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News Writer

Mock trial is one of the more time-consuming activities available at the University, according to Bill Dwyer, the coach of Notre Dame’s mock trial team.

“You know the TCEs they pass out to students?” Dwyer asked. “This class is in the top 1 percent of all classes in terms of time spent working for it.”

Mock trial is not only a club but also a credited course. It meets every Thursday night for two hours, and students practice on their own in order to fully grasp the skills taught in class.

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Student leaders converge on campus

Student body president Bob Reish said the Intercollegiate Symposium—a conference between student government representatives from Midwest universities—was an “investment in the future” for the student body.

“I think the conference went better than expected for a conference in its first year,” Reish said. “I think each school brought a different perspective that we could relate to.”

The conference involved six breakout sessions in which representatives from Vanderbilt University, Washington University in St. Louis, Purdue University, Northwestern University and Notre Dame exchanged ideas about how student government should work, Reish said.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt, who will take his position as student body president Wednesday, said the symposium offered many ideas for improving student government.

“Something Northwestern does really well is offering an evaluation of off-campus housing options,” Schmidt said. He has since looked into creating a similar evaluation system for students living off-campus to complete.

Campus Life Council

Multicultural clubs must publicize

University should focus on retaining minority student, task force says

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

A survey of international and multicultural students suggested that multicultural and international clubs may need better publicity, Diversity Council Representative Brigitte Githinji said.

“I noted that people who answered said they had not participated in any of these events or had not heard of them because they were not well publicized,” Githinji said. “Because of this, the clubs tend to be more inclu...
Inside Column

Make a decision

Since the onset of the "Odoma," I have been very conflicted as to where I stand on the issue and what I should do. A lot of me thinks that since I am a sophomore, I have no real place objecting to anything that happens at graduation. But it does make me think, what would I do if I were a senior? I think the issue merits examination, even if I am in no position to react. I have been in a number of classes where I felt bad, even guilty, for giving the gut reaction of "I don't want Obama here." Listening to the mainly one-sided opinions of other students talk about the "embarrassing futions" who are objecting and the "radical, selfish Catholics" who are taking graduation is coming from. All those against Obama understands where the other person is coming from. All those against Obama is irrelevant because he's the President and we're a university. If we are Catholic first, then why should Notre Dame confer its prestige upon someone who acts in ways that violate core Catholic doctrine? I think the Notre Dame "despises" President Obama here has become such a (national) issue because Notre Dame, Catholic University, has never had to choose its ultimate designation in such a public, definitive way.

To listen to students of differing views discuss this topic is to witness negotiations of a person speaking Greek and a person speaking Swahili. They get nowhere, because neither really understands where the other person is coming from. All those against Obama recognize the presidency degree of "not caring what happens to Blessed" that no matter who he is or what the award is for, he holds a position contrary to a "non-negotiable" teaching. All those delighted to see Obama speak and receive the degree think this is irrelevant because he's the President and we're a university.

So the time has come for us to decide. We can no longer live in the limbo of thinking being a Catholic university appeals equally to both aspects — somewhere along the line, we must ultimately make a decision. After sitting with this for a week, unsure which attitude I would subscribe to, I realized the distinction has already been made by one of Notre Dame's obligation mans: God, Country, Notre Dame.

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Question of the Day: What is the best item that the dining halls have to offer?

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Rachel Tran
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"The barbecue, or the gyro, or those mini sandwiches with the bacon, turkey, lettuce and tomato."

"Whatever you can smuggle out in your pockets."

"Waffle batter. Straight, uncooked waffle batter."

"Chocolate sprinkled doughnuts."

Irish lacrosse player Jake Marmul goes for the ball in the team's 11-6 victory over Bellarmine. They take on Villanova today at 4 p.m.

In Brief

A lecture titled "To Cry or Not to Cry: Heritage, Genetic Identity, and the Ambivalence of Belonging in Argentina" will be given today by Dr. Graziella Cabana of the University of Tennessee at 3 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

The Center for Asian Studies will host a symposium called "The Church in Asia, Part I: East Asia" today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium and Great Hall. The symposium aims to explore the past, present, and future of Catholicism in Asia, and will feature three scholars focusing on the Church in Japan, China, and South Korea.

The play "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder, will be shown today through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Declo Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, transforming the simple events of everyday existence into universal truths. Regular ticket prices: $15 general public, $12 senior/ND faculty/staff, $10 students.

The annual Student Peace Conference will be held this Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center. Its theme this year is "Perspectives on Peace." Admission is free, but registration is required.

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

Offbeat

Man arrested after opening airplane exit

NEW YORK — New York City prosecutors have filed criminal charges against an air traveler who got fed up waiting on the tarmac at Kennedy Airport, and tried to open a jet door and get out. Authorities said 60-year-old Robert McDonald, of England, faces reckless endangerment charges for opening an emergency exit hatch as the plane waited out an hours-long delay at JFK.

20 cat skeletons found at home

APPLETON, Wis. — A woman was charged with animal abuse after a landlord found about 20 cat skeletons in a home she rented. The eight charges filed Friday against 41-year-old Lorie A. Kuba include five felony counts of mistreating animals. Prosecutors said the landlord entered the home in January after she abandoned it. The landlord found piles of animal feces and cat skeletal remains, some in a plastic garbage bag.

Teen lights man's pants on fire

FERNDALE, Mich. — Police in a Detroit suburb say a teenager has been charged with lighting an unconscious man's pants on fire and causing a third-degree burn to the man's groin. Police in Ferndale, Mich., said 18-year-old Tyler Quick was arraigned Friday on a charge of assault.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

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not allow us to distinguish between sexual orientation and behavior, which is a distinction that we must maintain as a Catholic university," he said.

However, Jenkins did say he would be willing to consider alternative ideas to make Notre Dame more welcoming for the GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community, according to Dewey.

"Father Jenkins seemed very open to taking steps to make campus more welcoming for GLBTQ students," said sophomore Mary Dewey, chair of the campaign.

Dewey and based their argument on Jenkins on the following points: that adding such a clause would not conflict with Notre Dame's Catholic identity, that the University has a different standard for responding to harassment targeted at GLBTQ students and that the atmosphere on campus currently prevents the University from living up to the principles set forth in its Spirit of Inclusion document.

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we deserve to be treated," according to the Spirit of Inclusion document.

Dewey said they used the document to support their request.

We wanted to emphasize that the most concrete step the administration could take to live up to the ideals the Spirit of Inclusion represents is to include a nondiscrimination clause (for sexual orientation)." Dewey said.

"We presented him examples of clauses form other universities that have sexual discrimination in their nondiscrimination clause, particularly St. Mary's and Boston College.

We wanted to give him examples of other Catholic colleges, ways that Notre Dame can still commit to nondiscrimination that are still in line with Catholic values.

Flores elaborated on how Notre Dame could still retain its Catholic identity by broadening its nondiscrimination clause.

"Notre Dame also says that because of its Catholic character, it holds itself to a standard higher than civil law," she said. "We think the best way to hold itself to that standard would be to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause."

In presenting her case, Dewey cited a perceived double standard by the University in what described as a weak reaction to students who last year wore inflammatory T-shirts disparaging gay students and a more stern response to racist letters students received.

"There is a discrepancy between the way the University responds to hate speech on the basis of race and the way the University responds to hate speech on the basis of sexual orientation," she said. "We really wanted to show him that there really isn't a welcoming culture for GLBTQ students.

In the past, GLBTQ students have felt like the administration hasn't responded to hate speech and harassment.

While they haven't given up on their fight to change the University's nondiscrimination clause, the leaders of the Campaign for Human Dignity have already responded to Jenkins' suggestion to form alternative proposals.

Flores listed some ideas she plans to offer University representatives who specialize in discrimination issues.

"Better publicizing of the resources available to GLBTQ students who are victims of harassment and other forms of discrimination, so students can know where they can go, separating the channels where students can report discrimination from dorm life, offering alternatives from going to rectors - a private means by which students can report discrimination — as well as more effective response from the University about discrimination," she said.

While these ideas would help make the campus more welcoming for all students, broadening the nondiscrimination clause would have more substantial effects, according to the Campaign's leaders.

"Primarily [the University] would project the idea that it is open and willing to admitting GLBTQ students and that it is consciously trying to make an atmosphere welcoming to students of all sexual orientations," she said.

According to law student Kyle Semmer, there is an apparent inconsistency in the implications of including sexual orientation in the University's harassment policy but not in its discrimination policy, where the University must respond to verbal abuse targeted at GLBTQ students, it has no legal obligation to ensure that employees are not fired because of their sexual orientation, Semmer said.

"It has ramifications in employment discrimination, in admissions, in scholarships and in athletics," he said.

The Campaign for Human Dignity will also pursue club recognition for Alliance-ND and Outreact-ND.

"We want to work with the University so the Spirit of Inclusion can become a reality," Dewey said.

On this point, the two sides found common ground.

"Over the past decade, Notre Dame has made significant strides in making the campus more supportive for gay and lesbian students, and we look forward to exploring ways in which we can improve still more," Brown said.

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This year, Notre Dame sent four teams to participate in the National Competition, which took place last weekend in Hamilton, Ohio. Four Notre Dame students won individual awards at the Opening Round National Competition.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sudan's leader, UN chief face off — Sudan's president and UN chief came face to face at the African Union summit in Kampala on Monday with demands to allow the return of expelled aid groups to Darfur — and was met with a defiant response as Arab leaders rallied to his side to formally reject international war crime charges against him.

The Arab League declaration is likely to boost Omar al-Bashir's willingness to challenge the West and flout its wide support among Arabs in opposing the arrest order by the International Criminal Court.

Al-Bashir's attendance among other Arab leaders would have been a public snub of the ICC's decision, bringing him to the same conference hall as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for the summit's opening speeches. Ban's spokesman, Michele Montas, said the two men were in the same room, but didn't speak or interact.

No response to N. Korean launch — South Korea opposes any military response to North Korea's planned launch of a rocket, while Washington's defense chief said the U.S. won't try to shoot it down.

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North Korea says it will launch a communication satellite into orbit between April 4 and April 8 as part of its space development program. Regional powers, however, suspect the North is using the launch to test long-range missile technology.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mom guilty of fatal starvation death — A jury in Baltimore found a 31-year-old mother guilty Monday of starvation death of her 19-month-old son and sentenced her to not less than 10 years and up to life in prison.

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According to a statement of facts, the cult members stopped feeding the boy when he refused to say "Amen" after a meal. After Jovan died, Ramkissoon sat next to his decomposing body and prayed for his resurrection.

Killer in NC rampage was ex-wife — A North Carolina police officer killed two people and wounded six others in a shooting near Littleton in western North Carolina, killing four of his former wife's relatives in a daylong rampage that ended in a gun battle near a Planned Parenthood clinic.

Pakistan's top civilian security official said militant groups were "destabilizing the country," suggesting the plot may have originated with Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud.

Meanwhile, a Taliban member claiming to speak on behalf of a shadowy typeof group called the Fedayeen al-Islam said it was behind the school attack.

Earlier this month, gunmen ambushed Sri Lanka's cricket team in Lahore, killing seven people and underscoring militants' ability to wreak havoc far from Pakistan's northwestern regions bordering Afghanistan where al-Qaeda and the Taliban have proliferated.

Both Lahore attacks followed a long shadow cast over the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba, blamed for the November 2008 Mumbai, India, that killed 166 people. There have been speculations that Monday's raid was revenge for the crackdown.

Pakistan's inability to prevent the attack appeared to be an intelligence failure. Nonetheless, a massive response was quickly mounted Monday, one that included army soldiers, armored vehicles and helicopters.

The siege ended after security forces cornered militants on the top floor of a building in the compound, where the gunmen had held about 35 hostages. Afterward, the security forces fired their guns in the air in celebration, shouting "God is great!"

"The eight hours were like eight centuries," said Mohammad Salman, 23, a recruit who had held up in the building. "It was like I died several times. I had made up my mind that it was all over." Interim Ministry chief Rehman Malik suggested the culprit could have been Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a Punjab-based, al-Qaeda-linked Sunni extremist group implicated in several other attacks in the country.

Lashkar-e-Jhangvi is one of several militant groups that operate well beyond Pakistan's southwest. Some of them, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, have their roots in the Kashmir dispute with India, and Pakistan spy agencies are believed to have helped establish them.

Lashkar-e-Taiba has denied any links to either the Mumbai or cricket attacks.

Malik also said the plot may have originated with the Pakistani Taliban in the northwest — noting that one of the arrested attackers was Afghan — and added that "some rival countries," a usual reference to India, was trying to "de-stabilize democracy in Pakistan."

"In our country, at our different borders, arms are coming in, stinger missiles are coming in, rocket launchers are coming in, heavy equipment is coming — it should be stopped," he told state TV. "Whoever the anti-state elements are, they are destabilizing the country.

The attacks pose a major test for the civilian administration of President Asif Ali Zardari, which has been distracted recently by political turmoil involving the opposition.

AFGHANISTAN

Suicide bomber in police outfit kills nine

Associated Press

DUNDA, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform blew himself up Saturday as a police contingent was trying to "save our home!" echoing through the halls — to seize a police post that guards a key road near the town of Kunduz, said the city police chief.

The Canadian soldiers refused to let Afghan police approach the blast site, the reporter said.

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Residents begin clean-up

Associated Press
FARGO, N.D. — Weary resi­dents of this sodden city counted themselves lucky on Sunday, counting their blessings that the Red River finally stopped rising and praying the levees would hold back its wrath. A brief levee break this week threatened to ren­der a wide swatch of the town vulnerable to the river that still hangs over them in the days ahead.

Church services that are a staple of life on Sunday morn­ings in Fargo took on greater signiﬁcance as people gath­ered after a week of round­the-clock sandbagging. They sang hymns and held hands, asking together for divine help in avoiding disaster.

“At a time like this, we need to call on God’s providential assistance,” said the Rev. Bob Ona, pastor of Fargo’s First Assembly of God church. “All of you have been heroic in your efforts. All of you have been helping past the wall of weariness, exhaustion and numerous frustrations in order to keep the Red River at bay and help people in the name of the Lord.”

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**Why so serious?**

Recently a letter to the Observer's Viewpoint section by Lori Hoffer was submitted that called into question the ranking of basketball coach's names. I wanted to take the time to voice my concerns over this travesty. I honestly believe, as well as others I have spoken with, that many of these names did not belong on this list. The names should be absolute rubbish, and should have been much bigger.

Ralph Raibach is a time to celebrate the start of Spring in South Bend (unlike you, I played this weekend, and reviewed all of the recent occurrences in pop culture. As the captain of the #7 team "Unlilk Raibham, We Get Our Hairs Up On Defense" and last year's #1 "Heath Ledger's Sleeker Pick," I wish to em­phasize the lack of fearfare over a seeming unlikely-to-back-up names.

In the end, my teammates (I am unsure about Brevi) and I do not support domestic violence or drug overdose, but we are in favor of laughter. If our team names bring a smile to your face, then I am unbelievable satisfied. It is probably the greatest accomplishment in our short lives and I will not have people who claim to have a sense of humor, but then complain about it, take that away from us. If you think the name is funny, then laugh and move on. If you don’t think it is funny, then you're probably one of the Domers I see in the Library on a Friday night when I stop into use the bathroom.

I look forward to next year when we will try an unthinkably Tom Emanski-type "Back to Back to Back" reimbursement. A man at that fault that one fourth of women are involved in domestic abuse or that people can’t dis­count their high horse and take a joke. In the word's of the late Heath Ledger, "Why so serious?"

Lori, you’re a Senior in College not a Senior citizen. Boom, roasted!

**Family ties**

I would like to write in regards to the Pledge to not say the r-word. In my experi­ence, I have heard numerous students discuss their family members, and the word "retard(ed)", and I never really consid­ered it that offensive until I said the word in front of my grandfather. He immediately chastised my comment because it was an insult that debunked an entire group of inno­cent, wonderful people. He partici­pated in many of the rallies in Indianapolis that actual­ly raise significant amounts of money for organizations dedicated to looking for treat­ments and therapies for the mentally handic­apped. He's met many of the families who are raising their disabled children, and their kids are just as precious and wonderful as any others.

In fact, I have just gained a familial rela­tionship with the r-word. My uncle has adopt­ed a 2-year-old orphan from China who was born with a deforming cleft palate. Despite having the boy for two years now, he still can’t properly form words, and is predicted to struggle greatly in school whenever he is enrolled. He is incapable of being successful in any day care because he still communi­cates in varied laughs and exclamations. I do not want my cousin to grow up in a world of put-downs, where he is considered inferior and useless to society just because he was born handicapped. There is no justice nor respect in his situation, and as a University preaching the ideals of a tight-knit, accepting community, we should all collaborate in sup­port the disadvantaged, and the first step is to deny that they are the r-word.

Deborah Olmstead  
*supernumerary*  
West Family Hall  
March 30

**More grey space?**

And you were doing so well, too...

**Write in a letter.**

**Thanks for Holy Half**

This is a quick letter of thanks to all those involved in working the Holy Half on Sunday. Thanks for arriving early, setting up, taking down, and not merely point­ing runners in the right way, but making sure they confused the actual route. I wish to com­mend the necessary team work. From the HEI hotel workers in California to the building service work­ers, the presence and support was wonderful and a true sign of solidarity among stu­dents. As a first time Holy Half runner I don't think I could have completed the race without you.

Christine Clark  
*senior*  
off campus  
March 29

**South Quad Arby's**

While walking back from my dorm to class the other day, I noticed something peculiar: somebody had etched an Arby’s logo out of chalk in the middle of south quad. I did not think much of it at first, but then I got an amazing idea. We should build an Arby’s on campus! Not just anywhere, but right in the middle of south quad. To some this may sound like a bad idea, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized that building an Arby’s on south quad is a good thing to do. First and fore­most, Arby’s has delicious roast beef sandwiches, and students will have another food choice to compliment Subway, Sharro and Burger King. Secondly, south quad will no longer be a wind tunnel. Instead of hitting people, the wind will hit Arby’s, making students more warm and con­tent. Finally, I believe that an Arby’s on South Quad would be aestheti­cally pleasing. I’m tired of South Quad being a wide empty space, and Arby’s will fill that void. Don’t worry, there will still be plenty of room to play football or ultimate.

Kevin Eller  
*freshman*  
St. Mary Hall  
March 27

**Unions a necessity**

For decades, collective bargaining has been one of the most basic tools that workers can employ to gain a voice and power in the face of injustice. Not only do unions have historical legitimacy, but the Catholic Church, The United Nations, and Federal Law all support workers’ right to unionize. In order to build a stronger labor movement, however, those interested in economic justice for all should support the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA). This would allow workers who want a union to bypass the election process and instead sign cards indicating their desire for union representa­tion. This change is vital because in the current system, workers have to wait for months between petitions of the NLRB for an election and the actual election. During this time, employers hire anti-union consulting firms, hold captive-audience meet­ings, and even fire employees to intimidate others into voting against the union. EFCA would level the playing field and, in the words of David Foerst, the student­ents. As a first time Holy Half runner I don’t think I could have completed the race without you.

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The film features voices by typical comedy stars (Will Arnett, Stephen Colbert, Seth Rogen, Rainn Wilson) and others who one would not expect (Kiefer Sutherland, Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie). The film is co-directed by two relative newcomers, Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon, whose only claim to fame are “Shark Tale” and “Shrek 2,” respectively. “Monsters vs. Aliens” is a delightful, heartworned comedy that is sure to delight viewers of all ages.

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MLB

Phillies pitching excels in 13-3 defeat of Astros

Braves overcome Red Sox in extra innings; Garza strikes out five and walks one in loss to former team

Cecil Cooper said, "Mike sometimes," Houston manager chin today, but that happens. Rich Dubee said they expect to for the Astros.

For the Astros.

Twins 3, Rays 2

Matt Garza was focused on preparing for a starting job. The 35-year-old right-hander, in the sixth inning of a 13-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays, allowed seven runs and eight hits. He was hitless coming in.

"We kind of took it on the head," said through an interpreter. "It was the final Florida home game of the season, but I felt lively." he said. "I thing I timed it well as far as getting my pitches ready," he said. "I felt like I kept my head straight, my focus was good, I got in predictable counts. As a result, I got good things out of today." he said. "I thought process out of it." he said.

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OU’s Griffin named All-American

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Blake Griffin and Tyler Hansbrough spent a lot of time together on the court last weekend and were back together Monday as the top vote-getters on The Associated Press’ All-America team.

Griffin, the sophomore forward from Oklahoma who led the nation in rebounding, was the only unanimous selection for the team. Hansbrough, the consensus player of the year last season as a junior, repeated as a first-teamer that he hopes Officer America team.

Griffin, the Big 12 player of the year with little All-America history, was back on the second team after his Tar Heels beat the Sooners 72-60 to advance to the Final Four. Joining them on the team were players from schools with little All-America history, sophomores DeJuan Blair of Pittsburgh, James Harden of Arizona State and junior Stephen Curry of Davidson.

Griffin, who averaged 21 points and 14.3 rebounds while shooting 63.5 percent from the field, became college basketball’s image for toughness when he returned from a concussion only to drive headlong onto the scorer’s table. He received 71 first-team votes and 335 points from the same national media panel that selects the week-Top 25. Balloting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Hansbrough, a unanimous pick last season along with Kansas State’s Michael Beasley, got 50 first-team votes and 304 points. This is the fourth straight season the 6-foot-9 forward received All-America recognition. He was a third-team pick as a freshman and was on the second team after his sophomore season.

Blair is Pittsburgh’s second first-teamer, joining Don Hennon in 1958. Curry, who led the nation in scoring, is Davidson’s second as well. Fred Hetzel was Davidson’s first first-teamer in 1965.

Harden is Arizona State’s first AP All-America. Griffin, the Big 12 player of the year, is the third Oklahoma player to be selected and the first since Stacey King in 1989. Wayman Tisdale of the Sooners was a three-time All-America from 1983-85.

“When Coach [Jeff] Capel started recruiting me, he talked to me a lot about changing the culture of this program and getting it back to a place where guys like Wayman Tisdale and Stacey King and those guys came to play,” said Griffin, a native of Oklahoma City. “It’s definitely an honor.” Hansbrough, who is in his second straight Final Four with the Tar Heels, is the third North Carolina player to repeat.

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In Brief

Moats accepts Dallas police officer’s apology

DALLAS — NFL player Ryan Moats said Monday he accepts the apology offered by a Dallas police officer who stopped him with a drawn gun in a hospital parking lot as his mother-in-law was dying.

The Houston Texan running back said on ABC’s “Good Morning America” that he hopes Officer Fred Hetzel was sincere in his apology.

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Purdue faces OU for Women’s Final Four spot

OKLAHOMA CITY — Watching her son Colton’s high-school team make an unexpected run in the high school playoffs gave Sherri Coale a fresh reminder of the exhilaration of being the underdog. It’s not a feeling she gets to experience much anymore as the head coach at Oklahoma.

Her Sooners (31-4) take much more than the No. 1 seed into the Final Four tonight in their regional final against sixth-seeded Purdue. There’s the added expectation of victory since they’ll be playing in front of a home crowd in Oklahoma City and then the matter of All-America center Courtney Paris’ national championship guar-antee.

All that combines to create an entirely different atmosphere than what she experienced as her son’s Norman High School team headed into the postseason.
Calathes enters NBA draft without an agent

Associated Press
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida guard Nick Calathes could end the season by high-jumping for the last time, throwing a game-winning 3-pointer with less than five seconds remaining in regulation against Kentucky in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Bengals' CB Palmer ready to get on the field

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CINCINNATI — Quarterback Carson Palmer considers his throwing shoulder injury as he begins offseason workouts with his Cincinnati Bengals teammates. Palmer chose not to have reconstructive surgery for a partially torn ligament in his right elbow, which sidelined him for 12 games last season. Instead, he decided to rest the injury and focus on his preparation for next season.

Colts enter NFL draft with blueprint

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Philadelphia Eagles are preparing for the NFL draft with a blueprint. Draft analysts say the Eagles should take a quarterback with the first pick.

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On the field

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Blue Jackets prepare for playoffs

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NHL

Blue Jackets trade for opening night quarterback

Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio — "It’s going into year seven and I haven’t played in any significant games, so I think it’s going to be better," Palmer said. "Next year we’re going to be better, I think." Palmer’s next step is to get his timing back with a receiving corps that hasn’t played together since training camp.

Blue Jackets don’t want same results as past seasons

Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio — "We’re still in a position where we’re not going to be second in the division — that’s destiny," he said. "We don’t want to have any worries about scoring goals. One day’s going to help us. We’re going to have to do it ourselves.

The Blue Jackets made several costly mistakes in a 5-2 win over Nashville. With the score tied at 1 in the third period, rookie stick-moving defender Steve Mason whiffed on a clearing attempt near the blue line and instead saucered a perfect tape-to-tape pass to Columbus Blue Jackets winger Rick Nash, who buried the gift goal.

But players cannot live in fear, Columbus Blue Jackets general manager Mike Commodore said. All the players know what’s at stake with six games remaining.

"If you have a 92-point team and you don’t play to your ability, you're not going to make the playoffs," Commodore said.

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Blue Jackets trade for opening night quarterback

Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio — "I’m not worried about him," Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash said. But he said this time is not to express sympathy. Everybody has injuries. The Blue Jackets are without Braden Holtby, who's undergone a medication change, and T.J. Oshie, who's missed 15 straight. And nobody is feeling sorry for them.

It's tough when any player goes down, but we need points, Nash said. "We have to worry about what we have to do here."

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"I made mistakes, the coach knew I made mistakes," he said. "But I think the best asset to me is that doctors and relying on one and the other, I did, and it turned out he was right.

"It’s 100 percent and I’m happy and I’m happy. Had I gone the other way, I don’t know when I’d be able to throw again, but it wouldn’t be now," Palmer said.

Calathes has been throwing three times a week near his home in southern California. Several of the Bengals’ receivers have been joining him for the sessions, including Jerome Simpson, a second-round draft pick last year.

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Belles defeat Calvin in MIAA season opener

By Chris MAUSOUD

As a rule, winning the league opener is at the top of any colleague coach's list of preseason goals. For Bobcats head coach George E. Sullivan and the Belles, that goal can be crossed off the list. Sullivan and Mary (16-2) crushed Calvin in the MIAA season opener, victory under the Knights' doubleheader. The Belles opened the day by shutting out Calvin 8-0 in a five-inning shoresuiting-rule contest, and continued their success with a 3-2 victory on the back end.

"It was just really clutch for us," Sullivan said. "Our goal is to beat the teams we're supposed to beat, and Calvin was a team we're supposed to beat, which we did pretty convincingly. I know that we're one of those teams that everyone's going to be gunning for, but we're prepared for that."

Staying true to her form, freshman pitcher Monica Palko lifted the Belles in their first game by tossing a two-hit shutout, allowing just one run in the fifth inning of the season. Senior cleanup hitter Trine Rudolph powered the Belles at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two doubles, while short-hitter Tori Shumway held down a tight defense.

Sullivan recently named conference player of the week for her outstanding performance both at the plate and on the field.

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Howard scores 22 in Magic win over Heat

Jefferson leads Bucks in victory over Nets with 29 points and 10 rebounds; Villanueva puts 20 on the board
ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team to face Baylor at home in second match

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Spokes Writer

In a bit of déjà vu, Notre Dame faces No. 4 Baylor for the second time this season, having defeated the Bears 4-3 in the National Indoor quarterfinals. Back in mid-February, Notre Dame (16-2) felt disrespected by an unter-rank bearing, while, still at No. 4, Baylor (12-4) still hopes to move up a few more spots in the rankings.

"We had such a tight match (in February), I am sure they are looking to beat us this time around," coach Jay Louderback said. "It should either close one tomorrow."

But not only the Baylor team is looking for revenge today. In the match in February, the top Irish duos of Lenka Broosova and Cilla Borsanyi defeated Tefft and Frilling 8-0. This time around, the match could hinge on that result.

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NASCAR

Driver Johnson gives testimony at tax trial

Associated Press

MIAMI — NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson was the leadoff defense witness Monday in the Penske Racing in late 1999.

Castroneves is perhaps best known for his 2007 victory on TV's "Dancing With The Stars," but his racing career gives you a top driver. Both Castroneves and Johnson have a sterling reputation in the motorsports world.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish take on IUPUI at home

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will put its seven-game win streak on the line today against Indiana University-Purdue University at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish (17-11) are coming off of a successful Big East road trip in which they won six games against Georgetown and took two from South Florida. In addition to their win streak, the team has won nine of its last 10.

"We struggled early in the season," senior outfielder Beth Northway said. "But since we started getting on a roll, we're putting the pieces together, and we're looking good now."

The Jaguars (3-29) have lost their last four games. The team's latest win came in the form of a 10-1 blowout of Valparaiso on March 23. That victory broke an 18-game losing streak that dated back to Feb. 21.

"IUPUI is not a team we can just overlook," Northway said. "This is just as important as a Big East opponent."

The Irish have a potential­ly dangerous offensive attack in the duo of Sarah O’Neill and Mia Ettl. The women have .377 and .345 batting averages, respectively, and Ettl leads the team with five home runs and 14 RBIs.

The Irish offense has been on fire during its win streak, with fresh­man right fielder Dani Miller and the senior outfielder Northway leading the way.

Miller has three home runs in her last six games, including one in the first game against USF, and holds a .421 batting average. Northway, who leads the team with a .483 batting average and a slugging percentage of 1.034, also homered in that game.

"The whole team has been hitting really well so far," Northway said. "The whole team has been doing extra hit­ting."

The Irish have now gone deep at least once in each of their past 10 games. The game against IUPUI will begin a lengthy homestand for Notre Dame. The Irish will play a total of 10 games in South Bend before traveling to Connecticut on April 11.

This could bode well for the Irish, who are currently 6-1 at Melissa Cook Stadium.

"Our facilities this year are so nice, and it makes us appreciate being home, Northway said. "There's nothing like playing at home."

Senior pitcher Brittany Bargart (11-6) will start on the mound for the Irish. Bargart holds a 1.63 ERA in 116 innings pitched.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. today.

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Television Announcer: "This is a momentous occasion! We've waited for this day to come, and now we are finally here. This is the moment when Nakatsukasa made history.

Nakatsukasa, a beacon of hope for the entire world, stepped up to the stage, her eyes sparkling with determination. The crowd roared in anticipation as she took the microphone.

"Good evening, everyone," she said, her voice clear and confident. "I am here to announce the biggest news in the world of basketball."

The tension in the room was palpable as Nakatsukasa continued: "As you all know, the FIBA World Cup is just around the corner. It is a tournament that brings together the best players from around the globe."

"But this year, the stakes are higher than ever. We are looking forward to an exciting competition that will determine the future of basketball."

"And the teams are ready. We have seen them train hard and push themselves to the limit."

"But there is one team that stands out above the rest. A team that has been preparing for this moment for years."

"That team is Japan."

"Japan has made history tonight. They have qualified for the FIBA World Cup for the first time ever."

The audience erupted in cheers as Nakatsukasa continued: "This is a historic moment for Japan, and it's a testament to the hard work and dedication of their players."

"The road to the World Cup was not easy, but Japan never gave up. They faced challenges, but they overcame them with their strength and determination."

"And tonight, they proved that they are ready for the world stage."

"Congratulations to Japan on this historic achievement. We are sure they will put up a strong fight in the World Cup."

"And now, let's turn our attention to the other teams that are vying for a spot in the World Cup."

"We have seen incredible performances from teams all around the world."

"And the stage is set for what promises to be an incredible tournament."

"Thank you all for joining us tonight. We look forward to seeing you on the court."

"Good night!"
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dangerous hitters, though, Junior Eli Pollock has a .349 average and five home runs, leading the team, and a .442 on-base percentage. He has also stolen seven bases in nine attempts.
Junior Chris Roberts, hitting .333, also provides a threat for the Spartans. The team as a whole, however, hits only .248, which is perfect for a Notre Dame pitching staff that has struggled of late. The staff has an ERA of 5.11 and has walked 106 batters this season. Irish pitchers gave up 37 hits to Pittsburgh this weekend, 30 of them in the final two games.
Notre Dame’s bats, on the other hand, are doing just fine. Over the past 15 games, other hand, are doing just fine. Over the past 15 games, the team has a .248 average and five home runs against Pittsburgh.
The Irish also hit four home runs Sunday against Pittsburgh, a season high. Junior Ryan Inglekof; had three hits, including his first career home run. Sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell also hit his first home run.
Those hits didn’t always come in timely situations. Notre Dame stranded 12 runners and the runners on second through the third game of the series.
Fortunately for the Irish, Spartan pitching has not been fantastic either. Michigan State has a 5.55 team ERA and has walked 102 batters this season. The Spartans allowed 10 runs on 13 hits to Illinois Friday and walked six batters Saturday. The Spartan staff pitched well Sunday against the Fighting Illini but got no offensive support.
First pitch today is scheduled for 6:05 p.m. Notre Dame will host another non-conference opponent, Toledo, on Wednesday before facing Villanova at home in a Big East series this weekend.

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has no limitations, he’s competitive, and he’s productive.
Pushing Ragona on the depth chart is rising sophomore Joseph Fauria, who saw the field in three games this freshman season.
“He’s working hard, all the guys are working hard, but he’s really pushing Ragona.”

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everything, we’re probably into 125-130 practices,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “Coming together, going through the routine, stretching...I’ve never been into that territory.”
Remarkably, Notre Dame has been able to stay relative­ly healthy over the past six months, outside of banged up senior forward Zach Hillesland, who suffers a different injury every game, and has avoided burnout along the way.
And to listen to the Irish, practices and the team’s attitude toward each other hasn’t changed much since August.
“Nothing’s really different,” Hillesland said. “We’re having a good time like we have been the last couple of weeks now. We’re having fun together. You look around the country and a lot of teams’ seasons are ending.

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**FOOTBALL**

Rudolph, healthy Ragone lead talented tight end group

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

After a challenging season that saw the Irish lose sophomore Mike Ragone to an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury and junior Kyle Rudolph to suspension, Notre Dame appears healthy and reloaded at the tight end position this spring.

Led by the recovery of Ragone and rising sophomore talent Kyle Rudolph, tight ends coach Bernie Parmale said this season’s depth will help open up the Irish offense.

“(Last year) we couldn’t do what we needed to do, we couldn’t use certain packages with multiple tight ends because we only had one,” Parmale said. “The more guys we have at that position, the better we are. We have three guys right behind Rudolph that really can play some ball and allow us to do more things.”

Rudolph was thrust into the starting position last season as a freshman after the losses of Ragone and Yeatman, and made an immediate impact in the passing game. The tight end set school records for a freshman at the position, recording 25 receptions for 262 yards and two touchdowns.

Parmale said the main point of emphasis with Rudolph this offseason was in the weight room.

“He’s smart, and he’s got a lot of talent, and he’s gotten stronger. The biggest time in make gains is after that first year, then you can really hold the point of attack,” Parmale said.

He also praised Rudolph’s efforts his freshman year.

“He was an iron man, you rarely see that in a freshman, coming in playing in this type of offense, starting every game and taking almost every snap,” he said.

The rising junior Ragone also appears healthy and primed for a big season after sitting out last season because of a torn ACL.

“He’s out there practicing like everyone else,” Parmale said. “He goes out there and plays his butt off. He’s playing well, he’s...”

**BASEBALL**

Irish host cold Spartan lineup

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has a chance to recover from two straight losses to Pittsburgh over the weekend when it faces Michigan State, who lost three straight to Illinois, today at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Irish (15-10, 2-4 Big Ten) have only scored five runs in its last three games and none in its last game, a 3-0 loss to the Illini in which the Spartans only managed four hits. They do have some...