Schmidt-Weber administration begins term

Leaders outline 'big four' initiatives for 2009-2010

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said four initiatives — which he called "the big four" — will be his prime focus as he assumes the position of student body president today.

Taxi reform, cheaper textbook options, an online syllabus database and changes in the class registration system are first on the to-do list, he said.

"We would like to have a way for students to prepay for cab rides," Schmidt said. "That way, students wouldn't have to worry about carrying cash all the time or be confused with fares."

Cynthia Weber, who took the position of student body president today, Grant Schmidt, right, is the student body president.

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VyVy Le  senior  Badin

Katie Rose Hackney  senior  Badin

Megan Veith  senior  Badin

Hannah Duffy  senior  Badin


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

IN BRIEF

The play “Our Town,” by Thornton Wilder will be shown today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Debo Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts 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.

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

Dr. Richard Wolff, professor emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Amherst will give a lecture titled “Capitalism Hits the Fan: A Marxist Perspective of the Crisis” from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in Dulturato Room 141.

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.

Man charged with drunk driving after crashing bar stool

NEWARK, Ohio — Authorities in Ohio say a man has been charged with drunken driving after crashing his motorized bar stool. Police in Newark, 30 miles east of Columbus, say when they responded to a report of a crash with injuries on March 4, they found a man who had wrecked a bar stool powered by a deconstructed lawnmower. 28-year-old Kile Wygge was hospitalized for minor injuries. Police say he was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he told an officer at the hospital that he had consumed 15 beers. Wygge told police his motorized bar stool can go up to 38 mph. Wygge has pleaded not guilty and has requested a jury trial.

Unemployment Olympics

NEW YORK — Who hasn’t secretly wished they could pin the blame on their boss? Or slam office equipment against the pavement? Dozens of unemployed people got the chance to do exactly that during the homespun, tongue-in-cheek Unemployment Olympics at Manhattan’s Tompkins Square Park on Tuesday. In a twist on the classic game Tail the Pin on the Donkey, participants pulled a hat over their eyes and spun around before using a pushpin to attempt to Pin the Blame on the Roses. Competitors also played a game of Office-Phone Skew Ball. Nick McGlynn attended. He was laid off in November and said he’s thrilled to have an activity to fill part of his day.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Members discuss topics to be addressed by new administration

By LIZ O'DONNELL

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

TOPICS for next term's administration were discussed Tuesday evening at student body president Bob Reinh's final Council of Representatives (COR) meeting. Reinh stated that he would like to leave student body president-elect Grant Schmidt and student body vice president-elect Cynthia Weber with a "springboard" for

COR.

One topic discussed was to address what was spoken about at the recent Intercollegiate Representatives (COR) meeting.

"We should look to apply what was discussed from the Symposium," freshman class president Lyman Phelan said. "We should see if there is anything we need to implement or change."

Off-campus president Billy Lyman also suggested a number of areas that could be addressed by new administration.

"The off-campus student survey could be useful for next year," Lyman said. "It showed a need for off-campus student services." Lyman also suggested that COR look into possibly implementing an off-campus orientation for students moving off for the first time.

Reinh offered the idea of looking into the club registration process, citing that there may need to be a change set only for the way that new clubs register, but also updating the registration of already established clubs as well.

COR members also discussed about the addition of having student government leaders come together annually for a town hall talk which would include leaders coming together to discuss issues pertinent to the student body.

Schmidt's concern with this idea was whether it would only happen when a particular situation arises or if it would be something that occurred on a regular basis.

"Members of the Council indicated that it would be a good idea for the talk to occur on a yearly basis, citing the fragmentation of the different sections of student government. The general consensus was that the talk would draw everyone together.

"Senior class president Joey Brown added the idea of incorporating an orientation for family members of students with the new Google accounts.

"We should look into setting up a place for people to have workshops for using Google," said Brown.

Another area where Schmidt wanted the opinion of the group was whether or not to implement new practices of recruiting who each constituency is doing during that period.

He said, similar to Student Senate committee reports, COR would ask for representatives to send a few sentences weekly about what they are doing.

This idea was well received by many members of the Council, who hoped that this process would help curtail the announcement section of the meeting, which is held at the end.

Outgoing Chief Executive Assistant Karre Koski asked the Council if they felt that COR would be a group where if an informal survey was needed, the members could ask their constituencies and then report back.

"Especially if we need feedback on big-time issues where representatives felt that they couldn't necessarily represent their constituencies," Koski added.

The rest of the Council said that that was a good idea and it would not be too difficult to implement.

In other COR news:

- Junior Ian Secviar was unanimously approved as the new president of the Judicial Council.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Newton appointed dean of Law School

Nell Jessup Newton, most recently chancellor and dean of the Hastings College of the Law at the University of California, has been appointed as the new dean of the Notre Dame Law School by University President Fr. John Jenkins.

Newton succeeds Patricia A. O'Hara, who will be ending her tenure as dean after serving in that capacity for 16 years and will remain professor of law at Notre Dame.

"To Nell Newton, Notre Dame has gained a superb scholar, a proven academic leader, and a person deeply committed to the University's mission," Jenkins said. "She will help us continue and deepen education and research in our law school, and I am delighted to welcome her to Notre Dame."

Newton is known for her work on American Indian law, an emphasis on tribal property and federal constitutional issues. She is the author of more than 50 articles on Indian legal issues, co-author of the third edition of the text-book "Cases and Materials on American Indian Law," and serves as the editor-in-chief of "Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law."

Her law review articles have been reprinted in collections of race law, the law of reparations, and the philosophy of law. She is also an associate justice of the Yukon Tribal Supreme Court.

A native of the Hastings faculty since 2006, Newton previously served as dean of the law schools at the University of Connecticut and the University of Denver and taught at American University and Catholic University of American law schools.

The following lucky dates are invited to Lewis Hall's Courtyard at 6:30 on Thursday, April 2nd and a tropical dance at South Dining Hall at 10pm on Friday, April 3rd!

Mat Abernethy
Paul Allen
Brendan Andrew
Kyle Bailey
Derek Bailey
Tyler Baker
Matt Beal
John Bellaire
E-man Bello-Ogunu
Robert Blanton
Trevor Boston
Matt Bottiller
Mike Bradley
Jake Brems
Ben Broadmadow
Michael Brundage
Kevin Burke
Randy Buck
Mike Byrnes
Garrett Campbell
Jamie Cantania
Rory Cardania
Patrick Cash
Ryan Caulfield
Levi Chevickets
Barry Clark
Martin Colianni
Brian Cook
Dayne Crist
Alex Deak
Jos Diaz
Joey Dipiero
Sy Doan
Zach DuBois
Tom Dugan
Jacques Dupuis
Bill Ehrlich
Joe Furia
Nathan Feldpausch
Chad Gardner
Michael George
Colin Goodman
Brendan Hart
Jeff Hankel
Matthew Herrmann
Joey Herrod
Wes Howard
Michael Hubert
Charlie Hunter
Allan Jones
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Kevin O'Day
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Angelo Perino
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John Plunkett
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Mathew Preilee
Nick Raic
Nick Reaves
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Joey Ricoli
Chase Riddle
Alex Robinson
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Sergio Rodriguez
Matthew Russell
Davin Sakamoto
Tony Schleshuber
Doug Schuda
Mike Schwind
Jo Seib
Brent Shawcross
Billy Shields
Robbie Singer
Mathew Spencer
Chris Stare
Steve Stober
Patrick Sturm
Jarret Styles
Moises Torres
Zack Tracy
Steve Voelkel
Matthew Wilcox
Bryan Winther

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been effective," Reish said. "I think the best way is to encourage students really to actually do something and the perception is not just perception."

He cited student government as the "model that students will use to move toward dorms, Donor Dollars to College of Notre Dame," and the Student Outreach Committee, which will be able to "address the needs of students." He added, "I think we need to add to the existing process of making this year a better one for students.

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Hoffman and Griffin would like to continue the initiatives that were started by exiting student body president Mickey Grucinscki and student body vice president Sarah Fahey.

These proposals include putting printers in the Student Center and residence halls, extending the hours of the Student Center and Grenier's Bookstore, making the library well and improving communication between the students and the University.

"There is a lot of information on this campus, and I think it would be a good idea to make sure that students know what is going on in one place," Hoffman said.

They do have short-term goals they would like to see accomplished before the end of the school year, such as putting a printer in the Student Center to monitor student use. Also, they will be sending out a student survey to get opinions directly from the students for the upcoming school year.

"We would like to have a student survey which we hope will encompass a lot of issues that will help us to determine our long-term goals for next year," Hoffman said.

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tion of student body vice presi­dent today, said she and Schmidt have been in contact with several community leaders about making the tax sys­tem more efficient and safe for students. They said they are hoping to create a system in which students pay for rides with coupons instead of cash.

The team will also tackle the issue of high textbook costs, which Schmidt said is a concern that has been brought up many times by students.

"Our goal is to contact pro­fessors directly and have them pre­pare a list of ISBN numbers in a d e q u a t e amount of time for students to be able to pur­chase books," he said.

Schmidt said the idea is to give students an alternative to buying textbooks online. This would include the Hammond's Notre Dame Bookstore, which currently does not disclose ISBN numbers.

"It's a pretty basic concept," he said. "This way, if you want to use Dorm Books, eBay or Amazon, you at least have the option.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Migrants drown off coast of Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya — Hundreds were feared dead Tuesday in the chilly waters of the Mediterranean Sea, days after an overcrowded wooden fishing boat packed with migrants seeking a better life in Europe capsized in stormy weather off the coast of Libya. A few survivors — those who could swim — were rescued, but authorities pulled 21 bodies from the waters and said at least 200 more were still missing after the boat capsized Friday.

The thousands of African, Asian and Middle Eastern migrants fleeing wars and poverty use Libya and other North African countries as a launching pad for the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean to southern Europe — often in rickety, overloaded boats.

China denies report on spy ring

BEIJING — China on Tuesday denied a report that it has rolled up a computer spy ring that stole sensitive information from thousands of hard drives worldwide.

The report by the Information Warfare Monitor added to growing concerns that China has become a center for cyber-warfare, spying and crime.

NATIONAL NEWS

Raw nuts: Source of salmonella

TERRA BELLA, Calif. — The salmonella scare that prompted a blanket federal warning against eating pistachios may have originated because contaminated raw nuts got mixed with roasted nuts during processing, the company at the center of the nationwide recall said Tuesday.

Lee Cohen, the production manager for Setton International Foods Inc., said the company does not believe pistachios were contaminated by a human or animal source in its plant. He said the company suspects that contaminated pistachios sold to Kraft Foods Inc. may have become mixed at Setton’s plant with raw nuts that could have contained traces of the bacteria.

Amish tour Jewish museum

NEW YORK — A group of Pennsylvanian Amish took the Pennsylvania Amish on a walking tour of their world Tuesday, saying their communities are naturally drawn to each other with a commitment to simpler lifestyles.

“By learning about the Amish community to see us Jews living the way the Bible says Jews are supposed to live, and have lived since the time of Moses and Abraham,” said Israel Ber Kaplan, program director for the Chasidic Discovery Center in Brooklyn. “The Amish are also living their lives as the Bible speaks to them.”

Israel/Palestinian conflict

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the Knesset, Israel’s Parliament, ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of his new government Tuesday.

He has not retreated his promise to press ahead with construction in West Bank settlements to make room for settlers’ growing families. And his new government includes many ministers opposed to territorial compromise, including a housing minister from an ultra-Orthodox Jewish party that sees giving up land as a betrayal of God’s will.

Perhaps most troubling to those seeking moderation in Mideast politics is the fact that Lieberman, head of the Yisrael Beitenu Party, is now the Jewish state’s top diplomat. He based his recent campaign on a proposal that would require Israeli Arabs to swear loyalty to Israel or lose their citizenship.

LOCAL NEWS

Senate approves ‘puppy mills’ bill

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana Senate committee has advanced a bill to regulate large-scale puppy mills, but some want stricter requirements on breeders.

The Senate panel unanimously supported the revised bill, saying current animal neglect laws that simply require dogs to have food and water are not enough for prosecutors to go after so-called “puppy mills.”

Senators were concerned about the frequency of inhumane conditions in such operations, and they pushed to increase fines and jail terms.

Storms threaten recovering Southeast

GENEVA, Ala. — Thunderstorms accompanied by the threat of tornados rolled across the already soaked Southeast on Tuesday, raising new worries for residents still recovering from a weekend deluge that flooded hundreds of homes, washed out roads and forced evacuations.

Another round of storms is expected in the region Wednesday and Thursday.

Southern Mississippi residents were still cleaning up from tornados and flooding as disaster officials warned them to brace for another round of potentially severe storms that could cause further flooding. In southeast Alabama, volunteers and Houston County jail inmates filled more than 2,000 sandbags for people to place in front of their homes to keep out water.

“We’ve had more than 300 houses flooded countywide,” sheriff’s Lt. Jeff Carlisle said. “It’s everywhere, even in places where it’s never flooded before. Every low-lying area in the county is flooded.”

Schools were closed in one Mississippi county and more than a dozen residents in Alabama were staying at a motel. The problems could worsen.

In their 40-plus years running Simson’s Grocery in Geneva, Ann and Lloyd Simson said they’ve never seen so much rain in such a short time. “Saturday afternoon people were putting out carpets and cleaning up all over downtown,” Ann Simson said. “That’s so frustrating is to think they’re going to have to do it all over again.”

The area could receive about a foot of rain by this weekend.

The National Weather Service called Tuesday for as much as three to five inches across south Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and Georgia.

Those amounts are expected to increase with new storms spreading rain throughout the area.
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tions nearly forced them, yet again, out of the country.

Fortunately, a local member of Saint Joe’s Catholic Church and a Saint Mary’s alumnus, Lori Pinter, sponsored Giesenaa and her family during their difficult time of complete isolation into the United States.

Bukassa of the Congo demonstrated his story as one of change. Change from a life of stability and strength to a war-ridden and politically unstable nation before he could even begin to fathom how the world around him was shifting, he said.

"In my country, men never cry; never weep. But since I have been here, I have cried nearly every day," Bukassa said.

While going through the long process with the U.S. Embassy, Bukassa was forced to spend time away from his loved ones for months at a time in order to ensure a better life for his loved ones.

Cynsa, formally from Rwanda, was once a very prestigious businessman in his country. In 1991, he started his own business after obtaining a master’s degree in Architecture, and for a short period in the United States. Within this time, she lost her job and her way of life. “Suddenly,” he said, “you lose.”

With the help of his wife, Gieneaa, and her family, he completed transition into the country brought pain to many citizens of Sudan in 1989 and 2002.

She received an education and has lived and worked in America, and her experience has inspired her to work to build a culture bridge between the United States and Sudan by writing for a newspaper in her home country.

This bi-weekly reports show its readers that “it doesn’t matter who you are; you are alike in so many ways,” Kalid said.

Bukassa closed the lecture saying, “You are living in bliss in this country. Go outside and you can see how people are suffering, for nothing... This country is like heaven.”

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Janice Pilarski introduces refugees, from left to right, Jasminika Giesenaa, Joseph Bukassa and Jean Baptiste Cynsa at the lecture Monday.

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Palumbo, who is a co-director of the Special Olympics Outreach Program, came up with the idea while talking with Tim Sherrier, a Yale student, at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boine, Idaho.

The two students decided to declare every day as “End the R-Word Day” in order to ensure their project had the biggest impact. They created a Facebook page and people learned more of the idea, more and more people wanted to help, he said.

Special Olympics International got involved, as did actor John C. McGinley of “Scrubs,” who has promoted the event through various media appearances. This advertising inspired many high schools and universities, including Notre Dame, to bring the event to their campuses.

Palumbo relied heavily on a wave of dedicated helpers to promote the event on campus. Students hung up posters, invited their friends to a Facebook event and decorated the walls with chalk. He said he was happy to see so much support for the event from students.

“It’s cool to see that there are all these other people on campus that are really passionate about it,” Palumbo said. “It’s not just some little pet project.”

Sophomore Mary Farr is one such student. She said she has been affected by use of the word “retarded” by her older sister.

“My older sister Marita has several physical and mental handicaps and I’ve seen how hurt she is by people’s thoughtless use of the word,” she said. “I realize that people don’t mean to hurt anyone by the use of this word, but it does hurt them.”

Ed Suski, the president of Best Buddies at Notre Dame, agreed that much of the problem stems from students not understanding how insulting the word is.

“The goal of this project is really just raising awareness,” he said. “You hear people saying the R-word at all the time and they don’t even think about how it’s hurtful.”

Palumbo’s campaign is to help bring the event to their campus.

“We can take the pledge but it’s about much more than just signing your name out of your vocabulary,” he said.

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A court-martial began Tuesday for a Marine accused of killing an unarmed captive in Iraq in a case officials knew nothing about until the defendant sought a Secret Service job and was asked about the most serious crime he had ever committed.

An attorney for Sgt. Ryan Weemer told the jury that prosecutors cannot prove their case because there are no bodies, no forensic evidence and no relatives complaining of a lost loved one. Prosecutors, however, played recorded interviews in which Weemer said he and other Marines shot a total of four men in Fallujah in November 2004 after their squad suffered its first fatality.

Weemer, 26, of Birmingham, Ala., is accused of the unpremeditated murder of one man and dereliction of duty. His former squad leader was acquitted of related charges in federal court and another squad member has yet to face military trial. The case came to light long after the battle. In 2006, after he left the marine Corps, Weemer applied for a job in the Secret Service. During a background interview before a polygraph test to part of this interview, Weemer was asked about the most serious crime he ever committed.

"We went into this house, there happened to be four or five guys in the house," Weemer said in a recording of the interview played during the prosecution’s opening statement. “We ended up shooting them, we had to..."

The U.S. military had ordered all civilians out of Fallujah ahead of an assault aimed at recapturing the city from insurgents. “Operation Phantom Fury” involved vicious house-to-house fighting.

Weemer’s account triggered a criminal investigation and led to Weemer being recalled to active duty to face military prosecution.

“This is a case about following the rules, this is a case about doing the right thing at the most critical time,” the prosecutor, Capt. Nicholas Gannon, told the jury of eight officers.

Weemer’s civilian attorney, Paul Hackett, countered that it was “a tragic story that represents the reality of it.”

“This is not a perfect science... Marines are put in tough positions and they have to make snap decisions,” Hackett said.

The shaven-headed Weemer sat straight in his chair, occasionally speaking to his military counselor. His squared up by Sgt. Jose Nazario, had been ordered to clear a house immediately after losing its first man, Lance Cpl. Juan Segura, who was shot by a sniper.

Inside the home, the Marines found three young men and one older man, who were unarmored and had their hands tied behind their backs, Weemer said. Hackett said a sweep of the property turned up at least two AK-47s with but barrels as well as spent ammunition cartridge.

Weemer said in the interview that the unarmed Iraqis were told to lay face down and squad asked superiors for instructions.

“We called up to the platoon leader and the response was, ‘Are you dead yet?’ Weemer said in the recording.
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**Corn and wheat acreage to drop**

Despite fewer staple crops, consumers should not expect big increase in prices

By ARUNA D'SOUZA

**Associated Press**

Although there was widespread concern that the global food crisis would lead to large price increases, the current price level for corn, a key staple, is 7 percent lower than a year ago. The number of corn acres planted, according to the Department of Agriculture, is 10 percent lower than a year ago.

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**World leaders discuss economic crisis**

**Associated Press**

LONDON — Desperate but divided on ways to lift their nations from economic misery, world leaders converged for an emergency summit Tuesday holding scant hopes of finding a quick bullet solution for the crisis that brought them hurrying to London.

Even as President Barack Obama and the others were arriving, the U.S. economic stimulus plan was not going along with a massive burst of stimulus spending, while Europe was forced to backpedal from hopes for tighter financial regulation.

Instead, leaders are trumpeting the limited common ground they could reach, including more money for the International Monetary Fund and closer scrutiny of hedge funds and tax havens. As for the broader issues, they’re hoping for the best—or at least that they will do no harm.

With turbulent world markets watching closely, the stakes are high, especially for America’s new president, stepping onto the world stage for the first time to deal with the economic crisis and to face-to-face with many other leaders.

One global change that is being acknowledged: The forum for grappling with world economic problems has grown beyond the established eight-post war economies that dominated previous economic summits — the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Canada, Italy and Russia.

Now, 20 nations are coming together in London, with fast-growing developing economies such as China, India, Brazil and the GCC, traditional economic powers and emerging markets, as being somewhat bullish, he said.

Francl said the report pushed soybean prices higher. "That eventually could work into slightly higher cooking oil prices for consumers," he said.
Obama's aunt a symbol in debate

Associated Press

BOSTON — Barack Obama's Kenyan aunt lost her bid for asylum more than four years ago, and has continued to live in public housing ever since, said a lawyer who is representing her.

Onyango, 56, the half-sister of Obama's father, moved to the United States in 2000. Her first bid for asylum was rejected, and an immigration judge ordered her deported in 2004; she returned to live in public housing in Boston.

In December, a judge agreed to a request for a stay to reopen her case. An initial hearing was set before a judge in U.S. Immigration Court in Boston.

Obamas has said repeatedly that he didn't know his aunt was living in the United States illegally and believes that laws covering the situation should be followed. If she wins asylum, he could look soft on immigration enforcement. If she loses, he could face criticism from immigrant advocacy groups.

The White House says Obama is staying out of it.

"The president believes that the case should run its ordinary course, and neither he nor his representatives have had any involvement in the case," spokesman Ben LaBolt said last week.

Over the past decade, relatively few Kenyans have sought asylum in the United States: 343 through immigration courts in the fiscal year 2008, compared with 9,230 asylum requests from China and 6,324 from El Salvador. Only 60 Kenyans were granted asylum last year through immigration courts.

In the mid-1990s, several Kenyan companies brought hundreds of workers to the United States, with labor contracts that specified a three-year stay. Some Kenyans stayed on, however, and were able to renew their work visas.

In 2000, the U.S. immigration authorities detained 1,038 Kenyans on charges of overstaying their visas, and later deported them to Kenya. Although the deportees were never formally charged with a crime, the Kenyan government has long criticized the United States for deporting its citizens without due process.

Since Obama's election, the number of Kenyans applying for asylum in the United States has increased. In 2007, about 20 percent of Kenyans who applied through immigration courts were granted asylum, according to an Associated Press review of immigration records.

People who seek asylum must show that they fear persecution in their homeland on the basis of religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group.

Onyango's reasons for seeking asylum were never made public, and her immigration hearing will be closed at her request.

Kenya has been fractured by violence in recent years. In January 2008, more than 1,000 people were killed in the East African nation following a disputed presidential election, which saw a Luo candidate, Raila Odinga, win the vote while a rival candidate, Mwai Kibaki, a Kikuyu, the largest tribe in Kenya.

Since Kenya gained independence from Britain in 1963, periodic tensions have arisen between the Luo — Onyango's tribe — and some of Kenya's other tribes, including the Kikuyu.

J. Patrick Kelly, an international law professor at Widener University, said the United States views Kenya as fairly stable. The country acts as a regional diplomatic and economic hub and hosts the United Nations agency outside the U.N. Environmental Program.

Onyango could improve her chances of winning asylum if she can prove she was persecuted in Kenya under the Kenyan government may prove that her relationship with Obama — that she may have some level of political power and be able to transfer that power — to her United States residence.

Onyango's lawyer, Margaret Wong, may also argue that she needed to stay in the United States for medical reasons.

Onyango was photographed walking with a cane, has some kind of neurological problem, said Mike Rogers, Wong's spokesman.

In his memoir, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," Obama affectionately referred to Onyango as "Auntie Zeituni" and described meeting her during his 1988 trip to Kenya.

Onyango has not responded to requests for interviews. She is being closely watched by people on all sides of the immigration debate. Some critics say her status has already damaged the president's credibility on immigration issues.

"The president's moral authority has been compromised by his aunt's situation," said Dan Stein, president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"Americans have the right to expect aliens to respect our laws, to leave when they are supposed to and not thumb their nose at the law," Stein said.

But immigrant advocates say opponents are unfairly targeting Onyango's case as political fodder.

"Whether it's the president's aunt, my aunt or your aunt — anybody who's seeking asylum is seeking status for a very important reason," said Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum. "We are always worried that a person whose asylum claims are rejected, that they end up in a situation where they are a victim.

"So I think it's important for us to think about these cases on their own merits and not use them as a political football," Noorani said.
Associated Press

DETROIT — He doesn't know exactly what the Obama administration wants him to cut, but Fritz Henderson, the new CEO of General Motors Corp., isn't waiting around to find out.


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There are formidable obstacles, though. Even with less demanding hurdles in the government's original loan terms, GM's bondholders may seize upon new powers to dispossess them of its $28 billion for what may be pennies on the dollar. The company still hasn't reached a deal with the United Auto Workers on funding a union-run trust that will take over retiree health care costs.

It's uncertain whether they can work together to compromise on their competing interests, even though GM and UAW are supposed to share the same address and other sources.

Besides slashing costs, GM said in its February plan it would cut 47,000 jobs worldwide by the end of the year. Presumably those cuts will come in Detroit.

Henderson said GM also must slash its staggering liabilities — not just the $49 billion in bond debt, but also unpaid pension obligations and retiree health care premiums.

"We need to basically address all of our level of indebtedness, because in fact, what they want is a healthy balance sheet, and that healthy balance sheet is what is going to address each of these constituents," he said.

Henderson wouldn't say specifically if pensions or health care would change, but it's likely that GM's 40,000 U.S. retirees and spouses will see benefit cuts, along with its 244,000 active workers.

He said the company probably will kill around 500 dealerships and five factories it promised to shutter in its February restructuring plan filed with the government. More buyout and early retirement offers are likely.

If GM doesn't satisfy the government, in time, a short bankruptcy would allow the company to wipe out its debt, change contracts and emerge as a healthy business. The government is backing automakers' warranties and has pledged financing for car buyers.

For Chrysler, however, Obama's auto task force has decided it has no chance to survive alone, and it would be hard to get the pieces to fit together.

There were signs of progress, however, that a partnership might be possible.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne flew to Detroit last Monday for talks, and the Italian automaker agreed to reduce its stake in Chrysler to 31 percent, pending approval from the government.

"It's important to note that Fiat would have a percentage that is larger than 25 percent in exchange for providing small-car technology, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who was not authorized to speak publicly. Without terms, Fiat's share would increase in 5 percent increments every three years.

At GM, Henderson said the 60 days should be enough time to accomplish its work, but bank-

Associated Press

Buenos Aires — Raúl Alfonsín, whose presidency helped symbolize the return of democracy across Latin America after an era of military dictatorship, has died at age 82 of lung cancer.

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An apology to Saint Mary’s girls

This column is for the ladies, specifically the Belles of Saint Mary’s College. No, I’m not just angling for a date to your formal. A tad of sympathy, perhaps, for the two-weeks’ worth of stress during spring weekend. I’m a phenomenal dancer with nothing to do on April 25.

Instead, this column is an attempt to stone for a year of neglect from your brothers and sisters across the lake. I know some of you might be thinking, “Why should Notre Dame apologize? Surely they’ve done nothing but respect and support us over the years!” A few might feel vindicated: “Finally! Someone recognizes that we are not Notre Dame’s red-headed step-sister!” Still more might be confused: “What is this guy talking about? Why am I reading this column when I could be watching ‘Gossip Girl’?”

The truth is, we Domers have been pretty selfish in ’08—’09—we haven’t given you a Viewpoint war to call our own. We’ve been completely preoccupied with our own issues, (Melissa’s buddies, yelling “cuckoo!” at basketball games, Obama, etc.), and have completely overlooked the Saint Mary’s firestorm that normally arrives every spring with the tulips.

Furthermore, a quick glance at the calendar shows little chance of Saint Mary’s taking over the Observer this year. To the room: Vagina Monologues. It’s a choreographed). Thank you for not crossing the line. We’re all Saint Mary’s, and we can respect the players without hating the game.

To add insult to injury, even the Keenan Revue refrained from making any Saint Mary’s jokes this year. The Keenan Revue, of all things! By junior year at Notre Dame, I was sure of only three things: losing in the first round of Bookstore sweeps after Thanksgiving and smick chick jokes at the Revue. All that’s left of the Revue now is a bunch of gags in their undergarment grabbing each others’ butts. (not that the butt-grabbing wasn’t tastefully choreographed). In talking with a few seniors at Saint Mary’s, I’ve learned that they feel cheated by these developments. To them, hell-bashing is an annual rite, something to be celebrated rather than avoided. To me, their thick skin and ability to take a joke is a quality which I hope will someday cross Route 31. They have to put up with our endless indignation over minutiae, and it is only fair that they get their 15 minutes of fame. Therefore, in the spirit of making amends before I have to be forcibly removed from campus in May, (trust me, I’m not leaving without a fight.. NDSU), I would like to give this year’s seniors the Vagina War (tabloid shurbed) they deserve.

Notre Dame letter: You probably can’t read this because of your inferior intellect, and you shouldn’t be allowed in the student section at football games because you can’t understand our complicated Cheers.

Saint Mary’s letter: Zahn doesn’t even understand all of the cheers.

Notre Dame letter (guy): You’re all named Gaillin or Katie or Kari or Mary Kate or Maribeth, which makes remembering your name easy after a drunken weekend hook-up while making cell phone directory organization extremely difficult.

Saint Mary’s letter: That’s not true! Respectfully, Katie ’09.

Notre Dame letter (girls): I hate you because I can’t get my ring by spring from that dreamy guy in O’Neill. The reservation I made my freshman year to have my wedding in the Basilica will now go to waste!

Saint Mary’s letter: The first day of spring was two weeks ago. Don’t hate the player, hate the game.

There you have it, in so many words. I’m glad that’s behind us. Now we can get back to debating important topics like Bookstore team name censorship.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Unions may be the problem

Yesterday Sarah Lyons wrote an letter in support of the ironically named Employee Free Zone Act (EFZA) ("Unions a necessity," March 31). This bill, if passed, would change the process of how workplaces can unionize.

Critically, once a majority of workers sign cards favor of an election, there is a waiting period triggered by card signing. There would be no chance to vote without fear of intimidation since card signing is done in public. There were no change to vote without fear of intimidation since card signing is done in public.

But then I didn’t. “Self, since very early in life, I felt I needed a sense of control. And that feeling of control adds to my economic, my “complimentary” may be too much to ask — wouldn’t go down so badly either. There are instances out there where that still offer almost that experience (except for the upfront charged). They treat customers so people, and not chronically simulated ATMs. And these are the ones I will patronize.”

In a far more idealistic time, I swore I would be to pay my 50-some Euro up front. It surely does not equal hatred. I’d rather you dislike me. I mean it. And I feel these vicious allegations had to be explained why you dislike us so much, breakup and sent in to The Observer out of the blue, claiming the presence of assassins is the answer because that is equally likely (please don’t claim that a “lame” request for a game of assassins is the answer because that is equally likely). So, tell me Sorin, did we Walsh girls play graffiti upon your walls during a late night in order toSANitize your abode? Or maybe it was all those viewpoints we sent in to The Observer out of the blue, claiming the presence of assassins is the answer because that is equally likely (please don’t claim that a “lame” request for a game of assassins is the answer because that is equally likely).

So as I sprawled out to write this column, I said to myself, "What you know, Self? We’ve been traveling all over the place this past week. We’re drained and exhausted. We have no sense of time or place right now. We’re just relieved that we’ll likely not be waiting in another airport check-in line at a ridiculous, far-nary hour until Holy Thursday. We sincerely hope we will not be eaten by Rome on Easter weekend."

"Oh right, what, Self? There’s something we can be sort of proud of, and if we don’t get smug about it, it might just spawn a column, Self and I said, "Seriously, Katherine. Stop dissing."
Captive Audiences

Kings

By GENNA MCCABE
Scene Writer

Everyone loves a good David and Goliath story. Something about the success of the underdog is captivating to audiences. A new drama from Michael Green, executive producer of "Heroes," offers a fresh and modern take on this beloved tale. Set in a modern-day monarchy, "Kings" focuses around a humble soldier who appears to be destined for greatness.

Gilboa, which is ruled by King Silas Benjamin, is a place where order and unity have been brought under the reign of a young soldier named David. David lives in the monarchy Gilboa, which is ruled by King Silas Benjamin. Silas is said to have brought order and unity to Gilboa, establishing his monarchy in a land previously given up to destruction and despair. In the capital of Gilboa, Shiloh, Silas has created a shining beacon of hope and prosperity for his people.

Through their discussion we learn that King Silas often references his own religious influence and the story from the Bible. While it may be a stretch to say that the series is groundbreaking or different, it is, at least three episodes into the first season, hard to stop watching. If nothing else, the desire to find out what the future holds for David keeps this author coming back.

Not unintentionally, "Kings" centers around a young soldier named David. David lives in the monarchy Gilboa, which is ruled by King Silas Benjamin. Gilboa and the neighboring nation Gath, seems to have been going on for many years, and it is clear that the citizens of Gilboa want peace. When a group of Gilboa soldiers are captured by Gath, Gilboan soldiers are captured by Gath, establishing his monarchy in a land previously given up to destruction and despair. In the capital of Gilboa, Shiloh, Silas has created a shining beacon of hope and prosperity for his people.

The plot of "Kings" purposefully models itself after the David and Goliath story from the Bible. In accordance with the Biblical connection, there is a heavy religious influence in the show.

Something strange is bringing order to the show. There is deceit and trickery, and it is all wrapped up in a story from the Bible. While it may be a stretch to say that this series is groundbreaking or different, it is, at least three episodes into the first season, hard to stop watching. If nothing else, the desire to find out what the future holds for David keeps this author coming back.

Killzone 2

By ANDREW SERHOF
Scene Writer

At first glance, the highly anticipated "Killzone 2" looked like everything a video-gaming male could ever want: killing and zone warfare. While the game delivers in these aspects, there are a couple of reasons why this game fails short of being the Halo-killer it was predicted to be.

As with most first-person shooters, "Killzone 2" features both single-player and multiplayer modes. Unfortunately, it suffers a similar fate as highly touted first-person shooter games before it. Its single-player mode is flat and uninspired. You start the game dropped right into a Normandy-style invasion, with explosions and gunfire all around you. Orders are barked at you by the radio voice god, and you complete these arbitrary objectives, usually utilizing the tacky Sixaxis motion-sensitivity controls for non-combat related tasks. The gameplay and visuals (especially the cuteness) are exceptional, but the story is uneventful and uninteresting.

In addition, the known remedy to disappointing storylines — the cooperative campaign — is suspiciously absent. The multiplayer is the reason to play "Killzone 2." The mechanics feel like the widely successful "Call of Duty 4," especially with the customizable soldier load-outs. In "Killzone 2," customization is expanded to include different unlockable classes, talents and weapons with a unique system that is intuitive and challenging (but not to the point of absurdity). While gameplay is too advanced for first-person shooter beginners to have a chance against seasoned veterans a la Halo, it won't take the average gamer long to adjust to the nuances of "Killzone 2." Probably the best new feature is a better seven game rotation on a single map, giving the player the opportunity to play all the classic first-person shooter objectives without the tedious pre-game and post-game setup and loading.

"Killzone 2" makes great work of the PS3's power and is a valuable addition to any first-person shooter fan's library. The multiplayer is near-flawless and a pinnacle of the genre, but if online shooting isn't for you, neither is "Killzone 2."

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"Kings" airs on NBC Sunday nights at 8 p.m.
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By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

The University of Notre Dame is a premier university, with ample opportunities for success available to young people of all backgrounds. Arguably, no other institution offers the variety in academics, athletics, and social life that is so accessible here on our campus. Notre Dame boasts the capacity to turn nearly any interest into regular practice with its wide array of facilities, faculty and student leadership.

Why then, is there a significant shortage of casual performance of popular music by Notre Dame's student population? The talent is clearly there, evident in any special performances, talent shows, and the rare sunny-day drum circle. Rather, the claim is that there is a scarcity of opportunities and venues for Notre Dame musicians to display the soul, the chilliness, and the flow that is characteristic of college-age music.

Now, when compared to other student bodies, Notre Dame students may be slightly more preoccupied with their academic endeavors than with publicly mellowing out with an acoustic guitar strapped to their shoulders. The claim can be made that between difficult classes, the environmental club, applying for admission to their interests and talents, go see any Notre Dame stage production and it is clear that students are struggling a bit to find opportunities of producing performance masterpieces. The problem may then lie in the availability of casual performance opportunities, both on campus and in South Bend.

Students, however, seem to have little difficulty involving themselves in ways that tailor to their interests and talents. we see any Notre Dame stage production and it is clear that students are struggling a bit to find opportunities of producing performance masterpieces. The problem may then lie in the availability of casual performance opportunities, both on campus and in South Bend.

Weekly Acousticafe performances display the talent being discussed. But these unplugged sessions don't guarantee a full bill and third for a larger commitment. And how often do Notre Dame student performers climb onto stage for exclusive shows, or even as opening acts for the many touring bands that pass through? Unless it's the case of very poor advertising, there exist virtually no student performances anywhere off campus.

What Notre Dame and South Bend need are more venues and opportunities to kick out a few jams. We're talking coffee shops, cafes, restaurants, nightclubs and other locations that would allow a college student to sit down, with or without accompaniment, and bust out a few popular covers, or even introduce the community to some original songwriting.

Talented student musicians always seem to seep out of the workroom at one-and-done events like talent shows or some of the various cultural festivals that sweep quickly across campus. Why not have a place where these valuable talents can stick around for a while.

Hopefully, what we as students will see, or more appropriately, hear, in the near future is the mellow musings of musicians during the quieter hours at Reckers. Perhaps a fellow student will present a touring artist with his own tunes at Legends. Maybe soon posters alerting passing students of upcoming off-campus performances will also adorn the walls of O' Shag.

Opportunities abound for students at Notre Dame. It's time that student's music was given the same chance.

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By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

It is easy to get into a routine with lunch foods, especially if you don't have time to be one of those lunchgoers South with the big backpacks, doing circles around the salad stations as they weigh their options. Maybe you head to the dell station day after day for some turkey and cheese on a roll. Or maybe you're a fan of peanut butter and jelly and see no reason to go for another alternative. Of course, there's nothing wrong with these options, but a little change is always good. Try out these easy recipes and your lunchtime experience could be revolutionized.

Buffalo Chicken Salad

So yes, my level of innovation here can be explained by my job at Reckers. Although there is something special about a good Reckers Buffalo Chicken Salad, if you're running low on Flex points, a similar alternative can be made at the DII. Take a plate of Romaine lettuce. Add celery, onions, diced tomatoes, bleu cheese crumbles and shredded carrots. Then take a chicken breast from the grill station and cut it into strips. If the chicken poppers are available you could use these instead. Top the salad in buffalo sauce from the dell station. Finally, add those crispy delicious noodle things that no one seems to know the name of. Put another plate on top and shake until the ingredients are evenly distributed. Eat with a side of pita slices (no organic pita bread with this one, sorry).

The Ultimate Grilled Cheese

Tired of the generic grilled cheese that sits out in the fried food section at both lunch and dinner, day after day? Maybe you don't like American cheese, and what could be a quick, satisfying lunch is repeatedly overlooked. Well, even if you never tire of the premade grilled cheese's crunchy, buttery goodness, this new grilled cheese is worth a try. Take two slices of sour-dough bread from the dell section. Add a slice of cheese (cheddar, Swiss or provolone—I'd go for cheddar) to each piece of bread. Then put two slices of ham (or three pieces of bacon) on the bottom piece, add spinach leaves, onions and tomatoes to your liking. Press the sandwich at the panini station. Once the cheese has melted on both sides, your ultimate grilled cheese is good to go!

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Dining Hall Dish

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Thunder prevent Spurs from clinching berth

Anthony’s 29 against Knicks leads Nuggets into second place; Bobcats earn critical win over Lakers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kevin Durant scored 29 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder continued to torment the San Antonio Spurs with a 96-95 victory Tuesday night.

The Thunder led by as much as 17 and denied the Spurs a playoff-clinching win after beating San Antonio for the second time this month. With eight games left, the Spurs lost their slim lead in the Southwest Division and fell into a first-place tie with Houston.

Russell Westbrook had 16 points and 10 assists for the Thunder, who fought off a furious rally from the Spurs to break a three-game losing streak and win in San Antonio for the first time since 2004.

The Spurs led a chance to win, but Michael Finley’s off-balance jumper as time expired clanked off the back of the rim. Tim Duncan scored 21.

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The Thunder seemed determined not to let San Antonio’s playoff ticket.

Oklahoma City, who had won just once in the six games since beating the Spurs on March 16, built a 74-57 lead in the third before the Spurs came storming back. The Thunder’s lead shrunk to 91-93 with 1:11 left on a 3-pointer by Finley, but New Jersey’s Nicole Krstic hit a jumper to push the lead back to 95.

Duncan blocked a layup by Jeff Green with 13 seconds left, but the Spurs struggled to find a shooter after immediately pushing the ball up the floor and settling for Finley’s errant jumper as the buzzer sounded.

Manu Ginobili scored 17 points in his first start since December. Finley had 14 and Tony Parker had 11 for the Spurs.

Krstic and Green each had 16 for the Thunder.

San Antonio led by as much as eight in the first quarter before the more youthful Thunder — whose starting lineup has fewer combined (8) than Duncan (11) — began exhausting the Spurs.

Kyle Weaver’s 3-pointer with 7:12 left in the second gave the Thunder their first lead since the opening minutes. From there, Oklahoma City went on a 10-3 run and held the Spurs without a field goal for more than five minutes to take a 51-40 lead.

Oklahoma City’s lead ballooned to 17 in the third on Durant’s jumper, but the Spurs rallied. Duncan answered with a layup on the other end to start a 9-2 run to end the quarter.

Joining the Thunder on the bench, Oklahoma’s latest addition Shaun Livingston, who signed a multiyear contract Tuesday after spending three weeks on the team’s Development team. The No. 4 pick out of high school in the 2004 draft, he said he is trying to comeback from a gruesome ankle injury to win the Los Angeles Clippers in 2007.

Livingston will practice with the Thunder for the first time Thursday but may not make his debut until next week. Oklahoma City has just eight games remaining.

Nuggets 111, Knicks 104

Carroll’s 29 points and the Denver Nuggets clinched a playoff spot by holding off a victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night after blowing most of a 27-point, second-quarter lead.

The Nuggets’ win, coupled with a Chicago Bulls loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder, moved Denver into the No. 2 spot in the Western Conference heading into the final two weeks of the season.

Denver’s 49-26 record is its best since the Nuggets campaigned for the seventh straight year in 2004-05. The Nuggets clinched a playoff spot for the sixth straight season.

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San Antonio returned to a 51-40 lead.

A third-quarter flurry almost pushed the Nuggets’ lead to 20, but the teams settled for a 73-68 halftime.

The Nuggets yet again staved off a loss as they chased their 34th win.

New York has lost nine of 10, so the Nuggets obliged by racing to a 71-58 lead early in the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets used a 26-3 spurt spanning halftime to pull to 65- 66 and make a game of it, much to the chagrin of the Pepsi Center crowd that had settled in for another Denver blowout.

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NBA

Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls is guarded by the Pacers' T.J. Ford during Indiana's 107-105 win over the Bulls Tuesday. Ford scored a final field goal with 3.9 seconds left.

**Chicago falls to Indiana in final seconds**

**IN BRIEF**

Tony Dungy invited to be on White House Advisory Council

INDIANAPOLIS—T.J. Ford hit the go-ahead jumper with 3.9 seconds left, and the Indiana Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls 107-105 on Tuesday night to tighten the race for the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference.

Chicago had a chance to tie or win, but Ben Gordon missed a long shot that was signaled as a 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Ford finished with 22 points and nine assists. Danny Granger led the Pacers with 31 points, while Troy Murphy had 15 points and 12 rebounds after missing the previous three games with a strained medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

Derrick Rose had 24 points and a career-high 11 rebounds, Kirk Hinrich had 20 points, seven assists and seven rebounds, and Tyrus Thomas added 20 points for the Bulls.

Indiana won for the fourth time in five games and in 3½ games behind Chicago with seven games left.

Chicago led 103-100 and could have been up by seven, but didn't have the ball to call a timeout.

Indiana worked the ball to Rose before hitting the layup. The Bulls led 52-50 at halftime, but the Pacers opened the half with a flurry that included a 3-pointer and a reverse dunk by Murphy to take a 59-54 lead with just over 8 minutes left in the quarter.

Chicago rallied, and back-to-back 3-pointers by Tim Thomas and Hinrich gave the Bulls a 69-63 lead.

Josh McRoberts' two-handed baseline jam in the final quarter cut Chicago's advantage to 79-77.

A two-handed dunk and a layup by Tyrus Thomas increased Chicago's lead to 81-78. Indiana rallied again, and a 3-pointer by Granger trimmed the Bulls' lead to 87-85 and caused Chicago to call a timeout.

Chicago responded with a 12-6 run during which four different Bulls scored to take a 99-91 lead.

Plaxico Burress' gun trial pushed back to June

NEW YORK — A gun possession case against New York Giants star Plaxico Burress was adjourned Tuesday until June unless he reaches a plea agreement with prosecutors to resolve the matter sooner.

Burress accidentally shot himself to the thigh with an unlicensed gun he'd stuffed into his waistband at a Manhattan nightclub last year.

Both sides agreed to adjourn the case to June 15 following a brief hearing before Judge Michael Yavinsky. Burress' ball was continued.

Prosecutor John Woflstaetter told the judge that the prosecution was continuing its investigation.

Paris leads Oklahoma women to Final Four

OKLAHOMA CITY — Courtney Paris will get the chance to back up her national championship guarantee in the Final Four.

Paris led the way with 19 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks as top-seeded Oklahoma surged ahead in the second half to beat Purdue 74-66 Tuesday night to earn the second trip to the Final Four in school history.

The Sooners (32-4) will face Louisville, an upset winner against top-seeded Maryland, in the national semifinals in St. Louis.

Danielle Robinson scored 23 points for Oklahoma, which has made it far for the first time since losing to Connecticut in the 2002 championship game.

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton led sixth-seeded Purdue (25-11) with 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Lakisha Freeman and Brittany Rayburn scored 12 points apiece.

around the dial

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

McDonald's All-American Game
8 p.m., ESPN

**NHL**

Chicago Blackhawks vs. St. Louis Blues
8:30 p.m., CSN
MLB
Poll: Major League ticket prices too high

Associated Press

Take me out to the ballgame—because I can't afford it. The high price of going to a game is now the No. 1 problem in Major League Baseball, a new Associated Press Knowledge Networks poll of fans shows.

Soaring salaries and steroids dominated fans' worries in past AP surveys. But with opening day less than a week away, the main concern is delivering the biggest blow.

Like every election, it's the economy, said New York Yankee star Mark Teixeira, who signed a $180 million, eight-year contract in the off-season. "In tough times, disposable income may not be there."

"I'm not happy about the prices," said she this week at spring training in Goodyear, Ariz. "Eight bucks for a beer. My wife bought a T-shirt. It cost 22 bucks. She was going to throw tear gas canisters. I said forget about it, we need a plane ticket home."

"I'm not surprised with the economy being so bad and the things we are, the price of a ticket is probably going to be up," said senior federation member Anri Kacou told Radio France Internationale that security forces had been "negligent" and had violated safety procedures by using tear gas inside the stadium.

"Because of the fee we charge to the team, when they come out and support us," he said.

Overall, almost 60 percent of poll respondents said going to a game was "too expensive" or "much more than other entertainment they might consider. Yet there was no indication they would stay away because of the prices — only 11 percent who went to a game in 2009 said they aren't likely to go back this year.

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Diarrassouba Adama

Stampede witness

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Police blamed for stampede

Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Fans who survived a deadly stadium stampede in the Ivory Coast blamed police Monday for the tragedy, saying the officers had provoked the panic by tear gas spraying people who had nowhere to run.

World soccer bodies called for a prompt investigation into the stampede Sunday at Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny stadium that left 19 people dead and injured more than 130. The president of Ivory Coast declared a three-day period of mourning.

The weight of the fans pushing forward caused a wall to come crashing down, according to an AP photographer and other witnesses. An Abidjan morgue listed 19 dead, and Tagro gave the number of injured as 130.

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Didier Drogba

Ivory Coast soccer player

"We are all so sad about what happened and can only send our condolences to the family and friends of all those who died," said Drogba, who scored two goals for the Ivory Coast in the match.

The organizer of the next World Cup, meanwhile, pledged Monday there will be no stadium stampedes during Africa's first World Cup in 2010 or during the 2009 Confederations Cup, both being held in South Africa.

Danny Jordaan told reporters in Johannesburg that many African fans buy their tickets only when they reach the stadium, and delays after their impatient crowds outside.

"It triggers a stampede that leads to disaster," said Jordaan. "Those things will not occur in the Confederations Cup or the World Cup. It is impossible."

Jordaan said World Cup and Confederations Cup fans chanced well in advance and delays after their impatient crowds.

He said stadium gates will open early, three hours before kickoff, and transportation to the stadiums will be improved to all to reduce a n x i o u s crowds.

Both he and FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter offered moretooltipsto the families.

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OLYMPICS

Chicago prepares for Olympic visit

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago has rolled out the red carpet for kings and queens, presidents and movie stars, not to mention 10,000 U.S. Talls and Beasts. But this week a few VIPs most people have never heard of got the royal treatment as the city tries to land the 2016 Olympic Games.

Mourni Sabet, Alexander Popov, Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu and a few others from an International Olympic Committee delegation will inspect the city in its first stop during the competition againstRio de Janeiro, Madrid or Tokyo. It follows meetings last week in Denver where each city made a 20-minute presentation. Chicago officials have been busily rehearsing, paving, painting, planting and planting. For example, they’ll make sure IOC members see two Millennium Park fountains in all their glory, just the way they are when they become one of the city’s top summertime attractions.

Workers are also trying to finish renovating the famed Buckingham Fountain ahead of time. Around the city, community groups and businesses have planted flowers in parks and planters along streets. And in this season of opening gates, work crews are laying down fresh asphalt in Washington Park, where the Olympic stadium would be built.

Roads and departments spokesman Brian Steele said crews are working across Chicago, not just near Olympic venues. Still, he acknowledged, “We wanted to complete these streets prior to the IOC visit.”

In Denver last week, Madrid, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro officials all talked specifically about the slow global economy as part of the presentation to the IOC members. Chicago bid leader Pat Ryan said he would go into detail about an economic plan during this week’s visit. The delegation is scheduled to arrive Thursday.

Chicago plans an Olympics with 90 percent of the athletes within 15 minutes of their competition venues, all based around Lake Michigan.

Chicago also planned to greet each IOC member with someone who speaks their language and knows their countries’ customs. A.D. Frazier, the chief operating officer of the Atlanta games, said it’s a safe bet that the visitors aren’t caught in traffic during their tour.

You think the IOC ever saw a traffic jam in Beijing?” he asked. “I guarantee you they never saw a traffic jam in Beijing.

Chicago organizers acknowledge they’ve got detailed biographical information about each IOC member. “We have done some research about We usually wait until April 15, but the water will be turned on when the committee arrives,” said Jill Hurwitz, cultural affairs department spokeswoman.

“...and other interesting spots that they might want to take a look at when they’re in town,” said Lori Isglesias, Chicago 2016 director of events, volunteers and accommodations. “We have information at our fingertips of key places they might be interested in.”

Chicago organizers say 1,500 people would play some role in the visit: children were planned to be playing soccer during a visit to Soldier Field, where the NFL’s Chicago Bears play; at Lincoln Park, a side of the proposed tennis venue, tennis players will be volleying.

Staffers have rehearsed each stop on the venue tour and the drive to get there. Judging by one recent rehearsal the media was allowed to watch, they will assure the IOC that Chicago, which hosted the 1933 World’s Fair at the site of the Olympic Depressions, knows how to put on a big show despite terrible economic times.

The city wants to tout its plan for environmentally friendly accommodations. “We look forward to taking on the IOC members to say this is a city where people have an issue with their homes,” said Lori Isglesias, director of events, volunteers and accommodations. “We are confident that we are in head-to-head competition on our American friends.”

The city invited the IOC members to dinner at the Park, where the Olympic stadium would be built.

Along the way, they wanted to see what organizers say is widespread support of the games — thanks to full page ads organizers are taking out in local newspapers that readers can cut out and hang in their windows.

The IOC was also expected to see something that has been part of the landscape here for as long as anyone can remember: protests.

"I think a lot of people will be trying to take advantage of this moment for a variety of reasons, some legitimate and some not," said Jim Bronson of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization.

But, he said, "we are not anti–Olympics," just against displacing residents.

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NBA Basketball

Baylor moves on to NIT final

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Curtis Jerrells tries not to think about where he would be if he had never been a Bear. But as Friday arrived, the perception of it around the country.

He'd much prefer to think about this — about the team that has won 11 straight games and is moving on to New York to play Penn State in Thursday night's title game.

When Jerrells arrived on campus as a freshman, Baylor was still reeling from the shooting death of teammate Brandon Peters and the numerous violations under former coach Dave Bliss. It may be many years before the school shakes off that image.

Those seniors have done their part. The Bears have made the best of a bad situation. They peaked with an NCAA tournament appearance last season and again reached 20 wins, thanks to a stunning run through this year's Big 12 tournament that included upset wins of Kansas and Texas. Rather than sulk over their loss to Missouri in the conference tournament title game, they rallied to beat traditional-rich Georgetown in the NIT.

They won the game on the perimeter and was fooled, making two of three free throws to give Baylor a 35-34 lead at the break — the first time the Bears trailed at half-time in the NIT.

The Bears pushed the lead to 55-42 early in the second half on the strength of their 3-point shooting, with Dunn hitting three of them on five trips down floor.

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**Bruins win fourth straight; Panthers down Sens**

Associated Press

**BOSTON — The Boston Bruins are going to be in the playoffs — perhaps for a nice, long run — and Manny Fernandez believes he's able to help them while they are there.**

"I've never got to feel confident, no matter what happens, that another goalie can help them win," the Bruins backup said Tuesday night after stopping 24 shots to lead Boston to its fourth straight victory, 3-1 over the Tampa Bay Lightning. "I've got to make sure my game is there, whenever I come in."

Blake Wheeler and Chuck Kobasew scored — becoming Boston's seventh and eighth 20-goal scorers this season, Zdeno Chara matched his career high with his 17th goal and added an assist for the Lightning, who took a hike," Fernandez said.

"It's important to have your backup goaltender ready for anything if called upon. It's only fair to our team, to make sure he's as sharp as he can be. We're getting ready for that."

Fernandez backhanded a shot past McKenna with 5:57 left in the first period to give the Bruins a 1-0 lead, then the Bruins got a pair of power-play goals just as the penalized Lightning players were settling into the box.

The Lightning weren't fed a perfect cross-ice pass to Chara, who one-timed it as he was coming in from the right circle to make it 2-0 just 25 seconds into Evgeny Artyukhin's high-sticking minor. Kobasew made it 3-0 later in the second when he redirected Chara's shot from the point — losing his stick in the process — 19 seconds into Richard Petiot's hooking penalty.

"If you're trying to top Z's shot — it's pretty tough," Kobasew said. "They come in pretty good."

**Panthers, Senators 2**

The Florida Panthers have picked the right time to find a spark for their playoff hopes.

Richard Zednik and Bryan McCabe scored man-advantage goals late in the second period and lifted the Panthers to a win over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night.

"Guys have got to feel confident, guys have got to feel confident. You'd like to keep teaching them, but sometimes, you've got to get every opportunity to win every game. Even when we've had slow starts, he's shut them down.

In his first career start against the Panthers, Ottawa rookie Brian Elliott made 17 saves before he was replaced by Alex Auld in the third period. Elliott earned his first NHL shutout when he made 20 saves in a 3-0 win at Tampa Bay on Sunday.

"He's been great over the past three games," McCabe said of Elliott. "Given us an opportunity to win every game. Even when we've had slow starts, he's shut them down."

Florida forward Richard Zednik and Ottawa forward Chris Neil got tangled up during the third period of the Panthers' 5-2 win Tuesday.

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They had won 10 of 13 but are in 11th place in the East. Ottawa, a Stanley Cup finalist in 2007, hadn't missed the playoffs since the 1995-96 season.

"It's not something that stuck up on us," Ottawa captain Daniel Alfredsson said. "We've got this situation in our locker room, but if you haven't been on trying to get into the playoffs, it's been on turning things around, which we definitely have, and now it's a matter of trying to keep our momentum and keep playing. Even though we didn't win today, we did a lot of great things and we've got to keep that going until the end of the season."

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Corrigan said he wants his team to be more patient with the ball as the Wildcats were able to wear down the Irish defense with several long possessions.
"We did exactly what I didn't want to do," said Daniel. "They are having 15-second possession and we were having our 8-9 possession.
"The weather also didn't help the Irish, as cold rain pelted Alumni Field throughout the course of the game, making it difficult for the players to gain traction."
"I thought the weather hurt us because I think we're a little more athletic," Corrigan said. "I think we're quicker and we weren't very quick today.
"Despite his unhappiness with his team's performance, Corrigan admitted that there wasn't anything wrong with their record so far. "You can't be unhappy with an 8-0 record," he said. "I'm not exactly happy with every moment of getting there, but 8-0 is better.
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Blackhawks blanked by Luongo's 26 saves

Associated Press
CHICAGO — Robert Luongo and the Vancouver Canucks hit the ice on Monday night to beat the Chicago Blackhawks in a low playoff midst play Sunday night.
Luongo made 26 saves to match his career high with seven shutout losses. Ryan Kesler and Daniel Sedin had two goals and an assist and Vancouver's 4-0 victory over Blackhawks.
Alex Burrows had a goal and two assists, Ryan Kesler also scored, and Henrik Sedin had two goals and an assist. Vancouver's line of the Sedins and Kesler couldn't contain the line with the speed their forwards

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"That line was unbelievable on the ice," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "Obviously they were our best players and Roberto was on top of his game.
"That said, it was a pretty solid team effort all around. When we get to a misstep, Roberto bailed us out. When they made a mistake, we were able to capitalize."
Chicago's Nikolai Khabibulin made 19 saves in his fifth straight start and seventh in the last eight games.
A series of fights broke out at 5:50 of the third. In one skirmish, the Canucks' Shane O'Brien reached over referee Paul Devorski as he grabbed at Chicago's Adam Burish. O'Brien received a misconduct in addition to a fighting major.
Chicago forward Troy Brouwer left the game at 8:19 of the first period and didn't return. As Brouwer tried to shoot from the left circle, he fell awkwardly as Vancouver's Darcy Hordichuk slid into him. He's out today.

"We couldn't have been pleased with how we played," Chiago coach Joel Quenneville said. "It was check, check, check and we didn't fight through it enough to generate anything.
"We had a bunch of shots, but didn't get enough quality chances," Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews added.
Vancouver all but shut down Chicago in the first period and led 1-0 after 20 minutes.
Daniel Sedin opened the scoring, 3:22 in, taking advantage of a Chicago coverage breakdown. Henrik Sedin passed the puck from behind the net, through Chicago defenseman Duncan Keith and to Daniel, who was open at the edge of the crease. Martin Havlat fired wide on Chicago's best opportunity in the first. Following a give-and-go with Andrew Ladd, Havlat was stopped by Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo.
Rafael Esposito and Daniel Sedin followed with second-period goals, giving Vancouver a 3-0 lead. Connolly extended Vancouver's lead to 2-0.
 Chicago's best opportunity in the second period came when Patrick Sharp fanned on a penalty shot from behind the net, through Chicago defenseman Duncan Keith to Martin Havlat.
The Blackhawks finally generated some prime chances late in the second. Luongo made a point-blank save on Havlat from the edge of the crease with just under two minutes left in the period.

Senior Megan Vieth of Bad Decision Badin looks to pass during her team's loss to The Delivery Boys Tuesday.
We got the name because everyone is wearing a piece of clothing from my high school Villa Walsh and we were the Gorillas.
Team captain Karla Garcia-Huerta was also able to pitch in three baskets in the win.
United Nations will move on to the second round to play Fighting Fathe With Fate on Thursday.
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A Divine Comedy of Errors 21, The Cereal Killers 16
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"We had three basketball-1-0 practices this week to work on basic offensive and defensive skills because we don't have a lot of basketball experience," Meagher said.
"We're just trying to focus on fundamentals and technique. Along with Meagher, who scored nine points in her team's victory, Comedy of Errors received an excellent contribution from sophomore Gabby Mortel, who scored 11 points.
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ND BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Rain wipes out pair of nonconference games

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Senior Writer

class=success>Nonconference games had talked to new general manager Brian Hanson said he looked at them all, weighed Hanson said he wanted to host Michigan (15-10, 2-4 Big East) was supposed to host Michigan State Tuesday, but between the threat of rain and travel considerations, both schools agreed to call the game. The contest is not likely to be rescheduled, a release said.

Unfriendly weather also wiped out a softball matchup between Notre Dame (17-11, 4-1) and Indiana (29-10, 1-0) at Purdue University Indianapolis, and that game is also unlikely to be made up.

A pair of Mid-American Conference clubs will take on Notre Dame today. Toledo's baseball team will visit Frank Eck Stadium, where the Irish will try to avoid a third losing skid it suffered at Pittsburgh in conference action over the weekend.

Notre Dame won Friday's series opener in a pitcher's duel, but the host Panthers outslugged their visitors on both offense and defense Tuesday.

The Irish softball squad will host Northern Illinois, and they will do so looking to extend their seven-game win streak. Notre Dame has won nine of its last 10.

Both the baseball and softball games are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles host Olivet for two games

By ERIN SULLIVAN
Belles coach

The team is always excited to play, so the more games we get to play, the better we tend to be. This can be mentally exhausting, but we have a day or two between most games to mentally prepare for the next game.

Junior shortstop Maureen Healy has been leading her team offensively lately, going 2-for-3 in the first game against Calvin with two runs and an RBI. Last week, Healy was named the Victoria Waring position player of the week for her role in a pair of victories over Franklin last Saturday.

The first game of the doubleheader is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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freshmen Kristy Frilling, lost. Baylor's No. 16 duo of Lenka Bronsova and Csilla Berecz knocked out the No. 8 St. Mary's doubles team in three sets.

"Their No. 1 doubles team plays a little bit different than a lot of college doubles teams. When we played them we just really hadn't ever been to a match really before. I think there was a bit of a mental block starting out, considering they beat us 8-0 last time."

The No. 2 doubles duo of juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik evened the Belles to host Olivet for two matches at 1-1 as they defeated No. 59 Jelena Stanijuk and Taylor Ormond, 8-7, 8-3.

"They are a really tough team. They are really good one through six. Last year the Notre Dame seniors, they have them up because they're a little underscoring to the Notre Dame bas-

er. Penn State forward Jamelle Boeing scored a game-high 17 points, converted a basket on the ensuing break possession to propel his team to the victory.

"We felt great after we got it to within four but we couldn't get any closer," Harangody said. "We had some decent going but it just came down to free throws and they got it done.

"If we made 15 free throws while Notre Dame converted on 3 of 30, the outcome would have been different," Harangody added. Notre Dame's shooting was a devastating 3-for-30 from the floor in the first half and 7-for-30 from the floor in the second half.

"We just didn't hit shots," Irish forward Jennifer O'Connell said. "We shot ourselves in the foot. We were 8-0 last time.

"I wanted to go out with a bang, but I don't think I could," Irish senior Emma Egan said. "I just had a really bad game for us."

"It's just about consistency, being mentally tough, and being disciplined," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

"We had some good looks in the first half but it just wasn't a good flow for us," Harangody said. Notre Dame led the Irish with 17 points but shot just 3-of-16 from the field.

"I couldn't tell you exactly what happened," Harangody said. "We went a couple minutes where our offense was playing well but our defense wasn't.

The Irish went on a 17-2 run to cut the deficit to 54-47 late in the second half but could not get any closer. Penn State forward Jamele Cu-
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Happy Birthday! You can make some helpful professional changes. This is a tumultuous time to get involved in subjects, projects and energy about which you feel passionately. The area for you that you are managing and the people with whom you are engaged professionally and socially, the better for you will be. Some moments 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may change your financial, romantically and emotionally. A chance to begin a new personal or professional venture will open up some opportunities for you. Travel. Some moments 6/21, 7/19, 8/17.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be in your gift to show your loved how much you care for him. You'll feel better about yourself and your family, and you're not alone in your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Take a look at what happened in the past and you will know exactly how to handle your current situation. If someone gets apprehensive, stay away. You'd do better with people you know and a long time a recognized with someone that your past.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Uncertainty will cloud your day, so stay on your guard every minute. Your options will be clearly defined and you will address. You must not be afraid to express your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You won't hide and you will explain efforts to get tied up in the activities about which you feel strongly. Love is on the rise and you see a relationship that you are ready something big and easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't play games and you won't MIT the top of the shelf, the idea is to enjoy the change in that you. Expect help from someone in your family and your home, and consider trying to get your space of your interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Keep waiting for someone else to make a move where the spot is not in you. Love relationships will flourish. Expect your own peace, your philosophy and your invention of others within you. Some moments 5/2, 6/10, 7/9.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You don't get carried away with trivial matters. You can spin your wheel at all times that you need to have an idea. Regardless of the outcome of this situation, you will be able to make a move. Some moments 6/29, 7/28, 8/25.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're too a woman for whom you should be free for love. Love will plan an important role in a decision regarding your locations and time future. Signs for the professional level that you need to move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful with your own personal things. Romanticism will prevent you from getting involved with old things. Be clear with how you know and the contact of someone from the past. Love is on the rise in your personal life. Expect not the change in your personal life. When you move at your own pace, you can and constant speed to get the results and get yourself close financially and personally. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You make a move to affect all you bring and you bring your own and love. In the search of someone with whom you have the same background and experiences in you. Your intuition will make your way to make the right decision. Nature.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can make a move with the two of you in love and you can make your own and love. Love is on the rise for you. Be clear with what you know and how you know it. Love and you can make a move with the two of you in love.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, yesterday's jumbled words.

Answer: When the vintner lost the wine tasting contest, it amounted to - SOUR GRAPES

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**Men's Basketball**

**End of the line**

Slow start dooms Irish in season-ending defeat

By FRAN TOLAN
Senior Staff Writer

Even though Notre Dame was playing in the city that Never Sleeps, the team's offense never woke up Tuesday night. The Irish fell to Penn State 67-59 in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The Wildcats had one last chance with just under a minute left in the game and the score tied at four. A goal from junior Neal Hicks with four seconds left sealed the deal, and kept the Irish perfect on the year.

"The teams traded goals for the rest of the half, with neither squad going up by more than one, and went into the break tied at four," he said. "We tried to spread them out."

The Irish came out flying in the first half of the game, winning 2-1.

"We're a run and gun team offensively," Coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We liked the half-court set up as well as the fast break, turning in the back passes on their way to the victory."

Despite the win, Notre Dame's loss Tuesday night. At right, Irish junior guard Tory Jackson tries to control the ball.

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Way to go, President Yomama cancels speech

Most powerful man in the world brought to tears by Viewpoint letters, Junkins’ second choice proves he’s gone insane

By HINE’S KETCHUP
Sarah Minser

After reading his daily copies of the Observer from last week, President Yomama has decided to cancel his visit to campus to speak at this year’s commencement ceremony.

Apparently, all of the strongly-worded Viewpoint letters condemning his invitation to speak, have, for the first time in history, actually gone beyond aimless complaining and have inspired action.

The Pope had no comment on the issue, except to say, “Condoms don’t fight AIDS and Holocaust deniers are OK, but no way should Yomama give an honorary degree to a pro-choice president.”

Fr. Jim Junkins, University president expressed his displeasure with the Viewpoint authors.

“They made me cry,” Yomama said Wednesday before hanging up the phone in tears.

A defiant Junkins is likely to spark even more controversy with his second choice to speak at Commencement.

“They think Yomama is bad?” Junkins harrumphed in a phone interview with The Absurder. “Well I’d like to see what they think of this guy — Dr. Jack Kevorkian.”

Under 21? Want to go to a bar? Go to BJ’s!

Ad hoc group to combat skunks

Problem got out of hand with skunk-human birth

By PEPE LE PEW
Mike Brooks

The Notre Dame Ad Hoc Committee on Repelling Skunks has been renamed the Notre Dame Ad Hoc Committee on Repelling Skunks and Enforcing Skunk-Related Parties Offenses, University President Father Sean Shankins said Tuesday.

Shankins created the initial ad, see LEPEW/page 5

All the ladies agree Robbie Meish and Ulysses Dam are hot. In a recent poll, women said they prefer color photos of Meish and black and white photos of Dam, so here they are, just the way the ladies like ‘em. Also, we put in a bigger picture of Dam, because he’s the hotter one.

Meish, Dam put the ‘stud’ back in student government

By RED WRITING HOOD
Famously the detached kid ever born. Honestly? You couldn’t tell if it was a wolf?

Former student body president Robbie Meish and current student body president Ulysses Dam have both been offered $5 million modeling contracts after a talent scout spotted an old copy of The Observer featuring a picture of the two presiding over a Student Senate meeting.

Meish and Dam both said they were “flattered” by the offers, and will be there, yes he will. Satan’s got a friend.

Winter, spring, summer or fall, all Satan has to do is call, and Yomama will be there, yes he will. Satan has a friend.

Meish, who graduates this year, “It’s a great opportunity to raise awareness about how good looking student government can be,” Meish said, pointing with his pencil for emphasis.

Meish, who graduates this year, see SEXINESS/page 3
**Question of the Day:** How would you describe the Notre Dame men's basketball season?

**Mock-Toe coach**

"There aren't enough moose turdieneks in the world to answer that question."

**Chuckie Wise one foot out the door**

"All I can say is that they made us look good."

**Irish McBlarney male model**

"We didn't really weed out the bad teams in the beginning. We were a little green. Kind of turned out. Didn't blaze the trail. Ya know?"

**Trigger Yelps Martin's salad bar fanatic**

"Did you know I snapped UCLA's record-setting winning streak?"

**Leprejuan Ragin' Cajun**

"HERE WE GO FENCING HERE. WE GO."

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**Beatoff**

Notre Dame "just Catholic enough"

**O'Bi-Town** — The Society of Catholic Educators has issued a report stating that Notre Dame is "just Catholic enough."

"A lot of people say Notre Dame isn't Catholic enough. Others say it is too Catholic. We've done extensive research and concluded that Notre Dame is just Catholic enough," said Mark O'Donnell, the president of the society.

The report analyzes data including the ratio of classroom to control rooms, the number of times the clicheism is quoted in the school newspaper's opinion section, the average number of hook-ups per student per weekend and the number of tears that use the phrase "suck it."

The Society also factored in the ratio of people that have attended the "The Vagina Monologues" to the number of crosses planted on campus during pro-life demonstrations. Notre Dame spokesman Menace Brown declined to issue a statement in response to the release, saying he didn't want to "jerk." Following the news about the report, the Irish Rover, Notre Dame's conservative newspaper, announced today that they plan to join the Society of Catholic Educators in their next issue, then devote the rest of it, as usual, to explaining why Notre Dame is not Catholic enough.

SMC to donate alcohol to Real life survivors

Saint Mary's students are collecting gently consumed bottles of hard alcohol or cases of beer to donate to recovering Real Life survivors.

"We just want to make sure the girls can get back on their feet," college president Caroline Moody said.

Alcohol will be distributed accordingly students who are most deserving of the moral support, Moody said.

Information compiled by washed out seniors living off campus

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**Corrections**

The Absurder regrets itself as a professional publication. We do, however, suck from time to time. Scholastic sucks worse. Think you can do better? Try it. Get 10 beans out of your right or left couple times per week and see if you put in a perfect paper with no errors.

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**Boxers or Briefs?**

The Excise Police will be visiting all off-campus-apartment complexes tonight from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Students are asked to be hospitable. Free breathalyzer tests will be available.

Club 23 is offering bullet-proof vests to the first 100 students in line on Monday. The initiate, titled "Getting Caught is Costing Us Business" will be followed by a brief seminar called "Be Careful Whose Screen Doors You Knock On." Students will be passing out free "Stem Cell Research? Fine. By Me" T-shirts at LaFortune today from 3 p.m. to 5.

Graduating seniors can purchase Obama voodoo dolls at LaFortune this week. All proceeds go toward Planned Parenthood.

Tonight in Coleman-Morse, Student Government will host the next installment of its totally original Last Lecture Series. Tonight's speaker will be Carl Goodman, the author behind Hot Carl's Chicken Sandwich.

The Irish Rover and the Right to Life Club will be holding a public voting and standing of all College Democrats at Notre Dame tonight at 8 p.m. on the steps of the Main Building. Contrary to e-mails sent out earlier this week, the groups do not have enough stones for everyone to throw, so please, bring your own stones. It's only polite.

Fr. Hesburgh will be hosting a kegger tonight in the 13th floor of the library, sponsored by Bill Dapulacel and the Audit and Advisory Services.

Why do we let people publicize this crap for free?
**NEWS YOU WON'T READ**

**COMPiled FROM THE ABSURdER'S INTREPId REPORTERS**

President Mickey McSmickey is glad no more SMC chicks will be made fun of in paper's most popular page.

By DRUNK KOHLER

After years of frustration, outrage, and parasitic references, Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has decided to use their $60,000 annual stipend to buy the rights to Observer comics, citing they are "like totally not true and super annoying," student body president Mickey McSmickey said.

The stipend, which is allotted to the six top executives on the Board, has typically been used on alcohol, tank tops from Forever 21, and quasidillas from the Cyber Café. It is now being used for a greater purpose — for student rights, McSmickey said.

"We're like really tired of getting made fun of, so we're taking a stand against those mean boys who write those comics. First of all, they're not funny. And, we don't even look like that," she said.

Student body vice president Caitlin Callimond echoed McSmickey's sentiments. "We're more than just duds; we've been affected by the comics and it's time to take a stand." McSmickey said.

McSmickey said the space usually reserved for the comics will be stand. "I was initially shocked when Junkins invited somebody to my grad party. We were euthanizing, recently-released from prison doctor who has assisted in the deaths of over 130 people.

"I was incredibly shocked when I received a phone call from Fr. Junkins and thought he was going to condemn me to hell," Kevorkian said. "But hey, the economy's bad and people don't have the money to be euthanized since I got out of jail. Too many are resorting to just plain old suicide. I could use the money."

Kevorkian was released from prison in 2007 after serving eight years of a 10 to 25-year prison sentence. He was released on parole for good behavior. All this information on Kevorkian was obtained by The Absurder using that beacon of journalistic integrity known as Wikipedia. Associate vice president of News and Information and University spokesman Measre Brown defended Junkins' selection.

"Look, just because President Junkins invited somebody to speak here doesn’t mean he supports their views," Brown said. "In this case, Fr. Junkins obviously doesn't condone euthanasia. It's clear why he chose Dr. Kevorkian. He's a doctor, duh. And he's probably a smart guy with a lot of other things to talk about besides euthanasia. "Maybe he can talk about his time in prison. That's what kids want to hear at Commencement."

"It isn't," said senior Bottled Brat. "If we couldn't get Stephen Colbert, Yomama was a great second choice. But now, those stupid alumni and right-wing idiots ruined my graduation."

Many alumni expressed outrage with Junkins' choice. "This is ludicrous," said Drix Grunted, Notre Dame '80. "Though I don't know who he'd be worse, an abortion-loving president or a euthanizing criminal. "After all, the people that were euthanized didn't want to die anyway. Fetuses don't have a choice. But who cares what the students think? We need to make a point here."

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"Bog uses stipend to buy Observer comic strips"
Success has no place in ND athletics; Fire Janush

Janush Bedfellow is one of the top coaches at the University. As fencing coach, he has won National Championships, produced All-Americans and even a few Olympians. And for that, he must go.

Notre Dame’s athletic department has taken a new turn in the last few years, and Bedfellow does not exemplify that direction.

Men’s basketball was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation before head coach Moe Tog hit the memo on the new standard operating procedure. Tee’s squad fumbled during Big East play before losing to Penn State in the Final Four of the NIT. It took a little longer for Little Miss Muffet and Jack Jefferson to get the memo, although they fell into line eventually. The women’s basketball team was ranked No. 4 all season, but later slipped in the polls down to the 20s. The ladies’ squad lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — as a No. 7 seed — to Minnesota.

Jefferson did an even better job with the hockey team. The Irish were the top-ranked team for most of the season before slipping to No. 2 going into the NCAA Tournament. With a team that looked even better than last season’s National Runner-up, Notre Dame seemed poised for a deep post-season run. But there’s a new way of doing things, and Jefferson knows it. The 5-1 loss to Bemidji State is the exemplar of the new Notre Dame Way.

Even Randy Wallbanger of the women’s soccer team understood what he needed to do to succeed at Notre Dame, and not a moment too soon. The team was undefeated all season, and looked almost unstoppable going into the Tournament. But the Irish gave up the game-winning goal with only two minutes left to lose the Championship to a North Carolina team they had already beaten.

Compare that to Bedfellow. He started out the season ranked as one of the best teams in the nation. He continued to push his team to excel throughout the season. He lost in the end, but to one of the only teams ranked ahead of his for the season. He’s one of the most decorated coaches the Notre Dame has and therefore, he has no place here.

Dear four guys, two dining hall workers, my rectress, Father Junkins, and nightly janitorial staff of The Huddle —

Thank you for the hook-up. It was ... amazing. It wasn’t a typical freshman year hook-up at all (Father Junkins ... helloooooo!!)

Some of you through rough encounters led me on, while others just drunkerly happened (If you know sacramental wine makes me wild). Obviously, I wanted it because I didn’t stop you. I love to kiss Janushes and presidents of prestigious universities, so I just call you “hobby.”

Yes, the hook-up itself was fine, but afterwards we’ve run into a problem. At the dining hall, dining room, Board of Trustees meetings, and on the quad. It’s the way you look at me, with that awkward stare that makes me want to scream “Just because we did it in the Janush’s closet or behind the salad bar doesn’t mean we can talk like civilized human beings?!” Other times, you pretend you don’t see me at all and just go praying or serving mashed potatoes. To be fair, I think I may have gotten a “hey” from one or two or a “Body of Christ” on occasion (but it’s been a while).

What about my number? You know you asked for it. That’s how you do it, don’t you? For the way of saying, "Thanks for the hook-up, can I have your number so that I can give you good time at a later date?" Well it worked, I haven’t heard from beyond of you, except via e-mail, which was addressed to the whole student body. I know you all have Katie O’Katerson in your phone book. Use it. I’m very needy.

Don’t blame me for not calling you. I broke my phone because I drunkenly threw it in the lake as I was crying over you not calling. You probably wouldn’t answer anyway. I’ve blocked my num­ber several times and called and you still don’t answer. What the eff?

Obviously, I wanted it because I didn’t stop you. I love to kiss Janushes and presidents of prestigious universities, so I just call you “hobby.”

Of course I don’t render myself blameless. Our hook-up was the most convenient form of instant gratification that I could find. I am just as guilty as you are (except I didn’t take a vow of chastity ....). But next time I smile at you on the quad, wear a t-shirt that show off my cleavage, have a "wardrobe malfunction," or accidentally drop my fork in the dining hall, can you pretend that you haven’t been done for a while and don’t notice that since that night we met?

I am sure of one thing after all of this you are where I draw the line. This weekend, I refuse to add to my list unless your name is Menance or Ted). I can’t afford to have any more people refusing to look at me. I am looking to make friends (not lovers, clergy or staff alike). I can find a new hobby, hopefully something that really does make me happy, but, like Kelly Clarkson, I do not look up. See you at the dining hall.

Sincerely,
Katie O’Katerson
P.S. Don’t worry about our dome under the Dome, Xino.
that undergraduate students can gain entry into BJs's, more notorious faces have been appearing.

Sources tell the Absurder that somebody prove reporter Wise that Skate has been called a "body shots" off of female classmates.

"Yah, I see him there pretty much every week. Monday, sometimes Wednesdays too," a male junior said. "He's pretty hard to miss, all the girls around him, the issued gear, I mean. Hell, I wish I lived that life when I was 20."

Skate, who does not turn 21 until this upcoming August, refused to be interviewed by the Absurder.

Head football coach Chuck Wise released a statement that he could neither confirm nor deny the alleged underage drinking of his players.

"We do not condone underage drinking," Wise said. "But if underage drinking is occurring at local establishments, I highly doubt any of our students have permission to do so."
Above is all that remained when the fire station arrived.

Matthew Wacca.

playing at Penn State present-seen the 2007 Zach Snyder concentration several, times.

State fans threw off their con-

plained that the raucous Penn

Several Irish fighters com-

was held at the Nittany Lion's

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Riots

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swordfight with my roommate

ed a bigger hill to climb.

"Sure, it was bush league,

total bush league," he said.

"What do they think is, women's basketball?"

Wacca is the president of the Destructive Rioters Upset with Notre Dame Kinesthetics (DRUNK) and has led several riots after disappointing losses.

Up until this past weekend, DRUNK was best known for urinating in the Stone Henge fountain after the Notre Dame football team lost to Syracuse.

Wacca said the organization normally sticks to no more than throwing eggs or PVC pipes, but the fencing loss needed something bigger.

"To be honest, I was pretty drunk. I'm not sure what happened. I was just trying to do something crazy," Wacca said.

When police arrived on the scene several houses were on fire and students were danc-

ing in circles singing the classic Billy Joel song, "We Didn't DRUNK was best known for

Omar Little, former gay Baltimore native, who previously made his living stealing from drug dealers, will rise from the dead in 2009 to lead the NDSP's shotgun enforcement team.

ANOTHER STUPID STORY

By TOM WOLFE

Special to the Absurder

Bishop John F'Artsy, whose diocese includes Notre Dame, announced Monday that he would not attend the April 18 Blue-Gold Game, the traditional spring exhibition match for the Notre Dame football team, so he could "get blackout" at PigTostal instead.

"This will be the 25th Notre Dame Blue-Gold Game during my time as bishop."

F'Artsy said, "After much prayer, I have decided not to attend."

I wish no disrespect to Charlie Weis, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the job of Head Coach of the Fighting Irish. A bishop must teach the Catholic faith 'in season and out of season' but I've heard that PigTostal is a lot more fun than sitting through four hours of mediocre football."

F'Artsy has waited for this day all spring.

My decision is not an attack on anyone," F'Artsy continued, "but rather in defense of my desire to get completely wasted and pass out before 6 p.m." 

University President Fr. John Junkins issued no reply on the matter.

Several Notre Dame alumni's premier web-site, slackernation.com Many angry threads have been posted and caused the website's administrator, Lipton IcedTea, to quit his dayjob just to manage the site.

One poster, I'dTeabaglost69, summed up poster's concerns.

"The only shotguns that should be on campus are made with keyholes and beer cans," I'dTeabag said. "And it's out God-given right to shotgun those beers in the Stadium, and nobody will ever take that away!"

Joe College lost his blackberry. Contact him at a dorm party.

Contact with public toilet seats can give you diseases.
names referencing Cleveland Browns wide receiver Dante Stallworth, who was recently involved in a fatal car crash that claimed the life of Mario Reyes, a 59-year-old man in Miami.

"He hit a guy with his car and the guy died. Hahaha," Pooper said. "Naturally, it was all we could do to contain ourselves anytime we saw a team name that said something similar to 'Dante's Killer Drives.' Oh man, that one really cracked me up."

Pooper reiterated his claim that anything to with alcohol should be censored. "I dislike domestic violence and manslaughter, alcohol ruins lives. It's nothing to joke about," Pooper said. "Also, did you know that the drinking age was 21? Most students on this campus shouldn't be drinking. Domestic abuse and manslaughter, on the other hand, have no age limits."

Pooper said this policy is unlikely to change any time soon, since allowing alcohol and sex-related names in Bookstore Basketball is absolutely unacceptable. "It's not just harmless fun," Pooper said. "There are Catholic principles at stake here and we all know, the University will not compromise its identity as a Catholic institution."

Pooper also said the policy that says Bookstore censors cannot allow any team names that make fun of anybody within the University will stand. "You don't want to offend anybody with these Bookstore names," Pooper said. "You have to be sensitive in some areas."

That's what she said.

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McBlarney gained his coveted status after Brady's assumed successor, Stork Dausen, failed to live up to the renowned lofty expectations of the Jersey Chasers.

"Everyone thought Stork would replace Mammeat," said Darla Skankintosh, president of the Jersey Chasers. "But he just assumes girls want to hook up with him, which is true — don't get me wrong, a lot of us would get me wrong, a lot of us would still totally do Stork — but McBlarney, just does something to us that's indescribable. We all want to marry him, then divorce him for the money."

Skankintosh said McBlarney's smile, his sexy on-again, off-again beard, and velvety Staten Island accent put him ahead of other candidates on the football and basketball teams.

"Have you heard him speak? Holy crap," said Lyla Loosehips, senior guard on Notre Dame. "A turnover is the least of our worries. It's a miracle when he doesn't fall over."

McBlarney had no problem edging out competition from his peers, allowing alcohol names. "That's part of why we all line up one after the other to approach him at Fever or Cheers when we see him out," Pooper said.

McBlarney had no problem edging out competition from his own team, most notably senior forward Mac Hillandsand.

Hillandsand had some things going for him as well. Skankintosh said. At 6-foot-8, he is one of the tallest men on campus, always a good thing, she said. But Hillandsand fell behind in the race because he tried too much to be like Justin Timberlake.

"Yeah, Mac thinks he can dance, but have you seen him strip down to his boxer at Finny's and try to bust a move or two?" said Ja Rule Jackson, junior guard on Notre Dame. "It's embarrassing not only to him, but to me as well. People think I showed him those moves!"

His attempts at being smooth failed on the court as well. "Just watch any of our games and watch as he tries to dribble to the basket, shoot a free throw,bell, do anything that requires a bit of coordination," said Duke Hairybody, junior forward on Notre Dame. "A turnover is the least of our worries. It's a miracle when he doesn't fall over."

McBlarney's two-year reign at the top rivalled that of Manmeat's, and he can go to bed as the envy of men everyw here and the desire of thousands of women. When asked who would take his place, McBlarney said there are a couple of candidates, but McBlarney said the man who will might take his place in the starting lineup next year, Ben Handsbro, will take his place as the No. 1 stud at Notre Dame.

When asked to evaluate Handsbro's qualifications, Skankintosh said: "He's not bad. But he's from Missouri right? Then why in God's name does he sound like he's lived in Alabama all his life?"

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TIM RIGGINS/The Absurder

Aww, doesn't Irish McBlarney look sad after ND lost to West Virginia? Don't you just want to give him a hug? Sorry, Mack Hillandsand, the Jersey Chasers all agree, you're not as hot as Irish McBlarney. What's up with the creepy face? Pooper reiterated his claim that the university will not allow any team names that says Bookstore censors.

At least we don't steal laptops anymore! UCONN Wants you!

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BASKETBALL STUDENT MANAGERS

Do you have experience as a professional sports agent? Do you have a total disregard for NCAA regulations? Would you be a scapegoat for Jim Calhoun? If so...
SMOKIN’ HOT

Jersey Chasers: McBlarney No. 1 catch

President Skankintosh says all want to marry him, then divorce him for money in 5 years

By HINES WARD
Base of the Bets

When Mammeat Brady left Notre Dame, he left a void on campus, a void many thought would be left unfilled for years. No, not the void he left at Notre Dame’s quarterback position, rather the void in the hearts of the many undying, jersey-chasing females on campus as the unanimous No. 1 catch at Notre Dame. Thankfully, one man stepped up to fill those shoes and raise the heart rates of women (and even some men) all over campus — senior basketball star Irish McBlarney.

“It is a burden to bear these past two years since Mainmeat went to the NFL,” McBlarney said after the Jersey Chasers elected him the No. 1 catch. “At first, I didn’t know how I’d handle my new role, but I think there’s been plenty of me to go around. Luckily, the Jersey Chasers are easier for me to conquer than Marquette’s half-court defense.”

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Censors: Alcohol and sex = bad. Domestic abuse = hilarious

By CENSOR THIS
Nothing But Cheese

Once again, the Bookstore censors did their usual hatchet job on hundreds of potential bookstore names that clever Notre Dame students tried to sneak by them. No doubt, these heroes spent countless hours on Urban Dictionary trying to decide if such teams as “The Backdoor Threats,” “The Impenetrable Box” and “A Little Dribble Between My Legs” should be replaced with plain, old numbers. And of course, anything to do with alcohol has to be banned. “It’s only natural,” Bookstore commissioner Part E. Pooper said. “Alcohol and sex have no place at Notre Dame, whatsoever.”

But Pooper said there was one category of team names the committee didn’t have to think twice about approving — anything to do with the Chris Brown/Rihanna domestic abuse scandal.

“Let’s face it, domestic abuse is downright hysterical,” Pooper said. “And it really brings out the best in creative thinking among Notre Dame students. “How can you not get a chuckle out of teams like ‘We Play Better Defense than Rihanna’ or ‘We’ll beat you worse than Chris Brown.’ It’s so funny!”

Pooper said it didn’t matter that domestic abuse may be a sore subject for some students on campus, and that some may have parents or even be victims themselves of such terrible violence.

“Besides, it’s not like Rihanna is a real person anyway,” Pooper said. “Have you ever heard her sing? She sounds like a computer! Now, she’s back with Chris Brown anyway, so it should be OK to make fun of how bad she got beat up.”

Also acceptable are team names such as “The Barkdoor Threats,” “The Impenetrable Box” and “A Little Dribble Between My Legs” that should be replaced with plain, old numbers. And of course, anything to do with alcohol has to be banned.

“Bane of the Ravens

By HINES WARD
Base of the Bets

Irish fans have had enough. Last Sunday, following Notre Dame’s second place finish at the NCAA Fencing Finals, loyal athletic supporters showed their outrage by rioting in South Bend.

South Bend Police Chief Ray Jingflamer said that several homes, big screen televisions and lives were destroyed.

“We were able to get things under control pretty quickly,” Jingflamer said. “I didn’t want to make any arrests because I feel for these kids. I saw the finals on the Ocho and I was upset about it too. We’re not the excite, you know.”

Notre Dame students have grown used to disappointing clubs falling short of expectations this year. Back-to-back poor football seasons, a projected top 10 basketball team now playing in the NIT and a loss in the women’s soccer national championship laid the groundwork, the fencing loss was the final straw.

The Irish fencers finished the regular season as the No. 1 team in the country. However, perennial powerhouse Penn State proved to be too much in the tournament. Irish coach Janski Berdnarz said that he was proud of the way his team fought through the whole season.

“You’re not going to come out on top every time you have a sword in your hands,” he said.

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Crazed Irish students from the Destructive Rioters Upset with Notre Dame Kinesthetics (DRUNK) torch furniture following Notre Dame’s loss to Penn State in the NCAA Fencing Championships.