but the Seahawks traded up in the second round with the Baltimore Ravens to get the seventh pick of the round, which they quickly used on Carlson.

"I thought it could possibly not happen until tomorrow," he said. "When I got the phone call from the Seahawks, I was relieved and extremely happy."

The next former Irish player taken was Laws, who also went in the second round (47th overall) to the Philadelphia Eagles. Laws left Notre Dame with 224 tackles, 10 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss, 10 passes defended, two

BASEBALL

Red Storm take two of three, tied with ND atop Big East

By LORENZO REYES, MIGUEL BRYAN, and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

No. 24 Notre Dame dropped the first two games of its weekend series to St. John’s before recovering to win in Sunday’s matinee match-up.

The Irish (28-12-1, 13-5 Big East) are now tied with St. John’s 10, Notre Dame 3 at the top of the Big East championship trophy after a pair of solo home runs in the seventh and a three-run blast in the eighth. Phelps was tagged with the loss, giving up six earned runs on 12 hits on 6 and 2/3 innings of action. The junior also struck out one batter and allowed one walk.

In the contest, Brezovsky extended his career high hitting streak to 19 games, going 1-for-3. One of Notre Dame’s main downs was the inability to drive in base runners, as it stranded six runners, four of which were in scoring position over the first four innings.

St. John’s 6, Notre Dame 4

The Red Storm capitalized on several Irish miscues late in Saturday’s game, winning their second straight over Notre Dame.

Notre Dame could not take advantage of a solid start from senior pitcher Wade Korpi, who gave up just five hits and two earned runs in 7 and 1/3 innings in a no-decision.

The game began as a pitcher’s duel between Korpi and St. John’s southpaw George Brown, who entered the game with an 8-0 record. Brown shut down the Irish offense over the first five innings, allowing just two hits and no runs.

The Red Storm took the early lead in the top of the second, touching up Korpi for two runs on a walk and two doubles. After giving up the early 2-0 lead, Korpi retired the next 10 St. John’s hitters.

The Irish finally broke through against Brown in the bottom of the sixth, getting their first runner in scoring position after junior Casey Martin and freshman Greg

SOFTBALL

Team takes three of four weekend games

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish sent their seniors out in style, going 2-1 this weekend by splitting with Providence and sweeping Connecticut in the last home weekend of the year.

The weekend began with a 10-3 drubbing of Providence (24-20-2) in Big East on Saturday, highlighted by sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis’ fourth-inning grand slam. The slam, which was Ellis’ third of the season, was the first grand slam posted by the Irish this year.

Ellis had a career high five RBIs with two hits to go along with the grand slam. Also pitching in for the Irish (24-17-1, 12-6 Big East) offense with two hits apiece were freshman shortstop Katie Flurry, senior outfielder Sarah Smith and junior third baseman Linda Kohn. Junior designated hitter Beth Northway added a two-run double in the bottom of the third.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish lose in sudden death

By MATT GAMBER
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No. 10 Notre Dame had dreamed all season of hoisting the Big East championship trophy on the turf of Notre Dame Stadium, but those dreams were dashed on Friday night as No. 7 Georgetown overcame an 8-1 deficit to win 15-14 in sudden death overtime.

In the first Notre Dame women’s varsity event to be held in the stadium, it was the Hoyas’ (12-5, 3-2 Big East) sophomore attack Molly Ford’s goal with 46 seconds to play in the third overtime that broke

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