Obama decision draws continued response

Students coalition plans to engage in dialogue

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

On Tuesday, March 24, Notre Dame Right to Life held their weekly officers meeting. Normally, about ten people show up. That week, 50 to 60 turned up. Club president Mary Daly, a Notre Dame junior, was expecting a big turnout. Right to Life had invited leaders from a number of campus groups, and officers were expecting that a number of concerned students would join in.

The topic of that week’s meeting? Deciding on a student response to the University’s March 20 announcement that President Barack Obama would deliver the Commencement address this spring, and receive an honorary degree.

The University’s decision to invite Barack Obama spoke at a political rally in South Bend last April. The University’s decision to host President Barack Obama as the 2009 Commencement speaker.

Nationwide, Catholic leaders— including various organizations, bishops and the superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Cross— continue to speak out about the University’s decision to host President Barack Obama as the 2009 Commencement speaker.

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), said the University’s decision is an “extreme embarrassment” to Catholics, according to a LifeSiteNews.com report.

Many opponents of the decision to see LEADERS/page 8

Leaders, organizations continue to speak out

CCAC: Community, University relations have improved

Leaders discuss off-campus housing, taxi cab reform, alcohol awareness at first meeting held on campus

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Student leaders, University officials and community members discussed issues regarding off-campus housing at the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting, which took place on campus for the first time Thursday afternoon.

Several group members said the relationship between off-campus students and their neighbors has improved overall.

“It’s been the best year in a long, long time. I’m very pleased,” Matt Costello, a South Bend resident, said.

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“What we do before the major events is we send a mass e-mail out to all of the students reminding them of their neighbors,” Kramer said.

Kramer said he has also hired three off-duty police officers who have gone around to talk to students prior to major events, and the students “knowing that the presence is there” has made a difference.

Council chairman Al “Buddy” Kirsits said that for the first time Thursday in the Main Building.

ND to hold first annual CommUniversity Day

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In an effort to “build relationships, partnerships and fellowship” with the South Bend community, Notre Dame students will collaborate with community members through Notre Dame’s first annual CommUniversity Day, which will offer more than 20 service projects on and off campus throughout the day.

“The idea for the day is one body, many gifts,” Michelle Byrne, outgoing chair for the Social Concerns Committee, said. “No matter what your talent, there is definitely a way you can serve your community.”

The inspiration for CommUniversity Day came from student body President Emeritus Bob Reich’s research of other universities’ service programs.

Student government concluded that while a large majority of Notre Dame students participate in some form of service, our campus and community lacked “one

Dance Marathon kicks off

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Dance Marathon — an event in which participants are encouraged to stay on their feet for 12 hours — kicks off tonight in the Angela Athletic Facility at the College.

Dance Marathon is an organization that fundraises for Riley Hospital for the duration of the school year. Each spring, the club presents its largest event, the Dance Marathon.

During this event students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to dance for 12 hours in honor of the kids at Riley Hospital.
Tree Sitting

Good morning. I hope things are well. Allow me to begin by saying that I'm not quite sure how I arrived here. Although I've been an employee (photography) of The Observer for the last year, and a casual consumer of it for the last four, I've hardly ever read an inside column. As a photographer I haven't been doing much writing period.

I'm not complaining though, because I volunteered for this. Writing, after all, is romantic and cool, and if there's one regret I have about my college experience — actually there are many, this is purely hypothetical — it's not working harder to score chicks.

Anyway here's a story. Last Friday night was unquestionably the craziest night of my life. While other people were off getting drunk, hooking up and doing typical bourgeois activities, I summoned my latent courage and newfound faith in ropes and rapports to participate in a tree-sit. For those who are unaware, tree-sitting, as defined by Wikipedia, is a form of civil disobedience in which a protester sits in a tree to prevent it from being cut down. My partner and I are making a documentary about tree-sitting and it was imperative that we capture the reality of the situation, to examine the lived experience. Thus we climbed up the tree and spent the night 90 feet above the ground, suspended on large branches and webbed rope. It was quite an experience. Did I mention I'm afraid of heights? I am. Did I also mention that I had an irrational tension and just stuck on the way down? It did. Again, it was quite an experience. Although some of my interactions with the real tree-sitters were awkward, it was extremely refreshing to be around and engage people whose lives seem completely different and alien to your own. Because once you talk to them and get to know them, you realize that on a fundamental level, we're all the same.

In the subsequent days I've reflected on my tree-sitting experience, particularly whether it will have a lasting impact on me or simply dissolve into a fleeting memory of a singular isolated adventure.

On some level, my tree-sitting experience is similar to my time at Notre Dame. Like many seniors, I've been through my college experience and what it all ultimately adds up to. I've had a good time in college. For the most part, it's been fun and rewarding. But right now I am not sure what all adds up to, if anything. Maybe nothing. Maybe it's too soon. One thing I do know, it's weird and depressing to think about. Writing about it isn't much fun either. So I'm going to stop doing both.

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In Brief

An exhibit entitled "Great Thinkers (Who Have Changed Modern Thought for the Better)" with portrait prints of 11 historical figures will be hosted at 10:00 a.m. in the Snite Museum of Art on Friday.

Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Friday.

The Finance Seminar Series will host the lecture, "Economics, Accounting Practices, Earnings Volatility in Mortgage," on Friday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendocino College of Business.

The "Human Being after Genocide" lecture series will host a lecture entitled "Chones, Chimneys, and Carboys: The Creation of the Biotechnological Revolution: Toward a Genomic Mythology." The lecture will be held in rooms 100-104 in McKenna Hall on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

A lecture entitled "Oral and Literary; Some Texts in Context" will be held at 7:40 p.m. on Friday in 424 Flanner Hall.

A conference called "Perspectives on Peace" will be held at 5:40 p.m. on Friday in the Hesburgh Center.

"The Garden" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in Browning Cinema in Deharrow Performing Arts Center on Friday. To purchase tickets, call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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Outside

Animal-rights activist buys cow headed for slaughter

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — A dairy cow was headed for the slaughterhouse until an animal-rights activist bought her after the Brown Jersey made a run for it. Farmer Calvin Nisly was taking the 3-year-old cow named Linda to a sale barn Tuesday and had stopped at a veterinarian's office to be sure she wasn't pregnant. On the way back to the trailer, an annoyed Linda escaped through a fence and led Nisly and several law enforcement vehicles on a chase.

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SALEM, Ore. — A woman accused of driving 103 mph with her 10-year-old grandson on leave from a job at the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services. The 53-year-old driver was arrested Sunday on charges of reckless driving and recklessly endangering. Investigators said she told them she was teaching her grandson about the dangers of speeding, telling him not to drive as she was about to.

Questions of the Day: What part of summer are you looking forward to most?

James Denue
freshman
O'Neil

"Showing off my new bikini lines."

Kristy Cloete
freshman
McGlin

"Going to Tanzania."

Maggie Wydysch
freshman
McGlin

"Hablando expuesto en México y Guatemala con la orquesta."

Matt Kent
freshman
Keough

"Tending to my best farm."

Richard Skelton
freshman
Keough

"Hitting yellow balls with a modified snowshoe."

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

Correction

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and ossues for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.
Evolutionists speak about religion, faith

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Panelists said human beings ask questions regarding evolution that science cannot answer. Panelists also said that human beings and they ask questions that go beyond what their science can answer.

"Well it’s not necessary within science, but scientists are not just crystal balls, they are human beings and they ask questions that go beyond what their science can answer," Joseph Bracken, a retired professor of Theology, said.

Four evolutionists discussed religion and faith during a panel, opening this year’s Quest Project, exploring the science and religion connection.

The panel included the perspectives of speakers from several colleges and universities and a variety of academic disciplines on the relationship between evolution and religion. Bracken said Charles Darwin, author of the "Origin of Species," was originally a divinity student, and he became an agnostic because he didn’t want to attribute the complexity of natural selection to God.

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"To me, Dance Marathon means just giving up an
hour of your time to help a little kid who
would give anything to be
out of a hospital bed and dance
all night long," Dance Marathon president Sarah Voss
said.

But the marathon isn't just
about dancing. Participants will
have the opportunity to play
games, or even just watch.

"The event isn't primarily
focused on dancing. The idea of
the night is to stay on your feet
for 12 hours," Voss said. "We'll
have registration starting at
7:15 in the Saint Mary's
Dining Hall in the Student
Center on Friday," Voss said.
"We'll have registration starting at
the end of the night and they
will come and participate."

Voss said dancing at
the marathon is not the only way to
help. Donations are always
accepted at the Dance Marathon

"Anyone can donate there," she
said. "If you want to donate
to commemorate a certain
dancer, you can put their name
in the comment section so they
know you donated in their
name."

This is the fourth year Saint
Mary's has offered Dance
Marathon. The event is recog-
nized across the United States.

"This year Dance Marathon
won the incentive award, which is
the award that designated Saint Mary's as the model Dance
Marathon for the entire United
States. Which is a huge honor
because there are over 100
dance marathons in the coun-
try," Voss said. "Just a week or
so ago, some of our girls trav-
elled to Orlando, Fla. and went to
Disney World and met 50
Riley champions, from each of
the 50 states that represent
their hospitals. So that was a big
highlight."

Our motto is: 'we dance
because we can, we dance for
those who can.'" Voss said.

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SMC, IUSB present Monologues

Community members perform tales similar to Ensler's Vagina Monologues

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

A cast of 14 women from the South Bend community per-
formed Thursday in the Benedum Theatre at the Century
Centre in downtown South Bend. The cast of women
included Saint Mary's students, Indiana University-
South Bend (IUSB) students and alumni and
women from the South Bend area.

The show opened to the
cast dancing down the aisles of the theatre to song
lyrics "women united will never be
divided." The cast, dressed in
unique red and black outfits,
converged on the stage to
begin a series of solo, and
sometimes two-person per-
forned monologues. The
Monologues were not writ-
ten by the actresses themselves, but from anonymous
contributors from the South Bend
community.

They featured stories about
women's lives and the experi-
ences that have shaped them.

Some of the performances
were humorous, like "Feminine
Hijinx" which was about femi-
nine hygiene products performed by Aleta Maria Barajas from
Riley.

Another performance was
delivered by Saint Mary's student
Brittany Hall, In, "The Rope,"
her character divulged her expe-
riences involving intimate pleas-
ures.

Other performances were
more sexual and sad-
ening, like "I Was So Lucky" per-
formed by K a i l y
Bruneau. In the perfor-
mane,

A woman tells the story of
her 1963 illegal abortion that left her with a
cr e e p y,
unusual feeling of crimi-
nalit.

S e v e r a l
monologues were humorous about rape were performed, one
in which the character says to
her rapist, "you shattered the
notion that the world is a safe
place for women.

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nences involving intimate pleas-
ures.

Megan Smith said that she
became involved with the
Monologues after her Gender 100
class at IUSB. Her professor was
involved in the Michigan
Monologues and persuaded stu-
dents to partake.

"At the time I was reading the
"Vagina Monologues," Megan
said. "When I read it, I thought
women are angry and why
their voices need to be heard."
She said she enjoyed being a
part of the Monologues because
"it is a way to make the
voices of others heard."

We are too often pitted
against each other," she said.
"As a Saint Mary's student that
was in the audience appreci-
ated the opportunity to "break out
of our bubble" of the Saint
Mary's and Notre Dame campus-
es, sophomore Annie Malloy
said.

The Saint Mary's and
South Bend Monologues were
very different experiences. College
women have a limited view of
the world compared to women
who are older than us."

Annie Malloy
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him, alcohol awareness is a main concern, and said it needs to happen early in the school year.

Kirsits suggested creating a video to post on the new off-campus Web site — which is currently in development stages — that would talk about tragic consequences that happen when you make silly mistakes" in order to raise alcohol awareness.

Michael Carrington, a representative from the Alcoholic Beverage Board, said students will continue to throw parties "if they know they can party and raise hell all night" without repercussions.

"The new people coming in need to understand what the expectation is," Carrington said. "And then you have to demonstrate that you are going to enforce it early in the year."

Student body president Grant Schmidt, who participated in the CCAC meeting for the first time since taking office, said "I'm not calling around to students. Rather, I would be a voice for student leaders, athletes and other officials to promote alcohol awareness."

The group also discussed the legal number of students living in one off-campus home. "There are certain areas where you can't have more than two unrelated parties living in the same unit, whether students or not students," Kramer said. "Some homes are grandfathered so that you can have multiple students."

Kramer also said it had been brought to his attention that Irish Row and The Foundry Lofts and Apartments at Eddy Street Commons are renting apartments to more than two unrelated people, which may be in violation of zoning agreements.

"I'm not calling around to find out who's leasing their apartments," Kramer said. "I'm doing my job as a businessman to stay competitive. I stumbled upon this."

Kirsits said the South Bend Common Council had not been aware of this. He said the Council will look at the minutes from the meetings where these apartment complexes had agreed to zoning, and confirm whether or not this was in violation.

Kirsits also addressed taxi reform, a principal component of Schmidt's platform as student body president.

Kirsits said he plans to work with Schmidt to better regulate taxi cabs and approach the Council president "to get a bit of a grip on the licensing requirements and regulations for the taxi cabs."

"That's my pledge to you. It will be an ongoing process," Kirsits said. "It will involve a lot of players, but there needs to be some regulations on that."

Northeast neighborhood resident Marguerite Taylor expressed an interest in increasing the interaction between community members and the student government off-campus president, because prior to last week's Community Summit meeting, she had not been aware Notre Dame had such a position.

"As community people, we didn't even know that that person even existed, and we'd like to work with him more closely," she said.

Other issues discussed at the meeting include student safety and the upcoming CommUniversity Day, which will take place Saturday.

Carrington said he is grateful for the increasingly positive role the University has played in the community and for the work that CCAC has done to improve the relationship between the community and the University.

"This relationship between the University and the community is a wonderful, wonderful thing and we need to continue to cherish it and nourish it," Carrington said.

Kirsits echoed his sentiments.

"When people say, 'tell me something good about the city,' I always say 'well, let's start with the universities that we have here.'"

The next CCAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

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President Barack Obama speaks at the G-20 Summit at the Excel Centre Thursday. The G-20 pledged $1.1 trillion to the IMF.

Market extends a four-week rally

NEW YORK — Investors dove into stocks Thursday, extending a rally that gave the Dow Jones industrial average its best four weeks since 1933.

Stocks rose across the board in heavy trading following an accounting rule change that will help banks pare their quarterly losses. The change is aimed at soothing investor fears that banks are overvaluing assets and underreporting losses.

"This is truly a historic day in the fight against tobacco, and I am proud that we have taken such decisive action," said Energé and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the bill's sponsor. "Today we have moved to place the regulation of tobacco under FDA in order to protect the public health, and now we all can breathe a little easier."

In Brief

Greenberg criticizes AIG bailout

WASHINGTON — The man who built insurance giant American International Group Inc. from a startup to a global behemoth said he did not mismanage the company — but the government had nothing to do with the bailout.

Following weeks of public and congressional outrage over largest corporate failure in U.S. history, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, AIG's chief, told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Thursday that he had been asked about dimin­ishing management responsibilities on May 2008, leading in the largest bailout of the financial crisis.

In his first testimony since the government stepped in with the first of four bailouts for AIG, Greenberg told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Thursday that his leadership team had "nothing to do" with the bailout, which threatened to veto a House-passed measure.

"We are not in the business to make raw deals in the largest bailout of the financial system — but did not satire­ously, we've overcome opposition from tobacco­ industry for the first time."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 216.48 points, or 2.8 percent, to 7,978.08, its best four weeks since 1933. Pieces of good news about the economy in recent weeks, including better-than-expected numbers on housing and manufac­turing, have given investors more rea­sons to buy.

"The Dow gained 216.48, or 2.8 percent, to close at 7,978.08, after earlier rising as much as 314 points."

"People are worried about this (employment) report, so the last hour we sold off," said Richard Campagna, managing director and chief invest­ment officer of Pasadena, Calif.-based Capital Group, who has a long-term bearish view.

"When asked, he could not point to an individual summit accomplishment that would rescue institution-battered Americans beyond general points such as fighting protec­tionism and making the global economy work togeth­er."

But he said, the summit communiqué "affirms the need for all countries to take fiscal responses that increase the global economy work togeth­er."

Summit brings setbacks for Obama

World financial powers approve big loans, no economic rescue stimulus

Friday, April 3, 2009

President Barack Obama speaks at the G-20 Summit at the Excel Centre Thursday. The G-20 pledged $1.1 trillion to the IMF.

The market has managed to shrug off some negative data on employment recently such as initial claims for job­less benefits. But a surprisingly bad report on the March job market could easily stifle the market's growing optim­ism. Economists predict the report will show a loss of 625,000 jobs fol­lowing a drop of 625,000 jobs in February, which was a record third straight month of job losses above 600,000.

The unemployment rate is expected to rise to 8.5 percent from 8.1 percent in February.

In Brief

Greenberg criticizes AIG bailout

WASHINGTON — The man who built insurance giant American International Group Inc. from a startup to a global behemoth said he did not mismanage the company — but the government had nothing to do with the bailout.

Following weeks of public and congressional outrage over largest corporate failure in U.S. history, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, AIG's chief, told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Thursday that he had been asked about diminishing management responsibilities on May 2008, leading in the largest bailout of the financial system — but did not satire­ously, we've overcome opposition from tobacco­ industry for the first time."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 216.48 points, or 2.8 percent, to 7,978.08, its best four weeks since 1933. Pieces of good news about the economy in recent weeks, including better-than-expected numbers on housing and manufac­turing, have given investors more rea­sons to buy.

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"People are worried about this (employment) report, so the last hour we sold off," said Richard Campagna, managing director and chief invest­ment officer of Pasadena, Calif.-based Capital Group, who has a long-term bearish view.

"When asked, he could not point to an individual summit accomplishment that would rescue institution-battered Americans beyond general points such as fighting protec­tionism and making the global economy work togeth­er."

But he said, the summit communiqué "affirms the need for all countries to take fiscal responses that increase the global economy work togeth­er."

Summit brings setbacks for Obama

World financial powers approve big loans, no economic rescue stimulus

Friday, April 3, 2009

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invite Obama to speak at one of the university's commencement ceremonies next May, said he would like to "look at several dates" in May to host the president, who is scheduled to speak at the University of Virginia that same week.

"I am confident that you are likewise well versed in the Catholic teaching that the human life begins at conception," Cleary said to Obama. "This allows me to hope that, even if we are at odds on the issue of abortion, embryonic stem cell research and your position on the Freedom of Choice Archbishops' Congress."

"While many Catholic leaders and groups have criticized the University's decision, one Catholic leader at the University is now speaking out in support of the decision."

Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, an online, non-profit organization, created a petition to support the University's decision that currently claims over 22,500 signatures.

"We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors," said the petition, "and your stated goals are consistent with the needs of our nation's democratic and religious values.

"We should be encouraging the Catholic bishops nationwide to also weigh in on this important issue."

Newark Archbishop John J. Myers said he was disappointed in the University's decision in a press release Wednesday. "I praised him to hear that one of the services that the University offers us in our community is the University's honor of President Obama. At a time when the U.S. is grappling with the growing threat of terrorism, it is important that we have a president who is committed to fighting terrorism and who believes in the values of our country.

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"The shock and concern expressed by Notre Dame Response has been shared with many Catholics nationwide, and while the coalition will not directly collaborate or coordinate with outside organizations, according to Daly, they do see value in the response those outside the University have expressed.

"Those outside groups do have a legitimate voice to give," he said. "But in this context, that's speaking in the way that rescinding the invitation would, and furthermore, it would be closer to living up to the Catholic identity," he said.

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Israeli teenager killed with pick-ax

Associated Press

BAT AYIN - A Palestinian teenager killed an Israeli teenager with a pick-ax during a gun battle, Israeli police said Thursday.

The Israeli teenager, 17, was injured in a shooting incident that also killed a 13-year-old Palestinian boy in a nearby West Bank Jewish settlement Thursday, poisoning an early test for the country's new hard-line government.

Israeli media broadcast pictures of the body of 13-year-old Shlomo Nativ, hanged on a long side-curl and a large skullcap worn by observant Jews. The images also showed the red pickup on the ground with drops of blood splattered on a road.

The attack escaped the scene, and searches joined by bearded settlers armed with automatic weapons were conducting a manhunt in the area. In the nearby Palestinian hamlet, security forces searched houses and rounded up residents in a school. The military said all roads around the settlement of Bat Ayin were closed.

The settlement is notorious in Israeli politics as the site of the so-called "Bat Ayin Incident" when Israeli security forces were arrested over a botched 2002 bombing on an Arab girls' school in Jerusalem. The wounded boy's father, a member of the underground, is currently serving a 15-year sentence for his involvement in that bombing attempt.

Avivuam Maymon, a 43-year-old settler who runs an extremist settlement, said he tried to stop the attacker but was shattered by the attack, violently struggling with him for a minute.

"He tried to kill me. I grabbed his hand and took the pick-ax from him," he told The Associated Press.

He said the attacker fled to a neighboring "military village." The attacker apparently entered Bat Ayin, located between Jerusalem and the southern West Bank city of Hebron, unhindered. The religious settlers have refused to build a security fence around their community, saying it would be a sign of weakness.

The teenager was quickly buried at a funeral Thursday afternoon after being flown to the nearest hospital by the family's request.

The attack came a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took office and will likely heighten tensions with the Palestinians. The new government has promised a tough line against militants and lowered expectations on the prospects of peace.

Government spokesman Mark Regev called it a "cold and brutal attack on innocents" and warned the new leadership will "not have a zero tolerance policy" toward militants.

The recent wave of militant activity and a West Bank militant group calling itself the Martyrs of Imad Mughrabi claimed responsibility for the attack in an e-mail sent to the AP.

A formal group was named for a Hezbollah member killed in Syria last year in which he is believed to have been an assassination by Israeli intelligence. It has claimed a number of past attacks, but Israeli defense officials believe it is likely a name used by other groups to avoid responsibility.

The e-mail said the militant group blamed Abbas was also involved. The group's spokesman in Gaza would not comment.

The new government has already voiced skepticism about the peace process and what it calls its first in office.

The group must both in word and deed have a zero-tolerance policy to this sort of attack to demonstrate its commitment to peace and reconciliation," said Regev, the government spokesman.

Netanyahu was elected on a campaign that criticized the previous government's peace negotiations with Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas. Since then, Netanyahu has said he will seek, but has given few details about his vision for a final agreement. He has repeatedly refused to endorse the idea of an independent Palestinian state, key demand of the Palestinians and centerpiece of U.S. diplomacy in the region.

On Wednesday, Netanyahu's ultranationalist foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, said Israel's concessions to the Palestinians would only invite more war. He also rejected the previous government's peace talks, launched at a U.S.-sponsored conference in 2007.

Netanyahu has not commented publicly on Palestinian statements. But a close Netanyahu ally, Cabinet minister Gilad Erdan, said Thursday that Lieberman's comments "deeply reflected the position of the prime minister's Likud Party.

The appointment of the Lieberman has angered Palestinians and raised international concerns because of his hard-line policies and criticism of last year's election campaign that was widely seen as racist.

In Cairo, Egypt's Foreign Ministry called Lieberman's remarks "a setback to peace efforts."
Salmonella problems spread to pistachios
Two million pounds of nuts recalled Thursday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As North Korea fueled a multistage rocket Thursday for its threatened satellite launch, President Barack Obama promised a "stern" response and Japan vowed to press for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council.

Senior U.S. defense officials said thattrailers and vehicles carrying rocket-propelled gun were in place at North Korea's coastal launch site and that fueling had begun.

A U.S. counter-proliferation official said the fueling process could take "up to a few days."

But a senior U.S. intelligence official told The Associated Press that Pyongyang was on track for a projected Saturday launch.

The American officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence issues.

At the G-20 summit in London, Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak issued a statement agreeing on a "stern, united response from the international community if North Korea launches a long-range rocket."

State Department spokesman Robert Wood would not address the U.N. Security Council, but he repeated earlier warnings for the North Koreans not to take any "provocative" actions.

Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella Inc., which shares key staff and operations with the pistachio processor, A Kraft Foods Inc. also alerted the FDA to the contamination after its manufacturer in Skokie, Ill., turned up salmonella tainted in a routine test of roasted pistachios.

Japan's ambassador to the U.S. said his nation would request an emergency session of the Security Council if North Korea proceeds with the launch. Yukio Takasu said he raised the possibility of bringing a closed-door council talks Thursday.

Takasu and other council diplomats say they anticipate a possible emergency session as early as this weekend.

Chinese President Hu Jintao urged Japan to handle the expected firing of a rocket by North Korea over Japanese territory calmly, though he says Beijing is working to avert the launch.

Hu made the comment in a meeting late Thursday with Japan's prime minister, Taro Asō, on the sidelines of the G20 summit, said Osamu Sakashita, Asō's deputy cabinet secretary for public relations.

China says it is trying in various ways to dissuade Pyongyang from conducting the communications satellite launch that is widely believed to be a test for a long-range missile.

North Korea heightened its militarily rhetoric toward the U.S., Japan and South Korea on Thursday, threatening retaliation for any attempt to shoot down the rocket. Quoting an unidentified North Korean general, the North Korean Central News Agency said Japan would be struck by a "thunderbolt of fire" if it attempts to intercept the rocket.

The North Korean news service also issued a veiled threat against American warships moving in position to monitor the launch, saying "the United States should immediately withdraw armed forces deployed if it does not want to receive damage." But a senior American official said there was no immediate plan to test a missile.

Four U.S. intelligence officials are urging Obama to shoot down the rocket if it endangers the United States or its allies. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said during a weekend TV interview that it had not been decided to intercept the rocket — though it said a "stern" response was possible if the "aberrant missile" were headed to Hawaii "or something like that."

Senior U.S. defense officials have been keeping tabs on North Korea's launch preparations with satellite imagery and other surveillance.

The U.S. government has blamed North Korea for the March 2006 sinking of a South Korean warship, and U.S. intelligence officials said that North Korea has threatened to launch another "aberrant missile" in the past.

The issue was top of the agenda for Obama's first visit with his South Korean counterpart, Lee Myung-bak, at the sidelines of the G20 summit in London. Obama pledged to push for "peace and stability," while Lee's office issued a statement saying the two leaders agreed to keep working on a verifiable dismantling of North Korea's nuclear programs.

Russia appeared to be edging closer to Washington's position on the apparent show of good will. But a strong united front with a likely "stern" response likely would prove difficult for China that the North Korea's closest ally — has veto power in the Security Council. Beijing continued to urge all sides to show restraint.

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DENVER — A jury ruled Thursday that the University of Colorado wrongfully fired the professor who accused some Sept. 11 victims to be Nazis, a verdict that gives the professor $1 and a chance to get his job back.

"What was asked for and what was delivered was justice," said Betsy Hoffman, who helped orchestrate the Holocaust. "I can't tell you how significant this is," Lane said. "There are few defining moments that give the First Amendment this kind of light."

A judge will decide whether Churchill gets his job back.

When the verdict was read, Churchill hugged his attorney, David Lane, and his wife, Natos Saito.

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Student gov't tradition strong

April 1 marked more than Fools' Day at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's this year. On Wednesday both schools installed new student leaders, as Grant Schmidt became student body president at Notre Dame and Jenny Hoffman assumed the office of student body president at Saint Mary's.

At Notre Dame, the transition marks the continuation of a new "firsts" in student government. Former class of 2006 student body vice president, moved from the No. 2 to No. 1 position in student government.

This line of succession may prove to be a benefit to Notre Dame, if Schmidt and newly-installed vice president Cynthia Weber follow in the tracks of the former student body president, Bob Besh-Besh Schmidt administration.

And Schmidt had success this year on sev­eral fronts. Among their tangible accomplish­ments were the College Symposium held this weekend, solidifying a plan to put prirtices in ad­dorms, expanding the Last Lecture series and a change in the Board of students allowing politi­cal-faise candidates for their party's candidacy.

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front during the past year. The debate earlier in the year over the stipend caused a rift among the students and their govern­ment, but also between Gruszczyk and Frealy and their Board.

Lauren Thiesen, former chief of staff, said earlier this year: "One of the biggest challenges we have fixed this year is the cohesiveness of our Board. We are all strong and independent women, but we all need to work on listening to others and being open to other members' ideas and opinions."

The Executive Board, who brought the stipend to the Board of Governors (BOG) for the vote, did manage to reintegrate itself with the Board, however the Board as a whole has had trouble re­connecting with the student body.

The new Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution has been receiving mostly positive feedback, giving government a more accessible and understandable face. The former student body vice president also said in a statement that they would not be taking any compensation for their work.

Now Hoffm and student body vice president Meg Griffen should make their administration more accessible to students. By creating a more transparent student govern­ment, where students’ voices can be heard and the decisions of the Board are made in a timely manner, it reflects the opinions of the students as a whole, they may be able to bring the two bodies back together.

At both campuses, the opportunity for positive and student lead­ership was created Wednesday with the installation of the Schmidt Weber and Hoffman-Griffen administrations, and The Observer hopes both pairs will follow through on their promises.

Maybe when I’m 30 ...

This week the April Fool’s Day jinks were very high amongst me and my friends. My roommate (Observer columnist John Hamrick) awoke to find thousands of post-it notes stuck to his car. Another friend found someone shaving in her bath­room, which is surprising since she is a non-smoker.

Another friend was also pranked by others participating in the traditional RA’s fake answering the phone, pretending to be some freshmen drinking in their ‘house’. However, the worst joke of all the pranks was saved for me as some determined friends of mine signed me up for eHarmony.com. While I admit that this joke is hilarious (as I am incredibly open about my trou­bles with the ladies), I believe that it is in poor taste. It isn’t really a problem that my inbox has become cluttered with infor­mation from Dr. Neil Clark Warren asking of mine signed me up for eHarmony.com.

I was full to capacity with underage football and Lounge only to get there and find that it was full to capacity with undergrad football and players and my sister’s sophomore friend.

(Why can’t the undergrads just stick to bars like UGA and Oyster, and let us sea­soned veterans enjoy the Lounge? At least they’ll never touch our Finnegan’s!!) But I didn’t get yet to the problem.

The problem isn’t that I will let down women like Joelle (21, Meherriana, VA) and Tiffany (21, Antigo, WI), the real problem is that they are all far too young to be utilizing eHarmony.com as a serious means to meet people. I have been using eHarmony at a young age can’t merely be labeled as full, because a person who uses such a site before the age of 30 has actually given up on their life. Using online dating servic­es is this soon is like using the Warp zones in the Matrix before the age of 30 has actually given up on their life. Using online dating servic­es is this soon is like using the Warp zones in the Matrix before.

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Lauren Thiesen, former chief of staff, said earlier this year: "One of the biggest challenges we have fixed this year is the cohesiveness of our Board. We are all strong and independent women, but we all need to work on listening to others and being open to other members' ideas and opinions."

The Executive Board, who brought the stipend to the Board of Governors (BOG) for the vote, did manage to reintegrate itself with the Board, however the Board as a whole has had trouble reconnecting with the student body.

The new Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution has been receiving mostly positive feedback, giving government a more accessible and understandable face. The former student body vice president also said in a statement that they would not be taking any compensation for their work.

Now Hoffm and student body vice president Meg Griffen should make their administration more accessible to students. By creating a more transparent student government, where students’ voices can be heard and the decisions of the Board are made in a timely manner, it reflects the opinions of the students as a whole, they may be able to bring the two bodies back together.

At both campuses, the opportunity for positive and student leadership was created Wednesday with the installation of the Schmidt Weber and Hoffman-Griffen administrations, and The Observer hopes both pairs will follow through on their promises.
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Friday, April 3, 2009

vier-spoiter of the Catholic Newman Society

...orthodoxy on that the Finger keeps pointing to the around the Notre Dame campus lately, political blinders against abortion rights focuses so tightly on our political process with single-issue political blenders that some question if they are consistent when the issues turn to war and capital punishment. This week they rise into the realm of political options, opposition to President Obama's invita- deliver the commencement address in May. Academic debate is always the strip- per of truth, therefore it was surprising to lib­ ical Catholics who are tolerant like our first martyrs were needed to create a counter-organization on Catholic cam­ pus. Their purpose should be to let Caesar and politics have its place with out summarizing censoring and rejecting a political party or elected official. Our new Catholic organization's purpose will be to balance the rank-and-file's social outlook outside of the traditional Knighthood of Columbus events on campus. The organization will need to be named after someone of high standing in the Church, but who would also be known more as a Catholic free spirit and unorthodox theologian. After all, Church's dogma must have a few holes which our members may expose. Several of the Middle Ages popes qualify as such namesake, but choosing one is a risky and complicated proposition. While none of them ever heard of stem cells, condoms or Democrats and Republicans, a few Pope Johns and Pope Alexander VI immediately come to mind as our candidates. For longevity's sake, John XII (937-946) would be a good candidate because he became Pope in his late teens and remained the pontiff for his entire adult life. But appearances do matter, and he has a reputation for throwing wild orgies with both adults and children. His son, John XIII (945- 972) unfortunately followed his father's hedonism, and his number turned out to be unlucky since he died just like his father did from a disease he acquired from an abort- band. To sound akin to the well-respected and longtime Knights of Columbus, maybe the pope at the time of Columbus should be considered, Alexander VI (1492-1503). Originally known as Cardinal Borgia of Spain, the Alexander VI claim to fame rose by conquering much of Italy by force with the help of his son, Cesare. He too had a reputation for throwing large parties, bordering on orgies, that at times reportedly culmi­ nated with naked boys jumping out of large orgies. Alexander reportedly made a fortune selling indulgences, or free passes to heaven, along with selling cardinal seats. He arranged for his daughter Lucrècia to be married three times, each with a richer and more powerful aristocrat. When this pope died, everyone knew he was rotten to the core. In fact, the college of Cardinals were so jubilant that they paid their respects by leaving Alexander to rot and turn purple in the Sistine Chapel, until his bloated corpse had to be stuffed into his coffin. Alexander should be a core value of our new organization, and leading Alexander's name to it may inspire great social events. But he too does not quite fit as a model for today's Catholic campus counter-organization. Many of the Renaissance Popes were generally another group who did not live up to the standards needed today. Since many of those papal elections were rigged for rich, powerful families, these popes ultimately led to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th cen­ tury. If such abuse caused Christendom to split, naming our new campus organ­ ization for one of these popes would also certainly fail. Ironically, not every pope — like every president — can be the perfect model we expect. The Catholic Church has had both virtuous and immoral leaders, some just recently involved with child abuse in the United States. After all, every human being has personal shortcomings and strengths. But policy issues that affect those who are not Catholic paint a gray area in our politi­ cal system. If our nation was bounded only within the Vatican, then it would be acceptable that our elected officials easily follow a single religion's agenda. But we do not elect a Jew or a Catholic or an Atheist to strenuously follow personal religious beliefs while in office. We elect repre­ sentatives in our system to make judg­ ments that are in the interest of their constituents or the nation as a whole... — judgments that are mostly gray in complexity.

With our number of pope at 262 and counting, maybe we can find one whose name was Francis, Father, and thereby debate, inclusion and tolerance to our new Catholic campus organization. That should be our core value.

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Gary Caruso
Capital Comments

The war continues

Keep Coach Brey For as disappointed as I am in my men's basketball team's performance this past season, I have to disagree with Kevin Senn and his desire for the University to fire Coach Mire Brey for a number of reasons. Senn, along with many others, has an issue with the style of play that Brey coaches, which is under­ standable. We do shoot a lot of threes and we are not an adept defensive team. However, Brey plays this style out of necessity and for an opportunity. It's not the coach's fault that the number of ways big East and national competitors are not.

This is not a fault of Brey, but rather an implication of the University and the athletic department. Brey's team plays in an outdated, run-down facility, complete with duct tape holding together the lockers in the locker room. The practice facilities are on the same level. And, unlike football, the basketball team does not have the storied tradition or unwavering fan support to entice recruits despite these shortcomings. Because of these factors, and the higher academic standards to which Notre Dame holds its student-athletes, recruiting is a serious challenge for Brey. This is not to mention the fact that the team competes in the Big East, widely regarded as the toughest conference in the country. Before Coach Brey came to Notre Dame in 2001, the Irish hadn't been in the NCAA Tournament since 1990. In Brey's nine seasons as head coach, Notre Dame has made the tournament five times and Brey has been named the Big East Coach of the Year twice. The University recognizes this distinction in communication with regards to the basketball program, will finally update the facili­ ties this offseason to a level of national-caliber upkeep with the rest of the conference on a level playing field. However, I am not claiming that Brey can bring this program to national prominence given the right set of circumstances (there are actually a number reasons to believe that he can). However, I am not talking about the mud silt to close his book before he even has the chance.

Andy Zacchelli sophmore

The view points of the Catholic Newman Society

Although I cannot completely agree with Mr. Petrocelli ("Political correctness overload." April 21) I would like to thank him for recog­ nizing the main point of the "End the R Word" campaign: all people, the mentally disabled, elderly, ill, the list goes on, are just people. They do not need a special designation or differentiation. They do not need a special word. I think if we truly attempted to define them or differentiate them. One? I know the word "retarded" is barbaric. Whether its "retarded," "gay" or any other negatively commited

Alexa Doyle Sophomore.

The war continues

Labels unnecessary

nously, or even just signed the peti­ tion and walked away, it made me sick to hear people of story of two people who had just been refused the petition walked up behind me, laughing, saying, "What the hell is that petition? All I know is that's retarded." Although hypocritical, nameat­ ing his petition and calling someone "retarded," this point, these things did not surprise me because we as a society have been hurt caused by one little word unless they have experienced it firsthand. Have you ever loved one in the grocery store or blown walking up to you and ask­ ing "what in the world is that to you?" We know what it is I know the word "R Word" will never leave our generation's vocabulary. All I ask is this please think before you use this word. Whether its "retarded," "gay" or any other negatively commited

Rochelle Rieger Sophomore

Submit a Letter to the Editor at ndsmcobserver.com

Keep Coach Brey
This Week's Mix – Just Hit Shuffle

by Caitlin Ferraro

1. "Womanizer (Cover)" - The All-American Rejects
2. "Only Fooling Myself" - Kate Voegele
3. "This is For Real" - Motion City Soundtrack
4. "Poker Face" - Lady Gaga
5. "Hands Down" - Dashboard Confessional
6. "Heartbeats" - Jose Gonzalez
7. "Forever & Always" - Taylor Swift
8. "Everything I'm Not" - The Veronicas
9. "Lucky" - Jason Mraz feat. Colbie Caillat
10. "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" - Cyndi Lauper
11. "if You C Jordan" - Something Corporate
13. "Ain't A Thing" - Tyler Hilton

Playlists are great when you have a need to fulfill - a fast paced workout playlist to pump you up and keep you running, a serene playlist of calming slow songs to fall asleep to, or just a playlist to rock out on road trips. But sometimes it's nice to just hit shuffle and see what happens. You might find old songs you forgot you had, one you used to play endlessly then ditched, or a brand new song you just added. Try any of these great songs, or create your own random playlist. After all variety is the spice of life:

13 songs,
1 Chill Session

James Patterson's novel "Sundays at Tiffany's" takes the concept of the normal romance story and gives it an unexpected twist. "Tiffany's" seems like an average, every-day romance novel, except that the main male love interest is someone completely unexpected - a girl's imaginary friend who ventures back into her life 24 years after abandoning it.

As an eight-year-old girl with a famous mother who rarely gives her the time of day, Jane Margaux is often alone, except for the company of Michael, her handsome and brilliant 30-year-old imaginary friend. On her ninth birthday, though, Michael leaves her just as all imaginary friends must do when their child turns nine, and just as Michael has had to do many times before. He guarantees her that she will not remember him in the morning, but still feels differently about leaving her than he has about leaving any of the others.

Twenty-four years later, Michael is shocked to find Jane once again, now grown up and working for her mother's production company. He has never forgotten her, but even stranger, she did not forget him, unlike what always happened with the other children he befriended.

Michael is just what Jane needs in her otherwise miserable life, and she almost instantly falls in love with him. In spite of his best wishes, Michael begins to fall in love with Jane as well, a different kind of love than he felt for the eight-year-old Jane.

But can an imaginary friend, who is only partially human, does not age and must follow whatever assignments are given to him, enter into a relationship with one of his former child friends? The idea of romance with an imaginary friend is the only concept that sets "Sundays at Tiffany's" apart from the average romance novel. It seeks to explain the truth behind the imaginary friend, an experience most people have had personally or seen someone else have.

It is by no means one of the best works of literature and is not a book for those who are not particularly interested in the romance genre. That is not to say, however, that it does not succeed in entertaining. "Tiffany's" is a highly enjoyable read, with moments of happiness, sadness, love and anger. Its short chapters makes it an easy book to pick up at a moment's notice and put down whenever other, more pressing concerns arise.

For anyone who enjoys a story of romance, or someone who likes books with a twist, Patterson's "Tiffany's" is worth the effort and can be a good distraction from other, more tedious reading assignments.

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On Thursday night, Notre Dame brought one of America's most well-known classics, "On the Waterfront" to the Browning Cinema in The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Winner of eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director, this controversial film directed by Elia Kazan deals with thematic elements such as corruption, violence, and overwhelming inner conflict that comes to light when protagonist Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) is faced with deciding whether or not to testify against the well-connected and ever-threatening mob boss Johnny Friendly (Lee J. Cobb).

The story grows complicated as the once promising boxer Terry is asked by his brother Charley (Rod Steiger) to intentionally lose a fight for Friendly's benefit. Recognizing the strength of brotherly bonds, Terry does as told and ends his career before it has the chance to reach its climax.

Now, Terry faces a life working on the docks under the murderer Friendly who consistently evades being caught by the cops because witnesses choose to play "deaf and dumb" over risking their own lives to protect future ones.

When Terry becomes a witness, he faces an inner battle, similar to the one director Kazan faced when asked to turn in the names of his Communist co-workers. Pressure on Terry to confess the crime he saw mounts when the sister of the victim, Edie (Eva Marie Saint), crusades against the mob king and calls on the help of anyone she can find.

Danger heightens as Friendly finds out about Terry's potential testimony against him and threatens immediate action — a.k.a. death — if Terry pursues justice against the manipulative and ominous union boss.

In a particularly emotional scene, Charley confronts Terry, begging him to escape and not risk his life testifying against Friendly, and Terry in turn reminds Charley of the sacrifice he made ending his boxing career.

Trying to protect his brother, Charley hurries a gun into Terry's hand and urges him to run. In a final confrontational scene between Friendly and Terry, each man's fate is decided, better for one and obviously much worse for the other.

Not only was this film awarded eight Academy Awards, it also made the Vatican's list of the 45 greatest films of all time and was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry. It was based on twenty-four articles called "Crime on the Waterfront" written by New York Sun reporter Malcolm Johnson, who revealed the behind-the-scenes corruption that took place in Manhattan and Brooklyn during the late 1940s. For both an historical and intriguing look at the mischief, violence, and heavy moral decisions that faced many involved in the mob scene, see the 1950s classic "On the Waterfront."
FOOTBALL

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**NCAA Baseball**

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**Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth is escorted out of Dade County Pretrial Detention Center after posting $200,000 bond Thursday.**

**Stallworth still to face legal issues**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Free on bail but facing serious legal charges, Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth will get ready for an upcoming NFL season not knowing if he'll play in court Thursday on charges that he was drinking when he struck and killed a pedestrian while returning from a night of partying in Miami Beach on March 14. The 24-year-old Stallworth was released by Miami authorities after posting $200,000 bail.

He was expected to fly back to Cleveland on Thursday night. Stallworth intends to resume voluntary workouts with the rebuilding Browns, who must now consider their options and the possibility they will not have the seven-year veteran on their roster next season.

Following a brief hearing Thursday before Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy, Stallworth, dressed in a dark suit and holding his mother Donna's hand, expressed his condolences and offered his prayers to victim Mario Reyes' family.

Stallworth added he has "full confidence and faith" in the legal process. If convicted of DUI manslaughter, Stallworth faces a maximum of 15 years in prison.

The judge set an April 23 arraignment date for Stallworth to enter a plea. Stallworth, who is allowed to travel between Ohio and Florida and must seek permission to go anywhere else, does not have to be present at that hearing. Stallworth is expected to plead not guilty and a trial date will be set.

For the Browns the legal case could drag into the 2009 season. The team did not rush to Stallworth's defense after the charges were announced Wednesday, releasing a statement saying "we are disappointed he has put himself in this position." The Browns also said they had been in communication with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

As much as Stallworth's life is in the hands of the legal system, it is Goodell who could decide his football future.

Stallworth, whose first season with Cleveland was marred by injuries, faces a possible suspension if the league deems he violated its conduct or substance abuse policies.

**In Brief**

Stevens extends coaching contract through 2016

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler coach Brad Stevens has agreed to a contract extension with the Bulldogs through the 2015-16 season.

The new contract announced Thursday adds one year to the contract Stevens signed a year ago. Terms of the new deal were not disclosed.

The 32-year-old Stevens is one of the youngest coaches in Division I. He has compiled a 56-10 record in both years.

He has guided the Bulldogs to the NCAA tournament twice and the Horizon League regular-season and tournament championships.

Stevens played at nearby DePauw University and became coach after Lickliter left for Iowa in 2007.

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**Reds considering Gary Sheffield for limited play**

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Cincinnati Reds wrapped up training camp with an overture to Gary Sheffield and a lingering question about the last opening in their starting rotation.

Manager Dusty Baker said Thursday that he's interested in adding Sheffield — a friend for many years — to the roster. The trouble is that he can't offer regular playing time to the 40-year-old free agent, who is hoping for a full-time job and a multi-year deal.

Baker got permission from general manager Walt Jocketty to call Sheffield and see if he would consider the Reds, who don't have a left-handed pitcher. Sheffield, who was released by the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday, could start in left field when the Reds are facing a left-handed pitcher. Fill in at first base on occasion and pinch-hit.

Agent hopes Vick can return by September

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — An agent for suspended NFL star Michael Vick told a bankruptcy court on Thursday that he hopes the ex-Alabama Falcons quarterback could return to the league by September.

Joel Segal testified as part of a hearing to assess Vick's plan to emerge from bankruptcy, which was designed with the goal of Vick returning to a professional football career.

Vick, who left federal prison in Kansas last week to travel to Virginia, was in court for the first time in the case. He is scheduled to testify Friday.

To return to a team, Vick still must apply to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to be reinstated. He hasn't yet done so, Segal said, and plans first to finish his 23-month sentence for bankrolling a dogfighting operation.

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By MEAGHEN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 30 Notre Dame will close out regular season play this weekend as it makes its first appearance at the 12th Annual Bryan National Collegiate Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

The team will face some of the top national teams’ best five golfers in the three-day event. Notre Dame’s last competition before the Big East tournament.

“We need to play well, we haven’t really put three rounds together recently,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “We’re at a point in our season where we need to put our rounds together, and I think it’s certainly achievable this weekend.”

The five-woman Irish lineup will be made up of senior captain Lisa Maunu, junior Annie Brophy, sophomores So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway and freshman Becca Huffman.

They will play a total round of 54 holes, one round of 18 holes per day, on the par-72 course. The top four of the five scores each day will go towards the overall team score.

“There are 18 teams, and at least 10 are top-25 teams, so there’s some great competition,” Holt said. “It’s time for us to step up and make a statement. Our schedule has given us the opportunity to do that, and I’d like to see us get our confidence up before heading into the Big East tournament.”

Florida took the Bryan Tournament title last season with an overall 906 (42 over par), and Arkansas Stacey Lewis earned medalist honors win an even-par 216.

Competitors this season include No. 3 Virginia, No. 8 Georgia, No. 9 LSU, No. 18 Louisville, No. 15 Michigan State, No. 13 North Carolina and No. 12 Wake Forest.

In their last appearance, the Irish placed sixth at the March 22 Ritsy Rawl Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas.

The team moved up one spot on the last day of competition, finishing with a final-round score of 311 (23 over). Park scored a team-best 76 for the conference stage, ending the tournament in a tie for 23rd place at 223 (45 over). Her final round included one birdie on the 18th hole and 13 pars, but was brought down by three bogeys over four holes and a double bogey on the par-5 fifth hole.

Conway finished her final round at 77 (5 over), improving throughout the weekend. Huffman also shot a (5-over) 77 in the third round, going 11 over with 227 for the tournament. Maunu and Brophy shot 81 and 83 respectively in the final round. Maunu finished with 11 pars and in 47th place with a total of 233 (17 over). Brophy had nine pars and tied for 58th with a total of 236 (20 over).

Facing some tough competition this weekend, Notre Dame is looking to hold its own in the tournament, and knows what it needs to do to achieve that.

“If we could get our rounds together, we have a good chance of making a good showing,” Holt said. “It’ll be a challenge to do that, and we have to be at our best. We’re hoping to manage the course a little better than we have been. It’s a tough course, but I think it plays to our advantage this weekend.”

The Irish will tee off from the 10th hole Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. in the split-tee start with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles hope to streak by Alma

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will try to tack two more wins onto their non-conference winning streak as the Belles (18-2, 4-0 MIAA) travel to Alma College (14-9, 4-2) for a doubleheader.

The Scots, on the other hand, have split four of their last five doubleheaders and have a record of 8-4 since returning from their spring break trip Florida.

A seven-game conference play in full swing, the Belles seem to be playing their best at just the right time.

“We are playing really well as a team. Everyone is contributing both on offense and defense as we are now starting to really string hits together,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “Everything seems to be clicking for us right now.”

In particular, the combination of solid pitching performances and rock-solid defensive efforts has been a recipe for success lately, as the Belles have given up only three runs in their last six games.

“Our pitchers are really hitting their spots and are avoiding the walks. We are keeping people off the bases, which really takes pressure off our defense,” Sullivan said. “Our middle infielders have been playing especially well and our outfielders tracked down some long fly balls in our last game.”

Sullivan also noted the importance of senior catcher Ashley Fusaro in the overall performance of the pitching staff. Sullivan said Fusaro has shown her leadership qualities, calling pitches and mentoring the two freshmen, Angela Gillis and Monica Palicki.

Fusaro’s bat has not gone unnoticed, either, as she currently has a 492 batting average with a home run and 12 RBIs.

The Belles currently sit in first place in the MIAA, and a sweep of Alma would put them in prime position to earn a berth to the conference tournament.

The opening pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time all season, the Washington Wizards fields a starting five that includes shooting guard Gilbert Arenas, who sat out the past two games with a left ankle sprain.

"I would say the Wizards and Gilbert Arenas have finally won," Wizards forward Antawn Jamison said. "Gibby was more of a player tonight." Arenas played for the first time in his first game since missing the past two games with a left ankle sprain.

Arenas finished with six assists and four rebounds in 26 minutes. The Wizards opened the final period with a 10-0 run and ended the franchise-record 13-game winning streak of the Los Angeles Lakers. Arenas contributed 18 points and 11 assists for the Philadelphia, which won its fifth in a row against the Bucks, including all three this season.

"Everybody was not there mentally," Evans said about the first half. "The second half was almost like a wake-up call. Let's tighten up a little bit. Let's focus in even more and get into it. We slowly grinded it out.

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**BOSTON —** This win gave the Boston Bruins 50. The next one will give them something they value even more: home-ice advantage through the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"You can play for one team your whole career and never get 50 wins...and still have some real good seasons," goalie Tim Thomas said Tuesday night after stopping 31 shots to beat the Ottawa Senators 2-1. "It's a credit to the team, the way it's built and the way the guys play together."

"But if you're running the Boston Marathon and you're leading after 20 miles, you don't stop to say, 'Man, I'm leading,'" said forw ard P.J. Savard, who had three assists as the Canadiens use power-play to net three goals in easy win over New York; Backes scores four in Blues triumph

**NHL**

**With victory No. 50, Bruins come from home ice**

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**Associated Press**

Boston broke the tie in the third when Axelsson stole the puck, and backhanded it over to the slot for Savard, who put a wrist shot past Auld with 16:58 to play. Savard has two goals and four assists in his last five games.

**Canadiens 5, Islanders 1**

Just like that, the Montreal Canadiens can feel good about their home-ice advantage following three straight losses. Their three power-play goals Thursday night that snapped its winning streak 2:27 into the game. They're a very good team. A couple of little turnovers like that and they make you pay.

"They're a very good team. A couple of little turnovers like that and they make you pay," said Alex Tanguay, whose steal set up the tying goal 1:13 into the third.

"I don't think anyone thought we would've been in this position this quickly," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "We were at the bottom of the Eastern Conference playoff race. The Blues took a 2-0 lead in the middle period on Backes' power-play goal 2:23 into the third made it 4-2. He tipped in T.J. Oshie's shot from the point.

"I'd say that's an interesting word," Babcock said. "I'm just telling the job in the game and being disappointed in the group right now. This is very un-Bruins like." The Blues took a 2-0 lead in the middle period on Backes' power-play goal 2:23 into the third made it 4-2. He tipped in T.J. Oshie's shot from the point.

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"We have a tough stretch and now we're heading in the right direction." Babcock said.

"It's fun to have your destiny in your own hands," forward Alex Tanguay said. "We knew that no matter what the Rangers were doing, we knew we had one game in hand on them. And if we just won our games, we were going to move up."
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"The one thing with Air Force and with all military academies is that you know they'll be tough, disciplined and relentless," Corrigan said. "I think they really try to score in a lot of different ways."

The Falcons' balanced offensive attack is led by sophomore midfielder Vinny Santorini, who leads Air Force with 15 goals on the season, and junior attack Ridge Flick, who leads the Falcons with eight assists and seven goals.

"We’ve been overly aggressive and settle for mediocre possessions."

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Corrigan said he would like to see a complete performance from the Irish and to play up to their high national ranking.

"I want to see our team play with a strong will," Corrigan said. "I want to see us impose ourselves on the game and the way we want to play."

Ultimately, Corrigan said he believes that if Notre Dame can play smart and play up to its high national ranking, the Irish will be not only be successful against Air Force, but for the rest of the season.

"I want to see us make good decisions because we’re disciplined and strong-willed about what we want to do, and if we do that, we can be a very good team," Corrigan said.

The Irish face off against the Falcons at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Irish travel to Cincy, Louisville

By ERIC PRISTER Sports Writer

The Irish (9-2, 2-1 Big East) gear up to take on two conference opponents this weekend, as they will face Cincinnati (5-5, 0-2) on the road Friday and then travel to Kentucky to take on Louisville (6-3, 0-2) Sunday.

After a seven-game win streak and an 8-1 start to the season, Notre Dame split last weekend, losing to No. 6 Georgetown 14-12 and then going on to defeat No. 13 Loyola (Md.) 16-13. The 1-1 weekend pushed Notre Dame to a third-place tie in the Big East.

"We had a two-goal loss to a top-10 team, so I think we’re definitely in the mix, but I think this weekend we need to come out and play strong," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We’ll see how it goes this weekend to see if we can kind of crank it up a notch."

The Irish have been in the position before, starting the 2008 season 9-3 and the 2007 season 11-3, but were not able to achieve their goal of winning the Big East.

"If you look back at 2007 and 2008 we’ve been at this point before where we’ve been 9-2 or 10-3," Coyne said. "I think our focus is how do we finish in a stronger position than we did last year or two years ago."

The Bearcats are led by their goalie, freshman Katherine Russo, who leads the Big East in save percentage.

Notre Dame is near the top of every offensive category in the Big East, which Coyne attributes to the team’s balance.

"We have pretty balanced scoring. At different points in the season we’ve had younger players step up and have a key goal so I think it’s everyone who’s contributing," Coyne said.

The Irish are led offensively by sophomore Jillian Byers and junior Gina Sciscioia, who are second and third in points per game in Big East play so far this year.

Byers leads the Irish with 40 goals and has also contributed nine assists throughout the season. Her 11 goals in the Big East are good for second in the conference.

"(Byers) always draws the top defender from the other team, and she’s handling that pressure," Coyne said.

Sciscioia, who has already been named Big East player of the week once this season, leads the team in points with 34 and assists with 21. Her 11 goals and 7 assists in Big East play is good enough for second in both of those categories. She is also second in total points.

"(Sciscioia) is having an outstanding season and I think she’s stepped up and I’m hoping that she’ll continue on her current path," Coyne said.

The Irish will meet the Bearcats Friday at 4 p.m. in Cincinnati and will take on the Cardinals at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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This weekend’s slate of games is a good preview to what Notre Dame will face over Northern Illinois, this year’s Northwestern, this year’s

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indoor national champion, has already shown that they are one of the top teams in the country and will most certainly be there in the end when the NCAA Championships roll around in mid-May.

"Playing four matches in five days, which is what you have to do at the NCAA championships, is a tough task," Louderback said. "It will be a great test for us."

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DePaul and Valparaiso this weekend," he said. "It helps us get ready for the Big East and NCAA Tournaments."}

After this stretch of road matches, the Irish will return home for their regular-season finale against Texas A&M on April 11.

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before dropping the final two games. "The first thing we are focusing on is just getting back to playing good baseball," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "Our pitching and defense hasn't been real solid lately and because of that we have been giving up a lot of runs. We need to focus less on our past performances and more on getting back to playing good baseball."

The Wildcats haven't fared any better in the conference, managing a lone victory in three tries against West Virginia after being swept in a three-game series by St. John's. But past performances are not a concern of Schrage's right now. "They are always a well-coached team and right now they have five hitters hitting above .315," he said. "They are very aggressive on the base paths and have the most stolen base attempts in the league. They create and score a lot of runs and have three solid starting pitchers who have pitched fairly well this season."

For the Irish, pitching has been a problem this season. Sophomore right-hander Cole Johnson (3-0), who boasts a 2.75 earned run average, is the lone exception. "Cole's had an outstanding year for us," Schrage said. "He has really established himself as our number one guy and we always play well behind him. We hope that he will continue to perform at a high level for us the rest of the way."

Not counting Johnson's two outings in the series openers against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh, Irish pitchers gave up 20 and 29 runs, respectively, in each series' final two games, all resulting in losses.

Against Villanova's strong pitching staff, Schrage said he knows that will not get the job done. "We have got to get three quality starts from our pitchers this weekend," he said. "We haven't had that in the first two series and it really hurts us. We gave up a lot of two-out runs because our pitchers struggled to close out innings."

Saturday's and Sunday's games against Villanova are scheduled to start at 1:05 p.m. After this weekend's series, the Irish will take on the South Bend Silverhawks in an exhibition game Tuesday to be held at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Danridge wins contest in dunk-off

Associated Press


In the final round, Coley received a perfect 50 from the judges after a dunk off a pass from Rhode Island's Jimmy Baron in the stands. Danridge, though, forced a dunk-off with his third 50 of the competition with a two-ball, two-handed double dunk.

Coley then dunked over judge Jalen Rose for a 48, and Danridge ended it with a left-handed windmill for a 49.

Miami's Jack McClinton won the men's 3-point contest, beating Erik Kangas of nearby Oakland University 22-17 in the final.

Furman's Melissa Liebeschwegar beat Arizona State's Briann January 19-14 in the women's 3-point final, but lost 17-15 to McClinton in a battle of the sexes.

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Irish to face tough teams in California

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Quinn Winter

Nor'e Dame will travel to San Diego this weekend for a basketball competition out west this weekend at the San Diego Classic.

This week, the Irish have been working hard to prepare for the Classic, which is a big event.

"Practices have been very intense this past week," freshman guard Telfar Patrick said. "We are currently doing seat-rotates to determine who will be in what positions, so we really have to give it our all and compete with each other.

The San Diego Crew Classic will feature schools from all over the country, including Georgetown, Syracuse, Stanford and Villanova.

There are a lot of ranked teams traveling to San Diego this weekend so we are really looking forward to the experience and hopefully make a name for ourselves," freshman Alejandro Melendez added.

The Irish are coming off a very successful weekend, where they won four games against Indiana and Purdue. The first two second varsity eight races went to the

Junior John Baumgardner and the fancy left-handed drives of sophomore Brian Bakey, the Huxtable's way they were one of the teams to watch as the tournament progresses. They are ready to go to the library," Beckert said.

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Undated squad to host Air Force with hopes to stay perfect

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame will look to extend its school-record start to 9-0 and remain one of two undefeated teams in Division I lacrosse as it resumes conference play against Air Force at Alumni Field Saturday.

The Irish (8-0, 1-0 Great Western Lacrosse League) are defending champions DePaul.

The Pirates (14-15, 2-6) are 12th in the conference, only one step above Pittsburgh.

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The Irish will face the Blue Devils in Chicago before heading to Evanston, Ill., for a rematch with No. 1 Northwestern Saturday.

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By ALEX BARKER

Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame (17-3) will try to rebound from its loss earlier this week against No. 4 Baylor as it hits the road for a four-game road trip beginning with conference rival DePaul Saturday.

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**Baseball**

**Irish look for Big East series win**

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Notre Dame will try to accomplish something this weekend that it hasn’t been able to do in two years: win a weekend series against a Big East opponent.

The Irish (16-10, 2-4 Big East) will host conference foe Villanova (14-12, 1-5 Big East) this weekend for a three-game set beginning today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

In Notre Dame’s previous Big East match-ups, against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh, the Irish took the opener and a second doubleheader Saturday against Pittsburgh.

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The Irish (18-11, 4-1 Big East) will look to continue its hot streak this weekend as it returns to action against a pair of Big East opponents.

Junior attack Neal Hicks runs past a defender during Notre Dame’s 9-7 win over Villanova Monday. The victory extended the squad’s win streak to nine games.

**Cross country runners defeat fencing stars in varsity battle**

By CHRIS MASOUD,

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**Squad to defend eight-game streak**

By LAURA MYERS

Sports Writer

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The Pirates (14-15, 2-6) have been struggling of late, losing their last six games, all Big East contests. They now sit 12th of the 16 Big East teams.

"Pittsburgh always plays well against us," he said. "In my mind, Pitt’s going to play their best game of the year against us."

The Pirates (14-14-1, 4-4) are 12th in the conference, only one step above Pittsburgh. They have a difficult weekend ahead, as they face DePaul Saturday before coming to South Bend.

Pirates shortstop Brittany Schillizzi was named to the Big East Honor Roll for the second time Monday. She leads the team with four home runs and 23 RBIs.

Gumpf said the bottom teams this time and (not winning it this time) made a big difference.

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