\textbf{Vagina Monologues' canceled this year}

For first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform controversial play

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

For the first time in eight years, Notre Dame students will not perform "The Vagina Monologues" at an on- or off-campus location.

Junior Miriam Olsen, a producer of last year's show, said the group of students in charge of organizing the production of "The Vagina Monologues" this year decided not to continue the show.

"We were not forbidden by the University to do the Monologues and we didn't give up lighting," she said.

Instead, Olsen said she, along with several other students, declined to produce the show because they believed the controversy on campus that follows the show is ultimately counterproductive to the show's purpose.

"What happened was that I, and some other people who have been involved in the past, feel like the "Monologues" are an amazing piece that talks about women's sexuality that can be very productive for Notre Dame students," she said. "But unfortunately, what happens when the "Monologues" are put on, is they turn into more of a scandal than an action piece."

"The Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in February 2002 as part of a cam...
**Guilty Pleasures**

I think, in this day and age, everyone is pretty familiar with the concept of a guilty pleasure. BUT, in case you’re not (parents sheltered you heavily, you live a monk’s lifestyle devoid of popular culture — these things happen), a guilty pleasure is something that you enjoy, but for whatever reason do not want anyone knowing you enjoy. This something is most often a piece of popular culture, such as a song or band or movie or book or Broadway show (or Broadway shows in general).

It seems to me as if guilty pleasures, more often than not, tend to be the same things among certain groups of people. English majors and their ilk would call Twilight and Harry Potter their guilty pleasures; music snobs would give you big, probably female, pop acts like Taylor Swift, film snobs would spout on mainstream comedies like Zoolander and Anchorman, or else action flicks, like Die Hard and The Hard: With a Vengeance, anyone who watches a lot of television will tell you every MTVVH dating show (block of Love, Block of Love 2, Block of Love Bus, Daisy of Love, Tough Love, I Love New York, I Love New York 2, ad infinitum), and so on. I think you get the picture.

Here’s my question — what makes these things differ and give them such a different feel from the things you are normally loved? As a student of pop culture, I can see why Susan Sontag and Kelly Clarkson are different, but still love both, and for different reasons. Why is it that I’m told I should feel guilty for loving “Since U Been Gone,” but not for loving “Chicano?”

I think the answer has something to do with the concept of ‘legitimacy’ or some notion of ‘quality.’ You’re supposed to like the respectable, well made things, not ones that were made solely for mass appeal. But here’s the thing — me liking Tomb Raider has nothing to do with it being a good movie (and everything to do with ani­mated statues, explosions, and the area between Angelina Jolie’s neck and bellybutton), me liking it is not about a concept of ‘legitimacy’ or something that you just normally love? As a student of film, I can see why Shawshank Redemption is a guilty pleasure. BUT, in case you’re not a fan of pop culture, I can see why Sufjan Stevens and Kelly Clarkson are guilty pleasures.

**In Brief**

The Walsh Hall Tree Sit will take place Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on God Quad in front of Walsh Hall. The event will feature free food, music and fun. Donations will benefit the Arbor Day Association.

A lecture titled “Modeling Human Cancer in the Mouse” will take place Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in 101 Jordan Hall of Science. Dr. Mario Campeacci, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Physiology and Medicine, will speak about his innovative “knockout mice” technology.

The Kroe Institute and the Notre Dame International Security Program will cospon­ sor a lecture titled “Obama and Afghanistan: More Troops, but What Else?” Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in C103 Hesburgh Center. Thomas A. Schwelch, who is an Ambassador-in-Residence and Visiting Professor at Washington University in St. Louis will deliver the lecture. He formerly served the Bush administration as ambassador for counter narcotics and justice reform in Afghanistan.

**Correction**

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct it.
Junior’s charity funds African improvements

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Eyes on Africa has been up to a lot in its short time, according to junior Jeff Lakusta, the University’s campus coordinator for the foundation.

Eyes on Africa is a government-recognized non-profit foundation committed to helping poverty-stricken areas of South Africa, according to the Foundation’s Web site.

“We started about one and a half years ago, and since our founding we’ve raised more than $80,000,” Lakusta said.

Now, more than 30 schools are a part of the “Campus Coordinator” system, Lakusta said.

“Basically they serve as reps to the organization, raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and spreading awareness about our causes,” Lakusta said.

After completion, the Center will be available for the community to learn about HIV/AIDS and other diseases, Lakusta said.

“We also expect youth to participate in after-school activities to prevent them from visiting alcohol bars and not joining other activities detrimental towards a fruitful future,” Lakusta said.

Donations can be made and membership can be purchased through the Foundation’s Web site.

On May 24, the Foundation will send a group to South Africa, and many are welcome, said Lakusta. Other dates can be contacted on the Foundation’s Web site.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Bareilles concert venue changed

Student groups battle academic groups for rooms, auditoriums

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

At the first Saint Mary’s College Student Government Association (SGA) meeting with its new board, Student Activities Board president Michele Peterson expressed concern over booking rooms and auditoriums through the office of Special Events.

“Student events seem to put student groups second and academic groups first,” Peterson said. “I booked O’Laughlin for SMC Tostal a while ago, and they decided to override the confirmation and not inform me until a month ago.”

Peterson stated that she booked O’Laughlin Auditorium for the musical performance of Sara Bareilles on April 16. The event was set up until Special Events took back their confirmation and gave to the space to the Saint Mary’s theatre department.

Peterson is already having trouble booking events for next year.

“I am trying to book events for next year and already having issues,” Peterson said. “It is hard when students try to have events and there is no space to have them.”

Another problem for Peterson is when the Office of Special Events cancelled the event, they e-mailed Director of Student Involvement Patrick Daniel even though they had been dealing with her throughout the entire process.

“The concert will still be held on April 16, but it will now be at Angela Aquatic facility. Student Diversity Board Representative Carissa Salvador also had problems booking an event.

“There was a blood drive in the Student Center Lounge that was ending at 4 p.m. and we [Student Diversity Board] booked it for an event starting at 7 p.m.,” Salvador said. “The blood drive ran late and there was blood in the room where we had food, which made some girls uncomfortable.”

Salvador stated that space on campus is reserved first for on-campus organizations, and outside organizations second.

“You should get preference if you book the room first,” Admissions Commissioner Jacquetta Martin, who works for Special Events, said.

“It is not just Special Events,” Martin said. “Sometimes it is building services and how fast there is a turn around.”

In other SGA news:

♦ New SGA president Jenny Hoffman announced that she will continue to work on last year’s board’s efforts to install printers in residence halls and to extend Student Center hours by two hours each night.

“We are here to strive to make students comfortable on their own campus,” Hoffman said. “They should know they have us to come to if they need anything as little as new vacuums in the dorms.”

♦ SGA will meet twice before the end of the academic year.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE LUNCH HOUR

VPI Lunch Hour seeks to connect Notre Dame students with local organizations that work to end violence and promote the healing of survivors. Come learn more about the missions of these organizations from their leaders and how you can help!

Free Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm

April 14
Ellen Kyes, Associate Director
Prevention Programs and Take Ten Project Coordinator
Robinson Community Learning Center

April 16
Linda Baechle, Executive Director
YWCA of Saint Joseph County

April 22
Annie Enwall, Assistant Director
SOS of Madison Center
The Rape Crisis Center of Saint Joseph County

Gender Relations Center
311 LaFortune
RSVP by April 9 at grc@nd.edu or 1-9340
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paign to raise awareness about violence against women, according to a 27, 2002 Observer report.

After the first showing in 2002, the "Monologues" became an annual fixture at Notre Dame until 2007, when student organizers could not find an academic department at the University to sponsor the performance. The Observer reported.

The first showing of the Monologues on campus was then performed at South Bend's First Presbyterian Church on Feb. 28, 2007.

Last year, the Vagina Monologues were sponsored by the sociology, anthropology and political science departments, and the production sparked debates about the tension between Notre Dame's Catholic identity and the academic freedom expected at a university.

University President Fr. John Jenkins allowed the production to be shown on campus in 2008, as long as an academic panel discussion followed each performance - a decision that was criticized by Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy and several other Catholic leaders and organizations.

Jenifer Kathleen Hession, who was slated to direct the show this year, said she is disappointed the Monologues will not occur this year.

"The show itself is just a show," she said. "But when it comes down to it, it's the conversation and awareness it inspired."

Junior Will Haley, who was stage manager for the "Monologues" for part of the production last year, said the controversy surrounding the show slowed down the process.

Because of obstacles in securing a venue on campus to hold the "Monologues," Haley said the show had to be performed later in the year than was originally planned.

He said he believes the controversy that surrounds the "Monologues," every year entices students to attend and participate in the show. Letting the controversy rest for a year could benefit the show.

"If the word vagina wasn't in the title, I don't think anyone would take the notice off of it," he said. "It's the fact that it's not allowed to happen that pushes people to strive to put it on.

Junior Angelica Hernandez, an actress in last year's show, said the controversy inspired curiosity, which helped raise the show's attendance.

"Our last two nights were sold out - technically overweld with people sitting in the aisles," Hernandez said. "I'm pretty sure people were curious and wanted to know what it was all about. I'm sure that helped our cause - whether the people liked it or not."

As for the future of the "Monologues," Olsen said she hopes they will be produced again on campus.

"I hope that they happen again and I hope that when they happen, they happen under better circumstances," she said.

Like Bashaw, Tornifolio also is looking forward to the new experience.

"Bringing women in from different communities and forming one new community is very exciting to me," Tornifolio said. "I'm also excited about starting new traditions and figuring things out as we go."

Despite being the first inhabitants of the dorm, neither Bashaw nor Tornifolio were worried about any challenges that may be ahead.

"I think there will be great things happening at the same time," Bashaw said. "We will have to see as the year progresses.

Despite this, Tornifolio said she is eager to begin her tenure as the rector of Notre Dame's newest dorm.

"I'm very excited to be the rector of Ryan Hall," she said. "I'm sure that Ryan will be a great home for the women who live there and I know how lucky and blessed I feel to be part of it."

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 5

Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday Mass

Solemn Mass

Solemn Vespers
**World & Nation**

**International News**

**Obama: U.S. not at war with Islam**

ANKARA, Turkey — Declaring the U.S. "is not and never will be at war with Islam," President Barack Obama worked Monday to mend frayed ties with NATO ally Turkey and improve relations with the larger Muslim world.

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**Nebraska couple turn themselves in to authorities near their neighborhood of Dubai. Kadyrov on Monday in November, went into effect last week. They were news release. Matthew Schade was officials, Sheriff Jim Janecek said in a Nebraska home on Monday, a sheriff said.**

**Killing removes rival to Chechen leader**

MONROVIA, Pa. — A season of a rendezvous with the Chechen warlord tossed a gold-plated pistol to the ground next to the body — a flamboyant gesture by the leader of a rival warlord in the volatile Middle East.

Dubai’s police chief has accused a Russian parliamentary — and confidant of Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov — of masterminding the March 28 killing thousands of miles from Chechnya, outside a beach resort, according to a Russian opposition newspaper that has heard from a local police official that Kadyrov on Monday in Dubai. The official, a man he called “his friend, brother and, moreover, my right hand,” and said the police allegations were “a provocation” and “slander.”

**National News**

**Parishes ask Vatican for mediation**

BOSTON — The leader of a Boston-based Roman Catholic advocacy group is in Rome to deliver a letter to the Vatican asking that bishops be instructed to enter promptly into mediation with 31 parishes that have closed or are slated to close.

Community of Parishes co-chairman Peter Borre says the letter to be delivered Tuesday is a “last resort” aimed at getting the Vatican to prevent bishops in eight dioceses from shutting down viable parishes.

The dioceses with parishioners participating in the request are Allentown, Pa.; Boston; Buffalo, N.Y.; Cleveland; New Orleans; New York City; Scranton, Pa., and Springfield, Mass.

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**Earthquake strikes medieval city**

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Associated Press

L’AQUILA Rescue workers using bare hands and buckets searched frantically for students believed buried in a wrecked dormitory after Italy’s deadliest quake in nearly three decades struck this medieval city before dawn Monday, killing more than 150 people, injuring 1,500 and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake buckled both ancient and modern buildings in and around L’Aquila, snugged in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped Apennines’ tallest peaks.

It also took a severe toll on the centuries-old castles and churches in the mountainside town, which has been a resort for centuries.

Five aftershocks struck this medieval city before dawn Monday, registering at 6.3.

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**Local News**

**Agency streamlines welfare process**

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s human services agency and its vendors have streamlined the eligibility process for 10,000 to 15,000 emergency, free housing federal funds for individuals and families and canceled a trip to Russia.

**Shooter sent letter to television station**

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — The man who opened fire at a Walmart on Tuesday, killing 13 people before taking himself out, left a letter addressed to a television station hours before the shooting, which occurred in a neighborhood of homes and small businesses.

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**Letter to television station**

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"I am Jovely Wong shooting the people." The letter was dated March 18, more than two weeks before the shooting, which occurred in a neighborhood of homes and small businesses. It included photos of Wong smiling with two guns, a gun permit and his driver’s license.

"I never hit the car," the letter states.

"I am sorry I know a little English." It indicates a delusional man obsessed with unidentified police he says taunted him and tortured him, even going into his room, watching him sleep and touching him while he slept. The letter says police stole money from his wallet and stopped their cars in front of him 32 times in efforts to make him crash into them.

"We managed to come down with other students but we had to sneak through a hole in the stairs as the whole floor came down," said Luigi Alfonsi, 22, his eyes filling with tears and his hands trembling. "I was in bed — it was like it would never end as I heard pieces of the building collapse around me.

Elsewhere in town, firefighters reporting pulling a 21-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man from a pancaked five-story apartment building where many students had rented flats. Survivors hugged one another, prayed quietly or tried to call relatives. Residents covered in dust pushed carts of clothes and blankets that they had thrown together before fleeing their homes.

Slabs of walls, twisted steel supports, furniture and wire fences were strewn in the streets, and gray dust was everywhere.

A body lay on the sidewalk, covered by a white sheet.

Residents and rescue workers hauled debris from collapsed buildings by hand or in a bucket brigade. Firefighters pulled a woman covered in dust from her four-story apartment. Rescue crews demanded quiet as they listened for signs of life from inside.

A television showed rescue workers gingerly pulling a man clad only in his underwear from a crumbling building. He emerged, his breath ragged and struggled to form words.

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We have tons of participation from Cavanaugh and Zahm. Mahon said. "The Week was really well received.

The Chaos’ commitment to going green, with its many events, also added to its application, she said. A testament to the residence hall’s sense of community. Mahon said. "It’s a beacon of hope that we can come out of poverty and come out of situations that we’re in.

'Ve were won,’ he said. ‘This will really get us out the Open People’s petition and support both on his West Quad.’

‘When I got word of it, I was almost in tears — it’s my graduation,’ Tipton said. ‘It’s the President of the United States and that is special in itself. For it to be the first black president, it adds another layer to it. It’s motivational, especially since he overcame so much adversity.”

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‘What wrongs does one weigh against the destruction of human life?’ O’Callahan asked. Appleby discussed the responsibilities that he personally believes Notre Dame faces as a Catholic University. He said that although many Catholics voted for Obama, few did so without weighing both his political and own beliefs.

They chose the champion of the poor and working class,” Appleby said. ‘And they tried to overlook the candidate who implied that some informed moral judgment of the most crucial life issue facing the world is ‘above my pay grade.’”

Appleby cited the recent letters to the editor of The Observer arguing against the invitation to Obama as examples of those who did not understand the implications of the issue.

‘For Catholics like me who share an aversion to the president’s moral judgment on abortion and stem cell research, those reactions are understandable.” Appleby said. However, they are ‘wrong-headed on at least three grounds.”

First, Catholics should not distance themselves from the rest of society but rather embrace it and attempt to continue work for redemption.

Second, Catholics should recognize that ‘talking the great to become the enemy of the good,’ according to Appleby. Finally, Catholics should honor Obama for his willingness to engage his opponents. Appleby said that both the Church and the nation need a ‘viable Catholic interlocutor” for Obama’s administration.

Additionally, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame is obligated to respect the individual opinions of others while working for positive change in the world. Thus, the University is obligated to make an effort to engage Obama more than just inviting him to commence, according to Appleby.

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NEWS

The girls plan to continue their programming into the next academic year. By the time they return to West Quad, the dorm effort, with over 30 participants from Keough have put in this effort. Cavanaugh is an amazing place to be.”

Melissa Truitt Cavanaugh co-president

Award showed all the work Geysen and the men from Keough have put in this dorm effort, with over 30 participants in weekly Hall Council meetings.

“We wanted to put Keough on the map — not only on campus, but in the City, built dorm pride and got people excited. ‘To see people slapping hands and welcoming Keough at the end of the year is huge — they’re proud of the jobs and not just their sections.”

Lyons hall president junior-뜷 Maddie Truitt says Cardoso was equally thrilled at the news of the award.

‘We’re really happy, she said, ‘I can’t stop smiling.’

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WASHINGTON — The nation should stop pouring billions into futuristic, super-expensive F-22 jet fighters, pull the plug on new defensiveNeeds to be formatted as a table.
New team takes over Econ. Club

By CATE RYAN

Notre Dame’s Economics Club was reorganized for the past few years due to an unstable leadership structure. The club’s new leaders insist that their organization is once again relevant.

The club is under the new leadership of co-presidents Michael Garrett and Dennis McCarthy, who will be assisted by director of external relations and recruiting Adam Carlson and treasurer Frankle Pires. All of these officers and juniors who said are excited and determined to reestablish this club and leave their legacy before graduating next year.

They also want to ensure that the club will continue after they graduate.

“We have written a constitution to have people elected at the beginning of each school year,” McCarthy said.

“What is important now is to build a base that can replace the current structure,” Garrett said.

Although a leadership structure has been successfully implemented, the officers want to stress that there are limited opportunities for underclassmen.

“Due to the fallout of the last couple of years, we are working with a large budget,” Carlson said.

This large budget will allow underclassmen to create and foster their own ideas for the growing club. These underclassmen who take initiative will have free reign to gain important contributions, the officers said.

Current ideas for next year and beyond include: bringing in speakers, holding discussions, participating in stock markets and playing a stock market game.

Making connections with companies and assisting students in working and to help them learn about economics principles into a variety of careers is also a goal.

Students of all majors are encouraged to join because during these unstable economic times, economics is relevant “for anyone trying to get a job,” said Garret.

Right now the officers are working on a once a week to establish their leadership team and plan for next year.

Economics Club will go far beyond a strictly academic club. It will also be a social opportunity for students who want to learn more about the economy and interact with students of all majors.

An informational meeting for interested officers will be held Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. in 209 DeBartolo Hall. Food will be served and all are welcome, according to the officers.

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Fifth of American four-year-olds are obese

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A striking new study says almost 1 in 5 American four-year-olds is obese and the rate is alarmingly higher among American Indian children, with nearly a third of them obese.

Researchers were surprised to see the number of obese, especially young, even in a population at risk for obesity because of other health problems and economic disadvantages.

“The magnitude of these differences was larger than we expected, and it is surprising to see differences by racial groups present so early in childhood,” said Steven H. Gortmaker, an chief State University public health researcher. They worked with the research with Temple University’s Dr. Robert Whelton.

Dr. Glenn Flores, a pediatrics and public health professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the research is an important contribution to studies documenting racial and ethnic disparities in children’s weight.

“The cumulative evidence is alarming because within just a few decades, America will become a minority majority nation,” he said. Without interventions, the next generation “will be at very high risk” for heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, joint diseases and other problems connected with obesity, said Flores, who was not involved in the new research.

The study is an analysis of nationally representative height and weight data on 8,550 preschoolers born in 2001. Children were measured in their homes and were part of a study conducted by the government’s National Center for Education Statistics. The results appear in Monday’s Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Almost 13 percent of Asian children were obese, along with 16 percent of whites, almost 23 percent of blacks, 22 percent of Hispanics, and 31 percent of American Indians.

Children were considered obese if their body-mass index, a height-weight ratio, was in the 95th percentile or higher based on government BMI growth charts. For 4-year-olds, that would be a BMI of about 18.

For example, a girl who is 4 years old, 40 inches tall and 42 pounds would have a BMI of about 18, weighing 4 pounds more than the government’s upper limit for that age, height and gender.

ND Filmmaker screens Haitian documentary

Special to The Observer

“The Road to Fondwa,” a documentary film that chronicles the stories of Haitian citizens and their engagement with the country’s quest for development, will be screened April 16 at Notre Dame.

The film was directed by Justin Brandon, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate and South Bend native, will be shown at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The screening celebrates the culmination of a two-year journey undertaken by two 2005 Notre Dame graduates Dan Scnorr and Brian McElroy, who set out to create a film that captures the struggles and joys of rural Haiti. Scnorr and McElroy were inspired to create the film while living as volunteers at the University of Fondwa in Haiti for a year following their graduation. Brandon became involved in the project as a cameraman and shot the film in Haiti for five weeks in the following summer.

Screenings at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College will kick off the film’s national university and festival screening tour.

“We are thrilled to be returning to South Bend to screen ‘The Road to Fondwa,’” said Brandon.

“This project would never have been possible without the incredible support of the entire South Bend community, and we are looking forward to launching our university and film festival tour at the place where it all began.”

The presentation of ‘The Road to Fondwa’ is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Haiti Working Group, Mendoza College of Business, College of Science and 17 other departments.

For more information, to view the film trailer or to purchase a DVD, visit the official ‘Road to Fondwa’ Web site at http://fondwa.org

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Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Associated Press and the newspaper industry plan an aggressive effort to track down copyright violators on the Internet and try to divert traffic from Web sites that don't properly license news content, the AP board announced Monday.

The not-for-profit news cooperative also said it will cut fees by $35 million for U.S. newspapers in 2010 — on top of a $30 million reduction that took effect this year — and loosen its long-standing requirement for two years' notice to cancel AP service.

The financial moves are part of an overhaul of the AP's policies in the face of extraordinary financial hardship for newspapers. The changes were announced at the AP's annual meeting in San Diego, along with the copyright initiative launched by the AP's board, which is made up largely of newspaper executives.

"We can no longer stand by and watch others walk off with our work under some very misguided, unfounded legal theories," said Dean Singleton, the AP's chairman and the chief executive of newspaper publisher MediaNews Group Inc.

"We are mad as hell, and we are not going to take it any more," he added, prompting applause in the meeting.

Specifying behind the initiative are still being worked out. One idea under development would be to create a system that can help track whether news content is being legally distributed online. The AP also said it will work with newspapers and broadcasters to direct readers to "landing pages" that could offer news from the AP and its members, rather than unauthorized sites.

Sue Cross, an AP senior vice president, emphasized that the initiative could take many forms. "It's a significant move for the industry to work together," she said.

Copyright is an especially thorny issue for the AP and newspapers, which have seen their material spread on the Internet far beyond their direct control in a cut-and-paste age.

The AP has tangled with bloggers over the extent to which "fair use" principles should allow them to post AP text on their sites. The cooperative also has sued online news aggregators over copyright and is embroiled in a closely watched lawsuit with artist Shepard Fairey, who made "street art" that originated with an AP image that originated with an AP photo.

Wendy Seltzer, a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and Fred von Lohmann, a senior staff attorney who specializes in intellectual-property issues at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, both said they needed more details to determine what effects the AP initiative would have.

The fee reductions are meant to help newspapers deal with another huge challenge — their finances.

The cuts in the cost of AP service are expected to average just under 20 percent but will vary widely, depending on what content newspapers buy, the AP said. It unveiled a two-tier price structure — a "Member Choice Complete" package with full access to AP reporting and a "Member Choice Limited" option with minimal national and world news.

The fee cuts this year and next will mean that the AP's revenue from member newspapers in 2010 is expected to be about $135 million — one-third less than what it was in 2006, the AP said. Next year, newspapers are expected to account for 20 percent of the AP's total revenue, Singleton said, down from about 25 percent last year.

The AP's revenue grew 5.3 percent last year to $747.7 million, marking its largest percentage increase since 2004, thanks partly to growth in new media, video and photo archive markets. Excluding the Beijing Summer Olympics and the U.S. presidential election, which enabled the AP to sell more content, the cooperative said revenue grew 3.2 percent. The Olympics and the presidential election also made the AP incur higher expenses, one reason that pretax profit fell 18 percent to $37.3 million.

Net income, however, rose 4.5 percent to $25.1 million because of lower tax expenses. Despite healthy indicators, the AP said it is facing unusually tough times. Tom Brettingen, the AP's senior vice president and chief revenue officer, said revenue in 2009 is expected to fall to around $700 million.

"The new member pricing program, coupled with attrition in renewals, will result in a revenue decline not seen by the company since the Great Depression," the AP's annual report reads. "To counter this, we must reduce our expense base."

No decisions have been reached on how to cut costs, Brettingen said, but he reaffirmed the company's plans, announced in its November restructuring, to cut its payroll costs by 10 percent this year. The AP, which has a global staff of 4,100 people, still hopes to achieve most of the cuts through attrition.

About 180 newspapers — 14 percent of the AP's U.S. newspaper membership — have threatened to leave the AP, including The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and newspapers owned by Tribune Co. Reasons vary, but many complaints center on cost.

Brettingen said the rate of cancellations waned in anticipation of Monday's announcement. Members have generally welcomed broad outlines of the plan as it was explained to them over the last three months, he said.

Starting Jan. 1, members can cancel their service with one year's notice. But those who agree to give two years' notice will pay 3 percent less for their AP services, Singleton said.

In 2007, the AP's board approved an overhaul of the news cooperative's fee structure. It called for a two-tier system that would have given newspapers a basic package for breaking news and the option of buying a premium service called AP Complete, with analyses, enterprise and other additional stories.

The AP suspended the plan last October after some members complained it didn't go far enough at cutting their costs.

Under the revised structure announced Monday, newspapers with Member Choice Complete — the full run of AP reporting — can cut costs by declining any of four enhanced packages, which are sports, financial, analyses and lifestyles.

Likewise, newspapers with Member Choice Limited can add any of those four packages for an extra fee.
The TSA and civil liberties

One of our most celebrated liberties in America is the freedom of conscience, or the freedom to hold and act upon conscientious judgments. It was the motivating factor in the Bush administration's strengthening of what are commonly known as "conscience" laws that protect physicians and other health care providers from discrimination if they refuse to participate in medical procedures that raise religious or other conscientious objections.

What sort of discrimination?

In the past, when providers who refuse to, say, participate in abortion procedures have faced harassment, intimidation, and retribution in the form of denials of promotions and educational opportunities, and even the loss of employment.

Such laws have been in place since the 1970s, but the Department of Health and Human Services has done little to enforce them, and many providers remain unaware of their existence. Thanks to President Bush's efforts, these laws are now provided with real executive power. President Obama, however, plans to challenge the letter of the law by eliminating the regulations that help enforce them.

In an announcement that gained little coverage from our over-vigilant news media, the Obama administration announced its intention to rescind the measures for the purpose of eliminating the potential "ambiguity and confusion." Considering the fact that the Bush administration's new regulation clarified the laws and aided their enforcement, it could very well be that Obama's attempt to do away with the regulation is nothing but a thinly-veiled attempt to panderm to the pro-choice movement. More disturbing, however, is the fact that it also raises questions about his party's commitment to religious liberty, especially when it conflicts with their agenda to promote "ambiguous reproductive rights." But before we delve into the realms of policy, let us examine the reasoning behind opposition to the existence of conscience laws.

Conscience law critics often point to the responsibility that health care providers have to their patients, which they believe overrides any moral or religious beliefs they might oppose. When a patient is in need of a medical procedure, they argue, it is the duty of the physician or hospital to provide the procedure. Conscience laws unfairly disadvantage people who do not have easy access to a variety of medical institutions or practitioners because they may be denied assistance by providers who refuse to partake in procedures on religious or moral grounds.

Yet despite these claims, forcing physicians and hospitals to partake in actions they morally reprehensible is not considered acceptable. Even when seeking protection for conscience rights, hospitals which refuse to do so often face legal and even the loss of employment.

Unfortunately for Obama and the Democrats, repealing Bush's regulations will not eliminate the conscience laws that were implemented on the books over three decades. Yet it will be up to health care providers to defend themselves against overreach based on their religious and moral beliefs, a protection that should be the driver for the branch of government that enforces the laws.

If you would like to voice your objection to the President's efforts to redefine Bush's regulation, please visit www.ADoctorsRight.com before April 9.

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Don't distort the debate

Gary Caruso's recent editorial ("Countering the Cardinal Newman Society," April 3) adds nothing to the debate over honoring President Obama at commencement. Caruso misconstrues both history and present controversy. For example, he defines indulgences as "free passage to heaven" — a definition never sanctioned by the Catholic Church. He also refers to "our first martyrs" as "soldiers." It is historically irresponsible to attribute modern or postmodern ideas of "indulgence and tolerance" to the early Christian martyrs.

The writings of one such martyr, Paul, will suffice to reveal the intolerant, exclusionary practices of apostolic Christians (1 Cor. 5:1-5). The words of the apostle are "unlawful in the sight of God" (1 Tim. 1:20, 1:18-9).

More importantly, the editorial is off point. Its argument seems to run thus: the Cardinal Newman Society (CNS) is canonizing unrest; many medieval and Renaissance pages live scandalously; we do not elect officials "to strengthen the walls of the state when they are in disrepair," unlike the early Christians. "In the dark chambers — while as many as 350 were burned — they returned then to their glorious College Gate!"

Second, nobody has proposed giving GLBTQ persons by classifying them as distinct from non-GLBTQ persons. Despite its elegant phrasing, the doctrine does little to separate the Church's message for GLBTQ persons. Although creating the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was an important step, more than a decade has passed without progress towards the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. The Church states that it will not add sexual orientation to its legal non-discrimination clause, but instead calls on the faithful to work towards that end. It is the role of the Church's "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine to claim inclusion as it stands today.

Third, who has asked that President Obama as unsuitable for speaking at graduation? Practically none of our classmates views this event as "the rape of Catholic orthodoxy, sociology, and justice." And the chance of our Commencement "affecting" the Catholic world for at least a generation" is non-existent.

Your blunt disrespect for our senior class is aggravating and humiliating. I urge the members of Notre Dame Response to distance yourselves from this man. Your prayer rallies and discussions are certainly welcome on this issue, but do not "rape" our campus as an embarrassment to the United States if indeed Mr. Terry creates a "crippling climate of fear, hate, and exclusion that is not significant enough to be included in the clause, the administration has, perhaps unintentionally, conveyed to the Notre Dame community that persons other than heterosexuals are not equal. This stance has created a culture in the Notre Dame community of exclusion at best and intolerance at worst.

Notre Dame is a unique place; it is an institution whose members work together to maintain a great and caring community. It is unfortunate that the perpetuation of separate treatment towards GLBTQ persons is not the result of a cultural tradition but of a historical tradition of holding itself to a high standard of civil rights and social justice.

Jacqueline Cahill
Fisher Grad Housing
April 2

Terry’s solution

Mr. Randall Terry: If we are to use the term rape so liberally ("Notre Dame Response Holds Prayer Rally," April 6), then please do not "rape" our campus with your presence from this point forward. Your lack of willingness to discuss the issue of abortion coupled with your statements that appeared in The Observer show that you are quite clearly an extremist and a radical. Being pro-life or pro-choice is a completely separate issue from having to open dialogues about abortion and Obama’s recognition on campus. In case you missed The Observer article in which the editorial staff disclosed the percentages of students on each side of the issue, 97 percent of seniors support the selection of Obama as Commencement speaker. Because of this number, I would estimate that 0.5 percent or less of the senior class actually shares the same radical view that you do. Practically none of our class views this event as "the rape of Catholic orthodoxy, sociology, and justice." And the chance of our Commencement "affecting" the Catholic world for at least a generation" is non-existent.

You must mourn the fallen otters, for they had laid their trap, surmamed the D.I.D.W.G.S, which will come into effect at approximately 5 p.m. this Tuesday — and they returned them to their glorious College to bury their courageous dead. The number of slain is the fray are still unknown, but the most learned of sources report that the numbers exceed the ones that have been returned to the villains for him limb from limb with the in their dark chambers — while as many as D.I.D.W.G.S. perished in flame and curses.

We must not mourn these fallen otters, for they did not die in vain as beggars, but for liberty as warriors. Mice and men alike shall forever remember the otters' great deed at the Battle of Walsh's Gate, even as it is remembered the shining sun, hidden as it is behind South Bend's overcast skies. Thus it is written in the Book of the Other...

Steven Lechner
Guest Columnist
April 7, 2009

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Observer

The effectiveness of the "Spirit of Inclusion" doctrine was discussed on Monday on St. Mary's campus. Dr. F. Husheir, "Tell, O Muse, of this

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A look back at Notre Dame and 'The Vagina Monologues'

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

Notre Dame has a unique but rather difficult mission in comparison to universities that are not religiously affiliated. How can Notre Dame remain distinctively Catholic while maintaining its academic integrity? Such questions have been brought to light in the recent Obama controversy that has polarized the campus, leaving those who uphold the idea of academic freedom on one end and those who uphold Catholic teaching on the other.

However, such controversy is far from new on this campus. A similar controversy has regularly graced the inside pages of The Observer since 2002, the debate over the showing of "The Vagina Monologues." The "Vagina Monologues" were first performed at Notre Dame in 2002 as part of the V-Day campaign to end violence against women. Actors from the student body performed the "Monologues" on seven occasions from 2002-08.

In April of 2006, after 10 weeks of intense discussion regarding the play, University President John Jenkins issued a "Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character," which ultimately allowed the play to continue on campus. However, its performance was restricted to a classroom setting. In 2007, the play was moved off-campus, but returned to campus in 2008 sponsored by the anthropology and sociology departments.

The "Monologues" will not be performed this year at Notre Dame. "The Monologues" were written by Eve Ensler in 1996 and are composed of a variety of monologues that explore female sexuality. They are based on interviews with over 200 different women. Some are poignant, some are shocking, but all relate back, in one way or another, to the vagina as a crucial part of the female identity.

Often, violations against women's sexuality are hushed and repressed, going unnoticed. In fact, fewer than half of all rapes and sexual assaults in America are reported to police.

According to Ensler, the empowerment of women is greatly connected to their vaginas. "The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of the vagina, a word that — by most standards — is considered taboo in casual language today. The title is part of a shock factor that acts to break down the discomfort surrounding the word, and diminish the numerous and often offensive slang terms used in place of it.

Of course, much of the controversy over the "Monologues" does not arise from the word "vagina" in the title nor Ensler's pursuit to end sexual violence against women. The "Monologues" include scenes with masturbation, lesbian relationships and extramarital relationships that have caused opposition by Catholic groups across America.

In 2003, 32 Catholic universities performed "The Vagina Monologues," according to the Cardinal Newman Society, a group that ran a campaign to stop their performance on Catholic campuses. That number has dropped to just 15 in 2009, according to the Society. As a leading Catholic institution, Notre Dame is not immune to the pressure that these groups are putting on universities around the country to stop "The Monologues.

University of America, Marquette University, Providence College, Santa Clara University and others have all stopped showing "The Vagina Monologues" in recent years. Loyola University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Boston College, Fordham University and the College of the Holy Cross are some Catholic colleges that continue to show the "Monologues.

Perhaps the various opinions on the "Monologues" that have appeared in the pages of The Observer section show the controversy best: the title of a letter to the Editor from March of last year read "University's mission is to educate, not indoctrinate," while another read "University scandalized by Monologues."

While the "Monologues" will not be performed on or off campus this year, the debate over the University's mission rages on. As Notre Dame continues to examine its Catholic identity in a secular world.

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On the whole, the monologues pursue a much more pro­ things like tampons, rape, sex, lesbianism, and, yes, vaginas.

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femininity and the focus on the vagina creates a motif that solidifies the work as focused, cohesive exploration.
The work, with its calm persistent attention to details no matter how miniscule or uncomfortable, could have easily become a desensitized recounting of women's sexual highs and lows. But the monologues maintain a sensitive tone. Though the work is a retelling of oral accounts told to Ensler, each tale reads with a remarkably personal tone gives a genuine and unencumbered first person account, placed in Ensler's nonjudgmental, caring hands.

It is the quality of monologue that is the under­

lying strength of the work. Lending a voice to women and their vaginas, Ensler creates an intense, stirring experience that allows for a sensi­tive, open and almost tangible connection between the individual speaker and the audience. By forming such a rare sense of humanity, the atmosphere of Ensler's work reflects the very humanity of the narratives that follow. Often in dry, emotionless, and simple tones, the recollections coincide with the overall purpose of the play. The simplicity and straightforwardness of the narration allows readers to capitalize on the moment and really experience the raw tales told in sometimes sparse, sometimes gruesome detail.

Stories of humiliation, overly-ambitious appreciation, and curious fascination fill the pages of "The Vagina Monologues." Still nothing leaves an impression like the tale from a Bosnian woman whose husband was finally saved from a rape camp. The utter sense of desolation to the woman's sense of femininity both physically and emotionally was captured in such perfectly clear metaphors that it is impossible not to want to cry.

Ender does an amazing job capturing the many experiences women have with their personal sexuality. However an alternative perspective does not balance the glorification of masturbation and homosexuality the book provides. This piece does not include the story of someone who chose to wait to have sex until she was married, how a nun views her vagina and female sexuality (how interesting would that be?), or a view of the vagina from a masculine point of view. If these perspectives were added to the mix Ensler selected, the piece would be more complete.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a complex and varied look at female sexuality. It serves as an inspiring call to action for both men and women, pushing them to acknowledge societal atrocities such as the raping of women and incest, and simultaneously pursuing a respect for human dignity. With a few additions and a more diverse representation of the many ways men and women view their sexuality, "The Vagina Monologues" could be taken to the next level, serving as a dialogue between all men and women of the world.
Wilson spurs Pirates to score four runs in the ninth to overcome Cardinals; Blalock homers in Indians rout of Rangers

MLB

Wilson scored the winning run in the ninth inning, as the Pirates rallied for four runs against the Cardinals. The Pirates scored their fourth run on a groundout by Adam LaRoche, which brought home Wilson from second base.

Blalock homered in the sixth inning, as the Indians routed the Rangers. The Rangers scored seven runs in the fifth inning, propelled by a two-run double by Hank Blalock, and a two-run single by Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

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Former Xavier men's basketball coach Sean Miller, above, speaks at a press conference in March. Miller was named the new men's basketball coach at Arizona on Monday after initially turning down the job.

Miller accepts Arizona coaching job

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Coach Sean Miller is leaving Xavier and heading to Arizona.

Miller met with his players before making the announcement Monday and said at a news conference that this was one of his toughest decisions.

"I did my best to follow my heart," he said.

Miller said he would not have left except for the tradition and possibility of winning a national championship at Arizona.

Miller led the Musketeers in the Elite Eight last year and received a contract extension through the 2017-18 season. Xavier had a 120-47 record in five seasons at Xavier, guiding the team to the NCAA tournament four times.

The 40-year-old coach wasn't Arizona's first choice. The private school reportedly was willing to spend at least $2 million per year.

Sean Miller leaves the Musketeers program in good shape, having won 120 games and reaching the NCAA tournament in four of his five seasons as coach.

Miller said he and Xavier athletic director Mike Rhoda were still talking about the Xavier job before makiing the decision to go to Arizona.

Miller signed a 10-year, $2 million-per-year contract with Xavier after reaching the regional finals in 2007-08. But the private Cincinnati school apparently could not match the Arizona offer. Arizona reportedly was planning to spend at least $2 million per year.

Miller said at Xavier he built something special and his name is synonymous with Xavier for his three years as head coach and athletic director.

In Brief

Garcia signs deal to play with Raiders in 2009

OAKLAND — After a four-team, five-season odyssey since leaving the San Francisco 49ers, Jeff Garcia finally found his way back home to the Bay Area — albeit on the other side from where he started.

The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback joined the Oakland Raiders on Monday, with the 39-year-old passer returning to the team that drafted him in 1997.

The move comes in the wake of a disappointing season for Garcia, who passed for just 1,078 yards and eight touchdowns in seven starts for the San Francisco 49ers. He spent the previous three seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the previous two with the Philadelphia Eagles. Garcia, who was 40-21-2 with a 17-year NFL career, was cut by the Eagles last December.

The 40-year-old Garcia, who was 40-21-2 with a 17-year NFL career, said he was happy to be back in the Bay Area. He made the announcement on his Twitter account on Friday.

A multimillionaire who once turned down a large gift to build a community center, Garcia said he would use his money to support causes he cares about.

Bush throws out first pitch at Rangers opener

ABILITON — Former President George W. Bush wound up his right arm with two windmill whirls, then fired a high strike to help the Texas Rangers start the season Monday.

In his first big appearance locally since moving to Dallas from the White House, Bush received a standing ovation and overwhelming cheers from a crowd of about 40,000 after the public address announcer said, "We welcome home the 43rd president."

Bush, the team's managing general partner, reached the round of 16 this season. Bush's throw easily made it over the plate and into the mitt of star outfielder Josh Hamilton. Afterward, the two shook hands and Hamilton pulled out a pen and the president signed the ball.

Celtics guard Rondo injures ankle in practice

WALTHAM — Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo left practice after turning his ankle, but coach Doc Rivers said it did not appear that the injury was serious.

Rondo was seen limping off the floor Monday at the team's practice facility.

"He just twisted his ankle, nothing bad, but instead of keeping him out on the floor, easier to take him off," Rivers said.

Rondo sprained his right ankle twice previously this season but has only missed two games.

Rivers said he did not know which ankle Rondo injured. Rondo has sprained his right ankle twice previously this season but has only missed two games.

Meanwhile, Rivers said Kevin Garnett was making improvement as he rehab his sprained right knee.

"I'm just really happy with what we see," Rivers said. "A week ago there was more concern."
Charlotte Bobcats won the Bob Cousy award as his shorts on again. When he saw Stockton and basketball and put your shorts have you thinking I can always managing partner of the stint with the Washington Wizards with 19,211 points, and holds NBA records 15,806 assists and steals. He also holds NBA records for most assists in a season (1,164 in 1990-91) and highest assist average in a season (14.5 in 1989-90).

"Growing up I never thought about the Hall of Fame," Stockton said. "All I wanted was a chance to go to college." Fattah took Stockton in the first round of the 1984 draft, using the No. 16 pick on a relatively unknown player from Gonzaga who became one of the top point guards.

"I haven't given this much thought over the course of a lifetime," he said. "I'm not sure it quite strikes home until you're standing here." Robinson, who earned the nickname "The Admiral" from his college career at Navy joined Stockton and Jordan as members of the NBA's 50th anniversary team.

He had a stellar 14-year career with the San Antonio Spurs that included two NBA championships, an MVP season, a rookie of the year award, 10 All-Star selections, a scoring title and two Olympic gold medals. Unlike Jordan's inabilities to stay home after his final retire after winning a second title with the Spurs in 2003.

"If I had to pick one night in my career, it would probably be walking off the court as a champion and knowing that was going to be my last memory of basketball," Robinson said.

Sloan, who did not attend the ceremony, is the longest tenured head coach in major league sports with a single franchise. Sloan is the only NBA coach to win more than 1,000 games with a single team and has the Jazz in seventh place in the Western Conference going into Monday night's game.

"I've been very lucky to have such great players, especially John, who is very deserving of this honor," Sloan said. "I've also been fortunate to be with such a tremendous organization for the past 20-plus years and am extremely grateful to the Larry H. Miller family for all of their support."

Sloan was missed on Monday by Stockton.

"It's not only a coach and a mentor, but a friend," Stockton said. "I enjoy him very much. The home to share it with this terrific." Stringer has led three separate schools to the Final Four in her 38-year career and has an 82-280 mark spanning four decades. She trails only Pat Summitt and Bobby Conrad on the career wins list, and guided Rutgers to its fifth straight regional semifinals trip this season.

"My knees are weak, and to think I would be standing here with these great, great, men of basketball," Stringer said. "It's not ever about me. It's about the players who all make it happen.
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies roll to title game

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Even though his team has been mowing down every team in its way, Geno Auriemma wants you to believe UConn could lose the national championship. To a team it's beaten twice by 20 and 39 points.

"It's too much familiarity with the teams," the Hall of Fame coach said. "It's too much, too many more zeros, too many games, too long, too much that you have to worry about." Auriemma insists he has reason to worry about Tuesday's title game against Louisville. He's seen a big difference in the Cardinals from the team UConn dismissed as the Big East championship a month ago.

"What we did in the second game, I don't think it has any effect on today," he said. "Different environment. Different day. Different attitudes among the players." UConn (38-0) stands on the doorstep of the third undefeated season in school history and just the fifth ever in women's basketball.

Louisville (34-4), which is looking to become the fourth team to knock off three No. 1 seeds on its way to a title, will have to have a new game plan against Connecticut.

Second-year coach Jeff Walz was quick to point out that the Huskies have never lost a championship game, but as Louisville guard Deseree Byrd was quick to point out neither has Walz, who was an assistant on Maryland's 2006 title team.

Connecticut has run through its opponents this season, winning by 31 points or more 25 times. UConn is seeking its fourth national championship and first since 2004. UConn was suffering through its longest "drought" since winning in 1995.

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Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis has hired Josh Pastner, an assistant under John Calipari, as the Tigers' new basketball coach, a school spokesman said Monday.

The university scheduled a news conference for noon Tuesday to introduce the new basketball coach, a 31-year-old Pastner, said athletic spokesman Bob Winn.

Calipari left Memphis for Kentucky last week after nine seasons with the Tigers.

Pastner, who is regarded to be a strong recruiter, worked one year under Calipari after six years as an assistant at Arizona, where he also played.

During Pastner's time under former Arizona coach Lute Olson, the Wildcats averaged 23 wins per season, captured two Pac-10 regular season titles, Pac-10 tournament regional finals and an NCAA championship in 1997.

Memphis athletic director R.C. Johnson said last week that he planned to hire a new coach who would "wow" Tiger fans — one with head coaching experience. Names that surfaced during the search included Tennessee's Bruce Pearl, Baylor's Scott Drew and Florida State's Leonard Hamilton.

Memphis struggled mightily to hang on to Calipari and sought to put the best twist on his departure — saying the successful program he built was attractive enough to land one of the country's top coaches. Officials also boasted that university supporters would come up with plenty of money to pay a new coach.

Calipari was paid $2.3 million a year at Memphis and now has an eight-year contract at Kentucky worth nearly $32 million.

There was no immediate word on a Pastner's salary.

Calls from The Associated Press to Johnson and Alan Graf, a top member of the university's search team and the chief financial officer for FedEx Corp., were not returned Monday.

University officials refused to name coaches contacted about the Memphis job, but Johnson had said when word got out that Calipari was leaving his phone had been ringing off the hook.

However, published reports indicated the search was not going as smoothly as the Tigers' concerned fans might have hoped.

"It's that feeling of believing that you belong in the race; that you're worthy of the expectations," manager Joe Maddon said in the visitor's dugout during his team's off-day workout on Sunday. "Pressure and expectations - that's what it's all about. You've got to embrace those words. It's great that people attach pressure and expectation to us.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Tar Heels defeat Spartans for title

Associated Press

DETROIT — There was a team of destiny out there, all right. It's the North Carolina Tar Heels, and the final chapter of their story was about as heavenly coming as a downhill derby.

Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and North Carolina won a national championship a season ago on the most epic of makings, stomping out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night. The 90-72 blowout wasn't even that close.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Wayne Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight steals—and now they and Flanny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school to bring home Carolina's second NCAA championship, and the second for coach Roy Williams.

Those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half, 71-46 at the break and telling CBS viewers it was over.

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Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the onslaught with 6:45 left in the first half. His team came out and promptly turned it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

Goran Suton led the Spartans with 17, and the Big Ten player of the year, had 14 — most scored since the game was out of hand, which was very early in this one. Michigan State pulled within 13 a couple times late in the second half, and the crowd of 72,992 — the biggest attendance for Spartans — tried to make some noise.

But for most of the game, cavernous Ford Field had the atmosphere of a lion game. Save the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue made them look much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to be painted that.

As for that 98-63 beatdown Carolina put on Michigan State in this same building on Dec. 30 fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford Field a nice, long break. The Lions went 6-16 here last season, and there was no hold on the suffering on this night.

It was, almost literally, over before it began. Ellington had a double-pump scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper — all in the first 4:25 to put Carolina ahead 17-7. It never got closer.

The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting the ball in after Tar Heel buckets, turning it over — one of 14 in the first half. Their team came out and promptly turned it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

"You've got six NBA players that could probably beat the worst team in the NBA," Izzo said.

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Villanova at home this Schrage said.
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The Silverhawks defeated the Irish in the Silver vs. Gold game last year, 5-3. Notre Dame (19-10, 5-4 Big East) just swept Villanova at home this weekend and will face Cincinnati for a three-game road set starting Thursday.

The Irish got great outings from sophomore Cole Johnson and Brian Dupra and junior Eric Maust. Schrage said the pitchers played the game at a fast pace, which he liked.

"That's kind of what we want our pitchers to do is dictate the temps," he said. The pitchers responded well to a meeting held last week that Schrage said challenged them. "We felt like we've had talent on the mound," Schrage said. "We made some adjustments on some things.

Notre Dame will send sophomore Todd Miller to the mound to start, but the Irish will rotate pitchers and hitters often. Schrage said, everyone gets a chance to play. "Basically we need to get our work in tomorrow," Schrage said. "We need to keep going."

The hitters will use wooden bats instead of their usual aluminum because they are facing a professional team.
The professional pitching, Schrage said, will help the players get a taste of the next level, but will be limited at the same time. The innings will have a pitch count.

"You're going to see some arm strength from professional pitching," he said. "They have great skill level and a little bit more experience than our guys."
Schrage said the Irish lineup had started to settle in and was especially pleased with the addition of sophomore David Casey in the cleanup spot.

"We had a really nice boost from David Casey in the four-hole in the past two weeks," Schrage said.
In his last four games, Casey has gone 8-for-15 (.533) with eight RBIs.
First pitch is at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, call the Silverhawks at 774-235-9988.

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NHL

Canadiens' hopes fall after loss

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Just like that, Ottawa's Dany Heatley turned on the Canadiens' last three games of the regular season into crucial showdowns.

Heatley scored two goals 38 seconds apart to put Ottawa ahead with 7:59 remaining in the third period and the already-eliminated Senators dealt a big blow to Montreal's playoff chances with a 3-2 win on Monday night.

Heatley lifted Ottawa into a 2-2 tie at 11:23 and then netted his 37th of the season at 12:01 when he beat Jaroslav Halak from the slot with a shot that silenced the sold-out Bell Centre crowd.

"I wish that we had the third goal back, the shot under the arm — probably Halak does, too, but Heatley is a guy who scores 40 goals every year," Canadiens coach Bob Gainey said. "He gets them different ways and he got us tonight."

Chris Campoli also scored for the Senators, who will miss the playoffs for the first time in 13 seasons.

Alex Kovalev netted his 25th goal, and Mathieu Dandenault scored with 3.8 seconds remaining in the second period for the Canadiens, who are seventh in the Eastern Conference but only three points above the playoff cutoff with three games left.

Montreal left for New York following the game for Tuesday night's matchup against the Rangers, who are tied with Florida in the points right behind the Canadiens.

"We had the game in our control and we let it slip away but there are three games left. The game is over and done with now," Canadiens defenceman Josh Gorges said. "We have a big game (Tuesday night) that we have to focus our attention on."

Halak stopped 20 shots in his third straight start for Montreal, which lost top defencemen Andrei Markov and Mathieu Schneider to injuries in Saturday night's 6-2 in Toronto.

"The players weren't available tonight and won't be (Tuesday night), but I have no more information to give you about the injuries to Markov and Schneider," Gainey said.

Heatley tied it when he got his stick down and beat the Canadiens — Gorges, defense partner Mike Komisarek, and right wing Tom Kostopoulos — to redirect Mike Fisher's centering pass past Halak.

"I thought we cycled and took advantage of their D pretty good," Fisher said. "We got a couple of quick goals and then we just hung on."

Kovalev extended his point streak to seven games when he made it 1-1 at 12:46 of the second. He put a wrist shot from the right side past Alex Auld and into the top left corner, giving him eight goals during his scoring spurt.
after the game, having expected the loss from the outset.

"It's not that movie called "Miracle"?" Rianna junior Miyataki said before the game, "Yeah, that's not going to happen tonight."

"That is not to say that Rianna came into the match-up without a game plan."

"The wind conditions really hurt us," Erickson said. "Our game plan was to make 21 straight half-court shots, and with the weather like this, we just couldn't do it. If you can't make 21 half-court shots in a row, I don't know how you're going to beat the No. 1 ranked team."

Writ of Man to Mandamus 21, Cannibaliers 12

Despite what their name implies, Writ of Man to Mandamus used a dominating zone defense to overcome the Cannibaliers 12 in a game that was very much affected by the outdoor conditions.

The heavy winds and the rigorous temperature caused the game to favor the defensive side of the half, and Man to Mandamus took full advantage, led by their top shot-blocker, law student A.J. Weissler. Along with his seven points, Weissler also added double-digit blocks to pace Man to Mandamus.

"I had a really mean grandmother, and on Thanksgiving, the only way I was allowed to eat was if I had twelve blocks in the family basketball game," Weissler said. "And she brought it much harder than they did."

The game was close throughout the first half, which ended with Man to Mandamus leading 11-8. They were clearly out-rebounding the Cannibaliers, but the wind caused them to miss many of their second-chance opportunities.

"Honestly, we haven't been much of a jump-shooting team, but we actually shot more	

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Asian Allure captain

Asian Allure 21, America's Best Basketball Team 18

As the sun and temperatures dropped quickly, Asian Allure topped America's Best Basketball Team on the bookstore courts.

While most teams moved the ball slowly due to the chilly weather, two teams were many enough to brave the cold for the sake of the game. And, ironically, both were entirely female.

"Our captain and mascot, Chrystal, really pulled us through," said Asian Allure forward, MBA student Nicole 'Sassy New Yorker' Davis. "That was to be the best game ever and we really needed her. We are all fifth-year students, we should be even here."

In a marathon 1 hour and 37 minutes of play, both teams fought with fury, bitterness and intensity that rivaled the wintry winds in which they battled. The game was even for most of the first half, as the teams traded baskets bringing the score to 10-10.

Suddenly, the mentality of the contest shifted, and it would be another 20 minutes before Asian Allure scored again to bring an overdue halftime break.

"I don't play basketball. I have never played before," said Asian Allure captain and MBA student Chrystal Oohi. "I think I have played knock-out once maybe."

In the second half, the action heated up again, with Asian Allure building a lead as they made baskets to continue to go on.

Their offensive advantage brought them to a 20-14 lead but America's Best Basketball Team refused to throw in the towel. They forced turnovers and jump-shots, while both teams dealt with a series of brutal fouls and injuries.

The game continued to get rougher, as Asian Allure continued to staff offensively, and America's Best brought the game to within 20-18. After a referee intervention, play continued smoothly until Asian Allure sunk the final basket and everyone's relief, ending the game after nearly two hours of play.

Crazy Doggz 21, Battery 16

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Asian Allure captain

The No. 27 Crazy Doggz played like the favorites for much of the first half, but was set back by an ankle injury to captain David Pope-Davis. After a long timeout to tape up the wounded ankle, Pope-Davis returned to the court, but with much less effectiveness.

With only four healthy players, the Crazy Doggz employed a strategy where Pope-Davis would essentially cherry-pick on offense and leave his teammates to defend four on five.

Luckily, the wind aided the fifth man, making outside shots effective only when they led to an offensive board. "They tried to exploit the injury, but the rest of the team came up big for me," said Pope-Davis. "The big guys really came through with some big rebounds when they were playing four men down."

Battery did manage to find some more offense after Pope-Davis went down, but in the end, too many turnovers and few close-range shots resulted in their elimination from the tournament. The Crazy Doggz will move on to play April 14 in the round of 64.

Chris Brown's Greatest Hits 21, Matza Balls 4

Most of the players on Chris Brown's Greatest Hits only had one concern on their minds: getting out of the cold.

After seeing the Matza Balls players take and miss a number of running hook-shots and jump-shots that hit the backside of the backboard, Greatest Hits hit three of their four shots to put the game out of reach.

Players on the losing side cited the 12-degrees weather and poor officiating as causes for the defeat.

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FOOTBALL

Offense, defense effective in intersquad scrimmage

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

Even though the season opener against Nevada is still five months away, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis tried to make Saturday's scrimmage as close to a game situation as possible.

Weis said he allowed the offensive line to cut-block against the defense for the first time all spring. Previously, risk of injury had prevented him from doing so.

"We had some causalities," Weis said. "But we really didn't have any casualties due to cut blocking."

Weis said that Saturday's scrimmage gave him a better idea of where his team stood heading into the Blue-Gold spring game on April 18 and the end of spring practices.

"I was a lot more pleased than I was the previous Saturday," Weis said. "Mainly because I thought it was very competitive."

The defense took the advantage early in the session, Weis said, thanks to a couple of offensive holding penalties. After the first five plays, though, the offense began to run the ball effectively, culminating in a touchdown run by sophomore running back Robert Hughes. After that, the session was essentially even, until a long Jimmy Clausen touchdown pass to Duval Kamara ended the practice.

Running backs coach Tony Alford has been getting on Hughes recently about his weight, which is currently listed at 237. Weis said that it isn't necessarily that Hughes is overweight, but that he needs to find an identity as a running back.

"He has two choices," Weis said. "Either lose weight or play big. He wants to be Armando as far as how he runs the ball, but if he wants to be Jerome Bettis, he doesn't have to lose any weight."

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci said the ability to cut-block, a key to chopping the defense, may be the key to the team's success.

BASEBALL

Going Pro

Irish face Silverhawks in annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Time to ditch the aluminum bats and break our the wood. Notre Dame takes the field today against the South Bend Silverhawks, the Single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, in the second annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game at Coveleski Field.

Baseball takes a back seat, however, to an important fundraiser associated with the game's ticket sales. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Arma Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team to play last road match

No. 3 Irish squad to take on No. 40 Illinois in Champaign

By ALEX BARKER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame will play its final road match of the season when it travels to Champaign, Ill., to take on No. 40 Illinois today.

The Irish (19-4, 3-0 Big East) are 2-1 on their current road trip behind wins over conference foes DePaul and Marquette with their lone loss coming against top-ranked Northwestern. The Irish knocked off DePaul 3-2 and swept Marquette 7-0 without senior captain Keely Tefft in the lineup. The 4-3 loss to Northwestern was their second of the season.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Ballgames postponed due to rain

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will be forced to wait another day before they can bounce back from their previous loss as their non-conference game against Bethel College was postponed due to weather.

The Belles' calendar is likely to be cancelled, as it "looks to be too difficult to reschedule," said Belles coach Erin Sullivan.

The Belles (18-4, 4-2 MIAA) are coming off a disappointing weekend, dropping both games of a double-header to divisional foe Alma College. The losses broke the seven-game winning streak and slowed their momentum.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Main St. Pub triumphs in 15-minute contest

Asian Allure wins two-hour battle over America's Best

By ERIC PRINTER, NATHANIEL LEE and CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writers

Main St. Pub showed why they deserved their No. 1 ranking as they ran their way to a 21-4 victory over We Get Beat Worse Than Rihanna in a game that lasted less than fifteen minutes to complete.

Running up and down the court, Main St. Pub had no trouble scoring at will, putting the ball in the basket on almost every possession. They used the fast break to their advantage, using their superior speed on their way to victory.

"They're pretty good," said Rihanna sophomore captain Grant Erickson. "They're fast, they know what they're doing. They're good."

Main St. Pub is made up of the returning players from the top two teams in last year's tournament; including 2008 Mr. Bookstore Carl Anderson.

When asked about the possibility of being forced to go against their game plan and slowing down to a half-court offense, Main St. Pub senior captain Alex Klupchak was not worried.

"We should be able to move pretty well in the half-court offense too," Klupchak said. "We know it's going to be a real tough tournament this year. We're looking forward to it.""