Jenkins: Obama 'honored' University by accepting

By JENN METZ
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins responded to criticism regarding the announcement of President Barack Obama as the 2009 Commencement speaker by clearly making a distinction between honoring the president and supporting his political views.

Jenkins made it clear in an interview with The Observer Sunday that the University does not "foresee circum­stances that would cause Notre Dame to rescind the president’s invitation.

"We have invited the president and he’s honored us by accepting," he said. The White House and the University announced March 20 the president will speak at the May 17 Commencement.

Former ambassador to Vatican will receive Laetare Medal

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See Mary Ann Glendon will be the 133rd recipient of the Laetare Medal, the highest award given by Notre Dame. She will receive the Medal during the 2009 Commencement ceremony on May 18, the University announced Sunday.

The Laetare Medal is called "the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics," according to a University release, and has been awarded annually since 1883 to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church, and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Glendon, who served as ambassador to the Holy See in 2002 and is currently the Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, is also the current president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, appointed to that position by Pope John Paul II in 1994. She was the first woman to be named president of one of the major pontifical academies. She also served on the President’s Council on Bioethics under President George W. Bush from 2002 to 2005.

University President Fr. John Jenkins called Glendon "a remarkable woman" who "has lived a life of service to the Church" in an interview with The Observer Sunday.

"She’s probably the most powerful spokesperson for the Catholic viewpoint in our world today," Jenkins said. In a press release, Jenkins said Glendon is "a compelling expositor of Catholic social teaching who exemplifies our University’s most cherished values and deserves its highest praise."

Jenkins said Sunday that Glendon’s presence at Commencement — where President Barack Obama is sched­uled to give the main address — will be a strong representation of the Catholic viewpoint.

In inviting President Obama, we will listen to him. But I think it’s important he will listen to oth­ers. And I can’t think of a better spokesperson for the Catholic viewpoint than Mary Ann Glendon," Jenkins said. "We’re very honored to have her.

A scholar of law and philosophy, Glendon’s areas of academic research include bioethics, comparative constitutional law and international human rights. She is the author of numerous books, including "A Nation Under Lawyers: How the Crisis in the Legal Profession Is Destabilizing America," and "A World Made New: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Glendon was also a member of the President’s Council on Bioethics.

Some applause, others condemn announcement

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The University’s announcement that President Barack Obama will deliver the 2009 Commencement address has inspired strong responses — both pos­itive and negative — from seniors and student groups.

Students are vocalizing support as well as condemnation of the University’s decision through numerous Facebook groups, blogs and other outlets.

Junior Mary Daly, president of Notre Dame’s Right to Life club, said she is disappointed in the University’s choice of speaker.

Although she said she believes it is Jenkins: Obama ‘honored’ University by accepting

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Presidential Holy Cross Brother Courtney dies

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Brother Edward Vincent Courtney, who was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross for more than five decades, died last Monday in the Dujarie House at Notre Dame. He was 90 years old.

Courtney, a veteran of World War II, entered St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Ind., to begin his religious training follow­ing the war. He made his first vows as Holy Cross brother on Aug. 16, 1947 and three years later, made his final vows at Notre Dame’s Basilica of the Sacred Heart, according to the South Bend Tribune.

Holy Cross Brother Robert Fillmore, provincial of the Midwest Province, told The Observer that Courtney’s experi­ences in World War II motivated him towards a religious vocation and a lifetime of patriotism.

"After the war, he made this decision, which was very common for WWII veterans," Fillmore said. "They joined because they saw life in a very different way, and they..."
INSIDE COLUMN

Riding out the storm

I had been looking forward to Saturday ever since December when I found out Gaelic Storm was coming to campus. I'm kind of a groupie. I know the names of every one of their songs, even the instrumental ones. I have a picture of myself with the lead singer, Patrick Murphy, in my dorm room. I've seen them play in my hometown, Dublin, Ohio, many times. Because I'm a fellow Irish Catholic and parents and friends are always in the audience, and that, in fact, the majority of the audience is usually my parents' ages, their concerts get pretty rowdy. That's why I assumed that a Gaelic Storm concert on a college campus would be even crazier than one directed towards baby boomers.

Maybe my expectations were a little too high, but how could I not have expected a lot from a concert of my favorite Irish band during the week of St. Patrick's Day on the campus of the Fighting Irish? Just before the concert I put on a green shirt and some Gaelic Storm songs, and my friends came to my room to get ready with me. But while I was trying to practice my jig to "Pina Colada in a Pint Glass," my friends were slightly killing the buzz, so to speak.

"Wait, are you seriously complaining about Obama giving the graduation speech?" I asked. And it went downhill from there.

At the concert, they refused to stand up and clap and dance. What's a Gaelic Storm concert if you're sitting? So, we yelled and sang along from our seats.

Apparently we were singing a little too loudly because the man behind us yelled at us to shut up. This would never happen in Dublin, Ohio. The only Gaelic Storm song I wanted to sing at this point was "I Miss My Home." My friends say I'm not very good at handling anger. I put silently. I have my subconscious "pouty face." But here's what I took heart in some of my friends hate Obama. Some friends love him. Some friends won't stand up in a concert but still manage to get yelled at. But at the end of the day, when you're making the pouty face, they're your friends, so they'll still love you and forgive you. And that's all you can really ask for.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Nora Kenney at akenney@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you feel about President Obama speaking at this year's graduation?

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

A lecture hosted by the Theology Department called "The Illego and their Perception of God, Human Beings and Creation," will take place Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College of Business. Nigerian novelist and poet Chinua Achebe will deliver the Third Biennial Blessed Pope John XXIII Lecture Series in Theology and Culture. This talk on Mar. 21 will focus on "God," the talk on Mar. 23 will focus on "Human Beings," and the talk on Mar. 26 will focus on "Creation."

The McBride Lecture: "Protecting the Planet and Creating Jobs: A Win-Win Proposition" on Tuesday will feature David Foster, executive director, Blue-Green Alliance, a coalition of labor unions and environmental organizations. The lecture will take place in Hesburgh Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The 22nd Annual Romero Lecture: "Now I Understand" will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Eck Visitors' Center auditorium. Journalist Eugene Palumbo, who has covered the Catholic Church in El Salvador since he moved there in 1984 will give the lecture.

GreenND will host associate vice president and University architect Doug Marsh, who will deliver a lecture called "LEED & Sustainable Building at Notre Dame." The lecture will take place in the Memorial Auditorium of LaFortune at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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

OFFBEAT

Clorox offers $5K to outfit toilet tanker

SAN FRANCISCO — The Clorox Company is offering a $5,000 reward and a year's supply of toilet cleaning products for tips leading to the arrest of San Francisco's notorious portable potty pyromaniac.

The Oakland-based chemical company deployed a "potty patrol" team in the city Friday to make residents aware of its offer offering marketing and community service.

Since November, more than two dozen construction site toilets have been set on fire in the city, causing $50,000 in property damage and leaving a trail of foul-smelling evidence.

Woman accused of church theft

Satan isn't a big part in the church.

A woman accused of taking more than $3,000 from the Arlington Free Methodist Church. She was fired in February 2008. She told detectives she used the money to cover household expenses because she couldn't stand the thought of losing her home.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

TODAY

FRIDAY

LOCAL WEATHER

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AN ESPN cameron films Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen during spring football practice on Friday.

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Erika Hansen

freshman McGlinn

Mitchell Hemann

freshman Keenan

"I'm excited — it makes me wish I had volunteered for Commencement band."

"It's getting too controversial."

"Why am I not a senior this year?"

"I wish it was my graduation!"

"Never heard of him."

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College updates emergency plan

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's officials have updated and posted a hazard response plan on the College's Web site. The Saint Mary's All Hazard Emergency Response Plan was officially posted in January 2009.

The plan has been in the works for several years, and will be updated on a regular basis.

"It was posted in January, but has been in the works for much longer," Susan Dampeer, the secretary to the President of the College, said. "We actually started working on a pandemic flu plan several years ago. As we worked on that plan, we realized that it should be part of a much larger and more comprehensive plan that would address all emergencies that might occur at Saint Mary's."

Dampeer was co-chair of the committee, which created the policies. Dave Gavirg, director of security, was the other co-chair. The committee included representatives from many different areas of the College.

The new plan is more in-depth than previous ones and covers all types of emergencies.

"We had previous plans to handle emergencies, but nothing that was all together in one place and easily accessible to everyone," Dampeer said.

The language of the plan states that it was put in place "to reduce the impact of an emergency on students, faculty, staff, visitors, and facilities." The plan details the actions members of the College community must take in order to respond to any emergency that may occur. It includes everything from fires to bomb threats.

"Recent disasters on college campuses, shootings, fires, etc., have propelled colleges to develop plans like this," Dampeer said.

The plan states four main priorities:
- To protect the lives, safety, and health of Saint Mary's College and Congregation community members and those who may be visiting. To protect facilities, documents, and technology from loss during a continuing emergency event. To effectively communicate with all involved throughout the emergency. To provide for the continuation of college operations and services that have been disrupted or damaged by an emergency.

The plan classifies different types of emergencies based on the extremity of each individual situation, and each type of emergency has a detailed plan of action.

The policy also includes what to do should an emergency occur within each building on campus.

"In addition to the full plan, we will also have a very condensed version of what to do in an emergency online, in every office on campus, and in every residence hall room," Dampeer said. "Emergency exit plans will also be posted everywhere. They are ready to go, we are just waiting to receive the holders for them."

For more information about the new emergency response plan, visit http://www3.saintmarys.edu/emergency-response-plan.

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C.S.C., director of campus ministry; and John Zark, University sacristan.

"The Snite Museum was very pleased to fund the commission of the painting through its Fritz and Milly Kaeser Endowment for Liturgical Art," Loving said. "Fritz Kaeser was an accomplished photographer and, after retiring from a career as a dancer, Milly Kaeser took up sculpture. It seemed fitting that the commission should be funded by gifts from two artists who were deeply interested in art works that enhance public worship."

When they proposed the idea to Tomaszus, the Michael P. Grace Professor of Art, she didn't take long to accept. A natural candidate for the job, she had already drawn deeply on Latin American iconographic tradition for much of her earlier work, and, besides, as the proud product of a Spanish speaking family and neighborhood in Chicago, she had been affectionately familiar with the Guadalupan image from early childhood.

That image, enshrined by miracle or mystery on St. Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, enshrined in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City and widely venerated since the 16th century, is ubiquitous throughout the Americas.
Women advancing in politics, Malveaux says

Keynote address given for SMC conference

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Women's political roles have been elevated following Hillary Clinton's historic primary run, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, president of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C., said Friday at the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference held on Saint Mary's campus.

Malveaux was the keynote speaker at the three-day conference, which included workshops on issues of class, politics of difference, feminism, sexual orientation and cultural and religious diversity.

“We're living in an extraordinary moment, where we have seen women's leadership in facilitating ways, and have had the opportunity to understand that women in politics will never be seen the same way again,” Malveaux said.

Although Hillary Clinton made great strides for women in politics, she said, women have still not succeeded fully, and need to continue to work towards equality between women and men in politics.

“We still don't have a woman as president of the United States, and it will be some time, I think, before we do,” Malveaux said.

“Still we have this role model, and this opportunity to think about the way that we can rethink gender stereotypes,” she said.

She discussed how gender stereotypes degrade women, and how women allow them to do so.

“How we use these gender stereotypes to talk about a woman, who was at the pinnacle of her game, a senator from New York who has been distinguished and accomplished, who remained the last one standing in a whirlwind race against the eventual winner, Barack Obama,” she said.

Malveaux urged women to be more aggressive and to not allow the use of gender stereotypes. She pointed out that men's attire is rarely noticed in politics, but when Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was running for the vice presidency with Sen. John McCain, the media constantly held discourse over her apparel.

“When you talk about men you very rarely describe what they have on. A man is just there,” she said. “We pay a lot more attention to women's attire than men's attire.”

Malveaux also discussed what she called “fair-share-thinking.” Every time you walk into a room, she said, half of the occupants should be men, and half should be women.

“Some women are ambivalent about women's equality,” she said. “We women have been so trained to think about the men, that many of us will ask, well what about the men. It's not real fair.”

Malveaux challenged women to continue to fight for their equality.

“We should not be so charmed by the progressive nature by the Barack Obama administration that we think that things will simply come to women,” she said. “Women will get our share when we fight for it. The fact is that the struggle for women's equality is not over.”

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thought about life in a very different way. When you see death and tragedy you think about things very differently.”

Courtney would retain this perspective for the rest of life. For years, he greeted drivers along Indiana 933 from his lawn chair near Holy Cross College, Tribune reported. Motorists honked and waved as he sat by his display of American flags.

Courtney not only wanted to remind people of the sacrifices made by servicemen and women overseas, but he also wanted to protect a symbol that was sacred to him.

Courtney supported a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from desecration. Fillmore said.

One of seven children, Courtney was born on May 2, 1918 in Portland, Ore. Courtney worked with the Southern Pacific Railroad for a year after high school, and in 1941, he joined the army, serving in five campaigns in North Africa and Europe until his discharge in 1946, the Tribune reported.

“We're very proud of what Brother Edward accomplished through his patriotism,” Fillmore said. “As brothers, we're very proud of that.”

Fillmore said one of Courtney's assignments as a brother was to sell subscriptions to Ave Maria magazine across the Midwest. Later in his life, he worked on the staff of Columbia Hall as a mailman and commissioner, and then moved to Dujarie House until his death.

A funeral Mass for Courtney took place Saturday at St. Joseph’s Chapel.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez calls Obama 'ignorant'
CARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday called President Barack Obama "ignorant," saying he has a lot to learn about Latin America.

The Venezuelan leader said he had been ready to name a new ambassador in Washington when Obama took office, but put that on hold after the new U.S. president accused him of moving "terrorist" and being an obstacle to progress in the region.

"At least one could say, 'poor ignorant person,'" Chavez said on his weekly television show. "I have said to him, "look about the reality of Latin America.'"

Chavez's relations with Washington grew increasingly strained under former President George W. Bush. The Venezuelan president expelled the U.S. ambassador and withdrew his envoy from Washington in September.

Top diplomats have yet to be restored at either embassy.

Group seeks ban on women in media
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A group of Saudi clerics urged the kingdom's new information minister to prevent them from appearing on TV or in newspapers and magazines, making clear that the country's hardline religious establishment is skeptical of a new push toward modernization.

In a statement, the 35 hardline clerics also called on Abdul Rahman Al-Khijja, who was appointed by King Abdullah on Feb. 14, to prohibit the playing of music and music shows on television.

"We have said that this media reform will be accomplished by you," said the statement. "We are not at all well versed in the Ministry of Information and Culture, in television, radio, press, culture clubs and the book fair."

NATIONAL NEWS

Resort employee suspect in shootings
HOT SPRINGS, Va. — Authorities in Virginia were searching Sunday for a resort employee suspected of shooting and killing two of his supervisors in the hotel kitchen while guests ate dinner in a nearby dining room.

Two kitchen workers were shot and killed around 8 p.m. Saturday at The Homestead resort near the Blue Ridge Mountains near the West Virginia state line, Bath County Sheriff Larry Norfleet said. No one else was injured and the investigation continued.

Carol Bickel, a worker at The Homestead who lives in nearby Herndon, Va., said she didn't think the shooting was connected to the shooting at the nearby presidential retreat.

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So Monday's spacewalk — former schoolteacher Joseph Acaba and Richard Arnold II — will use all their strength to get the mechanism unstuck, but on Sunday, one of the spacewalkers, Steven Swanson, said it might not have been a mistake on their part but rather the way the system was built.

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AFGHANISTAN

Suspected militants killed in raid
KABUL — U.S.-led coalition and Afghan troops killed five suspected militants during a raid in northern Afghanistan that turned into a battle, a coalition statement said in a statement. But the local mayor said his house was targeted and that the dead included his cook and driver.

Civilian deaths in coalition raids are an increasingly sensitive issue with President Hamid Karzai in the fight against the Taliban and other militants. The raids are often conducted with Afghan forces but the joint operations have done little to dampen anger at international troops over civilian casualties.

Such deaths turn residents against the foreign troops that back Karzai's government. But U.S. and NATO officials say militants regularly operate out of homes and portray dead fighters as civilians to stoke public anger.

Independent confirmation was impossible Sunday — as is often the case — because of the remoteness of the area.

Ahrab Rahman Akhtash, the deputy provincial police chief, said about 300 people gathered to protest the raid.

A coalition statement said five militants were killed and four others were detained during the early morning raid targeting a "terrorist network" in Kunduz province, close to the border with Tajikistan.

It said one militant was killed in the initial assault on a compound, and the rest died after troops asked for noncombatants to leave the building and instead were "engaged with enemy fire."

But Abdul Manan, mayor of Imam Sahib district, said the raid targeted his house and killed two of his guards, a cook, a driver and another man.

"We have enough other risks and worries to take care of as we go outside," Swanson said.
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Medal

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Human Rights-

Glendon graduated from University of Chicago Law School, where she served on the law review.

The most recent recipients of the

Lantare Medal include author and

activist Martin Sheen in 2006, former

Notre Dame Board of Trustees chair

Patrick McCartan in 2007 and jazz

pianist and composer Dave Brubeck in 2006.

Other notable Medal recipients include President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day,

debt penalty abolitionist Sister Helen

Prejean and Civil War Gen. William

Rosecrans.

The Lantare Medal was established in 1883 at Notre Dame as an American counterpart to the Golden Rose, a papal honor given since the 11th centu-

ry. The award is named for Lantare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent. The

medal bears the Latin inscription, “Magna est veritas et prevalebit” which means “Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail.”

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GOD AND GODLESSNESS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

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dent speak at Notre Dame.

Daly said Obama’s strong pro-

choice beliefs and support for

the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) contradicts the Catholic University’s position on

women’s reproductive health.

“It is kind of a hummer for

seniors, especially those who

really don’t support or agree

with Obama’s views,” she

said. “It’s kind of a slap in the face for them. They have

been at Notre Dame for four

years working for this diplo-

ma and here is somebody speaking at your graduation

who you fundamentally don’t agree with.”

Daly said Obama’s recent

executive order to lessen fed-

eral limits on funding for

stem cell research also goes

against Notre Dame’s Catho-

lic identity.

“I am understanding most

speakers we’ve had in the past have been in relative agreement with the University,” she said.

Daly told The Observer

Sunday that Right to Life has not yet formulated plans to

address the issue, but the

group will meet Tuesday
to “make definite plans.”

She said many pro-life

groups and news agencies

have been in touch with her.

“There are a ton of ideas

flying around,” Daly said.

“But we don’t have any deci-

sions yet. Those will be

coming out in a few days.”

But many students are voic-

ing excitement at the prospect

of hearing Obama speak at

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Senior Spencer Howard,

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Democrats at Notre Dame,
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Howard said most College

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of Obama and campaigned

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Howard said the negative

reactions from some students

and outside groups is to be

expected.

“There is always going to be

someone who’s not happy,

he said.

Even though there are stu-

dents who disagree with

Obama’s views and policies,

Howard said many of the

reactions he has seen rise

above political beliefs.

“Everyone I’ve talked to
generally of party, is pretty

excited,” he said.

Senior Brittany Love said she

believes the University was not considering enough

when making the decision, but rather, looking for a

charismatic commencement

speaker.

“He’s a great speaker,” she

said. “And if you look at him

overall, he has a great image.”

Love said she is excited

about the Commencement

address because she is taking

part in the University’s gradu-

ation ceremony and the

African American Recognition

Ceremony, which takes place

earlier in the day.

“We are trying to get him to

come to the ceremony,” she

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Republicans voice concern about budget

Sen. Judd Gregg during March hearings on President Obama's 2010 federal budget. Gregg said that the budget, if passed, could cause bankruptcy for the U.S. economy.

WASHINGTON—Congressional Republicans on Sunday predicted a doom-sounding future of crushing debt and eventual federal bankruptcy if President Barack Obama’s massive spending blueprint were to pass.

But a White House adviser dismissed the negative assessment, saying she is "incredibly confident" that the president’s policies will "do the job" for the economy.

In an interview, Obama himself laughed when discussing the dire state of parts of the economy — and ascribed his laughter to "gallows humor." (The Associated Press)

Social Web sites face user complaints

One big gripe from businesses that get reviewed on Yelp is that they don’t get quite how it works. For instance, some wonder why users’ reviews can seemingly mysteriously disappear from Yelp’s pages about a business.

This irks Leslie Tagorda, owner of a San Francisco-based Web design company, Flair-Designs. She has noticed reviews vanish from the Flair-Designs page on Yelp over the past two years. This worries her because the more reviews she has, the more calls she gets from potential customers, she said.

When she first noticed reviews disappearing, Tagorda contacted clients who had written the comments, to see whether they had deleted them. They said they had not.

Biden adviser warns against tax on AIG

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden’s economic adviser warned Sunday that a congressional plan to tax American International Group Inc. executives’ bonuses may go too far in using the tax code as a tool for retribution.

President Barack Obama has not said whether he would veto some version of a House-approved bill to heavily tax the $165 million in bonuses. Biden economist Jared Bernstein said it’s important to look at what happened during the proposal’s draft before the Senate.

"It’s worth keeping in mind that the bill would be a threat to the basic operation of the company," said Bernstein. (The Washington Post)
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ceremony, to take place in the Joyce Center. The Notre Dame appointment will be President Obama's second commencement address as president; he will speak at Penn State University on May 13 and the United States Naval Academy on May 22.

Notre Dame has a longstanding tradition of inviting the current president to speak at its graduation ceremonies, and we're delighted that President Obama is continuing that tradition," Jenkins said.

Some members of the Notre Dame community, and the larger national Catholic community have negatively responded to the announcement, launching campaigns to stop the president from visiting the University because of his stances on issues regarding the protection of life.

"The invitation of President Obama to our Commencement speaker should in no way be taken as condoning or endorsing his positions on specific issues regarding the protection of life, such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research," Jenkins said.

There are "crucial differences" in positions on the protection of life are not being ignored in extending the invitation to the president, Jenkins said, but rather, he is being used as a catalyst for dialogue.

"We are not ignoring the critical issue of the protection of life. On the contrary, we invited him because we care so much about those issues, and we hope — for this to be the basis of an engagement with him that will lead to health care, immigration, education reform, and he has addressed these with intelligence, courage and honesty," Jenkins said.

Obama's historic election as the first black president in American history was "a wonderful time to begin that important engagement on important issues in our world," he said.

"That's not what we're honoring. The invitation to the president here at Notre Dame is an invitation to engage, to persuade them to move toward the positions on the protection of life, that we believe in," Jenkins said.

"We want to recognize his very real and significant accomplishments and how he will be remembered. At the same time, we want to acknowledge him in the future, and I think this opportunity to have a wonderful time to do that," he said. "I think if he is going to reconsider his views, I think Notre Dame is the best possible place to do that.""

When asked Sunday, Jenkins said he stands by his position on Islam.

The pope has not released a statement regarding the selection of President Obama as Notre Dame's Commencement speaker.

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The University's Commencement speaker carries the responsibility of providing advice to a graduating class with inspiration as they leave Notre Dame, Jenkins said.

"I would say that it's a special moment in American history to have a president here at Notre Dame to speak to the graduates about our nation and our world, and we're delighted that he will be here," he said.

"Our graduate students have come to Notre Dame for decades to speak to graduates about our nation and our world. This year, President Obama will be the sixth U.S. president to be the principal commencement speaker at Notre Dame Commencement ceremony and the ninth president to receive an honorary degree," Jenkins said.

During his 2008 presidential campaign, Obama promised to change the way Washington does business by providing "an address to graduates at Wesleyan University in 2008."

"Mr. President, don't worry, we're still waiting for your Web site," Jenkins said.

In May 2008, President Ronald Reagan was the University's Commencement speaker in his first return to campus since March 1981, assassination attempt.

President Jimmy Carter spoke to Notre Dame graduates; his administration had given its call to the key foreign policy address of the Christian faithful of the United States the "Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions." Jenkins said Senator the 2004 document.

"The president's honorary degree does not, it is not intended to condone or endorse his position on any specific issues regarding life," Jenkins said. "That's not what we're honoring." In an April 2008 Wall Street Journal article titled "Catholicism," Jenkins commented on his past encounters with CNS: "The Newman Society has no ecclesiastical standing and no academic standing. For me, it resembles nothing more than a political action committee."
Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent articles discussing the AIDS epidemic. The articles have been highly controversial and have caused much debate among the academic and religious communities.

Traditionally, there has been a focus on the issue of contraception. Mr. Caruso's article, in particular, addresses the moral implications of contraceptive use. He argues that individuals who choose to use contraception are morally responsible for their actions. However, I believe that this viewpoint overlooks the broader implications of the AIDS epidemic.

The AIDS epidemic is a global crisis that affects millions of people worldwide. It is not just a medical issue, but a social and moral one as well. It is imperative that we address the root causes of the epidemic and work towards its prevention.

Furthermore, the articles you have published have been heavily influenced by religious views. While it is important to consider religious perspectives, it is equally important to recognize the scientific and medical facts surrounding the epidemic.

I urge you to consider publishing more balanced and comprehensive articles that take into account the diverse viewpoints on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
It has been a Notre Dame tradition to invite new presidents to speak at Commencement. But not all presidents have spoken over the last 50 years. However, since the last time a president has spoken at Notre Dame graduation, Catholic bishops have given clearer guidelines concerning the intersection of Catholicism and politics. In particular, the bishops have disallowed taking a political position on abortion and greed as a moral principle. These guidelines have been followed by Catholic politicians who are involved in the political realm. This leads me to question why Obama was chosen to speak at Commencement. It seems that the University is disregarding — or worse, willfully violating — its call to a Catholic identity. The decision of the Notre Dame administration to invite President Obama to speak at Commencement disregards these instructions completely. Not only does providing Obama with a platform for his ideology, the University is awarding him an honorary degree. This decision of Catholic bishops should hold within Catholic institutions. I do not intend to say that the academic dialogue of the ethical issues of abortion and greed is not necessary. However, Commencement is a ceremonial occasion, one that should be used to recognize the achievement and character of students. The University of Notre Dame has the responsibility to instill in its students the values necessary for good citizenship. A concern for truth and justice, a healthy distrust of government power and a willingness to question and challenge authority. Inventing Barack Obama to speak on our campus sends precisely the opposite message. The University administration is betraying Notre Dame's great mission and doing a disservice to its students. Fr. Jenkins, do the right thing and rescind Barack Obama’s invitation. Notre Dame students deserve better.

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Obama choice unacceptable

I am a 1988 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and today I am ashamed of the choice of President Barack Obama to deliver the Commencement address at the University of Notre Dame. I am a Notre Dame alum from 2004, I was quite excited to learn on Friday that Notre Dame has chosen a man to hold up as a role model. Notre Dame is quite excited to learn on Friday that Notre Dame has chosen to give the Commencement address at the University of Notre Dame. As a Notre Dame alum from 2004, I was quite excited to learn on Friday that President Barack Obama will deliver the Commencement address at this year’s graduation ceremony. I hope that this will be a moment when Notre Dame will fulfill its twin missions of being both a Catholic university and an elite institution of higher learning. I know that this decision will be met by some with a certain level of disappointment or anger because some of Mr. Obama’s positions run contrary to Church teaching. However, I would argue that for Notre Dame to truly be both Catholic and a university, Mr. Obama’s opinions must not be shunned but, rather, welcomed. The Catholic leaders of today must engage others in thoughtful debates. That means that understanding the thoughts and beliefs of others is part of the Church. This is one way to do so; as his opinions are held by a significant portion of the American populace. In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the class of 2009 (if only a bit early), welcome Mr. Obama to campus and encourage the lively debate that is worthy of such an esteemed institution as Notre Dame.

Obama a disgrace

My 40-year love affair with the University of Notre Dame — as student, alumna and parent — came to a sad and abrupt end upon learning the news of the invitation of Barack Obama to receive an honorary law degree and speak at my child’s graduation. Everyone knows Obama’s stance on the “life” issues and his opposition to what are the teachings of the Catholic Church. In his tenure, he would sign the Freedom of Choice Act, allow partial birth abortion and, most importantly, will appoint at least two Supreme Court justices who will enshrine Roe v. Wade into law for at least another 30-40 years.

Kevin Keane  
class of 1988  
March 20

Speaker choice goes against Catholic identity

The fact that President Barack Obama has been chosen to give the Commencement address at the University of Notre Dame shocks and saddens me. The choice of President Obama reflects poorly on the University, as many of the President’s policies and ideas fly in the face of what it means to be Catholic. While an outstanding orator and the President of the United States, Mr. Obama’s standing as a champion on the issues of abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research makes him a very poor choice to give the Commencement address to our graduates in the spring.

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There’s a new genre in town, and it’s called “bromantic comedy.”

“I Love You, Man,” one of the first in this genre, opened in theaters this weekend. It combines the light hearted romance typical of a chick flick with the physical humor typical of a “frat pack” movie.

“I Love You, Man” will delight most viewers looking for lots of laughs, because it successfully combines both of these genres by utilizing a cast that is as diverse and fresh as its many jokes.

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Coming to the foreground of this film are Rudd and Jason Segel (“Forgetting Sarah Marshall”). Both actors have usually taken supporting roles in most of their comedies (see “Knocked Up”). In “I Love You, Man” they are Rudd and Jason Segel (“Forgetting Sarah Marshall”), whose characters serve less to tickle viewer’s funny bones.

The plot of the movie centers on Paul Rudd’s dilemma of having no true guy pal. His upcoming wedding forces him to search for a best man, and what ensues is hilarious.

The film is also not afraid to tackle the real world of the immature, with jokes about pubic hair, oral sex, and, of course, a gratuitous vomit scene. However, not all of the jokes in the movie are knee-suckers. The characters of the annoying co-worker Tevin (played by Rob Heubel) appears humorous in his first scene, but by the end of the movie, viewers are likely to find him just that: annoying.

The film also has predictable moments. It does not take viewers long to realize that every time Rudd and Segel’s characters are about to part, Rudd will come up with some nonsensical nickname for Segel. But these moments are overlooked in comparison to the many laughs the film delivers. While “I Love You, Man” has the humor and warm feelings typical of a Judd Apatow film, it has nothing at all to do with Apatow. Instead it is produced, written and directed by John Hamburg, whose writer credits include “Zoolander,” “Meet the Parents,” and “Along Came Polly” (which he also directed). Viewers who enjoyed Hamburg’s previous work are sure to find that his latest addition does not disappoint. Other viewers who are unfamiliar with this type of comedy may still find something funny in this social satire. “I Love You, Man” says while romance may be tricky, bromance is even harder.

Paul Rudd, left, stars in “I Love You, Man,” the latest in a recent series of films known as “bromances.” In the film, Rudd is searching for a new “bro.”

Roughly 40 minutes into “I Love You, Man,” Jason Segel makes a magnifi- cient entrance onto the screen, wearing a plaid shirt, pink striped sweater and tweed blazer.

The actor who got his start on the too short-lived “Freaks and Geeks” has finally reached deserved stardom as lead man material, while redefining that role in his comedic films: playing a guy’s guy on the prowl for cougars who just doesn’t know when to move on in “I Love You, Man” and a broken-hearted, so-naked puppet enthusiast in 2008’s “Forgetting Sarah Marshall.”

Segel has come a long way after his turn as shrugs- wearing drummer Nick Andopolis on Judd Apatow’s NRC comedy a decade ago. Previously shafted with big screen supporting roles such as one of fellow Apatow protégé Seth Rogen’s friends in “Knocked Up” — Segel’s starring role on the CBS sitcom “How I Met Your Mother” (HIMYM) and screenwriting have helped push him into the spotlight.

With the uncanny ability to make an audience cringe for hours, Segel’s turn as Sydney Fyfe in John Hamburg’s bromantic comedy (that’s a word now) continues the trend of redefining traditional masculinity that began with Peter Bretty in “Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” a character he wrote for himself.

Full of wonderful bro moments on man dates and in the “Man Cave,” “I Love You, Man” features Segel — a hero of male humiliation comedy — rocking out to Rush with co-star Paul Rudd’s bro-deprived Peter Klaven and displaying the ultimate dude confidence, walking his very small dog in calf-flattering Muggs and sporting various man scarves and cardigans.

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Segel’s Marshall Erikson’s rants — like the one about being too big for New York and loving New Jersey in a Price Co. surrounded by T-shirts of dogs — are absolutely priceless and his stellar performance week after week makes this writer hope we never find out who the mother is in his photo in the opening credits captures the ultimate dude moment, leaning back in your chair, smirking at the camera and holding a beer.

In a 2008 interview with The New York Times, Segel said he has drawn a lot of material for his writing from his own life, after listening to advice from Apatow to pick up the pen. Segel said Apatow told him: “You’re kind of a weird dude. The only way you’re going to make it is if you start writing your own material.”


For his utter willingness to bear it all literally and figuratively on-screen and in-print (spoiler alert?) and his comfortableness with the role he’s cast himself in, Segel, I love you, man. ep writing.

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By GENNA MCBABE Scene Writer

Saturday night marked the first time Gaelic Storm, the world-renowned Celtic rock band, first made famous by its appearance in "Titanic," performed at Notre Dame. Even still, they were met with an audience full of fans, both young and old, anticipating a great show. As the band members took the stage, they were welcomed with a standing ovation before they had played a single note.

The concert kicked off with a lively rendition of their song "Scullawag" from the album "Bring Ye Wellies." From the first, the audience was encouraged to sing and clap along.

This was not a tall order, considering the infectious and upbeat nature of the music. Even the most apathetic audience member found it hard to keep from tapping his foot.

The band continued with several songs off of their newest album, "What's the Rumpus?" including "Darey's Donkey" and "Slim Jim and the Seven Eleven Girl."

By mixing instrumental songs with light-hearted ballads, Gaelic Storm kept the audience entertained.

The music was distinctly Irish in theme. It included stories of pretty lasses and amusing characters from small Irish villages. And if nothing else, the band succeeded in persuading the audience that there is nothing more enjoyable than heading down to the local pub for a pint of beer.

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Between jokes about Angelina Jolie and beating Gaelic Storm's nemesis - Celtic Women - in the charts, Murphy delivered a fantastic performance.

The standout performance of the night was Jessie Burns on the fiddle. On such tracks as "Death Ride to Durango" and "Flamingo," Burns was able to display her clear mastery of the instrument.

Equally impressive was Pete Purvis on the bagpipes. He gave the music a distinctively Celtic flair with his skilled melodies.

The concert concluded with "What's the Rumpus?" The audience was entertained. It was another niche ballad that features O at her softest as a singer and a cool organ accompaniment.

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Dining Hall Dish

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"Dull Life" is the catchiest song on the album. It's more of a traditional Yeah Yeah Yeahs sound with guitars and synth interplay and Karen O doing her typical thing. Still, it's a great addition to the album. "Shame and Fortune" is done in the same way. A bit of old Yeah Yeah Yeahs mixed in with some new. They both fit perfectly with the sound of the other songs without sticking to the same formula.

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Seeing as I am new to this scene — no pun intended — I would like to point out that I am not the most creative person when it comes to dining hall dishes. What does make me qualified to write here? I like food. A lot. But if you are one of the many readers who find yourself dissatisfied with your dining experience, please write in. The dining hall is only as good as you allow it to be. Without further ado...

The Little Pesto That Could

Like to make your own pizza at North? Find the pizza sauce too salty? Find the barbecue sauce an abomination to Italian culture? If you answered yes to these questions, then you were one of the many people who enjoyed the pesto sauce served in North Dining Hall last semester. I am talking of course about the original pesto. The real pesto. The Pokémon Red and Blue of pesto, not some cheap spin-off.

This pesto sauce contained two of pesto's key ingredients: crushed basil leaves and pine nuts. As a warning to all those with allergies, a sign was displayed saying, "pesto sauce contains nuts."

This system worked fine. For awhile. Until an undisclosed incident involving an allergic reaction temporarily banned this beloved pesto.

But the pesto could not remain in exile forever. Recently the pesto made its return to the dining hall, although without one of its core ingredients. This new pesto contains nuts, but not basil.

Needless to say, it did not have as much flavor as its predecessor. It was described as tasting like "watered-down" pesto or "Pesto-Light."

Eventually this message reached the ears of some head honchos at North. The pesto that was brought in, the one being served currently. This pesto does contain nuts, but surprisingly is not the same as the original. It tastes a little more diluted, but is still a good option for pesto lovers.

Good topings with this new pesto are pineapple or pepperoni. This pesto sauce is not too heavy on the calories. So yes, you can still eat it and fit into your overpriced American Eagle jeans.

For true die-hard pesto fans, comment cards are your hope of salvation. In summation, venture out and try the new pesto sauce and let the dining hall staff know what you think. Anything less would be nuts.

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LeBron, Cavs edge Nets for 9th straight win

Rockets beat Spurs by two on Scosc's last layup to knock San Antonio from first in Southwest Division

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rebound, but without being fouled. His other first-half goal came when he hopped back into double digits with 2:12 remaining, and the Cavaliers led 43-14 at the break.

The Cavs scored seven straight, but to the buzzer by Ilgauskas with 7:45 remaining, the Cavs led 19-7 and slid through and 1-35 below.

Rockets 87, Spurs 85

The Houston Rockets have lost Tracey McGrady, traded away their starting point guard and changed their starting lineup 17 times.

And with 10 games left, they're the new No. 2 in the Western Conference.

Knocking the Spurs from first place in the Southwest Division for the first time since January, Houston capped a fourth-quarter rally when Yao Ming fired a perfect pass to Luis Scola underneath with 11.9 seconds left to stun San Antonio on Sunday.

Rockets coach Rick Adelman said, "I would say it's been a surprising season for the Rockets. We haven't had much..." The Rockets guard Shane Battier said, "We've had so much..." the moment this year, with all the injuries we've had, and limits, shores, and trades. I didn't know too many things thought we would be here today.

"I think it's been a surprising time for us," he said. "We know it's been a surprise time for us.

Rockets forward Luis Scola pumps his fist after Houston's 87-85 win over San Antonio on Sunday. Scola scored 19 points in the game.

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The Spurs have lost three of four, and Duncan said this one was big. "It's huge, especially with the race as close as it is, and as close as (the Rockets) are to us," he said. "Obviously, we came in here knowing the importance of this game. Just wished we could have bounced a couple of different ways for us in.

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The Tennessee women's basketball team was upset by the Ball State Eagles, 71-55 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, marking one of the worst seasons in the forty-two year program history.

**Lady Vols lose in first round of tourney**

**IN BRIEF**

Michael Jordan attends son's championship game

PEORIA, Ill. — Michael Jordan celebrated another Chicago basketball championship — his son's. Marcus Jordan, son of the Bulls' six-time champion, scored a game-high 19 points to lead Chicago Whitney Young to a 49-46 victory over Waukegan in the Illinois Class 4A championship Saturday. As Marcus Jordan and his teammates celebrated on the court after the final buzzer, Michael Jordan stood quietly, clapping his hands with tears in his eyes. "Crying?" the NBA great said in response to a reporter's question. "I'm not crying. Not for me. The younger Jordan was key down the stretch after two teammates fouled out, hitting 4 of 4 free throws in the final 3 minutes to seal the victory. "Awesome," Marcus Jordan said. "Just awesome." Rose Huffman Goes loose throws school's first perfect game

TERRA HAUTE, Ind. — Rose Huffman softball pitcher Jordan Goslee took a perfect game a step further. The junior also had a perfect day at the plate in an 8-0 win over Hanover College in Division III action on Sunday afternoon. Goslee threw the first perfect game in school history and just the second no-hitter among the top-three in five innings. She also went 3-for-3 from the plate with three singles. Rose-Hulman snapped a scoreless tie with three runs in the fourth inning and five in the fifth frame to invoke the mercy rule. Goslee's perfect game in the second half of a doubleheader followed a performance that was nearly as strong. She went 3-for-3 from the plate in the opener with three doubles and four RBIs in a 10-1 victory.

**Fencers' Jarrett Jack adds 108-83 win over Charlotte Bobcats**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — From getting into a dispute with a teammate to being benched to shifting to point guard, Jarrett Jack had a busy 24 hours. He capped it off by being nearly perfect. A night after getting into an on-court argument with T.J. Ford, Jack replaced Ford at point guard and scored 31 points on 13-of-14 shooting, leading the Indiana Pacers to a dominating 108-83 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats to snap a five-game losing streak. "We put that behind us. It had nothing to do with it," Jack said of the incident with Ford on Friday that got him banished to the locker room. "I didn't want to come out with the 'I told you so' stuff. I just wanted to come out and play good basketball and try to get off that losing streak."
The Irish dropped two of three games this weekend in the conference opening series against Seton Hall, with the weekend sweep giving the Irish the Notre Dame's inability to close out innings. Seton Hall batted .350 for the weekend, scoring 19 runs over the three games with 17 hits.

The Irish (13-7, 1-2 Big East) offense battered Seton Hall (10-7, 2-1 Big East) ace Sean Black in the conference opener, deburring the Pirates for their sixth straight win on Friday. The Notre Dame lineup tallied 16 hits, and four different Irish players had multiple hits in the game.

After Black held the Irish offense in check through the first four innings, Seton Hall finally reached the Pirates in the bottom of the third. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes blistered a two-out, single in the third inning, scoring juniors David Mills and A.J. Pollock, who hustled home from second on the hit.

"I was looking curveball after curveball and I had seen his first at bat, and got one out and it well, Barnes said.

This was the 2-0 lead until the fourth inning, when Seton Hall put together a two-out rally against Pirates starter Cole Johnson. After Notre Dame loaded the bases in the first two batters, the Pirates put together a hit batsman and two walks to score three runs.

The Notre Dame offense quickly responded, picking up four runs in the bottom of the inning, with second baseman Matt Doyle led off the inning with a double, and third baseman Greg Sherry blasted a two-run home run against Pirates starter Barnes to make it 4-2. Barnes put the ball low in the strike zone and Affinito doubled to center to score Fontenelli.

"If you don't make those plays all year and he didn't make them today," Schrage said. "He'll hit more games than he's lost you.

Two bases-loaded walks Sharpley mounted out but the Pirates led 8-2.

The Pirates touched up Dupra early. Sophomore shortstop A.J. Rusbarsky singled to center and Affinito doubled to the warping track in right-center, driving in Rusbarsky. In the second inning Dupra struggled with his control, and the Seton Hall bats didn't help his cause. Junior right fielder Michael Rogers reached on a fielder's choice and junior third baseman Chris Fontenelli singled. Sophomore second baseman Sean Guranko walked to load the bases. Sophomore left fielder Bobby Abreu then walked, scoring Rogers, and Rusbarsky grounded out to third to score Affinito.

The Irish tied the score in the bottom of the sixth, junior right fielder David Mills singled to left to start the inning and junior center fielder A.J. Pollock hit a fly ball to left that Abreu lost in the sun, causing the ball to drop. Senior first baseman Evan Tate and Sherry batted the runners to second and third, and a wild pitch allowed Mills to score. On the next pitch Barnes blasted a two-run home run over the left field fence to tie the score.

The Pirates scored another run in the top of the ninth when freshman pitcher Hudgins hit Fontenelli and quickly doubled to left to drive him in. Sharpley hit a solo home run in the bottom of the ninth to make it 9-7.

Seton Hall dominated the runner match on Sunday, bashing 20 hits off Notre Dame pitchers in a 11-4 win.

"When you have guys at the top of the lineup with speed on base and big bopper in the middle picking up RBI, we're very tough," Dave Schrage

"I thought mechanically that was the best he's pitched since he's been here," Schrage said. "His slider today was as good as it's been.

Senior designated hitter Chris Affinito had the most productive day for the Pirates. He went 4-for-5 with a run and an RBI and hit two doubles and a run to lead the Irish. Seton Hall broke open the game with a two-out, five-run rally in the seventh inning. Singles from senior center fielder Matt Smedberg and Affinito put men on first and second, and a throwing error by senior first baseman Evan Doyle led off the inning with a double, and a throw through the middle picking up stranded runners and one on the hit.

Seton Hall again loaded the bases in the fourth, putting together three straight singles with one out. After third baseman Greg Sherry made a terrific catch on a foul ball behind third, left fielder Bobby Abreu drove home two Pirates with his third hit off Maust.

The Pirates scored on a sacrifice fly in the top of the third to start the scoring, putting together a walk, an infield single, a blooper into left center field for the first run off Notre Dame pitcher Eric Maust. The Irish continued their weekend long theme of giving up two-out hits, but Maust was able to induce a grounder to short to escape a bases loaded jam.

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For the third straight inning Seton Hall loaded the bases against Maust in the fifth, this time with no outs. A sacrifice fly by the catcher Esposito cleared the Pirates a 4-0 lead and chased Maust from the game.

Seton Hall added another run off of Mills, who came on in to pitch in relief, but the Irish were able to strand two runners and exit the inning down 5-0.

The Pirates plated four more runs in the eighth off Notre Dame reliever Todd Miller, highlighted by a solo home run by Rushbursky.

Pollock finally broke the Seton Hall shutout in the bottom of the eighth, hitting a solo over the left field fence to score Mills, who had walked. Cather Matt Scorscia and Golden Tate each had RBI singles for the Irish in the ninth.

The designated hitter and pitcher Mills led the Irish offense and was also their most effective pitcher Sunday. Mills had two hits to lead Seton Hall along with Pollock on the game and gave up one run in two and two third innings of relief.

Notre Dame hosts non-conference opponents Central Michigan and Oakland on Tuesday and Wednesday for a conference opening conference play next weekend at Pittsburgh.

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ND Women's Golf

Golfers place sixth in Texas

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

Windy conditions and a tough course couldn't stop the Irish this weekend, as the squad finished in sixth place at the Betsy Rawls Longhorns Invitational Sunday afternoon.

The Irish shot a team score of 915 for the three-day tournament played at the University of Texas Golf Club in Austin, Texas. Leading the way for the Irish were sophomore SuHyun Park and freshmen Breca Hulfer, who finished 23rd and 29th respectively.

Irish coach Susan Holt said that everyone on the team had solid rounds, "We didn't play well, but the conditions harmed a lot of teams," Holt said.

On Sunday, wind speed climbed as high as 30 mph. It wasn't just the Irish who had difficulty with the elements, though, as every team saw their scores rise in Sunday's round.

The Irish scored their best round on Friday with a score of 319, putting them into sixth place. On Saturday, as the wind began to pick up, Notre Dame shot a 308, moving it back into a tie for seventh. After their third round score of 311, the Irish stood alone in sixth place, ahead of top 25 teams Arizona and Vanderbilt and only 43 strokes behind tournament winner Purdue.

"We played really well. When it's all said and done, it was a successful tournament." — Susan Holt, Irish coach

respectively, out of 91 competitors.

The Irish next travel to Brown Summit, N.C. on April 3rd for the Bryan National Collegiate Tournament at the Bryan National Golf Course.

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Men's Tennis

Notre Dame drops back-to-back matches

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Irish dropped back-to-back matches over the weekend, getting blown out 4-0 by Boise State and losing a close match 4-3 to Wisconsin. Irish coach Bob Bayliss described Saturday's loss to the Broncos as Notre Dame's "worst match of the year."

Boise State started off by taking the doubles point, putting the Irish in an early hole. The singles matches didn't go any better for the Irish, as No. 22 senior Brett Helgeson, sophomore Stephen Haven's, and freshman Niall Fitzgerald all dropped their matches in straight sets. The rest of the singles matches were abandoned as Boise State had clinched a 4-0 victory.

"Against Boise State we seemed to be missing something," Bayliss said. "Perhaps they played too well for us, or I felt that from top to bottom we played soft, with the exception of Dan Stahl, who would likely have won had the matches been played out."

The Irish fared slightly better the next day against the Badgers, and Bayliss said he felt the effort in that match was "where it needed to be," but the Irish could still not muster a win.

 Doubles teams of Helgeson/Tyler Davis and Fitzgerald/Matt Johnson both lost 6-8, giving the Badgers an early 1-0 lead heading into singles. After Helgeson lost in straight sets at first singles, the Irish found themselves in an early 2-0 hole. Extraordinary efforts from Havens, freshman Casey Watt, and sophomore Daniel Stahl at second through fourth singles sent the Irish back on top 2-2.

Needling just one win at fifth or sixth singles, the Irish couldn't quite finish out the comeback. Sophomore David Anderson lost in a first set tiebreaker and could not rebound for a win at fifth singles, while Fitzgerald could not handle the left serve-and- volley of Wisconsin's Michael Muskievicz.

"This match exposed our weaknesses and serves as a challenge for us to find solutions to our areas of concern," Bayliss said. "Our doubles needs to improve.

The Irish will head home and face off against a Big East foe, South Florida, for the first time outdoors. The match is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 1 p.m.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Team splits doubleheader**

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish ended a win streak Sunday, but it took only two pitches for the team to start a new one.

Notre Dame (1-11, 1-1) had won 20 in a row, but lost the first game of a doubleheader, 4-3, against the Red Storm.

They won the second game 5-4 due to late inning heroics by sophomores Katie Fleury and Brianna Jorgensborg.

It looked like the second game would go the same way as the first. St. John's held a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the seventh and pitcher Kat Lawrence quickly dispatched the first two Irish batters.

Sophomore second baseman Katie Fleury then stepped to the plate. She fouled off her first two pitches before taking a ball. Down to her last strike, Fleury launched the next pitch over the left field wall to tie the game.

"Pressure situations like that are easier, they're more fun," Fleury said. "I was just trying to hit it up the middle to get on base."

After Fleury had circled the bases, sophomore Brianna Jorgensborg stepped up and sent the first pitch she saw to dead center, where it bounced off of the scoreboard.

"I couldn't stop smiling as I was running the bases," Jorgensborg said of her first walk-off homer. "You try to act like you've been there before, like it's your job. But in such a big moment you just can't help it. You feel giddy."

The games marked Notre Dame's first in Big East play.

"I don't believe we started the Big East season well," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I don't feel we ever got into our groove. We're lucky we have good hitters who can go out there and make adjustments at the end of the at-bat."

The first game began as a pitchers' duel. Irish pitcher Brittany Bargar (7-6) retired the first six batters she faced and Red Storm pitcher Linzee Sumrall retired her first five.

The game remained tied at zero until the bottom of the fourth, which Johnson started with a single to center. Senior Christine Farrell came into the game as a pinch runner and advanced to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. Two outs later, Miller hit a single over the head of the second baseman to score Farrell, giving the Irish a 1-0 lead.

The Red Storm looked like they would not put up much of a fight against Bargar. Through five innings, only two batters reached second and the squad had gone down in order three times.

In the sixth, however, St. John's came out swinging. Two singles and three doubles gave the Red Storm all four of its runs. With two on and one out, Bargar was able to induce the last two outs, but not before the damage was done. St. John's led 4-1.

"Bargar had six great innings and one bad one," Gumpf said.

The Irish did not go quietly, though. In the bottom of the seventh, freshman center fielder Alexa Maldonado hit a single and Kohan followed with a two-run homer. However, Sumrall got Johnson to fly out to end the game.

The second game went much like the first. Both teams were stifled until the fourth, when the Irish scored two runs on a home run by junior first baseman Christine Luc. St. John's responded in the top of the fifth with a four-run inning capped by a three-run home run by Red Storm third baseman Roxi Struble.

Sophomore Jody Valdivia (4-5) recorded the win for the Irish, giving up only six hits in the complete game.

"Valdivia did really well," Fleury said. "It makes it a lot easier for the defense when the pitcher is keeping runners off the bases."

The Irish will be in action again in a non-conference contest against Ball State Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

**Note:**

"The victory in the second game marked the 300th win for Irish coach Deanna Gumpf's career. All 300 victories have been with the Irish."

Gumpf, though, said the milestone does not mean much.

"Honestly, I had no idea," she said. "I'm focused on the team."

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**Men's Golf**

Irish stumble to 18th in E-Z-Go Invitational

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

A promising start to the spring season, Notre Dame faltered at the 30th Annual Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational, finishing last in a field of 18 with a 48-over par 912.

No. 16 South Carolina led the elite field with a one-over 865 at the 6,910-yard, par 72 Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro, GA.

The Irish stumbled out of the gate, shooting a tournament-worst 311 in the opening round. Notre Dame never quite seemed to get in a rhythm, carding 298 and 303 in the final rounds to finish twelve strokes behind the seventeenth place finisher. No. 43 Augusta State.

Irish head coach Jim Kubinski has emphasized the importance of looking beyond statistics when assessing his young team.

"We're improving with each event regardless of scores," Kubinski said. "Our guys are realizing they have the physical skills to compete with any team in the country. They still need to grow in several mental areas, and they will."

Sophomore Jeff Chen lead the team in scoring with an 8-over par 224 (77-72-75), 50th overall. Chen paced the team for the second tournament in a row after his eleventh-place finish at the Palmas del Mar Invitational last week. Fellow sophomore Dustin Zhang closely trailed Chen with a 9-over par 225 (77-72-74) on the tournament. Zhang finished tied-for-55th overall.

Junior Doug Furtner, one of the veterans of the team with senior Josh Sandman out due to injury, finished 872 with a 17-over par 233 (77-77-79). Freshman Freshman Max Scodro shot an 18-over 234, rebounding from his first round 82 with a 77 and a 75 to close the weekend tied-for-88th. At a 19-over 235, sophomore Connor Alan-Lee sunk to 90th with scores of 77, 78, and 80.

The eighteenth-place finish marked Notre Dame's worst result of the season. The Irish competed without Kubinski, who missed the tournament with flu-like symptoms. Irish assistant coach Steve Colnits guided the team in his absence.

Notre Dame returns to the links on Friday at the Spring Break Championship at Gleneagles Golf Club in Delray Beach, Fla.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish compete at NCAAs

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

After powering their way to a record-extending 13th consecutive Big East title, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team capped off its stellar season at the NCAA national championships last weekend in College Station, Texas. Under the direction of Irish Brian Barnes and diving coach Caiming Xie, three athletes look to peak at the pool in the tough national field. "The competition at this level is extremely tough," Barnes said. "It is an amazing honor for all of these athletes just to make it this far."

First in the water for the Irish was sophomore Amyvren Miller. In her return to the National Championship meet, Miller swam the 50-yard freestyle in 22.47, placing her at 26th overall in the preliminaries. She was unable to advance to the finals, though, but ended her second collegiate season with a strong showing in the tough field. "When you swim at this level there's always things you feel like you could have done better, but I just came out to have fun and improve from last year, which I did," Miller said. "I really fed on the great positive energy of the team this season."

The next competitor for Notre Dame was junior diver Natalie Stitt, who was competing in her first ever NCAA appearance. In the 1-meter event, Stitt tallied a final score of 245.65. "I had a few nerves for my first time at this meet," Stitt said. "The field is full of amazing divers, it makes you really want to aspire to be like them."

The final swimmer for the Irish was sophomore standout Samantha Maxwell, one of the nation's top performers all season long, and a school record-holder in several events. In the 100 breast preliminaries, Maxwell bested her own school record to set the first-ever sub 1:00 time, tagging up in 59.73. In the finals, Maxwell did it again, setting her own mark even lower, swimming a blazing 59.44 to place 6th, and earn her first ever All-American honor.

The girls in three events are so fast, as soon as a race starts it almost over, so you have to be perfect from the dive to the finish," Maxwell said. "We have been building up to this all season, so I felt more comfortable my second time around."

In Notre Dame's final event of the season, Maxwell put in another strong effort in the 200 breast, touching in 2:09.62 to snag the 11th spot in the nation. She set the Irish record in the process. "We are looking to get all three doubles sold in all of our matches," senior Kelsey Tefft said. "We're trying to get the right dynamic on all three doubles. It is tough, as it is a long season and you are playing over twenty matches."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame wins two against SEC opponents

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame bested two of the SEC's top teams this weekend, as the No. 2 Irish defeated No. 29 Vanderbilt Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion and then defeated No. 12 Tennessee 5-2 on Sunday on the road.

The tone of Friday's match against the Commodores (14-0) was set early, as all three Irish doubles teams won, earning Notre Dame the first point of the match. "We are looking to get all three doubles solid in all of our matches," senior Kelsey Tefft said. "We're trying to get the right dynamic on all three doubles. It is tough, as it is a long season and you are playing over twenty matches."

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Irish junior guard Ashley Barlow stands near center court as the seconds tick away on Notre Dame's first-round loss to Minnesota.

The circle of this season is now complete. Notre Dame's 79-71 loss to Minnesota in the first round of the NCAA Tournament because they couldn't defend the 3-point line, coach Muffet McGraw said, was very pointless herself as soon as she began her opening statement in the postgame news conference. "I think the thing we miss the most, we missed her intensity," McGraw said. "She really rebounded a game, you miss that."

It wasn't exactly what hap-

The Irish fell behind 30 minutes into a free throw contest, and Minnesota held its lead.

Ohm's first 3-pointer started a 13-2 run and Minnesota led 25-13 with 10:41 left in the first half. The Gophers took advantage of Notre Dame's inability to draw defenders towards a post player, and then they kicked the ball to an open wing.

Ohm hit her second 3-pointer to give Minnesota a 36-22 lead with 4:29 remaining. The Irish hit six free throws down the stretch and the final 6 seconds of Minnesota led 64-45 with 7.05 remaining.

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"I think that's a little bit of immaturity and hopefully they'll learn from that," McGraw said. "We need to get excited about our defense and not worry so much about the 40 yards of offense. I think that's a little bit of immaturity and hopefully they'll learn from that."
Saint Mary's falls to Indiana Wesleyan 6-0

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell 6-0 to No. 15 Indiana Wesleyan Sunday, as the Belles were unable to put a halt to the Wildcats' 8-0 record.

Belles coach Dale Campbell, though, said the tough competition would provide Saint Mary's invaluable experience heading into conference play.

"We gave our best effort, but we made too many errors against an opponent this strong," said Campbell. "They were more consistent and hit better volleys in doubles to gain an early lead on us." Campbell said that the Wildcats well-rounded squad made them a tough match-up for the Belles.

"They were solid throughout their lineup," Campbell said. "Their players were consistent off the ground and volleys but better on serve." The high point of this match for the Belles was the number two singles match between junior captain Camille Gebert and Indiana Wesleyan's Lisa Massey, which Gebert lost in the tie-breaker round.

As a very young team, the Belles have been seeing diverse competition through-out the course of this season. The team consists of all sophomores and one junior captain, Gebert. This year has been gaining experience and should only get better matches to come," Campbell said. "We expect to win a lot of matches and do well in conference play."

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Men's Lacrosse
ND stays perfect vs. Vermont

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame stayed hot in sweltering Dallas this week, with a 13-7 win over Vermont in the 2009 Patriot Cup at SMU's Ford Stadium.

Senior attack Ryan Hoff led the way for the No. 3 Irish with a five-goal effort on the day. Four of Hoff's goals came during a stretch where Notre Dame tallied eight unanswered goals that began in the first quarter and ended early in the second with the Irish on top 9-1.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan thought that Notre Dame's aggressive start helped set the tone of the game.

"We played very well in the first quarter," Corrigan said. "We were very aggressive at both ends and took advantage of opportunities and put the pressure on them in the first 20 minutes."

The Irish got on the board first when junior attack Neal Hicks found the back of the net just over two minutes into the game. Vermont tied the score at one when senior attack Andrew Lichtfuss made it a five-goal game.

"They came out and played us very aggressively," Corrigan said. "I'm still not sure if I see us creating within our offense as much as I'd like to, but I love the fact that there's a lot of people contributing." Notre Dame cooled off on both ends after the run however, allowing the Catamounts to get back into the game with four unanswered goals.

"They kept playing hard and we got a little loose with our decision making," Corrigan said. "We did a good job defensively not giving them anything early, but we had to play a lot of it in the second, third and fourth quarters. Thankfully, we had a big enough cushion." Back-to-back goals from Kelleher cut the Irish lead to 9-3 and a goal from Vermont sophomore attack Derek Lightfuss made it a five-goal game at the half.

The Catamounts scored first in the second half on a goal from junior midfielder Ryan Gillette with 6:25 remaining in the third quarter. The Irish ended the Catamount run nearly three minutes later when Hoff scored his fifth goal of the game, giving the Irish a 10-5 lead after three quarters of play.

After Kelleher notched his fourth goal of the game, Notre Dame opened the lead to 12-6 on goals from Earl and Hicks. Earl finished off the Irish scoring with a goal with 21 seconds left to play.

Notre Dame will look to extend their undefeated start into conference play as the Irish take on Bellarmine at home in their Great Western Lacrosse League opener on Wednesday.

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a matter of being patient enough to generate some scoring chances. Once we caught a break, it turned the tide for us."

The victory secured Notre Dame, which also won the conference's regular season championship, the top seed in the NCAA Tournament's Midwest Regional. The Irish will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., to play Bemidji State at 7 p.m. on Saturday to open the 16-team competition. The winner of that game would play the Northeastern-Cornell winner on Sunday night to advance to the Frozen Four on April 10-12 in Washington, D.C. Notre Dame, as a No. 4 seed and regular season champi-

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one, advanced all the way to the national title game before falling to Boston College.

The Wolverines dominated the game until the midway point, scoring twice on Irish senior goalie Jordan Pearce — who hadn't given up multiple goals in a game since Feb. 20 — and keeping the high-powered Notre Dame attack from generating much in the way of scoring chances.

But when freshman wing Billy Maday redirected a shot from junior defenseman Kevin Deeth past Michigan goaltender Bryan Hogan on a four-on-four, the Irish trailed just 2-1 with nearly 20 minutes to play.

"You keep reminding them, and sometimes it's just the emu-
onment of getting that first goal. All of a sudden things change, and everyone starts getting hungry," Jackson said. "Remaining patient was the key to the game."

With less than two minutes elapsed in the third period, Ridderwall tied the game, just after the Wolverines had killed an Irish power play, by deflecting a Brett Blatchford shot past Hogan. Ryan struck 30 seconds later, notchng the game winner for the second straight night after taking a pass from junior Ryan Thang for an open wrist shot from in close.

"That was a tough game for Hogie," Wolverines coach Red Berenson said of his freshman netminder, who did stop 29 shots. "It's a goalie's nightmare. The puck was going in too easily.

Not for Michigan, though. Pearce was bailed out by several Michigan Barries until the Irish doubled with Ridderwall's second goal of the night with just under nine minutes to play.

Off a pass from Maday, Ridderwall beat a Michigan defender and put a backhand on Hogan from the right side. Hogan looked to have it stopped initially, but Ridderwall poked his own rebound home from a 4-2 Irish lead.

Junior forward Christian Minella closed the scoring with three minutes to play. After sen-
ior center Christian Hanson, off a pass from sophomore defense-
man Ian Cole, drew the Michigan defense to him on the blue line, he centered it to Minella, who had a clean wrister from between the circles.

Pearce, who was named the tournament MVP, took care of the rest, as the CCHA Scholar-Athlete of the Year made 28 saves, including several big ones to keep the game close before the Irish got themselves on the board.

Ridderwall, Ryan and Cole joined Pearce on the all-tournament team.

To advance to Saturday's championship game, the Irish first had to top No. 6 seed Northern Michigan on Friday afternoon, topping the Wildcats 2-1.

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win, and it is a trophy that means a lot to anyone who has had the chance to play for it."

This year's CCHA is the toughest conference in the country. The conference will make up 25 percent of the NCAA Tournament and it could easily have been more. Two of the four teams still playing for a national title — Miami (Ohio) and Ohio State — didn't even make it to Detroit last weekend.

Saturday night's championship game more or less decided which team would get a local one-seed in Grand Rapids and which would have to travel to the start of the tournament. But to Jackson and the rest of the Irish that could not have meant less.

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MOTOR CITY COMEBACK

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame ousted from NCAA first round by Minnesota

Team suffers from early deficit vs. Gophers

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Sports Writer

The Irish had a home-court advantage, local fans and a second-half run that had the Joyce Center jumping and the team down just two points.

But all those factors couldn’t overcome familiar foes — 3-point defense and rebounding — and Notre Dame’s NCAA Tournament run ended early.

Minnesota senior guard Emily Fox had 23 points and junior guard Katie Ohm hit five 3-pointers during the No. 10 seed Gophers’ 79-71 win over No. 7 seed Notre Dame Sunday at the Joyce Center.

The loss knocks the Irish (22-9, 10-5 Big Ten) advances to the second round of the Tournament against No. 2-seed Texas A&M, who beat No. 15-seed Evansville 80-45 Sunday.

“Some old story, every game, we can’t defend the 3-point line,” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said.

Ohm finished with 15 points, Fox was 7-for-17 from field goal range and had four assists and four steals as well. Junior guard Brittany McLog got into foul trouble early. Fox took over and played 38 minutes of good basketball.

“She’s a great shooter, can do it off the dribble,” Lechlitner said.

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Expectations have been high in South Bend all year. The fans, the media and the team all feel that if the season were to end right now, it would be a disappointment. But that doesn’t mean winning the Mason Cup should be overlooked. It is a difficult trophy to win.

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