PSA to submit petition to Office of the President

Approximately 3,000 signatures gathered in support of adding sexual orientation to non-discrimination clause

By EMMA DRISCOLL

Students from the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) will deliver a petition to the Office of the President Wednesday to add sexual orientation to Notre Dame’s Non-Discrimination, PSA member Mike McCann said. PSA member Rob Plasschaert said 2,500 to 3,000 members of the Notre Dame community signed the petition.

A lot of [signatures were] gathered basically through standing outside the dining hall and LaFortune, and through individual petitioning by people,” Plasschaert said. “PSA was lucky enough to have a lot of outside support from the Notre Dame community.

Friday was the last day signatures were officially collected, Plasschaert said. Plasschaert, McCann and PSA member Mallory Laurel, will personally deliver the petition to the Office of the President, Plasschaert said. They will also deliver a letter that explains why PSA thinks the petition is important, and what the group feels an appropriate response from the University would be.

He said the petition is not a response in any action the University has taken against a GLBTQ member on campus, but rather expands on Panganbarn senator Denise Baron and O’Neill senator Matthew Malloy’s proposal to add sexual orientation to the current non-discrimination clause at a March Student Senate meeting.

“The student government backing of such an issue suggested the ability to garner support from the student body as a whole,” Plasschaert said. Currently, Notre Dame’s Non-Discrimination clause reads: “The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, or age in the administration of any of its employment, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, athletics, recreational, and other school-administered programs.”

University spokesman and assistant vice president for news and information Dennis Brown said this issue was see PSA/Page 10

SMC Beauty Conference displays projects on self-image

Communications class displays Barbie doll projects that represent female stereotypes, portray unrealistic alterations

By ASHLEY CHARMLEY

St. Mary’s associate professor of communications Terri Rana’s Female Beauty class showed off their semester’s long projects on self-image at a Mini-Beauty conference held in the student center atrium Tuesday.

The class displayed Barbie dolls they altered into different female stereotypes and pictures they took of themselves which they changed to portray unrealistic alterations at the event. “Everyone grew up with Barbie so you don’t really think about her form or figure,” senior Megan Gray said.

The class created a group of Barbie’s they knew Mattel, the corporation who produces Barbie Dolls, would never produce, Gray said.

They displayed a Pole Dancing Barbie, Zen Barbie and Goth Barbie. Students also displayed Plastic Surgery Barbie covered in dotted lines, and Realistic Barbie with a padded body to make her look like the average woman. Other dolls included Homeless Barbie complete with dirty clothes, Mental Patient Barbie who came with her own padded room and Tanning Barbie with her skin colored in a dark brown color.

“I like it because it pushes the boundaries,” senior Victoria Frank said. “I wonder what everyone’s reaction to this will be.”

Junior Caitlin Morrison, who attended the conference, said she thought the dolls were an interesting way to portray women. “I thought it was a great idea because it allowed the class to explore the concept in a different way as opposed to just discussing it,” she said.

Student body vice president, Sarah Falvey also attended the conference. “I didn’t know much about it before, it looked really interesting. I kind of passed by and they did some really crazy things with those dolls,” she said.

Senior Jenny Anderson also presented a project on the popular children’s game Pretty, Pretty Play, which she completed for the course at the conference. “When you think of a princess

Burglaries reported in Cavanaugh

Suspect description similar to those reported in Howard, Lyons cases

By BILL BRINK

The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s

Three students reported three laptops and a digital camera stolen from an unlocked room in Cavanaugh this robbery, as well.

Burglaries happened between 11 a.m. on March 26, Chapman previously said. The same suspect from those rooms was identified by “several people” as a black male between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, “frizzy long black hair” in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly facial stubble.

Hallway residents reported three laptops and two wallets stolen from three different rooms on April 1, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDS) Assistant Director Dave Chapman previously said. A laptop was taken out of each room, he said, and two wallets were taken. The burglaries happened between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., he said.

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Students support CIW campaign

By REBECKA HOGAN

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A group of seven Notre Dame students collected 464 signatures to help the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) in its campaign against Burger King.

The CIW is leading a nationwide protest of the low wages of migrant workers who work on farms that produce Burger King’s tomatoes.

According to an Associated Press article, over 85,000 signatures were presented to Burger King’s headquarters Monday in Miami. The signatures — representing CIW supporters who are protesting Burger King’s work

er wages — included people from all 50 states and 43 other countries.

According to its Web site, the CIW is a “community-based worker organization [made up of] Latino, Haitian and Mayan Indian immigrants working in low-wage jobs throughout the state of Florida.”

The CIW works to increase the wages for its workers and workers’ rights for migrant workers.

Senior Laura Bradley, who has been active collecting signatures on campus, said recent Notre Dame graduate Lupe Lopez interned with the CIW this year and was among those see CIW/Page 6
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Robert "Right or left? ... and I would go right."

Courtney "What is your favorite library activity?"

"Who’s your favorite office character?"

Mark "What is the Question of the Day?"

"If you could make up an answer to the Question of the Day what would it be?"

Matt Perros, a member of the Bradley Sheehan Experience, plays the guitar during a performance for Lectie Live at Rockers Tuesday evening.

In Brief

The Student Senate and Community Relations Committee is hosting the Taste of South Bend today at 4:30 in the Fieldhouse Mall. It is a free food event advertising local restaurants around the South Bend area.

Collegium Musicorium spring concert will take place tonight at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The performance will feature sacred and secular a capella music from the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque eras. Tickets are $5 at the DPAC ticket office.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses ticket exchange rules

By JOSEPH McMAHON

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the new rules for the student football ticket exchange in their final meeting of the year Tuesday.

The ticket exchange was suspended after the Notre Dame ticket office realized students were scalping the tickets, but will be reimplemented next year with new rules, student body president Rob Reish said. Student Government, the Student Union Board (SUB), the Junior Class Council, the Sophomore Class Council and the Graduate Student Union will all be responsible for running one ticket exchange.

Only 100 exchanges will be made for each game, and the students will be chosen by a random lottery, Reish said. Students who wish to gain an extra ticket for a friend must fill out a lottery winner.

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Other COR members said student football ticket exchange rules will be mixed in with the usual description of the working conditions under which the clothes were made. "We tried to pick popular brands that people wear around campus," student coordinator Jeanne Choquehuanca said.

Freshman Christine Dits will be modeling one of the going out outfits. "It's dark jeans, and a tank top, and probably some heels," she said. "They are from JC Penny and Old Navy, both stores sell clothes fairly cheaply that are made in sweatshops in Europe." Freshman Molly Schall will be modeling an outfit of goods available at local fair trade stores. "The dress I'm wearing is from Just Goods, and Fitch, and Disney. There will also be sweatshop-free alternatives including local stores Just Goods of Mishawake and Ten Thousand Villages in South Bend.

An outfit from the Saint Mary's Bookstore, which belongs to the workers' rights consortium and doesn't use sweatshop clothing, will also be featured in the show, Choquehuanca said.

The event will feature outfits designed for going out, working out, or going to class. "We wanted a program to educate the Saint Mary's community to the all too common use of sweatshops." Brands included in the fashion show to become better informed about the widespread use of sweatshops to make the clothes they buy.
"It's a good reminder to know the wage of the CEOs versus the workers," Choquehuanca said. "[The fashion show] gives a more holistic picture of the garment industry, that there are alternatives, and how we can be a part of the solution, honestly." Contact Nikki Taylor at staylor01@saintmarys.edu

Club hosts Sweatshop Fashion Show

Event hopes to raise awareness of harsh working conditions

By NEIKI TAYLOR

Saint Mary's around the World Club will host a Sweatshop Fashion Show featuring clothes made in sweatshops and items that are fair trade, designed to promote awareness of the harsh working conditions found in sweatshops.

The show, which will be Thursday at noon in the Student Center, will follow the format of a typical fashion show, but graphic descriptions of the working conditions under which the clothes were made will be mixed in with the usual description of the clothing. Jeanne Choquehuanca, student coordinator of the event said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shiite militia drives back U.S. patrol

Shiite militia, acting with the help of Iranian-backed Shiites, fought off a U.S. armored vehicle in a raid late Tuesday in a strongly Shi'ite neighborhood of Baghdad's downtown al-Fadhil district, near the national museum.

The U.S. military said 28 militiamen were killed as the U.S. patrol pulled back. Local hospital officials said dozens of civilians were killed or wounded.

Zimbabwe opposition supporters freed

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Police on Tuesday released nearly 200 people who were arrested last week in a raid at opposition headquarters, while President Bush called on Zimbabwe's neighbors to step up the pressure on longtime leader Robert Mugabe.

A new group, which was formed to push supporters to get their votes in as early as possible, reported that 89,408 people had voted early leading up to the May 6 primary as the Barack Obama campaign in 2004.

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As for residents, they were not even sure how many votes were being cast in the Democratic or Republican party primary.

Such votes were cast four years ago.

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One month after the vote, results from the presidential election still have not been released.

NATIONAL NEWS

California wildfire enters 4th day

SERRA MADRE, Calif. — Lower temperatures and increased manpower on Tuesday allowed firefighters to tame much of a three-day-old wildfire that had gotten perilously close to dozens of homes and U.S. Air Force radar towers.

On Tuesday, the fire in the rugged San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles was 57 percent contained after covering 538 acres, or less than a square mile.

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Local News

Primary sees record absentee votes

INDIANAPOLIS — Some 90,000 people have already cast ballots for next week's Indiana primary election, more than double the total number of absentee votes during the last presidential primary.

That figure will continue to grow in the days leading up to the May 6 primary as the Barack Obama and John McCain campaigns push supporters to get their votes in as early as possible.

The Indiana secretary of state's office reported that 89,408 people had voted early with either their mail-in ballots or by going to the polls on Tuesday.

The state is not tracking how many early votes are being cast in the Democratic or Republican primaries, but applications to county election offices for absentee ballots are running about 3-to-1 Democratic.

CHINA

China sentences 30 after Tibet riots

An exiled Tibetan monk holds the portrait of the Dalai Lama as he participates in a silent march to protest against China in Katmandu, Nepal, Monday.

Associated Press

BEIJING — Six Buddhist monks were among 30 people sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for carrying out protests in two Tibetan areas.

The punishments were the first to be meted out by a Chinese court against Tibetans accused of taking part in a Frankenstein of assaults, burning, looting and vandalism, mainly targeting Han Chinese and their businesses in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and nearby areas between March 14 and 16.

The violence and subsequent government crackdown drew worldwide attention to China's human rights record and in spite of in Tibet ahead of the Beijing Olympics. Celebrations marking 100 days to the start of the games take place Wednesday.

The sentences were announced during two sessions of a one-day trial at the Intermediate People's Court of Lhasa, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. China Central Television's evening news cast showed the accused being led out by police with bowed heads in front of a packed courtroom.

Xinhua said three men received life sentences, including a Buddhist monk identified as Basang who allegedly led 10 people, including five other monks, to destroy local government offices, burn down shops and attack policemen.

Two of Basang's alleged monk accomplices were sentenced to 20 years, and the other three received terms of five to 15 years in prison.

Siding Cering, a driver for a Lhasa real estate company, was sentenced to life in jail for for joining in the riots that burned vehicles, smashed police stations and assaulted firefighters during the riot, Xinhua said.

The third man to receive a life sentence was a 30-year-old businessman who was identified only by his last name, Cering, Xinhua said. The agency reported that he was convicted of inciting others to commit arson and looting shops and vehicles during riots in his home county of Linqingzhou, about 40 miles east of Lhasa, on March 15 and 16.

CCTV said seven people were sentenced in about 15 years in prison, and the other 20 received sentences of between three to 14 years. The charges included arson, robbery, interruption of law enforcement, and theft, it said.

The quick trials and their prominent coverage by state media signaled China's resolve in putting a firm lid on domestic Tibetan dissent ahead of the Summer Games.

"The party has a long tradition of carrying out speeded up trials with minimum forms of process for defendants whenever it wants to send a strong message to local people," said Robbie Barnett, an expert in modern Tibet at Columbia University.

Such trials originated in China in the early 1990s in so-called "Strike Hard" campaigns, intended to speed up prosecutions for crimes considered at threat to social stability, he said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jiang Yu defended the judicial process, saying "the relevant authorities would handle the Tibetan law-breakers "according to the law in a fair and just way."

Following weeks of international pressure by the U.S. and the European Union, Beijing has also moved to tamp down tensions diplomatically. The government announced last week that it would be willing to begin talks with representatives to the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet whom Beijing has blamed for fomenting the unrest.

Detroit mayor sex scandal case unfolds

Associated Press

DETROIT — A series of often explicit text messages between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's former chief of staff showed he appeared to have had a long-term romantic relationship with the mayor and that he played a role in helping a police officer who used the city.


The document was obtained from the computer of Michael Stefani, an attorney who represented three police officers in whistle-blowers' lawsuit against the city that were settled last year for $84 million. The text messages were taken from Beatty's city-issued pager.

The text messages could prove damaging to Kilpatrick and Beatty, who are accused of lying under oath in one of the lawsuits by denying they had an intimate relationship. They are charged with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice.

The Free Press published some of the text messages in January. Wayne County prosecutors began the perjury investigation after those excerpts were released.

The document released Tuesday includes descriptions of sexual acts, the frequent use of the N-word by the mayor and Beatty as a term of endearment, and discussions of marriage.

On Sept. 15, 2002, Beatty described a sex act she wanted to perform on the mayor that he said she didn't know how to approach him about it. He replied: "Next time, just tell me to sit down, shut up and do your thing!"

Later that month, the pair appeared to arrange a sexual encounter in Beatty's office. On Sept. 19, 2002, Beatty wrote to Kilpatrick: "I have wanted to hold you so badly all day, but I was trying to stay focused on work. So, I promise, not to keep you longer than 15 minutes."

Kilpatrick replied: "Don't promise (N-word)."
Theft
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When he saw the students, he asked for someone by name who did not live in the room, he said previously. NDSP learned that

Valparaiso University has experienced similar burglaries with a suspect whose description matched that of the suspect in Notre Dame's recent campus robberies, Johnson said previously.

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CWI
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who presented the signatures with the CWI to Burger King on Monday. "Our hope is that Burger King will feel the pressure from consumers across the country because of this petition and they will agree to the three terms of the petition," Bradley said.

The CWI petition demands: increasing a migrant worker's wage one penny more per pound of tomatoes they pick; starting dialogue with the farm workers, growers and corporations; and creating a human-rights based code of conduct for the farm workers. "As a Catholic — as someone who claims to desire to follow Christ — this situation in Immokalee is not okay," Bradley said. "For how hard they work and what kind of work they are doing, there is no reason that any of these workers should be living in poverty in the United States."

Bradley expressed concern for the plight of the workers in Immokalee, Fla., where she witnessed first-hand by participating in the Center for Social Concern's (CSC) Migrant Seminar last spring break.

"As humans, there is no reason why [the workers] should be treated like they are. I cannot just sit around, knowing that human rights are being violated every single day in the fields," she said.

Bradley explained that consumers have a responsibility to ensure that the farm workers receive just wages and treatment for their work.

"We all ignore this systemic problem because we don't want our food cheap, and we don't care how we get it," she said. "We never see the faces who provide our food in the dining hall."

However, as consumers, Christians and people, we have a choice to make," she said.

Juniors Michael Healy and Jessica Winschel also participated in the migrant seminar this spring and were surprised by the realities they witnessed in Immokalee.

"A lot of farmers go through subcontractors who either get them documentation or who are illegally bringing them across the border," Healy said.

Healy said by the time the workers reach the United States, they have no money and have been tricked into thousands of dollars worth of debt and are forced to work the fields.

"It was really an awakening experience to realize that there's slavery in the U.S.,” Winschel said.

Based on her experiences in the seminar, Winschel said a typical day for a migrant worker involves waking up at 4 a.m., waiting for buses to come to transport them to work sites, hoping that they will be picked to work in the fields, and only getting paid for the amount of tomatoes they pick.

Healy said one of the largest issues for workers in Immokalee is that there are no regulations to protect migrant workers. "There are cases of abuse in the fields. Workers are stuck in difficult situations and have no one to complain to," he said.

According to Healy, each worker has to pick two tons of tomatoes a day just to make minimum wage.

"For one 32-pound bucket of tomatoes a worker receives 40 cents. If they work a complete day, they'll make roughly $50 a day," he said.

The group of students who gathered petitions has been helping to support the CWI's cause since they returned from the Migrant Seminar in March.

In early April, the group put cardboard silhouettes on South Quad listing the abuses that migrant workers face in Florida.

Burger said the group plans to continue its efforts to help the CIW next year, unless Burger King decides to adopt the demands of the petition.

Winschel said college students played a large role in the CWI's campaign against Taco Bell in 2004 and the CIW hopes to see the same type of success in its campaign against Burger King.

Bradley said that the university should be in this issue in accordance with its Catholic identity. "[Our Catholic identity] is reason enough to want to advocate for the rights of these workers," she said.

Bradley declined to release names of administrators the group has met with to discuss the University's role in the CWI's campaign against Burger King. "We are washing our hands with is awaiting responses from more than one administrator on the issue.

"We will be working through the end of the semester to try to keep up communication to make sure that awareness is raised about this issue," she said.

According to Bradley, however, Chipotle, Subway and Whole Foods corporations are not on the CIW's list to fight for workers' wages and rights since these corporations rely on the tomatoes picked in Immokalee's farm workers.

"No matter who the CWI is focusing on, the students I am working with here on campus realize how pressing this issue is, and they are in it for the long run," Bradley said.

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Danse Marathon reps seek trip funds

Convention will allow members to gain professional training

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

Representatives from Saint Mary's Dance Marathon attended Board of Governors (BOG) meeting Tuesday in search of funds for a trip to the National Dance Marathon Convention in Orlando, Fla., in July.

"It is a great opportunity because colleges and universities throughout the nation all come together [and] share ideas," said Francesca Johnson, co-founder of Dance Marathon and Elections Commissioner for BOG.

The conference will allow members of the organization to talk to people who participate in similar jobs such as marketing and catering.

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In Oct. 1998 to add the term and obtained more than 1,100 signatures, he said. They also held a rally before a meeting of the Academic Council and brought speakers in favor of changing the clause to campus in November, McCann said.

The Academic Council passed the motion to change the clause by one vote in November, McCann said.

On Dec. 1, 1998, "the Board of Fellows met and unanimously voted in favor of approving the request," McCann said.

In 1997, the committee reported to the Officers Group which, after thorough discussion, decided against any modification.

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While the goal of the petition is "to have sexual orientation added to the University's non-discrimination clause," Plasschaert said it's "a lofty goal" which may not be accomplished.

"What we want from the administration most is a thoughtful response to the issues at hand," he said. "The petition has shown an outpouring of public opinion from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff that says LGBTQ relations are not handled appropriately by the administration of Notre Dame."

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Citizens sell possessions to pay bills

NEW YORK — The for-sale listings on the online hub Craigslist come with plaintive notices, like the one from the teenager in Georgia who said her mother had lost her job and pleaded, "Please buy anything you can help to cut.

Or the seller in Milwaukee who wrote in one post of needing to pay bills — and not a single engagement ring up for bids to do it.

Struggling with mounting debt and rising prices, faced with the toughest economic times since the early 1990s, Americans are selling prized possessions online and at flea markets at alarming rates.

To meet higher gas, food and prescription drug bills, they are selling off grandmother's dishes and their own belongings. Some of the household purging has been extremely painful — families forced to part with heirlooms.

"This is not about downsizing. It's about needing gas money," said Nancy Baughman, founder of eBizAuctions, an online auction service she runs out of her garage in Raleigh, N.C. Former affluent customer is now unemployed and had to unload Hermes leather jackets and Versace jeans and silk shirts.

At Craigslist, which has become a kind of online flea market for the world, the number of for-sale listings has soared 70 percent since last July. In March, the number of listings more than doubled to almost 15 million from the year-ago period.

Craigslist CEO Jeff

 associated press

Backmaster acknowledged the increasing popularity of selling all sorts of terms on the Web, but he said the rate of growth is "moving above the usual trend line."

He said he was amazed at the desperate tone in some ads. In Palisades, Calif., Eliona Bateam-Lee has turned to eBay and flea markets to empty her three-bedroom mobile home of DVDs, VCRs, stereos and televisions.

She said she needs the cash to help pay for food and utility bills and mounting health care expenses since her husband, Bob, suffered an electric shock on the job as a dump truck driver in 2006 and is now disabled.

Among her most painful sales: her grandmother's teakettle. She sold it for $6 on eBay.

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U.S. Jews call for Olympics boycott

Associated Press

A wide-ranging group of U.S. Jewish leaders plans to release a statement Wednesday urging Jews worldwide to boycott the Summer Olympics in Beijing, citing China’s troubling record on human rights and Tibet.

The statement also notes China’s close relationships with Iran, Syria and the militant group Hamas.

So far, 173 rabbis, seminary officials and other prominent Jews have signed the declaration, which comes shortly before Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday, organizers said.

“We are deeply troubled by China’s support for the genocidal government of Sudan; its mistreatment of the people of Tibet; its denial of basic rights to its own citizens; and its provision of missiles to Iran and Syria, and its close relationships with Hamas,” the statement reads.

“China’s close relationships with Hamas, Iran and Syria, and its support for the genocidal government of Sudan suggest that the Beijing Olympics will be a blow to peace and a boost to international terrorism,” said Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly, an association of Conservative rabbis.

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“The statement on Olympics boycott calls for a kosher kitchen at the Olympic Village, where athletes stay,” Greenberg said.

Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, an association of Conservative rabbis, said the declaration was organized by Greenberg and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of New York — both Orthodox Jews — and the Washington-based David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies.

Several representatives of Judaism’s major U.S. branches and large Jewish institutions signed on. They include Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism; Neil Goldstein and Richard Gordon of the American Jewish Congress; and Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, an association of Conservative rabbis.

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“I would say in principle, athletes and tourists and government officials should all draw the same conclusion to the Greenberg,” said Meyers. “Unless the Chinese make some significant corrections, they should not participate.”

Meyers said he hopes the declaration is interpreted as a call for Israel and Jewish athletes worldwide to boycott the games, although he doubts such a boycott will come to pass.

Court lets menu regulation proceed

Restaurants required to post calorie counts, city postpones fines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court let the city proceed Tuesday with ordering some chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menu boards, but only after the city agreed to postpone issuing fines until mid-July.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals left room to rule on whether to comply with the rule right now, and hoped the city would show restraint.

“If they start putting big yellow stickers on people’s windows citing violations, to me that would be outrageous. Nobody is saying they’re not going to comply if we don’t win,” said Kent Yalowitz, lawyer for the court to rule on the stay only after the city agreed to

In a one-page order, the appeals court said it lifted the stay only after the city agreed to postpone enforcement of the rule from June 6 to July 18, long enough for the court to rule on the merits of a lawsuit brought on behalf of the restaurants by the New York State Restaurant Association, an industry group.

The rule applies to restaurants that are part of chains with at least 15 outlets across the country. That includes fast-food places like McDonald’s and Wendy’s as well as sit-down establishments like Olive Garden and T.G.I. Friday’s.

Restaurant Association lawyer Kent Yalowitz said in a letter to the court Tuesday that the city has made it clear it will use coercive powers to force restaurants to comply.

“Since a stay of fines is no stay of policy, we hope they would reach an agreement and agree to stay the rule as well,” he wrote.

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City Health Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden praised the decision as a major victory, and said chains that haven’t yet listed calories have run out of “stalling tactics.”

“Some chains have worked hard to deny customers information they need to make healthy food choices, but this decision starts to clear the way for people to have ready access to calorie information when they order their food,” he said.

In arguments earlier Tuesday, Yalowitz said restaurants believe federal laws preempted local efforts to try to regulate how restaurants describe the contents of their food.

He said the First Amendment rights of restaurants protected them as well.

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A state of abuse

Those of you who pay close attention to the news have probably heard about a lot of secretive group in Texas that rapes and abuses children. In 2004 alone, 100 children from this organization received treatment for poisoning, 63 reported medical treatment for rape, and 54 gave birth. A child in this organization is four times more likely to die than the average Texas child. Despite these abuses, the group has remained shrouded in mystery, protected by a veil of secrecy from those within the system. The leader of this group has shown "callous indifference in hiding the truth" says a lead state investigator, who encountered "repeated and continuing roadblocks and stonewalling" while trying to uncover the abuses of this organization.

Given the abysmal record of child abuse within this organization, an appropriate course of action would be to liberate the children and place them in a healthier environment. Unfortunately, the fear of going the henhouse. The record of abuse described above comes from a 2006 investigation into the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Texas Comptroller Carole Slye, calling the case "the voice for these forgotten, neglected, abused and dead children," uncovered systematic abuse in the Texas foster care system. This system, which is presided over the deaths of 116 children between 2003 and 2005, has custody of 463 children abducted from the Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) Church. On April 3, a fully-armed SWAT team raided the FLDS-occupied Yerington for Zion (VFZ) ranch in Elrodor, Texas. The raid on the ranch was prompted by a phone call from a 16-year-old girl who claimed she was an abuse victim from inside the compound. Authorities have not given a satisfactory reason as to why they needed armored vehicles and assault weapons to raid a peaceful people for an instance of sexual abuse. Officials also have yet to identify the alleged abuse victim and are now suspecting that the phone call was a hoax from a schizophrenic Colorado woman who has a history of false reporting. Regardless, the judge in the case has ordered all 463 children abducted from the ranch to remain in state custody. In doing so, the presiding judge ignored the advice of the state's own witness, child psychologist Bruce Perry, who testified that "the traditional foster care system would be destructive to these kids."

The FLDS Church practices polygamy, and many of the teen girls taken from the ranch are pregnant or have children. However, the possible sexual abuse of several teen girls should not result in the abduction of all the children. Only half the marriages at VFZ ranch are polygamous, and many loving parents have lost custody of their children as a result of this raid. Over 150 of the children now in state custody are under the age of five even though officials acknowledge that there is no evidence of abuse among these younger children. The forced separation of FLDS families has little to do with the government's welfare. More of concern to government officials was the nonconformity of the FLDS. Members of the FLDS church wear colonial-style clothes, work on a farm, grow their own food, and never watch TV. Clearly, the children need to be freed from this oppressive indoctrination and exposed to a world of shirts, processed foods and "Project Runway." Some of the men in the FLDS church practice plural marriage and provide for their children; an aberrant alternative to the more commonplace practice in the rest of the U.S. of engaging in serial marriage and not providing for one's children. Simply put, in small-town, evangelical Texas, the alternative lifestyle and religion of the FLDS church was not welcome.

This article is not a defense of the FLDS church, as I personally disagree with many of their beliefs and practices. Of concern to me is the lack of restraint exercised by the state. The United States was founded on ideals of individual liberty, religious freedom and tolerance for all groups of people. Our Constitution grants us the freedom to live in a manner of our choosing as long as our actions don't infringe upon the rights of others. This freedom applies to everyone regardless of the absurdity of their beliefs, the offensiveness of their actions, or the unconformity of their lifestyle. Yet, Texas officials, in an enormous display of self-righteousness, have essentially outlawed the practices and lifestyle of the FLDS church and they have unnecessarily and unconstitutionally placed hundreds of kids into a system that is no less abusive than the environment from which they came from.

Zach Einterz will be graduating in three short weeks. He thinks Texas should serve as an example. Contact him at zeinterz@nd.edu.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Farewell to Professor Langan**

This is a sad week for many Notre Dame students because philosophy professor Jeff Langan will be delivering his final lecture at Notre Dame. Professor Langan was pursuing a position at Holy Cross College because he was not able to attain a stable position here. We regret that future students will not have the opportunity to take a course with him. As his former students, we have had the great fortune of having him as a professor and many of us can truly say that he is the best professor we have had at Notre Dame and that he has changed our lives. In his classes, Professor Langan taught his students that philosophy is more than arguments, premises and conclusions. Philosophy is the love of wisdom and truth — it concerns how one lives. It actually deals with everyday life.

Professor Langan inspired so many students that a significant number of them have become philosophy majors. He has been the most inspiring, helpful and caring professor we know at Notre Dame. From his seven-point quizzes that kept us honest in our reading to his end of the year barbecue at his home to his hilarious anecdotes about all sorts of things, Professor Langan has been all that a professor should be.

We deeply regret his leaving Notre Dame because the University is losing a wonderful professor who inspired many students to love philosophy. Professor Langan, we will miss you, though we hope that Holy Cross professors will not miss this great opportunity to learn from you.

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**A vacancy in The Huddle**

Thank you for your touching article on George Porter-Young (“The long journey home,” April 29). He is a great man and a great friend, and I had the pleasure of working with him side by side at Sbarro for four years in South Bend. Like many of the employees at the Huddle, he was one of my best friends on campus, always up for a good story or a good political debate, and did so much more for the University than the University often did for him. I would tell you that I read your article with tears in my eyes, learning of his condition, but I will not.

First of all, George wouldn’t have anything of it. Second of all, I couldn’t count on two hands the amount of times I walked into work, only to hear “George isn’t going to make it.” He’s stayed death in the face more times than anyone I’ve ever met, and he will surely conquer this next challenge and eviscerate us all. His is a message of faith and courage and unwavering optimism that we pessimistic twenty-somethings could learn a great deal from.

God bless you, Georgie, and good luck.

Jonathan Retartha
Alumnus
Class of 2007
April 29

**Respect Colbert**

How dare you, Mr. Yatarola (“Colbert? Really?,” April 29), for belittling name members, 83, to the two pro-feminist groups Ouncahans support 22 and a pathetic 14. I suppose it is understandable why only ugly, liberal women would be feminists. Only ugly, liberal women are still upset because women are paid just three-fourths of what men make. Only ugly, liberal women wish the United States to not offer paid maternity leave. Only ugly, liberal women are frustrated because, even though most couples work, women are still expected to spend more time doing housework and raising children. I bet if these women were attractive enough to have men in their lives, such dirty thoughts would never occur to them.

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Look at the National Organization for Women’s charter: Our purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in society sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men, while living free from discrimination.

I’ll let you in on a little secret. Sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men is actually code for cutting off men’s balls in feminist lingo. All the equality issues they’re lobbying for are just a front. Or, at least, that is what some people really believe.

I guess what really burned me about this Facebook group was the fact a woman created it. I know some people truly believe men and women have different roles to fulfill and are inherently and biologically different, but that doesn’t mean you can’t support a group that advocates upping your paycheck.

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**U-Wire**

**Fight the feminazi**

I’m a feminist. I don’t burn under­wear, I don’t grow my underarm hair out and I’ve never considered estrac­ting the entire male population. And yet, when I casually mention that I think feminism is a worthy cause, both men and women look at me like I suddenly grew a horn on my forehead. Freak.

So I wasn’t surprised to find Oklahoma has a Facebook group entitled “Feminist is just another word for ugly liberal woman.” I was not surprised, but definitely disappointed, when I compared the number of its members, 83, to the two pro-feminist groups Okchomans support 22 and a pathetic 14.

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Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull

May 22

After almost 20 years in development hell, the fourth Indiana Jones movie, "Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull," is finally being released.

Fans of the original trilogy of archeologist-action-hero adventures might question the film’s star power, given the fact that Harrison Ford is no spring chicken. But with a cast that includes Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen returning as Marion Ravenwood and Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett, this latest Spielberg concoction definitely seems promising.

Time will tell if "Crystal Skull" will redeem the long-lamented characters, or if this fourth Jones film will fall short of success. But with Ford as its eponymous anchor, the possibilities look good.

The Dark Knight

July 18

Christian Bale reprises his role as the Caped Crusader in this sequel to 2005’s "Batman Begins."

Bale plays the title role of Batman and billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne. Batman’s alter ego. This time around, Batman faces off against his traditional arch nemesis, the sadistic Joker (Heath Ledger, in his final role).

Batman works with familiar allies in this film, including his butler Alfred (Michael Caine), Wayne Enterprises CEO Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) and Gotham City Police Lt. James Gordon (Gary Oldman). Maggie Gyllenhaal replaces Katie Holmes as Wayne’s love interest Rachel Dawes, a lawyer who works in the DA’s office.

Aaron Eckhart joins the cast as Gotham district attorney Harvey Dent — a name most Batman fans will recognize as the supervillain Two-Face.

Director Christopher Nolan, who directed the first film, takes the helm of this one, meaning fans of "Batman Begins" should be pleased with its sequel.

Sex and the City

May 30

Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) are back together again four years after the hit HBO series ended.

The foursome is still trying to find love and get their lives straight with the beautiful backdrop of New York City behind them. Changes are ahead for the girls, with an engagement, a new baby, a marriage in trouble and a move to another coast.

There have no fear, because the men of the series — Mr. Big (Chris Noth), Steve (David Eigenberg), Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis) and Harry (Evan Handler) — are all back as well. New to the stellar cast is Oscar-winning Jennifer Hudson as Carrie’s assistant Louise.

The promos promise big plot twists, outrageous fashion statements and salacious girl talk. Be sure to look out for what should be an excellent soundtrack that includes artists such as Forgie, India.Arie, Al Green, Run-D.M.C. and Hudson.

Mamma Mia!

July 18

Meryl Streep has mastered her craft. She’s conquered the fashion world in "The Devil Wears Prada," agonized with audiences in "Sophie’s Choice," and even taken to literature with the allusive "The Hours." But even after all of this success, one question might remain: Can the woman of a thousand accents actually carry a tune?

Viewers will find out, for better or for worse, in the movie adaptation of the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" Drawing on the music of disco-era pop icons ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" is light on plot but heavy on frothy fun.

The recently released trailer for "Mamma Mia!" was underwhelming at best. Hopefully Streep and crew have what it takes to impress both fans and new viewers alike.

The Pineapple Express

August 8

This movie is producer Judd Apatow’s realization of a long-time goal in Hollywood: a "weed action movie."

Written by "Superbad" scribes Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg, the film follows stoner Dale Denton (Rogen) and his dealer Saul Silver (James Franco). After Dale witnesses a murder, he becomes the fugitive behind a strain of marijuana so rare (called Pineapple Express) that it can be traced back to him and Saul. The two go on the run to escape the wrath of a dangerous drug lord who took part in the murder.

"Pineapple Express" officially welcomes James Franco back into the Apatow fold. The "Freaks and Geeks" star finished college at UCLA after making some poor movie choices, but now he returns to comedy with his "Freaks and Geeks" co-star Rogen. The film looks to be another summer hit for Apatow, and it even features a theme song written and performed by Huey Lewis.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

August 8

Put those pants back on. Ann Brashares’s highly successful book series "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" was first made into a film three years ago. Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty") and company clicked well with teenage audiences in the first film, making the possibility of a sequel pretty likely.

Now the girls are three years older, college freshmen still adjusting to adulthood, the real world and life without the constant presence of your best friends. What unites them on the surface, still, is that magical pair of pants. Whether or not audiences buy into any pants-related metaphors, the film seems likely to do well, given its good source material and solid predecessor.
WALL-E
June 27

Since the late 1990s, they've brought you talking toys, talking cars, talking fish and even talking rats. This summer, the wacky minds at Pixar are taking a turn for the robotic.

"WALL-E" tells the story of a young robot, of the Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth model, who spends his days on a post-industrial earth. While he hunts EVE, an alien robot who sees a bright future for WALL-E, the film takes off.

Pixar's latest creation is highly respectable on the whole. None of their films have been real missteps, though some have fared better than others. The success of films like "Finding Nemo" and "Monsters, Inc." two of their strongest releases, bodes well for a solid reception of "WALL-E.

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The X-Files: I Want to Believe
July 25

Mulder and Scully are back in a film that takes place six years after the season finale of the show and ten years after the first film.

Instead of aliens and extra-terrestrial, the team will be asked to discover the cause of the disappearance of a group of women from rural Virginia. Though the X-Files have been closed for years, Mulder and Scully are called on to use their sci-fi friendly skills to discover why Photo courtesy of movies.gearelive.com

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Undergraduate Male of the Year: Max Young, Siegfried Memorial. Max was not only the backbone of the Siegfried baseball team, he was the backstop. He commanded respect from the opposing pitchers and base runners thought twice about stealing on him. Also, as a defensive back for the Ramblers' football team, he made wide receivers second guesses going over the middle.

Grad/Fac/Staff (GFS) Female of the Year: Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon Jacqueline has participated in GFS tennis and is also the captain of her softball team. Above the Curve. Jacqueline is a great teammate and a hard worker. She is a positive person and we are pleased she is a part of RecSports program.

Grad/Fac/Staff Male of the Year: Sean Walsh With only seconds left in the GFS Flag Football Championship, Walsh, the signal caller for Law Dawgs, threw up a prayer of a pass, a Doug Flutie, and won the championship, beating $81,000 Cash. His poise and composure carried his team through the season and in the championship.

Team of the Year: Cavanaugh Football It was an up and down season for the Chaos. The regular season ended with a less than stellar 3-3 record, which earned them No. 6 seed in the playoffs. No one believed they could go all the way, but the Chaos was out to shock the RecSports world. They worked their way through the first two rounds of the playoffs before facing Welsh Family. Going into the finals as underdogs fueled the fire. With tough defense and timely scoring, they upset Welsh Family, to capture the title. It was a truly a story of David beating Goliath.

Game of the Year: Interhall Men's Soccer Championship In a game billed as a mismatch, No. 3 Siegfried Premier against No. 3 Keenan, Siegfried did not fold under the pressure of being an underdog. Both teams came out firing on all cylinders. No one wanted to back down. It came down to one of the most exciting events in sports, the shootout. Both teams wanted victory, but in the end it was Siegfried that took the prize. Siegfried took down the Knights. This match would have made the average soccer spectator sit on the edge of their seat the whole game.

Fans of the Year: Alumni In early morning hours, when all the students are fast asleep, the Alumni hockey fans are in the Joyce Center running amuck. Opposing teams know all too well. The construction barrier taunts players and fans alike at every turn.
Another year of intramurals comes to a close

**INTERHALL POINTS RACE**

**MEN**

1. Siegfried 3,320
2. Morrison 3,225
3. Stanford 2,860
4. Zahm 2,150
5. St. Eds 2,075
6. O'Neill 1,875
7. Dillon 1,833
8. Keenan 1,710
9. Alumni 1,625
10. Keough 1,625
11. Fisher 1,539
12. Knott 1,460
13. Sorin 1,310
14. Carroll 800

**WOMEN**

1. Cavanaugh 3,075
2. PiW 2,755
3. PE 2,325
4. Welsh-Farn 2,325
5. Lyons 1,190
6. Farley 1,085
7. Pangborn 725
8. Lewis 625
9. BP 500
10. Walsh 325
11. McDani 325
12. Badin 325
13. Howard 305

**Special to the Observer**

With more than 50 programs available to undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff alike, the intramural program at Notre Dame boasts a range of athletic opportunities comparable to that of larger state schools.

The fall sports offering provides a variety of sports from soccer to fast-pitch softball, and includes one of the nation's only intramural full-contact, full-pads football leagues. Winter brings a plethora of opportunities for those with competitive nature at Notre Dame is like none other. Dorms compete for the Joyce Center's ice rink, one of the 15 campus-wide facilities used by the intramural program.

**Men's Interhall**

The 2007-2008 men's Interhall season yielded rivalries and attempts at repeat championships. Early in the year, Stanford and Keenan squared off in a series of battles for the championship. In baseball, the Griffins needed a dramatic ending - grand slam to knock of Siegfried in the semifinals - and then survived a potential Knights rally to take the crown in Eck Stadium.

Stanford then earned the top seed in football with a 12-8 victory in the regular season finale against Keenan, but almost fell in the first round to Dillon, scoring on a fourth and goal in overtime to keep its season alive.

Notre Dame Stadium served as the venue for a rematch of the Cinderblock brethren, with Stanford again prevailing in a 7-0 defensive battle.

Men's soccer also provided its share of theater, with the eight-seeded Siegfried Premier team making a Cinderella run to the championship game. There they faced another Keenan team vying for a title, and after a high scoring regulation, the underdog Ramsers prevailed in penalty kicks.

With over 90 percent of Notre Dame's student body having attended at least one varsity sport in high school, the competitive nature at Notre Dame is like none other. Dorms compete for the men's and women's Interhall cups, gaining points towards the trophy through their play in Interhall competitions.

**Women's Interhall**

The Interhall women's sports this year proved to be one of upsets and excitement. The fall brought an intense flag football season and a thrilling upset in the championship - much like this year's Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

Welsh Family's domination in an undefeated regular season paralleled that of the Patriots, and Cavanaugh's playoff run was reminiscent of that of the Giants. Cavanaugh shut out Welsh Family in the championship game 14-0, and proved they were better than expected.

Cavanaugh was one of the select dorms to win more than one championship this year by taking first place in Interhall volleyball and boys' soccer to fast-pitch softball, and finishing up strong in the playoffs, similar to the performance of their flag football team.

In Interhall basketball, Welsh Family's season concluded in much the same way as their flag football season. It seems that this year Welsh Family has been under the curse of the undefeated regular season. Welsh Family's basketball team followed its undefeated regular season with a run to the championship game only to be defeated by another basketball powerhouse, Pasquerilla West.

Pasquerilla West also found itself competing in the Interhall dodgeball championship but lost to Mod Quad rival Pasquerilla East, who also won the racquetball championship. In other sports, Pangborn won the women's cross country championship, Maureen Champi took home the single's tennis championship, and Cynthia Curley and Libby Koerbel won the women's golf scramble.

**Grad/Faculty/Staff Sports**

The Grad/Faculty/Staff sports seemed to have more than their share of remarkable playoff games this year, particularly in baseball, flag football and soccer.

In GFS baseball, teams faced tough roads to the championship in Eck Stadium and sometimes had to play doubleheaders to advance in the playoffs. The Blue Sox were one of these teams, and only came up short by a few runs in the quarterfinals. The CECS won the semifinals with a walk off grand slam and then faced the No. 1 seed Big Marbles in the championship game and defeated them as well.

While the baseball playoffs featured a walk off grand slam, the GFS flag football championship featured a hail-mary pass that decided the game. The Law Dawgs won on a last second heave to the end zone a la Kordell Stewart and Michael Westbrook playing for the University of Colorado against Michigan. The ball was tipped by the opposing team, $81,000 Cash, but a Law Dawgs receiver miraculously came down with the ball and the championship.

More unbelievable playoff games could be found in the GFS soccer league. Tainted Fruit continued their campus-wide soccer dynasty with a championship win in the GFS Soccer league. Continuing the theme of dramatic GFS finishes, the game ended in a shootout, in which Tainted Fruit outscored the MSA program 5-4.

In other sports, In Your Primacy Facie beat Second Year-itis in the basketball championship, Shashank Maya won men's tennis singles, and Michael Staniscie won men's racquetball singles.
Best wishes to all presenters in the Undergraduate Scholars Conference
Friday, May 2

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Bryan Ahern
Greg Antell
Margaret Baker
Anamaria Balayut
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Marianne Beyer
John Biddle
Adam Boocher
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Brian Holland
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SNITE MUSEUM OF ART -- O'SHAUGHNESSY GALLERIES
Evan Brogan
Matthew Casanova
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Phillip Alday
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GENERAL SESSION - ARCHITECTURE, ARTS & LETTERS, BUSINESS, PREPROFESSIONAL STUDIES - DEBARTOLO HALL
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Joanna Betti
Mark Bennett
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Amanda Bode
Maggie Bolottin
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Close the Undergraduate Scholars Conference
with Team Piratechnics: Wireless Fireworks Ignition
Senior Design Project, Dept. of Electrical Engineering
9 p.m., White Fields (east of Juniper Rd., north of D2 North Parking Lot)
Mike Clarke, Brendan Hennessy, Evan Lintz, and Kevin Payne
By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 26 Notre Dame will travel to Columbus, Ohio this weekend for the first match in the opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

"The Irish are 23-3 with their only losses coming to No. 4 Georgia, No. 11 Florida State, and No. 23 Wake Forest," coach Bobby Baysol said. "Their roster is primarily composed of international players."

If the Irish win in the first round they have a tough bracket ahead of them. Their second round opponent could be No. 2 seed Ohio State.

"We hope we can advance as far as the quarterfinals," Baysol said. "We have the feeling that we have some of the best teams in the country and that will help us in the tournament."

Baysol noted that the Irish have faced six of the top eight teams in the nation throughout this season and have taken a lot of body blows for the tough schedule despite their No. 26 ranking this past weekend. The Irish travelled to No. 13 Florida State and won a tight 4-3 match. The Irish took an early 3-1 lead before the Seminoles came back to knot the match at 3-3.

For the second time in a week the match was to be decided at the No. 6 singles position, freshman Dan Stahl.

"Dan did a fantastic job of staying aggressive off of the ground once he broke serve early in the third set," Baysol said. "There is a natural tendency to become more conservative in that position. Dan continued to play up in the court and go for his shots. He has demonstrated that ability on a consistent basis this season."

"They have learned to anticipate each other's movements," Baysol said. "Their chemistry has continued to develop as the year has progressed to the point where each feels the other has his back."

The Irish have not played a match since last Saturday against the Seminoles. The Irish had to start their season a week later than normal again this year in order to accommodate the the NCAA regulations for length of season in order to fit in the last match between the Big East Tournament and the NCAA's.

For the second straight year the Irish captured the Big East championship, coming up with big wins in each of the three rounds including a 4-3 win over South Florida in the championship match.

"We are trying to schedule practices at times allowing us to be outdoors and in the heat whenever possible," Baysol said. "Additionally we will try to continue the improvement of our doubles and on other individual areas of concern."

The Irish will look to continue their already great season with a deep run into the NCAA Tournament this weekend in Columbus.

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Irish send 22 to Big East

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

This weekend, Notre Dame will begin possibly its biggest meet of the season when it heads to the Big East outdoor championships May 2-3 in Philadelphia, Penn.

The Irish will send 22 athletes to the competition and will need each of them to have strong performances in order for Notre Dame to have a chance at claiming a top finish.

"I am not sure that we have the experience or the depth to win the meet this year — as we did last year — but we have the potential to finish in the top three if we perform exceptionally well," said Irish coach Tim Connelly.

"For us to have a chance at a strong team finish, all of our 22 athletes will need to score points, as we have very little margin for error."

Following the Big East meet, those athletes who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete for a chance to participate in the NCAA national championships earlier this year with their performance in the NCAA.

Irish runners who have qualified for the NCAA regional meet and will be counted on to lead the team at the Big East meet include senior Brianne Davis, sophomore Lindsey Ferguson and Joanna Schultz, and freshmen Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans. Each of these athletes has earned top spots at nearly every meet this season in their respective events.

The Irish have also dominantly threw the events in most of the meets this season. Junior Anna Weber and Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza have led the Irish this year with their performances the shot put (Weber), hammer throw (Weber) and discus (Espinoza).

The athletes who finish in the top five in the regional meet will advance to the national meet and fight for All-American honors.

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NBA

Upstart Hawks grow up in series with Celtics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After pulling up at Philips Arena in his white Hummer H2, Mike Bibby strode past an admiring security guard, who wished him luck through the rest of the playoffs.

“We’re not supposed to talk to the players,” she said as the Hawks point guard turned the corner, “but I can’t help myself.”

The loudest is occurring all over Atlanta, Talk radio stations were flooded with calls about the city’s long-ignored NBA team. Cars cruised along downtown streets with Hawks flags flapping from their windows.

Who knew they even made these playoffs?

“It’s long overdue, having playoff basketball here in Atlanta,” coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday before boarding a flight to Boston for the next game in a series that was supposed to be over. “Now, they’re seeing it at its best. We’re the underdogs, but we’re competing with a great team.”

The Hawks aren’t just competing. They’re all tied up in the best-of-seven series with a team that had the NBA’s best record this season. Five wins from a title.

Josh Childress. He’s the Hawks’ top pick this year, a 6-foot-11, 235-pound center and working hard.

“With great guys like that running, not many teams out there can put together a team like that. When you can put a distance group together like that, it’s going to be tough to beat.”

Kurt Benninger
Irish senior

By EUGENIA ALFONSO
Sports Writer

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NOTRE DAME ready for conference championships

By EUGENIA ALFONSO
Sports Writer

With close competitions from Louisville, University of Connecticut and Georgetown, Notre Dame still remains in close contention for the championship.

The success of Notre Dame’s distance relay of juniors Kurt Benninger, Jake Watson, seniors Patrick Smyth and Dan Clark has set the bar high for great performances next year.

“I think it’s because we have a great group of athletes,” Benninger said. “With guys like that running, not many teams out there can put together a team like that. When you can put a distance group together like that, it’s going to be tough to beat.”

Eric Quick has qualified for both the triple and long jump while junior Blair MacJini and freshmen Justin Schneider are seeded sixth in the high jump.

Sophomore Matt Schipper and junior Brian Mahon are also seeded second and eighth respectively for pole vault.

The 2008 BIG EAST Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Jumbo Elliott Track in Villanova, Pa., will start Friday with Notre Dame’s No. 1 seed Justin Schneider in the men’s decathlon at 11:00 a.m.

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Feminists for Clinton

We are women who support Hillary Clinton for the presidency of the United States. We do so because we believe she will be the best president for the entire country. And as feminists, we also believe that Clinton is the best choice for attending to issues of special importance to women.

We write to you now because it’s time for feminists to say that Senator Obama has no monopoly on inspiration. We are among the millions of women and men who have been moved to action by her. Six months ago, some of us were committed to her candidacy, some of us weren’t, but by now we all find ourselves passionately supporting her. Her strength, grace under pressure, ideas, and the skill to make them real: we call that inspiring. The restoration of good government after eight years of devolution; a dozen foreign policy with ties to world leaders required, withdrawal from Iraq and universal health care: we call that exciting. And the record to prove that she can and will stand up to the swirl-boosting that will come any Democratic nominee: we call that absolutely necessary.

Clinton’s enormous contributions as Senator, public servant, spokesperson for better family policies and the needs of hard-pressed women and children are widely known and recognized—even by her opponent. Her powerful, inspiring advocacy of the human rights of women at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 was heralded around the world as a stunning departure from the normal pronouncements of First Lady. Corporate special interests managed to defeat the health care program she advocated in 1994, and her own leadership opened the plan to attack. But she kept on fighting, acknowledging her mistakes, and in ensuing years she succeeded in winning expanded coverage for children. Now she has crafted the only sensible and truly universal health care proposal before the voters.

On the Iraq war, many of us believe she made a major mistake in voting for Joint Resolution 114 in 2002—along with the 28 other Democratic senators, including John Edwards and John Kerry. But we also note that her current opponent, when asked about that resolution in 2004, responded that he did not know how he would have voted had he been in Congress then. We do not know either. But we do know that at the time, his opposition to the war carried no risks and indeed, promised to pay big dividends in his liberal Democratic district. Now, the two candidates have virtually the same plan for withdrawal from Iraq. And on the critical, broader issues of design policy, we believe that Senator Clinton is far more consistent, knowledgeable, modest, and realistic—stressing intense diplomacy on all questions and repairing our ties with world leaders.

We are keenly aware that much is at stake—not just on national and international security, but on the economy, universal health care, the environment, and more. Our country needs a president who knows the members and workings of Congress, and has a proven record on Capitol Hill of persuading sympathizers, bringing along fence-sitters, and defying opponents. There is an irony in her opponent’s claim to be able to draw in Republicans, while dismissing her proven record of working with them as a legislator. We need a president who understands how to make changes real, from small things like the predatory student loan industry to large things like the Middle East. Hillary Clinton has the experience, knowledge and wisdom to deal with this wide range of issues.

Our country also needs a president who has a thorough mastery of “details”—yes, details—after eight years of Bush and Cheney. The job of restoring good government is overwhelming, and will require more than “entertainment” to accomplish it. We believe that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Justice Department, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more can be restored to full and effective functioning only by a president who understands their scope, regulations, personnel, problems and history. Knowing these “details” and acting on them is essential to begin the healing and recuperation of the country.

How many of us have heard brilliant and resourceful women in the workplace dismissed or devalued for “detail-orientation” in contrast to a man’s supposed “big picture” scope? How many of us have seen what a man, a woman, would be called “peerless mastery,” get called, in a woman’s case, “narrowminded”? How many women have we known—truly gifted workers, professionals, and administrators—who have been criticized for their reserve and down-to-earth way of speaking? Whose commanding style, seriousness, and get-to-work style are criticized as “cold” and insufficiently “likeable”? These prejudices have been scandalously present in this campaign.

With all this in mind, we believe that Hillary Clinton is the best candidate for president, because she is the surest to remove the wreckage and secure the future. Politics is not magic. Hillary Clinton is president promises what government at its best can truly deliver: wise decisions-making and lasting change.

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LPGA Tour
Lorena Ochoa looks to Alarcon for guidance

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The house where Lorena Ochoa grew up overlooks the swimming pool at Guadalajara Country Club, a playground paradise for a tiny, wiry girl with big dreams.

Ochoa, 26, already has met the performance criteria for the Hall of Fame. She has won five times in six LPGA Tour events this year, crushing the competition by a combined 37 shots, and this week in Oklahoma she will try to win her fifth straight tournament and tie a record held by Annika Sorenstam and Nancy Lopez.

A month later, she will be a heavy favorite to capture her third straight major.

Heady stuff for a kid from a soccer-loving country where there are fewer than 300 golf courses. Rafael Alarcon, though, might have seen this coming.

Ochoa was drawn to Alarcon, a local PGA golfer, when she was about 8. She would stand behind him as he hit balls, peppering him with questions and following him around the course, until he one day invited her to play.

As the trophies piled up — Ochoa won her age division at the Junior World Championships five years in a row — Alarcon asked her once on the practice green why she wanted to know so much about the game.

"I want to learn to beat you," he recalls her telling him. "I know if I beat you, I can be the best player in the world."

The day before she left Mexico for the University of Arizona, she did just that, by two strokes on the back nine.

Now in her sixth full season on the LPGA Tour, there appears to be no stopping her.

"Lorena is an amazing golfer and an even more impressive person," said Lopez, whom Ochoa considers a role model. "She has become a true superstar ... so well liked on the tour and so successful at the same time."

This is the essence of Ochoa. She has risen to the top of a sport still dominated by the wealthy in her native Mexico, where green fees often cost five times the average daily wage. Yet she is loyal to the working class who care for the golf course and to impoverished children who have never seen the game played.

"She has always been sincere and friendly," said Francisco Javier Lopez, who has worked on the Guadalajara golf course for 18 years. "Now that she’s winning and winning, she’s just the same as before, very humble."

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because of tiebreakers. Bellarmine and Air Force were the only two GWLL teams to fall short of making the tournament.

"Offensively I thought we were pretty balanced against Ohio State," coach Kevin Corrigan said. "When we settled down we shared the ball and shot well and kept the pressure on their goalies. On the pressure side, it was a good day, but we still were able to score the goals.

The win also extended Notre Dame's program-record win streak to 18 games and improved the team's overall record to 11-2. Senior midfield-er Michael Pugliesi and sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs each earned hat-tricks to lead the Irish offense, while senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp recorded 12 saves on the day's play.

"We didn't play particularly good defense early on, but second half we did pretty well by giving them the shots we wanted to give them. Ross Zimmerman and Sean Dougherty did a great job defending their two best offensive players," Corrigan said.

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***SOFTBALL***

Irish take down Valpo with help from Bargar

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"I've been working with the coaches on keeping the ball low. Hitters usually get themselves out. The pressure is on them to get a hit."

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Irish pitcher

Pollock scored on a double by second baseman Jeremy Barnes with two outs. The Irish threatened to score more, but left fielder Ross Brezovsky struck out to end the inning with runners on second and third.

Notre Dame tallied two runners on with one out in the bottom half of that inning, as tunnler Evan Sharpley blasted one to deep right field. Initially, the ball looked to have the strength to clear the fence, but the Mississippi Valley State right fielder made a catch on the warning track with the ball still in play.

The Delta Devils allowed four runs on six hits with five walks and five strikeouts. Notre Dame and Mississippi Valley State will face off again tomorrow in pens Ike Stadium at 6:05 p.m.

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Junior designated hitter Bether Norwegian swings through a pitch in a 4-3 Irish win over Loyola-Chicago Thursday.

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By Sam WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wrapped up its 2008 non-conference slate with a 6-0 win at Valparaiso Thursday.

The Irish (35-17-1 overall, 12-6 Big East) were led by a stellar performance in the circle from junior hurler Brittany Dougherty. The Corona, Calif., native pitched a complete game shutout, and improved her record on the season to 27-10, giving up only three hits and striking out 11 in the process.

It took the Irish a while to get their offense on track, earning only one hit over the first four innings. In the fifth, though, the Notre Dame bats found their spark. With two outs in the top of the frame, freshman right simulator Dougherty started the rally with a single through the left side of the infield. After freshman catcher Erin Marrone and junior designated hitter Northway also

singed, Jorgensons came around to score, putting the Irish up 1-0. Even though the one run was all Bargar needed, the Irish added to the lead in the next inning. Former Irish starting pitcher Andrea Zappia for reliever Jill Jacobsen, Notre Dame scored three more runs in the sixth, of them, two courtesy of a two-out, two-RBI Jorgensons single.

Zappia returned to pitch the seventh, but it was to no avail, as Notre Dame added two more runs to its lead in the final inning. Northway started off the inning with a double, and was driven in by a Katie Fleury single up the middle. Feury later scored on second senior base- man Katie Lai ne's grounder to second, giving the Irish their 6-0 margin of victory.

Northway finished 3-for-3 with the double, a two-run, and an
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RUNNING WITH THE DEVILS

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After knocking back-to-back hits in seven shutout innings, Secretary Brian Dupra scattered six hits in seven shutout innings as the Irish topped Mississippi Valley State Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish victory against Mississippi Valley State (15-21) threatened in the second inning by four but left runners on base in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. The Bulldogs are 8-21 this season.

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Men's Basketball

Irish pick up transfer from Mississippi State

By FRAN TOLAN
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Former Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough will transfer to Notre Dame for the 2008-2009 academic year. Hansbrough, a sophomore who averaged 10.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game last season, will sit out next season then have two years of eligibility left with the Irish.

Hansbrough is the younger brother of North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough, who won virtually every Player of the Year award this past season.

The 6-foot-3 shooting guard started 28 of Mississippi State's 34 games last season as the Bulldogs advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. He could help fill a void left by the probable departures of rising senior guards Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers after next season.

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Men's Lacrosse

Laxers earn top seed in conference

By ELYNN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Thanks to its effective offense, No 7 Notre Dame defeated No. 9 Ohio State 17-12 in its final regular season game, earning the No. 1 seed in the Great Western Lacrosse League tournament.

The Irish will take on No. 4 seed Quinnipiac in the semifinals on Friday in Birmingham, Mich., at 5 p.m. The second semifinal matchup between Ohio State and Denver will follow at 7:30 and the title game will be held the following Sunday.

The previous meeting between the Irish and the Bobcats resulted in a dominant Irish win (16-6) on Notre Dame's home turf. Junior attack Ryan Hoff scored four goals to lead the Irish offense victory against the Bobcats.

Notre Dame hopes to reassert the GWLL tournament title it won during the 2007 season — and with that an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We are now in tournament mode. We want to win," Corrigan said. "Our goal is to win and keep winning. We're only focusing on playing right now." The Irish fell to Johns Hopkins 11-10 in overtime in a tight first round game in the 2007 Tournament. If the Irish do not earn the GWLL title, they still have a chance to earn one of the nine at-large NCAA tournament bids.

The Irish victory against Ohio State created a three-way tie among the top teams in the league. Denver, Ohio State and Notre Dame all earned 4-1 records on the season, but the Irish received the top spot.