Off-campus transition fair to take place tonight

By MOEY MADDEN
News Writer

For students who are interested in moving off campus, student governance is hosting the Off-Campus Transition Fair tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. "The fair is really going to be a one-stop shop for students thinking about living off campus," senior community relations chair Gus Gari said. "All the major landlords from the area will be present from 6 to 9 p.m."

Gari, who has been overseeing the event along with the off-campus council chair Billy Lyman, said while in the past there had been a seminar that spoke about living off campus, the fair is a totally new idea. "The seminar about moving off campus has been going on for a few years, but all it involved was a few speakers and attendance was low. We didn't feel like it was successful as it could be," Gari said. "With the fair we geared it heavily to students and got them excited about the event."

Gari said the fair is meant to appeal to students from all years at the University. "The freshmen who are thinking about moving in the future can talk to all the landlords and just see what's out there and know their options," Gari said. "We also have a lot of features for sophomores and juniors who are getting ready to sign leases."

Survey gauges student needs

On-campus alcohol policy, 'Spirit of Inclusion' were top issues

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In the spring student survey conducted by student government, Notre Dame undergraduate students were given the opportunity to evaluate the current status of critical campus issues, as well as voice concerns and opinions about what they want student government to pursue in the 2009-2010 academic year.

The student survey is a great way for student government to ensure we're focusing our efforts in the right direction," former student body president Bob Reish said. "It doesn't completely guide the actions of our office, but it does make sure we are continually aware of the opinions of the student body."

SMC class quota per hall ignites controversy

By ASHLEY CHARNEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Room selection quotas that were put in place more than two years ago to help diversify the residence halls at Saint Mary's College have caused some unrest between students and the Department of Residence Life and Community Standards, especially in the rising junior class.

Stansky Djujus, director of the Department, said these quotas were put in place to mix the class years and provide guidance to incoming classes.

"There is tremendous benefit to [the quotas] as they allow our students to engage in strong mentoring relationships," Djujus said. The quotas limit the number of students from each of the classes who can live in each residence hall. For example, there can only be 95 juniors in LeMans Hall. Once this quota is filled, the remaining juniors who need to select rooms must choose one of the other dormitories for their residence.

Some upperclassmen, however, feel the quotas are unfair because they force students to live in halls that normally wouldn't be their first choice. Rising junior Erin Malone expressed her feeling on the new room requirements.
INSIDE COLUMN

Loyal Son awakens

RESURRECTION will soon be a celebrated topic, so imagine if the statue of a stretched arms on God Quad could see and think. Unfrozen in time and displaced across the world. His perceptions might seem a little skewed—or be uniquely understated.

Here's what might pass through His, un-shrouded heart:

Robert Singer
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"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

"Kneeling; I think it's already out but I haven't seen it."

"Fast and Furious."

"Where The Wild Things Are: That's where you'll find me."

"Harry Potter!"

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

IN BRIEF

CAMPUS Ministry, International Student Services and Walsh Hall will host Holy Week Christian Taize Prayer today from 10 to 10:30 p.m. in the Walsh Hall Chapel. The multilingual prayer service will be both communal and contemplative, with song, reading of scripture, intercession and silence. The prayer service is open to the public.

CEO of DHR International, David Hoffman, will be coming to campus to give an lecture at 7 p.m. in Room 102 of DeBartolo Hall today. DHR International is an executive search firm that specializes in searching for top executives for corporations.

A lecture entitled "Sex, Death, and a Question of Honor in Moche Art of Ancient Peru" will be held in the Annenberg Auditorium in the Sibley Museum of Art from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. It is open to the public.

Silent Hours of Prayer will be held from noon to 3 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Friday. The public is welcome.

There will be Stations of the Cross in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 7:15 p.m. Friday. It is open to the public.

Easter Sunday Mass will be at noon on Sunday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Notre Dame Folk Choir will provide the music. The public is welcome.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT UPCOMING MOVIE ARE YOU MOST EXCITED TO SEE?

Robin Sturgeon
freshman Lewis

Stephanie House
freshman Welsh Family

Waylon Chen
freshman Stanford

Jennelle Huddleston
sophomore Lewis

Karla Garcia-Huerta
sophomore P.E.

OFFBEAT

Woman calls 911 over lack of shrimp in field rice

HALTOM CITY, Texas—A woman called 911 to report she didn't get as much shrimp as she wanted in her fried rice at a Fort Worth-area restaurant.

Police on Tuesday released the taped emergency call, in which the customer is heard telling the dispatcher, "to get a police officer up here, what has to happen?" The customer also said: "He didn't even put extra shrimp in there."

The upset customer was gone when an officer arrived Monday afternoon.

Restaurant workers said the woman had been denied a refund after leaving without her order, then returning to complain.

Cook June Lee said there was nothing wrong with the meal, and that "some customers are happy. Some are not."

Man hoping to be deported sent back to Mexico

Authorities said a man hoping to be deported wanted to go back to his home for the evening, but decided not to after police told him it wouldn't be in his best interest to do that.

INFORMATION compiled from the Associated Press.

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Members oppose holding forum to discuss Obama controversy

By JOHN TIERNEY
Assistant News Editor

Newly instated student body president Grant Schmidt addressed the ongoing controversy over the selection of President Obama as Commencement speaker at his first Council of Representatives (COR) meeting as president Tuesday.

Schmidt reiterated the statement released by former student body president Bob Reish, who asked that the focus "be redirected back to the class of 2009." Reish's statement was largely descriptive in nature.

"Our statement is that there's a general excitement on campus," Schmidt said. "There are also many students that disagree on the decision based on some of the policies of President Obama, and how they disagree with the Catholic Church. Schmidt asked COR members for their opinions on a proposed student government-sponsored forum addressing the Obama selection. He cited numerous requests from students as a reason for interest in a forum.

COR members were largely opposed to holding a forum on the issue of Obama's Commencement address. Among those in opposition was class of 2009 president Joey Brown.

"If you're honest to [Reish and Schmidt's statement], I don't think you would host a forum," Brown said. "Director of external affairs Gus Gari expressed concern that a forum would remove the focus from the graduates. "I would hate for it to take away from graduation," Gari said.

"I don't see civil dialogue where we're getting something fruitful and productive out of this," Director of external affairs Gus Gari said.

"I wouldn't host a forum," Student body vice president Cynthia Weber disputed the idea of holding a forum in the fall because it would not capitalize on the current surge of student interest in the University's Catholic identity. "There won't be as wide a representation in the fall," Weber said.

Weber suggested that holding a forum now would help the firestorm surrounding Commencement die down. "I would argue that giving a formal outlet [to the discussion] would actually calm things down in the long run," Weber said.

Gari said he could not see a forum calming anything down, at least not if it were held before Commencement. "I don't see civil dialogue where we're getting something fruitful and productive out of this," Gari said.

Brown said he and the class of 2009 council have largely stayed out of the controversy. "We're really wary about releasing statements," Brown said.

However, Brown said that he and the other three class of 2009 officers sent a letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins endorsing the decision. The letter of endorsement expresses "a personal belief," Brown said.

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with me. ‘The pro-life movement has been overrun, and we have no full back line,’ Terry said. Using a military analogy to describe his mission to end abortion, he explained that the movement needed a place where troops could regroup, where he could bring new troops into battle and ‘defend and launch offensives into the enemy camps.’

‘And when we came back, and I followed the news of President Obama’s invitation, a light went off in my head, that, that’s the line,’ Terry said. It was the ‘golden opportunity,’ as he called it, for the pro-life movement.

So Terry packed his bags and moved himself and his family — his wife and four children — to South Bend just a week after the announcement was made. And he’s staying, he said, until the Commencement ceremonies on May 17.

“We’ve already got over 20 protests around the country — protests around the country — protests today, protests on Thursday and Friday. Thursday, his supporters will gather at the corner of Angela and Notre Dame Aves. at Velazquez’ s office could not con­ firm the meeting late Tuesday.

Terry said, and a representa­tive from the Chicago office of Notebaert confirmed that, Notebaert was not in that office Tuesday.

Now, Terry is shifting his focus to protests on Thursday and Friday. Thursday, supporters will gather at the corner of Angela and Notre Dame Aves. at the University’s gates to protest. Terry said he has coordinated protests around the country — including ones in Texas, California and Washington D.C. — on Friday.

Terry said this is only the beginning of protests from now until Commencement exercises in a few weeks.

“There’s a whole plethora of things, some of which I’m not at liberty to discuss yet,” he said.

One thing is certain, however. Terry will not shy away from employing whatever tactics he deems necessary to get his objec­tives — a cancellation of the Obama visit and the removal of Obama mask — accomplished.

“We will make this a circus,” he said.

From salesperson to activist

Terry said he hasn’t always been involved in civil disobedi­ence, nor has he always had such a strong faith.

“My upbringing was nominal Christian, practicing pan­theism,” he said. But in 1976 he had “a very strong conversion experience and became an evangelical Christian.

He attended Elmh Bible Institute in Lima, N.Y. graduating with his diploma in 1981 “with academic honors as the president of the student body,” he said.

In the years following, he was a practicing Christian and worked selling real estate and cars, he said.

Then, in 1983, he had an expe­rience that led him to a full­time job as a pro-life activist.

“Following a service in a prayer meeting, I saw a scroll, it was a very unusual experience,” he said. “We were praying about ending abortion, and I saw a scroll rolling down with instruc­tions on what I was to do, to fight against child killing.

“It had to do with protests, and sit-ins, it was a very new for me, I had no background in that type of activity, and I didn’t share the vision with anybody. I just didn’t say anything. I was so shocked.”

Marketing lecture pairs with environmental bus

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By SARAH MERVOSH

Emanuel Rosen, the author of “The Anatomy of Buzz Revisited,” will give a lecture tonight about word of mouth marketing. Rosen is touring with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), who will be on campus giving tours of an envi­ronmentally friendly bus, Lauren Guezman, co-president of Marketing club, said.

The lecture, which is hosted by the Marketing Club, will take place in Room 122 in the Mendoza College of Business at 6 p.m.

Guzman said Rosen’s message is “pertinent, especially today” because of the economy.

“Marketing and advertising is one of the first things that’s cut with a business,” Guzman said. “It’s putting a lot of people out of a job.

Rosen will speak about ‘practi­cal ways to implement your own word of mouth marketing strate­gies,’ Guzman said. “To make you more marketable, more valu­able . . . because it doesn’t cost the company anything.”

“The Anatomy of Buzz Revisited” examines case studies of companies and organizations that do a good job of word of mouth marketing. Rosen discuss­es NOLS in the book, Christi van Eyken, NOLS Public Relations said.

Now Nos offers college credit, which Notre Dame has accepted in the past.

“We’re looking for curious peo­ple, for people who are interest­ing in developing leadership in a different way than you have the opportunity to do so on a college campus,” van Eyken said.

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Violence Prevention Initiative Lunch Hour

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somalian pirates back in action
NAIROBI, Kenya — For the first three months of 2009, Somalia’s notorious pirates faded from the headlines as a massive international naval force moved in, and many observers thought the pirates were running scared.

Using a new strategy, they are operating further away from warships patrolling the Gulf of Aden. That has allowed the sea bandits to come back in force — seizing five vessels over a 72-hour period.

Castro meets with U.S. lawmakers
HAVANA — Signaling its willingness to discuss improved relations with the Obama administration, Cuba on Tuesday granted three visiting members of the Congressional Black Caucus the first meeting with Fidel Castro by American officials since he fell ill in 2006.

The surprise meeting came a day after the full delegation of six representatives spent more than four hours talking privately with Cuban President Raul Castro, his first encounter with U.S. officials since formally replacing his brother as head of state nearly 14 months ago.

President Barack Obama has ordered an assessment of U.S. policy toward the commu­nist nation and some members of Congress are pushing to lift a ban on Americans visit­ing the island.

NATIONAL NEWS

911 operator fails to inform police
PITTSBURGH — Three police officers killed while answering a call about a woman fighting with her son didn’t know the man had weapons, but a 911 operator did. She just didn’t tell anyone.

The operator, who was hired in November, should have asked for more information and didn’t relay even the basic information she had to police dispatchers, the official in charge of county dispatchers said Tuesday. She is now on paid administrative leave and is receiving counseling because supervisors are concerned about her well-being.

The three officers killed Saturday morning were officers at the Allegheny County Courthouse Building on Wednesday, and all three will be honored at a memorial service Thursday.

Flight student steals plane
ST. LOUIS — Federal prosecutors have charged a Canadian flight student with piloting a stolen plane into the U.S. in what they say was a suicide attempt.

Just hours before he arrived, a deadly car bomb exploded in Baghdad, underscoring the continuing peril despite a recent decline in violence. But the mood was festive as Obama spoke to some 600 troops, quickly gathered for his visit.

Obama met with top U.S. commanders as well as senior Iraqi leaders on a visit of a little more than four hours that was con­fined to Camp Victory, the largest American-run military base in a war that began in 2003 and has cost the lives of 4,265 members of the U.S. military. Many thou­sands of Iraqis have perished.

A helicopter flight to the heavily fortified Green Zone a few miles distant was scrapped, but White House aides attributed the change in travel plans to poor weather rather than security concerns.

After a session with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Obama said he had “strongly encouraged” Iraqis to take political steps that would unite political factions, including integrat­ing minority Sunnis into the government and securi­ty forces.

“Al-Maliki told reporters, “We assured the president that all the progress that has been made in the security area will continue.”

American commanders told the president the country is experiencing a relatively low level of vio­lence, although the car bomb explosion in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad was evidence of a recent resurgence. Obama flew from Turkey, the next-to-last stop on an eight-day itinerary that also included Britain, France, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Aides said Obama chose to visit Iraq rather than Afghanistan, where U.S. troops are also in combat, in part because it was close to Turkey and in part because of upcoming Iraqi elections.

In his remarks to the troops, Obama made no mention of the Afghanistan conflict — where he has decided to commit 21,000 additional troops — and it was not known whether it came up in his meeting with Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander, and other officers.

Obama announced plans in February to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq on a 19-month timetable, although a force as large as 30,000 could remain at the end of that period to provide counterterrorism duties.

He said that for the next year and a half, the United States will be a “stalwart partner” to the Iraqis. And yet, he said, “they have got to make political decisions. They’re going to have to decide that they want to resolve their differences through constitutional means and legal means. They are going to have to focus on providing govern­ment services that encour­age confidence among their Vermont legislature legalizes gay marriage

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont, the state that invented civil unions, on Tuesday became a pioneer once again as the first state to legalize gay marriage without a voter’s vote.

The House barely achieved the votes necessary to override Gov. Jim Douglas’ veto of a bill that will allow gays and lesbians to marry beginning Sept. 1. Four pages now have same-sex marriage laws and other states soon could follow suit.

Ralls said same-sex marriage is currently before lawmakers in New Hampshire, Maine, New York and New Jersey. The three other states that currently allow same-sex marriage — Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa — each moved to do so through the courts, not legislatures.

For a popularly-elected legislature to make this decision is a much more democratic process” because lawmakers have to answer to the voters every other November, said Eric Davis, a retired Middlebury College political science professor.

While legislatures debate some of the same principles, the process may become much more personal.

In Vermont, some of the most gripping debate came when gay and lesbian lawmakers took to the House floor last Thursday and told their own per­sonal love stories.

Getting gay marriage approved in a political, rather than purely legal, forum is a big step, said Boston University law professor Linda McLean, an expert on family law and policy.

She added that using the civil rights language of equality — the measure in Vermont was dubbed the marriage equality bill — could help make gay marriage more acceptable else­where.

Opponents said they, too, believe activists will be emboldened in other states. The action comes just days after the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that not permitting gay marriage there was unconstitutional.

The Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996, defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman, and provides that states not recognize the marriage of a same-sex couple from another state.
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to economic factors. Let's face it, home values are down, people are losing their jobs or conceiving budgets, and layoffs are nearly 46 percent less than this time last year, Meyer said.

There are three areas where the economy has affected the admissions process this year, he said. Application numbers are close to last year's totals, however, there has been a great number of students applying for financial aid. The applicants applying for aid have a greater amount of need than before and are more apt to delay making their final decision.

"We have had more students apply to visit campus, participate in Meet Me at the Avenue and even apply for financial aid but, many families this year are fully evaluating all of their financial options before making a final decision," Meyer said.

The economy has made families believe they can afford a greater number of students applying from two years ago, Meyer said. Also, the class of 2012 is larger than last year and 12.5 percent compared to 13.5 percent.

"This has shown increased numbers of students," Meyer said. "There is a good chance the Saint Mary's class of 2013 will show an increase in diverse students, " Meyer said.

"Since living off campus was taken away from us, we should be compensated in other ways," one of those ways might be to eradicate quotas for juniors by giving them an unlimited amount of space in any dorm, Malone said.

"Many juniors have requested to live off campus. However, the College believes there are many benefits to remaining on campus, " Gregerson said. "As a nursing major, I will be spending much of my time next year at the hospitals and would have seriously considered living off campus had it been an option," Gregerson said. "Residence Life respects the opinions of the students and are looking into the issue of quotas, Dieujuste said. She said she recognizes how stressful the room selection process can be for underclassmen.

"While we try to take the needs of individual students into account, we have the hard task of balancing the needs of over 1200 residents. We have gotten some wonderful feedback about room selection and we'll continue to work to improve the process for our students," Dieujuste said.

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"I understand that Residence Life believes it is only fair for all graduating classes to live in the same dorm, but I'm no way agree with them," Malone said. "At many other colleges, there are specific dorms for freshmen where they can be surrounded by many people who are in similar situations as they are.

Dieujuste said she believes students only find problems with quotas where they are directly affected by them. She said students don't realize they are able to live in LeMans and Holy Cross, the "favored" halls, as undergraduates because the quotas leave space in the residences for them to live there.

"We sometimes hear from upperclasswomen who have lived in LeMans or Holy Cross during the first or second year and should there be any available spaces in those halls for the incoming first years because they would like to stay in those buildings," she said. "They forget to take into account that they are in those buildings because of the quota system."

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Defense budget plan meets resistance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Robert Gates' proposed budget, which axes some multimillion-dollar weapons projects, is encountering strong resistance from lawmakers whose districts stand to lose thousands of jobs during a recession.

Members of Congress and military analysts said Tuesday that the potential job losses is by far the biggest hurdle the administration's plan must overcome as it looks to build support in Congress on those military programs.

“Defense consultants Jim McAlceese said Gates will face stiff resistance on his plan to end production of Lockheed Martin Corp.'s F-22 fighter jets over lawmakers' fears that union jobs with salaries between $60,000 and $80,000 will be lost.

"That will be the job fight," said McAlceese, who anticipates that Congress will add more of the planes to the approved total of 187 into the war budget expected Thursday. Otherwise, the majority of Gates' recommendations should pass, he added.

Aerospace analyst Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group agreed, saying the Pentagon's move to add four more of the radar-evading supersonic fighters to replace the F-22 program gives Congress extra time to find more cash for it.

Recommendations Gates made Tuesday to cut weapons projects like Lockheed's F-22 jet and Boeing Co.'s military transport C-17 plane may mean a substantial loss of U.S. jobs at a time when the unemployment rate stands at 8.5 percent, highest in a quarter-century.

Recognizing the sensitivity of more layoffs during an economic downturn, Gates said he hoped lawmakers would resist temptations to save out-of-date systems simply to keep jobs in their home districts. But some members of Congress said they will work to overturn Gates' proposals.
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Terry said. But after several months of prayer and study of scriptures, Terry said his mission to fight abortion became clear. He founded Operation Rescue, a pro-life organization, in 1984.

"And so I started standing in front of abortion mills by myself. I began to recruit people, I began to organize big events, and it grew and grew and grew," Terry said.

He soon became notorious for his large-scale events and extreme tactics. According to some reports, his protests in front of abortion clinics included him and hundreds of supporters screaming at pregnant women, tossing their bodies against car doors to prevent them from getting out, waving crucifixes and screaming "Mommy, Mommy" at the women. When Terry sent command, hundreds fell limp and blockaded entrances to the clinics.

Terry said that Martin Luther King and the civil rights move­ment had had a strong influence on his work.

"When I started my pro-life work, I realized that the pro-life movement did not have the impact that it needed if it was going to end child killing," he said. So he turned to a successful movement in America's past for inspiration.

"I watched a TV series called 'Tales on the Prize,' about Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement. I read the letter from the Birmingham jail, I read Coretta Scott King's biography," he said. He set up operations and found volunteers, and claims that he helped change the bill "so it was not as bad as it would have been.

"The reason I did it was because I knew that what hap­pened in Vermont would affect the nation, affect me. And it's the same thing with South Bend. What happens here will affect the entire nation, will affect the world," he said.

Bringing the 'battle' to ND

Terry has made clear his plans to use the Notre Dame situation for the benefit of the pro-life movement.

"There will be two great ben­efits, no matter what happens," Terry said. "Number one is, there will be very few if any Catholic universi­ties that commit this type of treachery in the near future," he said. "Number two is that we will so politically tar President Obama with the blood of the babies that he has condemned to die, that in 2012 he will not be able to reduce the Catholic and the evangelical vote like he was able to in 2008."

Terry was critical of the actions of Notre Dame students confronting the administration's decision, naming the Notre Dame Response coalition in par­tic­ular.

The Notre Dame Response group has "proven that they are not equal to the task, and I, unfortunately, they are debased and diluted in their response," Terry said.

Terry said that Sunday's prayer rally "was a very nice first step, but fell short of the level of outrage that should be displayed.

Leaders of Notre Dame Response have said they wish to respect the academic setting of the University. Terry said they aren't being strong enough.

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"You have the most well­known Catholic university in the Western hemisphere inviting the most powerful political propo­neent of child killing in the Western hemisphere."

"That's all you need."

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The Notre Dame Response coalition was founded to protest the University's decision to invite President Obama to the Commencement ceremony.

Members of the Notre Dame Response coalition held a prayer rally Sunday, April 5, which protested the choice of Obama as Commencement speaker.

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The site for the next accepted student is the one less e-mail sent out Wednesday, April 8, 2009, to early decision applicants. The site is a working site. So far, these students have collectively uploaded 1,672 pictures, posted 11,765 notes and set 91 favorites. Using both survey questions and discussion forums, the University is trying to evaluate the concerns students have about the Saint Mary’s community and student life. In addition, students raised other critical issues in free response sections, emphasizing the need for greater involvement of the University administration and student government in addressing these problems. Discussions include a wide variety of topics, she said. Students have provided discussions on anything from what is dieted in Saint Mary’s dormitories to early decision applicants. In addition, they are interested in the collegiate level and even how to make the adjustment from high school athletics to college athletics in the Northern Indiana climate, Brown said.

There are current Saint Mary’s students who are involved with the Web site, as well as administrators. The students are duties include addressing questions students have about the Saint Mary’s community and student life. There are four students who write weekly blogs about campus life to give the students a glimpse about daily life at Saint Mary’s. “The Web site is a product of Education Dynamics — formerly known as Goal Quest — that is a company that specializes in student feedback. Reid management produces new products for institutions of higher education,” Brown said.

It is too early to determine the effect of the Web site on enrollment for next year, although the Department of Admissions has an idea in late May to June early. This, in turn, will help these interns create discussions so they ever arrive on campus. The goal of the University is to have his or her voice heard, and it’s not a possibility, we want them to know that they are not alone and feeling sick or injured due to alcohol, 33 percent of students participating in the survey were alcohol and 37 percent of students who were somewhat familiar with the University’s policy, Rodts said. “What we envisioned was a way to get as many resources out there to students. There’s a lot of information available, but we were able to put it all in one central location with the fair,” Gari said.

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In my role as the current president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, many concerned alumni have called me with questions about the upcoming visit of President Obama to Notre Dame as Commencement speaker. While I don’t speak for the Administration or its Board of Directors, I do have a unique perspective on this controversy that has given me cause for reflection. Those who object to the visit cite the grave differences between Mr. Obama and Notre Dame regarding abortion rights because our Catholic faith unequivocally opposes abortion. However, we must also be mindful of Catholic teaching in other areas pertaining to human dignity in which we have a good deal in common with the president.

In recent centuries, the Popes and the Bishops have put forth a body of writings—papal encyclicals and bishops’ pastoral letters—that guide Catholics on matters of social and moral concern in the world. These official writings, collectively referred to as Catholic social teaching, guide us on the meaning of human dignity and other core Catholic values such as solidarity with the poor, economic justice and the role of markets, caring for God’s creation, just war and the challenge of peace and the dignity of work and workers’ rights. Catholic social teaching embraces modern life “from womb to tomb” and challenges us to ask the hard questions that Jesus would have asked if he walked in our shoes today.

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In this season of Lent, we are reminded that we are made in the image of God. It is complex and imperfect; and only God can reconcile our deepest contradictions and heal our most painful wounds. Although we disagree with Mr. Obama on some core issues, we must offer him charity. We must be like the old elders who laid down their stones and walked away from the adulterous woman when Jesus challenged them by saying, “He that has not sinned may cast the first stone.” None of us is pure in our adherence to our Catholic principled ideals; each of us has walked in some way to living up to our Notre Dame ideals.

President Obama was elected in a free and fair election and is Commander-in-Chief of our nation’s military that includes many Notre Dame alumni and students. Notre Dame has a tradition of inviting Presidents to be Commencement speakers. President Obama has been invited and he will come to Notre Dame on May 17. When he does, we would do well to heed another of the precepts of “Gaiaudium et Spes.”

The respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily we will be able to enter into dialogue with them.

With this approach, this Commencement will be the beginning of a constructive engagement with the president on the issues where we are aligned as well as on those where we disagree.

Yours in Notre Dame

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Enough with Kessler! Hold him accountable

Andrew Miller

The Roads Scholar

Partisan hand

In response to an interview today on FoxNews about the weekend protest, Ms. Kathleen Danahue, Notre Dame junior and spokesperson for Notre Dame Response, a group organizing protests on campus was asked why an invitation to President Obama is any different than an invitation to any other Notre Dame professor. Ms. Danahue said that the University has no authority to honor those who do not follow the Church's teachings. Ms. Danahue also said that Notre Dame Response was formed to bring attention to the issue of President Obama's attendance.

Ellen Burns

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As television fanatic, springtime is bittersweet for me. It means sweeps month, which is when shows pull out all the stops to get fans to watch. But it also means that networks begin to make decisions about shows that are performing badly. And that means shows that are beloved by faithful fans are often sent to the chopping block.

In the past, shows like "Firefly," "Arrested Development" and "Freaks and Geeks" were cut down in their prime. It seems that every year at least one great television show is axed before it has been given a true chance. This season's fallen comrades already include "Eli Stone," "Dirty Sexy Money" and "Pushing Daisies." And now the grim reaper is looming again for other favorites.

For most networks, but each one has different standards. For instance, CBS would implode if its shows received the numbers a network like The CW would implode if its shows received enough. His biggest problem, however, is when networks cancel a show without it ever really had a chance.

It seems that every year at least one great television show is axed before it has been given a true chance. If you care passionately about a show in danger, then to make your voice known you must go above and beyond. When CBS' "Jericho" was canceled after just one season, fans went wild. They sent thousands of pounds of peanuts (an inside joke from the show) to the network and, shockingly, they got another season.

So what can you and I do to help save a show you care about? Honestly, not much. You can hope and pray and you should definitely watch the show itself. While this might seem obvious, it's harder than you think when prime-time television hours are also prime-time hours for homework. So if you can't watch when the show airs live, use a DVR or watch the show on the actual network's Web site.

THE ASSOCIATE

By John Grisham
10 Words or Less: Struggling young lawyer is blackmailed. Entertaining, but weak ending.

Publisher: Doubleday
Length: 384 pages

The Associate

By John Grisham

A first-year associate at Scully and Pershing, the largest law firm in the world. With a father who is disappointed that Kyle has chosen to work on Wall Street, "Chuck" just cannot find a faithful following. It seems like NBC likes the show, so I am desperately hoping they can save it somehow. Possibly with a DirecTV deal like they did for "Friday Night Lights!"

Science fiction shows are also approaching the guillotine. Will "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles" be given the chance to continue on the coat-tails of the likely summer blockbuster film "Terminator Salvation?" Surely the film, starring Christian Bale, will reboost interest in the Terminator universe. If Batman can't save this show, no one can.

While Joss Whedon's "Dollhouse" did get off to a slow start, shocking revelations in episode six have boosted the show creatively. Here's to hoping that FOX will not end "Dollhouse" and leave viewers hanging with untold mysteries after airing the episodes that have already been filmed. The worst situation is when networks cancel a show without allowing enough time for writers to create the fastest possible resolution. Although, in the case of the recently deceased "Life on Mars," it may have been better without the bizarre and lame twist ending that Sam is not from 1973 or 2008 but is actually an astronaut traveling to Mars in 2035. Huh?

Another new show in trouble is NBC's "Kings," which takes place in an alternate world where a David versus Goliath-like battle is occurring. "Kings" is an innovative show that combines religion and politics in a unique way. But low viewership combined with huge expenses to create it makes it financially possible to send the show to the grave before it ever really had a chance.

Other shows that are axed include The CW's "Reaper," CBS' "Cold Case" and "Without a Trace." If this is too dramatic for you, you can also sign online petitions and send letters to the network to try to save a show.

As the end of the 2008-09 television season approaches fast, enjoy the great episodes to come. For one, you cannot wait to see what's in store for the character development in "Lost," or see if "Castle's" Beckett can handle any more performances as they try to save dying Jizzle. But remember: as you watch the season finale of your favorite show, you might actually be watching its series finale.

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Your favorite shows are in danger

If you care passionately about a show in danger, then to make your voice heard you must go above and beyond.
In 1995, no one thought that anything more than a short-lived hype would come of Foo Fighters, the solo music project newly formed by Dave Grohl, the goofy looking kid in the background of all of Nirvana’s band pictures. The former Nirvana drummer originally released 1995’s “Foo Fighters” as a demo, recording the vocals and nearly all of the instrumental parts by himself. Grohl did not form a band until after the demo album’s completion, recruiting bassist Nate Mendel, guitarist Pat Smear and drummer William Goldsmith. Nonetheless, the album produced the three hit singles “This Is a Call,” “I’ll Stick Around” and “Big Me,” and the album produced the three hit singles “This Is a Call,” “I’ll Stick Around” and “Big Me,” and the album was a debut for the new members. However, the 1997 sophomore album “The Colour and the Shape” was the LP that truly solidified Poo Fighters, the solo artist Pat Smear and drummer Goldsmith. Grohl loosely conceived “The Colour and the Shape” as a concept album signifying the beginning and end of a relationship. The first track, “Doll,” features soft romantic vocals at the beginning, leading into the loud, fast-paced reprise of a honest chorus, “I was the one who left you / Always coming back / I cannot forget you girl / Now I am up in arms again.”

A personal favorite, “My Hero,” features recognizable percussion and guitar riffs, as well as loud, impassioned vocals and lyrics about everyday heroes. “There goes my hero / Watch him as he goes / There goes my hero / He’s ordinary.” According to Foo Archive, Grohl claimed, “That’s my way of saying that when I was young, I didn’t have big rock heroes, I didn’t want to grow up and be some big sporting hero. My heroes were ordinary people and the people that I have a lot of respect for are just solid everyday people — people you can rely on.”

“See You” follows as a kitschy, sarcastic pop song, signifying the resentment in the relationship. As with “Up in Arms,” the ballad “February Stars” features soft-spoken lyrics building into final loud vocals with lyrics representing a relationship hanging on by a thread: “February stars / Floating in the dark / Temporary scars / February stars.” In “Everlong,” Grohl introduces a new wave drum beat, well-placed electric guitar riffs and impassioned emotion in the voice, using soft vocals and lyrics, and blunt, straightforward lyrics: “Don’t want to be your monkey wrench / One more indecent accident / I’d rather leave than suffer this / I’ll never be your monkey wrench.”

“I’m thinking about old favorites:”

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Scene

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

By ELLIE HALL
Scene Writer

Notre Dame is not the same school it was when I visited campus for the first time three years ago. My first impression of the University was disbelief at the splendor of the grounds, the number of trees and the wide expanses of grass. Now, Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency. Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency. Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency.

In between was a place for games, quiet study, sunbathing or simple reflection on an unobstructed sky. Last year, students from all over campus flocked to this spot to observe a lunar eclipse for this very reason. The University is apparently running out of room for anything but architectural beauty. Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency. Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency. Notre Dame’s natural beauty is being sacrificed in a quest founded on a principle of space efficiency.

The planting of a new tree does not replace the loss of a 20-year-old oak and a small expanse of grass cannot compare to the large field that disappeared. Dr. Seuss’s Lorax spoke for the trees, but I speak for the trees, the grass and the sky. The students who chose to come to this University should be forced to watch as buildings replace running paths and slowly consume the untreated greenery on campus. Notre Dame needs to preserve the natural beauty of the campus as it expands.

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Beckett strikes out 10 in seven innings in Red Sox victory; Giants overcome struggles to beat out Brewers

**MLB**

Thome leads White Sox to an opening day win

**Associated Press**

CHICAGO — Jim Thome pumped his fist as he rounded the bases and came home for a curtain call. Even after all those years, the three-run home run on opening day is something to celebrate.

Three-run home run in the eighth inning, rallying the White Sox past the Kansas City Royals 4-2 in a season opener delayed a day because of rain.

Chicago trailed 2-1 when Thome hit a career home run, connecting with two outs off Royals newcomer Kyle Farnsworth. Thome homered twice in last year’s opener off Cleveland’s A lok, a loss to Cleveland.

"Opening day, there’s a lot of excitement, a lot of nervousness," Thome said. "No matter how long you’ve played the game, you still get a little nervous."

The White Sox and Royals were supposed to play Monday, but a forecast of snow, high winds and cold forced them to postpone the game for a day. The conditions were far from ideal on Tuesday, with a game-time temperature of 43 degrees and north winds blowing through the ballpark.

"I think it was a good job by the KC manager doing what he did," Thome said. "We got a win."

The White Sox hit a pair of two-run shots, with three-time All-Star Paul Konerko following their ninth-inning home run with a double to give them a 4-2 win.

"It’s a great feeling when you’re at home, you’re in your own ballpark and you win," Konerko said. "It’s a great start to the season."

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NCAA Women's Basketball

UConn defeats Louisville 76-54 in finals

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With one final blowout, UConn grabbed the national title and a piece of basketball history.

Tina Charles had 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds Tuesday night as UConn routed Louisville 76-54 and captured the Huskies’ sixth national championship.

It wasn’t just Connecticut claimed another title. It was how they did it.

UConn won every one of its 39 games by double digits, an unprecedented run in college basketball.

Charles was the star of the last big win. She commanded both ends of the floor and Louisville, which lost to UConn for the third time this season, had no one who could stop her.

A Final Four

The victory put the Huskies in the same class as UConn’s other unbeaten teams in 1995 and 2002. Besides Connecticut, only Tennessee and Texas have run through a season without a loss.

IN BRIEF

Clippers forward Randolph arrested for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES — Marion native and Los Angeles Clippers forward Zach Randolph has been arrested for investigation of drunken driving.

California Highway Patrol Officer Tony Garrett says two officers saw a white Rolls-Royce weaving on Interstate 405 around 2:25 a.m. Monday.

The officers pulled the car over and identified Randolph as its driver. Garrett says alcohol could be smelled from inside the car and after conducting a field sobriety test, Randolph was arrested and taken to the Men’s Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles.

He was later released on $5,000 bail. A message left for a Clippers spokesman was not immediately returned.

Randolph had 18 points in the Clippers’ 88-85 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

Blackhawks defeat Blue Jackets in 1 overtime win

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Blackhawks moved a step closer to securing home ice in the first round of the playoffs, while the Blue Jackets earned a valuable point as they inch toward their first postseason berth.

Nokia Kahlidim made 20 saves for his second shutout of the season and the 40th of his career, and rookie Kris Versteeg scored his 22nd of the season with 1:50 remaining in overtime to give Chicago a 1-0 win over Columbus on Sunday night.

Versteeg skated alone from beyond center ice to beat Steve Mason, the fellow rookie star who finished with 24 saves for Columbus, with a low shot that bounced off the goalie’s stick and into the net.

“You can’t really see much going in on that goal,” Versteeg said. “I was going five-hole and I guess I got lucky and it bounced in. Coming down against a guy like Mason I guess all you can do is shoot and pray to God it goes into the net.”

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

**Tar Heels return home to celebrate**

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina saved the last dance for Danny Green.

The Carolina blue-clad crowd prodded him, and "Jump Around" blared from the speakers in his honor. So, just as he did before four seasons' worth of tip-offs at the Smith Center, the senior shook his hips, dangled his arms and cut loose one last time.

Whoop it up, Tar Heels, you brought another NCAA championship trophy back to campus.

Coach Roy Williams' team returned home Thursday to celebrate the proud program's fifth national title and first since 2005 with about 13,000 revved-up fans less than 24 hours after beating Michigan State 89-72 in Detroit.

Thousands of fans poured into the stands and onto the arena floor before the Tar Heels' flight had even landed at nearby Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and they cheered confidently on a video-televising footage of the team's motorcade was shown on the giant video boards.

Last to enter the arena was Williams, who carried in the trophy and the net he helped cut down at Ford Field.

"I stood up here in 2005 and told you how great it was to win a national championship for our alma mater," Williams said. "And I'll tell you right now, winning the second national championship for our alma mater is even sweeter."

Especially for seniors Tyler Hansbrough, Bobby Frasor and Green.

They came to campus in the fall of 2005, a few months after the school claimed its previous title, and went on to post a 101-14 record through four years with three regular-season ACC titles and two Final Four appearances. They capped their run with a never-in-doubt victory over the Spartans, who got no closer than 13 points in the second half.

"We did it. But the way we did it? Isn't that great?" Green asked the crowd.

Then, the fans pleaded for Green to dance one last time, prompting fellow senior Mike Copeland to hold back the crowd's blue jacket while he danced like a puppet — the trademark move that earned him the nickname "Dancing Danny" — to the 1990s rap song that they play before every tipoff at the Smith Center.

Later, they showed season highlights on the arena's four video screens, located high above scoreboards that read: "Carolina 89, Mich. St. 72."

"If I'm lucky enough to coach another 20 years, it's going to be awful hard for kids to give the memories that this club did," Williams said. "But I will always remember not just the wins. I will remember the fun, the laughs and I will remember how lucky Williams was to be their coach.

This was how nearly everybody figured this season would end, yet the celebration was no less satisfying for Hansbrough, who returned for his senior season for the chance to claim the title.

North Carolina (34-4), in the first unanimous preseason No. 1 in the history of The Associated Press Top 25, overcame an 0-2 start to the ACC season to claim another regular-season title and posted double-figure wins in all six of its NCAA tournament games.

"There's not much to say — we're national champs," Hansbrough said. "It's the best feeling in the world. When I come back and watch these games here at the Smith Center, I'll always look up there and remember this team and what we were able to accomplish this year."

Earlier, Williams met with a handful of reporters at the team hotel before leaving Detroit and said he doesn't have a timetable for when juniors Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington will decide if they will go to the NBA.

Though he hasn't spoken to them about the decision, the coach has an idea what they will do, but "not with the conviction that I had last time" when four underclassmen opted for the NBA after winning the 2005 title.

Williams said he got to bed around 5 a.m. but had so much going through his mind that he just stared at the clock until finally going to sleep around 6:30. Ninety minutes later, he was back up doing phone interviews and getting ready to return home.

I told the kids in the last night that North Carolina basketball is going to be you guys forever. And that's what I told those guys last night, so that satisfaction of being involved and part of that group is something that you can't take away.
Wallace scores 29 in Bobcats' win over Sixers

Smith leads Hawks in victory over Raptors; Hornets returning to playoffs after overtime win over Heat

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 29 points, including the final four of the game, and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Philadelphia 76ers 101-98 on Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Raymond Felton scored a career-high 32 points and the Bobcats recovered after blowing a 20-point lead to improve their faint playoff hopes.

Coming off their worst loss and offensive performance Sunday in New Jersey, the Sixers overcame one of their poorest starts, only to falter down the stretch.

Andre Iguodala and Willie Green missed tying 3-pointers in the closing seconds. Andre Miller had 23 points and Louis Williams scored 20 for Philadelphia, which is trying to better its playoff seeding after losing its first four games.

It was a familiar scene for the Sixers in Sunday's loss at Detroit, coach Larry Brown went with 6-foot-10 Vladimir Radmanovic at shooting guard after his successful stint there against the Pistons.

Philadelphia's 2-14 start to the season is the worst in the NBA, including the final four of the season, and the Charlotte Bobcats scored 32-16 to take a 63-49 lead at halftime.

Green, playing with two stitches under his chin after a first-quarter collision, then hit Philadelphia's third-quarter dominant. He scored 13 points in the period and Philadelphia outscored Charlotte 32-16 to pull within 85-79, 79-79, 79-79.

It was a familiar scene for the Bobcats, who blew fourth-quarter leads in each of their previous three losses and had a memorable meltdown in regulation, West hit the go-ahead pointer with no time remaining.

West finished with 20 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, and Peja Stojakovic added 24 points for the Hornets (45-29), who not only clinched their postseason berth but stayed thickly in the hunt for the first-round upset of the Western Conference.

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points before getting ejected with 1.4 seconds remaining and the Heat lost 118-110.

Butler hit a game-tying 3-pointer with no time remaining in regulation, West hit the go-ahead jumper with 8.3 seconds left in overtime, and the Heat scored 118-110 in the final 1:03.

The Heat had led for only 12 seconds all night when Wade found James Jones for a 3-pointer with 2:14 remaining in regulation, a shot that put Miami up 71-69. Wade connected with Jones again in nearly the same spot with 1:03 left, and when that 3 swished, the Heat lead was 76-72.

New Orleans wasn’t finished. Paul scored with 13 seconds left to cut Miami’s lead to two, and when Wade made one of two free throws with 10 seconds left, the Hornets needed a 3-pointer to tie.

Wade put up with the ball on a broken play, and his shot at the right wing swished as time expired.

For the second straight game, New Orleans struggled to score in the first half.

Unlike Sunday’s home debacle against Utah, it didn’t matter. The Wine and Gold got down 66-39 against the Jazz at intermission two nights earlier — only managed 40 points in the first two quarters against the Lakers on Friday. There was 9-for-23 shooting, that was good enough for a 10-point lead, as Miami sputtered to the worst first half of the season.

Miami held New Orleans to 13 points in the second quarter. Problem was, the Heat scored only 12 points in the second quarter, and managed only 30 points at the break. Wade had 32-31 and the rest of the Heat weren’t much better, going a combined 9-for-24.

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Vick to return to Kansas

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick will head back to a Kansas prison after a judge rejected an effort Tuesday to keep the suspended NFL star in Virginia to work on a new bankruptcy plan.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank J. Santoro denied a motion Tuesday to require Vick to attend an April 28 status hearing on his case in Virginia. Vick’s lawyers had hoped such an order would prompt U.S. marshals to leave him at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail in southeastern Virginia until then.

Santoro had ordered Vick to testify in person at a hearing last week, but the judge ruled Tuesday that he did not need Vick at the next hearing because no evidence will be presented by Vick and his lawyers are developing a new plan for the 28-year-old former Atlanta Falcons quarterback to pay back his creditors.

Griffin announced his decision Tuesday at a campus press conference along with coach Jeff Capel, saying it was time to take his game to the next level.

Griffin helped the Sooners win 30 games in a season for only the fifth time in school history, shattering the school record for doubles along with 14.4 rebounds per game while also averaging a Big 12-best 22.7 points. In the NCAA tournament, he was even better — averaging 28.5 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Sooners to the regional finals, where they lost to eventual national champion North Carolina.

“100 percent sure” that he was ready, he said he’d probably have to be in line to be the starting quarterback. Griffin couldn’t have done much more to make his case for that spot.

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SMC GOLF

Belles to start off conference play

By NATHANIEL LEE

The Belles will begin their conference schedule tomorrow, playing the first round of the MIAA Qualifier. Saint Mary's will play the first of three rounds of the MIAA Qualifier at Blackthorn Golf Course, with the final two rounds played April 24 and 25. This past weekend Saint Mary's withdrew from the Trine Invitational due to weather and travel issues. The Belles were in second place after one round, trailing only MIAA opponent Olivet. "We were three strokes behind Olivet, the team we needed to beat last weekend, but we weren't playing our best," head coach Mark Hamilton said. "We are confident that everyone's form is coming together at the right time, and we can win."

The No. 12-ranked Belles, who finished second in the MIAA Championships in the fall to No. 11 Olivet, also finished second this spring at the Southwestern Invite at Marshall, Mich., later this month.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's takes on Calvin

Team looking to improve their record above .500 for the season

By MOLLY SAMMON

The Belles will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday to face Calvin in hopes of boosting their record above .500 on the season. "I am expecting a tough match from Calvin," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "It may be a battle of who can fight and persevere the longest."

A very hard schedule in the first half of the season has given the team an extra boost as they move into this challenging conference match. This season, the Belles have played three nationally ranked teams who have prepared the team for the MIAA schedule. "I think that playing those tough teams will give us an advantage in the long run against some of the better teams in our conference, and better prepare ourselves for what lies ahead in the rest of the season," junior Camille Gebert said.

In the first few rounds of the competition that the Knights will provide, Calvin has put together three strong victories against Lincoln, Bryn Mawr and Aquinas. "Our team has shown improvement in winning difficult matches," Campbell said. "I am expecting them to come out aggressive in doubles and to be focused against us."

In practice the girls have changed up their normal routine to better fit what will take to beat Calvin, last year's conference runner-up. "We have been working on improving our fundamentals of doubles play and trying to get off to a good start in matches," Campbell said.

NFL

Raji's agents dispute claims

Former BC player accused of failing a drug test at scouting event

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The agents representing one of the NFL draft's top prospects, defensive tackle B.J. Raji, strongly disputed a report that the former Boston College player failed a drug test at the league's scouting combine in February.

In an e-mail sent to The Associated Press on Tuesday, Brian Murphy and Mark Humenik referred to the reports as "cowardly" and "malicious," noting their client has not been notified by the NFL of any failed test. "The media reports accusing Raji of a failed drug test at the Combine are false," Murphy and Humenik wrote. "Given the cowardly attacks and damage to Raji's character as a result of these vicious rumors, we sincerely hope the responsible parties are discovered and held accountable for their actions."

Murphy and Humenik, based in Irvine, Calif., also noted that the NFL has issued a statement challenging the report initially posted on SI.com on Thursday. The SI.com report, which did not identify the drug, was attributed to unidentified NFL team sources. The Web site reported that Raji's name will be on a list of players who tested positive. In a statement released by the NFL last week, the league said neither its 32 teams nor the league office knew the results of drug or steroid tests taken at the combine. Instead, players who test positive are notified in writing by the independent medical advisers who perform the testing.

"Unfortunately, rumors about draft-eligible players, including rumors about test results, begin to circulate every year at this time," the league statement said. "Many of these rumors are circulated for self-serving reasons, and they are terribly unfair to the players and their families."

Raji's agents said their client has not been contacted by the league or a medical adviser regarding a positive test. "Many of these rumors are circulating for self-serving reasons, and they are terribly unfair to the players and their families," Raji's agents said.

Raji disputed the report in an interview with The Press Democrat of Santa Rosa, Calif., in a story posted on the newspaper's Web site late Monday night. "I couldn't understand how this rumor became such a big story when there was no substance to it," Raji was quoted as saying. "Now, I'm happy the truth is out."
The Hurricanes route Isles 9-0

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The goals cam e in bunches for the Carolina Hurricanes. So did the records.

The Hurricanes matched a club mark with their ninth straight victory by giving the New York Islanders the worst beating in franchise history, a 9-0 rout Tuesday night.

Eric Staal had three goals and an assist, and finished with a club-record four hat tricks of the season. Cam Ward broke the mark for Carolina's single-season mark with his sixth shutout while making a club mark with their ninth straight win.

"We're playing at a high, competitive level, and we're playing like a well-oiled machine," Staal said. "When you're confidence and when you're doing that, then there's nothing you can't do.

The 40-year-old Ward was in net for his third shutout in 36 games, replacing in net for the start of the season.

The Islanders came in and prepared and threw everything at them, said Danis, who said his team would work to add two more teams to the playoffs.

"It's not even close," Miller said. "I've known Sean a long time, and I'm happy that he's going to be our coach.

"I feel reasonably sure right now that I'm going to be the head basketball coach," Miller interrupted and said, "You should see the smile on my face.

In five seasons at Xavier, Miller compiled a 129-47 record and took four teams to the NCAA tournament. His last three teams won the Atlantic 10 championship. In 2008, his Musketeers advanced to the Elite Eight. This year's team made it to the regional semifinals.

"It was just one of those things that we have a phenom enal head coach in Jim. When Livengood said, "I feel like he's a community coach," Miller said.

"I think if you look back on it, we made it to the regional semifinals. I think it was just a matter of not taking a little bit longer, not necessarily changing my mind as much as much as the fans because this is a great time of year.

My new coach shows up here, you want him to be the coach. I think we all want that coach to make sure that's what he was."
Irish seek leader at Robert Kepler

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Sporst Writer

After disappointing showings in its previous two tournaments, "Notre Dame is working to put together a solid showing on Saturday at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate at Ohio State's Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio."

The Irish, who played four tournaments in only 17 days last month, hit the links this weekend against sister competition as they have faced this spring.

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points leader with 62 this sea­son, giving her 287 for her career.

Junior Gina Scioscia and sophomore Ashley Stewart led the Irish attack alongside Byers over the weekend. Scioscia had two goals and three assists against Cincinnati, and Stewart tallied a career-high four goals. Against Louisville, Scioscia had three goals and an assist, and Stewart scored two goals of her own.

Scioscia leads the team in points this season with 63 on 38 goals and 25 assists, and is second in the Big East in points per game.

Taking over the Irish defense this season is senior captain and preseason All-Big East team selection Shannon Burke. Burke already has posted 34 second-half saves and caused turnovers, leading the team in both categories and passing her last season stats of 33 ground balls and 32 caused turnovers.

Dominating the goal for the Irish is goalkeeper Erin Goodman. The senior has made 104 saves out of 302 shots faced this season, allowing only 125 goals. Her save percentage of 45.4 percent in the Big East, two behind Orange goalkeeper Liz Hogan's 46.7 percent. Over the weekend, Goodman helped the Irish defense in allowing only 13 goals in the two matches.

"It's going to be a battle this weekend. It's always a really competitive game and we're really looking forward to it," Coyne said.

Looking to keep their win­ning streak going over the Easter weekend, Notre Dame will face the Orange in Syracuse on Saturday at 12 p.m.

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"Bargar has kind of been our first game girl and Jody has been the second game girl and it's really been working out for us for the most part," Gumpf said. "A lot of our teams ride one pitcher the entire year, it's awesome to be able to control them. I'm expecting big-time, dominating performances from them on Wednesday." Bargar enters today's doubleheader with Thursday's 1-0 and an opponent batting average of .224. She struck out seven last Sunday against Seton Hall.

Not to be outdone, Valdivia turned in one of her best per­formances of the season on Saturday. The sophomore carried a no-hitter against Pittsburgh into the fourth and finished the game with a career-high 14 strike-outs.

Despite their pitching domi­nance, the team's greatest success this season has been at the plate, where the Irish have erupted for a combined 31 runs over their last four games.

Freshman Dani Miller and junior Christine Lux have led the way in slashing up the Irish, coming up with clutch hits and taking full advantage of the mistakes of opposing pitchers.

Miller leads the team with a .434 batting average and nine doubles, while Lux has belted eight home runs and driven in 29 runs.

"I just think they're confi­dent, plus they're right now," Gumpf said. "I don't know if it's timing or whatever you want to call it. They're swinging the bats really well and they're com­fortable up to bat.

The Irish will hope to main­tain that confidence at the plate when they take the field at Melissa Cook Stadium today at 4 p.m.

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and only one out, senior Jeremy Barnes grounded into a double play to end the first inning. Barnes is the leading run producer for the Irish, that is the closest they would come to scoring again the rest of the way.

Notre Dame's offense struggled with its inability to adjust to the professional pitch­ing and use of woods bats.

In fact, Casey's single was the only hit registered by the Irish in the bottom half of the inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Astros scored four runs of their own off sophomore Todd Miller. The game was all but started for the Irish.

Notre Dame's defense behind Miller also had a shaky inning giving up two errors that resulted in two unearned runs.

After an explosive first inning, the scoring came to a halt with seven innings and allowing just one run on four hits. The Irish used a total of six different pitchers for an inning each in relief of Miller.

In the women's 10,000- meter race, sophomore Erica Watson finished first with a time of 36:48, and teammates Emily Waaford and Kari Johnson finished second and third, giving the Irish a sweep of the top spots.

Freshman Natalie Geiger also had an impressive weekend, winning the 400 and finishing fourth in the 200 sprints.

For the men, the first place fin­ishes went to the 4x400 relay team and also to freshman Matt Brown winning the 100.

Both the men's and women's teams have put up strong numbers in the wake of an indoor campaign that pro­duced two Irish All­Americans.

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Charley Dickinson leads DePaul with 30 points on the season, despite tallying just 10 goals. Senior midfield Joey Murray leads the squad in that department with 20.

The Irish and Pioneers have played two common oppo­nents on the season so far—Bellarmine and North Carolina. Denver beat the Knights 12-9, but fell to the Terals 20-7. Notre Dame, on the other hand, beat both teams 11-6 and 9-7, respectively.

Amid the team's awaited conference debut, several key players have been ruled out. Ireland players Scott and Brian Zablocki have both been ruled out for the weekend. Scott has missed several games due to a broken hand, while Brian has missed 10 games due to a broken thumb.

The No. 18-ranked Irish lead the conference with a 5-4-1 mark and are currently in seventh place in the Big East, two games behind Xavier. The men's team is currently ranked 11th in the nation with a 7-1-1 record.

The Irish will return to colle­giate play when they take on Cincinnati in a three-game set this weekend. Notre Dame will look to improve on their record of 4-2-1 in conference play. The Irish will look to improve on their record of 4-2-1 in conference play. The Irish will look to improve on their record of 4-2-1 in conference play.

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MLB Keppinger leads Astros past Cubs

By Michael BLASCO

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Notre Dame will look to con­tinue their doubleheader showdown as the spring season rolls on. The Irish and the Miss­ississippi State Bulldogs will face off in Oxford, Miss. The strong field will provide a stiff challenge to a reshuffled Irish lineup.

Irish coach Joe Piane, in preparation for a meet at St. An­tonio College in Los Angeles late this week, will field a depleted lineup for the Ole Miss competition.

"We'd like to keep some and putting them in places they really haven't competed in before. We're going to get a few more going tonight and prepared for the Big East tournament. That's our goal. That's our focus, and then after that we'll try to get some more people into the NCAAs."

Still, the competition at Ole Miss will not let Notre Dame pick up any easy wins. A deep pitching staff, headlined by host Mississippi, will line up against the Irish.

"The Ole Miss Invitational should be a pretty solid meet," Piane said. "Obviously we're looking out for Mississippi, among some oth­ers. It'll be a good field, I know we'll have great competition in a great venue."

The event comes after a strong opening to the outdoor season for Notre Dame, who took nine individual events at the Mike Fohein Invitational over the weekend.

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Keppinger leads Astros past Cubs

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jeff Keppinger's broken-bat single in the 10th inning off closer Kevin Gregg gave the Houston Astros a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Hunter Pence homered and Michael Bourn had an RBI sin­gle for the Astros, who carried a 2-1 lead into the eighth. Houston's Jose Altuve laced a double and scored on a sacrifice fly by Pence in the ninth.

Ivan Rodriguez opened the bottom of the 10th with an infield single down the third­base line, his first hit with the Astros since the sea­son opener on April 1. Lance Berkman followed with another single of his own. Cubs manager Lou Pinella brought in Gregg.

Rodriguez was stranded at third when pinch-hitter Jason Michaels flew out to center. Miguel Tejada was intention­ally walked, loading the bases with two outs. Keppinger was selected as a pinch-runner in the ninth.

Acquired from Cincinnati last week, Keppinger snapped his bat and stumbed out of the box on his grounded between second and third shortstop that scored Rodriguez.

Houston earned its first win of the season over the Cubs, who won 4-2 on Monday behind Carlos Zambrano.

Aaron Miles reached base with two outs in the top of the third on a throwing error by Tejada at shortstop. Doug Brocail (1-0) retired Soriano for the third out.

Astros closer Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth with two strikeouts. He was helped out when Tejada grabbed a grounder by Reed Johnson and spun all the way around and threw out Johnson at first.

Soriano's homer bounced off the railroad tracks atop the wall in left-center. He also landed on the second pitch of Monday night's game.

Bourn put the Astros on top 2-1 with his RBI single in the sixth.

Bourn tied it at 1 with a homer to left-center in the fifth. It landed in a section of Buckman fans who dress up in puma costumes in honor of the slugger's nickname, "Big Puma." The group of more than a half-dozen waved the paws of their mustard yellow and white costumes and jumped around wildly as Pence circled the bases.

Kaz Matsui tripled later in the inning before Ryan Dempster walked Rodriguez. Dempster got out of the inning when Berkman struck out.

Hansen singled in the third of Monday night's game and scored on a single by Derek Lee in the third inning to make it 1-0 Cubs.

Dempster sailed through the first few innings and didn't allow a hit until a single by Tejada with two outs in the fourth.

Dempster, who had a career-high 17 wins and made the All-Star team last season, gave up six hits and two runs with five strikeouts in six innings.

Angel Guzman struck out Rodriguez in a scoreless seventh for the Cubs.

The Irish will return to colle­giate play when they take on Cincinnati in a three-game set this weekend. Notre Dame is currently tied for fourth in the Big East with a 5-4-1 record, while the Bearcats are tied for ninth at 3-6.

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Junior outfielder A.J. Pollock swings to Toledo in a 11-7 victory at Frank Eck Stadium on April 1.
BASEBALL

Sent down to the minors
Silverhawks stylin' as Irish in exhibition win

By ALEX BARKER
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Despite striking first off the bat of sophomore David Casey in the first inning, offensive woes resulted in a 5-1 defeat at the hands of the South Bend Silverhawks, the Single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, in the second annual Silver vs. Gold exhibition game.

Proceeds from the game's ticket sales were given to the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which fights Niemann-Pick Type-C disease. The Irish jumped on the Silverhawks in the top half of the first inning when Casey singled to right field to drive home freshman Golden Tate and give the Irish an early 1-0 lead.

With runners at the corners, Notre Dame sophomore pitcher Todd Miller delivers against Toledo in an 11-7 Irish win at home on April 1. Miller started Tuesday in the Irish's 5-1 loss to the South Bend Silverhawks.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Second in conference on the line as team takes on Syracuse

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish are back on the field Saturday as they travel to Syracuse to take on the No. 8 Orange in their fifth straight Big East game.

Notre Dame (11-2, 4-1 Big East) has won its last three games, all conference matchups, to place them in a tie for second in the conference with the Orange (9-3, 4-1 Big East).

"Syracuse is a huge rivalry, and we've never beaten them in the Carrier Dome, so I think it's time to start a new tradition," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

Over the past weekend, the Irish took down both Cincinnati and Louisville, by scores of 16-5 and 20-8, respectively.

For her efforts in the victory, junior defender Rachael Guerreira earned Big East defensive player of the week honors. Guerreira had nine ground balls, two draw controls and six caused turnovers in the two games.

"Rachael (Guerreira) is a really hard worker, very unselfish, and has definitely worked hard to get where she is," Coyne said. "To be honored in the Big East, which is a very competitive conference, is a true testament to her hard work."

In both games, senior captain Jillian Byers led the Irish offense with six points (five goals and an assist) against the Bearcats and seven points (five goals and two assists) versus the Cardinals. Byers' five goals at Louisville gave her 50 for the season, making her the first player in Notre Dame history to score 50 or more goals in a four seasons.

Earlier this season Byers also became Notre Dame's all-time career leader with 244 goals.

MEN'S LACROSSE

ND looks for tenth straight

By SAM WERNER
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The Irish will hit the road this weekend and try to run their school-record unbeaten streak start to 10-0 when they take on Denver in the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Showdown at Invesco Field Saturday.

No. 4 Notre Dame (9-0, 2-0 Great Western Lacrosse League) will be playing on the road for the first time in three weeks, registering home wins over Bellarmine, Villanova and Air Force in between.

The Irish defense has been their calling card so far this season, giving up a startling 26.87 goals per game. The unit, led by senior netminder Scott Rodgers was especially stout Saturday against the Falcons, giving up only four goals en route to a 10-4 win.

Scoring hasn't been much of a problem for Notre Dame either. Averaging 11.36 goals per game, the Irish have four players with over 20 points on the year, and one — senior midfielder Peter Christman — at 19. Junior attack Neal Hicks leads the team with 26 points and senior attack Ryan Holf leads the team in goals with 18, with Hicks and junior midfielder Grant Krebs close behind at 17 each.

The Pioneers (6-5, 1-1 GWLL) rely on four players for most of their offensive production. Junior midfielder Chris Masoud leads GWLL in points with 56, with junior Kyle Hembree just behind at 53.

ND SOFTBALL

Squad travels to face Big East leader DePaul

By CHRIS MASoud
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In the Big East, each game is just as important as the next. But when the Irish take on defending conference champions DePaul today, the outcome of the doubleheader will mean just a little bit more to a team coming into its own.

Notre Dame (12-12, 7-2 Big East) is currently riding a hot streak, having won 13 of its last 15 games to rise to third overall in the conference. The Irish are coming off an impressive weekend of play, splitting a doubleheader with Pittsburgh on Saturday and sweeping Seton Hall on Sunday.

The Blue Demons (20-8, 7-2) have picked up where they left off last season, currently sitting atop the Big East rankings. DePaul's 22-game home winning streak just came to an end on Saturday at Seton Hall and hosted the Blue Demons their first league loss of the season.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said the team will not change its approach to accommodate DePaul's recent success.

"We prepare for all 15 teams the same way we've been preparing all year, and that's just working on the fundamentals," Gumpf said. "Led by the pitching tandem of senior Brittiny Bargard and sophomore Jody Valdivia, the Irish will look to maintain their dominance on the mound against a dangerous Demons lineup that has amassed 24 home runs this season.

A win against DePaul could vault the Irish back into the top-25, giving them a better shot at the conference title.